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1964 INGATHERING EXCEEDS £108,000

T. M. ASHLOCK

LET us all praise the Lord for His goodness to the children of men. This is the first time in history that the Trans-Africa Division has exceeded the 108,000 mark.

Courageous Leadership. Determined Action. Valiant Service. These three phrases aptly describe this year's Ingathering campaign. You, the leaders and members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, have pushed the Ingathering total to £108,263.1.11, a gain of £8,042.1.5 over the previous year, and this figure will increase when the final report from the Zambesi Union comes in. How it was done, is given below:

Your Leader	Union	Last year	This year	Increase
J. G. Evert	*CAU	£ 3,732	£ 3,105	£ (628)
G. M. Ellstrom	CU	3,323	3,836	513
***E. T. Gackenhaimer	EAU	7,573	9,880	2,307
J. D. Coetzee	SAU I	64,000	69,224	5,225
J. J. Oosthuizen	SAU II	8,121	9,403	1,283
P. J. Salhany	SEAU	2,329	2,385	56
T. R. Lisso	TU	2,031	2,566	535
W. R. Zork	**ZU	9,112	7,864	(1,249)
T. M. Ashlock	TAD	£100,221	£108,263	£ 8,042

* CAU have changed their Ingathering year from December 25 to October 25.

** ZU final report is not yet in.

***D. R. L. Astleford led the campaign in the EAU until the arrival of E. T. Gackenhaimer.

NOTE.—Both the CAU and CU faced greatly increased goals over 1963 due to the devaluation of the franc.

Ingathering with a spiritual emphasis has proved to be a real blessing, not only to the many who have come to the knowledge of the Truth through Ingathering contacts, but also to our members. Only when we reach the new Earth will we learn of the seed sown by the millions of contacts made by the hundreds of thousands of faithful believers of the Trans-Africa Division in 1964.

To you, the leaders, who have had a part in directing in this year's Spiritual Ingathering Campaign, we say, Thank you. If you were working for an earthly king, you would receive a citation for your dedicated service, undaunted by difficulties. But yours is a greater honour. You are distinguished as an "Enlarger of Heaven's Kingdom."

And to you the members, most of whom have spent many days and hours ingathering, Thank you for your second-mile service. You have risen to the category of workers of whom may it always be said, "Through God we shall do valiantly . . ." (Ps. 108:13).

What a thrill it is to have a part in God's work here on this earth for, with Jesus on our side, we cannot fail. "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ . . ." (II Corinthians 2:14).

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the VICTORY, and the majesty . . ." (I Chronicles 29:11).



HEART to HEART

*A Friendly Chat with
Your Division President*

Dear Fellow-believers of the Advent Message:

Recently we have had much to say about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is right that I should say a great deal about this important subject! Nothing is of more vital import than that we, as the members of God's remnant church, prepare to receive this promised blessing. We need great grace and great power to finish His work. Now let us notice more of what the Lord would have us know regarding the closing scenes of the church's history:

"Some who have been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions." Have not most of us who have served in mission lands experienced a few tiny drops of Pentecost as we have seen these words fulfilled in our fields? On what greater scale the Lord wants to demonstrate His great power to change even the hardest hearts. Should these words not encourage labourers who have long battled against the great odds of entrenched heathenism and those who have stormed the bastions of Islam with apparently meagre success? Will not Pentecost open honest hearts in the Middle East, the Orient, and in other difficult places of earth when some of "the bitterest opponents" become the "champions" of the message?

According to inspired Luke the dynamic power of Pentecost turned the ordinary course of events topsy-turvy "and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles" Acts 2:43. Are we truly ready for such power? What would happen if some of our pastors commenced healing the sick and casting out devils and doing some of the other miracles the apostles did under the power of the Holy Spirit? Could we grasp it all? Could we accept such a departure from the old order of things? Are we prepared for the heady experience of a second Pentecost? God says it **must** and **will** come ere the work of God is finished!

THE PROMISE FULFILLED

"You need power, and this power God is willing to give you without stint." *Gospel Workers*, p. 35. What a precious assurance! We need power! You need power! I need power, and I need it des-

perately! The messenger of the Lord declares our God can and will meet our need "without stint." I like the way Phillips translates Paul's words to the believers in Corinth. They are for the believers in Salisbury, in Cape Town, in Nairobi, in Elisabethville, and every other city and village in Trans-Africa, where God's people live and witness for the Advent Message. Listen! "He has given us the **living guarantee** of the Spirit." 2 Cor. 1:22.

Ours is a living God. His promises are living promises! When a living God **guarantees** His living promises we need never fear for their failure! "At this very hour His Spirit and His grace are for all who need them and will take Him at His word. *Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 20.

His promises are for you, for me, and for all who need them! AND: for all who "will take Him at His word." Can we not, must we not, prepared last-day workers and members that we are, take Him at His word and accept "the living guarantee of the Spirit"? Dare we refuse the great grace and the great power He desires to imbue and endow us with now?

"The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race," the pen of inspiration wrote in *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 49. Here is a glorious blessing—a mighty power available to all persons, of all ages, of all races, of all nationalities, of all times—if we will but "take Him at His word" and meet the qualifications. Young and old, rich and poor, white or black, red or yellow or brown, east or west, north or south, "the promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race."

WE MUST ASK FOR IT

Because God has promised the power

of His Holy Spirit in the form of the latter rain to equip His remnant church for finishing the work we are "not to rest satisfied that in the ordinary course of the season rain will fall." *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 508. Then the servant of the Lord adds: "Ask for it." The prophet left similar instruction; "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." Zech. 10:1. "We must pray that God will unseal the fountain of the water of life." *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 507.

