

# MESSENGER

## GHANA MISSION ORDINATION SERVICE

By Pastor W. J. Newman, President,  
Ghana Mission



Pastor and Mrs. Amponsah  
and two children

In the capital of Ghana, on Sabbath, January 11, a most impressive ordination service was witnessed by the Accra church members and others from Ashanti representing the Ghana constituency.

Pastor G. A. Lindsay, our Northern European Division Treasurer gave the address. Pastor H. J. Welch, our West African Union President offered the ordination prayer. Pastor C. B. Mensah, the

Ghana Associate President gave the charge, and the writer welcomed the newly ordained into the ranks of the Gospel Ministry. Pastors D. Agboka and A. Agyei assisted in the service.

Pastor D. K. Amponsah was previously a member of the Salvation Army, coming to know the Advent Message through reading our Literature.

During the past two years his district has shown remarkable progress, both in souls and finances. In 1957, 53 souls were added to the church through his efforts.

As Pastor Amponsah leads out in Accra, we pray that God may continue to bless him in his own christian experience and in his ministry to mankind.



Ordination Service  
D. K. Amponsah

## Trumpets Blow

By J. Ernest Edwards

In the time of ancient Israel, the new year was heralded by blowing trumpets. It was the rally call to new activity. As you have entered this New Year, you will hear the trumpet call to intensive service for the winning of souls. You will be reminded of opportunities for personal service. With thousands of Adventist laymen everywhere, plan to launch your Bible Evangelism project this month.

Around the world, the first Sabbath of this year is dedicated to the challenge "Go and Tell." As missionary plans for 1958 are presented, consider what you should do for God in His cause. Remember that your participation in lay evangelism will insure baptisms.

These opportunities in personal soul winning include:

1. A home visitation programme, utilizing an approach especially suited to your community.
2. A systematic house-to-house literature crusade, using our interest-arousing tracts.
3. Your enrolment in a Bible Evangelism Training Class, studying either the basic course: "Bible Service Training," or the advanced course: "Christ Centred Lay Evangelism."
4. Your adoption of this goal—**One Fire-Side Bible Study Each Week**. Conduct a neighbourhood Bible class, using the open Bible or the projector method to present truth. **Do soul winning the Bible study way.**
5. Assistance in the operation of Health and Welfare Service Centre or Unit.
6. Participation in the Ingathering Crusade. Remember—more members giving hours to visit more homes will result in more minute man goals, greater mission advance and a larger harvest of souls.
7. The daily sharing of truth through the King's Pocket League.
8. The Bible Correspondence School enrolment opportunity offered to every person in your church missionary territory.
9. A rural mailing literature programme to contact homes in unentered countries.
10. The active sponsoring of the objective: **"No Sunday night blackout in your church."**
11. The placement of tract racks in strategic places.

12. The holding of classes; first aid, home nursing, healthful cookery.

13. The loaning of the special missionary book of the year.

14. The follow-through of interests: visitation contacts. Bible Correspondence School students, radio and telecast, colporteurs.

May the first of this new year be a "blowing of trumpets" with your enrolment in missionary service and your planning of a Bible Evangelism project this month.

In many fields the winter months—when people enjoy their homes and firesides, present an uninterrupted season for Bible evangelism. Let these months be dedicated to teaching the last Message.

**Remember** The best days of Evangelism are here, for the Holy Spirit is being poured out.

**Remember** Angels are your partners in soul winning. They will help you teach the most hardened and careless. (CS 259)

**Remember** Your faithful service will be fruitful. "Accompanied by the power of prayer, the power of persuasion and the power of the love of God, your work will not, cannot be without fruit." MH. 143, 144.

Join the Adventist laymen around the world who are dedicating two hours each week in contacting new homes with our message, and devoting one evening to Bible Evangelism.

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## Parents' Exchange Two Extremes

By E. Kenneth Regal

The way your child will develop is entirely up to you. His abilities, his outlook on life, his failures are a large part determined by his discipline or lack of it.

If you discipline too severely, his mind may become warped. He loses the desire to choose for himself what is right and wrong. He awaits your decision on what to do next. He matures into an adult that is easily swayed to and fro. He is influenced by good or evil, whichever one comes along first.

Let us now take the case of the child who is allowed to develop his own strong mind. The parents never tell him, "No." He goes from one thing to another as he pleases. By the time he reaches the age of five, he is no longer under the control of the parents. True, he may appear to mind at times, but

mainly it is only to reach his own objectives. He knows about how much he can get away with and pushes it to the limit.

