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## ADVENTIST LEADERS VISITED GHANA'S CABINET MINISTERS

By Pastor H. J. Welch, President  
West African Union Mission

As the Gold Coast becomes the independent state of Ghana the whole world is interested in the development of this new nation within the Commonwealth of Nations. Seventh-day Adventists who believe in praying for the leaders of Government are praying earnestly for the peace and prosperity of the new Nation. Because of our principles of religious freedom we are eager for these to be enshrined in the constitution of the land of Ghana as in all other countries.

With these interests and desires in mind a group of Seventh-day Adventist leaders met with four of the Ministers of the Cabinet on January 15. Pastors Tarr, Gibson, Welch and Brethren Clerk and Swaniker of the Accra church had a very pleasant visit with the ministers of Finance, Communications, Works, and Trade and Labour. Due to the very great pressure of work incident to the preparation for independence on March 6, it was not possible to get at that time, a conference with the Prime Minister. However the following memorial letter was sent to him:

14th January 1957

The Honourable Dr. Kwame Nkrumah M.A., MSc.,  
B.D., LL.D.

Prime Minister,  
Gold Coast Government.  
Sir,

"On the eve of Ghana's independence we, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, desire to place on record this expression of our loyal support to the Government and its

leaders, and the assurance of our prayers that as you assume new powers of office you may be given divine wisdom and guidance commensurate with your task.

Seventh-day Adventists in every country comply whole-heartedly with the Bible counsel. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. . . The powers that be are ordained of God, and again, Fear God, love the brotherhood, honour the king.

At the same time we seek very earnestly to follow the example of our Master and Leader who said, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. These latter words presuppose a realm into which state legislation does not enter, namely the religious life and convictions of its citizens, in other words, the individual's relationship to his God. This allegiance if given first place in the Christian's life will make of him an exemplary citizen of his country. Great nations like the United States of America, Great Britain, India, and others have enshrined this protection of the individual conscience either in their constitutions or in special legislation. We respectfully appeal to you that favourable consideration be given to the incorporation of these principles of religious freedom in Ghana's Constitution.

In every country where they hold citizenship Seventh-day Adventists have humbly requested exemption from such army service as might involve the taking of human life in time of war. At the same time Seventh-day Adventists are well known as loyal co-operators in non combatant service. We also observe as a day of worship the seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday), hallowed at Creation and enjoined in the ten commandments, and we would respectfully request that no requirements be made of us which would call for the violation of our conscientious convictions in this respect.

Once more we assure you the loyalty and prayers

of Seventh-day Adventists in Ghana as you enter upon the great task before you

We beg to remain dear sir,

Yours most respectfully."

Recently we have received from his secretary a very kind reply from which we quote:

"The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for the expression of loyal support which you signed jointly with the secretary in behalf of the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and for your good wishes for the future of Ghana and its leaders."

## Follow Your Leader

By **B. C. Bamfo Debra**, District Leader,  
Accra, Gold Coast.

Lapse of memory plays tricks with me at times, but I shall never forget that night in October 1950, in a little village called Sankore in the Ahafo area in Ashanti, when I set out for a hunting expedition with a Moshie friend.

Bearing in mind that the country through which we were traversing was full of dangerous thorns and venomous snakes, I gave specific instructions to my Moshie friend, I told him to follow me closely and to step exactly at the very place where I stepped.

At a point, I sighted an antelope, took a good aim with my feet astride as was my custom—and off went the gun. But before I could follow up; behold a large snake was lying right in front of us, its head already under my feet. I sent a little prayer to God, pulled all courage and started advancing, still in my feet astride position, Bukari (for that was the name of my Moshie friend) followed in the same manner. We stopped a few yards off the danger zone; then Bukari whispered to me in astonishment:— "Massa; whas matta?" I turned round and showed him how God had delivered us from the deadly sting of that venomous snake and also commended him for obeying my instructions.

As I reflected upon the above experience my mind is drawn to a familiar text in the Bible: "For even hereunto were ye called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye *SHOULD* follow His steps." I Peter 2:21.

