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## Focus On

# The Soweto Evangelistic Centre

## NEW "WIDE OPEN DOOR" IN SOWETO

by P. H. COETZEE  
President, Southern Union.

Months of prayer, planning and preparation came to their climax in the official opening of the new Soweto tabernacle at Jabavu Crossroads in the populous south-western townships of Johannesburg on Sunday morning, August 13.

Strategically located at the crossroads in the midst of 700,000 African people, the new tabernacle has focused the attention of the passing multitudes on Seventh-day Adventists. The tabernacle is the largest meeting house the Church operates in Southern Africa. It provides seating for up to 1,800 people in a main auditorium combined with a smaller side hall.

More than 600 members of the Church attended the opening service. A unique and profitable feature organized by the Church Development Secretary of the Southern Union, Pastor J. A. Birkenstock, was the door and window opening ceremony. The large front doors of the tabernacle were opened by Pastor Alvin E. Cook of the Trans-Africa Division Ministerial Association and the S.U. President, P. H. Coetzee.

The smaller doors and windows were opened by various workmen and leading laymen from the churches. Each sponsor was given opportunity to speak and to make a cash donation toward the tabernacle project. Combined with the offering, these gifts totalled approximately R500.00.

On Sabbath morning August 19, 1,400 members, some of whom had travelled hundreds of miles to be present, dedicated themselves, together with the evangelists, Union leaders and Church officers, to the great task of evangelizing the teeming thousands of the south-western townships. During this service, Brother H. T. Moabi, Sesotho translator and Christian leader in the S.U. office, was set aside for the work of the Gospel Ministry.

An African sister brought her non-Adventist European employer and wife to the service. These conservative Chris-



David Malotle, O.T.F. president; Brother Kote of the King's Messengers Quartet; P. H. Coetzee; E. T. Tshabalala, field treasurer (with a large offering basin); and J. A. Birkenstock, S. U. Church Development Secretary, lead the congregation into the tabernacle through the newly-opened doors.

tian friends united with our people in the Soweto act of dedication. As he left the tabernacle this gentleman described his experience at Sabbath-school and the service as one of the great days of his life.

At 2 p.m. the same afternoon Pastor Cook, who is with us from the Trans-Africa Division for a period of three months, launched his "Tell Soweto" campaign, assisted by twelve ministers from the Fields and eight students from Bethel College. A glow of satisfaction and real joy filled the hearts of those who had worked so hard and so long to make this hour possible, as the tabernacle slowly packed to the doors. In six repetitions of the programme Pastor Cook, by no means a stranger on the evangelistic platform in Johannesburg, presented the message

Campaign workers led by Brother Vic Kluzit, S. U. Evangelist, preparing the advertising in the Orlando West church.



The S.U. bookman, Pastor R. E. Appenzeller; Pastor B. Wright, Bethel Bible teacher; and Pastor C.M. Hoho, assisted by Bethel students, assembling one of the tabernacle's eighty 22ft. long seats. The brethren constructed the seating for 1,600 people.

A delegation from Dube Central church delivering the mail to neighbours.



to 6,000 people.

It was a triumph of organization and co-operation in the face of almost insuperable problems, but God was pleased to bless. Seat bookings and a multiple session programme are very new in African evangelism. Private telephones are almost non-existent. To arrange booking our workers set up booths near the bus termini and the railway stations in the area. The large amount of money required for postage of our invitations was simply not available, but willing members delivered 12,000 personal letters by hand to private addresses, as well as placing 30,000 handbills in the letterboxes in a general distribution. The wide experience in organizing door-to-door work in Soweto,



Campaign workers and the Oranje-Transvaal Field staff signal the victory sign as they launch "Operation Advertise."

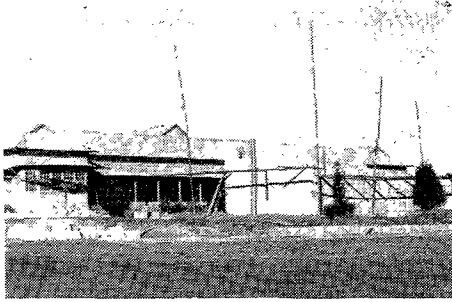
and the enthusiasm of Pastor S. J. Joannou, Lay Activities Secretary of the S.U., made this tremendous task seem quite easy.

God is at work in Soweto! In the words of the great evangelist, the Apostle Paul, "An open door and effectual is set before us"! Please pray with us for the continued blessing of Heaven on the "Tell Soweto" campaign.

### COVER:

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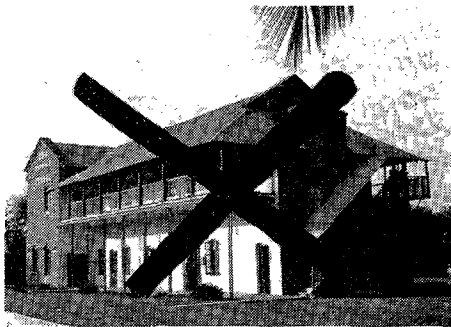
# Special Emphasis Youth In Southern Asia

... Built originally from war surplus materials, the Assam Training School is now crying for space. Classrooms, science laboratory, library and administrative offices are far too small to meet their present needs. Due to lack of accommodation, admissions must be limited in this, the ONLY Adventist school in the Assam section.



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4. Medical facilities will be close at hand.
5. Food and industrial supplies will be readily accessible.
6. The new site provides dry ground for more industries.
7. A better market for school industrial products will be near.



