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Thomas -- the Miracle Baby

By

Mrs. Margaret Watts

Wife of the President of the Bougainville Mission, Solomon Islands, Australasian Division.

As the first faint rays of light heralded the dawn of another day, a new life began. A tired little mother sighed contentedly as the long night of anxiety and pain ended and a wave of happiness surged through her as she pressed her new-born son to her side.

This event, the miracle of birth, had not taken place in a well-reputed hospital, nor in a well-organized labour ward; not on a hospital bed, in fact not even on a bed at all!

High in the mountains of Bougainville, in the Solomon Islands, on a narrow ridge, stands a lonely little village, isolated and not easily accessible. Each family lives in a small, two-roomed hut constructed of bush timbers, with leaf roof and plaited bamboo walls. At the rear of each building is a separate kitchen which houses the only oven they know, made of stones and ashes. It was on the dirt floor of one of these smoky cook-huts, amidst the firewood and the baskets of food, that Varivatevi (Varee-var-tevee) retired to await the arrival of her babe.

Her feeling of contentment and happiness was short-lived, for it soon became evident that all was not well. The other women-folk of the village gathered around, each longing to be able to help, but no one was able. They could not understand what was happening but they watched this brave mother struggle for

life. In the early hours of the next morning it was over and Varivatevi's life ebbed slowly away.

Grief enshrouded the entire village. Relatives and friends wanted to show their love for the mother by doing their best for the motherless child.

But how was the little fellow to be kept alive. They had no milk and no baby's bottle. Their only solution was to pass the new born babe from one nursing mother to another, in an effort to satisfy the hunger pains that racked his little body. This manner of feeding proceeded for two weeks but the village folk could

see that it was far from satisfactory. The little body was emaciated and the babe cried continually. In desperation, fearing that the little one would also die, the relatives gathered the babe in their arms and began the long hike down the mountain-side. The trail that led to help passed through dense jungle, and thirteen times they had to wade through a fast flowing river as it also wound its way down the mountain. Sometimes the precious bundle had to be held high above the head of the carrier to prevent it being carried away by the rushing stream in its hasty flight to the sea.

Here at our headquarters mission I was shocked as I pulled back the inadequate covers and gazed in horror at the near lifeless form of the little one.

Thomas, as we named him, was soon bathed and clad in clean clothing (the first he had ever had on his body). He drank lustily from a clean bottle of warm milk. The little fellow soon responded to

(To be continued.)

Mrs. Margaret Watts admires Thomas.



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HEART to HEART

*A Friendly Chat With
Your Division President*

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

One question I am asked very frequently is: "How do you find time to write so much?" While I know well there are many other writers with more facile and productive pens than mine shall ever be, it seems that for some reason or other a constant stream of requests for messages, articles or books seems to come to my desk.

"Will you please write a message for my departmental bulletin?"

"Just a few words for the workers and members in my field."

"You must give us an appeal for the Sabbath-school Mission Quarterly—the Thirteenth Sabbath offering comes to the Trans-Africa Division soon." "We would like to have you prepare a set of Sabbath-school lessons." Then there is the "Outlook" **Heart to Heart** page (my favourite assignment), "Together" "The Ministry," "the Review," "Go" magazine, "Junior Guide," "The Youth's Instructor," "Still Waters," "Signs," and "These Times," etcetera. It seems there is never an end. And I hope there never will be, for I love it!

I write because I love to write. I could no more stop writing than I could stop preaching—or eating. Believing that the press provides the highest pulpit in the world I write because the message of truth burns in my bones and I want to be of the widest help to the largest number of people possible. The Spirit of Prophecy reminds us that God requires nothing less of each of us than to use our talents—no matter how humble they may be—to the utmost.

But all of this is beside the point. The heart of my little message to you this month has to do with a very important matter in the life of every person—more essentially so in the experience of a believer in the Advent Message! I want to visit with you for a few minutes about "finding time" to do various things.

In the first place a **busy person never finds time to do anything! He must make**

time to do the many things that require attention! Secondly, he must organize his time. Thirdly, he must save time in order to crowd everything into a busy program.

"Make the best use of your time" the apostle Paul admonishes. Eph. 5:16, Phillips. "The value of time is beyond computation," the servant of the Lord reminds us in "Christ's Object Lessons," page 342. "Our time belongs to God," she says further on the same page and then continues, "We have no time to waste. . . . Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time." After reading such statements from inspired pens we should be well impressed that how we use our time is an important subject for every one of us!

Time is one commodity—one talent—that every person shares alike with all about him. Every person born into this world has the same twenty-four hours of every day. Actually, according to the servant of the Lord we all have all the time we need. "If every moment were valued and rightly employed we should have time for everything, that we need to do for ourselves and for the world."—"The Ministry of Healing," page 208.

"Let moments be treasured." "Christ's Object Lessons," page 444. If we take care of our minutes the hours will take care of themselves. "The time spent in travelling on trams or railway cars, or waiting for those who are tardy in keeping an appointment,—if a book were kept at hand, and these fragments of time were improved in study, reading or careful thought, what might be accomplished." "Ibid."

I have found these "extra minutes" a good time to write. Many of my articles are written in an airport, in a hotel or some other place just "waiting" for a plane, a train, a bus, or a friend. It is amazing how much one can do at times that otherwise might be wasted. The last book I wrote was edited entirely on aeroplanes flying high over Africa moving from one appointment to another. Most of two or three other books were written between four and six o'clock in the

morning—making use of those "spare" out-of-office hours.

