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ADVENTIST GIVING

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"The foundation of the plan of salvation was laid in *sacrifice*. Jesus left the royal courts and became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. All who share this salvation, purchased for them at such infinite sacrifice by the Son of God, will follow the example of the true Pattern."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, page 387. This vital divine principle of self-sacrificing love is as the life-giving sap that flows from Christ the vine to us the branches. In this last generation of men a complete triumph over the world and the love of the world is to be demonstrated. The treasure of the people of God will be safely laid up in heaven where neither moth nor rust will corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal.

What progress are you making, child of God, in transferring your investments from earth to heaven? Have you developed and strengthened in your character the Christlike traits of practical benevolence and self-denial that are to mark the people of God in the last days? Has the galling yoke of selfishness been broken from your neck so that your soul is no longer shackled with plans to accumulate money and things for selfish purposes, and have you experienced the blessed relief that is to be found in wearing Christ's yoke?

God has purposely arranged it for our good that we be co-labourers with Him in the finishing of His work. He wants to give us opportunity to exercise our love for others so that we shall more fully understand and experience divine love. He does not propose to send means direct from heaven for His church's work. Nor does He lay the greater burden for the work in this Division on others across

the seas. Instead He puts into the hands of all His people in Africa the talents of means, or the ability to earn it, so that we may not only sustain the cause by His grace but press into the "regions beyond."

Africa has not been rich nor so highly developed as other areas and some believers may consider that they cannot do much because they are so poor. Surely, from the little that they have which, as it is, barely keeps body and soul together, God does not still expect sacrifice! Must not the burden of supporting the work rest then on those across the sea? It is true God does expect men to give, not according to what they have not but according to what they have. But may we not add that He expects them to give according to what they might have had, had they done their best to improve their talents of ability, time and physical strength?

Listen to these words of God's servant. "All the capital that many poor men have is time and physical strength, and this is frequently wasted in love of ease, and in careless indolence so that they have nothing to bring to their Lord in tithes and offerings."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, page 400. Are there not some among us, perhaps many, who ought to be putting means into the Lord's treasury who continue to be receivers from it because they are not investing their capital of time and physical strength?

I drove a number of miles one day with a friend from overseas through a fertile and well-populated part of Africa. Everywhere along the road able-bodied men were standing or sitting idly. Unhurried and unconcerned, they were taking their ease, content to let life go its leisurely pace. It was a sight such as

can be seen daily in Africa. My friend remarked that in his homeland only on a holiday perhaps would one see such a sight. A characteristic of prosperous countries, he said, was that their people are industrious.

True there are not the opportunities for work in parts of Africa that there are in other lands and we admire and rejoice in the earnest endeavours some statesmen are making to industrialize their countries so that men shall have opportunity. But is there not much that some of us can do "to work hard and honestly" with our own hands so that we may have more to give to support God's cause?

What of those who do have to give but who are doing less than they might? Shall we view the self-denial and sacrifice of the Saviour for us, and ourselves practise self-indulgence? Do we vaguely hear the voice of conscience rebuking us because of money spent needlessly upon the gratification of appetite, pride, vanity, on senseless amusement or that which satisfies not, that should have been devoted to the cause of God?

It is a high standard God requires of His people in these last days. We read, "There are but few who consider the binding claims that God has upon them to make it their *first* business to meet the necessities of His cause and let their own desires be served *last*. There are but few who invest in God's cause in proportion to their means."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, page 398. (Italics ours.) The early Hebrews gave generously to God's cause, perhaps more than twenty-five per cent of their means. Is not a more important work committed to us than to them and should not our spirit of sacrifice then widen and deepen?

Some of the most precious light given the church of the Remnant is that on God's plan for tithes and offerings. If this plan were carried out by every member there would be a constant and steady stream flowing into the treasury. It would

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Heart to Heart

A Friendly Chat With Your Division President

Dear Saints of God:

A friend of mine—a medical student at the time—went into a sub-economic area near the medical college to deliver a baby. As he walked into the home he noticed an old lady in the next room studiously reading her Bible. While he was waiting for the delivery he stepped into the room to inquire about her interest in Bible study.

"That's a good book you are reading, Auntie," my friend began.

"Yes, sir," the old woman replied fervently, "It sure is."

"What part of the Bible are you reading?" Dr. Walter Ost continued.

"I'm readin' 'Zekiel,'" came the reply.

"You are reading Ezekiel?" my friend queried further, "And what does Ezekiel say, Auntie?"

"Laws, I don't know what 'Zekiel says," the elderly seeker for truth replied with a perplexed expression on her face, "But I sure am readin' it!"

As I listened to my friend tell this story I thought to myself—That's the way too many of us study God's Word—many of us more privileged than Dr. Ost's chance acquaintance. We read, perhaps avidly, but we don't know what we are reading about.

Then I thought of these words from the pen of inspiration found in that wonderful little book "Steps to Christ," pages 84, 85: "There is much reading of the Bible that is without profit and in many cases, a positive injury. When the Word of God is opened without reverence and without prayer, when the thoughts and affections are not fixed upon God or in harmony with His will, the mind is clouded with doubt, and in the very study of the Bible, scepticism is strengthened. The enemy takes control of the thoughts and he suggests interpretations that are not correct. Whenever men are not in word and deed seeking to be in harmony with God, then, however learned they may be, they are liable to err in their understanding of Scripture and it is not safe to trust their explanations."

Our heavenly Father emphasizes over and over our need to study His Word: "Search the Scriptures," the Saviour ad-

monishes, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" John 5:39. "... investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently," the "Amplified New Testament" says, "because you . . . trust that you have eternal life through them."

Since the way of eternal life is to be found within the covers of this blessed Book, how earnestly, how reverently we should search its inspired contents.