Moving!

# Around the Division

## CESSNA 7Q-YDP

A church member in the United States, Brother Frank DeHaan, has provided a *Cessna* 185 plane for our Flying Doctor Service in Malawi. Brother James Lanning, a Seventh-day Adventist pilot, flew the aircraft free of charge from the factory at Wichita, Kansas, via Montreal, Greenland and Iceland, to London. Dr. Marlowe H. Schaffner, our Medical Department secretary of the Division, and himself a pilot, took charge of the plane at London Airport, on his return from attending his son's graduation and wedding in the United States. Travelling with Dr. Schaffner were Larry DeHaan, son of the donor, and David Smith, both students coming to spend their holidays in Africa.

Dr. Schaffner's original intention was to bring the plane from London through France, Italy, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania, to Malawi, and he had obtained visas and permits for entering or flying over these countries. But as war clouds gathered in the Middle East his plans for travelling this route became uncertain, and had finally to be abandoned when, at 1:30 one morning, he turned on his radio and learned that hostilities had broken out between Israel and the Arab countries. The route he now chose was the west coast of Africa around the bulge, and since his previous work on visas was now undone, he started to obtain visas and permits for the 18 countries he would now have to either land in or fly over.

During a brief stay in England, the doctor saw Pastor and Mrs. W. D. Eva, Dr. and Mrs. Tony Jackson, Dr. and Mrs. Warren E. Staples, and Pastors Ernest Logan and Brian Pilmoor, all of whom are "ex-Trans-Africa" workers. He also visited Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Caviness of Newbold College. Dr. Caviness is principal of the college and Mrs. Caviness is his cousin.

Despite some obstacles and delays, Dr. Schaffner and the two young men left London on Tuesday, July 11, and 6½ hours later landed in Madrid. The epic flight of *Cessna* 7Q-YDP was under way! Here in the Division office its progress was eagerly watched, as on our office bulletin board a paper aero-

plane moved across a map of Africa from Madrid to Casablanca to Dakar to Monrovia in Liberia where the plane's "crew" and passengers spent the Sabbath. "The last 75 miles into Monrovia," said Dr. Schaffner on his return, "were not very easy. We had had fairly good weather up until then. But now we ran into a front of clouds that we could neither go over nor around, so we went back and found a hole in the clouds and came down along the coast. We used the white surf breaking on the beach as one would the white line along the centre of a road, and steered our way downwards, flying at from three to five hundred feet for these last miles into Monrovia."

On the Sunday morning the *Cessna* took to the air again and visited Lagos, flying over the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Dahomey, and Togo, and then on to Luanda in Angola. Dr. Schaffner had hoped to stop over in the Congo and visit Songa Hospital, but again his plans were thwarted by adverse internal conditions. Instead, from Luanda he flew to Victoria Falls for the young men to see one of Africa's most magnificent sights, and then on to headquarters, arriving here exactly according to schedule.

## OPERATION STUDENT TEAM-WORK

by A. M. DU PLESSIS,  
*Publishing Department Secretary,  
South African Union Conference.*

Helderberg College has done it again! For both high school and college as from this year, 1967, the students will all enjoy a half-yearly holiday of seven weeks during June and July. Did I say *Holiday*? Did I say *All* the students?

I hope that this will never ever be true in the history of Helderberg. No, our faithful student literature-evangelists did not have a holiday at all. They were out in the firing line, knocking at doors from early morning till late at night. Rain, snow or cold, could not keep them away from their divine calling. Souls are perishing. They had a work to do, and they went out and did it.

In all the conferences of the SAUC, excepting the Cape Conference, the usual

student programme was followed. In the Cape Conference, however, a new day has dawned for our student canvassers. We hope that this will catch fire elsewhere and everywhere, because the results are immeasurable.

The Cape Conference executive committee kindly agreed to ask Brother Francois du Plessis, a student of Helderberg College and at present, the president of the students colporteur club, to step in as Student Assistant Publishing Secretary for the mid-year holiday period.

During his period of service as a full-time literature-evangelist in the Transvaal Conference, Francois had already tasted the heavenly joys of *team-work*. Now, he wanted to know why students can't work together as a team. Study was given to this interesting aspect and it was decided to go ahead with "*Operation Student Team-work*."

Initial problems were mounting. Various difficulties were envisaged. But, earth has no problems that heaven cannot solve. It was then decided that this team would work in the Cape Peninsula, stay at Helderberg College, and travel forth and back with private transport plus, by the courtesy of the College, the College Combi.

Each morning the team met and prayed together. Every day they travelled to their field of labour and worked together. In the evening they returned together, and met once again to relate experiences and thank the Lord for His manifold blessings on another successful day.

*Team-work* cultivates confidence. It creates enthusiasm. It makes men and women (and students, too) brave and bold for the Master. It helps them reach out to cosmic heights and produces eternal results. It is one of the most inspiring and uplifting programmes in the Publishing Department.

During the few weeks the student team went out sixteen students participated. Orders to the value of nearly R10,000 were received, of which just over R3,000 was taken in cash and immediate deliveries. The souls prayed with, the contacts made for follow-up work, and the spiritual effect on the minds of both students and public can never be calculated in this life.

The students who participated have already said they never want to work alone again. May God bless this wonderful programme. May it reach out to many more schools, colleges, and conferences. May there not only be an abundant harvest of souls, but may great men and women emerge from this divine plan. For glorious results as well as better students and workers we believe in "*Operation-Team-work*."

