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## Forward in EVANGELISM

BY Howard J. Welch



Ever since the great Constituency Meeting at Ithie, enthusiasm has been growing in the missions for Evangelistic advance. Committees are planning and the ministers and leaders are determined to carry on during the year the strongest programme of soul winning ever launched in West Africa. 'Let your light shine' rallies are being held in all the churches enlisting all the laymen for active service. In the Ivory Coast the large churches each plan to hold lay efforts and establish branch Sabbath schools in two additional villages, and the small churches and companies plan to raise up companies in at least one village. In Ghana a committee has been appointed known as an Advisory Committee on Evangelism to study how to reach the unentered territories. With the two great Evangelistic efforts in Monrovia and Accra, strong evangelistic efforts by all the ministers and lay Evangelists in every church we can expect great things under the power of the Holy Spirit, and we confidently expect to double our soul winning results in 1959.

Let us not forget that our programme calls for:

1. Two Evangelistic efforts by every minister,
2. Every teacher, office worker, institutional worker and administrator assisting in an effort,
3. Special Evangelistic meetings for our youth in our schools and churches,
4. Every Sabbath School raising up one additional Branch,
5. Every M.V. Society conducting a 'Share your Faith' effort.

Let us all pray for God's blessing on these plans. Let us move forward. Let us talk courage and faith. Let us see what God can do with men, women and youth fully consecrated to Him.

## Let Your Light Shine In Fifty Nine



# Soul Saving MIRACLES

*in Monrovia*



*By Pastor C. D. Henri*

On April 4th and April 11th, a total of eighty-one happy people were baptized into the remnant church in Monrovia, Liberia, and scores are in classes awaiting baptism! Never before in the history of the Monrovia Church, has God so signally and marvellously blessed an evangelistic campaign.

But let's go back to the beginning. On February 11th, Pastor E. E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference, flew into Liberia for a six weeks' evangelistic campaign and field school of evangelism. He was met at the airport by as discouraged and downhearted a group of workers as could be found anywhere. The reason? An international conference was beginning in the pavilion which had been secured for the evangelistic meetings. There was no other place to go. Days of searching, counselling, and praying followed. Finally, it was decided to do a most unusual thing, for Monrovia, and that was to hold meetings out of doors in an open court. So a week later than scheduled, on February 22nd, the great Monrovia evangelistic campaign began with upward

of 1800 people coming on Sunday nights, and many hundreds nightly for two weeks. Rains threatened, but God worked a miracle and it rained around the meeting place but not on it. Then the lights were turned off by the power plant, but God helped us to get them turned on again.

After two weeks, the way opened and we moved into the beautiful modern Centennial Memorial Pavilion where every facility was provided free. The crowds continued to come in even larger numbers. At the end of the third week, the Sabbath truth was presented, and on March 22nd the first Sabbath Service was held, not in the church, but in the Centennial pavilion. On that Sabbath, I saw God honour Pastor Cleveland's faith in a remarkable way. Judging from the attendance and interest manifested, and my own experience in Monrovia, I expected about fifty convicted people to attend that Sabbath, but Pastor Cleveland said, "Make preparation for 400 people!" Four hundred and two came—and the power of God thrilled our souls that Sabbath Day!

On March 30th, the meetings were moved to the church—and still the crowds came, overflowing outside and listening to the truth through loud speakers.

Pastor Daniels and associates carry on the follow-up work. Only eternity will reveal the good that was accomplished, but scores who had been in the valley of decision since the two previous evangelistic campaigns, made decisions for Christ and were baptized. We are reminded again of the Scriptures—"One plants, another waters, but God gives the increase."

We are grateful to the Ministerial Association for loaning us Pastor Cleveland. His association with us, and the mighty work that God did through him will provide encouragement and inspiration and the "know how" for many in West Africa to "let their light shine in fifty-nine."

Pastors Dogo, Adeogun, Makinde, and Brother Adewusi from West Nigeria; Brother Boimah from Sierra Leone; Pastor Helbig and Brethren Scott, Karnga, and Thomas from Liberia were the African members of the evangelistic team. Pastor Daniels, president of the Liberian Mission as soloist and treasurer, Sr. Naomi Daniels as pianist, and Brother Ted Cantrell, treasurer of the Mission, all contributed greatly to the success of Monrovia's greatest evangelistic crusade.



