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## A Storm is Coming, Relentless in its Fury

### Are We Prepared to Meet it?

These were only the reports of major violence committed on a national scale. Practically all of the rest of the articles on the front page of today's paper dealt with violence on a smaller scale: "Explosion in Billiard Room of City Hotel"; "Reservist Killed in Bulawayo"; "Harari African Shot Dead after Stonings." And today's paper is not unusual in its reports of violence. It is a daily occurrence. God is trying to speak to us.

"In the last days the times will be full of danger. Men will become utterly self-centred . . . proud and contemptuous . . . they . . . will have no control of themselves . . . treacherous." 2 Tim. 3:1-3 (Phillips). The King James Version describes men in the last days as "fierce" (verse 3).

"Times full of danger." "Treacherous, contemptuous, fierce" men without control of themselves—what a cauldron of hate and violence these inspired words conjure up for those of us living "in the last days". Surely these days are upon us now!

"We are on the very verge of the time of trouble," the servant of the Lord writes. "A power from beneath is leading men. . . . Human beings have confederated with satanic agencies. . . . The inhabitants of the world are fast becoming as the inhabitants of the world in Noah's day. . . . The powers of Satan are at work. . . . The enemy has arranged matters to

suit his own purposes. . . . The world (is) filled with violence. . . ." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, pp. 43, 44.

"We are living in the midst of an 'epidemic of crime'. . . . Every day brings fresh revelations of political strife. . . . Every day brings its heart-sickening record of violence. . . ." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 89.

"I was shown the state of the world, that is fast filling up its cup of iniquity. Violence and crime of every description are filling our world." *Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 471.

Every Seventh-day Adventist should know what these things mean! "When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." Luke 21:31. Through these headlines and through these events God seeks to speak to His people throughout Trans-Africa.

"I am coming! I am coming soon! I am coming very soon!" He is telling us. Through His Word and through messages from His servant He keeps reminding us of this blessed truth.

Seventh-day Adventists should keep the precious promises of His return fresh and warm in our minds and hearts (read *Acts of the Apostles*, page 33). Our ministers are admonished to keep the blessed hope frequently "before our own churches." *Fundamentals of Education*, p. 336.

"Dwell on present truth, on Christ's second coming. The Lord is coming very soon. We have only a little while. . . . Talk the truth. . . ." *Evangelism*, p. 624.

"Those who really love the Saviour cannot but hail with gladness the an-

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The headlines of our daily paper today was ominous indeed: "Field Guns Ring Village in Cyprus"; "Another Town in Congo Falls to Rebel Forces"; "Harlem Erupts in Racial Riot"; "Portuguese Guinea in Rebel Hands"; "U.S. Men Wounded in Vietnam"; "Five Indians Killed in Guiana"; "Indonesian Guerrillas Routed"; "Border Gun Fight." Violence in Europe, violence in Africa, violence in the Middle East, violence in North America, violence in Asia, violence in South America. The world is filled with violence.



## HEART to HEART

### A Friendly Chat With Your Division President.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus: Recently I attended the Oranje-Natal Conference Camp-meeting at Harrismith, in the Orange Free State. Brother Arthur Ingle was telling me one of those thrilling stories of God's healing power.

Many years ago Pastor and Mrs. J. W. Palmer were in charge of our Inyazura Mission. Sister Palmer became very ill and developed an extremely abnormal swelling on the hip. Her condition grew worse so Brother Palmer brought her to Salisbury on a bed by goods train. A doctor called regularly but nothing he could do seemed to help the situation. He warned Pastor Palmer that his wife's condition was deteriorating rapidly and that the prognosis was not good.

Pastor Palmer was a man of earnest prayer and he invited brother Ingle to come to the place where they were staying for a season of prayer. After some discussion it was decided that they would follow the instruction of the apostle: 'Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.' James 5:14.

The anointing service was held and the two brethren prayed earnestly that the Lord would restore Sister Palmer to normal health and strength if it would bring glory to His name. At the time no change in her condition was visible. But the next morning when the doctor called he could scarcely believe his eyes. What a change had taken place. The swelling growth had completely disappeared. The affected area was normal.

"What has happened here?" the medical man asked in amazement, "yesterday Mrs. Palmer was critically ill. This morning I can find nothing wrong. Something has happened. What have you done?"

"We prayed and anointed her as the Bible instructs us to do under such circumstances," Pastor Palmer explained simply.

"Well, I don't know anything about such healing—I am only a medical man and I deal with facts but this amazes me. Yesterday Mrs. Palmer was a very ill woman. This morning she is perfectly normal. I cannot understand it."

But Pastors Palmer and Ingle understood it. They knew that the day of mir-

acles was not past. They knew that the Great Physician still lives and still heals as He did two thousand years ago by the blue Sea of Galilee.

The healing of Sister Palmer was not the only such experience the Lord used to encourage the struggling little company of Advent believers in Salisbury during those early days of the work in our city.

Brother and Sister Murray Kitto had been in the truth only a few months when baby Laureen was taken desperately ill. The attending physician said he had done all that was humanly possible to do. He feared the little one could not possibly survive.

A friend of the Kitto's urged them to claim the promise of James 5 on behalf of their little daughter. Elder Ingle, Brother Hipkin and Brother Kitto gathered by baby Laureen's bedside and there pleaded with God for her life. While they were praying the little one cried—she had been too weak to make a sound before this. They clung to the promises of God in faith. The Great Physician heard their earnest petitions and as Brother Kitto wrote me recently "the healing was instantaneous."

The next morning the doctor called and examined his tiny patient. Turning to the parents standing beside him he asked incredulously: "What have you done for the baby since I was here last?"

"Doctor, there was nothing we could do," Brother Kitto replied, "that is humanly speaking there was nothing we could do. But I called our Pastor and we followed the Bible instruction to anoint and pray for the sick. God has done the rest. He has heard our prayers and healed our baby."

"Well, it is certainly a miracle that I cannot understand," the doctor shook his head as he spoke, "I feared that I was coming this morning to sign your baby's death certificate but I find her perfectly well. It is amazing! All traces of the pneumonic condition have disappeared."

It is amazing and wonderful what God can and will do for those who love and trust Him. That tiny miracle baby is alive and well today—a living testimony to the power of a living Christ who still helps and heals as He did two thousand years ago. Many of you know Laureen. Today she is Mrs. Tony Bell, the wife of the Secretary-treasurer of the Southern Rhodesia Field.