The servant of the Lord has much to say about the manner in which we should study the Word. Let us note several of her inspired comments:

"The most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth is not so presented as to be discerned by the hasty or careless reader. Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface, and can be obtained only by diligent research and continuous effort. The truths that go to make up the great whole must be searched out and gathered up, 'here a little, and there a little.'" "Education," page 123.

"We should fear to skim the surface of the Word of God." "Testimonies," vol. 6, page 407.

"The Bible should never be studied without prayer. The Holy Spirit alone can cause us to feel the importance of those things easy to be understood or prevent us from wresting truths difficult of comprehension." "The Great Controversy," page 599.

"No church can advance in holiness unless its members are earnestly seeking for truth as for hid treasure." "The Great Controversy," page 522. We may build beautiful new church buildings, and we should! We may reach all of our church goals, and the Lord bless each one of you for what you have done in this line. We may give sacrificially to see the work of God finished, and God will richly reward you for it. We may work diligently in the Pathfinders or Dorcas-Welfare work, and this is all a very important part of God's program—never forget it. But we cannot advance in true holiness unless we are earnest students of His Word!

Recently I read in "The Rhodesia Herald" this startling headline "U.S. Scientist Warns of World Famine." Then I read an interesting prediction by Dr. R. Ewell, vice-president for research of the State University of New York. He declared that a world famine striking "hundreds of millions or even billions of human beings is near." "It will be the most colossal catastrophe in history," he said. He predicted such a famine in Asia, Africa, and South America during the 1970s.

What a terrible thing such a famine would be! God grant that means may be found to avert it.

But the Word of God, that never fails, predicts an even more horrible famine:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." Amos 8:11, 12.

What a horrible prospect! Today some of our evangelists face a problem in getting people to attend their meetings. There is utter spiritual indifference. The time is coming soon, God says, when too late, people will wander from place to place seeking the Word but their day of opportunity will be past. Now is the time for them—and you and me—to search the Scriptures diligently. What a tragedy if you and I, as Seventh-day Adventists, members of God's remnant church, should be among the agonized searchers when the world-wide famine strikes, simply because we did not avail ourselves of our God-given opportunity to search and understand His Word and will today.

Yours for a more diligent study
of His Word!

ADVENTIST GIVING

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be abundant and would more than meet the growing needs of an expanding work. It would be the solution to a hundred perplexing problems we face. The spirit of self-sacrificing benevolence possessing the individual member would possess the church, the conference, and the field. Consideration of the awful sacrifice of Calvary would unloose abundant and overflowing springs of generosity which would characterize not only individuals but our churches and organizations.

Generous giving by God's people must not be occasional or in response only to strong and moving appeals. The Lord requires that it be regular, steady, and faithful, and God's system is intended to produce this result! Christian benevolence is a duty and it should be a habit to give generously. The heart is opened by one gift and it is wise not to give it time to become cold before the next sacrifice is made. A channel of Christian love is thus to be kept open and like the Corinthians we are to come to abound in the grace of giving just as in the graces of faith, utterance, knowledge and diligence.

Our giving must also be cheerful, for God loves a cheerful giver. The truly converted soul will be a cheerful giver. Covetousness will have no place in His heart for he has been delivered from its power. His gifts will be voluntary from a cheerful and loyal heart, grateful to God for His wondrous plan of salvation, thankful for a knowledge of the saving truth for this time and anxious to share it with others. He will know that God is not pleased to have His treasury replenished with forced offerings but will give expression to his love for Christ in offerings for the support of the church and its institutions and to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth.

We must not lament because of the increasing calls to give sacrificially. God is calling His people to greater enterprises in these last days. He says that we are not doing one twentieth of what we might do if we were truly awake; that the work is retarded because of a lack of a self-denying spirit. He says moreover that if our numbers were only half as large and all of these were devoted workers, we would have a power that would make the world tremble.—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, pages 407, 405.

Is it not time for that power to be seen among us? A tremendous work is ours in these last days and mighty forces of evil are poised against us. It is now that God would have us demonstrate our whole-hearted faith and complete commitment to the message we believe. It may be demonstrated in faithful and steady support of the cause—an honest tithe and

cheerful and generous offerings—and in sacrificial responses to special appeals for help. This is no hour for tying up our talents of means in a napkin by so investing them in the world that we have nothing or next to nothing to invest in the cause of God. If we thus bury our talents fearing that God might call for some of the principal as well as the interest, we shall one day hear the Saviour's rebuke to the unprofitable servant.

As this present evil world moves toward its doom we who have the saving message for these times and to whom it has been given to understand the meaning and significance of events, must be making whole-hearted sacrifices. There is but little time left for such sacrifices to be effective. Soon upon the honest-hearted endeavours of His faithful ones God will pour out His Spirit in fullest power. The heavens will be lightened with the glory of God and with His chosen ones Christ will triumph over the enemy of all good. In that hour the fruits of the faithfulness of His people will be seen. Thousands will fearlessly step out to stand with the people of God. On the one hand how paltry our sacrifices will appear then and yet on the other, what tremendous dividends for God they will yield!

There is but little time left to do what Adventists should—abandon themselves

to their faith and place their all on the altar to be disposed of as God shall direct. But, thank God, there still is time!

The Banner of Truth

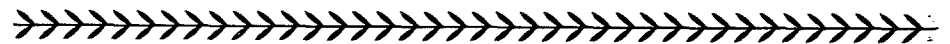
*Lift truth's glorious banner high,
Ever keep its flag unfurled;
His it is, Who came to die
For a lost and thankless world.*

*Onward march, O Christians brave,
Trusting in your Lord above;
Jesus lives! And He will save
All who honour, here, His love.*

*Never waver; never fear;
Jesus is your "all . . . in all;"
None can fail while He is near.
Truth must triumph; error fall.*

*Onward march to Canaan's land;
Lift your voice, His praises sing.
For your victory He has planned;
Jesus lives! All hail our King!*

Flo. J. Beveridge
Johannesburg, South Africa



By Faith I Live

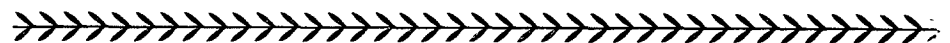
by William A. Fagal.

