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CHRIST IS MANKIND'S ONLY HOPE

By W. McClements Former Union President

Reading the daily papers and listening to the radio is not an unmingled pleasure these days. Indeed it can be very disquieting. There is much strife, conflict, unrest, and crime in the world. One must readily accept the fact that we are living in a sick, distracted, and disillusioned world. National jealousies, race hatreds, the development of means for mass destruction, and the widespread increase in crime fill the hearts and minds of men with fear. Leaders, earnestly striving to ensure peace and goodwill amongst nations and races, scarcely know where or to whom they can turn for guidance and help in these critical times. As we look out on the world today with all its deep-seated problems that almost defy human solution, we feel that the late H. G. Wells was not far off the mark when he stated that "The world is at the end of its tether." Statesmen and scientists of the highest calibre and rank are continually warning us of the perils confronting civilization today. Their grave warnings from time to time remind us of the prophetic forecast of the Lord Jesus Christ when He spoke concerning His Second Coming and the winding up of the affairs of this old world. "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:26. Conferences and diplomatic meetings, convened in bewildering rapidity, often seem abortive in their objectives, despite the sincerity of many leaders who take part in them.

Mankind is on the move today, but to where? Bewildered humanity is anxious to know what lies ahead. Men want an answer

to the basic questions of life. Some base their hopes on the wisdom of political leaders. Others put their faith in the brilliant work of scientists and research workers for future peace, prosperity, and well being. Some, with spiritual insight, realize that neither science nor politics can bring true peace to the world or to men's hearts. They know that the answer to the deep longing of men and women for peace and happiness is found, not just in higher standards of living, material well being, scientific progress or greater efficiency in the technique of our highly mechanized age, good as all these may be, but in a living faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. He alone can deliver us from doubts and fears in this age when, despite our much vaunted progress, iniquity abounds and paralysing fear grips the hearts of men. To every believing soul He says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

It is a sad reflection that a great many people have abandoned their faith in a living God, their Creator, and have found no sure substitute—because there is none. When men reject His Word they are left without a sure guide. Says the prophet, "Oh Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Jeremiah 10:23 Two World wars and evolutionary teachings have combined to banish a Living Creator from the minds of men, and robbed them of faith and peace, and hope for the future. They are left to drift helplessly without an anchor to their souls. We must

Feed The Hungry Souls

By M. E. Ampate,

Assistant District Leader Obuasi, Gold Coast

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Yes, the command is "GO" and as the Master has ordered it, we should not delay, but go forward, as He has promised to be with us always.

On the 16th of August, 1956, brethren Paul Asare, Johnson Adeniji, Emmanuel Bio, James Adu, and myself marched forward to proclaim the gospel message to the inhabitants of Tebeso II, where we have organized a church and school. Before entering the village of about 600 inhabitants, we heard that certain religious bodies had been driven from the place, but we entertained the hope that the Master would lead the way.

We were very much surprised as to how the Chief and his people received us, and felt that Satan had already been conquered in advance. We really praised the Lord for His mercies.

The first night we opened our meetings, almost everyone attended, and the interest continued every night for the whole of our three-week stay. The thrilling part was that whenever we had light rains, the people continued in the cold and chilly atmosphere to hear the wonderful message. In fact, there are thousands of people who are hungry and dying without spiritual food, and must be fed by Christian workers. What people are after today is a spiritual message, spiritual food, and spiritual peace of mind. Let us feed the hungry souls.

One morning an old Mohammedan came to us with his three grown-up children and said, "I am now old, and before I die I like to find a safe place for my children. Your messages are well understood. Write their names so that they may have a place in the kingdom of God, so that they can follow Christ and keep the true Sabbath." After persuading him to follow the children, he said he was a Mohammedan when he was seven years of age, and that he would bring his other children who are away to join this church.

One man said, "Our ministers have given us quantity, and you have given us quality." Another member of a different church, after hearing the Sabbath message, rose and gave testimony of his new found faith and experience and gave himself to God. Many people are suffering spiritually, and without going to them we will not know their needs. I



Evangelist M. E. Ampate with the first-fruits of his effort.

appeal to you once more to go forward with spiritual food to feed the world.

