

NCC General Board Responds to Black Manifesto

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 12—After an emotion-packed afternoon of discussion, the General Board of the National Council of Churches late yesterday responded to the Black Manifesto by urging member communions to raise an immediate sum of \$500,000 to meet needs of black clergy groups and put plans into motion to make available "tens of millions of dollars" for minority economic development.

The sum of \$500,000 is to be raised by the council's member communions to go directly to the National Committee of Black Churchmen for five regional conferences for black clergy (at an estimated \$200,000 cost) and to the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, which makes grants to local groups seeking improvement of the economic status of minority groups.

The plan to raise "tens of millions of dollars" will be presented for action to the NCC's triennial General Assembly, scheduled to convene in Detroit in early December.

BWA Secretary Dies

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance since 1960, died of a heart attack in Washington, Sept. 18. He was well known to a number of Seventh Day Baptists.

A native of Norway, Nordenhaug, 66, had been chief executive of the international Baptist fellowship with about 27 million members since his election in 1960 at the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He had planned to retire in July, 1970.

In August, the Executive Committee of the alliance elected Robert S. Denny, senior associate secretary of the alliance, as Nordenhaug's successor.

A gifted linguist, he would never say how many languages he spoke, but his co-workers said that he could speak any of the languages of Eastern and Western Europe. He was also trained as an architect, theologian, and cabinetmaker.

He was editor of The Commission, publication of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board, from 1948-50, before becoming seminary president.

Baptist World Alliance

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance composed of 130 Baptist leaders from 31 countries met in Austria this year, presided over by William R. Tolbert, vice-president of the Republic of Liberia.

The committee adopted resolutions on evangelism and reconciliation, world peace, and world relief. The resolution on evangelism called for a worldwide emphasis in the '70's for evangelism and reconciliation with such a crusade launched at the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo next summer.

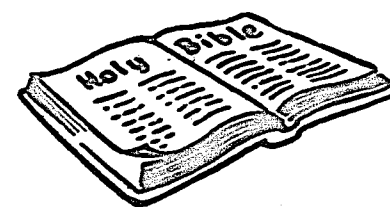
Pacific Coast Association

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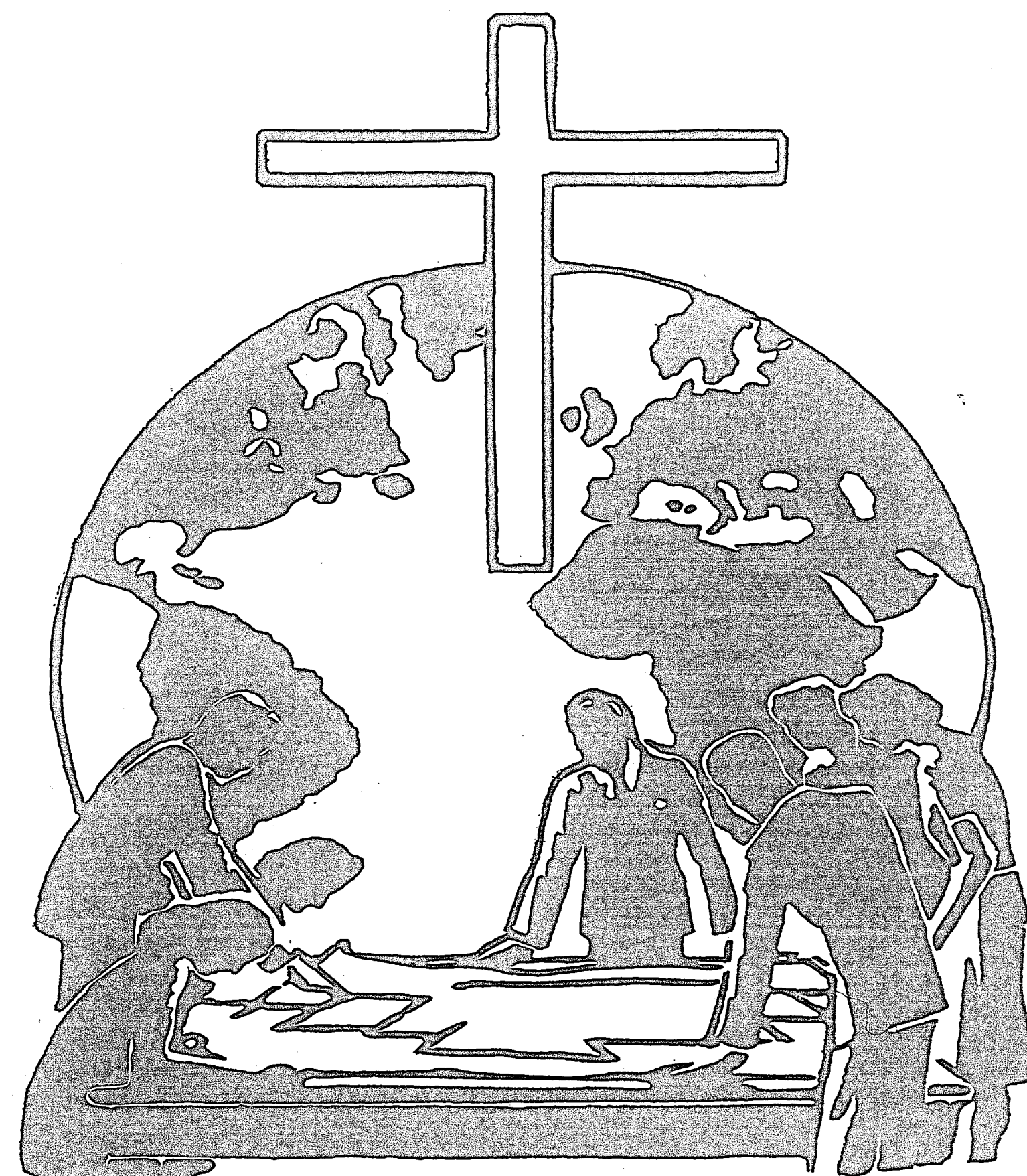
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The Challenge of Missions