The 1966 MISSIONARY BOOK OF THE YEAR appears in the SUMMIT BOOK format. This attractive *paperback* makes it possible to offer two books for the price of one of the usual missionary books. No better value in literature specifically designed to bring people to a knowledge of the Third Angel's Message is available.

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ON 13th SABBATH, MARCH 26, 1966

They Are Numbered on God's Records

By SYLVIA POWERS

During a summer training school for workers of the Franco-Haitian Union, Marcel Perau, then president of the French Guiana Mission, made a moving appeal for someone who would be willing to minister to the great multitude of unreached Indians in his field. So stirred were his hearers by the great need for a worker that every young man in the audience offered to go.

So it was that Ner Jean-Pierre, an experienced soul-winner, left his home country of Haiti to go to St. Laurent du Maroni in French Guiana, South America, to work among the remnants of the Carib and Tupi-Guarani tribes who live along the river's edge. These clean, quiet, peace-loving Indians still follow ancient tribal customs. No one knows how many there are, for they are not counted as citizens of the country.

Pastor Jean-Pierre's first work was to organize a church school for the children of his flock. Recalling that experience, he writes:

"Well aware of the value of such an institution in their midst, enemies made it a special target of attack. They began their prejudicial work among interested families, calling attention to real and imaginary deficiencies in our school. They suggested that parents should not continue to send their children to us, assuring them that they were wasting the student's time. Teachers who wanted to take the Indian children from us at any price, made attractive monetary promises to parents if they would return the children to them. Some parents were bribed, but happily in every crisis the Lord raised up men of faith who never stooped to bend the knee to Baal, whatever the circumstances.

"The Edward Elias family illustrates the courage of those who staunchly voted for Christian education whenever the enemy's voice sounded from one side or the other. Brother and Sister Elias had long prayed for a church school in St. Laurent. The moment their dream was realized, these brave members hurried to take their children from the government

schools they were attending and put them in our school.

"Among the three children whom the teachers did not wish to release at any price was Rose-Marie, the eldest daughter of the Eliases. For that reason, as they had done with other parents, the teachers went to Brother Elias to offer him sizable material benefits if he would only consent to return Rose-Marie to them.

"Brother Elias thanked them for their exceptional generosity and assured them that he could no longer entrust his daughter to them, for they were not able to instill in her the element of education which he believed most essential. Only the Seventh-day Adventists could do that.

"Today Rose-Marie's companions who were enticed by false promises are plunged into a sinful life in the world, while our former student is now the mother of a zealous little family, faithful to the standards of our church."

Testifying to the sound results of Christian education in their eldest daughter, Brother and Sister Elias assured Pastor Jean-Pierre that they are ready to make any sacrifice necessary so that the children still in their care—Catherine, Therese, Antoinette, Elie, and Eliezer—will mature not only into good church members tomorrow, but also into workers in the Master's vineyard.

For these families, thirsting for an education, a French school nearer French

Guiana than the one in Haiti, which is almost 2,000 long miles away, will be a special blessing. Such a boarding school in the French West Indies would answer that great need.

On this Thirteenth Sabbath remember the uncounted Indians in French Guiana who are being counted in God's records as His faithful children. They yearn for a Christian education. They want to work for the church they have learned to love.



Pastor Ner Jean-Pierre and the Elias family.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

"Your giving does not end in meeting the wants of your fellow Christians. It also results in an overflowing tide of thanksgiving to God. Moreover, your giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that men thank God that you practise the gospel that you profess to believe in, as well as for the actual gifts you make to them and to others. And yet further, men will pray for you and feel drawn to you because you have obviously received a generous measure of the grace of God." 2 Corinthians 9:11-14, Phillips version.

AROUND OUR UNIONS

FAITH REWARDED

By W. DU PLESSIS
Principal, Sedaven High School

Some time ago the story appeared in one of our magazines of Anna Wilken, an ex-pupil of Sedaven High School who through lack of funds had to leave school and take up nursing.

Anna is the eldest of a family of six children. When she was about thirteen years old her father died suddenly leaving the mother to care for six children. The sudden shock mentally affected the mother with the result that the children had to be taken care of by various members of the family. It was also with family help that the two eldest girls came to Sedaven.

Anna stayed at school till the end of Std. VIII, when as mentioned previously she left and took up nursing. Her

Very soon she found herself in trouble as some of the classes were on Sabbath. Anna told her instructors she could not attend as she was a Seventh-day Adventist. Unfortunately for her some other Seventh-day Adventist girls had not been true to principle and she was considered fanatical. The authorities were not willing to relent with the result that Anna, rather than sacrifice her principles left and applied for admission to another hospital, where she explained her stand, was taken in, and granted Sabbath privileges. Because of her faithfulness this privilege was also granted to those Adventist girls who enrolled later.

After a few years, however, Annatjie felt that she wanted to return to school and complete her matriculation examination, but what about school fees? She had not been able, on the small remuneration of a student nurse, to save much. Her

prayers of faith were answered, as a kind brother and sister who heard of her plight offered to pay nearly half her tuition fees. The balance was made up from student aid funds, and so Anna returned to Sedaven. At the end of 1965 she and her younger sister who had stayed on at school wrote and both passed the matriculation examination.

With the help of the Transvaal Conference and a fixed determination to work her way through, Anna has now gone to Helderberg College to take up a teacher training course.