**BEFORE IT'S FOREVER TOO LATE**

by Clifford B. Howe

Lift up your eyes, oh, my brother!  
Harvest of earth is now white.  
See, yonder sun is now setting;  
Day soon will fade into night.

Hasten, oh, hasten to labour!  
Soon comes the eventide.  
Lift up the fallen for Jesus,  
Point them to Him crucified.

Lend them a hand, oh, my brother!  
Rescue your neighbour today.  
Your lamp, all trimmed and burning,  
Will brighten someone's way.

Do not, oh, do not in peril  
Forsake them now to their fate.  
Work for your Saviour with courage  
Before it's forever too late.

He will in tenderness lift them,  
Lift them by power divine.  
Bright as the stars of the morning  
Forever and ever they'll shine.

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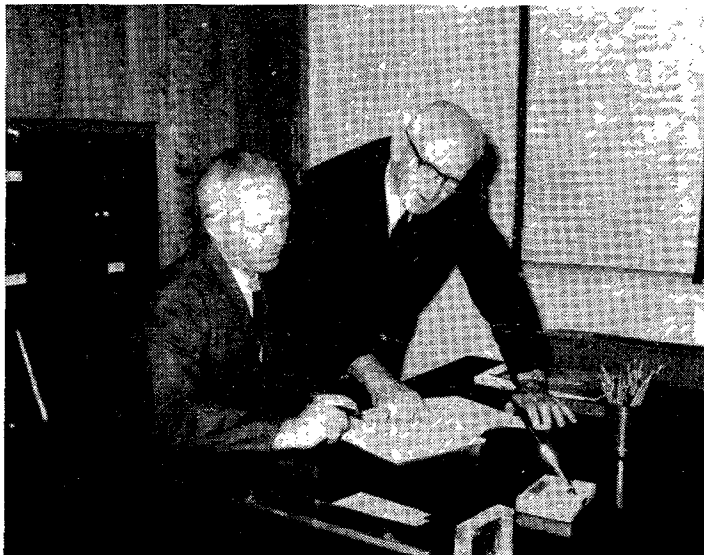
by D. W. HOLBROOK

*President, Home Study Institute U.S.A.*

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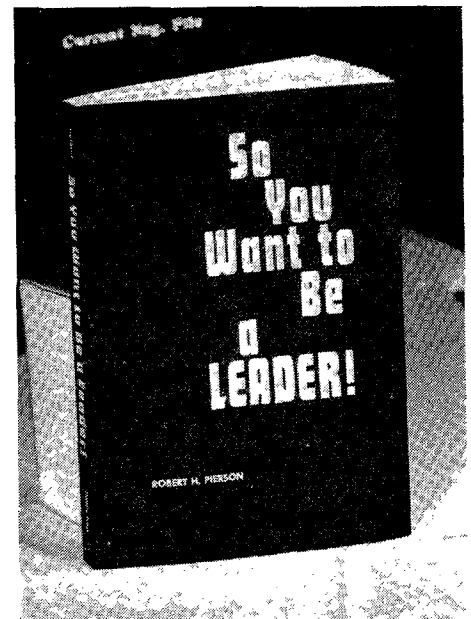
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# Bible Society Day and

News and Views from

## THE UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES

*South West Africa:* The Bible in Nama, a Hottentot dialect spoken in South West Africa, was released with great rejoicing at a ceremony recently.

The publication of this new Bible was of special significance as it represents the culmination of 140 years' dedicated labour. It is also the first complete Bible of which the first printing has been done in South Africa.

A plea for Scriptures for the Hottentots was received by the British and Foreign Bible Society as early as 1809. In 1822 the Rev. Heinrich Schmelen of the London Missionary Society was commissioned to translate the New Testament. He had to reduce to writing the sounds and clicks which are characteristic of Nama, and devise extra letter symbols. His translation of the four Gospels was published in 1831. Translation continued after his death, and the New Testament was published in 1866. A translation of the complete Bible was produced by the Rhenish Mission by 1881, but for various reasons was not published. A revision was begun by the Rev. F. Ponnighaus in 1938, who received the first copy of the complete printed Bible in April of this year.

*Kenya, East Africa:* The concern of Kenyan church leaders for the future of religious education in the schools following the country's birth as an independent nation has led to a programme of Bibles for Schools, now in operation.

A survey in one school district had revealed that in over 100 schools, there were only 70 Bibles. It was estimated that less than 10,000 Bibles were available in the nation's schools. With rapidly developing educational facilities, Kenya now runs over 5,000 schools.

The Bible Society is putting on the market a special cheap edition of the Bible for the current programme. Since the programme came into operation last year, 35,000 copies have been ordered. Within the last few weeks Roman Cath-

olic schools have been given permission to use this Bible.

The project has awakened interest throughout the country. Many teachers have given special donations, and a number of churches have donated for the programme an amount many times larger than they previously contributed in a whole year.

General distribution of Scriptures in Kenya is also soaring. Distribution of Scriptures for all last year totalled less than 400,000. In the first 3 months of this year alone, over half a million copies had been bought. And this in a country of 8½ million people!

The Bible Society secretary in Nairobi, the Rev. J. T. Mpaayei, comments: "The chief reason for this tremendous demand for Scriptures is the increase in the numbers of awakened young people who simply devour any reading material within their reach. This is an unparalleled opportunity for church growth through the spreading of the written Word of God."