"The Eternal sustains him on his sick bed, and brings him back to health." Psalm 41:3 (Moffatt).

"God is just as willing to restore the sick to health now as when the Holy Spirit spoke these words through the psalmist. And Christ is the same compassionate physician now that He was during His earthly ministry. In Him there is healing balm for every disease, restoring power for every infirmity. His disciples in this time are to pray for the sick as verily as the disciples of old prayed. And recoveries will follow; for 'the prayer of faith shall save the sick.' We have the Holy Spirit's power, the calm assurance of faith, that can claim God's promise. The Lord's promise, 'They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover' (Mark 16:18), is just as trustworthy now as in the days of the apostles. It presents the privilege of God's children, and our faith should lay hold of all that it embraces. Christ's servants are the channel of His working, and through them he desires to exercise His healing power. It is our work to present the sick and suffering to God in the arms of our faith. We should teach them to believe in the Great Healer." **Ministry of Healing**, p. 226.

What a blessed Saviour is ours! He heals all of our spiritual ills. He is able to raise us up from the sick bed when we are physically ill!

"Why do we not exercise greater faith in the Divine Physician? As He worked for the man with the palsy, so He will work today for those who come to Him for healing. We have great need of more faith. I am alarmed as I see the lack of faith among our people. We need to come right into the presence of Christ, believing that He will heal our physical and spiritual infirmities." **Selected Messages**, book 1, p. 83.

What a challenge to our relationship with our living loving Saviour!

Sincerely yours for a closer walk with Him,

P.S. If the Lord has wonderfully healed you in answer to prayer won't you please send your experience to me? It could be a blessing and encouragement to others.

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nouncement founded upon the Word of God that He in whom their hopes of eternal life are centred is coming again . . . in power and glory, to redeem His people." *Great Controversy*, p. 340

What can I say? How can I say it in such clarion tones that our people throughout Trans-Africa will hear, will understand, will act, in preparing for the dark days just before the blessed dawning of the day of His appearing?

We need to be awakened! We need to be stirred! Oh, God, what will it take to arouse us—to arouse us to the solemnity of the times in which we live? What will it take to impress upon us the shortness of time, the urgency of the hour, the need for us *now* as His people to be putting away sin? How can He reach our hearts and turn us away from the world and set our eyes Zionward?

"God calls upon us to awake, for the end is near. Every passing hour is one of activity in the heavenly courts to make ready a people upon the earth to act a part in the great scenes that are soon to open upon us. These passing moments, that seem of so little value to us, are weighty with eternal interests. They are moulding the destiny of souls for everlasting life or eternal death. The words we utter today in the ears of the people, the works we are doing, the spirit of the message we are bearing, will be a savour of life unto life or of death unto death." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 716.

"We have no time to lose. We know not how soon our probation may close. Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. Christ is soon to come. The angels of God are seeking to attract us from ourselves and from earthly things. Let them not labour in vain.

"When Jesus rises up in the most holy place, lays off His mediatorial robes, and clothes Himself with the garments of vengeance, the mandate will go forth: 'He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: . . . and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be.' Rev. 22:11, 12.

"A storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it?"

"We need not say: The perils of the last days are soon to come upon us. Already they have come. We need now the sword of the Lord to cut to the very soul and marrow of fleshly lusts, appetites, and passions." *Testimonies*, vol. 8, pp. 314, 315.

"My brethren, do you realize that your own salvation, as well as the destiny of other souls, depends upon the preparation you now make for the trial before us?

Have you that intensity of zeal, that piety and devotion, which will enable you to stand when opposition shall be brought against you? If God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when you will be brought before councils, and every position of truth which you hold will be severely criticized. The time that so many are now allowing to go to waste should be devoted to the charge that God has given us of preparing for the approaching crisis." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, pp. 716, 717.

Your leaders throughout Trans-Africa are greatly concerned. We believe our time is short. We feel that we want to be prepared for the tremendous events so soon to take place in the closing days of this earth's death throes. Through prayer and through a study of the Word we are seeking a closer walk with God that we may know His will and way for us.

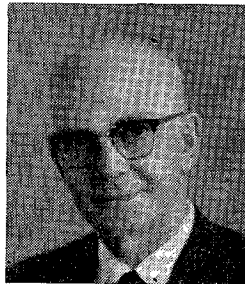
We invite our believers everywhere throughout Trans-Africa to join with us

as your leaders in seeking the Lord more earnestly than you have ever sought Him before. Plead with Him for victory over sin in your lives. Cry out for an infilling of His Holy Spirit that His presence may flood your life, filling you with enabling grace and prevailing power. There is no greater need in Trans-Africa today than for all of us, workers and laity alike, to be emptied of self and filled with the Holy Spirit.

I appeal to each and every worker and member to join us in our endeavour to draw near to God that He may draw near to us, that His church in Trans-Africa may be energized and empowered to finish the work of God on this great continent soon, very, very soon!

"A storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it?" *Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 315.

## SYSTEMATIC GIVING



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Why did God say that the nation of Israel had robbed Him in offerings? Had He not left the decision of how much they would give in offerings, as distinct from tithes, to each individual? It is true that God was much more specific about tithing, but He did not leave them with an "offering plan" that was vague and indefinite. He told them what would please Him in the giving of offerings.

In Deut. 16:10 God said, "Thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God, *according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.* (Italics supplied) In New Testament times the apostle Paul reiterated the same principle in this way, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Cor. 16:2). Christ taught the same principle in these words, "*For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.*" (Luke 12:48)

But is the amount that we give as offerings to be the result of cold financial figuring? No, never! The person who appreciates what the Lord has done for him, and loves Him, will see the multiplicity of God's blessings much more than the nominal Christian whose heart has not truly been touched by the gospel story.

It is not the niggardly but the "cheerful giver" that God loves. It is not the one who gives "of necessity," under compulsion or "grudgingly," who receives the blessing of God (2 Cor. 9:7). Again it is not the one who gives impulsively, in a hit-and-miss fashion, after all his or her own "needs" have been supplied, who is following God's plan and honouring Him. Yet there are many in the church who are doing so. This is illustrated by the experience of a very sincere young man who once told the writer: "At the beginning of each month I am able to give a reasonable amount in offerings, but towards the end of each month I have very little cash left and can give only a little, if anything at all."