"We may have had a measure of the Spirit of God but by prayer and faith we are continually to seek more of the Spirit. It will never do to cease our efforts." *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 508. We "are to wrestle with God in earnest prayer for a baptism of the Holy Spirit, that [we] may meet the needs of a world perishing in sin." *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 459.

God's people are to ask for, plead for, wrestle for, live for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter rain abundance. We are to ask for it personally, individually. We are to meet together in special companies and pray for the promised blessing.

In every service we are to petition God for the promise of the Father.

When God answers these prayers of His people as He most surely will, then, and then only will come the "great grace" and "great power" the members of God's remnant church need to finish His work "in this generation."

Yours in Christ Jesus,

1965 IS LAY ACTIVITIES YEAR

T. M. ASHLOCK,

Secretary, Home Missionary Department, Trans-Africa Division

THE concluding phase of the gospel program was scheduled to begin in 1844. And it did. To study our history over the past 120 years is to review "... the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past..." which in turn causes us to "... have nothing to fear for the future..." Through the years various denominational departments, organizations, and branches of the work have come into being. It is not just coincidental that each phase of our great organization has been firmly based on the members of the church as individuals, for "God requires every one to be a worker in His vineyard."—*Christian Service*, page 9. And, "It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 67.

Because our leaders have endeavoured to follow carefully the divine pattern of making a place for every church member to have an important part in the spreading of the third angel's message, we as a people have been greatly blessed. We can say without hesitation, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Samuel 7: 12). We would look back for a moment. Our cry today, December, 1964, is, "... Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward" (Exodus 14:15).

If we read carefully the instructions that have been set out to guide us in carrying out the gospel commission as given by our Lord, we must conclude that as never before 1965 must be "Lay Activities Year." To fulfil prophecy for this hour means nothing less than total evangelism, a co-ordinated program of workers and members labouring side by side as partners with heavenly agencies to lead to Christ men and women, boys and girls, neighbours and friends. And lest we forget, our responsibility includes those in far-away places, for our Lord died for them too.

"Now is the time for the last warning to be given." *Testimonies*, vol. 6, page 16. Our individual missionary plans for 1965 must therefore be aggressive plans. Never before have so many prophecies pointed to the end. Never before have there been so many troubled spots in our Division and in the world. "If there

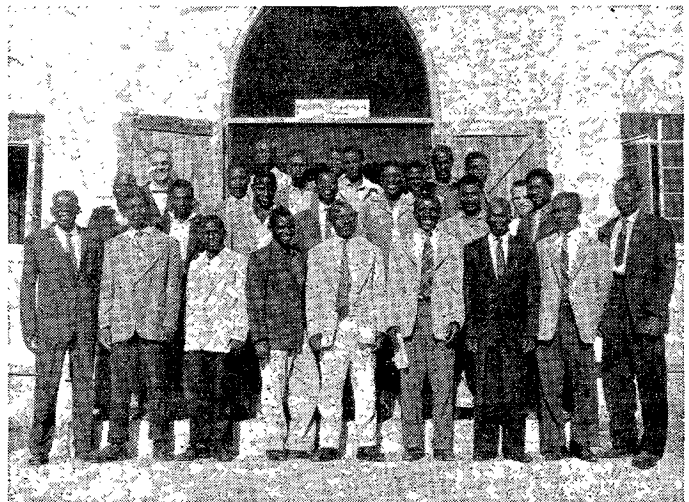
ever was a crisis, it is now."—*Ibid*. To plan to do just a little better in 1965 than in 1964 would be to doubt God's promise to pour out His Holy Spirit in latter-rain abundance upon those who plead for it.

The divine assurances of success are legion to the individual who wholeheartedly gives of his service to the remnant church. To every one who offers

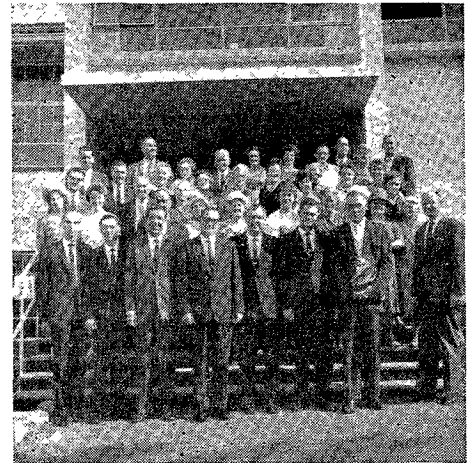


himself to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, page 30. "The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people."—*Christian Service*, page 75.

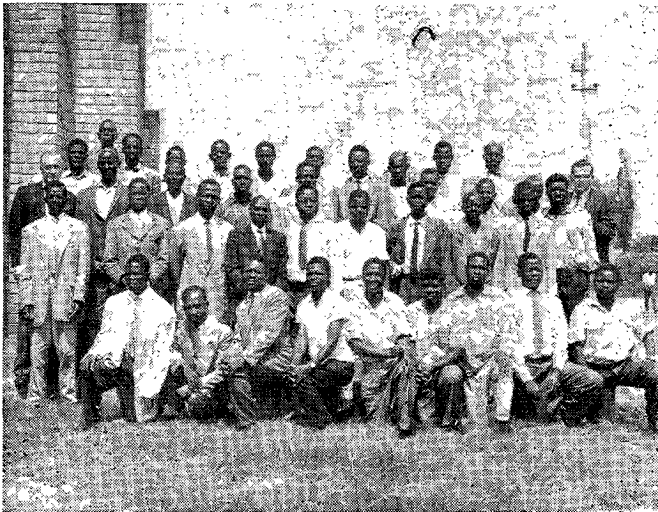
Workers and Lay Delegates attending the Lusaka Lay Preachers' Council, Zambia.