There is no greater incentive or motivating force known to the church than missionary motive. Churches rise or fall in relation to the intensity of the fires of missionary zeal burning in the hearts of their members. You can't kill a mission-minded church and you can't preserve the life of one that is not mission-minded. It is just that simple. Furthermore, the church organization should be called by some other name if it has no strong desire to carry the message of the saving power of Christ to all the world.

We have seen the missionary flames die down in certain local churches. The members thought their group was too small or too weak to give or to go. They began to concentrate on trying to stay alive and they died. Had they forgotten about themselves and concentrated on others they would have found new life surging through their veins. Missionary endeavor not only tones up the muscles of the church; it also inspires those who are outside, making them want to get to where the action is. Let's forget the false idea that people are attracted only to that which is big. More people are attracted to something small that is alive than something big that upon careful scrutiny is not really sold on its own message. Many people are tired of big churches and want to get into an organization that needs them. Only the little people worship bigness and flock to the big churches.

It has been said that we must evangelize or fossilize. It might be added that as Christians we must, like Paul, "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). For us it is mission or missing — missing that mark. How do we measure up? How do we run? Are we really pressing toward the goal of mission accomplished?

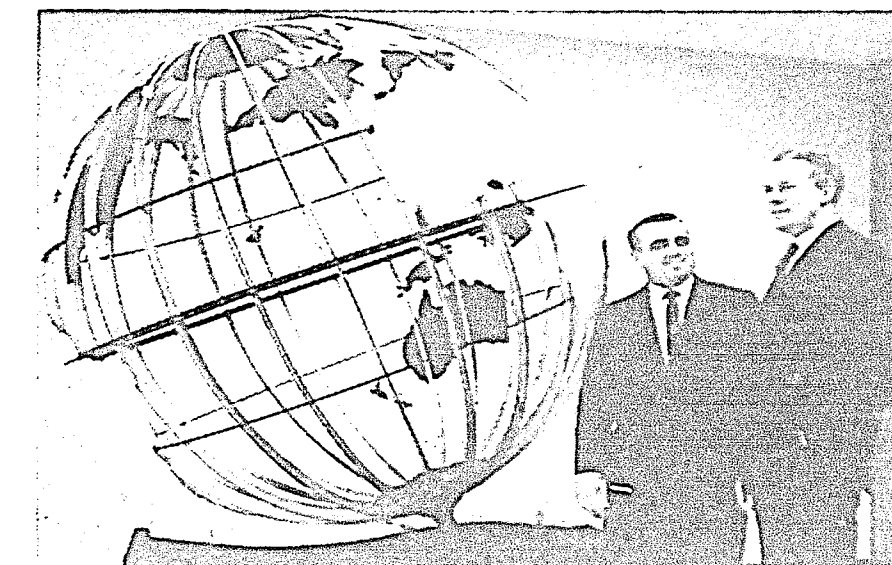
Now that we have taken a look at ourselves and have become a little uneasy about our spiritual pulse and our misdirected or lethargic Christian activity, what can we do about it? We can do as much as we are willing to do. We

can face up to the urgency of the missionary cause or settle back and try to drown out with pleasures the voice that is calling us to work in the Master's vineyard. Looking back at the story of the New Testament church we see happy people, happy because they were carrying the gospel to their countrymen the Jews, to the Gentiles, and to the far corners of the world. Physical hardship and persecutions could not dampen their spirits. They had a message that mattered. We have a message that matters. True happiness will be as illusive as the rainbow's end if we fail to respond to the call of our Lord.

Giving to missions, if viewed as a way to dodge our witnessing obligation, yields no fruit of lasting joy. If, however, we have a burning heart and cannot go to the most needy mission field we can make an equal sacrifice and self-denial for the Lord. We can find happiness in giving. Remember that the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" was spoken to the man who made his lord's money grow and was a faithful steward.