God is a God of order and system and cannot be pleased with "the uncertain gifts of impulse that vary according to the changing feelings of men." *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 200. The counsel to us is, "on the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store (at home) as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2) In harmony with this thought, the messenger of God to the Seventh-day Adventist Church wrote:

"He (God) desires us to give regularly and systematically. . . . After the tithe is set apart, let gifts and offerings be apportioned as God hath prospered you." *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 81.

Since God's church cannot be built securely upon erratic giving of offerings, or on an uncertain financial system, much has been said in the Spirit of prophecy writings about systematic giving for the work of God. Here are a few statements that can easily be supplemented by further research.

"The plan of systematic benevolence is pleasing to God." *Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 190.

"There is order in heaven and God is well pleased with the efforts of His people in trying to move with system and order in His work on earth. . . . God is leading His people in the plan of systematic benevolence." *Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 191.

#### *A Safeguard Against Temptation:*

"The plan of systematic benevolence will prove a safeguard to every family against temptations to spend means for needless things, and especially will it prove a blessing to the rich by guarding them from indulging in extravagance. . . . Systematic and liberal giving in accordance with the plan keeps the channel to the heart open." *Testimonies* vol. 3, p. 412.

"Systematic benevolence looks to you as needless. You overlook the fact that it originated with God. . . . This plan He ordained to save confusion, to correct covetousness, avarice, selfishness and idolatry. This system was to cause the burden to rest *lightly, yet with due weight upon all.*" (Italics Supplied) *Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 545.

On page 220 of *Testimonies*, vol. 1, we are told that neither debt, poverty, nor family responsibility is an excuse for not participating in the plan of systematic benevolence. Further, this source points out that families have sometimes been afflicted and without God's blessing because parents have stunted God with small offerings. On the other hand we read "While in poverty many regard systematic giving as a Bible requirement, but when they come into possession of money or property they do not acknowledge God's claim upon them!" Mrs. E. G. White in *Review and Herald*, December 8, 1896.

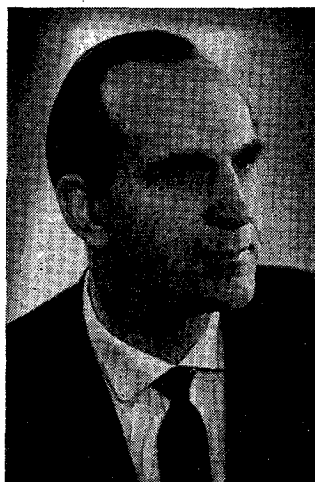
#### *What Ministers Should Do About It:*

"This system has been carried out and has worked like magic. It liberally sustains the preachers and the cause. As soon as the preachers ceased their opposition, and stood out of the way, the people heartily responded to the call and prized the system. . . . God is displeased with preachers

who now complain, and fail to throw their whole energies into this all-important work." *Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 376.

In a personal message to one of the ministers, the servant of God had this to say: "You should have borne a pointed testimony, impressing upon them the necessity of sacrificing, and all doing a part to bear the burden of the cause. You should have brought them up on systematic benevolence. . . . Your indefinite position, and leaving matters so loose and slack has had a bad influence upon the cause there." *Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 316.

## MEET OUR VISITOR



PASTOR E. DENKERT is the president of the West German Union in the Central European Division. The headquarters office is in Hanover, and the union has a membership of nearly 13,000 believers. Brother Denkert arrived in Nairobi on July 20 and will be visiting our Division until September 24.

#### *Does Systematic Benevolence Spoil the Spirit of Freewill Giving?*

Someone may ask in all sincerity, "Does not systematic benevolence spoil the spirit of freewill giving?" We answer that it does not, for the individual still decides when and how he or she will give. Instead, he has the satisfaction of giving regularly and of always having something to contribute.

Also by adopting this plan he makes one decision about his offerings instead of many. In the words of Mrs. White, it fulfils "Jehovah's purpose that the Israelites should have a training that would eradicate selfishness, and develop breadth and nobility of character." *Prophecies and Kings*, p. 647.

#### *A Good Suggestion:*

God taught ancient, and modern Israel, how systematic benevolence operates. "The devotion of a second tithe for the relief of the poor and other benevolent uses, tended to keep fresh before the people the truth of God's ownership of all, and of their opportunity to be channels of blessing." *Education*, p. 44.

It is this suggestion of setting aside, for offerings, an amount of money equal to our tithe, that is recommended by the Trans-Africa Division Committee.

Many of our church members follow this plan, receive great satisfaction from doing so, and find themselves none the poorer but richly blessed.

In looking over the Tithe and Mission Offerings Comparative Sheet for January 1 - June 30, 1963, I find that no Union shows even one third of its tithe income as mission offering income. Yet God has set before us the goal of making our missions offerings and offerings for local church use as much as our tithe.

Here is a suggestion for dividing the "second tithe" among the usual offerings of the church:

Camp Meeting Offering	1½%
Annual and Week of	
Sacrifice Offering	2%
Church Expense Offering	1½%
S.S. Weekly & 13th Sabbath	
Offering	2½%
S.S. Expense Offering	½%
Other Offerings	2%
	10%

#### *Can Our Members Afford to Follow the Plan of Systematic Benevolence?*

They cannot afford not to follow this plan, for by withholding offerings we have become poor. Read Prov. 11:24, 25, and you will learn that "the liberal soul shall be made fat" or prosperous. The servant of God tells us that when they were most generous with the Lord, giving more than twenty-five per cent of their income in tithes and offerings, the children of Israel were most prosperous. Moreover, at such times they enjoyed rich spiritual blessings.

Who can begin to estimate the magnitude of the blessings withheld from the Adventist church today because of our stinginess towards God?

#### *Is This Goal Too High?*

Take as an example, the three per cent of income suggested above for Sabbath-school offerings. Three years after World War 1, when conditions were still economically difficult in North America, our Sabbath-school offerings rose to 3.4 per cent of our income. For the next thirteen years, up to 1933 which included the depression years of 1929-1933, the amount given as Sabbath-school offerings

remained well above three per cent of the total income of the members. In 1934, when conditions began to improve, the percentage of Sabbath-school offerings dropped to 2.8 per cent, and since then it has dropped still further, until it is only 1.4 per cent of income! These figures are for the North American Division. Figures for the Trans-Africa Division are even lower.