We are not on the losing side of the great controversy. The work will be finished from Cape Agulhas in the Cape, the southernmost point of South Africa to Boduna in the North Congo, the northernmost point of our Division territory in spite of the population explosion. "The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now *choose* to be labourers together with God, will triumph with it."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, page 135. Our Lord gave Himself for you. How much of your time will you give to Him in 1965. Decide now to make 1965 your biggest Lay Activities Year.



Delegates to the 1964 Special Council of the Federation of S.D.A. Welfare Services, held at the Cape. C. E. Guenther, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department stands in the foreground next to D. M. Baird, president of the Cape Conference.



Workers and Lay delegates attending the Elisabethville Lay Preachers' Council. G. M. Ellstrom, HM Secretary, Congo Union, is extreme left; J. Ruzirakuvuka, Station Director, South Katanga, who organized the Council, is back row, right; and T. M. Ashlock, HM Secretary, TAD, is extreme right.



G. M. Ellstrom, Secretary, HM Department, Congo Union.

MORE THAN WE DID IN 1964

By G. M. ELLSTROM,
Secretary, Home Missionary Department,
Congo Union

SATAN, the enemy of truth, justice and peace, may have claimed many victories in the Congo over the past four years. But this is only the small "half" of the story. Prince Emmanuel has, through the workers, members and the Holy Spirit, brought about far greater victories. So our hopes for the future are high. Our plans for 1965 include:

1. Special baptismal class teachers' institutes to help our people better to prepare new converts for church membership.



B. Mattison and Sister J. Karpesteyn of the Federation of S.D.A. Welfare Services in the Cape, and the new mobile unit now in operation.

2. Dorcas Welfare institutes to guide our people in the rural areas in practical health and welfare work.

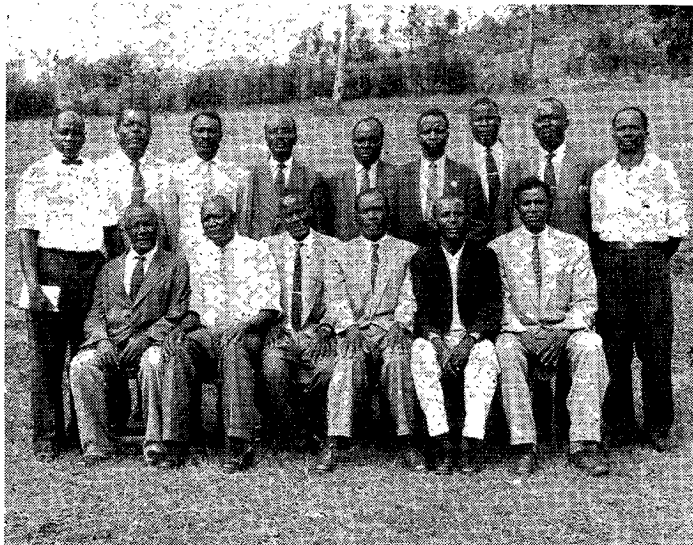
3. As for our lay efforts, lay preachers' councils, and Ingathering, we thank God for the unparalleled victories in 1964. Here are our choruses for 1965:

IN INGATHERING

*There's hope for quite a little more
Than we did in '64,
In Leo and E'ville too,
Our missions all the Congo through.*

IN SOUL WINNING

*With faith in God and courage near,
We'll enter soon a brand new year
To save within the Congo more
Than we have ever done before.*



Workers who attended the Ranen Lay Preachers' Council in Kenya, East Africa. These workers, under the leadership of their president, C. Odero (extreme left, standing), held revivals in churches followed by two to four day follow-up meetings, resulting in 1030 converts.

We Look Back With Thanks—Forward With Courage

THE Lord has been good to us in 1964. We have seen:

1. The highest-ever in Ingathering against great odds.

2. The greatest number of Voice of Prophecy enrolments.

3. One of the highest number of decisions for Christ at camp-meetings.

4. The greatest number of properly organized lay-efforts.

In 1965 we expect even greater things:

1. Our Ingathering goal is £3,200.

2. Our goal for souls is 3,500.

3. A lay-effort to be held in every organized church.

4. A Dorcas society in every organized church.

To help make this possible we plan to:

1. Hold more Lay Preachers' councils.

2. Provide the Ten Minute Home Missionary Reading Book and the Special Sabbath Program Book to each church and company and,

3. Tie closely together the endeavours of workers and laymen.

EVANGELISM CAREFULLY PLANNED ENABLES THE HOLY SPIRIT TO DO A GREATER WORK

By Y. LUSINGU,

President, North-East Tanganyika Field

IN 1962 forty-two delegates attended the first Lay Preachers' Council held in the Suji mountains. This council was planned and organized with the help of Elder T. R. Lisso, our Tanganyika Union Home Missionary secretary. We have had many institutes through the years which have helped our people to understand how to better share their faith more effectively. The Lay Preachers' Council programme especially appealed to me because I saw in it a plan which could be followed year after year to co-ordinate the activities of the workers and lay members in soul-winning.