"I Have Changed My Old Religion"

By Z. KUSEKWA
Publishing Department Secretary,
Majita-Ukerewe Field, Tanzania

Brother Rusata was a member of the Mennonite Church. He had grown up in a Mennonite school. One day one of our colporteurs went to his school and Brother Rusata purchased two books from him. He read them and was deeply impressed. He began to think seriously about leaving his church but this was most difficult, as his whole family were members. Eventually, his convictions became so strong that he took the step, and decided to join the church teaching this truth.

One Sabbath when I had finished my sermon, the elder of the church announced that he would like me to meet a new member and asked Brother Rusata to stand. "Brother Rusata, tell me, who first introduced you to this truth," I asked. He replied: "No one. I have changed my old religion through reading the books *Vita Kuu* and *Daniel na Siku Zetu* which I purchased from a man who came to my school."

Brother Rusata is happy in the truth he has found. Surely we are not trading in money, but in souls, leading them to the cross.

"Our publications have a most sacred work to do in making clear, simple and plain the spiritual basis of our faith. Everywhere the people are taking sides. . . ."—*Colporteur Ministry*, page 1.



A fine group of Sedaven students with Anna on the extreme left front row.

Going Forward to Greater Soul-Winning

By R. H. E. HENNING
Publishing Department Secretary,
Tanzania Union

We issued a challenge to the publishing secretaries of the Tanzania Union to hold at least one effort in territory where our work is not yet established. Pastor T. Otieno of the West Lake Field which covers a great area of Tanzania, accepted this challenge, and with a fine group of literature evangelists, approached the government officials concerned. They offered him an old court hall in which to hold his meetings. He was not very happy about this because it was a good way out of the town. He prayed earnestly for the Lord to guide, and receiving a clear answer, accepted the offer.

The first meeting was attended by only about 60 people. More and more began to attend, however, as the meetings progressed.

A priest posted young men on all the roads to dissuade people from attending. However two of these young people came themselves to the meetings and invited others. They soon recognized our teaching to be truth. Then the priest himself tried to prevent people from coming, but without success.

At one of the meetings a man inquired if they were sponsored by Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor Otieno answered very carefully, not knowing what was behind the question. Then this man told how fifteen years before he had been contacted by a literature-evangelist. They had had a Bible study together. Since that time he had been waiting for the Seventh-day Adventists to come and build a church. During the years of waiting he had been approached by many other denominations but he could not make a decision.

This man was not content to keep the new found truth to himself. He started a branch Sabbath-school and sixty-one people are meeting there every Sabbath. He has given a plot of ground for a church and has started making bricks. He invited a friend living 25 miles away to attend the meetings. This man came with his whole family. He had waited ten years for the Sabbath-keeping people. Now he has started his own branch Sabbath-school, which is attended by twenty people.

One man started paying tithes before the subject was discussed. At one of the meetings he stood up and said "From today I am a Seventh-day Adventist." Forty other people responded that same day to an altar call. It was reported that 108 people joined the baptismal class

and the number of people now attending church is nearly 200. Twenty-three people have been baptized by Pastor Otieno and others have been baptized at different camp-meetings as a result of this literature-evangelists' effort.

Kisumu and Manyata Church Dedications

By E. T. GACKENHEIMER
East Africa Union

"With the cutting of this ribbon, I declare this church open to the community and to the praise of God." So said the guest of honour, the Mayoress of Kisumu, Kenya, Mrs. Grace Onyango, on Sabbath, January 8, 1966, before a capacity crowd of 102 church members and many friends. This occasion in the Kenya Lake Field, where Pastor Fred Wilson is president, is but one of the planned six dedications which will take place this year.

Much planning has gone into this fine church plant. With a seating capacity of 250 people it is equipped with all modern conveniences including a baptistry. A large and wide promenade separates the church from the pastor's four-room dwell-

ing. The house is built in a style matching the church.

Associated with the mayoress in this ceremony were the mayor, the field president, Pastor Fred Wilson, and secretary-treasurer, Zadok Sang'ori, the office staff, and also Pastor F. H. Thomas, H. Kenani and the writer, from the East African Union. Pastor Thomas preached the dedication sermon, Pastor Kenani pronounced the act of dedication with the entire congregation participating, and Pastor E. T. Gackenheimer offered the prayer of dedication. The history of the church was read by the church pastor H. Obat.

A host of friends and 332 members attended the dedication services of the Manyata church, on Sabbath, January 15, 1966. This dedication is but one of the six being planned for 1966 in the Ranen Field of which Pastor E. Nyameya is the president. He and his secretary-treasurer, Brother Benjamin Oseno, had the dedication program well in hand and arranged.

All present were welcomed by the president and this was followed by the ribbon cutting ceremony with the writer from the East African Union officiating. Pastor H. Kenani, Church Development secretary of the union, made some appropriate remarks.

Pastor F. H. Thomas, secretary-treasurer of the East African Union preached the dedicatory sermon. This was followed by the act of dedication in which Pastor Kenani led out with congregational participation, and Pastor Gackenheimer offered the prayer of dedication, Pastor Elisha Olero read the church history and Brother Oseno had the Scripture reading.



The new Manyata church in the Ranen Field.

Her Worship the Mayoress of Kisumu opening the new church.

CONGO FIRST FRUITS

By J. T. Knopper

The many unentered areas in the Trans-Africa Division, particularly in the Congo Union, are always a great challenge to every worker in God's cause. Most of us are familiar with the many reasons why we have not yet entered those areas.

After re-establishing the work in the Congo, and in a special way reorganizing the publishing work in this great land, one of the first points discussed was the towns and cities which had not yet been entered with the printed page of God's last message. It was felt best to open up towns near to the union headquarters in Katanga. Strangely enough there are some towns nearby where a Seventh-day Adventist church has not yet been established. We discussed Jadotville and Kolwezi, two large copper-mining towns where there are no church members, no churches, no Sabbath-schools or any branch Sabbath-schools. What were we to do! Time was too short to train the right kind of men for such an important evangelistic task. We thought the best way would be to find a man willing to go into this area, leaving the results with the Lord, who, is able to use the willingness of man in a successful way. The Lord did find us such a man in the village of Mokomboo by the name of Timothy Kalipentala.

