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## A Glorious Opportunity! World Evangelism Offering May 1, 1965

I could scarcely believe my eyes! Yes, there it was, alright. There was no mistake. Elder Reinhard's telegram reported a total of 29,101 persons added to the ranks of God's remnant church in Trans-Africa by baptism and upon profession of faith during 1964! Just think if this little army of blood-bought souls could join hands they would make a line nearly twenty-eight miles long! How we should thank God for these fruits of our labours! Our evangelists, our pastors, our teachers, our literature-evangelists, our medical and publishing institution workers, our office workers and laity all have had their part in harvesting this large number of souls.

*Evangelism costs—but it also pays!* What rich dividends have been realized from funds spent in various soul-winning endeavours this past year. Where

else could we possibly invest our money where such thrilling results would be assured?

At the General Conference session in Detroit, Michigan next year, a great offering for world-wide evangelism will be received. It was a thrilling sight in 1962 to watch the ushers bring in the collection plates stacked high with cash and pledges. Conferences, unions, divisions, institutions and individual workers and members had the opportunity of contributing to this great offering to accelerate the program of evangelism around the world. When the funds were all counted the total was well over one million dollars—over four hundred thousand pounds!

Africa must have a part in this great offering in 1966 for we receive a very liberal appropriation for evangelism in our division from this source! I'm planning to give at least one day's salary on May 1 when the offering is taken. I'd like to challenge 231,000 of my fellow church members throughout Trans-Africa to do the same! What a grand overflow we can have to hold more efforts to win more souls if everyone will have a liberal part! Some of these efforts will no doubt be held in *your* field or conference. Your double best on May 1 please! Thanks in advance.

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by ROBERT H. PIERSON, *President,*  
*Trans-Africa Division*

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY DAY, MAY 15, 1965



## HEART to HEART

### *A Friendly Chat with Your Division President*

My dear brethren and sisters in the Advent faith,

Recently the telephone rang in the study of one of our evangelists.

"You don't know me," a trembling voice at the other end of the line began, "but I used to be a Seventh-day Adventist church member. It has been years since I've been to a service."

The voice faltered, apparently uncertain whether the rest of the story should be told.

"Yes?" the minister encouraged, "I'm so glad you called this morning. Is there some way I can be of help to you?"

The voice in the distance choked a little, then continued.

"I'm ashamed to call you, Pastor, but I am desperately in need of help. Could you possibly spare some time to visit with me for just a few minutes. I would come to your home but circumstances prevent that."

"Mrs. Green and I will be glad to come right over," the minister interrupted, not waiting to be asked. "What is your name and address?"

With all the information in hand Pastor and Mrs. Green jumped into their little car and were soon spinning down the highway.

"Sounded as though the poor lady was in real distress," the pastor observed as they drove along. "Maybe it is some sort of family trouble."

As the car drew up in front of the little run-down house in a poor section of the city it was evident that some needs existed inside. They knocked at the door and were invited into a cold bare front room where two untidy little youngsters were taking in the scene with wide-eyed wonder.

"You see, Pastor Green, as I told you over the phone, I was brought up a Seventh-day Adventist. But like many other Seventh-day Adventist young people I grew careless and drifted out of the church. A few years ago I married an unbeliever. My husband has been good to me but we have not had the happy Christian home God wants His young people to have."

Here Mrs. Black paused. Tears welled

up in her eyes. For a few moments it appeared she would not have the courage to go on.

"We are glad you invited us here today," the evangelist helped out. "God has helped many young people just like you to pick up the tangled threads of twisted lives and straighten them out. We have a wonderful Saviour who wants to help us with every problem."

For a moment, Mrs. Black's face lighted up with hope. Then the expression faded into one of despair.

"I know, but I've drifted so far from Him, I do not see how He can hear my prayers, nor how I could ask Him to help us now!" she faltered again.

"Just what is your problem." Pastor Green asked.

Mrs. Black's glance surveyed the bare room.

"My husband was a taxicab driver," she explained, "but some weeks ago because of a small technicality his driver's licence was taken away from him. Without his licence he has been out of work. You see the results. He is out of work and," she hesitated, "we are out of food. My husband is out now trying to find work but always it is the same story. For weeks now he hasn't found anything."

Pastor Green took over the conversation from that point.

"We will have food in here today without delay," he assured her. "Our local Dorcas ladies always keep a good supply on hand for just such emergencies. That will be cared for immediately. Maybe I can be of some help to your husband in finding work. I know one or two men here in the city that I would be glad to speak to about him."

A kindly conversation followed. Information was received. Words of encouragement were spoken. An earnest appeal was made for Mrs. Black to take renewed courage and to give her heart once more to the Master.

"Sometimes," Pastor Green explained, "the Lord permits us to find ourselves in strait places so we will feel our own helplessness and our need of God. Wouldn't you like to kneel here in prayer with us and let's tell God all

about your problem and your desires? He will hear and answer if we will but give Him a chance in our lives."

The three knelt together while two little children clung anxiously to their mother and wondered who the kindly visitor was talking to as he spoke earnestly with his eyes closed.