Jesus is our perfect leader, leading us to the Father; and the word "SHOULD" used by the Apostle Peter shows how imperative it is for every individual to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

We as human beings are on a pilgrimage to eternity. The country through which we are traversing is unknown to us. Only our Lord

Jesus knows the dangers of the country. He bids us follow Him closely and to step exactly at the very place which He stepped.

My friends, let us follow in the footsteps of Him who lived the law of Jehovah, who said "I have kept my Father's Commandments." John 15:10. We should follow our Lord Jesus by keeping God's Ten Commandments. "If ye love Me," said Jesus, "Keep My Commandments." John 14:15. And again He tells us, "Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14.

Human beings, unlike my Moshie friend, suffer much because they step out of the path that God has chosen for them to follow.

The Apostle Paul, well aware of the danger of mistaken steps, warned the believers at Corinth: "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1.

"Oh, how sweet to follow Jesus,

Follow by His power divine,

Follow when things go wrong,

Follow when things go right,

Treading where Jesus Trod."

Dear Lord, grant that all those who read this plea may "follow by faith the pathway that leads to everlasting life."—Amen.

## Prepare to Win Souls

By **Joseph Sarpong Dwumoh**  
Evangelist, Gold Coast

"We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands. If we make no effort to win souls to Christ, we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. Those who belong to the Lord's kingdom must work earnestly for the saving of souls. They must do their part to bind up the law and seal it among the disciples." *Colporteur Evangelist*, page 25.

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezekiel 33:7-8.

The Spirit of God is working very hard to open the sinners' hearts to accept the truth.

But before that can be done, unless we as workers of God stand up on our feet and propagate the gospel to the people, the Spirit will not do His work. The Spirit works through the efforts of men who have consecrated their hearts and minds to the winning of souls.

The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to exalt the Lord alone, and guided the pens of the sacred historians, that the records of the words and works of Christ might be given to the world. Today this Spirit is constantly at work, seeking to draw the attention of men to the great sacrifice made upon the cross of Calvary, to unfold to the world the love of God to man, and to open to convicted souls the promises of the Scriptures.

God through Paul is charging us to preach the Word. "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:1,2. This challenge is for all the ministers, teachers, members, and evangelists to proclaim the last angel's message. Let us not be ashamed of Christ's message, for those who believe in Jesus shall at last enter into the kingdom that he is preparing for them. Those who do not believe in Jesus shall be abased and shall not inherit the kingdom. Believe in the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved.

True religion is but the bond of eternal love. Love greater than hope, greater than faith, is the only thing which God requires of us, and in the possession of which lies the fulfilment of all our duties.

The true way to excel in any effort is to propose the brightest and most perfect example for imitation. We improve by the attempt, even though we fall short of the full perfection. Character will always operate. There may be little culture, slender abilities, no property, no position in society, yet if there be a character of sterling excellence it will command influence and secure respect.

It is our duty to play our part in the work that has been entrusted to us, Let us not forget the promise of our Master, "I am with you alway."

Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being little. Think first about the foundations of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation. Modest humility is a true Christian attribute. Any humble, patient man who works earnestly and faithfully for Christ can and will win souls into the Kingdom.

## Come Follow Me

By F. C. Barfoot,  
Union Publishing Secretary

We have now entered into a new year of missionary activity, a year full of promise and enterprise for the faithful Literature-Evangelist. Golden opportunities will open up before us, of placing thousands upon thousands of our message filled publications into the homes and businesses of our people here in West Africa.

The future is as bright as the promises of God. Looking back over the past twelve months, we can only exclaim as did the prophet of old "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12.

The Colporteur Ministry is a very sacred work, a noble and high calling. This self-supporting ministry is fashioned after the pattern of the first twelve disciples. Jesus called His chosen band and ordained them and sent them forth as self-supporting mission workers; with spiritual power vested from on high. Jesus is looking for His disciples here from His remnant people of West Africa, to go forth in the spirit of Elijah to turn the hearts of those who sit in darkness. Listen to the words of Jesus:- "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." John 4:35-36.