—L. M. M.

Seventh Day Baptists Around the World



In this *Mission Notes* issue it is not possible to cover equally every country of the world where there is a Seventh Day Baptist witness. Some have been featured regularly, and not much new information is available on some as this issue goes to press. The prominence given to individual countries on these pages and the lack of prominence given to

others is not to be taken to indicate the relative importance of the work. All people are precious in the sight of the Lord. We can tell only part of the story this time.

It is to be noted that some, but not all, work in countries outside the United States is a result of U.S.-based missionary work. The Seventh Day Baptist World Federation at present has member conferences in Brazil, Burma, Central Africa, England, Germany, Holland, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, and the United States. Although in times past we have sent missionary money to more countries we count only Central Africa (Malawi), Guyana, and Jamaica as mission fields in the sense of supporting American personnel on the field. Several of the overseas conferences sprang up indigenously with only token help from the churches of the United States. They are with us and we are with them under the large banner of total missionary work.

Our vision needs to be enlarged to take in several countries where we do not have missionaries or conferences but where a few native leaders seem to be working hard to evangelize and to organize churches. Some of these are featured in this issue. Beyond these countries there are the unlimited horizons of fields "white unto harvest" to which we have not lifted up our eyes, as Jesus expressed it. There may be a limit to our temporal resources and our support of needy fields, but there must not be a limit to our love. If loving more than we can support keeps us living in tension, so be it. This may be the way our Lord expects us to live. Dropping off some of our other tensions, and taking up this one might prove to be the way of peace and happiness.

—L. M. M.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 18, 1969

GOD'S JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL

Lesson Scripture: 2 Kings 17:9-18

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) The family of Beth Severe Burdick in California and her own family in Malawi.
- 2) Frankie Davis (widow of Courtland Davis) in Jamaica, who lives alone and continues to serve where she is much needed.
- 3) Leroy Bass and family in Guyana as they face the task of training leaders for the work of evangelism.
- 4) John Conrod and family who will start special training the first of the year looking toward service in Malawi.

CHINA LETTERS

Some of our readers may not be aware that we have at least one full-length cloth-bound mission book published by the American Sabbath Tract Society at Plainfield. It is *China Letters* by Dr. Rosa W. Palmborg who spent her life ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the people of China. She was a medical missionary to China from 1894-1940. The value and charm of her book is partly due to the pioneering experiences she is able to tell first hand. The book is largely a compilation of letters—letters that are very instructive and full of Christian philosophy.

China Letters (278 pages) can be purchased for \$2.50. It has proved a blessing and uplift to many. The supply is limited. Half of the proceeds go into the publication of more Seventh Day Baptist literature and half to the Missionary Society to further its work.

Relevance

A mood of irrelevance results when a change-oriented society sees a church that argues for three hours over what the name of Training Union is going to be.

There never was a day when the word of the Gospel is more relevant than it is today, but you and I must discover this relevance again for ourselves.

—Kenneth L. Chafin
Theology professor

Missionary Progress in Guyana, S. A.

Message from Guyana

(This message was prepared by Pastor Leroy Bass for the Missionary Board amplified telephone conversation at Nyack, N. Y. This conversation was not completed due to transmission difficulties.)



Our Guyana Conference met from the second to the fourth of August under the presidency of Leyland Bowen. Highlights of our Conference were four sub-groups meeting separately. Committees in Evangelism, Finances: "How to Raise More Funds Locally to Support the Ministry." The Women's and Youths' Boards met as Conference Boards for the first time. The Youths' Board plans to visit a smaller sister church next month to help them start a youth club.

We had a dedication of our Georgetown church building, and the new rug, new Sabbath School furniture, church sign and piano, on Sabbath morning when Conference was here.

In Georgetown we are starting a Crusade of the Americas, with evangelistic meetings every night for three weeks during October.

Our third youth camp is to begin on the 26th, with forty-seven of us traveling up the Essequibo River by ferry to a camp we have rented at Goshen. We will be out for nine days. Only half of the youths are members of our churches; we do make our camps tell richly for Christ in our wonderful times together.

I report that our Conference is pro-

ceeding toward self-government, and self-support, but not very well toward self-propagation. Evangelism is the weakest point. To strengthen this aspect I am going to make our Georgetown crusade a field training school, God willing, for our people. Later, I aim to conduct a training institute for our men with classes in public evangelism and other subjects.

We have problems here, too, but one thing I like about these is that none of them have so far been without solutions. I tell our people, all problems are made on earth, by men; but all solutions are made in heaven, by God. It only remains for us to receive them from the heart and



Much of the travel of our missionary Leroy Bass has to be by boat. The fruit is plantain.

hand of the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Briefly I must tell you of three needs:

1. We have too few local pastors. We need more, especially younger ones who are or can be trained. We are working on this.