Organization—of work and materials—can save a person many, many hours. When I was in radio work in New York city many years ago I had a 2,500 word sermon to write every day except Sabbath, in addition to answering hundreds of letters and meeting frequent speaking appointments. A detailed filing system saved the day. Materials on some six hundred different subjects were carefully filed in envelopes. If I had to speak on the subject of conversion all of my materials were saved. Through the years this filing system has saved weeks of time for me, I'm sure. You, also, can save hours every week if you organized your work and the materials you use the most.

Speaking of saving time—here is another little hint. Maybe you never lose a key, or lock one inside your car or house, but I do. I've saved many hours, I'm sure, by having extra keys—either secreted away on my car or near our house door that have come in handy when I have forgotten or when I have lost one. Having two copies of a book or two of the same tool that you use frequently—one at home and one at the place of your work can save considerable time too!

Forgive me, for writing so much about myself—it is really not good taste, is it? I'll promise not to do this frequently; but perhaps these may be a few practical suggestions or reminders that will enable you to make or save more time that you might do more for God!

Yours for making the best possible use of every golden moment,

The Use of the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY in Bible Study

PART I

by L. K. McDowell
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"Let us go to the seer . . . then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go." 1 Sam. 9:9, 10.

That decision led to a new experience in leadership in Saul's life, for Samuel was led to anoint him as the first king of Israel.

One of the first essentials for leadership today is still the requirement to "go to the seer." While this is not possible in a literal sense, God has provided us with a wealth of information which is accessible to all of us in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. It is our intellectual and spiritual heritage from the past and here, too, lies our key to the future. In these writings we have some 43 books currently in print, besides about 5,000 separate manuscript documents on file in the E. G. White Estate offices.

It is the E. G. White books which constitute the most accessible form of guidance for us here in Trans-Africa. These books are available for purchase and should be available in our church libraries. For the purpose of Bible study the most important books are the following:

The Conflict of the Ages Series, i.e. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Prophets and Kings*, *The Desire of Ages*, *The Acts of the Apostles*, and *The Great Controversy*. Then there are *Steps to Christ*, *Early Writings* and *Testimonies for the Church*. Besides these a great wealth of information with cross references to the Spirit of Prophecy is available in the *S.D.A. Bible Commentary* series.

How to Use the Spirit of Prophecy in Bible Study.

A careful reading of the Spirit of Prophecy books will always lead one back to the Bible. The gems of truth that flash here and there in the pages of these books lead one to say, "My, I didn't know that was in the Bible!" and soon the Bible is opened and its pages studied. This is as it should be. But there is an even better method and one which is also more rewarding.

Begin with the Bible. Aside from the Bible your tools will be a concordance, a Bible dictionary and the Spirit of Prophecy books.

Suppose you wish to study about Jeremiah. Read as rapidly as possible through the book of Jeremiah. Do not read to remember or understand; just read as

fast as you can. As you read, write down unfamiliar names of persons, nations or cities associated with the prophet.

Next look up these names in the *S.D.A. Bible Dictionary* (if you do not have one the local church should have one available). When you have looked up these references you will have some idea of the history and circumstances of the times in which he lived. Now re-read, more slowly this time with the

Pastor A. W. Austen



PASTOR A. W. AUSTEN has just been appointed by the General Conference Committee as the Field Secretary of the Trans-Africa Division.

Brother Austen brings to this new appointment a wealth of experience in service for the Lord. He started his career as a church school teacher in Bulawayo and then moved on from place to place, serving as school inspector in Rhodesia, superintendent of the Northern Rhodesia Mission field, department secretary in the Zambesi Union, president of the Nyasaland Union, and finally president of the Rhodesia Conference.

He and Mrs. Austen have given over thirty years of dedicated and efficient service to the work in Africa, and in their new capacity their contribution will continue to enrich our Division.

background of information which you have gleaned from the Bible Dictionary.* It will take you a while to do this and the work will require patience and persistence but the rewards will far outweigh the effort.

Next, using your concordance, look up every text which deals with Jeremiah and study them carefully. Note down thoughts and ideas as they come to you and note the scripture references which you use. Now take the book *Prophets and Kings* and read carefully all that the Spirit of Prophecy has to say about Jeremiah and his times. Underline and make notes as you read. When you have done this you will already have a wealth of information available to you. From here you can go to the indexes at the back of the *Testimonies for the Church* for further references to Jeremiah. These will probably direct you to related scripture passages which you have perhaps missed. By the time you have collated all your material you will find that you have a wealth of information about Jeremiah. He will have become a person who really lives in the pages of your Bible, a friend to whom you will go again and again for guidance and comfort. You will get a taste of the joy of real Bible study. Some have described this as "the joy of discovery."

If you wish to study a chapter of the Bible you can use a similar method. Read the passage through several times, preferably in different versions of the Bible, such as Afrikaans, the Authorised Version, Phillips translation, The New English Bible, or any other translation available to you. As you read pick up key words in the passage. Try to find ideas. Question the meaning of words and sentences. Ask yourself questions about the passage, about phrases, about words, and then endeavour to find the answer to these questions. Next take the Spirit of Prophecy and try and find all the references to this passage in the Spirit of Prophecy, jotting down thought quotations as they strike you while you read.