We could not say that we had found a man who was well educated and trained for any city literature-evangelism. But he was willing to leave his house, his shop, his village and his church and to move with his family 200 miles to Jadotville and start as a missionary literature-evangelist. He found two rooms to live in and a lot of people waiting for books and the message. He started his work in faith. Soon he found a man and his family who were church members but who had lost contact with the church. These people were most happy, and they opened their house for holding Sabbath services. Our brother Kalipentala went from door to door with his books and Bibles and at the same time invited people to Sabbath services and Bible studies.

The devil started to work. He even tried to take away Brother Kalipentala's living quarters. But the devil was not able to discourage our brother. He persevered, and kept working and instructing the people in the Advent message. The Lord added His blessing, and by His Holy Spirit the hearts of the people were moved to accept the last message and to follow Christ in order to be prepared for His soon coming.

So it happened that on the last day of 1965 I received a phone call asking me to come to Jadotville in order to baptize

six souls—the first fruits in Jadotville. The local pastor had checked on the work of Kalipentala and had found these believers ready for baptism. What a joy it was on the first of January, the first Sabbath of the first month in the new year to welcome into church fellowship the first fruits of our first missionary

literature-evangelist in the Congo Union. More people are preparing for baptism.

Our second missionary literature-evangelist, Joshua Sandando, in Kolwezi is also busy preparing people for baptism, and our third missionary literature-evangelist, André Muteba, has just started his work in Albertville.

Institute of HEALTH at BUGEMA

On December 20, 1965, with the cooperation of Pastor G. F. Clifford, principal of Bugema Missionary College, a group of 23 young ministerial students attended an institute of health, the first of its kind ever held in the Trans-Africa Division.

The idea for this institute originated with Dr. P. W. Dysinger, currently the Director of the Division of Public Health of Loma Linda University. Previously Dr. Dysinger spent 18 months as director of the Public Health and Tropical Medicine Field Station, now called the Health Education School of Seventh-day Adventists, located at Heri Hospital in Tanzania. With encouragement from the president and the Medical secretary of the Division, the health institute finally became a reality. It was conducted co-operatively by the Health Education School of Seventh-day Adventists and the Division of Public Health of Loma Linda University.

It was a real privilege for the men to listen to Dr. Mervyn G. Hardinge, M.D.,

Ph.D., Director of the Division of Public Health of Loma Linda University explain clearly and simply the principles of healthful living. Others assisting in the institute included the staff of the Health Education School of S.D.A., Mr. Charles Stafford, director; Mrs. Ruth Stafford, instructor of the women's course; and Mr. Lloyd Emery and Mrs. Erma Emery, parents of Mrs. Stafford who have been assisting for the last 2 years at Heri Mission. Pastor Ben Wheeler and Mrs. Ann Wheeler, in charge of the ministerial course at Bugema, also gave strong support and assistance in the teaching program.

In addition to the ministerial students, there were in attendance 8 graduates of the Health Education School at Heri who were sent by their fields from various parts of the East African Union and 2 district leaders from nearby districts. These graduates assisted with some of the teaching and demonstrations.

The men were instructed for the first



Instructors and students at Institute of Health. Front row, left to right: Ben Wheeler, Lloyd Emery, Dr. Mervyn Hardinge, and Charles Stafford.

hour each morning in thoughts selected from the books *Education* and *Ministry of Healing*. Following this inspirational period, three hours were spent on the principles of science and healthful living conducted by Dr. Hardinge. During this time simplified illustrations were drawn from physiology and anatomy to portray the wonders of the human body and the importance of caring for that marvel of God's creation which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. In the afternoon the ministerial students brought their wives to learn by means of practical demonstrations, methods of giving simple hydrotherapy treatments, home-nursing, first aid, the principles of healthful cookery and family hygiene.

As a result of this institute the men have a clearer understanding of how their bodies work and how the functioning of the body is intimately related to the welfare of their minds and their relationship to God. They appreciated learning that the counsel the church has received on principles of health from the Spirit of Prophecy is as inspired and dependable as that in the fields of education or theology.

It is the hope of those who led out in the institute that this will be only the first in a series of similar institutes held for our workers in the Trans-Africa Division and we pray that the knowledge and inspiration received by the men will be a means of strengthening their usefulness as they labour to prepare a people for the soon coming of our Saviour.

WORLD EVANGELISM OFFERING

APRIL 30, 1966

This is our last opportunity to give to this cause before the General Conference Session when each division will report its contribution before the assembled delegates.

We must EVANGELIZE or perish! Let's make the Trans-Africa Division's total the largest in our history.

"I Will Never Leave You..."

A minister sat down at the bedside of an aged Christian. Pointing to a chair on the other side of the bed facing at such an angle as to suggest that another visitor had just left, he said, "I see I am not your first visitor today."

"Ah," said the afflicted one, "I'll tell you about that chair. Years ago I found it impossible to pray. Often I would fall asleep on my knees, and if I kept awake, my thoughts would wander. I spoke to a minister about it, and he told me to sit down with a chair opposite me and think of the Lord Jesus as sitting in it; and then to talk to Him as to a friend, face to face. I have been doing that ever since, and He has become very real to me. That is why the chair stands like that by my bed."

Later that week the good man died with his hand resting on the chair reserved for the Lord.

Our Saviour has promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.
—H. M. S. Richards, *The Promises of God*, page 318.

Meet Some of Our Intrepid Colporteurs



Veteran colporteur of South Africa Bro. C. Opperman and his faithful wife. They have worked for more than 20 years.