2. I need, and need very badly an assistant supervisor if I am to come back in 1971 to Guyana. I am willing to return. Possibly this assistant could be

one of our local men; possibly he should be an American sent down. The routine work keeps me frustrated from doing the kind of missionary work I feel led of God to do, which is conducting the training institutes and evangelism with our leaders beyond our present churches.

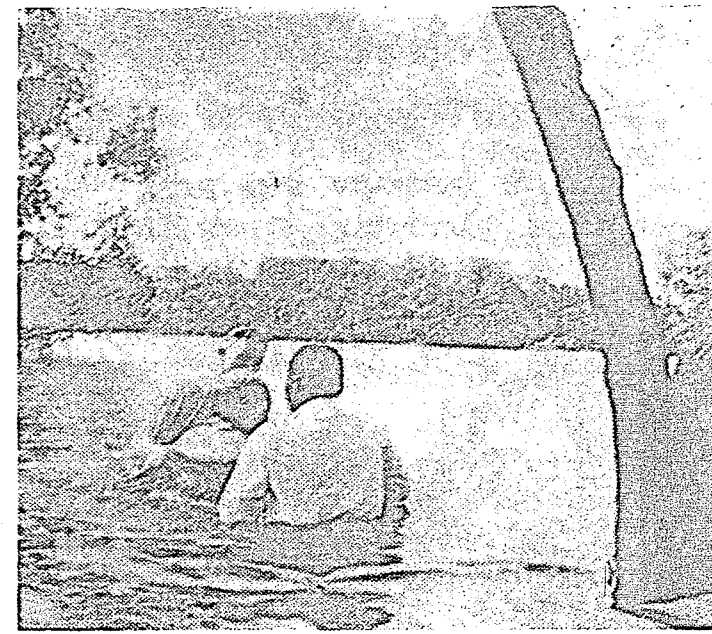
3. A new car will be needed by 1971, to replace the present 11-year-old car.

I must tell you about baby Valerie; here she is lovingly known as "baby Guyana." She is *their* baby, you see, because she is born here and a Guyanese citizen. She is just learning to stand up now.

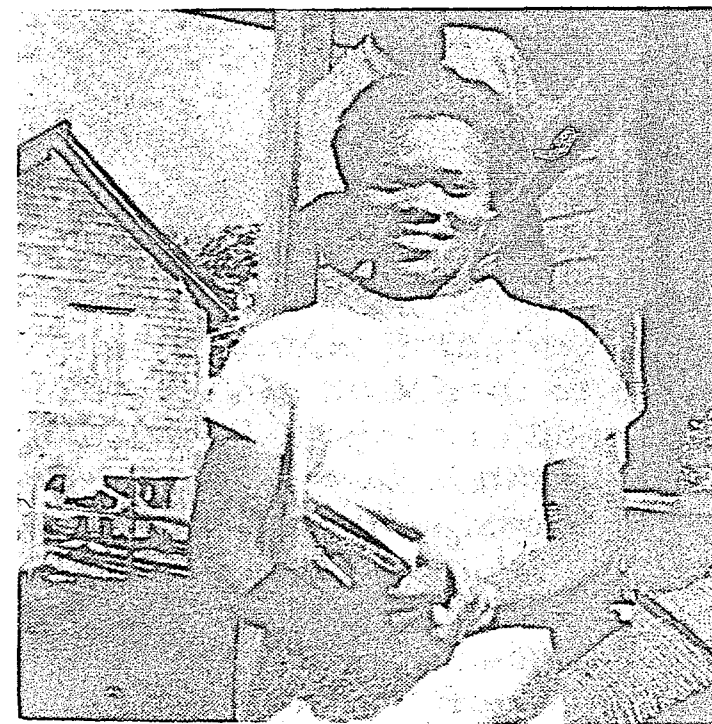
Guyana is very quiet these days, politically. There seems to be little or nothing explosive in the wind. We hope your American summer is not explosive either, with riots and strife-torn cities.

This is Leroy Bass speaking from Georgetown, Guyana.