So as to be able to follow the plan carefully and reap the greatest results we helped our workers organize a three-month campaign of time so that they could hold an eight-day church revival in each of their churches to be followed by a lay-effort in which all of the members of the revived church could have a part. When the worker finished his last revival he was to return to the church where he had conducted his first revival to help bind off the interest created and establish the new converts in the baptismal classes. In the area where the lay preachers' plan of evangelism was first put into operation, forty lay-efforts were held. As a result forty interesting and very thrilling stories could be told.

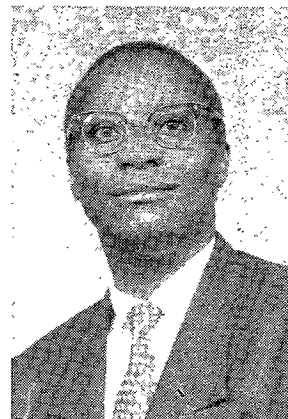
Because layman Filipino Sara attended the council, we now have six branch Sabbath-schools organized in his area. In another area where many worker efforts have been held and where many considered the people gospel-hardened, twenty-one people took their stand.

One church decided to hold an effort a number of miles from their own church where there are no Seventh-day Adven-

tists. Naturally this meant that those who took part endured considerable hardship and personal expense. These laymen, however, were happy to have a part in pioneer evangelism. The Lord richly rewarded them by leading twenty-two people to accept the truth.

In one effort held in the Mbulu district a gentleman from a distant village who was visiting in the area, attended regularly and gave his heart to the Lord. It was my privilege to visit him in his home some months later. Before I left he pleaded with me to please send someone to teach him and his family more about the truth. This request weighed heavily on me because I knew that we did not have a budget for a worker who could be sent to locate in this new area. When the Home Missionary leader of our field headquarters' church in Suji learned of the need, he decided that the church members should discuss the matter. After much discussion and prayer, a farmer-layman volunteered to transfer to this new area so that he could foster and build up the work. As a result of this great sacrifice another layman decided that he too would move his family and home so that the two families together would be a stronger nucleus from which the gospel could be spread.

This is indeed an evidence of God's power. This is the spirit of the pioneers of this message. This, I believe, is one of the ways that the many unentered areas of Africa will receive the message. If you have ever considered moving to a new place to build up a new work, talk the matter over with your president, for this is a noble work.



Thomas R. Lisso, H.M. Secretary, Tanganyika Union.



Y. Lusingu, president of the North-East Tanganyika Field and T. R. Lisso discuss a point while studying the Revival and Lay Effort plans for each district.

At a recent session of the General Conference Committee, the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean were transferred to our Division, and the Division Committee has now assigned them to the East African Union as part of its territory.

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Pastor and Mrs. W. R. Vail will be returning permanently to the United States in May next year, and it was voted by the Division Committee that P. G. Werner be acting chairman of the Central African Union Committee from the time of Elder Vail's departure until the arrival of A. H. Brandt, the newly elected president.



J. G. Evert, H.M.
Secretary, Central African Union.

1965 LAY ACTIVITIES YEAR IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION

By J. G. EVERT,
Secretary, Home Missionary Department, Central African Union

EARLY in 1965 special Lay Activities Department councils will be held in each field where the Home Missionary secretary and the officers will finalize on dates and personnel for the Lay Preachers' councils to be held throughout the union to *inspire, teach, and lead* the laymen in soul-winning.

These councils, located so that each of our three hundred and fifty churches can send delegates, will serve to guide our members into a balanced soul-winning program, taking into account all the departments of the church. Our goal is 7,000 converts in 1965.



Yohana Mukezarugamba.

The Batwa in Rwanda Accept the Message

THE Batwa are distant descendants of the pygmies who infiltrated into Ruanda from the Ituri Forest of Central Congo. For a long time now we have been working with these small, scattered, and often despised people. Through the years we have found that it is not easy to win these people to the truth.

Recently, in our Lay Preachers' Council held at Gitwe, South Rwanda, we met Lay Preacher Yohana Mukezarugamba, who related to us his success in working for the Batwa. The Gitisi Church, of which he is a member, divided their entire area into sections and appointed laymen to take charge of the evangelistic interests in these sections. Yohana particularly requested the Kibingo area, where there are a number of Batwa in a small settlement. The Lord seems to have given Yohana some special gift to work for the Batwa, most of whom were bondservants to a very wealthy Tutsi politician.

When trouble broke out in Rwanda, this rich man had to flee for his life. The poor Batwa were so dependent on this man for food and clothing that they were absolutely lost when their master left. They had met together to discuss their plight and were just on the verge of following their master to Tanganyika when Brother Mukezarugamba came to visit with them. These people appreciated the fact that our brother was willing to sit down and talk with them about their troubles. Much time was spent discussing what they should do now that their master had left them. Brother Yohana was able to prove to these people that it would be unwise to try to go to Tanganyika. He showed them that it would be much wiser to hoe their own gardens so that they would have food and could live in their own homes.

For clothes and other items for which they needed cash, our brother suggested to them that they should make and sell clay pots, a trade they knew well.

As the conversation went on, our brother referred often to the importance of every person putting confidence and trust in the Creator. These people were perplexed as they realized that they really knew nothing about the Creator. With their interest aroused, Brother Mukezarugamba made a plan to visit them each morning at the break of day to tell them about Jesus, their Creator and Redeemer. The group of about fifty people were organized into a small company and met regularly to hear our brother tell them about his Jesus, who could be theirs too.

Their drinking and smoking habits were conquered. Sin and vice were forsaken. They became changed as they beheld Jesus. Soon they began hoeing their own gardens and making clay pots. Brother Yohana helped them to work out their tithe so that they could be faithful in their stewardship to the Lord.