# Missionary Volunteer YOUTH CAMP at Yele, Sierra Leone

By T. K. Kagbo

"You will have no cause to regret that you attended camp. You will rather regret that the camp has ended so soon," writes Mr. J. A. T. Fofana, the organizer and director of the Sierra Leone Youth Camp held at Yele from December 10 to 14, 1958.

And the field President Pastor Moyer, "This will be the first Youth Camp I have had the privilege to attend here in West Africa."

This is Wednesday the 10th day of December 1958. From the Colony area, from the North, and from the South, the campers arrive at Yele.

"From where is the name 'yele' derived?" asks Master Guide M. S. Greene as he trots with other M.V.'s along a bush path going for palm branches to build the camp booth. "It is derived from the Temne word 'Yel' meaning 'island'. There is a small island which you can see over there in the middle of the Taye River. The river branches just opposite the town, as you can see from here, and meets again about a quarter of a mile from the town, thus forming an island in between. It is from that island that the name 'Yele' is derived," explained Master Guide T. K. Kagbo, who is a born native of the town of the camp.

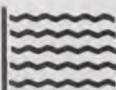
The town Yele is situated on an elevated plane overlooking the Taye River. A Government Rest House stands half way between the river and the town, at the bottom right hand side of the town. A stretch of a very beautiful Nigerian palm trees lies between the town and the river, stretching from a little above the town and stopping just below the Rest House. We are camping under the palm trees on the left hand side of the Government Rest House, half way between the Rest House and the Taye river, so that we are actually just about forty yards from either the river bank or from the Rest House.

The trees are stretching out their branches bidding us *Sene-o* (Welcome), and the Taye River echoes the voices of the campers and the palm trees as it beautifully and glitteringly reflects the rays of the bright,

sparkling light of the beautiful risen sun over the horizon.

People are excited as they see the Master Guides and others in their full uniforms with their many "stars." In the evening the town folks, both young and old, desert their homes to come and enjoy the campers as they light their camp fire on a high rocky ground in front of the camp booth, and as they play their Missionary Volunteer games and sing their melodious songs. On the other hand, the Taye River, the forests and the valleys are good enough, never tired, always ready to echo our songs and laughter.

It is now Saturday, December 13. The time is now three o'clock in the afternoon. The Missionary Volunteers divide into three groups and each group with literature for  
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## THOSE BEAUTIFUL

# Rainbow Flags

By Eric B. Hare

I will long remember those beautiful rainbow flags and the happy faces of the 506 delegates who made them in our nine workshops in West Africa. I will also long remember how you sang:

"Who made the beautiful rainbow?"

I know! I know!"

It was such a pleasure to be with you, and I took your love and greetings to Northern Europe. There was fog and snow everywhere, and in Finland the lakes and rivers and ocean bays were frozen over with thick ice. But they rejoiced to hear of your faithfulness and your development, and they send back to you their love and greetings.

Now that I am back in office again I will send the books and pictures to those who ordered them. So be on the lookout for them.

The Sabbath school family is a good family to belong to, and what a wonderful time we will have attending the great Sabbath school in the New Earth. I find myself adding another verse to the crown song we all liked so well:

"We shall meet again

In my Father's house,

There'll be joy! Joy!! Joy!!!"





“As in the Days of Noah”

The end of God's mercy is a strange event. His unmingled wrath is terrible to anticipate and impossible to describe adequately in human language. Facing the question, "Who shall be able to stand?" we can only look forward in faith, trusting God for strength to live through these last hours of time, and witnessing to the universe what Christ's righteousness imparted to human flesh can endure.

The close of probation comes when the living righteous have all been sealed and the wicked enrolled in the camp of Satan, having received the mark of the beast. The controversy over the Sabbath has been so sharp and the issues so clear that all have been

# THE END OF *Mercy*

By

Richard P. Lewis

(Review & Herald)



forced to decide on the position they will take. Inquiry does not here consist in opposition to religion, but in acceptance of the deceptions of Satan. False worship, false religion, have always been abhorrent to God. Now in the law enforcing Sunday observance men reach their limit.