By the help of the Holy Spirit, a new company has been established with forty-three new converts. Before the August Efforts another company had been opened by me at Apitisu, five miles from Obuasi, and the results realized were twenty-three souls. I trust that you will all pray for the establishment of these souls, and join me in praising the Lord for crowning our efforts with success.

"Let us work hard while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

SUNDRY INTERVIEWS

Richard Cecil, English divine (1748-1777): "Every year of my life I grow more convinced that it is wisest and best to fix our attention on the beautiful and the good, and dwell less on the evil and the false."—*Sunshine Magazine*, May, 1956.

Give me the liberty to know, to think, to believe, and to utter freely according to conscience, above all other liberties.—Milton, *Review and Herald*, March 15, 1956.

A willing helper does not wait until he is asked.—Selected. *Review and Herald*, March 8, 1956.

He who conceals a useful truth is equally guilty with the propagator of an injurious falsehood.—Augustine. *Review and Herald*, March 8, 1956.

First Impressions in Britain

By Pastor A. Nzotta

Before I left Nigeria for Great Britain, I had heard many people talk about our churches in Britain. It was said that in some churches you would see only old people in attendance, and in others scarcely anybody at all except the pastors. I have even heard it said that pastors who come from overseas to work in Africa no longer remain Adventists when they retire and return to their homeland. Well, the best testimony is that which is given by an eyewitness. So let me tell you what I have seen in my first ten days in England since August 27th.

On that day Pastor and Mrs. Newman came all the way from Watford to London to meet us, and carry us and our luggage in their car to their home. Pastor Newman had planned some visits for us to our churches and other places of interest. In the few days that I have been here I have visited three of our churches, two of them in Watford and one in Southampton.

Southampton is eighty-six miles from Watford. Pastor Newman took me to this church where he preached and I spoke at the young people's meeting. All the members of the church were present, including young people and children. I wish you could have heard the boys and girls from five years old and upward reading the Bible texts and reciting them from memory. Many of you knew Mr. Fitcher and will be interested to know that I met his mother at that church.

On Sunday I went to the New Gallery evangelistic centre in London. This great hall has 800 seats downstairs, and an upper gallery with 500 seats. The hall was filled with men, women, and children, although the meeting was held at night. And I was greatly surprised to see there forty or fifty negro men and women from Nigeria and other parts of West Africa.

In Watford we have two churches, one in the township, and the Stanborough Park Church outside the town. Mr. Rigby, the secretary-treasurer of the Gold Coast, took me to the Town Church on the next Sabbath, and it was what I met there that made me to write this message to you. 4,000 miles away from my home and family, I could not feel homesick on that Sabbath day. As we got out of the car to go in church, Pastor and Mrs. A.C. Vine and three younger children came and greeted me. (Their eldest daughter, many of you know, is now Mrs. Hubbard, a

missionary in the Gold Coast.) Pastor Ray D. Vine, who visited West Africa two years ago, was also there on that day, and Dr. John Hyde, too. These caught hold of me and embraced me with hands of brotherly love!

The church was full of boys and girls, young and old, and I wish you could see their good behaviour and deportment in the House of God, where everybody quietly and reverently enjoyed the morning worship and fellowship. I was greatly impressed with the way the elders, deacons, and deaconesses conducted themselves and their duties in the churches, too.

I must tell you that our brethren and sisters here do take a most wonderful interest in their fellow believers in Africa. The Newmans, the Rigbys, and the Vines, all who have seen us, have done all they could to help us not to feel sad about being so far from home. Dear Fellow Workers in West Africa, it is wonderful how Pastor A.C. Vine could remember the name of every worker he knew while he was in East Nigeria. It would do you good to see the sincere invitation from this family, where ten of us surrounded the table on Sabbath. You would easily realize that Adventists are one all over the world.

I would like to say to you that if you could see the homes in England and all the facilities, and the good Adventist parents of our missionaries, you would better understand and appreciate that great sacrifices are made when missionaries leave all this behind to come to us. And if you could see the interest that the returned missionaries still take in us, and the love they have for the work and believers in West Africa, you would want them all back again.