"And, dear Lord, please help Mr. Black to find work today. You know the needs of his family and the new resolves of this young mother! Do, Lord, if it could be Thy will, help him to find work today and help Sister Black to find her way back into the safety of church fellowship," Pastor Green prayed fervently.

That evening at the evangelistic service a new face was in the congregation. That face was beaming with renewed hope. Mrs. Black could scarcely wait to talk with Pastor Green when the service was over.

"I'm so thrilled and thankful," she almost cried with joy. "My husband had his licence restored today and was taken back at his old job today, just as you prayed this morning. I am so thankful to you. Your visit and prayer this morning helped my husband to find work, and," she added joyously, "it helped me find my way back to God."

Thank God for a loving heavenly Father who hears and answers our prayers—sometimes on the very same day! What a wonderful privilege you and I, as members of God's last church, have of going to this heavenly Father with our every need. Shall we not live more closely to Him and always be on speaking terms with Him?

Sincerely yours in Him,

## W.D. Eva Called to General Conference

Elder W. Duncan Eva, secretary of the Trans-Africa Division, received, and accepted, a call to the General Conference as an associate secretary. He and Mrs. Eva left Salisbury for England and Washington at the end of March.—Ed.

### The Division Committee Expresses Appreciation

"VOTED: to express the deep appreciation of the Trans-Africa Division workers and members to Elder and Mrs. W. D. Eva for thirty years of faithful and efficient service in this Division.

"Elder Eva commenced his work as a church school teacher in Bethlehem, O.F.S., South Africa in January 1934. During the intervening years he has held positions of trust in various parts of our field. In South Africa Elder and Mrs. Eva devoted four years of dedicated service in Natal—first in the Indian work in Durban and later in European evangelistic work in Maritzburg and Durban.

"In 1940 Brother Eva was called to the Zambesi Union where he served three years as an evangelist in Gwelo and Bulawayo, and four years as superintendent of the Southern Rhodesia Mission Field.

"For two years, 1948-1950, the Evas were in America studying at Walla Walla College and the Theological Seminary. Returning to Africa, Elder Eva accepted a call to the presidency of the East African Union where he served for one year before being called to head up our work in the South African Union Conference.

"The last eleven years of the Evas' service in Africa have been in the Division office where Elder Eva has served most efficiently as the Division secretary.

"As a Christian leader and worker Brother Eva has been respected and loved by fellow-labourers and members alike. High integrity and dedication to duty have characterized his service. Both he and Sister Eva will be greatly missed from the ranks of the Advent family throughout Trans-Africa.

"The prayers and best wishes of all Trans-Africa will go with the Evas as they leave us for Washington, D.C., where Elder Eva will take up his new post as one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference."

—R.H.P.



Pastor and Mrs. W. Duncan Eva

March 10, 1965.

Our dear Fellow-believers,

Many of you have heard by this time that Mrs. Eva and I will soon be leaving Africa in response to a call for me to serve as an associate secretary of the General Conference. We wish it were possible for us to see many more of our brethren and sisters than we shall see before we leave. However, since I have been urged to attend the Spring Council in Washington, April 12-15 we are leaving Salisbury the evening of March 28 for London.

We have spent more than 30 years in the work in this Division and it is not easy to break ties, of which there are many of many kinds, and leave Africa. Indeed there are some ties that cannot, and will never be broken. However, our church is a world church in a sense in which no other church is and it is right that the people of many lands shall be represented at its world headquarters.

We did not lightly accept the call

placed before us but earnestly sought God's guidance. Having committed ourselves to His direction and received answers to our prayers we have no doubts as to His will. Nevertheless we leave with sad hearts, for the closest earthly connections remain to bind our hearts to our home Division and our beloved native land. But since my responsibilities in Washington shall involve me closely with Africa, there is comfort in the thought that we shall be serving this great Division and its dear people.

We take this opportunity of saying good-bye. May God's rich blessing be on His church and His precious people of all races in Africa. They are equally dear to Him as they also are to us. May He help us all daily to grow in grace so that we shall share in the glorious triumph of the Advent Movement and in life and character be ready for our Lord's return.

Sincerely yours in the Advent Hope,  
W. Duncan Eva.

## Welcome to the Linds

The General Conference Committee has appointed Elder M. E. Lind as the new secretary of the Trans-Africa Division. We know this will be good news to our workers and members around the Division.

Elder Lind will bring to his new sphere of wider service a rich background of experience in Africa and many other lands. He commenced his ministry in 1932 as an evangelist in the South Norway Conference. Before accepting a call to Uganda in 1934 he also served as a departmental leader in Norway.

The Linds are real veterans in Africa. For seventeen years they were missionaries in Uganda. Part of this time Elder Lind served as president of the Uganda Field where he and his family are greatly loved by the people.

In 1954 the Northern European Division needed an M.V. and S.S. secretary in their large field. Brother Lind responded to their call and until 1959 he travelled throughout Europe and the African fields under the care of the Northern European Division.

When East Africa needed a president for the Uganda Field it was no surprise that they wanted the Linds back. Nor was it a great surprise that the Linds

responded and came back "home" to Africa.