We repeat dear readers, Jesus is standing at your hearts' door at this moment, knocking, asking for entry, and inviting you to join the noble Colporteur Army, to go forth to sow and reap whilst the flickering rays of probations sunlight linger. What is your response to the Master's Call?

In closing, here is a message from the inspired pen of Sister White. "The Evangelist who engages in the canvassing work is performing a service fully as important as that of preaching the gospel before a congregation Sabbath after Sabbath. God looks upon the faithful Evangelist canvasser with as much approval as He looks upon any faithful Minister."—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 45.

May God bless you, and help you to respond to the invitation of Jesus to "Follow Him."

### Call to Evangelism

*Whereas*, The hour is rapidly approaching when the Third Angel's Message will swell into the loud cry, and

*Whereas*, Movements are already at work in the world which indicate that God is providentially bringing our message to the attention of millions, and

*Whereas*, Frequent articles in the secular and religious press give evidence of a more favourable attitude on the part of many non-Adventist leaders, it was

VOTED 1. That our ministerial workers, pastors, evangelists and departmental secretaries throughout the West African Union be urged to prepare the members of our churches to act their part in a programme of total evangelism.

2. That our field leaders with their committees study carefully their respective territories and make plans to enter every unworked area as rapidly as possible.

3. That our members be instructed in the art of conversational evangelism as an effective method of witnessing to their friends, neighbours and labour and business associates, thus following the example of our Lord and the apostolic church.

4. That ministerial institutes be held wherever possible, to deepen the spiritual life of our workers and prepare them for the part they must act in this great hour of advance. That at such institutes special study be given to the great fundamentals of the gospel of Christ and thus help our ministers present in a stronger and more effective way the fullness of Christ and His saving grace, in the setting of present truth.

5. That a call be made to the entire church through our administrative leaders, pastors, evangelists, and elders summoning our whole membership to full consecration of life and service, urging that we enter into a fellowship of prayer, knowing that the high objectives of our God for His people can be brought about only by the outpouring of His mighty Spirit of power.

### Effort in behalf of missing members

*Whereas*, Where many of our church members are now missing the spiritual blessing that comes through faithful attendance at the Sabbath School and other church services, thus causing some to become indifferent to spiritual values, it was

VOTED 1. That mission administrators, pastors, church officers, Sabbath School officers and teachers, co-operate in a concerted

# Resolutions Adopted Committee January

effort to do everything possible to encourage missing members to become regular and prompt attendants of the Sabbath School and other church services.

2. That each quarter at one of the meetings of the Church Board reports be given showing what progress has been made in winning missing members and former Seventh-day Adventists back to the church.

### M.V. Voice of Youth Evangelism

*Whereas*, Our "army of youth" are designated by inspired messages to act a vital part in quickly heralding "the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour" to the whole world, and

*Whereas*, Newly prepared materials now make possible a wide coverage of M.V. Voice of Youth evangelism, and

*Whereas*, The 1957 Golden Anniversary of the Missionary Volunteer movement offers an unusual opportunity to lead consecrated youth in our greatest M.V. Voice of Youth evangelistic crusade, and bring a new surge of spiritual life to the thousands in our churches, and to make an unprecedented drive to win back to Christ and the church the many youth who were once with us, it was

VOTED That missions, administrators and church pastors in co-operation with the Missionary Volunteer Department, lay strong plans for the greatest youth soul-winning programme in our history, by means of:

1. A full programme of thoroughly planned revivals for the youth in all our churches throughout 1957, especially during the M.V. Week of Prayer.

2. M.V. Voice of Youth evangelism by our youth, in every community possible.

3. Mission workers' councils and Missionary Volunteer officers' institutes in every mission to study and implement these plans.

### M.V. recommendations

VOTED That the following recommendations from the Missionary Volunteer Department be accepted as presented.

# ring the Annual Union Meeting

10, 1957

## Anniversary Year

The year 1957 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Missionary Volunteer Society and therefore we should plan to make it a special year in M.V. Activities.

1. That a strong membership promotion campaign be carried on seeking to enlist every Adventist young person.

2. That on one of the first Sabbaths of the year a special M.V. Meeting be held in every Church and Company to obtain enlistments.