As I am about to go to Newbold College to become a student there for a year, I send you this message: "Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another." Let us do all we can to dispel ill feelings, hatreds, discontents, and jealousies amongst us. Let the world say what they think, but let us not give the world any reason to speak ill of us or of the church and its message. We have such a little way to go before we reach our eternal home. Let us pray for 'one another that we may all be kept faithful and continue in our first love of the truth.

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Above all things, always speak the truth; your word must be your bond through life.—  
Hajiburton, *Review and Herald*, March 8, 1956.



## God is my Landlord

By R. S. Watts

President Southern African Division

Tithing one's income in kind or cash is a Biblical principle. True followers of Christ in all ages have accepted tithing as a tenet of faith and practice.

There are a number of "surprises" which a Christian actually experiences when he pays an honest, faithful tithe.

1. He will be surprised at the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.

The result of life fully devoted to God and His cause is a spontaneous willingness to return to God the tithe. The two go hand in hand. Tithe paying is one evidence of a genuine love for God. It will strengthen our spiritual life.

2. He will be surprised at the ease in meeting his obligations with the nine-tenths.

Temporal obligations seem to be met more easily by one who is faithful in paying tithe to the Lord. Fewer debts are incurred. There is a quicker payment of obligations. The nine-tenths seem to go further.

3. He will be surprised at the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.

The faithful tithe-payer is usually the one who is more liberal in his free-will offerings to the Lord. Here again tithe and liberality in other offerings go hand in hand.

4. He will be surprised at the ease in going from the one-tenth to larger giving.

Many Seventh-day Adventists now pay an amount equal to the second tithe to care for other offerings in the church. Thus the true foundation for all giving is the paying of tithe. One who experiences these surprises will be surprised at himself that he had not adopted this tithing plan sooner.

God is your landlord. Most landlords do not give you any more than you pay for—but that is exactly what the Lord does. One faithful tither sa.d, "You cannot out-give God."

Our heavenly Father who is rich in resources, passes out a blessing to those who give a share with Him, which is more than they give. Isn't that His promise: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Why not take the Lord at His word and see exactly what happens.

Southern African Division Outlook, June 15, 1956.

## Let God Take Care of His Work

By Ellen G. White

There is no need to doubt, to be fearful that the work will not succeed. God is at the head of the work, and He will set everything in order. If matters need adjusting at the head of the work, God will attend to that, and work to right every wrong. Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port.

When I voyaged from Portland, Me., to Boston, many years ago, a storm came upon us, and the great waves dashed us to and fro. The chandeliers fell, and the trunks rolled from side to side, like balls. The passengers were frightened, and many were screaming, waiting in expectation of death.

After awhile the pilot came on board. The captain stood near the pilot as he took the wheel, and expressed fear about the course in which the ship was directed. "Will you take the wheel?" asked the pilot. The captain was not ready to do that, for he knew that he lacked experience.

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Pastor and Mrs. J. Clifford who served West Africa for thirty or more years. Pastor Clifford was responsible for establishing the Mission at Aba, Nigeria, and also Bekwai, Gold Coast. We owe much to them.



## Our August Efforts in Rural Districts

By I. A. Benson, District Leader  
Koforidua, Gold Coast

Once again we have been through August, and when August is mentioned it is always connected with our evangelistic efforts. On account of this, many letters came to me from most of our students in college wishing to know the particular places which they would be assigned for evangelism this year. Plans were executed, and on the 26th of August each one of them knew the group he should work with and the place he was to go to work for the Master. All the four groups in Koforidua district started their evangelistic teams on the same day, after prayers had been offered for them that their efforts might be crowned with success.

So far as I am concerned, I can say that the workers did the very best of sowing the precious seeds. Doubtless the results this year were too meagre. However, we have faith that they have sown the seeds, and it will take time to germinate. We hope and pray that the Lord will water every seed sown to come into better fruition at His own convenient time. Of all our efforts twenty-five souls were won and put in hearers and baptismal classes respectively.

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## Kindness Opened A Closed Road

By G. A. Solademi, Evangelist  
Okitipupa, West Nigeria

It was earlier this year when Pastor Ellstrom, President of the West Nigerian Mission, visited Okitipupa division that kindness opened a closed road. Long before the plan of his visitation, Pastor Alabi and his evangelist, myself, had planned to run an evangelistic effort at Ode-Irele. Tracts were distributed in this town and also the date for starting the meetings was announced.