From November 1960 Elder Lind has served successfully as president of the East African Union until the time of his new appointment. The Linds left for a well-earned furlough early in April and they plan to return to Salisbury in September to assume their new responsibilities.

**Pastor M. E. LIND,**  
Newly-appointed  
Secretary  
of the  
Trans-Africa  
Division.



These are difficult days in Africa and the Division secretary carries very heavy burdens. Let us all rally around the Linds as they join the Division headquarters staff and hold them up in prayer before the throne of grace, praying that the Lord will sustain and keep them in their important new appointment.

—R.H.P.



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Pastor and Mrs. E. D. Hanson leave Salisbury on April 24 to return permanently to their homeland after spending 41 dedicated and fruitful years in Southern Africa. The Division Committee expressed appreciation for their service in these words:

"VOTED, to express the heartfelt appreciation of the Trans-Africa Division to Elder and Mrs. E. D. Hanson for 41 years of faithful and self-forgetful service in the Division. The prayers and good wishes of all who have known them and worked with them accompany them as they return to their homeland, the United States, to retire.

"Elder Hanson's service began at Mount Ellis Academy in 1919 and after service at Canadian Junior College, he and Sister Hanson came to Africa in 1924 commencing their work at Spion Kop College. Elder Hanson served as Edu-

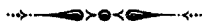
Pastor and Mrs. E. D. Hanson

cation and M.V. secretary of the South African Union, as principal of Spion Kop when it was a mission training school, and as president of the Cape Conference. He served as president of the South African Union Conference for 6 years and of the East African Union for 9 years. The last five years of his service have been as field secretary of the Division, during which time, as a Division officer, his wise counsel born of long experience, has been greatly valued.

"Elder and Mrs. Hanson leave two daughters serving in the Division, Mrs. C. R. Piercey at the Sentinel Publishing Association and Mrs. S. P. Oliver at her husband's side at Mwami Hospital in Zambia.

"Elder Hanson was an administrator beloved and respected of those with whom he worked, one who has always taken a keen interest in the younger workers and whose patience and understanding and whose Christian spirit will not soon be forgotten. Because he and Mrs. Hanson have as true missionaries identified themselves with Africa and its people they are held in high esteem and affection."

—W.D.E.



Another veteran missionary couple to leave us are Elder and Mrs. W. R. Vail. They have given 40 years of consecrated service to Africa, and left Bujumbura on March 19, returning permanently to their homeland. On arriving in the United States, Brother Vail will have charge of the Seventh-day Adventist exhibit at the World's Fair in New York City for six months. On behalf of the workers and members of our Division, the Division Committee expressed appreciation in these words:

"VOTED, to place on record the deep and sincere gratitude of the Trans-Africa Division to Elder and Mrs. W. R. Vail for almost 40 years of fruitful and self-sacrificing mission service in this Division and our wish and prayer that God's rich blessings will attend them as they return permanently to the United States, their homeland.

"Elder Vail's service began in the Lake Union Conference as a teacher in 1921. He and Mrs. Vail arrived in Africa in 1926 and did pioneer work in the opening of Kirundu Mission in the Congo. They served in that union until 1941 also pioneering the work at Ndora in Burundi. During these years they buried two infant sons, one at Gitwe, the other at Songa.

"They then worked in the Zambesi Union from 1941-1953; six years of that time Elder Vail served as president of

## Welcome to the Hydes



Pastor and Mrs. C. T. J. Hyde who have returned to the Division Office after several months in Malawi where Pastor Hyde was the acting president of the South-East Africa Union during the absence of Pastor N. L. Doss on furlough. Pastor Hyde now becomes Field Secretary of the Trans-Africa Division.

the union. After seven years as Education and Sabbath School department secretary of the Division, Brother Vail was appointed president of the newly organized Central African Union early in 1960.

"Elder and Mrs. Vail leave behind two children to continue service in Africa, Brother Wayne R. Vail of the Congo Union office, and Mrs. Martha-Jean Martinsen of Ikizu Training School. The

Vails will long be remembered for their open-hearted hospitality with its always-warm welcome and their kindly and sympathetic understanding of their fellowmen. They have endeared themselves to all for whom and with whom they have worked and to whom, as is always the case with true missionaries, they will ever belong even though separated by continents and oceans."

—W.D.E.



Pastor and Mrs. W. R. Vail



## Evangelism in the Good Hope Conference

by A. DU PREEZ

The Good Hope Conference had a brief three-months' effort in Cape Town during the last quarter of 1964. The full-time workers were the evangelist, F. C. Pelser associated with J. M. Niekerk, C. J. Theron, W. Turner, and the writer.

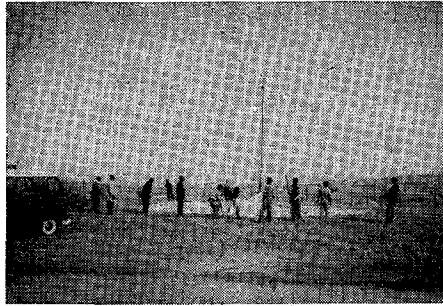
On the opening day six sessions had to be held to accommodate the nearly 10,000 applications for tickets which had been received. We print here the story of Brother George Osborne who was baptized at the close of the campaign:

"I grew up in the atmosphere of a parsonage, my father being an Anglican minister. The Christian training and example I received made me thoughtful and sober-minded about Biblical matters, and I have tried all my life to communicate this spirit to my own children.