3. That a special Golden Anniversary Membership Card be given to every member. These special cards to be supplied by the Union M.V. Department.

4. That we make use of the special posters and booklets now under preparation by the General Conference M.V. Department.

5. That we strongly promote the sale of "Messages to Young People" at the special price.

6. That strong Share Your Faith Youth Rallies be held wherever possible and that study be given to the possibility of a Union Wide Youth Congress as a climax to the activities of the year.

7. That in every field youth be organized to carry on a great Youth Evangelistic Crusade. This is to consist of personal work for former members, village evangelistic efforts, and, where feasible, city evangelistic crusades.

## Guide and Master Guide

That we change the name Comrade and Master Comrade to Guide and Master Guide and that each Mission make the change over as soon as possible bearing regard to the stock of equipment which it now has on hand.

## Uniform

That we approve a West African M.V. Uniform adopting the colour and the material as used by the British Union, provided satisfactory arrangement can be made as to procurement and expense. Also that we adopt the cap of a green colour for the preparatory classes.

## Award of Stars

That we carry out the plan of awarding stars to Master Guides for each three years of faithful service in form of youth leadership.

## M.V. Kit

To encourage all of our M.V. Societies to obtain the M.V. Kit and to make full use of it in planning their programmes and in promoting every feature of our M.V. Work.

## Sabbath School Resolution

*Whereas*, The divinely appointed institutions, the Sabbath School, is a training ground for our youth, a wonderful stabilizer for our church, and an abundant provider for the needs of our far flung missions, and heeding the prophetic council that the "influence growing out of the Sabbath School work should improve and enlarge the church." TSS 29

VOTED That each worker in the West African Union vigorously promote and encourage all phases of the Sabbath School Department for the year 1957 setting forth the following supreme objectives:

1. The winning of souls to Christ.
2. Faithful daily Bible Study.
3. United effort to develop our efficiency in leading our youth to Christ.
4. To stimulate greater liberality in our Sabbath School gifts.

*Whereas*, The work of our Union will greatly benefit from the 13th Sabbath Overflow during the fourth quarter of 1957, to which occasion all the Sabbath Schools throughout the world will be contributing.

VOTED That our own people be urged to show their gratitude by giving generously to this and all thirteenth Sabbath offerings.

## Special Days 1957

VOTED That we accept the recommendation of the general sub-committee regarding special days for 1957 as under:

Jan.	5	Family Altar Day
Feb.	2	Sabbath School Rally Day
"	23	Famine and Disaster Relief Offering
March 2 -	9	M.V. Week of Prayer
April	6	Spirit of Prophecy Day
"	13	Tithe Sabbath
June	1	Education Day
July 20 -	27	Missions Extension

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## West African Union Mission Missionary Volunteer Department Report, 1956

H. J. Welch, Secretary

At the very beginning of the Golden Jubilee year of our Missionary Volunteer Organization it is well for us to pause and give thought to the accomplishments of the past in West Africa, and thus endeavour to lay a course for the future. For a number of years the Missionary Volunteer work was the Home Missionary Department of the West African Union Mission, it sponsored all of the share your faith activities of the church for both old and young. Linked with this was a programme centred around the progressive class work which for a time was received with great enthusiasm in a number of the missions. Without a doubt the Missionary Volunteer Organization in West Africa played a very important part in the lay missionary activities of the churches.

We are now in a period of transition, the Home Missionary Department is taking over the Missionary activities of the churches and the Missionary Volunteer Society is now endeavouring to become what it is designed to be—the organization of and for the youth of the church. It has been recognized by all concerned that while the emphasis on progressive class work and investitures had its place, and this should by all means be promoted, nevertheless it is most important at this time to strengthen the basic organization of the Missionary Volunteer Society. In order to do this we must enlist all of our Adventist youth as properly enrolled members of the Society. In as many as possible of the churches strong local societies should be formed. In these societies the youth should lead out under of course, the guidance and encouragement of the mature members of the church.