This manner of using the Spirit of Prophecy in Bible study is in harmony

*If you do not have a Bible Dictionary available you will be surprised how much information is available in *Prophets and Kings*.

with the instruction which Mrs. White once gave personally to the father of Pastor H. M. S. Richards. She was visiting in Denver, Colorado, one day when Pastor Richards, Snr. asked, "Sr. White, I'd like to ask you how to use your writings in my public work. I hear one man say this, another that . . . some men read quotations, some men do this, some men do that." Then he asked, "What should we do? How should we use your writings?" Then Mrs. White replied, "When you decide to preach on a subject, go to the Bible and study that subject thoroughly. Read everything the Bible says on the subject and anything in connection with it. Study it thoroughly and exhaustively from the Bible. Then go to these writings that the Lord has given to me and read everything on that subject and see if there are not some rays of light focused on the scriptures." This is not only true for preaching, it is true also for personal Bible study.

It is sometimes interesting and profitable to study a subject directly from the Spirit of Prophecy. But here certain principles must be carefully followed. While the Bible is complete in one volume with a concordance available which enables us to have the counsel in the Scriptures, there are very few who have all of the Spirit of Prophecy volumes available to

them in their homes. Furthermore, while the new *Index* to the writings of Mrs. White is as complete as it could be made, it is still not a *concordance*. The first principle, then, is that we must be very careful to ensure that statements are used in full harmony with their context, and that all of the balancing statements from the Spirit of Prophecy are taken into consideration.

Because of the vast volume of writings available in the Spirit of Prophecy it is very easy for people to take sentences and paragraphs out of their setting and use them to support some particular idea

or doctrine which they may wish to promote. Mrs. White warned against this, "Those who are not walking in the light of the message, may gather up statements from my writings that happen to please them, and that agree with their human judgment, and by separating these statements from their connection, and placing them beside human reasonings, make it appear that my writings uphold that which they condemn."—Letter 208, 1906, quoted in *Ellen G. White, Messenger to the Remnant*, page 86.

(To be continued.)

Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference Discusses Self-Support

by W. L. Pascoe

Since its earliest years the work of Seventh-day Adventists has been conducted with the great objective of preaching the message of a soon-coming Saviour to ALL the world. Workers for God inspired with this great objective have travelled to the ends of the earth to plant the seeds of the gospel. In countless

areas these seeds have taken root and matured. One of the basic features of our development has been the fact that the whole world church has helped financially to establish the work in new areas, and very soon the work in those areas has become self-supporting. Thus funds are released for use in beginning the work in additional new areas. And so the process of extension is repeated.

This principle has made possible the extensive development of the work which we see in the territory of the Trans-Africa Division today. In some places the work has become self-supporting to a large, if not, total degree. However, there is opportunity for a very real advance in this direction. Leaders of the work in areas where the work has been established for a considerable period of time should earnestly plan and work toward the objective of having the local membership assume full responsibility for maintaining the spiritual, educational and other activities of the organization, and so release funds for advance in areas not yet reached. Only in this way can the work be finished in all the earth.

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THOSE UNENTERED AREAS

The Third Angel's Message in South Africa

by J. D. Harcombe
*Vice-president, South African Union,
 Group II*

Recognizing the commission of our great Commander: "go ye into all the world," and that Jesus cannot come until all are warned, we in Group II of the South African Union, with the help of the Spirit of God, have set our hearts to take the third angel's message to those people who are still in spiritual darkness. We have already made a start which has been blessed of God.

At Ezulwini Valley in Swaziland, 14 souls are now enjoying the light of truth, as a result of an effort held there, and a little company is growing rapidly.

In Zululand an all-out attempt to enter this area has already been started in the Richards Bay district where it is planned to build a large new harbour. A vanguard of literature-evangelists created an interest. This was followed by cottage meetings, and 19 souls accepted the message. This interest was followed up by an evangelist and now a company of 37 souls are enjoying rich fellowship in the remnant church. We have also received word that the chief in this area is not only favourable to our work but has granted us a church site.

Plans are now afoot to enter the Maphumulo and Umkomaas districts of the north and south coast of Natal.

In the Transvaal Field the president has just completed an effort in the Piet Retief district and a thriving company of new believers has been raised up. Besides this, a company at Pongolo has been formed. Plans are also in hand to enter Volksrust, Kinross and Lydenburg where we do not as yet have any believers.

In the Eastern Cape Province, the field president writes that workers are bringing the light of truth to the people of the large area of Tsolo. We are sure that Tsolo will be blessed with many new believers who will add greatly to the church membership in the Transkei.

De Aar is now numbered among those towns where new believers in the third angel's message are rejoicing in the truth. A company has not only been organized here but a church home has been built. Upington is next on the list for evangelism.

In the South Sotho Field, Maseru, the capital of Basutoland has at last been entered with the gospel message. After many years of delay we now have a large company of new believers there, meeting in a large garage.

Welkom, in the Orange Free State, now also has the light of truth shining brightly. An effort has just been held by the writer who was able to build on the pioneer work of the literature-evangelists.

In closing may I state that this good and encouraging report of the message going forward into unentered areas is due to the blessing and help of the Lord and the fine co-operation of the workers and leaders in the various fields which comprise our union. All five presidents of the local fields either led out or had important parts in the efforts held. We now press forward to enter other spiritually dark areas and have faith to believe the Lord is going before us, enabling us to fulfil His great commission.

"How Much Shall I Give to Missions?"

"The other day I was handed a little slip of paper upon which the question was asked, 'How much shall I give to Missions?'

"1. If I refuse to give anything to missions this year, I practically cast a ballot in favour of the recall of every missionary.

"2. If I give less than heretofore, I favour reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contribution.