For example, Johnny has his new shoes on. His mother doesn't want him to wear them outside in his play. "Johnny, don't you dare go outside with your new shoes on!" she exclaims.

Johnny turns slowly round and looks intently at his mother. He thinks to himself, "She means it now; I'd better postpone my trip for a bit." So two-and-a-half-year-old Johnny slowly walks back into the house. He circles the room twice slowly, watching his mother very closely. She's talking to someone else now; she's forgotten him, he thinks. He slowly heads for the door. He has learned by now that he is doing something wrong, but he has also learned that his mother is very strict one minute and absent-mindedly liberal the next. Slowly the door closes behind him, and he is off to play. There is triumph in his mind. Quickly he settles down to playing in his sand box. Later when he comes in for his afternoon nap, mother notices that he went out and played with his new shoes on.

"Johnny, didn't Mommy tell you not to go outside with your good shoes on? What will I ever do with you?" But nothing happens. Johnny goes to bed triumphant; he has won the contest.

Over the years many more incidents occur like this, until Johnny is a teen-ager.

"Hev, Mom, Ed and I are going out tonight."

"Where are you going son?" No answer. "You'd better stay home tonight, son." No answer.

"Good-bye, Mom, See you later." The front door slams as Johnny leaves. "What will I ever do with him when he just won't mind me?" she exclaims tearfully.

Mother, you missed the beat many years ago when Johnny was two and a half years old. For surely if a small child takes pleasure in obeying, he will naturally continue on this way with your help and love. His will-power will not have been damaged in any way but merely guided in the right path.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

"Sunshine Magazine," October, 1957

## Soul-winning

"To every man is given his work, not one is excused. Each has his part to act according to his capacity. It should be urged upon them again and again that no one will be able to resist temptation and live the life of a Christian, unless he takes up his work, be it great or small."—"Gospel Workers," (Old Edition) page 16.

"All who will go to work, trusting not in what they themselves can do, but in what God can do for and through them, will certainly realize the fulfilment of His promise, 'Greater works than these shall ye do, because I go unto My Father.' John 14:12."—"Desire of Ages," page 667.

"Those who labour for the good of others are working in union with the heavenly angels. They have their constant companionship, their unceasing ministry. Angels of light and power are ever near to protect, to comfort, to heal, to instruct to inspire."—"Vol. 6," page 307.

"Every individual disciple of the Master is heaven's appointed channel for the revelation of God to men. Angels of glory wait to communicate through you heaven's light and power to souls that are ready to perish."—"Mount of Blessings," page 67.

"All over the world men and women are looking wistfully toward heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom waiting only to be gathered in."—"Acts of the Apostles," page 109.

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

"Christ took upon Himself humanity, that He might reach humanity. Divinity needed humanity; for it required both the divine and the human to bring salvation to the world. Divinity needed humanity, that humanity might afford a channel of communication between God and man."—"Desire of Ages," page 296.

"Angelic agencies, though invisible, are co-operating with visible human agencies, forming a relief association with men." . . . "Human agencies are the hands of heavenly instrumentalities: for the heavenly angels employ human hands in practical ministry.

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The first of these commissioning services modern "120" in the West African Union, were held in connection with some of the Camp Meetings in the East Nigerian Mission during the Camp Meetings November to December 1957.

A total of the 116 had fulfilled all the requirements of the General Conference Home Missionary Department. They had taken the course "Training Light Bearers" early in 1956 and had gone to work in a soul-winning endeavour and were successful in bringing in 412, who, at the time of the commissioning service, were prepared for baptism.

The first of these commissioning services was in Aba. The writer presented a message portraying the zeal of the early "120" (Acts 1:15.) They were the ones to whom the gospel commission was given by Jesus just before His ascension. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit in its out-pouring in the "Early Rain" the greatest soul-winning programme the world has known was carried on. The gospel was quickly preached to all the world. (Col. 1:23.) Today God is looking for a modern "120" who, when endowed with the power of the "Latter Rain", who will go forth with similar zeal to finish the work of God.

Pastor A. Nzotta, the Home Missionary Secretary for the East Nigerian Mission introduced the candidates for commissioning and certified that the 32 who were standing to their feet had fulfilled all the requirements for commissioning as members of the modern "120". When asked if there were those present who had been brought into the truth by these 32, imagine the

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Aba Laymen

thrill of seeing 112 stand to their feet. To each of the "120" was presented a certificate of commissioning and the writer gave the charge.