"Through century of this world's evil history evil workers have been treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath; and when the time fully come that iniquity shall have reached the stated boundary of God's mercy, His forbearance will cease. When the accumulated figures in heaven's record books shall mark the sum of transgression complete, wrath will come, unmixed with mercy, and then it will be seen what a tremendous thing it is to have worn out the divine patience. This crisis shall be reached when the nations shall unite in making void God's law."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 524. This event occurs when Roman Catholicism in the Old World and apostate Protestantism in the New unite to pass a Sunday law which they eventually enforce with a death decree. This incurs God's final pre-millennial act of vengeance.



### *Events After the Close of Probation*

Let us note some of the outstanding events Inspiration has foretold as taking place after the close of probation. A statement is made in *Early Writings* page 280 and repeated in *The Great Controversy* page 614 that darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth when Jesus leaves the heavenly sanctuary. Without doubt this will be spiritual darkness; men will no longer be blessed with the light of truth.

As God pours out His wrath in the seven last plagues, sinners appear in their full depravity. Left to their own resources, under the influence of Satan, they demonstrate the principles of rebellion against God. They began to persecute Sabbathkeepers during the controversy over the Sunday law. At that time, some of God's people were put in prison, where they remain. During the plagues others move into remote regions. The persecution is severe and the hardships almost unbearable, but their lives will be spared.

It may seem strange that saints, who have already been sealed, should go through further trial. But there is a reason for this additional test. "As they endeavour to wait trustingly for the Lord to work, they are led to exercise faith, hope, and patience, which have been too little exercised during their religious experience."—*The Great Controversy*, page 631. But "their destination is inscribed—'GOD'S NEW JERUSALEM.'"—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 446.

As the plagues progress, some who have rejected light now seek it, but their efforts are vain, for they are unable to receive it. Some curse God. Some blame Sabbathkeepers for the trouble that is coming upon the world.

### *Michael Stands Up*

Of this time of trouble we read in Daniel 12:1, 2: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

The chapter division between Daniel 11 and 12 tends to obscure the fact that the line of thought goes forward without a break. The words "at that time" in chapter 12:1 refer to the time mentioned in the closing verses of chapter 11, particularly

verse 45, where a certain power comes to its end with none to help. The events linked together by the phrase "at that time," used twice in the passage, are as follows: A power comes to its end; Michael stands up; there is a time of trouble; God's people are delivered; many are resurrected.

According to *Early Writings* (pages 280, 281) events at this time appear in this order: Jesus leaves the sanctuary, marking the close of probation; He transfers responsibility for confessed and forgiven sins to Satan; He lays off His priestly robes and clothes Himself as a king. But during this time "the plagues were falling upon the inhabitants of the earth." In *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, pages 212, 213, it is stated further, that at the time referred to in Daniel 12:1 the decree has already been passed by the highest earthly authority, that the saints "shall worship the beast and receive his mark under pain of persecution and death."

Here it appears that the standing up of Michael occurs at, or after the issuing of the death decree. But there is also a death decree that comes after the plagues have begun, for "these plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous," and as a result "a decree went forth to slay the saints."—*Early Writings*, page 36. This death decree is doubtless closely connected with the activity of the three unclean spirits that gather the nations for slaughter. (Rev. 16:13, 14). The sequence of events would then be: the close of probation, the first six plagues, the death decree followed by the cluster of events associated with the standing up of Michael.

It may now be asked, Who is the power of Daniel 11:45 that comes to its end with none to help? By a parity of reasoning with the other great lines of prophecy in Daniel, it must be the last great power to oppress the people of God. This is confirmed further by the fact that at the very time this power comes to its end, God delivers His people (Chapter 12:1). A similar correlation of these two events appears in Revelation 16:19; 18:20 and 19:1-3, where the judgment of Babylon is associated with the victory of the saints.

Clearly, then, the events of Daniel 11:45 and 12:1 occur after the close of probation, and prophecy sets forth no specific event between now and the close of probation to which we can look forward as an indication that the day of grace is about to end. We must be ready at all times, for we know not when the fateful moment will descend upon us like a thief in the night.



# Constituency Reports

By J. B. Fridley

Educational & M.V. Secretary  
West African Union Mission

We regret that these reports were inadvertently omitted from the April MESSENGER. We are pleased to include them in this issue.

