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The British West Indies Union Executive Committee  
Sounds This Clarion Call to

## EVANGELISM

To Every Mission Worker, Lay Preacher, and Church Member  
in Jamaica, British Honduras, the Bahamas,  
and the Cayman Islands.

ACTION NO. 323  
GREATER EVANGELISM for 1945  
British West Indies Union Committee  
Mandeville, Jamaica

December 25, 1944.

VOTED: That we reaffirm our former action calling upon all of our workers and church members to make soul-winning their very first work during 1945.

That we remind every Administrator, Departmental worker, Pastor, and Evangelist of the committee action urging all to plan on holding

at least one evangelistic effort during 1945.

That we set aside January 20 as a day of special prayer in all of our churches throughout the Union and that on that day we call all of our people to prayer in behalf of our programme of greater evangelism, commencing the next day. And that on this day we appeal to all of our members to rededicate their lives to God for more earnest effort to save the lost.

That January 21 be designated "E"

day (Evangelism Day) for all of the lay preachers of the British West Indies Union, and that we seek each local field to join in a mighty concerted evangelistic advance among our lay preachers on that date by arranging with them to open public efforts on that day.

That February 11 be designated "E" day for all pastors and evangelists throughout the Union and that we invite our local committees to plan the opening of strong evangelistic efforts for all field workers on that day.

### Our Commission---

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

"Ye" means me—and it means YOU, fellow believers!

"All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."—Acts of the Apostles, page 109.

Will you not respond to this unprecedented challenge of opportunity to win souls for the Master? Yes, I mean YOU!

### Our Message---

#### CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:11.

#### THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

"If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and the presence of the Lamb; . . . Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."—Rev. 14: 9-12.

## 2000 SOULS FOR CHRIST IN 1945

# EVANGELIZE!

*Sing It  
Pray It*

*Talk It  
Do It*

Attempt Great  
Things for God  
Expect Great  
Things from God  
**THERE IS NO  
LIMIT WITH GOD**

## How Shall We Go About the Work of Soul-Winning?

Jesus said, "I have left you an example."

Christ Jesus, the greatest of all ancient and modern evangelists, has set forth successful methods of soul-winning. These cannot be improved upon. His methods were—preaching, teaching, healing, visiting homes, talking to individuals by the wayside or by the well. Every contact was an opportunity for service and ministry.

"Those who, in response to the call of the hour, have entered the service of the Master Worker, may well study His methods." —P. K., page 73.

### PUBLIC EVANGELISM

"The Lord has given to some ministers the ability to gather and hold large congregations." (G. W., p. 345.) Not all, however, are endowed with this gift; some may be only capable of holding small gatherings. Perhaps to you, dear reader, the Lord has bestowed the ability to preach. Will you not consecrate your talents to Him and start a lay effort of your own? Begin today by getting in touch with your district pastor and your Mission Home Missionary Secretary, who will be glad to help you.

### PERSONAL EVANGELISM

"Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls."—Vol. 9, p. 123.

"House-to-house labourers are needed. The Lord calls for decided efforts to be put forth in places where the people know nothing of Bible truth. Singing and prayer and Bible readings are needed in the homes of the people." —C. T., p. 540.

### Evangelize!

*Give us a watchword for the hour;  
A thrilling word, a word of power,  
A battle-cry a flaming breath  
That calls to conquest or to death.*

*A word to rouse the church from rest  
To heed her Master's high behest.  
The call is given: Ye hosts arise,  
Our watchword is Evangelize!*

*The glad evangel now proclaim  
Through all the earth, in Jesus' name.  
This word is ringing through the  
skies—*

*Evangelize, Evangelize!*

*To dying men, a fallen race,  
Make known the gift of gospel grace.  
The world that now in darkness lies,  
Evangelize, Evangelize!*

—Henry Crocker.

### LITERATURE EVANGELISM

"Let literature be distributed judiciously, on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails."—G. W. p. 353.

"The silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people through the work of the canvasser, will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way." — Vol. 6, pp. 315, 316.

### BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE EVANGELISM

If you cannot give Bible studies personally, then you can help enroll your friends and neighbours in the new Twentieth Century Home Bible Course of 30 lessons. This course is absolutely free to all non-Seventh-

day Adventists.

These lessons will be sent two at a time to those who enroll, and they may study the truth in a systematic manner by correspondence. This course has proven a great blessing to thousands. It will help in reaching many here in the British West Indies Union who could not be reached in any other way.

Just write to "The Twentieth Century Home Bible School," Post Box 22, Mandeville, Jamaica, and ask for free enrollment cards to pass out to your friends and acquaintances. If you live outside Jamaica, write to your local mission office and those in charge will be glad to assist you. Won't you help out?

So now, dear believer, won't you pray most earnestly that God will lay the burden for souls upon your heart and help you to choose some form of soul winning and do your part during 1945? God expects nothing less!