The latest report is that four have already been baptized and the others are in the baptismal class. We thank the Lord for such faithful laymen



1965 A Banner Year in the East African Union

E. T. GACKENHEIMER, H. M. Dept. Secretary,
East African Union

There is a saying that "The go-getter goes till he gets what he goes for." Well, I have found that there are a lot of "go-getters" in Kenya and Uganda among our workers and members. These "go-getters" have some good plans too. I'll just share a few with you.

1. An all-time high of £10,000 in Ingathering, (some say it can't be done by July but the go-getters proved "some" wrong in 1964 when they raised 30.5% more Ingathering than was raised in 1963, and the go-getters will do it again in 1965).
2. Well planned and organized lay activities for each district in 1965.
3. An active Health and Welfare service program on field and local church levels.
4. A more accurate reporting system to encourage and cheer each other and to guide the leaders in giving help where help is needed.

A Plan For Everyone

W. R. ZORK, H.M. Dept. Secretary,
Zambesi Union



OUR plans for 1965 include every believer in the Third Angel's Message located in the Zambesi Union. The union and conference or field Home Missionary secretaries, along with the officers, have laid plans which will make 1965 known as Lay Activities Year. Here are some of the plans:

1. A systematic mass literature-distribution crusade to be conducted in a number of urban areas to be followed by lay evangelism.
2. More Dorcas-training institutes to help our churches better fill their place in practical health and welfare ministry.
3. A challenge to each church member to accept a representative personal Ingathering goal.

Ingathering is Soul-Winning Time

H. T. NKIwane, Secretary, H.M. Dept.,
Matabeleland-Midlands Field.

THE Spirit of prophecy gives to every worker his "marching orders" in the work of Ingathering. "To all who are about to take up special missionary work with the paper prepared for use in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, I would say: Be diligent in your efforts; live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Add daily to your Christian experience.

Search diligently for perishing souls. . . . Then let us be diligent in the distribution of literature that has been carefully prepared for use among those not of our faith."—*Christian Service*, page 196.

I have always enjoyed working with the church members once we have our program for a district organized. One morning I came to a house where there were three Coloured women sitting outside the house. I showed them our Ingathering leaflets and explained to them that I and others were soliciting funds for our medical and educational work. In anticipation of a donation, I thanked them for the good work they had done last year in giving to the appeal. The oldest lady said, "I need medicine myself as I am in constant pain. How can you expect me to give something to someone else?" I told her that if she would

make her gift as a thankoffering to the Lord, He would help her. I assured her that the angel of the Lord would comfort her and give her relief from her pain. She was somewhat impressed by what I said, and gave me the only 2/- she had. Her daughter then gave me 2/6. I asked them if they would like me to pray for them. We prayed. The next day as I passed their door on the way to new territory, these same women called

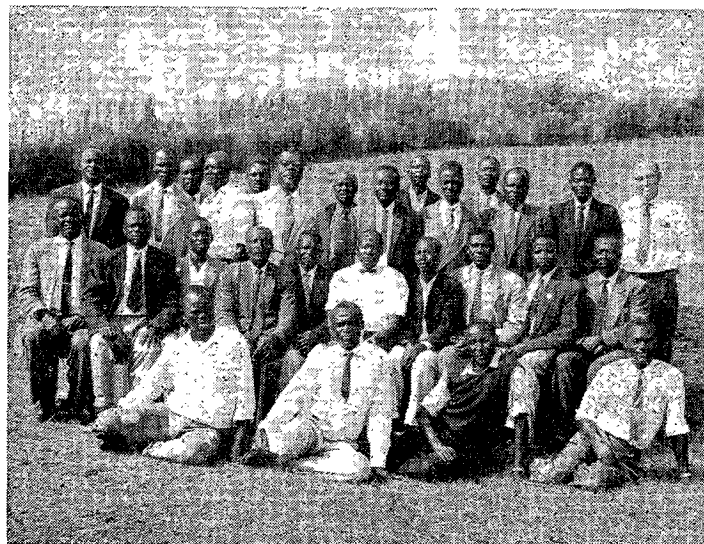
PROPHETS AND KINGS,

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"TRUE success in any line of work is not the result of chance or accident or destiny. It is the outworking of God's providences, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and perseverance. Fine mental qualities and a high moral tone are not the result of accident. God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them."

me inside again. The old woman was eager to tell me that she had slept better during the past night than she had for a long time. Her married daughter then enrolled for the Voice of Prophecy. At her request, I will be helping her with her lessons as soon as they come.

As you look back over your Ingathering visits is there someone who would appreciate a visit, or someone who would like to know more about the people helped each year? Could it be possible that there are many who have been especially blessed by God because of your visit or because of their gift? You are the best person to visit your own contacts.



Lay members who attended the Ranen Lay Preachers' Council. These leaders led their churches in conducting 53 evangelistic campaigns, entirely financed by the local churches. 814 persons accepted Christ.

Each Alive to Win One in 'Sixty-five

P. J. Salhany,
H.M. Dept.
Secretary,
South-East
Africa Union.



Believing better-trained members make better workers for God, this Union plans a Lay Preachers' school in every district during 1965 with special emphasis on making every member an example of "Christianity in Action."

We also believe that Christ's methods cannot be improved upon, so our training in 1965 will emphasize:

1. A united effort of all members.
2. Working two-by-two.
3. Joining hands in a co-ordinated program, tying together all our endeavours to ensure greater strength.
4. To build up the church by singing, teaching, preaching, and healing and to finish a task long overdue.