When Pastor Ellstrom came before the date had arrived, he and Pastor Alabi went to see a group of men at Siloko who had long been waiting to talk with a representative of the Seventh-day Adventists. While both pastors were away, we received a letter from the town in which we proposed to run the effort stating that the town's people would not like to see

any missionary preaching in their city. The following day was the actual date of starting the effort.

Late that night the pastors returned and read the letter. Early in the morning they decided to go and see the chiefs and councillors, and to ask the reason for rejecting missionaries in their town. But before we reached it, we encountered some men carrying the wife of the Senior Councillor who had sustained an injury, been taken to the dispensary, and fainted during the treatment. There was no transport to convey this woman home again, so they were carrying her. Quickly we stopped and took the unconscious woman to her home in Pastor Ellstrom's car.

When we got to the house the woman was conscious and everyone began to feel happy. Pastor Alabi began to talk with the husband about the letter he had just received. Being the Senior Councillor in the town, he said that it was true that the town's people decided not to allow any missionary preaching in their town again because there were about eight different kinds of churches in this very small town, and there were so many false prophets coming in to the town and trying to deceive them.

However, when this man had seen that we were helpful missionaries, and moreover that we were very kind to him, he said, "Really, this mission must be one of the leading missions in Nigeria. I have heard of the great work you have done at Ife Hospital." So he decided to help us, and he led the two pastors to the chiefs and councillors.

After talking over the matter, both parties decided to welcome us, and to permit us to use their court hall for the meetings. Again we gave out handbills, posted posters, and invited the people to come to the meetings.

At seven we met in the N.A. Court Hall and the attendance that night was over 150. The following day Pastor Ellstrom left for Ibadan and only Pastor Alabi and I were left. Pastor Alabi preached throughout the meetings, and God blessed our efforts. Towards the end of the efforts, nineteen men enrolled as Sabbath School members and they are now attending our branch Sabbath School in the very house of that Senior Councillor. Because of that one small kindness many souls were given the Truth. And not only in this case, but in many others I am sure you will find that kindness will open closed roads.

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He who is not grateful for the good things he has, would not be happy with what he wishes he had.



## Faithfulness Brings Tremendous Blessings

By I. A. Nwachuku, Colporteur Evangelist  
Kano, North Nigerian Mission



In this world of darkness  
We must shine  
You in your small corner  
And I in mine.

Many times we have heard God spoken of as an Omnipotent God who changes not and to whom no being can be compared. Sometimes we read about the wonderful works He has done for many people in the Bible, for example the case of Jacob.

The man Jacob, having received blessings from his earthly father, needed God's blessings which he was given. When Jacob received God's blessings what did he do? Here we understand that Jacob made a promise to God. "And Jacob vowed a vow saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God; And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Genesis 28:20-22. Brethren, did Jacob fulfil his promise when God did according to his request? Yes, Jacob did.

Now, young men of Jacob's type, is it not high time for us to realize what God has been doing for us? As men who have been engaged in the field of evangelistic ministry and have known and accepted the Truth, will we not be faithful servants? "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much, and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 16:10.

Let us remember the words of God in Malachi 3:10 advising us to bring our tithes into the Store House and at the same time announcing His wonderful blessings which will follow.

Dear Fellow Workers, let us all confess to the Lord for our unfaithfulness of the past and make a fresh and firm promise to render to the Lord what is due to Him. May God help and guide us as we work day after day for Him.

## Student Evangelism In Aba

By H. E. Rieseberg  
Acting Manager, Nigerian Training College

Sensing our great need for practical training in public evangelism in our cities, the staff of the Nigerian Training College made plans early in the year for a student effort in Aba. It was decided that the students would conduct the meetings for three weeks in order to lay a strong foundation. Then Pastor A. E. Farrow, the Mission President, and the regularly employed workers in Aba would carry the effort on to a successful conclusion. The financial responsibility was assumed by the East Nigerian Mission, while the preliminary planning and organization was handled by the principal of the college and Pastor R. O. Wosu, the Bible teacher.