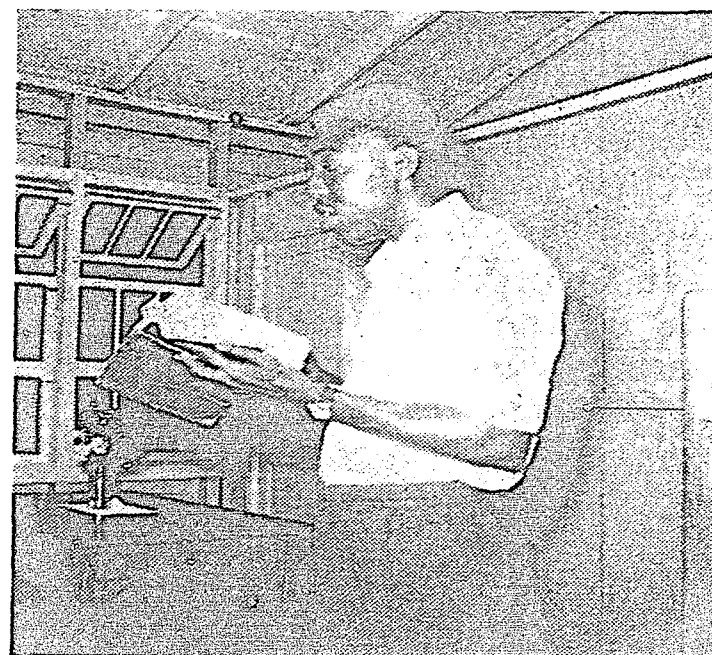
**Pictures from Guyana
Show How Young and Old
Are Led in the Christian Life**



Baptizing elderly crippled man in Pomeroun River.



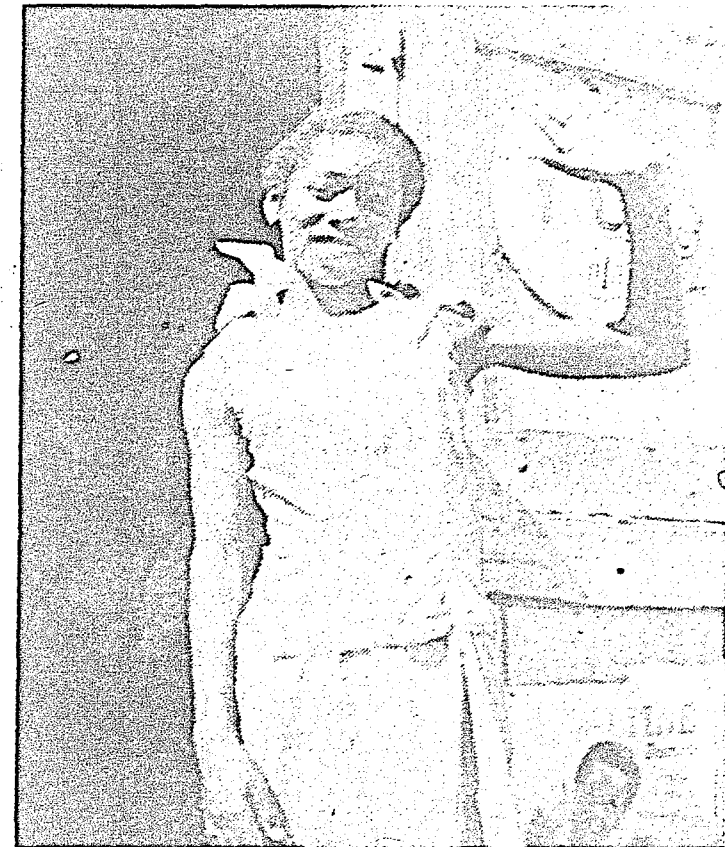
Young school teacher helps with youth camp.



Sam Peters rehearses the rhythm choir (left) started in Georgetown by a visiting American teacher.

The 1969 Guyana Youth Camp

(Under date of September 9, 1969, Pastor Leroy Bass has provided a report of the Seventh Day Baptist youth camp held again at Camp Mainstay. This camp is located on the Essequibo River, not far from Bartica. The camp was held August 26-September 3, 1969.)



Donna, a pen pal from Dartmouth

Our youth camp is just finished for this year, and we are all home again, safe and sound . . . with an attendance of 36 campers and six staff members, and an inspiring schedule of varied activities, we had a wonderful camp. Two of the cooks failed us at the last, they did not come. That meant we had only two out of the four scheduled. However, we had cabin girls rotate daily assisting the cooks in the kitchen.

The program consisted of early morning bathing in the river (not swimming) girls, first, then boys, followed by "Alone with God" period, morning hymn, prayer, and flag raising. Campers separated for the "alone" time taking little papers I gave out to them for direction in meditation.

After breakfast came planning time, and cabin cleanup and camp duties; then came the main Bible class of the day. Bible instructors were Brothers Bowen and Tyrrell. By the way, Bro. Bowen was also assistant director this year. The campers were divided by age groups and thus they were assigned to one Bible class.

A new feature introduced this year was a special time for swimming lessons, with Vibert Charles as instructor as well as lifeguard. Many took advantage of this feature.

Camp was on the Essequibo River bank, not far from the inland city of Bartica. So one morning we took all the campers across the river to tour Bartica. It is quite a thing here, more than you can picture; a city out in the wilderness. Bartica is in the confluence of the Essequibo and Mazaruni Rivers, and Mazaruni is also joined by the Cuyuni River. Everyone was thrilled with this tour that took a whole morning, and then we crossed back to our camp in time for lunch, a 45-minute crossing by motorboat.