"I remember telling people how impressed I was in Pastor Pelser's meetings with the way he handled questions sent up to the platform. I asked some myself, about prayer, predestination, and similar matters, and received the answers.

"Finally I had to face the Sabbath question. The message as presented was overwhelmingly convincing. But, I reasoned, my father had been such a godly man and why had he never seen these things if they were right?

"Finally, after many a mental conflict, moved by the Holy Spirit, I responded to an altar call and asked for baptism. Before I could be baptized, however, temptations came to procrastinate and to strive for absolute perfection first. But the Spirit of God brought full surrender and as I stood in the baptismal waters, my heart was fixed on Jesus. As one of about 150 baptized in this campaign, I mean to go forward with my heart entrusted to the Master."



The tent being erected for the Mpenduza effort conducted by Elder Burton Wright and theological students at Bethel Training College.



An evangelistic problem: The tent was blown down by heavy winds at the Mpenduza Effort. Pastor Wright stands by the bulletin board.



The baptism of Brother George Osborne.

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## General Conference

*"Call to World"*

"WHEREAS, The hour is late, the times staggering, and a sense of urgency is everywhere apparent in the world, we surely have reached the hour of our destiny—the hour for which this Advent Movement has been raised up of God and commissioned to carry the everlasting gospel to a doomed world. The very conditions which distress statesmen and leaders in all walks of life should bring new courage to the children of God, for we can know assuredly that "His coming is near, even at the doors," and

"WHEREAS, In the face of the challenge of this hour, the Lord's messenger tells us: 'Now is the time for the last warning to be given. . . . Decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently before the people. The third angel is to go forth with great power.'—"Testimonies," vol. 6, p. 16. 'You need power and this power God is willing to give you without stint.'—"Gospel Workers," p. 35, and

"WHEREAS, The Lord calls upon His people everywhere to bring their hearts and lives into right relationship with Him so He may fill them with divine power, for only a revival of true godliness can enable them to finish His work in this last generation, and

"WHEREAS, Everywhere there is evidence that God is going before us and that movements are already at work

# EVANGELISM

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## Committee Action:

### "The Evangelism"

opening the way for this message to come to the attention of millions yet unreached, and calling on our leaders everywhere to lay plans for an intensive evangelistic advance; therefore

"We recommend, 1. That from this Biennial Autumn Council where the leaders of God's cause are gathered from all parts of the world to study the needs of the church, a clarion call go to His people everywhere to arise, and putting on the whole armour of light, move forward.

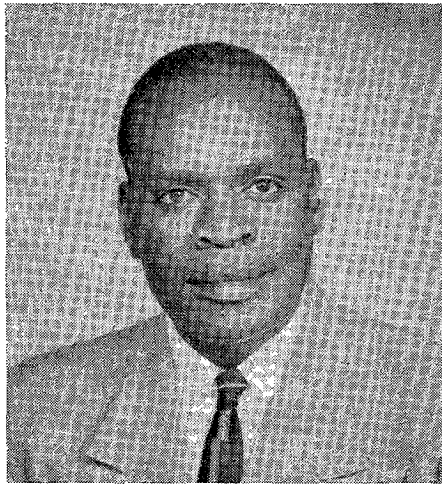
"2. That church leaders in conferences, mission organizations and institutions in every division be urged to take the lead in planning a program of all-out evangelism.

"3. That our conference leaders study carefully their respective territories and make plans to enter every unworked area as rapidly as possible, and that our churches and conference committees recognize that a minister's most important responsibility is the gathering in of the lost.

"4. That all departments of the church: Radio-Television, Home Missionary, Sabbath School, Missionary Volunteer, Temperance, Medical, Publishing, Educational, Religious Liberty, and Public Relations, be urged to plan with our pastors and evangelists to make the year 1965 the greatest soul-winning year in our history."



A baptismal class resulting from the Mpenduza Effort.



Pastor Dennis K. Bazarra, President of the Uganda Field and strong evangelistic leader.

## Evangelism in Uganda

by T. M. ASHLOCK

All types of evangelism—worker, lay, reaping efforts and revivals—are the program in the Uganda Field today.

At the Lay Preachers' Council held last year over 140 leading lay workers and evangelists attended, and as a result lay efforts have been successfully conducted in many parts of this field. Pastor D. K. Bazarra, president of the Uganda Field, has himself held a number of revivals in the churches, and evangelistic campaigns in his field. His fruitful labours have been an encouragement and inspiration to the lay members and workers alike and the results have been such that not only have many precious souls been added to the remnant church, but a spirit of revival is evident among the churches in beautiful Uganda.

Prince Juuko, of the Royal Buganda family and a prominent member of the Kampala church, recently held an evangelistic campaign in that city, and the members of the Kyanja church conducted their effort seven miles from Kampala.