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soon to give their testimony to the town.

"We need your prayers, dear fellow believers of this advent faith. We are counting on your very kind help for the coming year."

So, brethren and sisters, after reading these soul-stirring reports, can we not dedicate ourselves afresh to the great task of writing a modern Book of Acts for the British West Indies Union during 1945 that will be replete with soul-saving victories won for the Master? Won't you let God use you? Yes, I mean YOU?

R. H. PIERSON.

**EVERY WORKER AND CHURCH MEMBER A SOUL WINNER  
EVERY DEPARTMENT AN EVANGELIZING AGENCY**

### Are You Willing to Pay the Price?

A man had given himself to Christ for Africa. A friend said to him, "Isn't it dangerous to go so far away from civilization where you will have no help and no medicine in sickness? Aren't you afraid you will die?"

"I died when I decided to go," said the missionary.

In precisely the same way must every worker for God die when he dedicates his life to the saving of souls. "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me." "Christ liveth in me"—there is the life of victory, the life of service, a life of effectual soul-winning because the Master Soul-Winner lives within us. And when the life of Him whose passion for the lost led Him to the death of the cross is lived in us, the same passion will become a continuous "living sacrifice" that the lost might live.

Why is it, brethren, that some of us do not accomplish more in our soul-winning endeavours? Why is the harvest of our spiritual sowing so stintingly gathered? Can it be that we have not been willing to pay the price of success?

He who undertakes the great work of soul-winning must be in a position to demand the power from on high. Nothing else will bring the abundant harvest that we desire, and many of us are not willing to pay the price of that power. It is too high, for it is nothing short of a complete death to all that we are, or have.

Is there a sadder chapter in the history of the apostles than that one which was enacted at the foot of the mount of transfiguration? An agonizing father had brought a suffering son to the disciples and asked that they relieve the suffering, but their well-meant endeavours were useless and they were impotent. On the morrow the father, with a faith that had not failed, approaches the Master and tells the sad story of a need the disciples were unable to satisfy. To him Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." With tears running down his face the father cried, "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief." The Master then rebukes the spirit, heals

the child and delivers him to his father.

The disciples, discomfited and ashamed, say to the Saviour, "Why could not we cast him out?" Let every worker in the British West Indies Union Mission never forget the answer: "This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting." Living and working as we do in this time when "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people," we should know all too well that in rescuing souls from the maelstrom of sin, "this kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting." If we have not been successful soul-winners, perhaps it is because we, like the disciples of old, have not paid the price

### My Pledge

*Stir me, Lord, with zeal to labour  
In this solemn Judgment hour.  
Fill me, Lord, with all Thy fullness,  
Grant me of Thy mighty power!  
Keep me, Lord, so meek and humble  
Consecrated all to Thee;  
Knowing well my strength remaineth  
Only as Thou art in me.  
Speak, my Lord, in accents tender,  
Bid me go and work for Thee!  
Speak, my Lord, and I will answer,  
'Here am I, O Lord, send me!'*

—R. H. Pierson.

of agonizing with God for the lost. If we wish spiritual power, it is well for us to know at the outset that this supreme gift cannot be had unless we are willing to pay the full price.

Jonathan Edwards, one of the most powerful preachers of his time, once said, "I make it my first business to look after my own salvation." To be sure that the truth of God has done its effectual work in our own hearts and lives is our greatest need. How can you give if you do not possess? How can you tell others of that which you do not know yourself? The first question that the inquirer will ask when you speak to him of the saving power of Christ is, "Sayest thou this of thyself or did another tell it thee?" (John 18:34). Are you repeating with flippant lips a twice-told tale, or has this been wrought by deep experience in your own soul? Here lies the secret

of any Christian's power and especially of the Advent worker in the British West Indies. Wouldn't it be glorious if, with our greater knowledge of truth, we had Jonathan Edward's power? "This kind came forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting"—by *paying the price*.

"Go ye into all the world! It is not the imperative of an external command that sends us after the lost, it is the impulse of an indwelling presence. We may be commanded forever to take the Gospel to the lost and it will never move us, but when we are fully possessed and controlled by Him whose life it was to seek and to save the lost, we shall go, command or no command. Back of all successful work for the lost is an inward spiritual impulse; and back of the impulse is the Holy Spirit who reproduces Christ in us! and the brand-mark of it all is the cross, the living experience of which must both enter and control the life before we are fit for service."

If we are to be successful evangelists we must ourselves be alive spiritually and tingling with the message we bear and we must have a living connection with our Master Teacher. How can the Jesus whose tears fell upon the shingly beach at Galilee, and in the fastness of the mountains, how can He consort with those who are luke-warm spiritually? How can He bring the pearls of His devotion to those who, by their lives, will trample them under their feet? He who arose to pray a great while before it was day; He who was so zealous that they took Him to be John the Baptist, or one of the prophets come back, how could He fellowship with the indifferent and the dilettante?