Seventh-day Adventists of the South African Union Love the Lord

J. D. COETZEE, H.M. Dept. Secretary, South African Union, Group 1

In 1964 we have seen gains in almost every field of endeavour involving our church members. Each conference has helped to push the Ingathering total to an all-time record. This means that we will have the largest Ingathering comeback in history to aid in the operation of our expanding Health and Welfare Ministry program.

In 1965 you can expect consecrated, second-mile, loving service from the members of the South African Union, for our people love the Lord and want to see Him come soon. Watch for special developments in:

1. Personal evangelism and Bible studies through our TABSA and other avenues.
2. Practical Health and Welfare Min-



Though their leprosy can be arrested, fingers and toes cannot be restored in this life, but these women are happy, for they have learned of Jesus and the New Earth. With hundreds of others like them, they pray with John, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." The South-East Africa Union has one of the most modern leprosariums in the Denomination as well as an excellent evangelistic program for the patients.

Seventy-one Where There Might Have Been None

P. V. MSIMANG, *President,*
Transvaal Field.

"If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 189.

This is sometimes hard to believe, but it should not be. I am not aware of an example of one hundred converts where there might have been one in the Transvaal Field but we do have an example of seventy-one converts where there might have been none, and the figure is still climbing.

As the months began to roll by in the year 1963, it became more and more evident that many people in the dry, parched, drought-stricken area of the Northern Transvaal would be without food although the government and some other organizations were aware of the situation and helping those in need. The workers and some of the members of the Transvaal Field felt that we should do something. In our committee we discussed what our attitude should be with reference to this need. Did we really have a responsibility toward these people who lived in our Field? "Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land." Deut. 15:11.

In *Welfare Ministry*, page 117 we

istry.

3. Systematic use of literature and meaningful visitation program.

4. A well-planned Spiritual Ingathering program.



Some of the 71 new candidates in the baptismal class at the Mapela church in South Africa.



Brother Lionel Vincent of Durban who, although unable to speak clearly because of a facial irregularity explains his SIGNS selling work by means of a card. His monthly sales of SIGNS/TEKENS is around 400.

read: "Man has a body as well as a soul to save." On the same page we are reminded of Christ's example and then admonished, "And this is the work we also are to do in the world. In sympathy and compassion we are to minister to those in need of help, seeking with unselfish earnestness to lighten the woe of suffering humanity."

The appeal to take part in this important work ends with a double promise which the workers and the members of the Transvaal Field desired. "As we engage in this work we shall be greatly blessed. Its influence is irresistible. By it souls are won to the Redeemer. The practical carrying-out of the Saviour's commission demonstrates the power of the gospel." *Welfare Ministry*, p. 117.

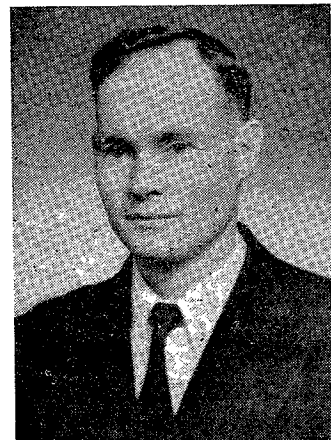
Our duty was now clear. We must help the needy. We soon realized that we were not prepared as we should and could have been. In our unprepared state and at such short notice we realized that we needed help. The South African Union and the Division came to our aid. Ideas changed to plans and plans to action. Pastor J. J. Oosthuizen served as chairman of a committee to purchase and distribute food-stuffs to the people of Mapela in the Northern Transvaal. In connection with this distribution, careful plans were made for the distribution of the "water of life" to go along with the "loaves and the fishes." Under a brazen sky in October 1963, groups of men, women and children were suddenly transformed from a people with a feeling of despair and dejection to orderly lines of smiling, hopeful, grateful recipients of Seventh-day Adventist welfare ministry.

In January of this year Brother John Mashwa told us a thrilling story of how true welfare ministry wins souls. As the first fruits, twenty-three people, stood to their feet, representing a company of thirty-six souls who had accepted Christ in Mapela.

The latest report indicates that there are now seventy-one souls including the minister of another faith who have decided to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "God will do the work if we will furnish Him the instruments." *Testimonies*, volume 9, page 107. God give us wisdom and grace to be active instruments.

Time Is Short--Our Commission Clear

J. J. OOSTHUIZEN, H.M. Dept. Secretary,
South African Union, Group II



OUR aim is to do our part in 1965 to hasten the Lord's return. These will be our points of emphasis in 1965:

1. Help our churches to take better care of their new converts, thus conserving our soul-winning gains.
2. Organize the churches for better service.
3. Train the churches for more effective service.
4. Tie together the activities of the various departments of the church into a smooth-running program.

To do this we consider every member, young and old, as important and therefore our duty is to guide them into active service.

"The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them."—*Testimonies*, volume 9, page 82.

A Tribute to Dreamers

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."—Proverbs 29:18. Where there is vision, the people do exploits.