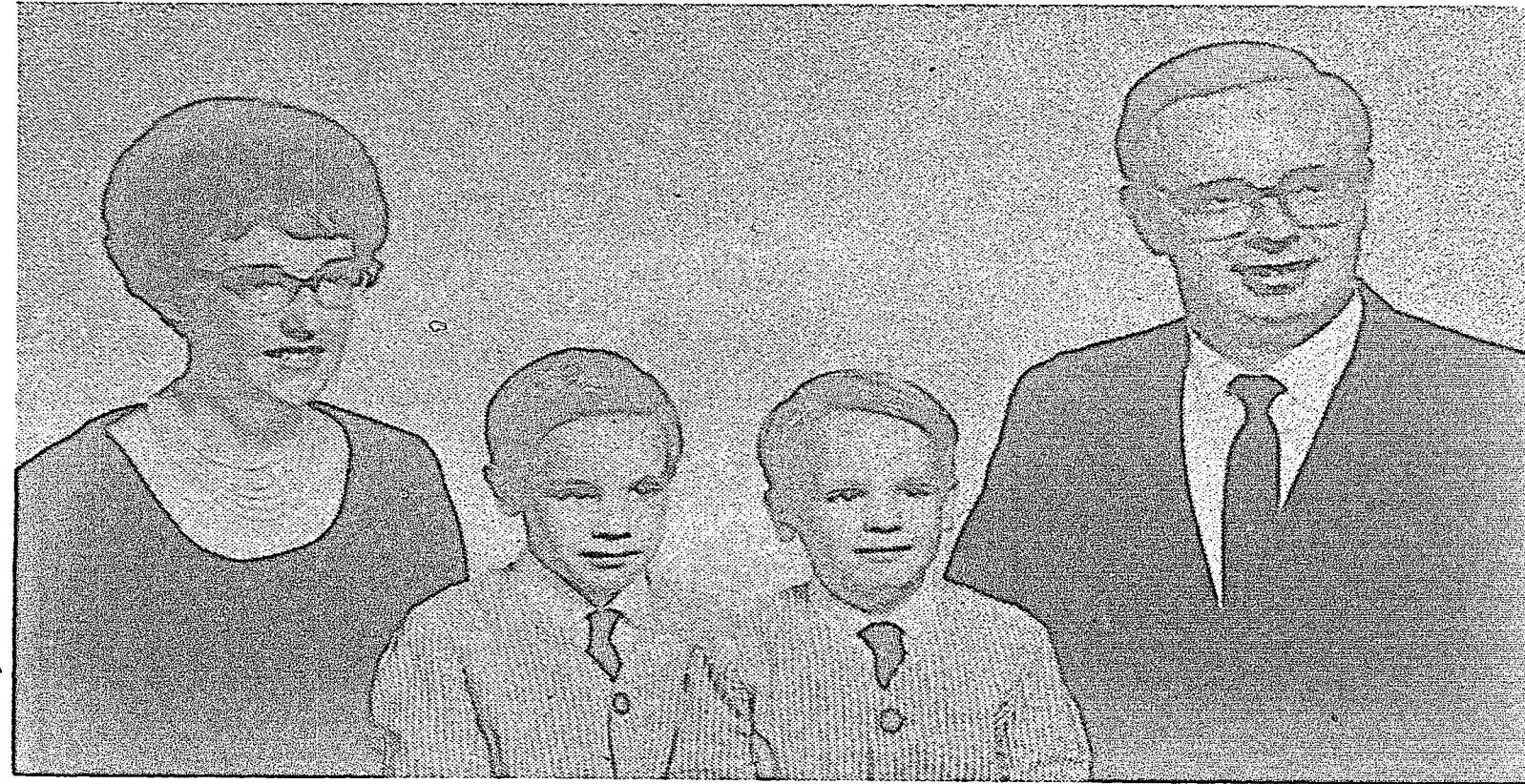


Paula Jerrich shows her baptismal certificate.

Afternoons at camp consisted of a rest period, games period, and a good swimming period in the river (very near the edge, of course, and under the watchful eye of Vibert sitting on the ramp). He had his swim later. Following swimming was our vesper period, conducted by the campers. The main feature this year in vespers was the read-

(Continued on page 15)

MALAWI MISSIONARY APPOINTEES PREPARE



Rev. and Mrs. John Conrod now at the Marlboro, N. J., church are preparing for service in Malawi, Africa next spring.

Answering God's Call

The call of God to foreign mission service does not come just once to be answered just once. It may come several times and to different fields. So it has been with Miss Sarah Becker. Several chapters in the story of her missionary work have been written during recent years. Another one is soon to unfold.

Sarah felt the call to go to China not long before that great land was closed to missionary work. Later she accepted the call and took extra nurse's training to undertake responsible medical work in Malawi, Africa. Fulfilling her tour of duty there she returned to private practice and teaching of nurses in California. It would seem that she had given enough of her years to the physical and economic hardships of foreign mission service, but she is willing to go again.