*Rwanda and Burundi:* The two most densely populated countries of Africa are to have their own headquarters for the supply of Scriptures this year, with the

establishment of a new Bible Society office. They are the states of Rwanda and Burundi. The new Bible Society secretary will probably set up office in Bujumbura, Burundi, around the end of September.

The distribution of Scriptures has been arranged in the past through the Bible Society office in Kinshasa, Congo. For many years the Bible has been available in the Rwanda language and the New Testament in Rundi, as well as Scriptures in French. The complete Rundi Bible is expected to be published this year. About a third of the six million inhabitants of the two countries is Roman Catholic, with Protestants a small minority and the literacy rate very low. It was nevertheless possible for over a quarter of a million Scriptures, mostly Scripture Selections, to be distributed last year. Now that the area is to have its own headquarters, it is hoped that even more Scriptures will be distributed.

October



Happy Vacation Bible School Children in Malawi with F. A. Bottomani, (left)

**Give Generously to the Bible Society**

# Sabbath-school Visitors' Day

7, 1967

*Rhodesia:* Twelve copies of Scripture volumes in Braille in Shona and English were presented jointly by the Rhodesia Bible House and the Women's World Day of Prayer to a blind children's institute in April. It is planned to supply other schools and institutes with Braille Scriptures.

*Be Generous:* Time is short and the need to spread the Word of God to all ends of our great Division is very urgent. GIVE LIBERALLY ON OCTOBER 7.

## MALUTI HOSPITAL BRANCH SABBATH- SCHOOLS

by SHEILA ROBERTSON,  
Sister Tutor

Over a hundred children gather each week to listen to precious Bible stories and to sing praises to Jesus whom they have learned to know through our branch Sabbath-schools. Little bodies that were dirty and unkempt are now clean and shiny. Their faces beam with the joy they have found in their Saviour. From across the fields one hears them singing at the top of their young voices, "I love to come to Sabbath-school."

## FRIENDLY SABBATH- SCHOOLS

A greeting-card, addressed to our headquarters "Church and Sabbath-school Members" was received from someone who signed himself as "A Visitor to your Church in 1966." A postscript stated: "I think, no, I know that your church is very friendly to visitors. How do I know? Because they were very friendly to me." *Let's make our Sabbath-schools friendly.*

Here at Maluti Hospital, the hub of our work in Lesotho, the branch Sabbath-school work is growing. We have 4 branch Sabbath-schools at present and are laying plans to begin others. Students and staff take the leadership. Once a week we meet to plan, prepare our materials, and pray for those who attend.

There are very few children's songs in Sesotho and the little ones have been singing songs which are far beyond their understanding. Gradually we are translating children's favourites into their language, and one day we hope to have a

junior songbook for use in our field. The lessons are illustrated with picture rolls or with colourful felt cut-outs we have received from overseas. These have been a delight to the children, and to the student teachers as well.

Branch Sabbath-schools are an important tool in the hand of the Lord by which the message of a soon-coming Saviour may be brought to those who otherwise would never know. We are happy here at Maluti Hospital to be able to work with the Lord. Truly we have seen His blessing upon our labours.



Rapt attention in a Branch Sabbath-school at Maluti Hospital in Lesotho.



Thirteenth Sabbath is a special day for the children in Lubumbashi, Congo.

## PREMATURE TWIN BRINGS MESSAGE TO FAMILY

by M. C. JOHNSON,  
*Ikizu Training School*

"Hodi" called a voice from the front door. The caller, Moffat, was one of the students of Ikizu Training School. In characteristic fashion he stated, "Madam, I have a little trouble." He went on to say that two days earlier his wife's sister had given birth to premature twins and since she did not have any way to keep them warm she had walked the six miles to the mission to find help.

It seemed hopeless to try to do anything for the tiny  $2\frac{3}{4}$  pound babies with no proper medical care available. Yet something had to be done, and so the babies were brought to the house and the struggle for life began. It took several hours with hot water bottles and an old hair dryer to get the babies warm, and just as it appeared that the first phase of the battle was successful it was realized that only one of the babies was still alive. Disheartening as it was there was yet one baby that needed care and this care Mrs. Johnson was determined to give.

Baby Musa was so tiny that it seemed impossible for him to live, and many times during the next few weeks it seemed that the battle was about to be lost. Surely the Lord had a plan for him because he gradually began to grow. An eye dropper was used to feed him every two hours night and day and hot water bottles had to be checked hourly to maintain a constant temperature. He was not fully developed and would sometimes choke, as he could not always breathe and retain his food properly. A rubber syringe was kept close by for such occasions and prayers repeatedly ascended to heaven in behalf of this little life.

As hope began to rise in our hearts that Musa might really live, we realized that preparations must be made for the transition to the kind of life he would have to live in his own family. It was decided that Musa's mother should learn how to care for him properly. It would have been interesting to have known that mother's thoughts during the next few weeks as she came faithfully and learned to feed and bath the babe, wash diapers and do the things mothers do in caring for their babies. Yet all these things she did with a smile in the hope that baby Musa might become strong and healthy. With good care and God's blessing Musa did grow and after nearly three months he was ready to go to his home. He was tiny but otherwise appeared to be a normal baby.



Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Clifford and family who left South Africa recently for Australia.

As African families tend to stay together in a sort of patriarchal unit, it was not unusual that we would become acquainted with the head of this family, Sanai, Musa's grandfather. Sanai was a real *mzee*—tall, slender and with the bearing of authority as the head of a large family. He was considered to be quite wealthy as he had many cattle and ten wives. He thanked Mrs. Johnson for taking care of Musa and said he wanted to visit us in our home to show his appreciation. On a later visit Mrs. Johnson was given both a chicken and a sheep as a gesture of his gratitude.