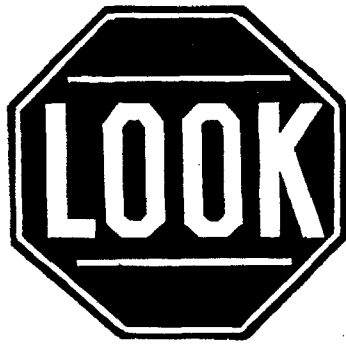
*Back of the year's achievements
Are reasons why goals were reached.
Shining through toil and bereavements
Were prayers and—problems breached.
Back of the fame and glory
Were team-mates playing their part.
Back of each thrilling story
Was love from each loyal heart.*

*Back of the deeds inspiring,
Back of the plaudits and cheers,
Are those with brows perspiring,
The men of vision, the seers,
The men who are called to be schemers,
The thinkers, who plan what to do:
Back of success are dreamers
Who make their dreams come true!*

—ADLAI ALBERT ESTEB.

Won't you join me in a rededication of your life to the Master in 1965 to be led and guided as He chooses, giving more to the One who gave all?

—THE EDITOR.



Attention All Church Leaders

Is your church using its copy of the special Ten Minute Home Missionary Service Readings for 1965? This new book has been put together by your union Home Missionary secretary in conjunction with the Division Home Missionary Department.

It has been designed to be either the main feature of the Home Missionary Service or add to local experiences.

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It represents and sponsors every department and major phase of church work. It was written by leaders of the Trans-Africa Division.

It matches the calendar of special Sabbaths.

It is full of heart-warming, up-to-date stories.

Moon Shot

KENNETH H. WOOD.

The spectacular success of *Ranger 7* in photographing the moon has given scientists new confidence that an astronaut will set foot on lunar "soil" by 1970. Not only was vital information obtained about the moon's surface by the 4,316 frames of film returned to earth but the sophistication of *Ranger's* guidance system proved impressive indeed. To hit a spot inside a target area ten miles in diameter 240,000 miles away would be difficult enough if both the earth and the moon were stationary; but to accomplish this feat while the earth-platform for the rocket launching was turning at about 1,000 miles an hour and streaking through space, and the moon-target was also rotating and speeding through space, reveals a sharp advance in rocket science in recent years. If time lasts, sinful men will almost certainly land on the moon and examine its surface in person.

But far more sure is the prospect that the redeemed will travel from world to world after the final chapter has been written in the experiment of sin. In one of her visions Ellen G. White was taken to a world with seven moons. She was so enchanted by the beauty and glory of the place that she asked to remain. But her attending angel replied, "You must go back, and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God."—*Early Writings*, p. 40.

Of those who are redeemed from this

world, she wrote at another time: "Unfettered by mortality, they wing their tireless flight to worlds afar,—worlds that thrilled with sorrow at the spectacle of human woe, and rang with songs of gladness at the tidings of a ransomed soul. . . . With undimmed vision they gaze upon the glory of creation,—suns and stars and systems, all in their appointed order circling the throne of Deity."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 677.

Evolutionary scientists explore the oceans, earth's crust, the atmosphere, and—they hope—the moon, merely to study natural processes. But the redeemed will add to this a much richer dimension—they will probe the mysteries of redemption. Wrote Sister White: "Many seem to have the idea that this world and the heavenly mansions constitute the universe of God. Not so. The redeemed throng will range from world to world, and much of their time will be employed in searching out the mysteries of redemption. And throughout the whole stretch of eternity, this subject will be continually opening to their minds. The privileges of those who overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony are beyond comprehension."—*The S.D.A. Bible Commentary*, vol. 7, page 990.

Wonderfully bright prospects await the redeemed. Earnestly, then, let us make "our calling and election sure." We must share the experiences and sights "which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Bible Evangelism Crusade in Japan

T. KAJIYAMA, *Secretary, Home Missionary Department, Japan Union Mission.*

Those who are confronted with a fierce battle will find in David's 60th Psalm, verse 12, a great source of encouragement: "Through God we shall do valiantly; for he it is that shall tread down our enemies."

Those who do battle for the Lord will be more than conquerors. He will be with us and direct us what to do. "Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight" (Ps. 144:1).

The Laymen's Bible Evangelism Crusade was first introduced in Japan in 1962 and proved to be an encouraging and fruitful method for lay evangelism. The activities of the laymen in the union were organized and the work was successfully started. As a result we secured more lay evangelists. The number of those who completed the Training Light Bearer's Course rose from 237 the previous year to 457 by the end of 1962, and by the end of September, 1963, it reached 649. We are sure that the number reached 1,000 by the end of the year. Two hundred and eleven have qualified and received "120" pins during the first nine months of 1963.

A Lay Preacher's Institute, under the auspices of the North Japan Union home missionary department, was held in Saiko in August, 1963. H. E. McClure, home missionary secretary of the Far Eastern Division, conferred forty-seven diplomas upon members who are now dedicating their time and talents in this year's Bible Evangelism Crusade.

The Best Help that Ministers Can Give

"The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them."—*Testimonies* volume 9, page 82.

True Success

"True success in any line of work is not the result of chance or accident or destiny. It is the outworking of God's providences, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and perseverance. Fine mental qualities and a high moral tone are not the result of accident. God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them."—*Prophets and Kings*, page 486.

Gleanings from the Division Year-end Committee

Resolution of Gratitude to God

To the Almighty God and Father, Creator of mankind, we give thanks for Thy loving watchcare over and providential guidance of the Church of the Remnant in all the world and especially in the territory of this Trans-Africa Division during the year 1964.

Especially we would thank Thee:

That in an age of strife Thy Spirit has encouraged love and preserved the unity of the Church;

That by the agency of the Holy Spirit there has been a large ingathering of souls into the church;

That amidst dangers and tumult Thy protecting hand has been over the lives of both workers and church members;

That in prosperity and adversity Thy people have been faithful in their witness to Thy glorious name and in support of the Church;

That in an age of spiritual chaos Thy Church has been endowed with a sure foundation of truth so that we can speak with certainty to a confused and dishevelled generation, saying: "This is the way. Come with us to the city of God."