## EDUCATIONAL WORK

The West African Union, Education Department, is privileged to report excellent advances in our educational work throughout the entire field. During the past two years our total school enrollment showed an increase of 21.6%. During this same period of time we gained 17% more schools and 15% more teachers. We have in our Union, 178 schools including 154 primary schools, 11 middle or Secondary Modern, 2 Demonstration schools, 1 Preliminary Training Centre, 3 Teacher Training Colleges, 3 Secondary schools, 2 Nurses Training, 1 Midwifery School, and 1 Evangelistic School. The loyal support of our educational secretaries, school administrators, teachers, doctors, nurses and other workers have made this wonderful gain possible. For this we extend our deep and heartfelt appreciation.

Our Seventh-day Adventist system of schools was established not only to impart information and to develop skills, but to build character and to work moral transformation. As Ellen G. White wrote: "To bring man back into harmony with God, so to elevate and ennoble his moral nature that he may again reflect the image of the Creator, is the great purpose of all the education and discipline of life."—"Counsels to Parents and Teachers," page 49. The best gauge of progress in this area is through testing the worth of the young people finishing our schools. If the young men and women who annually finish our educational institutions are noble, self-sacrificing and devoted, then they testify to increasing success in meeting this great goal.

"The well-being, the happiness, the religious life, of the families with which the youth are connected, the prosperity and piety of the church of which they are members, are largely dependent upon the religious education that they receive in our schools."—"Counsels to Parents and Teachers," page 497. When parents and other church members willingly sacrifice to maintain Christian schools for the youth; when as a result of attending these schools, young people are more loving, kind, and obedient; then homes are happier and more settled, and churches are more deeply spiritual.

### Bursary Assistance

It is interesting to note that to date we have given bursary assistance to 19 workers and teachers to the amount of £8,181. 6s. 11d.

We have sent or are sending, 7 to Newbold Missionary College, 3 to other universities or colleges in England, 3 to Fourah Bay College in Sierra Leone, 1 to Ghana University, 1 to Ibadan University, 1 to Enugu Technical College, 1 to Emmanuel Missionary College and 1 to Howard University in the United States. One additional worker has been approved but has not entered a school as yet. Three out of the 19 are already

back in their respective fields and 5 more are due back during 1959. We are happy for this plan where a limited number of our workers and teachers may receive higher education. Consideration will again be given during these meetings for applicants to obtain bursary assistance.

### A New Look

In the past many of our schools here in West Africa were staffed by non-Adventist teachers. At one time the majority of pupils attending our schools were from non-Adventist homes but that day, on the whole, is no more. The picture has changed and with each year the percentage of non-Adventist teachers and pupils in our schools is less and less. This should be of great encouragement to us and we should strive for the day when every one of our children from Seventh-day Adventist homes will be in one of our mission schools.

We are looking forward to a steady increase in all phases of our educational work. With God's help, we plan to train strong workers by harmoniously developing their spiritual, mental, physical and social nature. May God bless each of us as we educate, Educate, EDUCATE our young people to become true followers and workers for HIM.

## M.V. DEPARTMENT

"Children are a heritage from the Lord, and they are to be trained for His service. This is the work that rests upon parents and teachers with solemn, sacred force, which they cannot evade or ignore."—"Counsels to Teachers," page 143. "Do not imagine that you can arouse their interest merely by preaching a long sermon at the missionary meeting. Plan ways whereby a live interest may be kindled."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 436.

There are thousands of young people in West Africa who are prospective Missionary Volunteers. They are waiting to become members of MV societies and JMV Pathfinder Clubs in every part of this vast field. Are we as pastors, evangelists, teachers, workers and parents going to disappoint this great army of young people by not introducing them to the youth movement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Counsel is given that if there are 5 or 6 boys and girls of junior age in a church, there should be a JMV Society.

The youth movement here in West Africa is on the march. We have good MV secretaries in each field. With each year there is an increase in societies and members. Junior and Youth Camps are being held in some of our missions. As a result of our school and church societies, many of our young people are being invested and are earning honours. There is much that will be promoted in the future such as "Voice of Youth Evangelism," Leadercraft Courses," "Community Service," and "Master Guide Courses."

In our 178 schools we have nearly 24,000 pupils, but in our 331 MV societies we only have 11,515 members. If only 50% of our school pupils were organized into MV societies, we would have 12,000 members. Let us set a goal of 400 MV societies and 20,000 members by July of 1960. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to report this gain at our great Youth Congress in Holland, 27-31 July, 1960. If we "attempt great things for God," we can, "expect great things from God."