"3. If I give the same as formerly, I favour holding the ground already won; but I oppose any forward movement.

"4. If I increase my offering beyond former years, then I favour an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall I not join in this class?

"We are all agreed that the world must be evangelized. We realize that some will have to go, others pray, and still others give. It doesn't matter which part is ours, so long as we have a part and we are sure we are doing what God wants us to do. If your part, my friend, is to give, then see to it that you give and that

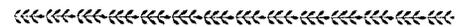
you give until it hurts; and then, that you keep on giving until it becomes a joy.

"Make missions the passion of your life and then you will give because you cannot help giving."

Taken from the booklet, *Christ or Chaos!* Contributed by Rev. Galen R. Crist, Luray, Va.

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"The angels of glory find their joy in giving—giving love and tireless watch-care to souls that are fallen and unholy. Heavenly beings woo the hearts of men; they bring to this dark world light from the courts above; by gentle and patient ministry they move upon the human spirit, to bring the lost into a fellowship with Christ that is even closer than they themselves can know."—*Desire of Ages*, page 2, special edition.



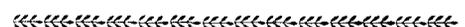
Book-shelf

By Faith Alone by Dr. Norval F. Pease of Andrews University is a study of the doctrine of righteousness by faith, especially as related to Seventh-day Adventists from their beginnings to the present. Though the book is written by a scholar on a deeply doctrinal subject, it is surprisingly interesting and readable.

This manuscript was first prepared by Dr. Pease when he was working for his B.D. degree at the S.D.A. Theological Seminary. After he completed the thesis, it was circulated from the Seminary library all around the world, as pastors and administrators sought the privilege of reading it. This thesis is considered by many to be the most important thesis written in the history of our Seminary.

Now it has been rewritten in popular form and published in a paper-covered book at the low price of just 12/- (R1.20) retail. It was R. R. Figuhr who urged Dr. Pease to prepare the manuscript for publication. We believe our pastors, teachers, and other leaders around the world who read the English language will each want a personal copy of this book. It will make them stronger, more firmly grounded Seventh-day Adventist leaders, with a new appreciation of the way God has led the Advent movement.

Order from your HM Secretaries or field offices. The Sentinel does not stock this book, but will order from overseas as requests come in.



In SAU Group II

It has been God's plan from our earliest beginnings to use the youth of His church to finish His work on earth. This has been fully manifested among our young people in the *MV Target* 18,000. The Lord was very good to us during 1964. Because of the efforts of our young people, many other young people were brought into the truth. Many of them have been baptized. Some of them are still in the baptismal class.

We would like to share with you the wonderful blessings we have received during the past six months of 1965. During the months of January and February, successful MV Leaders' councils were held in each of the five fields in our union. Here we were privileged to sit

with our newly appointed local MV leaders, field MV secretaries and the union MV secretary, to lay plans for the entire year. We are now reaping a good harvest of souls because of these progressive plans.

A Voice-of-Youth effort was held at Daveyton Township. W. Ntwana was the speaker with the King's Messengers quartet by his side. Thirty-three souls were won during this effort. At the same time our young people under the leadership of W. Tshefu, the Cape Western MV secretary, were engaged in a youth effort at Nyanga East in Cape Town. Two souls accepted Christ, and many are still in the baptismal class. It was the first time in the history of our MV work in Mafeking to have an MV Voice of Youth campaign, during May when thirty-two souls

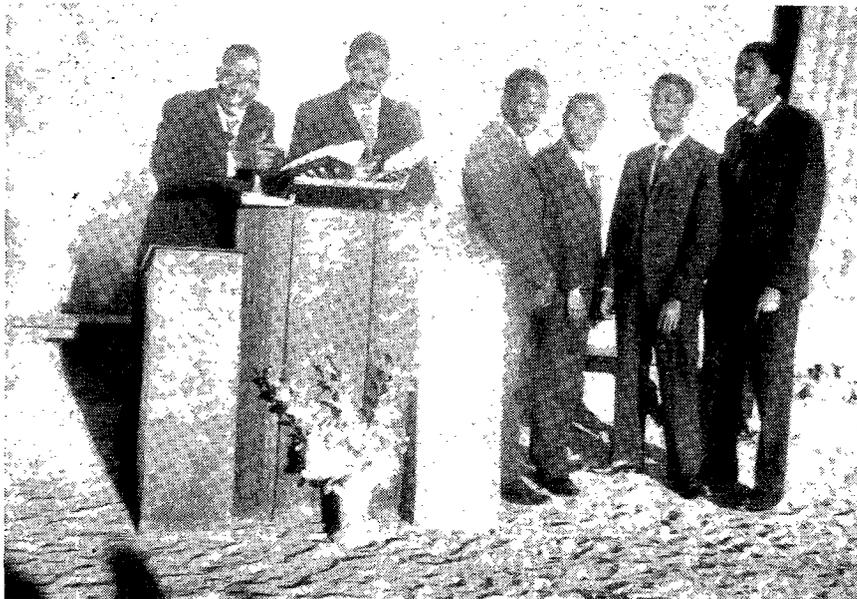
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MV TARGET

"EVANGELISM"

THE GREATEST OBJECTIVE OF TRANS-AFRICA

by D. M. Malotle
MV Department



Above: D. M. Malotle, B. Mkwanzu and the New City Herald Quartet actively engaged in evangelism in Johannesburg.

Above right: John Hlapane of Langa church, Cape Town with his branch Sabbath-school.