In perplexity we have been comforted by the solace of prayer; amidst change and confusion we have been guided by the counsel of Him who is unchangeable; amidst clamour, strife, and commotion we have heard the still small voice of the God of peace and been calmed; in danger we have beheld the mighty hand of our Deliverer; when the day has been dark and despondent and the way hid beneath difficulties, Thou hast led Thy servants with the glorious light of Thy Spirit.

For these many mercies we thank and praise Thee. We crave Thy pardon for our failures and shortcomings and humbly offer ourselves anew as empty vessels to be filled with the treasures only Thou canst bestow, that we may be fit messengers of the gospel of peace.

Unitedly we rededicate ourselves to Thee and to the task of preparing a people from every part of Trans-Africa to stand before Thee at the radiance of Thy coming.

Resolution of Appreciation

For sympathetic understanding of our problems, for wise counsel at all times, for very valuable personal assistance given by those who have come to visit us, for very liberal regular and special appropriations, for the assurance of support in every time of emergency, and for con-

tinued prayers in behalf of the work, workers and lay-members during 1964, we, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Trans-Africa Division, express our sincerest appreciation to our brethren in the General Conference office.

Through the General Conference officers, we desire, further, to express our thankfulness to Union and Conference organizations, and to all our dear fellow believers in the Church in the North American Division, for their liberality in supplying men and means, and for their prayers on our behalf while we carry the message which we love to the people living in the territory of the Trans-Africa Division. Their keen interest and consistent giving inspires us to greater endeavours and a sincere determination to prove worthy of the trust committed to us in Africa. It is our earnest desire, by God's grace, to see the work of the gospel commission completed here, when it draws to a conclusion in other lands.

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The name of the Tanganyika Union has been changed to the TANZANIA UNION.

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Prayer Meeting Material on Subject of Prayer

WHEREAS: The Messenger of the Lord declares that "Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children." *The Great Controversy*, p. 464. And that, "Prayer is the breath of the soul. It is the secret of spiritual power. No other means of grace can be substituted, and the health of soul preserved."—*Gospel Workers*, pages 254, 255. And,

WHEREAS: The witness of the apostles was a demonstration of the power of prayer in the lives of fully surrendered men and women; therefore

VOTED: 1. That our churches everywhere be encouraged to enter more earnestly into an experience of prayerful intercession for a revival of true godliness.

2. That our ministers and church leaders be urged to lay plans for the conducting of Schools of Prayer in our churches following the lines suggested in the October 1964 issue of *The Ministry*, and that where possible, use be made of the outlined counsels of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy presented in the small, specially prepared handbook, *Communion With God*.

Sunset Calendar for January, 1965

	1	8	15	22	29
Cape Town	8.01	8.01	8.00	7.58	7.54
Johannesburg	7.03	7.04	7.05	7.04	7.03
East London	7.20	7.21	7.19	7.18	7.14
Port Elizabeth	7.33	7.33	7.32	7.30	7.26
Bloemfontein	7.18	7.18	7.17	7.16	7.14
P'maritzburg	7.03	7.03	7.03	7.02	6.59
Durban	7.01	7.01	7.00	7.00	6.57
Bulawayo	6.48	6.49	6.50	6.50	6.48
Lusaka	6.44	6.43	6.42	6.41	6.40
Salisbury	6.33	6.35	6.36	6.36	6.36
Gwelo	6.45	6.44	6.43	6.42	6.40
Blantyre	6.15	6.17	6.18	6.19	6.18
Elisabethville	6.36	6.38	6.39	6.41	6.41
Nairobi	6.41	6.45	6.46	6.49	6.50
Mombasa	6.35	6.38	6.40	6.41	6.43
Kisumu	6.49	6.52	6.54	6.56	6.59
Kampala	6.58	7.01	7.03	7.05	7.06
Dar-es-Salaam	6.43	6.44	6.45	6.47	6.49
Tabora	7.01	7.08	7.10	7.11	7.12

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Another Year

Scarce dreamed we that so many a snow
Should crown the earth, or wintry blow
Sweep wild o'er sea and land, e'er He
Should rule the earth in majesty,
And winter's havoc cease, and bring
For cold and heat perpetual spring.

But now inured to wintry woe,
Too prone are we to dream that slow
Will turn Time's hour-glass, e'er the night
Shall break, and dawn shall burst to light.
The midnight hour is past. The day
Is almost here. See, while you may,
The streaks of dawn across the sky.
Awake! Arouse! Thy King is nigh.
Bestir thyself. Thy lethargy
Hath almost cost thy soul.

But he
Who, robed and ready greets his King,
Must make the gospel trumpet ring
This warning cry, "Prepare thy God
To meet. In judgment sits thy Lord.
Lift high the ensign of God's seal;
His judgment court hath no appeal."
Then may'st thou claim the King thy Lord,
And share fore'er His great reward,
And through the ages dwell for aye
Mid spring-time's bloom in cloudless day.
—Worthie Harris Holden.

The Lord Bless You

The Lord bless you, dear reader, and keep you during this coming year. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and give you strength and courage for each new day. And in the hour of temptation and trial, may He be gracious unto you, and give you peace.

Jesus is coming soon, beloved, very soon. May His grace and power hold you steadfast and faithful to the Truth He gave His life to preserve, until we see Him in the clouds of glory.

With our Christian greetings,

THE EDITORIAL STAFF.