Pictured below is a group who attended a laymen's effort at Buwage, in eastern Uganda. In the centre of the group, with a big smile on his face, is Pastor Daniel Mukasa. As a layman some years ago, Brother Mukasa was a very successful soul-winner, and today under his dedicated leadership many lay efforts are being conducted in his district.



The Results of Lay Evangelism at Buwage, Eastern Uganda.

# Central African Union

## FIELD SESSIONS

W. R. VAIL, *Former President, C.A.U.*

The month of February was mainly devoted to local field sessions held in the four established fields of the Central African Union. These times of communion were periods of refreshing and encouragement to all the delegates as reports of progress were presented by the departments. Howbeit, these were the first sessions held in these fields since 1960, when this Union was organized separate from the Congo Union.

During this period, both the countries of Rwanda and Burundi have gone through hard times, times of danger, war, upheaval, and uncertainty connected with independence movements, reorganization of governments, and the establishment of one-party power politics.

Nevertheless, the hearts of all the delegates were greatly strengthened as reports of progress were presented. One feature that impressed all was the voting into the sisterhood of churches of seventy new churches that had been organized since the last sessions were held, bringing the total number of churches to 369 in the Central African Union. The membership showed a good increase despite heavy losses by death and apostasy. The comparative statistics for the period were given as follows:

Field	Members 4th Qr. 1960	Members 4th Qr. 1964	Members in Baptismal Classes 4th Qr. 1960	Members in Classes 4th Qr. 1964
North Rwanda	11,841	14,883	9,202	14,418
South Rwanda	25,476	30,473	25,318	24,905
West Burundi	6,166	5,374	2,805	3,323
East Burundi		395		261
West Rwanda	11,106	13,483	13,358	13,354
Total	54,649	64,608	50,358	56,261

The above figures show a good growth in spite of reorganizations, and transfers of territory, of whole districts from both North and West Rwanda to the Congo Union, because of political boundaries.

The financial reports of each of the fields reveal a healthy growth in earned income. The percentage of self support has not kept up with this income, however, because of increases to appropria-

tion in local currency rates. Of the four fields holding these sessions, three were over 50 per cent self-supporting.

One fact became clear to all, however, it is that if our members were faithful in paying a complete tithe there would be no shortage of funds in our treasuries, and we would be able to expand our work in many directions. We give below a table showing the position of the fields in regard to per capita tithe and percentage of self-support: (cash figures are in francs)

Field	Tithe Inc. 1964	Tithe Gain over 1960	Tithe per capita	% of self support
North Rwanda	1,005,689.00	318,459.00	71.-	45.6
South Rwanda	1,399,580.00	163,289.00	49.-	50.-
West Burundi	799,945.00	413,895.00	130.-	52.4
West Rwanda	1,167,540.00	294,039.00	105.-	67.9

In the Sabbath-school work the fields have all shown good progress, both in the regular schools and in the branch Sabbath-schools as well. As the youth of the Sabbath-schools go out to hold these schools in the hills and in the homes of the people, they find them very useful in establishing the converts won through other evangelistic campaigns, and in gaining new converts. A few years ago our goal was to have one branch Sabbath-school for each regular school, but that has been surpassed in every field now, and the average is about 2 1/2 per school. Some of the fields have set as their objective one branch Sabbath-school for each class in the regular school.



New church at Mbuye, South Rwanda, recently dedicated.



Ordination at Ngoma, West Rwanda: left to right, Pastors Marika Sembagare, president of West Rwanda, Nathanaeli Girukobonya, Filimoni Mbarata, Samueli Rutazihana, Simion Sinayobvi and Efulaimu Kajjuka.

Many features connected with the statistics of the various departments were thrilling and exciting, even though they might not appear so when written as cold facts.

Growth and progress are greatest where the spiritual angle is most prominent. One field, where the progress, financially and numerically, has been among the greatest, has demonstrated the truth of this observation. We learned that the field office staff were meeting in a prayer band every morning about 5:30 a.m. to pray for the work, going over the field by districts. Then at the session the delegates were seated in the

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Right, its members, and left, some of the workers of the South Rwanda Field with F. Unger of the CAU at the dedication.



# Church Development Department

## Establishing the Kamenge Church

by J. G. EVERT

Department Secretary, C.A.U.

To establish a new church in the Central African countries has always been a long drawn out process that has demanded a lot of long range planning and patient waiting. But somehow God has given us a new vision of possibly changing this long existent plan.

At the beginning of 1964 plans were laid to open up new work in Kamenge, one of the suburbs of Bujumbura, in the Central African Union. In a truly miraculous way we got a plot of ground that placed us in the most strategic area of the two adjoining African townships. The people there had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists.

The large tent was a great attraction and it was not an easy matter seating all the people. In fact, the grass enclosure was also too small to take the overflow crowd.

Community singing, special items of music, punching cards for attendance gifts, beautifully coloured film strips, and last but not least, the effective preaching of two devoted African pastors, Phineas Manyori and Elieli Gatorano, all contributed to the ultimate success of this effort.