Sometime later Sanai did come to visit us. In telling of his life he mentioned that as a boy he had helped to build some of the first houses at Ikizu before World War I. As a young man he had apparently had no interest in Christianity, but time seemed to have changed his attitude and it didn't take long to arrange for a branch Sabbath-school at his home.

It was a joy to visit them as they were always happy to see us, and there were usually from 40-60 people waiting for us each Sabbath afternoon. Sanai's sincerity was evident in his willingness to conform his life to the principles of Christianity, and he certainly had some major changes to make in his life and family relationships.

Now the baptismal class has been completed and many arrangements made. Sanai and four other members of the family look forward to baptism and two others plan to study a bit further before their baptism.

## CO-OPERATIVE EVANGELISM AT MALUTI HOSPITAL

by H. E. CLIFFORD  
*Medical Director, Maluti Hospital,  
Lesotho.*

In the three months of the second quarter of 1967 at Maluti Hospital, thirty-one patients have requested baptism, and a total of 1,335 systematic studies have been given. How has this been accomplished?

Early in the year Brother E. Maqache from the VOP headquarters in Cape Town joined our staff as chaplain to release Pastor D. Chalale for public evangelism in the field. Brother Maqache brought with him the "know-how" of the VOP system, and we must attribute the success of our recent in-patient soul-winning campaign to the methods of a united Medical-VOP endeavour.

Each person requesting baptism had at least 24 lessons in which the truth was studied by the student himself, followed by a discussion with the chaplain. With none of the costs incidental to the usual public crusade, an audience of 120 persons has received an all-year-round evangelistic approach, and the effectiveness of this is apparent from the results obtained.

We are thrilled with these results and venture to think that a better understanding of and closer co-operation with the VOP as an economical and efficient agency of public and personal evangelism would bring success wherever practised.

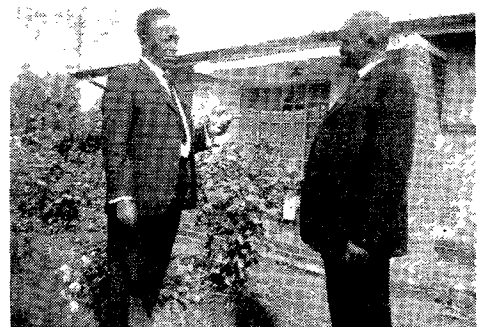




The beginnings of Soweto: Victor Kluzit, Union Evangelist, speaking at the dedication of the site. On the extreme left is Pastor R. M. Reinhard, treasurer of the Division, and Pastor P. H. Coetzee, president of the Southern Union. C. D. Verwey, secretary-treasurer of the SU, is on the extreme right.



Church members gave voluntary help, and a VOP student stands for a moment to rest his back.



Above right: Chief Pilane of the Bakgatla Tribe, Rustenberg, attended camp-meeting in Pretoria to make a personal appeal to S. G. Mkwanzani for an evangelistic campaign in his area.



Twenty-four being baptized by district director J. T. Mashwa and Field president, D. M. Malotle at Schweizer-Reneke.

## HAPPENINGS IN THE ORANJE-TRANSVAAL FIELD

by D. M. MALOTLE,  
President

March, 1967, will not soon be forgotten by our believers because of the inspiring camp-meetings held. At Schweizer-Reneke over twenty souls were baptized. Our Free State believers enjoyed their combined camp-meeting at Bethlehem, having as their main guests Dr. H. E. Clifford, Pastor A. W. Staples, and Pastor D. W. Chalale. Large and inspiring camp-meetings were held simultaneously at Pretoria for Pretoria mission district, and at Natalspruit where the East and West Rands were combined. Over 2,800 people attended at Natalspruit. Pastors P. H. Coetzee, union president, H. P. Charles, Indian Field president, J. A. Birkenstock, E. T. Tshabalala, and H. Malatjie were the main guests.

It was a beautiful clear Sabbath morning when our believers met for the re-organization of the Alexandra church. A thrilling message was given by Pastor Coetzee. Ten ministers were with him on the platform. We were grateful during this occasion to have Pastor R. M. Reinhard from the Trans-Africa Division with us. He was so impressed by the effort made by our believers to make the church presentable that he gave us a donation of R100 for the painting of the roof. After the re-organization of this church, all went over to Jabavu, Soweto, to dedicate the site where the evangelistic centre will be built which can seat about 1,500 people. Pastor Reinhard was the first person requested to break the soil. As I write, the steel structure is already up; the roof on; walls window-

high. The building will be completed by the end of July.

Pastor E. A. Tsoetsi with his army of men, women and children, are on fire for the completion of the Natalspruit church. Pastor Phomodi and Mkasi, with a great army of believers at Zondi, are busy levelling the site where a church building will soon be erected. A newly-converted VOP student showed a wonderful spirit and practical demonstration of appreciation for his enjoyment of the lessons by assisting our brethren in the levelling of this site.

People are thirsting for the Word of God in this field. Chief Pilane of the Bakgatla tribe in Rustenberg, travelled with his wife a distance of over 100 miles to attend the camp-meeting at Pretoria where they met Pastor S. G. Mkwanzani and the writer to discuss plans for the big effort to be held for their people in December.