Pastor John G. Kerbs, P.D.S., S.A. Union, congratulates champion colporteur of South Africa, Bro. L. F. du Plessis (left). Last year he delivered R13,600 worth of literature.

Veteran Uganda literature-evangelist P.K.S. Mwanje has worked for 22 years.

Soul-winning in Our Schools

Refugee From the Sudan:

John Winder, a refugee from Southern Sudan, lived in a refugee camp at Bombo, ten miles from Bugema Missionary College in Uganda. The evangelists-in-training went to this camp to hold an effort. John was convinced of the truth and accepted it. A new desire came to him. He wanted to be trained for God's work. He had been to school but had no papers to prove what standards he had finished. An entrance test placed him in the junior secondary II class. He has been baptized now and will graduate at the end of this year. His aim is to carry the three angels' message back to his country, where there are no workers, and as far as we know, only three Seventh-day Adventist church members. Meanwhile he is studying with some of his fellow-countrymen in the refugee camp and hopes that some will take their stand before he leaves.

—Ben Wheeler.

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Whole Family Was Won:

Ephraim Muvuti was not an Adventist, nor were any of his family. He came to Solusi College from Salisbury to do high school work in 1961. At the end of 1963 and again in 1964 he took his Bible text books home with him and showed them to his parents. He studied with them some of the lessons from *Principles of Life* and *Facing Life*, and explained the importance of keeping God's law. His whole family became convinced of the truth and prepared for baptism. During 1965 Ephraim worked in the laboratory of the University of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, where he hopes to finish a medical course. He and his whole family are now faithful baptized members of the church.

—Ruth Gorle.

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A Blind Musician Won:

Our schools are soul-winning agencies in their communities as well as amongst the students, as the following story reveals:

Not far from Ikizu Training School in Tanzania, a blind musician by the name of Kingani lived. Not being able to see, it was difficult for him to work and so he was a poor man who made his living by playing a musical instrument and dancing for the entertainment of people. Many came to see and hear him.

One Sabbath afternoon a group of students from the school went to sing to him and to tell him about the Bible. He was pleased and asked them to come again. They did, many times, and had the pleasure of seeing him make his decision to accept the truth. He gave up

the music he had loved and handed the instrument that he had used to the local elder to be destroyed.

He has been married since then and both he and his wife are faithful members of the Ikizu church.

—Timothy Samuel.

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A Place in School and a Place in Heaven:

His name is Hermenegilde.

One day he was going from Bujumbura to Muzinda to visit his cousin. On the road he saw a signpost: SEMINAIRE ADVENTISTE KIVOGA. His eyes turned in the direction pointed out by the little arrow below the words. "I am going to see what this school is like. Maybe I will find a place there, as a student," thought the young man. And to the school he went.

Along a footpath bordered by coffee trees, Hermenegilde walked fast, arriving finally at the school which he had not heard about before. First he saw the long, modern row of classrooms and offices, and later he saw the well laid out campus.

He knocked timidly at a door. "May I see the principal?" he asked when it was opened by a student his own age. "Yes, there is his office," replied the young man, pointing to my door. Soon Hermenegilde was in my office asking to be enrolled at the Adventist Seminary. We accepted him and took him to the dormitory where he would live during his school days.

This young man is now studying diligently. You should listen to him singing with the others, see him kneeling in the prayer bands and hear him asking God, "Please prepare me a place in heaven." He had never prayed before coming to Kivoga. At the close of the recent Week of Prayer, Hermenegilde with ten other

non-Adventist students came forward to give their hearts to God.

And now, young men and women of Rwanda, Burundi, and the Congo, would you like to see a beautiful school in the heart of Africa where a little stream runs between tall eucalyptus trees? Would you like to hear the birds singing and see thousands of flowers blooming? Would you like to see Lake Tanganyika, the beautiful Ruzizi valley and the mountains of Burundi? Would you like to hear young people praising the Lord in song? Then come to Kivoga, the inter-union training school for students from Rwanda, Burundi and the Congo.

—Daniel Gutekunst.

TIME RUNNING OUT

By A. S. Maxwell

For a number of years there has been a growing demand for a modern book on the second coming of Christ. Now we are happy to announce that *Time Running Out* is as up to date as tomorrow morning's newspaper.

The message of *Time Running Out* is that Jesus is soon returning. Because of our confidence in this event we are persuaded that everyone must be influenced to read and heed *Time Running Out*.

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"We need to follow more closely God's plan of life,
To do our best in the work that lies nearest,
To commit our ways to God, and
To watch for the indications of His providence—
These are rules that ensure safe guidance in the choice
of an occupation."—*Education*, page 267.

"One thing I know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."—Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"Know all and you will pardon all."—Thomas A. Kempis.

A Registrar Remembers

By R. Strasdowsky
Registrar, Bugema College

January: The first post-Cambridge commercial course was started with five students. Most of the subjects are taught by E. Markosky, a new staff-member from Canada.

Twenty-three ministerial students, two of them recent converts, arrived for a new two-year ministerial course.

One hundred and fifty students were enrolled in the secondary school.

February: There was a brief inspection by the Education Department secretaries of our Division and the East African Union.

Work started in earnest on the building programme, which was probably as extensive this year as ever in the history of Bugema. These buildings were completed, or almost completed, in 1965:

1. A main block with four big classrooms and nine offices.
2. A staff house.
3. A beautiful church for the local Luganda-speaking members.
4. An extension to the boys' dormitory.
5. Chicken coops and runs.
6. An extension to the workshop.
7. A tractor shed.

March: The results of the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations arrived. We were glad to find one student from Tanzania had received a first class pass, and that the results were better than in previous years. Most of the distinctions scored were in Bible and Swahili.