Right: Young people from the South Sotho Field on fire for souls at Parys, O.F.S.



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accepted the truth. Two hundred and forty converts joined the baptismal class during the MV Week of Prayer services throughout the Cape Eastern field under the leadership of Youth Leader M. M. Myendeki.

We are now looking forward to eight youth rallies to be held during the months of September to November and we believe a number of young people will be baptized. The most unforgettable event in our union this year will be the Master Guide camp at East London, December 23 to January 2, 1966. Well over one hundred-and-fifty Master Guides are expected to attend this camp.

Jesus is coming soon. Time is running out faster than we think. The privilege we have of proclaiming the message must be used to the best of our ability. Please pray for our youth and their leaders.

EVANGELISM IN MALAWI

by R. A. Forbes,

The gospel message goes forward in the ever-growing city of Blantyre. During a recent series of special meetings dedicated men proclaimed the promise of a soon-coming Saviour.

Pastor John Staples, teacher of evangelism at Solusi College, with a corps of selected men, voiced the message of God every day for six weeks to a record attendance of interested people.

Result: thirty-four were baptized at the first scheduled baptism and over forty are continuing in the baptismal class.

The meetings were conducted in a specially constructed tabernacle located in Soche Township across from the government buildings and situated on the road where unnumbered persons observed the steady attendance.



Above: Solusi's theological team during their campaign in Malawi. J. M. Staples, centre.

Above left: N. L. Doss, president of the South-East Africa Union points on the map to the northernmost part of his union. Evangelistic campaigns are in progress from the north to the south of Malawi.

Left: New converts at Mafeking, South Africa.

Salvation Army Band Receives "LOVE UNLIMITED"



The presentation by the writer.

by Robert L. McManaman
Music Director, Helderberg College

Members of the Salvation Army Band, Cape Town Corps, were presented recently with individual copies of E. G. White's book, *Love Unlimited* by members of the Helderberg College band. This took place at the conclusion of a Saturday evening concert given by the Salvation Army band at the college, and the presentation was made by the writer.

Prior to this event, members of the college band and other students were approached and invited to have a part in supplying the visiting bandsmen with this message-filled book. Interested church members also supported the project with their contributions. This was done by either purchasing a complete book or a portion of a book. One book costs 80c, but 1c paid for 4 pages, 10c for 40 pages, 20c for 80 pages, and so on. Each contributor chose the number of pages he wished to pay for, and many had a part in this soul-saving project. It was felt that visitors to Helderberg College often went away with only an impression of a well-appointed institution but without a knowledge of the message of Christ as taught by Seventh-day Adventists. This situation seemed to parallel the experience of Hezekiah who showed only his riches and failed to impart to his visitors a knowledge of God.

Response to the appeal enabled the

Music Department to purchase 60 books to be used for distribution among artists visiting the college.

EVANGELISM IN KIMBERLEY

by Gladstone Mdliva
District Pastor

The South African Union, Group II was glad to be able to borrow the services of Pastor F. C. Pelser from the Cape Conference to conduct a School of evangelism in Kimberley. Pastor Setlhare was sent to interpret, and Brethren Hoho, Ntsila, and Mdliva relinquished their pastoral responsibilities to help in the evangelism.

To learn how to silk-screen posters and run an illustrated lecture, with all kinds of prize-giving devices to keep up the interest, was a real education to all of us. The audience remained enthusiastic and kept on coming in good numbers even on week nights.

The question box always had many questions in it. One evening there were eighteen, on subjects such as predestination and transubstantiation. Some asked

"trick" questions, and the audience enjoyed the answers that went straight to the mark.

It was a short effort of only two-and-a-half months. By the time of the public baptismal service which was held on the stage of the modern hall, about fifty people had signed to join the baptismal class. Some remarkable victories of faith were won. One man decided to sacrifice his job to be baptized. His wife supported him in his decision. Then when Pastor Pelser contacted his employer, the brother was granted Sabbath privileges. The employer asked that our evangelist pray for him that God might help him to overcome his weakness for drink.

Another man was employed in the office of a lawyer, and he asked our evangelist to speak on his behalf. The employer was impressed but refused to co-operate. Then the employee decided to take the law into his own hands. Every Sabbath he stayed away from his work and attended the meetings at the church. His employer tried to find someone to replace him, but failed. Eventually, unable to shake our brother in his firm resolve, he accepted the situation that our brother would not work on the Sabbath.

All too soon the evangelist had to leave us. But we will never forget how, in this effort, we gained a new vision, acquired evangelistic equipment, and felt the inspiration of soul-winning as never before.

Thomas—the Miracle Baby

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the care we were able to give and quickly filled out into a healthy, robust baby.

Thomas is still with us—he has just had his first birthday. He is a happy little boy. As I look into his bonny, smiling face, I wish that his mother too, could have this joy. If only she had had proper medical care this would be her privilege today and Thomas would know a real mother's love.

Unfortunately this is only one case of many. These isolated dark-skinned people desperately need more medical help. We, of the Bismarck-Solomon Union Mission were overjoyed to know that the 13th Sabbath offering overflow for the fourth quarter of this year is for our union.

With your help, dear Sabbath-school members, a well equipped hospital is to be established, which will offer expert medical care to thousands in the area, so sad experiences, like that of Varivatevi and little Thomas, will become fewer.