The campaign was organized by the writer in such a way that the team of workers would be able to attend his school of evangelism in the early mornings and visit during the remaining hours of the day. The card system proved that about 300 attended regularly throughout the entire effort. The Trial by Jury presentation of the Sabbath brought in a unanimous decision in its favour. The entire two townships then became alive with talk about the new faith that had drawn so many people.

Such a cosmopolitan group has never before been reached in our union. There were all sorts of tribes represented and people of all walks of life. But the

preaching of the Word of God bound them together in Christian unity.

After the six-week effort was completed a baptismal class was formed to prepare the almost two hundred people who had made their decision to be baptized. Pastor Gatorano was given the full responsibility of this great task and he did a most outstanding work. It was indeed wonderful to hear these once ignorant people now answering energetically the questions on Bible doctrines that were once so strange to them. Many of the union staff helped in one way or another to make the entire campaign a success. The Spirit of God moved in a miraculous way on some of the most sin-hardened hearts. The truth softened them and then moulded them into brave

men and women, enabling them to face the "mountains" of difficulties concerning Sabbath privileges et cetera, and the support of their families, with which they were confronted.

Then we met another problem! The tent must come down and where would we find a place in which these people could worship until funds could be found to build a church? We felt that this is where the real test of faith came in. Here was a situation we had never met before. Brother Max Church and I felt that if we stepped out in faith, God would provide the funds for the building as well as the people to fill the building.

The seemingly impossible was accomplished. Not long after the close of the effort, funds were received from local self-sacrificing workers and friends, and the building went up, a lovely, modest church. Today, nine months after the close of the effort, there are ninety baptized members and many more in the baptismal class. The next baptism in a few weeks' time will take the number to well over a hundred members.

Praise God for this monument to the message here in Central Africa.

## Meet our Visitor



Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, George A. Huse seen with R. E. Gardner, manager of the East African Publishing House, studying plans to double the output of the House to keep pace with greatly accelerated field program. Brother Huse's visit to Trans-Africa lasted ten weeks, February to April.

# Sabbath School Department

## SABBATH SCHOOLS MUST SAVE SOULS

by JOHN G. KERBS,  
Former Sabbath School Department  
Secretary, Group II

This was the theme of a Sabbath-school Institute and Council held in Johannesburg. Surely there is no other reason for the existence of the Sabbath-school than to save souls.

The Sabbath-school secretaries of the five fields of the South African Union Conference, Group II, are enthusiastic about having many hundreds of branch Sabbath-schools, recognizing these as one of the outstandingly successful methods of fulfilling the motto, "Sabbath-schools Must Save Souls." Improving the teaching methods of the Sabbath-school through Teachers' Training courses is also a prominent activity in the fields of group II.

Yes, our goal is to make our present Sabbath-schools more soul-saving in quality and to greatly increase their numbers.



Sabbath-school Teachers' Training Course students at Kroonstad, South Africa, with G. Nkosi (far right).

## Branch Sabbath-school Evangelism

by W. JUMBE, Central Lake Field,  
As told to F. A. BOTOMANI.

One Sabbath a group from the Tete church went to a nearby village and commenced singing. Their intention was to begin a branch Sabbath-school. As interested people gathered around the group a Bible story with the help of a picture roll was told, and everything

seemed well set for the organization of a branch Sabbath-school.

But their meeting was rudely interrupted by a woman who alleged that our members were bad people, disobedient to the government, and disrupters of other churches. Although the village headman insisted that we were good and respectable, many listeners left and returned to their homes. Some, however, continued to attend, among them the headman.

When the woman saw that the meetings were continuing, she criticized us to the politician and even the headman was forced to leave, and on the following Sabbath he forced our group to refrain from holding the meetings.

As this report was carried to the Tete church, the members engaged in an earnest season of prayer, and it seemed that the Holy Spirit impressed a member of the Good Neighbour band to suggest that clothing and funds be given to a certain poor village woman. The church members rallied to this plan, and soon the poor woman received a missionary visit, clothes and funds. The woman was made very happy by these gifts, and soon the entire village knew what had been done. The headman expressed his appreciation, saying that he did not know Seventh-day Adventists were such kind helpful people.

On the following Sabbath the branch Sabbath-school was recommenced. Today many people attend the meetings and are very interested. Already, two branch Sabbath-schools have been organized and four people have taken their stand for Christ. We are praying that many more will make their decisions soon.

## "Vacation Bible School"

by RON. THOMPSON

The first Vacation Bible School run by Seventh-day Adventists in Rhodesia was held in the Advent Hall, Bulawayo during 1964. After 400 letters were delivered to children attending the two main city schools and a team of solicitors had personally canvassed parents in their homes, an excited group of 64 children, aged 6 years to 12 years, marched to their seats in time to music on the opening day.

Over 60 children (85 per cent non-S.D.A.) were kept busy every day for



Foam rubber handicraft done by V.B.S. students, and New Earth Pageant.

nine days with crafts, games, stories, songs, and Bible lessons. Professional teachers and ministers, together with laymen young and old, under the leadership of Sister K. Reid met the children promptly at 2 p.m. every day, and kept their interest until 5 p.m. It was decided to have afternoon sessions, because parents could more easily transport their children.