April: The staff joined Pastor and Mrs. E. T. Gackenheimer in the Harvest In-

gathering Campaign. Some donors increased their donations this year. Three new staff members joined us. Mr. and Mrs. J. Amenya, he being a former student of Bugema, gave up well-paid jobs to teach here, and started teaching the day after they arrived at Bugema. The arrival of Mr. M. A. Morford, who brought sixteen years of teaching experience with him, greatly delighted us. He is a mathematics teacher, but helpful in many other lines.

May: On May 12 our students filled the chapel to hear the speeches of various chiefs who had come to start the Adult Literacy campaign, a community service. Later in the year volunteer students on special "missionary bicycles" went out to teach illiterates in Kiwenda. As a result a regular branch Sabbath-school was formed.

A team of five inspectors from the Education Department of Uganda spent three days inspecting the school, visiting the classes and counselling individual teachers and the principal. They were greatly impressed with our work programme and the idea of students taking their part in earning their school fees. Bugema was given recognition as an A-grade school.

June: A strong evangelistic effort was launched for the community. The ministerial students took turns in preaching at the meetings held under a large mango tree. On Sundays Pastor R. E. Delafield walked to the homes of interested people with an interpreter, to visit and study with them. The students followed the example of their teacher and did a lot of visitation too. All regular attendants at meetings for the six weeks were pre-

sented with a baptismal manual in their language, and low-priced Luganda Bibles were given to regular attendants at the baptismal class. In November thirty-five people were baptized. At another baptism seven people from branch Sabbath-schools were united with the church. They came from Zirowwe and Jimbi, where our students had helped to hold meetings and to erect buildings. The school choir sang at the dedication of the mud and pole churches.

July: After a drought such as has not been experienced in this area for many years, Mr. Ian Hartley, school farm manager, estimated that the July harvest hardly paid for seed and the petrol for the tractors.

October. The church building for our local Luganda church was dedicated during the union committee meetings held here.

Pastor T. Lisso from Tanzania held the Week of Prayer.

November: Many examinations took place. The hardest was probably the Cambridge School Certificate examination. For our students at the end of the twelfth year of school it meant twenty to twenty-five hard hours of writing.

December: Our students left. Some are spending the holidays canvassing or working at other jobs to earn school fees for next year. Two of the members of Bugema's literature-evangelist club, "Messengers of Light," planned to sell books on Zanzibar.

Most of the teachers left as well to enjoy holidays after a busy year.



Branch Sabbath-school officers setting out from Bugema Missionary College, Uganda.

Good News for the New Year

As from January 15, the Voice of Prophecy has been on the air again! A contract for broadcasting VOP programmes from Lourenco Marques has been negotiated, and can be heard every Saturday evening, at 10:30 p.m.

Remember this appointment and pass the word around among all church members and friends.

LISTEN IN TO LOURENCO
MARQUES
SATURDAYS at 10:30 p.m.

Important Dates

Tithe Month . . . Date to be set by unions.
Stewardship Day . . . Date to be set by unions.

Literature-Evangelists Rally Day . . .
April 9.

FROM HITHER AND YON

A call to the presidency of the Rhodesia Conference has been passed on to Pastor J. D. Harcombe, and he has accepted it. His many years in administrative work will greatly bless and enrich the Rhodesia Conference, confronted as it is with many problems.

Brother and Sister E. Sequiera have transferred from Uganda to the staff at Kamagambo Training School in Kenya.

A baby boy was born to the M. C. Johnsons of Ikizu Training School in Tanzania on February 9.

Helderberg College experienced its worst forest fire in history in February. Starting in the dry pine needles and brush on the slope of the mountain just behind the staff homes on the ridge, the fire spread rapidly before a fierce wind.

About 4:30 that Sunday morning, after the men and boys had been out fighting it for about 24 hours, the folks at the college phoned Pastor Pierson in Salisbury, asking that the Division family unite with the college in praying that the staff homes be spared. Two hours later the phone rang again. The Lord had performed a miracle and changed the wind. The staff homes had been spared. God had graciously heard our prayers.

After several delays with immigration papers and permits, Pastor and Mrs P. G. Werner have been granted entry into Tanzania and the F. G. Thomases have been able to leave to take up their new work in the Zambesi Union, living in Bulawayo. These events have enabled Pastor and Mrs F. G. Reid to leave for Nairobi where Brother Reid will be the president of the East African Union.

We welcome Brother and Sister Wesley Flory to the Division family and to a place on the staff of Bugema Missionary College in Uganda. Brother Flory will teach Bible.

Brother and Sister Max Webster have returned from overseas and after visiting relatives in South Africa are now in Nairobi for their new appointment in the East African Union.

Brother and Sister R. D. Marx left Tanzania where Brother Marx was the union secretary-treasurer in February, and after joining Pastor and Mrs. S. W. Beardsell in Nairobi, travelled to the United Kingdom with them. These two families will go on to the United States later.