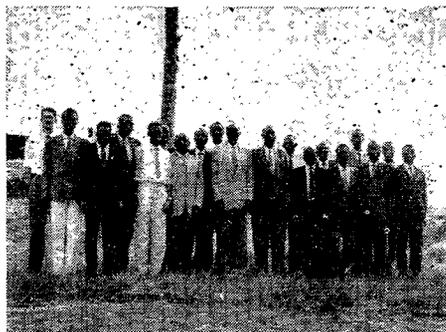
Won't you give liberally? We are counting on you.

Watamu MV Camp

by P. D. Bakker
President, Central Kenya Field

Slowly it rose, unfurling itself at every tug of the guide cord. The MV flag of the East African Union was saluted by 75 campers who had gathered at Watamu. This was the first camp to be held on this new site chosen for developing and training the youth of Kenya.

As always at MV camps, vocational honours proved absorbing and instructive, and particularly glass painting and swimming had many keen students. Many of



Group of field leaders and pastors attending Stewardship Institute. D. H. Thomas, far left.



Group of students at Masisi who received sewing instructions from teacher at extreme right.



Top student, tenth grade at Masisi receiving book prize.



the campers had never seen so much water in all their lives and this was a new experience for them.

Supper is always a happy occasion when the duties of the day are done and the camp-fire is just ahead. On the last evening of the camp the campers and counsellors gathered around the camp-fire, and holding hands we pledged to be true to our great Master Guide, Jesus Christ.

HEARTENING PROGRESS IN THE EAST CONGO

by D. H. Thomas

"The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up" (Matt. 4:16). Well might this text illustrate the all-out soul-saving programme which is under way in the East Congo Field. On June 10, J. T. Knopper, Congo Union Publishing secretary, and the writer left Elisabethville by air for a three-week itinerary in the East and North Congo fields. In addition to camp-meeting appointments, several important institutes and meetings were scheduled.

The East Congo field literature-evangelists are soul-winners. Brother Knopper wanted to mobilize this dedicated group of men to meet the challenge presented by thousands of unwarned and unsaved souls living not only in the hills of Masisi but in the towns of Goma and Bukavu, situated on the shores of beautiful lake Kivu. These two important centres are largely untouched by the gospel. A colporteur institute was held at the field headquarters, in which it became apparent that these men were no mere book salesmen. Sabbath afternoons were

packed full of evangelistic endeavour as these colporteurs held 51 branch Sabbath-schools to which some 458 people came to hear the gospel story. One colporteur was taking care of seven branch Sabbath-schools! Their objective was to establish branch Sabbath-schools and then turn them over to responsible laymen while they opened up new areas. To date, the East Congo field has 1349 branch Sabbath-schools in operation with over 4600 people attending. This kind of programme is typical of a ministry and laity which is gearing its resources to the finishing of the work.

The writer conducted an institute with all district leaders and pastors from the Masisi area of this field. Workers from Fizi and Kirundu were not able to attend owing to disturbances in these areas. We have not heard from the Kirundu station for over a year. During this institute emphasis was placed upon the concept of Christian stewardship, and the church canvass programme was introduced. A thirty-one page booklet which had been prepared in Swahili was covered, page

by page. The church members in this seven thousand strong field are anxious to embark upon a vigorous church-development programme. Up to the present a building programme has not been possible owing to the non-availability of building materials both locally and from abroad. It is hoped that as soon as conditions permit, Pastor Manase Nzanira will be able to lead this field in a strong church building programme.