The parents of the children attending the V.B.S., who were visited in their homes, were very impressed with the handicrafts offered, such as making model ships and aircraft, foam rubber work, saw-dust modelling and carpentry. Although the parents were Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican in their beliefs, they were not prejudiced. Even a government-trained kindergarten teacher, a young Sunday-school teacher and an Anglican nun took down notes and attended sessions regularly.

The climax of the V.B.S. was the pageant on the second Thursday night. The theme was "The Plan of Salvation" with the children enacting scenes of the entrance of sin, God's gift to man, Jesus' death and resurrection, with a closing scene depicting the new earth. Finally, 63 white-robed, golden-crowned children sang to a total audience of 84 adults, "I want to be ready when Jesus comes." Spontaneously one parent rose to his feet and on behalf of the 50 non-S.D.A. parents, expressed his sincere appreciation for the Vacation Bible School.

# From Hither and Yon

Pastor A. Roth, principal of Gitwe Seminary in Rwanda, has returned to the United States permanently. Brother Roth accepted the invitation of the Division Committee to come to Central Africa on a relief basis, and his willing help and able leadership have been very greatly appreciated.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor are also returning permanently to the United States. They have served with dedication and efficiency for sixteen years in various hospitals in the Division, and their contribution to the cause of God in Africa has been a very valuable one.

Workers on furlough include Mrs. R. Gorle of Solusi College; Pastor and Mrs. M. E. Lind, who are taking a short furlough before transferring to the Division office in Salisbury; Pastor and Mrs. H. W. Stevenson of the Congo Union; Mrs. Corina R. Piercey of the Sentinel Publishing Association, who will accompany her parents, Pastor and Mrs. E. D. Hanson, to the States; Brother and Sister W. Christensen; and Pastor and Mrs. P. H. Coetzee who will spend their long leave in South Africa.

A warm welcome is extended to Brother and Sister H. R. Fisher who are connecting with medical work in the South-East Africa Union; Brother and Sister E. B. Barton, connecting with the Maxwell Preparatory School in Nairobi; Dr. and Mrs. K. H. Sturdevant for medical work in the East African Union; and Dr. and Mrs. B. Brozio from Germany, joining the staff of Helderberg College.

We are glad to have a number of workers return from furlough. These are Pastor and Mrs. D. K. Short of the Sentinel Publishing Association; Pastor and Mrs. N. L. Doss of the South-East Africa Union; and Pastor and Mrs. F. E. Wilson of the Kenya Lake Field who will be accompanied by their infant daughter, Rheeta, and Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Ewald. Another daughter of Mrs. Ewald's is Mrs. (Dr.) Strecker of Malamulo Hospital.

As they join our large Division family, a special welcome is extended to Wesley James Bender, born to Pastor and Mrs. Cyril Bender of Dar-es-Salaam on January 28; Karen Gail Harris, born on March 6, to Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris of Mwami Hospital in Malawi; and Barry Forbe, born February 28 to Pastor and Mrs. R. A. Forbe of Blantyre, Malawi. Mrs. Bender and Mrs. Harris are sisters.

## Your Help Needed

Read Isaiah 58:13, 14.

At present I am compiling a folio of experiences in connection with God's fulfilment of His promise to provide for those who keep His Sabbath.

It is my intention to make this material available to as many as may wish to have it, but my primary purpose is to place it at the disposal of our evangelists.

If you have had a wonderful experience with regard to taking your stand for the Sabbath truth, or know of someone else who has, won't you please send it to me? Our evangelists who get this material will be able to use YOUR experience to encourage others. I would like to have experiences from *members of all races*.

Your response to this appeal will be greatly appreciated, and may help lead a soul into the message!

Please send your experience, and encourage others to send theirs, to:

Pastor G. E. Garne,  
P.O. Box 403,  
Pietermaritzburg,  
Natal.  
South Africa.

Thank you!

—G. E. GARNE.

## Field Sessions in the Central African Union

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order in which the districts appeared on the prayer list of the office staff.

In these trouble-filled days, it was really refreshing to meet with our believers and to feel the earnestness and loyal willingness to accomplish greater things for God in the period ahead. As the president of West Rwanda put it, "Ngoma reached her independence long ago. She has workers, born at Ngoma who know the work from the bottom to the top. That which has not been accomplished is still on the list. Just take a look at the bald heads and the grey hairs which are among men who have eaten and digested the gospel and who know how to spread the gospel throughout the field. . . . Just wait and have a look at the report for the month of March (1965)." So the prospects are as bright as the rainbow of His promises, though storm clouds of an uncertain future may gather.

The sessions have been held, the goals set, the new leaders chosen, and now the work for the new biennial period starts. May God guide, protect and prosper His work and workers in the countries of Rwanda and Burundi.