Is it not a tragedy that, when prosperity increases, our offerings decrease in relation to the amount of tithe paid?

We do not wish to pray for a second recession, but do fervently pray for God's people to accept the plan of systematic benevolence, including that of the "second tithe" for offerings. Under such a plan we know that there will be more funds for the work and, more important, there will be rich showers of blessing descending upon the church.

wonderful story of the redeeming love of Jesus.

Some weeks ago a man named Ling was employed by Mrs. Marajati. When Friday came Ling went to his employer with the apology: "I am sorry, but it will be impossible for me to come to work tomorrow or any Saturday thereafter."

"Oh, that is perfectly all right," replied Mrs. Marajati. "I was going to tell you that you need not come to work tomorrow, for we do not work on that day either. You see, the seventh day of the week is God's holy day and Seventh-day Adventists neither work nor do business on that day."

Mr. Ling was greatly surprised to hear this. "I thought that no one but my family kept Saturday. The custom has been handed down from father to son for many generations. We have been taught that this is the true holy day of Allah."

Immediately Sister Marajati invited him and his family to attend Sabbath-school and worship services in her home the next day. Since that time he and his wife have been faithful attendants every Sabbath.

Though Muslims' hatred for Christianity and their cruel treatment of all who forsake Islam to embrace Christianity is well known the world around, in Indonesia, greatest of Muslim nations, a new day is dawning. This story is but a sample of how honest people among the Muslims are turning to Jesus Christ and His saving grace as the answer to their souls' needs. Millions are waiting for the gospel light. Many unentered islands are now open to the proclamation of the soon-coming Saviour. In spite of these great opportunities we do not have sufficient workers to take advantage of them. We need three times the number of young ministers we are able to graduate each year from our union college.

Our senior academy in the North Celebes is strategically located to attract the youth of this large area of concentrated membership which is too far removed to permit the majority to attend our college near Bandung. Providing at least two years of college work in this institution will greatly increase the number of ministers and teachers ready to join the ranks of gospel workers each year. But it will take money to provide the increased facilities necessary, and we are a poor people.

Dear friends, we have many needs in this land of opportunity, but this school is one of our most urgent now. We look to you on this 13th Sabbath to lend us a hand. Through your generous gifts you can "Come over . . . and help us." We are sure you will not fail us.

## Muslims Accept Christ in Indonesia

RIFAI BURHANUDDIN

Marajati Kalitouw opened her eyes wide in wonderment. "Can it be so," she thought, "that this teacher, a former Muslim and son of a hadji (a teacher of Islam who has studied in Mecca), is telling me the truth?"

But there it was, right in the Koran just as the teacher had said—that there is a true Christian group that does not eat unclean foods. A Christian group! In the Koran!

Could it be that her husband, a respected police officer, was justified in worshipping Allah on Saturday instead of on Friday as do all the 80 million faithful Muslims in Indonesia? Was it possible, as he hoped, that if she continued to study with this Christian they might be able to resolve their differences and live happily together? As long as her fanatical zeal for Islam matched his steadfastness for his new found faith in Jesus there could be no reconciliation between them; a divorce seemed imminent.

Well, perhaps she should continue to study. It was worth a try, and if she could be convinced from the Koran that Jesus Christ was more than a mere prophet, that He was in truth the Son of God, then she might—well, there was no harm in investigating anyway. But she would remain firm in one stipulation—they must study from the Koran, for was it not the true revelation from Allah?

Faithfully Pastor Burhanuddin visited the home twice each week for studies with Mrs. Marajati Kalitouw. Often it seemed his efforts were doomed to failure, but in faith and with much prayer he persisted. How well he recalled his own attitude toward the truth and the fact that even now he was considered an outcast

by the Muslims in Palembang, his home in South Sumatra.

After three months studying concerning the Christ in the Koran, Mrs. Kalitouw was finally willing to compare its teachings with the Bible. Gradually, through the sweet influence of His Holy Spirit, Jesus in all His beauty and holiness was revealed to this dear lady's heart. She longed to be ready to meet Him, and she decided to cast her lot with His church. Now her zeal for Jesus and His truth knew no bounds. The fact that theirs was now a united and happy Christian home was in itself a powerful witness to others. She began to work earnestly for her parents and neighbours.

Before long, Brother Kalitouw now being pensioned from police service, they moved back to their home suburb of Bandung. Each afternoon Sister Marajati could be seen visiting the homes of her neighbours telling them about the true Christian group spoken of in the Koran who do not eat unclean foods. She assured them that this people is even more careful about their diet than the Muslims. Surprised and incredulous at first, for they had never heard of Christians who did not eat unclean foods, her friends refused to listen to this newborn Christian. But Sister Marajati continued to witness for Jesus, and after a while several families gathered every Wednesday evening to hear Pastor Burhanuddin teach them from the Koran as he had done for her.

Soon a lay family from our hospital church in Bandung moved to this community and started a branch Sabbath-school for the group. Since that time two baptisms have taken place. The conversion of each of these new members makes a



## AROUND OUR UNIONS

### Another Church in Bujumbura

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For years the city of Bujumbura (formerly Usumbura) has lain in darkness as far as this last message to the world is concerned. What a long time has been wasted! But shall we waste more time by weeping about the failures of the past? Work has to be done.

Late in 1963 an evangelistic campaign was conducted in the new church in Bujumbura which nearly filled it to capacity. Over sixty souls were baptized as a result and the attendance rose to beyond the 300 mark. But that was not sufficient.

In February of this year two of the brethren from the union office with a team of African workers, conducted a campaign in the evangelistic tent erected in the section of the town known as Kamenge. Here very little, if anything was known of Seventh-day Adventists, and the territory was untouched.

From the first, the tent was full. As one of the recent converts reported just last Sabbath, he came first because he saw the tent and a lot of people, so he wanted to see what it was all about. As he listened to the sermon, he became interested and came back the next night, and the next, and the next, until he was convinced of the truth and converted. Now he

rejoices in the new faith. This experience is typical of many others who came out of curiosity and continuing, became genuinely interested until they found their Saviour and a new way of life.