Then an impressive candle lighting service followed, which graphically brought to the attention of the large audience the way in which the light of the gospel spreads from one to the other. All those who had taken or were taking the course "Training Light Bearers" in the audience were asked to stand. Then after the reading of some appropriate passages on light bearing, the Union Home Missionary Department Secretary lighted his candle and from his lighted candle, lighted the candle of the Home Missionary Department Secretary of the East Nigerian Mission. In turn he lighted the candles of each of the Home Missionary Leaders from the local churches who in turn lighted the candles of those who had just been commissioned as members of the modern "120". These went through the audience, lighting the candles of those who had taken the course "Training Light Bearers" who were still standing. It was most impressive to see how quickly the light of a single candle spread rapidly until the pavi-



Group won by Aba Laymen

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Umuocha Laymen

lion was lighted by the flames of many candles.

In Umubiakwa there was an even larger group ready for commissioning. A group of 40 had fulfilled all the requirements and had been the means of winning 100 to the truth.

Not far distance there was another group of 32 in Umuocha who were prepared. They had brought in 120.

It remained, however, for the little group in Umuokpara to shatter all records for soul-winning achievement. Twelve were prepared for commissioning as members of the modern "120", but they had been the means of bringing 80 into the truth, an average of over 6 souls won for each of the laymen who were commissioned.

It is most wonderful indeed to see the missionary zeal of our brethren and sisters in East Nigeria. A new day in soul-winning has dawned in the West African Union Mission. The East Nigerian Mission is leading the way to greater endeavour for God. I am sure that their enthusiasm will spread and similar commissioning services will be held in each of the other Missions of our Union.

Group won by Umuocha Laymen

## Evangelistic Work in Lagos

By J. E. Adewoye, Evangelist

In September of 1956, we started the evangelistic campaign in Lisabi Hall, Ebute Metta, Lagos.

The first eighteen meetings were very good; many people attended, and they listened carefully to what the lecturer was teaching them.

After we presented the Sabbath with full explanation, we started house to house visitation. As we were going from house to house, we gave Bible studies. Some of the converts paid better attention to what we were teaching them than others did.

After we conducted 30 or 40 meetings in Lisabi Hall, the effort was interrupted because of vacations. After the expiration of the vacations we started a very big campaign at Glover Memorial Hall, Lagos. Many people attended nearly all of the meetings. Pastor C. D. Henri presented the Sabbath to them in a wonderful methodical way. As a result of this, many people decided to keep the Sabbath. After they signed the decision card, we started a very strong house to house visitation. Pastor Henri, the team leader taught us a new way of approaching the new converts. We accepted the method to help many to better understanding of the love of God.

We started keeping the Sabbath with the new converts in the Forester's Hall.

In September of 1957, nine people joined the church by baptism and also in the early part of December another 12 people joined.



Today, God is doing His work in Lagos in a miraculous way under the leadership of Pastor C. D. Henri.

We have a separate church now on Lagos Island, and over 35 people are now worshipping the Lord every Sabbath in Forester's Hall. Through Pastor Henri's ministry during the evangelistic campaign, God increased the membership of the church in Yaba, and by house to house visitation many backsliders were reclaimed.

When Pastor Henri and a few of his associates were going to Abeokuta, the first civilized and educated city in Nigeria, we received a call from Ikeja that the same message is needed there. The team leader Pastor C. D. Henri said, "Mr. Adewoye, go to Ikeja, God will go with you". I went and with the help of Mr. Ephraim Oshundele and teacher Abioye conducted eleven meetings there. Now we have 21 Sabbath keepers at Ikeja.

Another big effort began at Surulere, Lagos on 15th December 1957. Please pray for the team and the team leader and for the progress of God's work in Lagos and its district.

## Ghana Constituency Meeting

The Fifth Biennial Constituency meeting of the Ghana Mission was held 26th-29th December, in the Assembly Hall of the S. D. A. Seminary Bekwai, Ashanti, where over two hundred delegates from all over Ghana transacted the business of the session.

At 7.30 p.m. on 26th December, the delegates were welcomed by Pastor C. B. Mensah, Associate President of the Ghana Mission. The official seating of delegates was carried out by Brother John Rigby, Secretary-Treasurer, after which Pastor W. J. Newman gave the opening address.