The students arrived in Aba on July 1, and after getting settled in their temporary homes, they began their work. The members of Aba Township Church opened their homes to receive the students and cooperated in every way with the work of the effort. The first week was spent in organization and in an intensive programme of advertising and visitation. The men made record cards for all interested people such as former Adventists, Voice of Prophecy students, and individuals who had expressed an interest in the previous campaigns.

The opening meeting was held on July 8th at the Aba Township church. The attendance was somewhat small the first night, but on all succeeding nights, people had to be turned away for lack of accommodation. The college principal spoke on the first night on "What and Where is Heaven?" During the following nights Pastor R. O. Wosu, Pastor J. W. Wogwugwu, Mr. S. Majolagbe, Mr. Michael Wosu, Pastor A. E. Farrow, Mr. John Enang, and Mr. Moses Olayemi, were the speakers on various evenings. Each presented a different subject to the attentive audience.

Pastor J. W. Wogwugwu of Eastern Nigeria served as platform manager for the series of meetings. The music director was Michael Wosu, while John Enang of Eastern Nigeria and John Adu from the Gold Coast were projectionists. Samson Majolagbe, Chaplain of Ife Hospital, took charge of the ushering, and Moses Olayemi, also from Western Nigeria, was the director of the Bible school. A. K. Boadi, Gold Coast evangelist, managed the advertising. Other duties were similarly assigned to various individuals and each man

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## News Notes

✕ At 4 p.m. on 25th October, the members of the Ibadan Church all gathered together with visitors from far and near to witness the dedication of their new church building. It was a very happy occasion for them.

✕ A brief visit to the West African Union was made by Brother A. Karlman at the end of October and early November. The purpose of his visit was to audit the Union accounts.

✕ We welcome Pastor and Mrs. W.J. Newman and their son Roy, also Brother and Sister J. Rigby and their daughter Lynette who have just returned to the Gold Coast after spending their furlough in England.

✕ A welcome is extended to Miss A. Nuka who returned to the Nigerian Training College on the 31st October after spending her furlough visiting the countries in Europe. We trust that the Lord will richly bless her as she rejoins the College staff.

✕ Brother and Sister S. Gustavsson and baby returned to West Nigeria on the 31st October after spending their furlough at their home in Sweden. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

✕ Pastor Gibson and his family have just returned from a visit to all of the Nigerian Mission stations and investigating the possibilities of opening up new work in the North Nigerian Mission.

Seven deadly sins: Politics without principle; wealth without work; pleasure without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice.—E. Stanley Jones, *Sunshine Magazine*, May 1956.

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## LET GOD TAKE CARE OF HIS WORK

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Then some of the passengers grew uneasy, and said they feared the pilot would dash them upon the rocks. "Will you take the wheel?" asked the pilot; but they knew that they could not manage the wheel.

When you think that the work is in danger, pray, "Lord, stand at the wheel. Carry us through the perplexity. Bring us safely into port." Have we not reason to believe that the Lord will bring us through triumphantly? . . . Brethren, have we not seen crisis after crisis come upon the work, and has not the Lord carried us through and wrought for the glory of His name? Can you not believe in Him? Can you not commit the cause of Him? You cannot with your finite minds understand the working of all the providences of God. Let God take care of His own work.—*The Review and Herald*, September 20, 1892.

### THEM THAT HONOUR GOD HE WILL HONOUR

"God has made men His stewards. The property which He has placed in their hands is the means that He has provided for the spread of the gospel. *To those who proved themselves faithful stewards He will commit greater trusts. Said the Lord, 'Them that honour Me, I will honour.'*"—"Patriarches and Prophets," page 529.

### STUDENT EVANGELISM IN ABA

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was counseled concerning the way in which he performed his work.

The attendance averaged between 210 and 230 adults each evening. At the close of the meeting on July 29 Pastor Farrow called for those to stand who would keep the Sabbath. The response was overwhelming. Prior to this 29 had signed pledge to keep the Sabbath, and eleven had already begun to come to Sabbath School.

The meetings are now being carried on by Pastor Farrow and his associates. We are thankful for the loyal support of the local church and for the blessings of God on the student work. We pray for a bountiful harvest for God's eternal kingdom.