After six weeks of meetings six nights a week, a baptismal class of over 200 was formed and instructions have continued to be given three nights a week in preparation for baptism. As a result of it all, three baptisms were held in the first Bujumbura church on three consecutive Sabbaths. The first week 29 were baptized, the second week another 29 and the third 26, a part of which were baptized from the first Bujumbura church. The total for the Kamenge campaign was 74. The regular attendance in the new company averages around 200 a week, only a few of whom were members of the church prior to the effort.

As the campaign drew to a close, the matter of a meeting place after the tent should be removed began to loom large and insistent. What to do with this new company was a very important question. They could not be left without a meeting place in a town like this one. So we began a campaign amongst the members of the first church whose building had been built through appropriations. The response was excellent and 15,000 Frs. was pledged by the African believers. The European workers pledged 69,000 Frs. and the West Burundi Field contributed from their Church Development funds, as did the union and the Division. So; all together enough has been raised

to make it possible to put up a shell, at least, for a meeting place. The building will be completed as funds become available.

One encouraging feature of this evangelism is the financial strength that comes to the field as well. The new converts in the cities are better able to support their church. In the month of June, this new company paid into the field office just a little short of double the pastor's salary. Some of the men are members of the police force and others are holding jobs in offices in the town. Many of these men have stood firm for the Sabbath at the risk of losing their jobs. These make strong leaders in the church.



Helping to build the new church at Kamenge. One of the many children, Juniors, and Young People who gave good support to the program.



First group of new believers to be baptized during Kamenge. Evangelistic Campaign, Bujumbura, Burundi.

Why have we been so long in getting the burden for city evangelism? May God bless us as we exert greater efforts in bringing the gospel for these days to the commercial centres and the towns in Central Africa.

## Your Home Study Institute

MRS. R. H. PIERSON

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On May 10, 1961, the Home Study Institute in Washington was formally admitted into membership of the National University Extension Association of America. From this one can see that our study program is recognized both in our denominational circles and in the accrediting groups of external study in America.

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We are here to help our workers, also our members and their children. Hundreds of students from the different countries of our Division have benefited from these courses. If you are interested in continuing or supplementing your present education we will be happy to help you in any way possible. Just write to:

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## A Typical Camp-Meeting in the SAUC Group II

By MRS. J. D. HARCOTMBE

As the wife of the vice-president of the SAU Group II, I was privileged to attend one of the many camp-meetings held in this part of our field. The one at Lamontville, Durban, about which I am writing was particularly inspiring and is typical of many others held yearly.

It was evident from the number of buses and cars bearing different registration plates that believers had travelled hundreds of miles. Many came on foot with their large families, and everyone was well catered for.

As I glanced around the crowded hall during the opening meeting and saw

believers of all ages from the tiny babies to those with hoary heads, I found joy in being one of them. Every one looked so happy and expectant, ready for a good spiritual feast, and "get-together". Not one was indifferent to the singing of the gospel songs and all sang wholeheartedly and with enthusiasm. Suspended from the ceiling by an invisible thread was an "angel" flying in the midst of heaven, as it were. This was the theme of the camp-meeting.

The opening service on the Friday evening was taken by P. M. Mabena, president of the Natal-Swaziland Field. His message was one of faith and courage, and it inspired everyone to look forward to the blessings of the Sabbath day to follow. Morning Manna on Sabbath was conducted by Brother Madonsela and Sabbath-school was on time. One exercise of the Sabbath-school, given by three sisters, was an impressive dialogue depicting the giving of the third angel's message.

Pastor Harcombe was indeed inspired by the heavenly Saviour as he impressed upon our hearts and minds—that God calls us to give our hearts to Him NOW. After a most earnest appeal, 20 souls came forward to join the baptismal class for the first time. How we rejoiced and thanked our heavenly Father for these who were being born into His kingdom.

On the Sabbath afternoon a fine Youth Evangelism program was presented and again our hearts were thrilled as we learned that 64 young people had been won to the message through friendship teams, branch Sabbath-schools, and MV Voice of Youth campaigns in recent months.

The Sunday service was taken by Pastor M. B. Musgrave who spoke on "The Home and Family." "Our homes can be a pattern of beauty here on this earth," he said, and at the conclusion of this service the camp-meeting offering was received. This service was conducted differently from many others of its kind. The leaders from each church in the Field formed a semi-circle in front of the rostrum. Each handed in the offering given by his particular church. Then, facing the audience, each leader was given an offering plate. The members were now invited to bring an extra offering. I wish you could have seen the long queues of happy, smiling people as they came forward to put something into the "gleaners" boxes. A sight that really touched my heart was that of a very old woman, bent with age, being led by a young girl. She was blind, too, I noticed, but smiling, as she put in the "widow's mite." This is what Jesus meant when He said: "Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8.

## Opening of New Mbeya Dispensary

M. H. SCHAFFNER, M.D., F.I.C.S.  
Medical Secretary, Trans-Africa Division.

Tuesday afternoon, June 23, 1964, was a beautiful sunny afternoon. It was pleasantly cool on the slopes of the mountain above Mbeya, Tanganyika, where a large group gathered for the opening of the new Mbeya Dispensary. This dispensary was built in approximately one month under the direction of Hugh Stevenson, director of Mbeya Mission Station. Present for the opening were representatives of government as well as of other mission societies in the area. The Government Medical Officer, Dr. B. S. Gill, was present for the opening with his wife, who is also a doctor. The Area Secretary, Mr. C. M. Rwehabura, cut the ribbon opening the dispensary and welcomed the guests. Continuing the ceremony Hugh Stevenson told a bit about the history of Mbeya Mission and about the desires of the mission to help the people in the surrounding community. Present from the Trans-Africa Division were Pastor T. M. Ashlock, Home Missionary and Ministerial Association secretary, and Dr. M. H. Schaffner, Medical secretary, who outlined to the group assembled, the Adventist philosophy on medical work and told how Mbeya Dispensary fits into the overall medical program of the Trans-Africa Division.

Mr. Robert Mziba, the dresser who will be in charge of the dispensary, was present to conduct the guests through the new building. Mr. Mziba was trained at Kendu Hospital and more recently was connected with the Princess Elizabeth Hospital in Dar-es-Salaam.

Refreshments were served to the guests by Mrs. Stevenson at the close of the ceremony.