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## Sunset Calendar for May 1965

	7	14	21	28
Cape Town	6.00	5.53	5.50	5.46
Johannesburg	5.34	5.28	5.27	5.24
East London	5.23	5.17	5.14	5.11
Port Elizabeth	5.32	5.25	5.22	5.18
Bloemfontein	5.37	5.31	5.29	5.26
Pietermaritzburg	5.20	5.14	5.13	5.09
Durban	5.16	5.12	5.08	5.05
Lusaka	5.42	5.40	5.40	5.38
Bulawayo	5.40	5.33	5.33	5.33
Salisbury	5.38	5.35	5.35	5.33
Gwelo	5.31	5.30	5.29	5.29
Blantyre	5.20	5.16	5.16	5.15
Elisabethville	5.55	5.53	5.54	5.53
Nairobi	6.32	6.30	6.32	6.32
Mombasa	6.15	6.13	6.15	6.15
Kisumu	6.43	6.41	6.43	6.44
Kampala	6.50	6.48	6.50	6.51
Dar-es-Salaam	6.15	6.13	6.14	6.14
Tabora	6.41	6.40	6.41	6.41

# Your Heart and Your Treasure

by Ernest D. Hanson

*Field Secretary, Trans-Africa Division*

No person who is selfish can truly love, and no one can truly love without giving. Before Lucifer sinned, pride of position or possession never entered the thinking of any created being. All shared joyously the material and spiritual blessings that God had showered on them. From the time that the Trinity sat alone on the throne of Deity, through the ages when a million worlds came into being, to the time when God was ready to crown His creative activity with a race made in the very image of God, all was love and harmony in the celestial realms.

But in the breast of Lucifer, pride be- gat selfishness, and selfishness destroyed love and created hatred. That selfishness was directed toward God's crowning and final creative act in bringing our world and man into existence.

After being cast out of heaven, Satan waited for this creative act that he might be able to demonstrate the power of his hatred. The tragic success of his attack is destroying the last vestiges of love and unselfishness from the hearts of men. Only a remnant is left to hold aloft the banner of love and unselfishness that marks all citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

God sent Jesus to demonstrate the principles of His kingdom, and to offer citizenship in the land of eternal love. God could have continued this demonstration through the direct agency of angels, but He chose a better plan. "God . . . had made the advancement of His cause dependent upon the personal efforts of His people, and upon their free-will offerings."—"Testimonies," vol. 4, p. 464. In the cause of God, giving is a total experience—ourselves, our affections, our time, our talents, our money. Nothing less is acceptable, because Christ's gift was total and indivisible. We may give God our time and

our talents and still be so out of harmony with the atmosphere of heaven that we would never be happy there.

Conversion is total surrender, complete love, and unreserved acceptance of the heavenly principle of unselfishness. Nothing less is acceptable. "The Lord never made such a mistake as to convert a soul, and leave it under the power of covetousness."—"Testimonies," vol. 3, p. 393. "If we love Jesus, we shall love to . . . present our thank offerings to Him."—"Christian Service," p. 197. God makes no exception to this principle of giving. Not even debts or poverty can release a child of God from the command to give.

"Some have not come up and united in the plan of systematic benevolence, excusing themselves because they were not free from debt. . . . But the fact that they are in debt does not excuse them."—"Testimonies," vol. 1, p. 220.

Nevertheless, unwilling giving is unacceptable to God. "All that they give must be voluntary. He will not have His treasury replenished with unwilling offerings."—"Testimonies," vol. 3, p. 393. Reluctant giving comes from an unconverted heart, and no unconverted person, no matter how zealous in service, will enter the pearly gates.

Selfishness, like any other sin, must be rooted out of our lives. A converted heart loves to give for the salvation of others. The uprooting of selfishness and the true expression of love can best be cultivated by regular, systematic giving. Paul advised the church members to give weekly. The same counsel is given to the remnant church.

"The Lord requires gifts to be made at stated times, being so arranged that giving will become a habit. . . . The heart, opened by one gift, is not to have time to become selfishly cold, and to

close, before the next is bestowed."—"Testimonies," vol. 3, pp. 393, 394. The habit of giving is thus equated with the other right habits that go to form the complete sanctified Christian. It is thus clear that a failure to cultivate this habit of giving will just as surely keep us out of heaven as will breaking the Sabbath, stealing, or committing adultery. We cannot ride into heaven on the gifts of others any more than we can be saved by the love of Christ without reciprocating that love. Giving is a shared experience.

God does not ask us to give for His sake, but for our own. "If we all come up to the plan of systematic benevolence, . . . the treasury will be well supplied without these urgent calls at our large gatherings."—"Testimonies," vol. 3, p. 510. Again the servant of the Lord confirms the promise of God through Malachi. "If professing Christians would faithfully bring to God their tithes and offerings, His treasury would be full."—"The Acts of the Apostles," p. 338.

If we would just take God at His word, and give faithfully and willingly, He would open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing greater than anything we can imagine. Every financial need of the work—wages, church buildings, schools, evangelistic funds, medical needs, housing—could be adequately met. Then we could finish the work quickly and enter into our heavenly inheritance.

When we pass through the pearly gates and walk down the golden street to the river of life and pluck the silvery fruit of the tree of life, all that we have given in money, time, and service, will seem as dust in the balance, as the mote floating in the morning sunlight. Our puny efforts in this world of sin will be seen in their right perspective, and our sense of values will be seen in the setting of eternity.