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SUNSET CALENDAR FOR

April 1966

May 1966

	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Cape Town	6.41	6.33	6.25	6.16	6.09	Cape Town	6.01	5.55	5.51	5.47
Johannesburg	6.07	6.00	5.53	5.45	5.41	Johannesburg	5.35	5.31	5.29	5.25
East London	6.04	5.56	5.46	5.39	5.32	East London	5.25	5.19	5.15	5.11
Port Elizabeth	6.13	6.05	5.57	5.48	5.41	Port Elizabeth	5.33	5.27	5.23	5.19
Bloemfontein	6.13	6.06	5.58	5.50	5.45	Bloemfontein	5.38	5.33	5.30	5.26
Pietermaritzburg	5.45	5.47	5.39	5.32	5.26	Pietermaritzburg	5.19	5.14	5.11	5.07
Durban	5.33	5.46	5.38	5.30	5.24	Durban	5.17	5.12	5.09	5.05
Windhoek	6.50	6.45	6.39	6.32	6.27	Windhoek	6.23	6.18	6.16	6.14
Bulawayo	6.05	6.00	5.55	5.49	5.45	Bulawayo	5.41	5.37	5.35	5.33
Salisbury	5.55	5.50	5.46	5.40	5.36	Salisbury	5.32	5.28	5.27	5.26
Gwelo	5.55	5.51	5.45	5.40	5.26	Gwelo	5.31	5.30	5.29	5.29
Lusaka	6.01	5.56	5.51	5.48	5.44	Lusaka	5.42	5.41	5.40	5.38
Blantyre	5.42	5.37	5.33	5.28	5.26	Blantyre	5.21	5.18	5.16	5.15
Elisabethville	6.14	6.09	6.06	6.03	6.01	Elisabethville	5.56	5.54	5.53	5.53
Nairobi	6.41	6.38	6.36	6.35	6.35	Nairobi	6.32	6.31	6.32	6.32
Mombasa	6.26	6.24	6.22	6.20	6.19	Mombasa	6.15	6.14	6.15	6.16
Kisumu	6.50	6.48	6.47	6.46	6.45	Kisumu	6.43	6.42	6.43	6.44
Kampala	6.57	6.56	6.55	6.53	6.52	Kampala	6.50	6.49	6.50	6.51
Dar-es-Salaam	6.27	6.26	6.25	6.23	6.20	Dar-es-Salaam	6.16	6.14	6.14	6.15
Tabora	6.54	6.51	6.50	6.48	6.46	Tabora	6.42	6.40	6.41	6.42

LIFE EVERLASTING

By PAUL HEUBACH

"Who shall [not] receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." Luke 18:30.

One day a pious old man was walking along the street with a New Testament in his hand when a friend who met him said, "Good morning, Mr. Price. What are you reading?"

"Ah, good morning," replied he. "I'm reading my Father's will."

"Well, what has He left you?" asked his friend.

"Why, He has bequeathed me a hundredfold more in this life, and in the world to come—life everlasting."

How long is everlasting life? That we cannot comprehend, although there have been many interesting illustrations to describe it.

Someone has said that if the world were changed into a steel ball, and an ant came once every hundred years to walk on it for a short day, eternity would have only begun when the little creature had succeeded in wearing it all away.

Another has said, "Add together ages of ages, multiply them by the leaves on the trees, the sands on the seashore, the dust of the earth, and still you will be no nearer the end of eternity than when you first began your calculation."

The attainment of mere endlessness alone, however, is not sufficient motivation. In fact, it might be very undesirable. For everlasting life to be appealing, it must be worth while. Two conditions are important: Our lives should be worth extending, and our future challenging enough to create anticipation. The first, Christ seeks to make possible for us now; and the second is assured, since Christ's plans for the future surpass all human expectations.

My New Name

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name." Rev. 3:12.

Have you ever wondered in what sense Jesus would have a new name? How will that name be written upon the overcomer? Listen to a parable:

An ugly thorny brier grew in a ditch, scratching everything that touched it. "Ah, me," it sighed, "I can't think why I was made. I have no beauty or worth. If only I were a bunch of violets or an oak or even a broom beyond the hedge, I would be of value; but I'm only a brier!"

One day a gardener transplanted the brier in a beautiful garden. It felt ashamed, and was embarrassed because of its ugliness. "If that gardener had only known what I am, he wouldn't have brought me here. He can never get any good out of me. I can tell him that." As if he knew what the brier had been thinking, the gardener laughingly said, "If I can't get any good out of thee, maybe I can put some good into thee!" and he went away.

The lonesome brier wished itself back in the ditch again, to hide its ugliness. One day the gardener grafted a bud into the brier's bark. As the bud grew steadily the gardener cut away the old thorny growth until all the old brier top was gone. The new growth began to bud and blossom.

Soon many came to see the new rose growing where once a rough brier had been, and they admired its colour and fragrance. All praised the gardener. The brier had a new name, a rose; for it had a new character. The gardener had a new name, too, in the field of horticulture.

The great Gardener of the universe will be seen in a new light through the transformation of human briars into beautiful roses, and thus upon such His new name will be written.

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He Shall Be Satisfied

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities." Isa. 53:11.

Try to visualize the scene of the coro-

nation of the Son of God at the close of the millennium, when all beings who have ever lived are gathered about the throne. Christ, the saints, and the New Jerusalem have come to earth; and the wicked have been raised.

"Far above the city, upon a foundation of burnished gold, is a throne, high and lifted up. Upon this throne sits the Son of God, and around Him are the subjects of His kingdom. . . . Above the throne is revealed the cross; and like a panoramic view appear the scenes of Adam's temptation and fall, and the successive steps in the great plan of redemption. . . . Each actor recalls the part which he performed. . . . With all the facts of the great controversy in view, the whole universe, both loyal and rebellious, with one accord declare: 'Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.' . . . The hour has come when Christ occupies His rightful position. . . . It was for the joy that was set before Him—that He might bring many sons unto glory—that He endured the cross and despised the shame. And inconceivably great as was the sorrow and the shame, yet greater is the joy and the glory. He looks upon the redeemed, renewed in His own image, every heart bearing the perfect impress of the divine, every face reflecting the likeness of their King. He beholds in them the result of the travail of His soul, and He is satisfied. Then, in a voice that reaches the assembled multitudes of the righteous and the wicked, He declares: 'Behold the purchase of My blood! For these I suffered, for these I died, that they might dwell in My presence throughout eternal ages.'"—*The Great Controversy*, pages 655-661.

To live in anticipation of that dramatic moment, to share this hope with all with whom we come in contact, and to walk each day in fellowship with Him who makes this possible—*This is Life*.

—*This is Life*, pages 337, 362, 367.

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"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14