Camp-meetings in our field have proved to be a great blessing not only by bringing believers together, but by uniting men and women who were not enjoying home unity.

With these evangelistic efforts and the church-building programme under way, we are indeed looking forward to a great measure of the Lord's blessing.

Remember Oranje-Transvaal Field in your special devotions.

## SOUL REAPERS REAP GRAIN REAPERS

by Evangelist T. L. MUBONENWA,  
Zambia

Starting from the middle of April to the middle of June is the time for field reaping here in the Eastern Caprivi Strip

(South West Africa). Now due to the fact that Kanono church's three weeks evangelistic effort was scheduled to start on May 21 to June 11 the participants led by Pastor J. Mwilima and the writer met at the church on May 18 for the final planning and instructions.

At the last discussion prior to the launching time of the effort there were two obstacles which in the evangelists' sight seemed to be great barriers to their success. These two obstacles were; firstly the effort was to be held in a rural area, not in a city. Secondly, it was the time of reaping and scaring weaver birds during the day-time and scaring elephants at night. So some villages were without people, each person was keeping watch in his field with his family.

Knowing that we were sent by Him who knows no failure, we prayed the Lord to work out our plans for us, and surely our prayers were answered. The writer thought of breaking the group into two bands; one led by him and the other by the pastor which would go and hunt the people in different places where they were scattered just as the Lord said in Jeremiah 17:6 "... and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."

We separated, the writer leading one band to work in the villages to the east of the centre, while the pastor led his band to the villages to the west. During the day we would go from field to field

teaching those who were individually keeping watch at their fields. If we found them busy in the fields we too would be busy with them for a short time in order to have them like us; and then we would introduce ourselves to them as reapers of souls. On hearing that they at once called the whole family together, and right there we held a Bible class in the field. Then at the end we invited them to go to church on Sabbath as we came together on Fridays and worshipped together on Sabbath then separated on Sunday for the work in the villages.

There were some who went to work in their fields during day-time, and came back home in the evening. We would collect firewood in the afternoon and make a big fire in the homes where we gathered at night. We had good attendances.

To my surprise on the first Sabbath we had an attendance of two hundred and twenty-six. By the last Sabbath we had two hundred and sixty-seven who attended, and from our reaping we got fifty-five souls for the Master.

## SOUTH LAKE FIELD LOOKS AHEAD

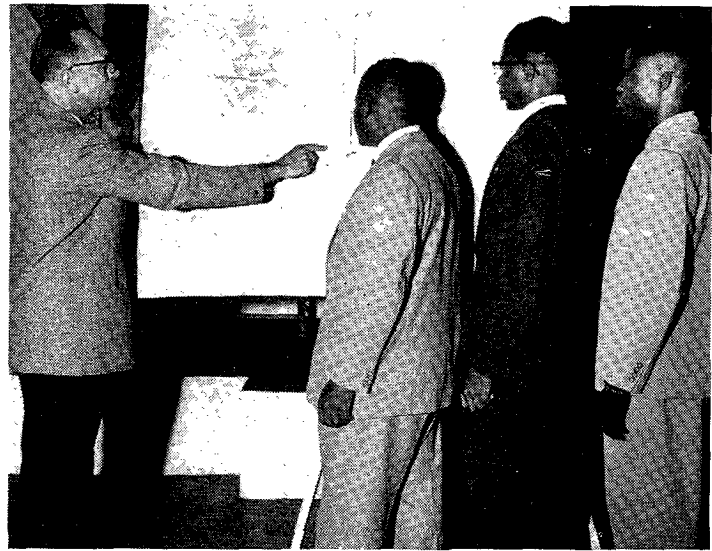
by S. M. SAMUEL,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

The South-East Africa Union completed its third quadrennial session on the morning of March 1, after which the South Lake Field held its fourth biennial session in the afternoon of the same day.

Several weeks before the union session, Pastor A. Bristow, superintendent of the South Lake Field, spent much time in map-making for district leaders. The South Lake Field, like any other organization of the denomination, has a desire to see God's work finished in our generation. With this great need in mind, while delegates from our two sister fields were going home after the union session, the South Lake Field's remained at Malamulo to plan the work for 1967.

It was pleasing to see how interested each district leader was and how they all acted as if they were hearing anew, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not; lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes" Isa. 54:2.

An earnest call was extended to all thirty-one districts advising each one to use his map so that in places where there is no work now, work can be started. Pastor Bristow continued his instructions by reading the following quotation from the book, *Evangelism* by E. G. White.



South Lake president, A. Bristow, discusses unentered areas with S. M. Samuel, H. J. Kabambe and J. A. Ziyenda of the Field office.

"One of authority was addressing the company, before whom was spread out a map of the world. He said that the map pictured God's vineyard, which must be cultivated. As light from heaven shone upon any one, that one was to reflect the light to others. Lights were to be kindled in many places, and from these lights still other lights were to be kindled. . . ."

Each district leader must try to be God's help to work so that he can join hands with his fellow-minister in the next district, for we read "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" Hebrews 10:37.

Truly the harvest is great but the labourers are few. The Southern Region has a population of 2,063,894. Of these only a little over 22,000 have responded to the third angel's message, and the rest we still have to contact and bring in before probation closes.

Strong plans were laid for evangelism and various departments of the work encouraged. Pastor N. L. Doss, our union director, spent some time with us encouraging us to carry on with the tithe promotion programme during this year 1967. It was also recommended that each district leader visit every Seventh-day Adventist home during this year and dedicate their gardens, encouraging them to greater faithfulness during the coming years.