A new need is arising in Malawi to bridge a gap between the return home of Dr. Victor Burdick and the completion of the training of a native medical assistant. The need is not necessarily a clear call to a certain individual, but the need and the qualifications plus the prompting of the Lord and His servants can make the call seem urgent. At any rate, Miss Becker made the decision at General Conference in August that

she would respond to the call of the Lord and the Missionary Society to go again in the spring of 1970 to Malawi on an interim basis. Seldom in our history of missionary endeavor has a nurse been called a third time, though some missionaries have gone back again and again to the same country to round out almost a lifetime of service.

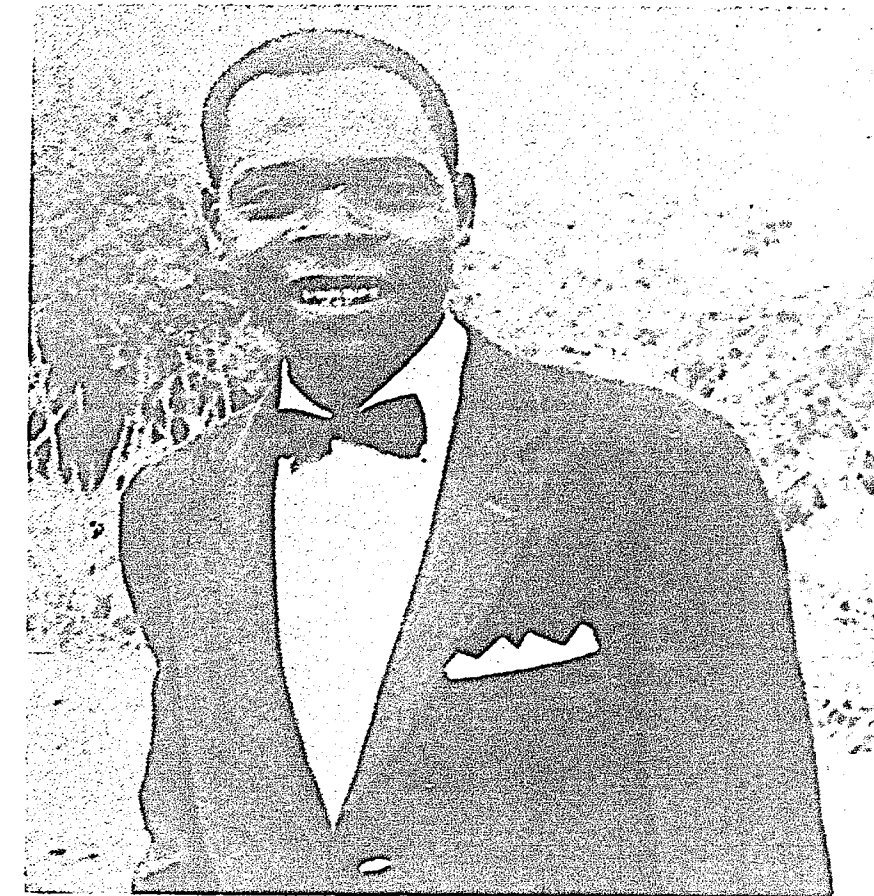
The prayers of Seventh Day Baptist friends will be with Sarah Becker as she prepares for the larger responsibilities that she must face this time and as she contemplates leaving her aging parents.



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Science and Creation

What can a Christian with a modern scientific understanding of the world learn from Genesis 1?



The following thoughtful answer comes not from an American college professor but from Fedson Makatanje of Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Station in Malawi, Africa. He has studied journalism and now heads up the publication work for the Malawi field. He was assisted in his journalism education by the Malawi Conference.

There are many Christians in the world today who are educated so much that they have studied the earth and how it came into being. They have studied the moon, stars, sun, and other planets like Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and others. They have studied how plants, animals and men came into being. And they have found out that it took thousand millions of years for all these to come into being.