### CHRIST IN ALL THE BIBLE

(Fill in the blank spaces)

In Job, our risen — — — — —

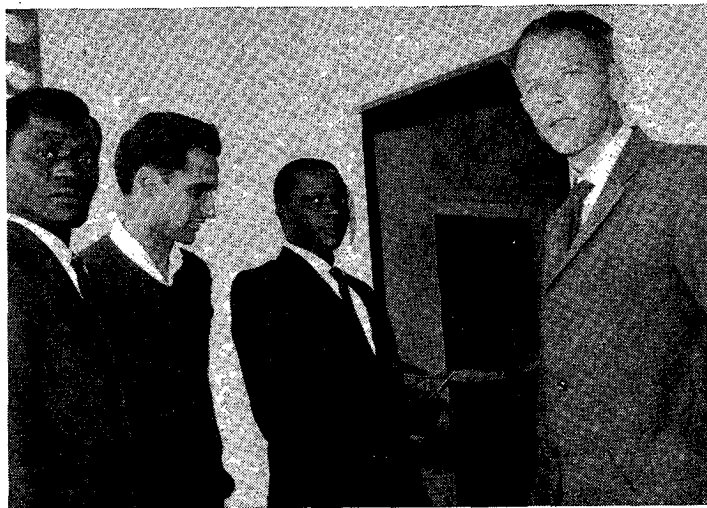
In Psalms, the — — — of God.

In Proverbs, — — — brought up with God.

In Ecclesiastes He is — — — — the sun.

—Adapted from *God Speaks to Modern Man*, by Arthur R. Lickey.

Watching Mr. C. M. Rwehabura, Area Secretary, as he cuts the ribbon at the opening of the New Mbeya Dispensary in Tanganyika, is Dr. B. S. Gill (second left), Local Health Officer, Dr. M. H. Schaffner (far right), Division Medical Secretary, and a hospital assistant.



## A New Found Faith

R. A. TENGA, *Evangelist, Iringa*

Soon after arriving in Iringa, Tanganyika, in 1961, to begin evangelistic work in that area, I met Mr. Waya, a very active minister in one of the churches in the town. He had a pleasant personality, and his influence was great. On different occasions we had a chance to discuss matters of general interest, and touched on religion occasionally. I could see that Mr. Waya was opposed to our doctrines, but I did not let that interfere with our friendship.

After some months Mr. Waya was transferred to the country. He stayed in our home whenever he was in town. When we had 17 candidates ready for baptism, I sent him a special invitation to attend this service. After having a dream which impressed him, he accepted the invitation, and attended the service. We invited him to attend the Lord's Supper that same Sabbath afternoon, and he took part.

Monday morning I asked him once more, "Why do you continue keeping Sunday when you can see from the Bible that it is not the correct day on which to worship? Don't you think that it is time you made a decision on this matter?"

There was silence for a few minutes, then he replied that he had decided to keep the Sabbath. We prayed together.

The following Sabbath, he, together with three others, stood up in church, giving themselves to Jesus and indicating that they wanted to keep the Sabbath. Mr. Waya was accepted into full church membership on November 30, 1963.

His witness for the truth is very forceful, especially after he mentions that he was once a Sunday-keeping minister. Now he is a literature-evangelist and is doing very good work. His wife has also

become a baptized member, and together they are sharing their faith in Iringa.

Our only regret is that we do not have a church building in this city. We feel that if we had a representative church building, many would come to the services. Our prayer is that some time soon there will be money to erect a church to which the people who are looking for light may be invited.

## Tithing in the Tswana District

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

Pastor H. S. Mngqibisa, secretary-treasurer of the Cape Western Field, was very successful in promoting tithing in the Tswana district. He personally visited the members in their homes and churches, and the response was outstanding. The believers realized that it was necessary to be faithful, not only in Sabbath-keeping and doing missionary work, but also in paying their tithe and offerings, if they expected to receive blessings from God and be saved in His kingdom.

The treasurer followed the instruction given in the Bible. He went into the kraals where the cattle and sheep were, and calculated the tithe on the animals right on the spot. Every tenth beast that came under the rod was given to the Lord. Even the young children took it upon themselves to tithe their fowls and chickens.

When Brother Mngqibisa visited the Magopela church he found the wives of the chief Mahura also bringing in tithes of cash and fowls during the campaign. The chief is favourable towards the message and encourages his wives to be faithful in every way.



A report from the Manthe church states that one Adventist family has built a beautiful new home, and it is no wonder, for the Lord has blessed them. They too have been faithful in their tithes and offerings. Another brother and his wife drove their flock of sheep, goats and cattle to the church for tithing and it was most inspiring to see Brother Mngqibisa have the beasts pass by him as he sets aside every tenth one for the Lord.

The blessings for God's people are many, and the Lord is only too willing to open the windows of heaven to bestow them upon His people. We trust that all our secretary-treasurers and every leader will not only teach but help our people to pay a faithful tithe.

### Witches Seek the Lord

A. H. BRANDT, *President,*  
*Central Kenya Field.*

During the past few months nine churches have been organized in the Central Kenya Field. In one small church in the Chebwai district a baptism was conducted on the same day as the church was organized. This service caused quite a sensation among the people in the surrounding villages and many out of curiosity came to witness the scene. Among these visitors were two local witches, Maria Simuli and Khakasa Kitui, who came merely because they had nothing else to do. However, as they witnessed the solemn service their hearts were touched and they were left with uneasy consciences and a sense of guilt. After all, they knew that the Lord did not approve of their activities in the villages.

A couple of weeks later, at the Chebwai camp-meeting a call was made for sinners to repent. To the astonishment and joy of the congregation the two witches, who were present, came forward carrying all their medicines, poisons and materials with which they used to invoke the favour of the spirits. While the people rejoiced the two women knelt and gave their hearts to the Lord.

Maria and Khakasa are now studying the Word in the Bible class and await the day when they may join the remnant church fully through baptism.

The Lord's arm is strong to save.



Maria Simuli and Khakasa Kitui surrendering their witchcraft charms as they give their hearts to the Lord.