During the year 1956 an earnest effort has been made to strengthen the organizational set-up of the Missionary Volunteer Society. The local mission secretaries have been working earnestly to organize as many as possible of both Junior and Senior societies. In some places quite effective district organizations have been set up through the cooperation of district leaders and missionary minded teachers. Many district rallies have

been held. The coming of Pastor Lind to the field was a great source of encouragement. It was a privilege to accompany him in the Gold Coast and West and East Nigeria.

In the Gold Coast Mission under the strong leadership of Brother W.B. Ackah, Junior, a senior camp was conducted at Anumabu. The camp was well organized and ran a strong programme of instruction in youth leadership. The young people attending left the camp, I am sure, with a strong determination to give all of their energy and enthusiasm to the development of the M.V. work. A large rally was also held in Kumasi and an M.V. Camp Fire, sponsored by the Accra M.V. Society, was conducted at the Advent Press, Accra. In West Nigeria two junior camps were held, one at Ipoti and the other at Erunmu. In the two camps together well over five hundred juniors were in attendance. While Pastor Lind was with us in Ibadan, the Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the three Nigerian fields were invited to come and join in a secretaries council. The Gold Coast Secretary also was able to attend. We regret that time did not permit our making arrangements for all of the secretaries of the field to be present. We hope that at another time we can have an M.V. Leaders Council with representation from all of the fields. The three days spent together we feel were very profitable ones. Pastor Lind gave much valuable instruction and the secretaries present contributed of their experiences. A number of conclusions were reached which will be discussed at this Union Committee Meeting under the appropriate items on the agenda.

Two weeks were spent by Pastor Lind and myself in East Nigeria where we had the opportunity of visiting many schools and conducting M.V. rallies in nearly all of the districts. Brother Nwobia accompanied us and largely directed the work of these meetings.

We should like to pause here to express appreciation for the work of the Missionary Volunteer secretaries in each of the fields. In nearly all of the fields now these are local men and we find that they are doing good work. Some of them need more training and guidance but without exception they are earnest and enthusiastic about their work. As a result of their faithful work we are happy to report that Missionary Volunteer membership in the West African Union totals approximately 8,500, of which 5,600 are juniors and the rest seniors. No doubt there are many more Adventist young people whose names are not yet enrolled on the

Missionary Volunteer records. According to reports in hand for the first quarter of 1956, nearly 100 persons have already been baptized as the result of the work of youth. 2,875 meetings or Bible Studies have been held, 2,928 pieces of missionary literature were distributed and about 200 young people were invested in the progressive classes. Please bear in mind that these figures represent the first three quarters only and we confidently expect that the fourth quarter reports will show a much better picture of achievement.

Now a word about plans for 1957. Throughout the entire world field the Missionary Volunteer Organization plans to carry on a greatly accelerated programme. As a contribution to this programme we in West Africa expect first of all to carry out a strong membership drive. A special Golden Anniversary Membership card is being prepared at the Press and will soon be available. Plans are under foot so that every Seventh-day Adventist youth between the ages of 10 and 30 may be enrolled. In many of the fields the M.V. secretaries are already making strong plans for a Share Your Faith programme. It is also hoped that a strong leadership training programme can be carried out during the year. We trust that while the emphasis is to be placed upon membership and organization and the Share Your Faith that nevertheless strong work will be done in preparing juniors and master guides for investiture.

In concluding this report we should like to make a plea that field leaders and field committees do everything possible to support and strengthen the work of the Missionary Volunteer Society in their fields. Please consider the Missionary Volunteer Department when making up your expense budget. There is a strong need that in each field the Missionary Volunteer Department have a loan library of reading course books and other essential materials. We are sure that with the combined efforts of M.V. secretaries, field leaders and our leaders in the churches it will be possible during 1957 to make the youth organization of the church an even more vital factor in the progress of the Adventist Message in West Africa.

#### Chinese Proverb

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in character. If there is beauty in character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation there will be peace in the world.—*Sunshine Magazine*, May 1956.