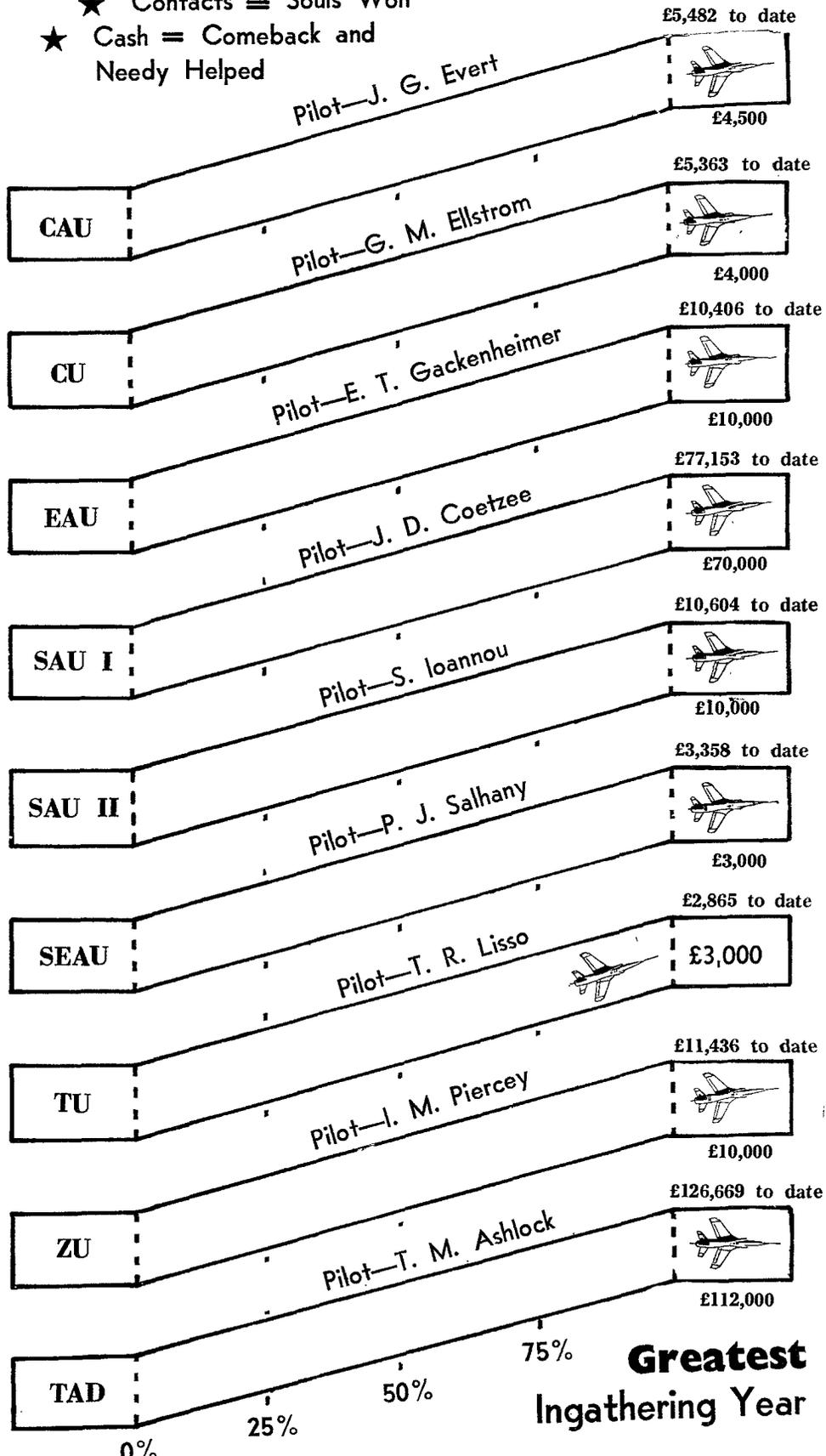
Brother Obedi Rwibasira, educational secretary, and head-teacher Asieli Sebautenzi together with his staff presented a special programme for the visitors from the Union. Students ranging from those in grades one to ten presented a well-prepared selection of speeches, songs and gymnastics. It was also our privilege to attend the school closing exercises which took place during the last week in June. The East Congo field is doing wonders with very little in the way of means and equipment. There is a dire need for dormitories, desks, workers' houses and classroom furniture. Of special interest was the evidence of progress in the education of young girls. While attending the year-end committee in this field, a small appropriation was made for sewing classes, and together with a donation, a young lady was able to purchase a few sewing materials and begin to teach the eager group of girls at headquarters. Proof of the success of this venture can be seen in the group picture (page 9) for each girl is wearing a garment which she herself has made. In appreciation for the financial help which they received they led out in a little programme which illustrated how valuable it is to have young Adventist women who can mature into real home-makers. My heart was touched as I realized that what little funds had been made available were most probably now wellnigh expended.

Elder Jonas Mbyrukira, president of this progressive field, is doing his utmost with the dedicated corps of workers in his field. The tithe receipts for the first eight months of 1965 indicate an increase over the goal of some Frs. 430,739. This is heartening when one remembers that at the beginning of the year near-famine conditions prevailed in large areas. The best tithe potential lies in the harvest months ahead. In this field a systematic and thorough programme of personal, home-to-home, believer-by-believer, visitation is being implemented, which is paying dividends. Plans are being laid for the relocation of the field headquarters in the town of Goma, which will facilitate the operation of the work which serves far-reaching areas of the

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SPIRITUAL INGATHERING, 1965

- MORE ★ Participation = Churches Revived
- ★ Contacts = Souls Won
- ★ Cash = Comeback and Needy Helped



From Hither and You

R. M. Reinhard, Division treasurer, led out in the Treasurers' Council, held in Salisbury, October 18-22. Treasurers, auditors and accountants from all parts of the Division assembled for prayer and study, and lively discussions on methods and problems predominated the council periods.

We are to have the privilege of having Pastors R. S. Watts and O. O. Mattison from the General Conference, attend the year-end Division Committee meetings and later visit sections of our field. Pastor Watts is an old friend, having served in Trans-Africa from 1952-1958, and Pastor Mattison was a missionary in India for many years.

Pastor and Mrs. M. E. Lind arrived in Salisbury in October and after getting settled in their new home at "Klanga," Brother Lind assumed his new responsibilities as secretary of the Division.

Pastor and Mrs. H. W. Stevenson and Pastor and Mrs. A. H. Brandt, presidents of the Congo and Central African unions, have returned from their furloughs in Europe and are back "on the job" in their unions.

A consignment of Bibles and hymnbooks was shipped from the Central African Union recently for the Adventist refugees at Rulenge in Tanzania. Pastor H. Kija has been in touch with these members to encourage and help them.

Pastor D. K. Bazarra, president of the Uganda Field, East Africa, recently conducted an evangelistic campaign in Entebbe. Among

the 33 people who took their stand for the message there is a medical doctor and an evangelist from another mission society.

Two baby girls have recently been added to the families of workers. At Bethel Training College in the Transkei, Brother and Sister A. Ackerman welcomed Adrienne on July 28, and at Solusi College, the Gene Hunters brought home Jillian Rose who was born on August 19. On June 28 Brother and Sister M. Retief of the Sentinel became richer by the birth of a son, Riaan.

Then, more recently, the Brian Stevensons had a son Robert Brian on September 3, at Bethel Training College in the Transkei; The David Ungers, a son, Michael James, on September 30; and the Helton Fischers, a son, on October 17. These last two missionary families are serving in the South-East Africa Union.