You must pay the price in sweat and toil, in consuming anxiety and bloody travail, but if you do you have the precious promise that in thus sharing the agonies of the Man of Gethsemane, and following in His footsteps, verily, you shall become a "fisher of men!" Oh, brethren, is not this reward enough? Shall we not be willing to pay the price of full surrender that we might be greater soul-winners?

R. H. PIERSON.

(With acknowledged indebtedness to "Cyclopedia of Evangelism"—Goodell.)

**IF EVERYONE WORKED AS YOU ARE WORKING, HOW SOON WOULD THE WORK BE FINISHED?**

**The Basis of Our Hopes for 1945**

When we speak of greater evangelism, we are not speaking of something that is new to our part of the field. Neither are we basing our hopes for 1945 on some visionary dreams that are far beyond reason. Let us glance around the field a bit and see what has been accomplished in 1944 as the result of the blessing of God upon our faithful workers.

*A Year of Progress in East Jamaica*

The year 1944 has brought a rich harvest of 580 souls in the East Jamaica Mission. The metropolis of Kingston has yielded 250 of the total baptisms recorded. As a close to the year's evangelism, Sunday night, December 24, witnessed a very impressive ceremony as 60 precious souls were buried with their Lord by baptism in the North Street church.

The district of St. Catherine has witnessed the burial of 105 souls, who have heard the Master's invitation to follow Him. God has blessed Pastor Laing and his faithful laymen.

Pastor Williams, with the help of Brethren Garfield Newman and Hilbert Nembhard, has baptized 102 in his district.

Pastor Harold Nembhard laboured in St. Thomas for the first nine months of the year and baptized 63. We very much regret losing the services of Pastor Nembhard, as he has left to join the Caribbean Union Conference, but we pray the Lord will continue to use him to gather precious sheaves for His garner in that part of the harvest field.

Pastor Stockhausen's efforts have also been blessed with 55 souls, for the few months he has been in the field.

Then from the Bahamas comes this news from Elder M. G. Nembhard in Nassau:

**"FORWARD IN FAITH IN THE BAHAMAS"**

"We opened our Nassau evangelistic effort in a hall with a seating capacity of a little over 200, in a location, which in the opinion of many, was the very worst that could have been chosen.

"In less than three weeks our visiting list went over sixty, and up to that time many had begun to come out to our Sabbath services. Before the effort came to a close we had a

**The Last Hour**

*The sunset burns across the sky;  
Upon the air its warning cry  
The curfew tolls, from tower to tower,  
O children, 'tis the last, last hour!  
The work that centuries might have done*

*Must crowd the hour of setting sun;  
And through all lands the saving Name*

*Ye must, in fervent haste, proclaim.  
The fields are white to harvest. Weep,  
O tardy workers, as ye reap,  
For wasted hours that might have won  
Rich harvests ere the set of sun.  
We hear His footsteps on the way!  
Oh, work, while it is called today,  
Constrained by love, endued with power,*

*O children, in this last, last hour!*  
—Clara Thwaites.

baptismal class with an enrollment of over forty.

"Sunday morning, December 10, was a very happy morning for our people in Nassau, for on that morning 25 candidates went forward with their Lord in baptism."

The Lord has greatly blessed Elder E.E. Parchment and his faithful workers in West Jamaica. Although final reports are not in from any of the local Missions as yet, we can already see that the Lord has led out in all parts of our field.

With only three ordained ministers, and one of them being incapacitated by illness for the greater part of the year, it is only the working of the power of God that has brought out the nearly 500 souls by baptism.

In Montego Bay more than 85 have joined the remnant church as the result of Pastor Robertson's efforts in that city. In other parts of the field Elders W. S. Nation, Frank Fletcher, and Brethren Gouldbourne, Vaz, and Mullings have all laboured untiringly to bring souls to Jesus.

This report would not be complete without word from British Honduras. Notice these encouraging words from Pastor F. R. Archbold:

*"Baptism in Corozal, British Honduras"*

"A large crowd of onlookers from all sects, creeds, and stages of life lined the beach of Corozal, the most northern town of British Honduras, for about half a mile, on Sunday, November 5, 1944, to witness one of the most heart-stirring baptismal ceremonies to be held in this part of the colony. With many eyes looking on as witnesses, twenty souls for whom Christ died gave a public testimony to the town, that they have renounced the pleasures of this world.

"The lay preachers of the northern district merit much of the credit for the success achieved. They have rendered faithful service throughout the months, making it possible that these dear souls be ready for baptism. The members of the Corozal, Calcutta, and Douglas churches were a great help in the work, and we are hoping for greater things in the future. There are still quite a number who are deciding for Christ and will be ready

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**At the Eleventh Hour**

**THE MASTER SAID—**

*"Why stand ye here all the day idle?"*

*"GO WORK TODAY in My vineyard."*



"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." John 4: 35.

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