### ALONE?

*People people everywhere—yet not  
a friend who cares:  
Rushing here, strutting there, bustling,  
whirling everywhere—  
But man's alone; with all his fears.*

*People people everywhere—yet not  
a soul in sight:  
Shadows here, echoes there, masks,  
machines pass everywhere—  
But man's alone, in lonesome night,  
blight, fright, fight, flight,  
height, night, night, night, . . .*

*Stop! stop!  
Lone man, look up!*

*Alone?  
No. Never alone with Him.*

GLENN LELLO

### Dedication of Gingilyani Church

H. KIJA MASHIGAN, *Secretary, Church  
Development Department, Tanganyika  
Union.*

The dedication of a church building to the glory of God is a spiritual ceremony. When the Gingilyani church in the West Lake Field was dedicated the service was not only the dedication of a church, but the re-dedication of men and women for the finishing of the work of God in their own lives and in the lives of their neighbours.

In 1961 the building of the Gingilyani church was commenced and the work continued for four years. Now we have a truly representative house of worship, dedicated to the glory of God. It is situated near the boundary of Usukuma land and Masai land. Church members sacrificed to build this church, working very hard, and today they have a beautiful edifice.

Many friends, both workers and laity, from far and near, attended the ceremony to share with the members the joy and triumph of this dedication. The writer gave the sermon and the act of dedication was performed by Pastor S. Magembe, president of the West Lake Field.

The members of Gingilyani church believe that, "The house where Jesus is to meet with His people should be neat and attractive. If there are but few believers in a place, put up a neat but humble house, and by dedicating it to God, invite Jesus to come as your guest." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 269.



Mrs. R. H. Pierson presenting a Nutrition and Homecraft Certificate to Mrs. P. T. Chimwedzi at Harare, Salisbury. Looking on is the Harare Dorcas leader and Pastor P. T. Chimwedzi. Thirty-five others received these Certificates at the conclusion of a 12-lesson course. Mrs. Pierson and Mrs. Chimwedzi are wearing the Dorcas Welfare uniform.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"The contributions required of the Hebrews for religious and charitable purposes amounted to fully one-fourth of their income. So heavy a tax upon the resources of the people might be expected to reduce them to poverty; but, on the contrary, the faithful observance of these regulations was one of the conditions of their prosperity. On condition of their obedience, God made them this promise: "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field. . . . And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3:11. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 526.

"In the days of Israel the tithe and free-will offerings were needed to maintain the ordinances of divine service. Should the people of God give less in this age?" *Ibid.* p. 528.

## The Building of the Riokindo Church

C. T. J. HYDE, *Secretary,*  
*Church Development Department,*  
*Trans-Africa Division.*

Let me tell you the story of how the members of the Riokindo church in Kisii country, South Kenya Field, built their church. Their first idea was that they should hire themselves out in a large group to go and dig gardens for other people for cash. This they did and got some cash. Then they thought again and had a better idea. "Why work for others? Why not work for ourselves? Let us borrow a large piece of land and cultivate it and sell the crop and give the profit to the fund?" So they went to the chief and said that they wanted him to lend them a large piece of ground, free, so that they could get cash for their church building. He graciously agreed and all the church members were out day after day digging, clearing, planting, cultivating, and, finally, harvesting and selling the crop. By the end of the harvest they had 750 shillings in hand from the sale of the crop.

Now they used this money to pay the men who burnt and made the bricks for them. Then they talked to a Seventh-day Adventist of another church who owned trees. He was willing to sell them his trees at a very low price. Some members went to talk to some Adventist sawyers at some distance away from Riokindo, and they were willing to come and saw the trees into the timbers for the roof. All

that the sawyers asked for their work was food and housing during the days that they were sawing the trees.

As the cash came in so the members bought their cement, they hired lorries to bring them sand, they hired bricklayers, and the building began to take shape! Sometimes things seemed to go hard and their cash came to an end. They thought, "How can we ever finish it?" Once when they were feeling a little bit discouraged, not knowing how to go forward any more, some other Seventh-day Adventist churches at a distance heard of their difficulties, and each sent them a

gift of 100 shillings. Again their courage soared and they bought the sheet iron for the roof and with the help from the Field, the Union and the Division they finished their church. What rejoicing at the dedication in October, 1963, when the Riokindo church was dedicated.

There is a sequel to this. Their church, they were sure, was large enough for their congregation, but when people around saw that the church was finished they decided they wanted to be church members also and now that big church is already over-crowded.

## Visiting Our Veteran Workers



Pastor and Mrs. J. E. Symons and Family at his Eightieth Birthday celebrations.

## Beyond Three Score Years and Ten

ON February 1, 1964, Pastor J. E. Symons celebrated his 80th birthday in Grahamstown. His children and their families, with the exception of his grandson, who was at Helderberg College, were all at his home to make this a memorable day.

It was with great joy and thankfulness that our dear brother could look back upon many years of labour in the service of God. He was only four years of age when he attended his first Sabbath-school. His mother was a pioneer member of the old Beaconsfield church and his grandmother is said to have been the first Seventh-day Adventist member

in Johannesburg. Sabbath services were held regularly in her home long before there was any church organization or building in Johannesburg.

With the exception of Brother Symons and his son-in-law, A. Bristow (back right), all were born into the Adventist faith. The grandparents of Sister D. R. Symons (left) and the grandparents of Sister J. E. Symons (front centre) were pioneer members of the Rokeby Park church. Pastor Symons served the cause of God for many years, mainly as secretary-treasurer of various organizations within the Division. He has been retired for several years but still takes an active part in all church activities in the Grahamstown church.

# From Hither and Yon

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Reports from the East African Union indicate that a most successful Five-Day Plan follow-up meeting was held in Nairobi recently. The audience was slightly larger than the largest during the campaign and all of those who gave up smoking are faithfully adhering to the principle. This 100 per cent result is most encouraging, and because of public demand a second Five-Day Plan campaign is scheduled for November.

The Northern Rhodesia Field has a 32 per cent increase in tithe this year above an average for the past three years.

While in Nairobi recently, Pastor R. H. Pierson spent a week doing Harvest Ingathering with the EAU office staff.

Evangelistic work on the Copperbelt, led by M. O. Klaussen, is moving steadily forward. A recent campaign was held in Kitwe but it was found that house-to-house visitation was more effective than public meetings, since the people were hesitant about being out at night because of disturbances. During this campaign 192 decisions for Christ were secured and of this number forty were backsliders reclaimed. The five-member team was well organized, and a large number of those interested has been enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course.

Brother Klaussen also reports that the new church building is completed and now filled to its capacity (200) with so many newly converted souls.