In parts of our field where harvest has already been reaped, reports reveal that more tithe is coming in than last year and we hope it will be like that all over our field this year. The Lord has blessed His people in giving them plenty, although in some places there was insufficient rain. We are happy to report that our believers are proving the Lord and as a result blessings are poured on them.

## YOUR EDITOR THINKS . . .

. . . that when Bible Week was celebrated in Aberystwyth, North Wales in July to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first printing of the New Testament many people must have been reminded of Mary Jones who walked many miles along a rugged road to the city of Bala in order to procure a copy of the Bible. That was 160 years ago, and it was this dearth of Bibles in Wales that led a group of businessmen in London to think seriously about the need for sending the Word of God to all places. From this little gathering the British and Foreign Bible Society was born, followed by the American Bible Society and other Bible societies in all parts of the world.

Now, it is our privilege on October 7 to have a special part in placing the Holy Scriptures in the hands of all who long for the light of truth. Hands are reaching out everywhere for the Bible; hearts are hungering and thirsting for the living water of heaven; and souls are longing for the salvation our Saviour so freely offers.

Please remember Bible Society Day Offering on October 7.

# Reporting on . . . PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Pastor Merle L. Mills has just returned to headquarters after a five-weeks' safari in Tanzania where he attended four camp-meetings.

From *Treasury Highlights*, the organ of the Division's Treasury Department, we learn that in 1966 the North American Division doubled their Week of Sacrifice Offering. This comes as a challenge to every worker and believer in our Division to start planning now for the Week of Sacrifice Offering to be taken on November 11. *Treasury Highlights* rightly states that we too can double our offering!

Miss Pat Swan, formerly of the Division headquarters office, has accepted a call to the East African Union where she will serve as an office secretary after her return from furlough in England.

Miss Dora Greve of Lower Gwelo Training School will be retiring from active service after 45 years in denominational employ, 16 of which have been spent in Trans-Africa. Miss Greve has earned the esteem and respect of those with whom and for whom she has worked these many years, and her fruitful and dedicated labour is greatly appreciated.

Treasurers' Councils were held in the East African and South-East Africa unions. In Nairobi, Brother W. Max Webster led out, assisted by Pastor R. M. Reinhard, treasurer of the Trans-Africa Division, and Pastors Frank Unger and E. G. Olsen, treasurers of the Central African and Tanzania unions.

The Ministerial Association has a division-wide Evangelists' Fellowship of Prayer. Morning by morning evangelists and their associates are encouraged to "remember to pray for power at your rising hour."

The Publishing Department also has a wide circle of praying literature-evangelists who day by day seek the Lord for His blessing to rest upon the printed pages that they distribute.

A warm welcome is extended to Pastor and Mrs. Dusan Sofranac who are new appointees to the Congo Union. At present they are in Rwanda learning Swahili. Prior to their appointment to Trans-Africa, they were in charge of our work in Jerusalem. We also want to welcome Brother and Sister Clyde E. Ondrizek, who are located at the Lower Gwelo Training School.

Pastor and Mrs. G. S. Glass visited Division headquarters recently on their way to Nairobi after their furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson and Gayle are back at headquarters from overseas, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Stradowsky have commenced their work at Bugema once more after their furlough in the U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Derek Beardsell are in Bujumbura commencing their new term of service in the Central African Union.

Records are being broken again in the Publishing Department of the Central African Union! Brother H. J. Matussek reports that during the first six months of this year their sales figures totalled the same as for the 12

months of last year. Their goal of 100 literature-evangelists has almost been reached, as 95 dedicated men and women carry the printed page along the highways and byways of Rwanda and Burundi. These workers have been able to report over 401 souls won since the beginning of the year.

The latest tithes and mission offerings report reveals an increase in tithes of 9.4 per cent, and in mission offerings of 11.8 per cent for the first six months of 1967 over the same period in 1966.

In a letter from Mrs. Lilian Buckley, we learned recently that she and Dr. Buckley and their family are nicely settled in England. Dr. Buckley started his work there on July 1 in Essex and soon after they moved into a new hospital house which was fully furnished and has central heating.



## At Rest

It is with deep regret that the death of Mrs. Maureen Harvey, wife of Dr. R. Jack Harvey of Malamulo Hospital, is recorded. A full obituary will appear later.

Many in Trans-Africa who knew Dr. and Mrs. C. Paul Bringle will be sorry to learn that their elder son, Donald, was killed in a flying accident on June 2 in Colorado, United States. Donald had made aeronautics his work, and at the time of his death was flying with Pastor Eugene Irish, chaplain of our Porter Hospital and Sanitarium in Denver.

## Trans-Africa Division OUTLOOK

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

### OCTOBER, 1967

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Cape Town	6.51	6.58	7.03	7.09
Johannesburg	6.10	6.14	6.17	6.21
East London	6.13	6.19	6.24	6.30
Port Elizabeth	6.23	6.30	6.35	6.41
Bloemfontein	6.18	6.23	6.27	6.31
Pietermaritzburg	6.02	6.09	6.11	6.16
Durban	6.00	6.05	6.09	6.14
Windhoek	6.52	6.55	6.57	7.01
Bulawayo	6.04	6.06	6.09	6.12
Salisbury	5.52	5.54	5.56	5.59
Gwelo	5.57	5.59	6.01	6.03
Lusaka	6.04	6.05	6.07	6.08
Blantyre	5.38	5.39	5.40	5.42
Lubumbashi	6.06	6.06	6.07	6.07
Nairobi	6.24	6.23	6.20	6.19
Mombasa	6.13	6.13	6.11	6.10
Kisumu	6.33	6.32	6.29	6.28
Kampala	6.42	6.40	6.37	6.36
Dar-es-Salaam	6.18	6.17	6.15	6.15
Tabora	6.42	6.41	6.40	6.39