Quoted from "News and Views" of the *United Bible Societies* bulletin from London: "New Bible Van for East Africa: In bicycle cases, on shop counters and market stalls, in the bags of colporteurs—there are many ways in which the Scriptures are brought to those who need them. A useful method in many countries is the Bible van, which can go to all corners of the country with its load of Scriptures. On May 1 another Bible van began its journey by ship to Tanzania, where it was put into immediate use in Scripture distribution. It is a gift to the Bible Society in East Africa from the Canstein Bible Society, Germany. The Lutheran Church in Germany is also providing a car for Bible Society work in Tanzania."

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Heartening Progress in the East

Congo

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Kivu province. We salute these faithful brethren and sisters who are dedicated to their task and are reaping a vast harvest of souls in spite of the political and tribal unrest which prevails. The camp-meetings were well attended, the audiences very attentive, and hundreds responded to the call to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Nowhere else in the Congo have I seen so many Bibles in the hands of our believers. I believe that their interest in the Scriptures is one good reason for the deeply spiritual atmosphere that prevails in this field. May the Lord continue to bless and prosper in the East Congo.

SUNSET CALENDAR

December 1965

	3	10	17	24	31
Cape Town	7.44	7.49	7.54	7.58	8.01
Johannesburg	6.46	6.51	6.56	7.00	7.03
East London	7.03	7.08	7.14	7.18	7.20
Port Elizabeth	7.16	7.21	7.26	7.30	7.33
Bloemfontein	7.01	7.05	7.11	7.15	7.18
Pietermaritzburg	6.46	6.50	6.56	7.00	7.03
Durban	6.44	6.48	6.52	6.57	7.01
Windhoek	7.24	7.29	7.33	7.37	7.39
Bulawayo	6.32	6.36	6.40	6.45	6.48
Salisbury	6.18	6.21	6.25	6.30	6.33
Gwelo	6.29	6.33	6.38	6.43	6.45
Lusaka	6.26	6.30	6.33	6.37	6.39
Blantyre	6.00	6.03	6.07	6.12	6.15
Elisabethville	6.22	6.24	6.28	6.33	6.37
Nairobi	6.28	6.30	6.34	6.37	6.41
Mombasa	6.21	6.23	6.27	6.31	6.35
Kisumu	6.34	6.36	6.40	6.44	6.48
Kampala	6.42	6.45	6.49	6.53	6.57
Dar-es-Salaam	6.27	6.31	6.35	6.38	6.42
Tabora	6.49	6.53	6.57	7.00	7.05

January 1966

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Cape Town	8.01	8.00	7.58	7.55
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Church Dedications



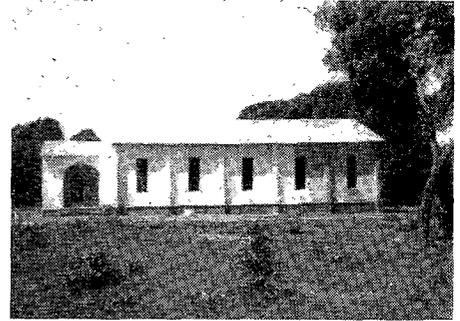
Matero church at Lusaka, Zambia.

Thus far in 1965, 25 church dedications have been reported. Some of the latest dedications are given below.

Zambia

The *Ndondi church* was built by the dedicated efforts of our laymen and especially teacher Sananje. This church stands as a monument to tireless sacrifice and endeavour.

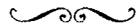
The *Hamakowa church*, a beautiful building in the Demu district, has recently been completed under the dedicated leadership of District leader E. Siamandu.



Hamakowa church, Zambia.

Malawi

More churches are being completed and dedicated in Malawi this year than ever before in the history of the South-East Africa Union. Pictured is the Lunyika church.



Lunyika church, Malawi.



Mau Mau Country in Kenya

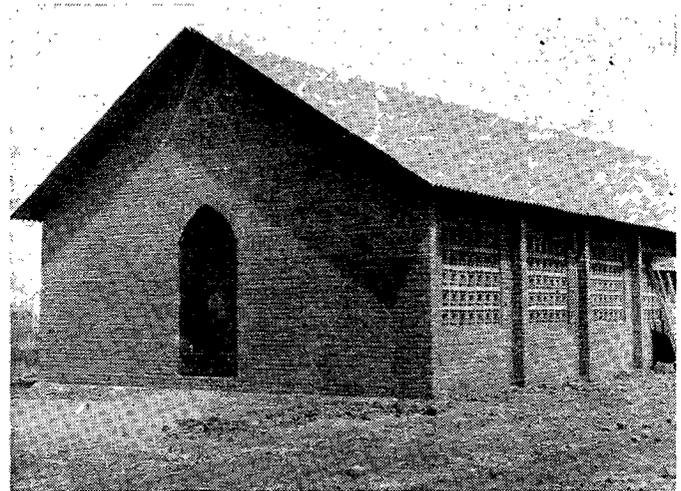
Pastor P. D. Bakker, president of the Central Kenya Field, reports on the Limuru church.

"This church was built in a rather outstanding way. Four months ago Pastor F. H. Thomas and I went to the Land Board to arrange for the land. This was finally obtained. The members started with the construction soon after that. I visited the place once and spoke to the people and they had a mind to work. One man gave all the bricks and another, time, and so it went until last Sabbath it was dedicated. We have a wonderful church building to the glory of God."

Ndondi church, Zambia.



Limuru church, Kenya, East Africa.



Kamenge church, Bujumbura, Burundi.