Each morning of the session delegates met at 6.00 a.m. for Morning Watch. The devotional message on Friday, 27th December, on the topic "God is here" was given by Pastor H. J. Welch, President of the West African Union. The day was spent on the business of the session and committee meetings. The Friday evening devotional message was conducted by Pastor G. A. Lindsay, Treasurer of the Northern European Division, who gave delegates and others a few glimpses of our work behind the iron curtain in Russia.

The Sabbath School on 28th December, was under the direction of W. B. Ackah, Sabbath School Secretary for the Mission. The guest speaker for the Home Missionary service was Pastor E. Keslake, Home Missionary Secretary of the Union, who gave a report of the recent soul-winning activities of laymen in East Nigeria which climaxed in the commissioning of the 120.

The speaker for the Divine Service was Pastor A. F. Tarr, President of the Northern European Division, who challenged the workers and lay leaders of the mission with a message based on the parable of the Marriage of the King's Son in Matthew 22. On Sabbath afternoon, stirring reports of the progress of the work in each area were given by the district leaders. Delegates were happy to hear of the goals reached, and sometimes surpassed in souls, baptisms, tithe, Ingathering and Sabbath School offerings. A business session was conducted following the Sabbath.

The last day of the meeting was begun by Morning Watch and a devotional message by Brother F. C. Barfoot, Publishing Secretary of the Union, and continued with reports of committees and other business.

The Plans committee under the chairmanship of Brother R. D. Jordan, Principal of the Training College, Bekwai, recommended resolutions which were passed concerning such varied items as inheritance, branch Sabbath Schools, Ingathering, M.V. Work, Camps, School Weeks of Prayer and Teachers' Conventions.

The individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee of which Pastor H. J. Welch was chairman, and duly elected by the delegates included J. A. Mensah, Educational Secretary, R. D. Jordan, Publicity Secretary, W. J. Newman, Sabbath School and Religious Liberty Secretary; C. B. Mensah, Home Missionary Secretary; I. Ampofo, Publishing Department Secretary; Philip Gyamfi, Assistant Treasurer; C. Boye-Doe, Book and Bible House Secretary; R. D. Jordan, Principal, Training College, Bekwai and H. I. Dunton, Headmaster, Secondary School, Bekwai.

The Field Committee elected for the next biennium consists of the President, Secretary-Treasurer, Associate President, Principal of the Training College, Pastor A. Agyei, Paul Nsiah of Kumasi, Philip Andor of Akumadan M. Gyimah of Oda, and G. K. Swaniker, Accra.

A number of changes in district leadership were announced at the Ghana Constituency meeting. New district leaders include:

D. K. Amponsah,	Accra
S. A. Dankwah,	Agona
Owusu Ansah,	Ahafo
M. E. Ampate,	Atebubu
J. S. Dwumoh,	Bibiani
A. K. Amofa,	Kumasi
B. C. B. Debrah,	Kwahu
A. Agyei,	Techiman
S. K. Boamah,	Wenchi

## SOUL-WINNING

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Human agencies as handhelpers are to work out the knowledge and use the facilities of heavenly beings. By uniting with these powers that are omnipotent, we are benefited by their higher education and experience." Read the whole chapter. —Vol. 6, page 456.

### The Voice

"We may have knowledge; but unless we know how to use the voice correctly, our work will be a failure. . . .The truth must not be marred by being communicated through defective utterance. . . .By the music of the voice and the emphasis placed on the words, we can make the sense presented stand out as clearly before the mind of the listener as if it could actually be seen. . . .When you speak, let every word be full and well rounded, every sentence clear and distinct, to the very last word." Vol. 6, pages 380-383.

### Prayer

"Nothing is more needed in our work than the practical results of communion with God. We should show by our daily lives that we have peace and rest in the Saviour. His peace in the heart will shine forth in the countenance. **It will give the voice a persuasive power.** Communion with God will ennoble the character and the life. . . .This will impart to the worker a power that nothing else can give. Of this power we must not allow himself to be deprived." —"Ministry of Healing," page 512.

"We do not value the power and efficacy of prayer as we should. Prayer and faith will do what no power on earth can accomplish." "When we permit our commu-

nion with God to be broken, our defence is departed from us. Not all your good purposes and intentions will enable you to withstand evil. You must be men and women of prayer."—"Ministry of Healing," pages 509, 510.