### NOVEMBER, 1967

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Cape Town	7.15	7.22	7.29	7.35
Johannesburg	6.25	6.30	6.35	6.41
East London	6.35	6.42	6.49	6.55
Port Elizabeth	6.47	6.54	7.01	7.07
Bloemfontein	6.36	6.42	6.48	6.54
Pietermaritzburg	6.21	6.27	6.33	6.39
Durban	6.19	6.25	6.31	6.37
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# Does GOD CARE?

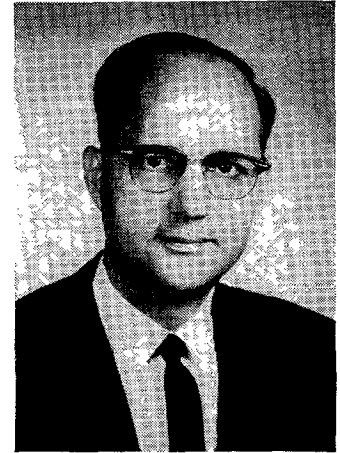
by MERLE L. MILLS,  
*President Trans-Africa Division*

Have you at some time in life been subjected to acute suffering, great sorrow or inexpressible grief? If not, you will be. Such a statement is made not to emphasize the gloomy or plaintive aspect of life but to bring into clear focus God's true nature. A calm and realistic appraisal of life reveals a fretwork of light and dark shadows, of happiness and sorrow. It is when our emotions are as taut as the strings on a bow that the devil takes advantage by plaguing us with doubts and fears, whereas under ordinary circumstances we would never entertain such thoughts. In fact, grievous pain and poignant anguish can so shatter the peace of the mind that, at times, it is impossible to be rational in one's judgment.

When passing through the dark valleys of life, you will be tempted to ask the question: "Does God care?" To find the answer I would invite you to accompany me on a brief visit to Golgotha. As we approach the notorious and infamous place outside the wall of the city, we see considerable activity on its summit. There is confusion and excitement. Above the ribaldry and tumult, we can hear the dear ring of metal. As we draw near there, to our horror and shock, we see your Saviour and mine being nailed to a Roman cross. The dastardly work is done, and with considerable effort the soldiers lift up the cross and let it drop into the hole with a thud, intensifying our Saviour's agony and leaving gaping wounds in the palms of his hands. With unholy glee the scribes and priests stand about the cross wagging the heads, shooting out their lips which pour forth a stream of imprecations and venom. They mock our Saviour, heaping contempt and scorn upon His sacred brow. They are not even satisfied to allow our Saviour to die in peace.

There our Lord hangs, suspended between heaven and earth, crucified between two malefactors. With a pale blood-stained face, the crown of thorns pushing deep upon His noble brow, with parched lips and flayed back, His body distorted with pain He hangs as a despicable character before the world. He has been falsely accused by His brethren, betrayed by a trusted disciple and delivered to the Roman soldiers as a blasphemer, insurrectionist, and impostor.

Holy Writ avers that "some sat down to watch him there," suggesting a posture of apathy. Others stood and watched from a distance, curious as to what was going to happen, but completely oblivious that before them was unfolding the drama of the ages. Still others looked on from afar off, some of whom were Christ's own disciples, fearful that they might become involved. Some wept, softly sensing the great magnitude of the horrendous crime that was taking place. The malignity, infamy and shame that converged at the cross was a shocking demonstration of man's inhumanity toward man. It was the darkest day in the history of the world, for we see hate at its worst. But it was the most glorious day in the history of the world, for we see love at its best. Christ does not recriminate or seek revenge. Although His body is in a delirium of pain He has no reproach for the unmitigated cruelty of which His assassins are guilty. Rather He prays a prayer of forgiveness for those who nailed Him to the tree. Despite His acute suffering, He hears the prayer of the penitent thief and grants his request. He remembers His mother in this sad and tragic hour and commits her to the loving care of His beloved John. Abandoned by the disciples, and thinking that He has been rejected by



His own Father, it is more than He can bear. He cries out: "It is finished." His body goes limp, His head falls on His chest, as death brings cessation and welcome relief to His tortured mind and body. He dies a lonely agonizing death. Not so much from the trauma and pain, but of a broken heart. Behold the "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." "Did ere such love and sorrow meet?"

Dare you remain at this hallowed spot with unmoistened eyes and impertinently and ungratefully ask: "Does He care"? What more eloquent declaration and undeniable demonstration could our Saviour give to reveal that He does care? The cross is the bridge which spans the deep chasm created by sin which separates man from God, leaving in its wake a life of tears, pain and affliction. One who stands in humility and penitence before the cross will experience a new faith and a new hope which will bring peace to a troubled heart and strength to a broken spirit. Life will take on new dimensions and a new perspective. As he turns from the cross to enter once more the valley of the shadows, he does so with unflinching step for he is now able to say with an unshakable faith, "I know in whom I have believed." No longer fearing to face the dark shadows and endure the afflictions of life, he now clings to the cross of Christ, sustained by the message of comfort that in trumpet-like tones resounds from Calvary's summit: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7.