## RESOLUTIONS

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Aug.	10	Dorcas Welfare Day and Offering
"	17	Tithe
Sept.	28	Ingathering
Oct.	5	West African Tidings
"	26	Temperance Day and Offering
Nov.	2	Colporteur Day
"	9	Voice of Prophecy Day and Offering
"	16 - 23	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
Dec.	7	Healthful Living Day

#### Temperance and National Temperance Societies

*Whereas*, The temperance reform movement is an integral part of the Advent message and an effective entering wedge for the everlasting gospel; and

*Whereas*, The writings of the Spirit of prophecy give the following counsel to the church:

1. "In all our large gatherings we must bring the temperance question before our hearers in the strongest appeals and by the most convincing arguments." (Temperance p. 239)

2. "The evil of intemperance must be more boldly met in the future than it has been in the past."

3. "From the light God has given me, every member among us should sign the pledge and be connected with the Temperance Association." (Temperance, p. 220)

4. "If the work of temperance were carried forward by us as it was begun thirty years ago; if at our camp meetings we presented before the people the evils of intemperance in eating and drinking, and especially the evil of liquor drinking—if these things were presented in connection with the evidences of Christ's soon coming, there would be a shaking among the people. If we showed a zeal in proportion to the importance of the truths we are handling we might be instrumental in rescuing hundreds, yes thousands from ruin." (Temperance, p. 257)

5. "The temperance question is to receive decided support from God's people." (Temperance, p. 249)

VOTED 1. That National Temperance Societies be organized throughout the West African Union in accordance with the

"guiding principles" of the International Temperance Association (as adopted by the Northern European Division) for the formation of such societies. It being recognized that in certain countries regional branches of the National Society may be desirable.

2. Responsible committees be requested to appoint officers and committees for the societies.

3. Regular membership fees be set at 4/- per year which will provide:

- a. Subscription to the Northern European Division "Alert."
- b. Membership card
- c. Membership emblem

Associate Membership fees be set at 1/- per year which will provide:

- a. Membership card
- b. Membership emblem

Contributing Membership 21/- per year.  
Life Membership 25 guineas which will provide "Listen" in addition to that which is given to "Regular Members."

Members may purchase the Temperance pin at cost price. And further

VOTED 1. That we urge people everywhere to send *Alert*, or other temperance magazines on a missionary basis to English-speaking men in prominent civic and government positions, and to outstanding professional and business men.

2. That we continue to organize and foster chapters of our temperance society in every college, academy and church school, and that we appeal to our educators in schools and colleges to intensify their chapter programmes so that our youth, by their participation in these activities, may not only find their own protection from this evil, but that rightly trained, they may become a great potential force in helping other youth.

3. That in our large gatherings, at our camp meetings, and in our evangelistic efforts the temperance question be presented before our hearers in the most convincing manner, calling upon men and women, and especially the youth, to take their stand for total abstinence and solicit their active support in the cause of Christian Temperance.

4. That we promote in an effective manner, World Temperance Sabbath, which comes on the last Sabbath in October, calling the attention of our people to the importance of this phase of the message, encouraging them not only to support the temperance cause with their means, but also to take an active part in every effort to control, restrict, or

prohibit the manufacture, distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

## News Notes

✘ We are happy to announce that a baby son, Marcus, was born in the home of Brother and Sister F.C. Barfoot, Union Publishing and Sabbath School Secretary on 19th January 1957.

✘ On the 10th January this year the home of Brother and Sister I Nwaobia, Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer Secretary for East Nigeria, was made happy by the advent of a son. We offer our sincere congratulations.

✘ Pastor and Mrs. J. O. Gibson and daughters sailed for their homeland in February on permanent return. We wish them God's richest blessing as they take up their duties in the homeland once more.

✘ Due to illness Brother D. Tate of Liberia had to return to the United States by air on January 24th. We wish him a speedy recovery.

✘ Pastors Pedersen and Keslake visited the Ivory Coast for a week, January 21 to 27, and held a camp meeting there. Pastor Pederson was very much impressed by the wonderful singing of our members in the Ivory Coast.

✘ On the 28th January Pastors Pedersen, Welch and Nielsen left Accra to visit all the institutions and local mission headquarters in Nigeria for the purpose of holding the annual budget committees.

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