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### Youth Camp

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 a visitation campaign. Off we go, and within three hours the town is worked. In some houses, people tell us that they were once members but certain circumstances held them back, and we bid them to come back to their old faith.

In some houses people come out with money to give us, thinking that we are round on Harvest Ingathering, but we had to tell them that we are just calling in the interest of Missionary visits and to assure them of our never dying friendliness and to bring Jesus Christ to their homes.

From the 10th inclusive, before any secular business is done, the camp Padres, including Master Guide J. B. Fridley from the Union, untiringly admonished the Youth every morning and evening to be Christ-like in character and doings, and to remember that we are out to carry "The Advent Message to all the world in this generation."

And exactly the words of Mr. J. A. T. Fofana came true when on Sunday afternoon, December 14, the campers said "We regret that the camp has ended so soon."

### Special Days

and

### OFFERINGS, 1959

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| June 13       | Spirit of Prophecy Day                                    |
| September 5   | Bible Correspondence School, Home visitation and offering |
| September 19  | Harvest Ingathering Rally                                 |
| October 3     | Magazine and Tract Campaign with Subscriptions            |
| October 10    | Dorcas Welfare Day  |
| October 24    | Temperance Day and Offering                               |
| November 7-14 | Week of Prayer and Sacrifice                              |
| November 21   | Colporteur Day  |
| December 5    | Healthful Living Day                                      |

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## Our New College

### "Adventist College of West Africa"

For many years there has been a very great need in the West African Union for a college for the training of Adventist ministers. A fine work has been done by the men who have laboured through the years without the benefit of such training. But how much greater work might be done in finishing the work of God in this field when our ministers might have a better, more adequate training.

Some time ago the West African Union Committee voted to establish a theological college for ministerial training. Land, 370 acres, at Ilishan in West Nigeria, forty miles from Lagos has been procured and erection of buildings will soon begin. The first class will be accepted in October, the Lord willing. The exact date will be announ-

ced in July. The theological course to be offered will be one leading to a Bachelor's degree and is designed to fit the graduate for a more efficient and fruitful ministry.

Entrance requirements are:

1. A pass in at least five G.C.E. Subjects, ordinary level, with one of the passes in English. The applicant will also demonstrate, either by passes in the G.C.E. or by examination by the College, satisfactory background in Religious Knowledge and in History. Or—

2. Fulfilment of similar requirements in the comparable Cambridge programme. Or—

3. Satisfactory completion of the full secondary course in a recognized secondary school or high school, fulfilling background requirements as in section 1. Or—

4. Four-year teacher training or four-year evangelistic training graduates are qualified when they satisfactorily pass entrance examinations given by the College.

5. All applicants must have recommendations from their Mission Presidents, and at least one other qualified Mission Administrator.

Financial arrangements will be worked on an individual basis. It is expected that the cost per year will range from £85 to £110.

A definitive prospectus will be issued in late July or early August, and will be sent to all those who are interested. All those interested should write immediately to:

Pastor Grover C. Winslow  
Adventist College of West Africa  
c/o S.D.A. Mission  
P. O. Box 19  
Ibadan, Nigeria

If you have any interest for yourself or others, or if you have any questions concerning the College and its programme, please feel free to correspond with Pastor Winslow.

Here is the long-sought opportunity for young men who feel called to the ministry to receive the proper training for a fruitful and successful ministry. No restrictions have been placed on the size of the first class. Anyone meeting the scholastic, financial and spiritual qualifications may enter upon this course of study leading to a degree in theology. It is hoped that later on a programme in the liberal arts may be offered also.

You who are interested are urged to write in right away and get your applications in early. Formal applications blanks will be provided at a later date.

Some of the subjects to be offered are: Advanced Bible Doctrines, Daniel and the Revelation, Life and Teachings of Jesus, Pauline Epistles, The Gospels, Old Testament Backgrounds, Major and Minor Prophets, New Testament Greek, Church History, Congregational Conducting, Pastoral Training, Public Speaking, Public Evangelism, Personal Evangelism, Spirit of Prophecy, Church Organization and Finance, some science and mathematics, History of Europe, Ancient History, English Composition, English Literature, Music, Health Evangelism and Principles, History of the Christian Church in Africa, Seminars, and many other elective courses. A rich programme of study is planned, leading to a degree in Theology.