Most of our new arrivals are medical personnel. Miss Emma Binder from the United States is located at Mwami Hospital in Northeast Rhodesia, and Miss Veracious LaKay from South Africa is also at Mwami. Miss Lola Hill and Miss Mavis Orr arrived recently from Australia and are at Ankole Hospital in Uganda and Ngoma Hospital in Rwanda respectively.

Dr. Niels B. Jorgensen from the United States has come to spend a short term relieving at Maluti Hospital in Basutoland.

The Thorkild Pedersen family from Denmark have reached Uganda in East Africa where they will be labouring.

Brother and Sister H. Dubberstein and family of the Sentinel Publishing Association left Cape Town in July for their furlough in their homeland, Germany.

Pastor C. T. J. Hyde is conducting the Spring Week of Prayer at Helderberg College, using as a motto, *My Lord and My God*, and as an aim, *Higher Ground*.

The Cape Conference is only £2,000 short of their Ingathering goal of £18,500 at this time of writing. Brethren S. A. Smit and P. J. P. Botha head the list of workers with £1,300 and £1,200 on their soliciting cards, and among the lay members, Sister H. Olivier of Langkloof has over £200 for her labour. These are just a few of the results which have come to hand. All of the conferences and fields in the South African Union are having good success in this year's campaign.

*Malamulo Speaks*, Vol. 1, No. 1 arrived in the Division Office this past week. It is the official organ of the Malamulo Training Institute and is the successor to *Malamulo Tidings*. The editor is L. N. Chilukusha, a Form Four student, with S. K. Munthali as deputy editor. The bulletin contains a fine number of contributions from students.

Writing in the GO Bulletin of the Oranje-Natal Conference, the president G. E. Garne emphasizes some new features of their H. I. campaign. One of these is that individual Honour Points will not be listed, as previously. "Our aim is going to be EVERY MEMBER PARTICIPATION rather than individual attainment. Our slogan will be FAITHFULNESS, rather than Merit."

## NEEDED

A Doctor to assist in self-supporting medical missionary work in Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia. Here is the opportunity many of our layman doctors have been hoping for. Write for further information to: Dr. J. G. Foster, P. O. Box 529, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

### SUNSET CALENDAR FOR

SEPTEMBER 1964

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	6.32	6.36	6.41	6.45
Johannesburg	5.58	6.01	6.04	6.06
East London	5.54	5.59	6.03	6.07
Port Elizabeth	6.04	6.08	6.13	6.17
Bloemfontein	6.04	6.07	6.10	6.13
Pietermaritzburg	5.47	5.52	5.54	5.57
Durban	5.44	5.48	5.51	5.54
Bulawayo	5.55	5.57	5.59	6.00
Gwelo	5.49	5.52	5.54	5.55
Salisbury	5.50	5.51	5.52	5.53
Lusaka	5.56	5.58	6.00	6.02
Blantyre	5.37	5.36	5.37	5.37
Elisabethville	6.09	6.09	6.09	6.06
Nairobi	6.36	6.34	6.32	6.28
Mombasa	6.23	6.21	6.19	6.15
Kisumu	6.46	6.43	6.42	6.38
Kampala	6.54	6.51	6.49	6.46
Dar-es-Salaam	6.24	6.22	6.21	6.19
Tabora	6.50	6.48	6.47	6.45

### From the Editor's Scrap-book

Said John Wesley, the great English revivalist, to his preachers:

"Your business is not to preach so many times and to take care of this or that society, but to save as many souls as you can." *Anon.*

Baptism at Pietersburg.



Quartet at Pietersburg Camp-meeting.



P. V. Msimang, President of the Transvaal Field, and M. R. Mkasi, leader of the Pietersburg District.

# PIETERSBURG CAMP-MEETING

ERNEST D. HANSON, *Field Secretary, T.A.D.*

In April it was my privilege to attend a most inspiring camp-meeting in Pietersburg, Transvaal, where members from sixteen churches and companies met for their annual convocation. The membership is small and scattered over thousands of square miles. Members came from as far as 175 miles for this three day meeting.

Since this is the fifth year of drought, many of the cattle and sheep had died and most of the crops had failed. Last year the General Conference, the Trans-Africa Division, the South African Union Group II, and the Transvaal Field contributed generously to a famine relief fund. Mapela, with nineteen members, was one of the hardest hit. In this centre where Chief Mabusela's wife is a Seventh-day Adventist, a large religious interest was developed, and now thirty-six persons have joined the baptismal class. Among them was the blind mother of the chief, who was baptized at Pietersburg during the camp-meeting. A total of twenty-three were baptized in a beautiful spot in the river near the town.

Pastor Mack Mkasi, the district leader, is giving a strong lead in every department of the work, and Pastor P. Msimang, the president of the Transvaal Field, has given good counsel and guidance. For the encouragement of our members throughout the Division, I am presenting the analysis of the camp-meeting offering. If our members in this drought-stricken area can give such a large offering, there is no excuse for small offerings in any part of our Division.

It is significant that these members spent more on transportation and food

in connection with the camp-meeting than they gave in offerings. Thus the large amount spent by these members in transportation, food and offerings indicated a willingness to sacrifice for the help of others and to get spiritual food for their own souls.

Pastor Mkasi told me that when the camp-meeting ended in 1963, he immediately started plans for the 1964 offering. The members followed a definite plan of saving for this offering, thus spreading the burden over the whole year. This meant that the Sabbath-school offering was in no way diminished because of the large camp-meeting offering. This is the kind of spirit that will finish the work throughout Africa.

## PIETERSBURG DISTRICT

Camp-Meeting Offering, 1964.

Church	Members	Goal	Received
Messina	12	R 10.00	R 15.00
Louis Trichardt	5	5.00	10.00
Dzwerani	13	10.00	10.00
Duiwelskloof	2	2.00	8.20
Mamaila	10	10.00	10.50
Rambuda	22	15.00	15.00
Pietersburg	8	6.00	7.95
Molsgat	15	5.00	3.00
Potgietersrust	19	8.00	9.25
Lanark	2	1.00	2.00
Mapela	19	15.00	12.75
Boyne	2	1.00	3.00
Mashashane	15	10.00	8.00
Seema	27	24.00	16.75
Copper Mine	7	6.00	6.00
Zebediela	15	8.00	14.25
Miscellaneous			5.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>R 136.00</b>	<b>R 157.05</b>

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