"Satan is enraged at the sound of fervent prayer, for he knows he will suffer loss."— Vol. 1, page 295.

"Satan cannot endure to have his powerful rival appealed to, for he fears and trembles before His strength and majesty. At the sound of fervent prayer, Satan's whole host trembles."— Vol. 1, page 346.

"It is a part of God's plan to grant us in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask."—"The Great Controversy," page 525.

"To claim that prayer will always be answered in the very way and for the particular thing that we desire is presumption."—"Steps to Christ," page 96, (Navy Edition).

"God will more than fulfil the highest expectations of those who put their trust in Him. He will give the wisdom that their varied necessities demand. . . .When in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change, wonderfully change the most hopeless, discouraging outlook. He will do this for the glory of His name."— Vol. 8, pages 10-12.

"In the future life, the mysteries that here have annoyed and disappointed us will be made plain. We shall see that our seeming unanswered prayers and disappointed hopes have been among our greatest blessings."—"Ministry of Healing," page 474.

### Women

"Women as well as men can engage in this work. They can take their place at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them power to do a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. Their work is needed."—Vol. 9, page 128.

"The wife of a minister can do much if she will. If she possesses the spirit of self-sacrifice, and has a love for souls, she can with them do almost an equal amount of good. A sister labourer in the cause of truth can understand and reach some cases, especially among the sisters, that the minister cannot."—"Gospel Workers," page 201.

## News Notes

✱ Pastor and Mrs. Louis Nielsen and children have arrived in Ghana to take up their work in the Bekwai Seminary, where Brother Nielsen will be the Bible Teacher. The Nielsen family is from Denmark, but come to us from the S.D.A. Theological Seminary where he has attended school, and obtained his B.D. degree.

✱ Mr. and Mrs. J. Wolfe and son Ian have returned from furlough and have gone to Awtun, West Nigeria, where they will take up their new work. Brother Wolfe will be Principal of the Awtun Training School. The Wolfe family was formerly at the Nigerian Training College, in Ihie, East Nigeria, where he was Principal of the Secondary School and Mrs. Wolfe was a teacher.

✱ Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Roberts and two children who have been at the Awtun Training School for the past two years, are leaving for Jengre, North Nigeria. Brother Roberts will be the President of the North Nigerian Mission.

✱ In the Nigerian Training College at Ihie, we have a new teacher family, Pastor and Mrs. K. Meuller and two daughters, added to our staff. Brother Meuller who will be the Bible Teacher at Ihie, comes to us from the Theological Seminary, where he has been attending school.

✱ Mr. Young Dickay of Aba, Nigeria, has left Newbold College, where he spent one year, and gone to the United States. He will continue his studies in Emmanuel Missionary College. Mr. Dickay, is the eldest son of Pastor A. J. Dickay, the President of the East Nigerian Mission.

✱ Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cantrell and child of Liberia, have returned to their homeland for their furlough. Brother Cantrell is the Principal of our Konola Training School.

✱ Mr. and Mrs. H. Kempf and children have arrived in Ivory Coast. Brother Kempf will be Mission Station Director, as well as being in charge of the Bouake School. The Kempf family come to us from Strasborg, Alsace, in Eastern France, where Brother Kempf has been engaged in Evangelistic work.

✱ Mr. S. B. O. Folayan returned in January to the Advent Press, Accra, after leaving in Nigeria, following his one year study course in the United Kingdom. We welcome him back and wish him God's blessing as he resumes his work as Factory-Foreman.

## "Magic Words"

All of us react favourably to an occasional bit of praise. No child is too young, and no adult too old, who is not benefited in some way by being told his good points. No person ever becomes so hard-boiled that a little praise won't soften him. When we give a deserving compliment, that the other fellow can believe and live up to, we raise his estimation of himself.

Honest praise is a tonic and a stimulant. It is both food and drink to the mind and to the spirit. Keeping silent when there are nice things that could be said, or holding back that word of encouragement, may be just as harmful as the unkind words spoken by others.

It is much easier to go through life if we lubricate our contacts with our fellow man with words of praise and approval. With this habit we live more comfortably ourselves and we get far greater co-operation from our fellows. Without it our lives are filled with constant friction. Just as the bearings of the machine must be oiled occasionally, so must the companions with whom we associate be lubricated with praise and words of approval. . .

"Praise judiciously bestowed is money invested."

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