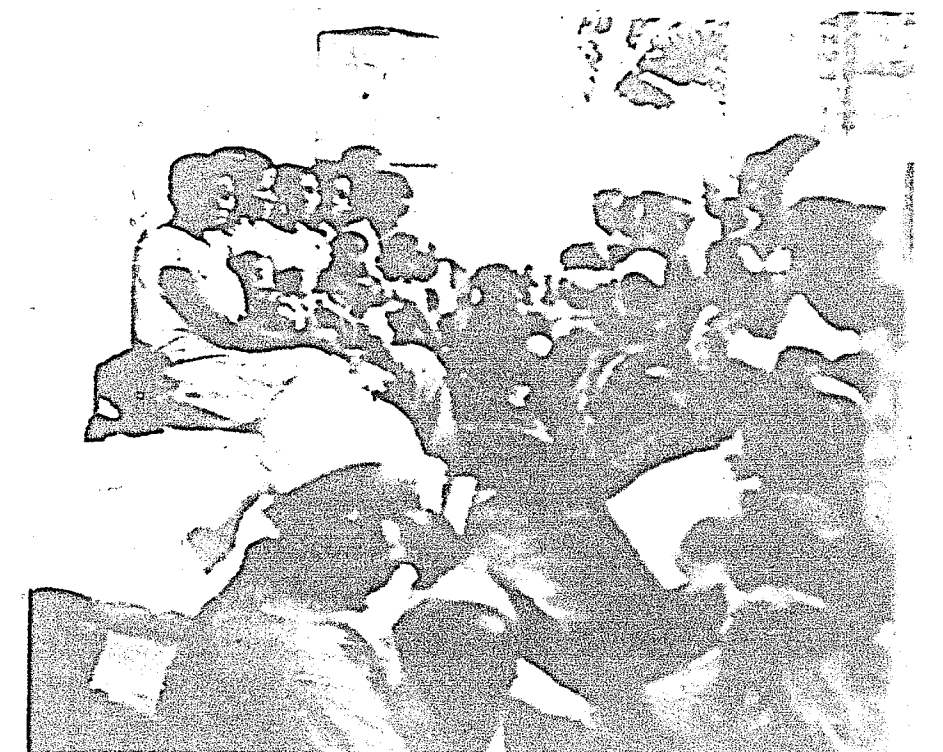
When these educated Christians read the book of Genesis 1, they become confused and ask many questions about the creation story. They ask questions about it because the writer of this chapter has put in order the way the earth and things which are in it came to be. He has started with God separating darkness and the light, followed by dry land appearing, the earth producing plants, the appearing of the stars, moon and sun in the sky; the appearing of animals,

birds; and finally the creation of man who was given authority over all the creatures of the earth.

But the problem is that people do not know which account is right or wrong and which one to follow or not to because the account of how the earth and things that are in it came into being according to science is different from the account of how the earth and things in it came into being according to Genesis chapter one.

It is obvious that no one knows of the beginning. The scientists who try to prove how the earth came to be were not there when the earth came to be. The writer of Genesis was not there when the earth and all these things came to be. The fact that Genesis was not written by a scientist, it should not be accepted as a scientific statement, but it is a declaration of faith in God the Almighty. The writer shows us the tremendous power and purpose of God in His creation.

What then, can people of today learn from this chapter? They will learn that God has a purpose of everything He has created. Everything is very good to Him and even to each one of us. The universe, the sky, the seas, the creatures and the flowers are really wonderful, and above all, the person's own life which reflects God's infinite goodness and love, is also marvelous.



They bring their babies to Doctor Burdick

More African Churches Heard From

We do not hear regularly from Seventh Day Baptist churches in countries of Africa other than Malawi, which has a far greater number of churches of our faith than any country on that continent. There are some other countries, however, where there is an interest and where churches have sprung up without the help of assigned American missionaries.

South Africa

The history of Seventh Day Baptist work in South Africa goes back many years (to 1906). We are not so concerned at the moment with the occasional visits of "Europeans" in the past as with the new hope that seems now to be springing to life in the Port Elizabeth area. In a well-documented communication received at Plainfield September 8 Pastor Job Duma Oliphant asks his American friends to rejoice with them because they have finally secured from the Chief Bantu Affairs Commissioner of Port Elizabeth a church building site. The photo-copied documents describe the location of the site and give the terms of the lease. The terms include a requirement that they start to build within six months. One of the reasons for writing, quite naturally, was to encourage people of like faith and more means to help in the building program. Quoting the letter:

"I am writing you this letter which will bring great joy to your hearts. We have been struggling for a long time to get a church site here in the Republic of South Africa. At long last we got it. We are sending you duplicated forms of the contract between the mayor and the S.D.B. church. We are asking for help from our brethren there, as we are not a big congregation. We shall be very glad to get a help from you because we have been given a short time to build . . . We shall write again to keep you informed about the whole movement. Greet all the brethren and sisters in Christ."

The church agreement with the Department of Bantu Affairs is signed by Pastor John Mateketa. Deacon William Mayithe and Preacher Job Oliphant. The city document indicates that the lease is "between Pastor P. M. Pama representing the Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Council of the Municipality of the City of Port Elizabeth."

Nigeria-Biafra

Nothing had been heard from the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Nigeria for well over a year since the leaders and churches were in the area called Biafra and were effectively cut off from the outside world. No mail could be sent out or in. About the first of August a letter was received from Pastor E. Osa saying that he was now in the "liberated" area and could get mail through a friend in Port Harcourt (which has been open to mail throughout the civil war). He tells of three churches that were destroyed in the fighting and of the loss of possessions of many of the people, mostly in the area of Ede Town.

It is evident that the material needs of the church members are still great. His manner of expressing himself in English is not quite the same as ours but this sentence can be understood: "In fact, great thing happened in Nigeria. When will all these be recovered? Any-way with God is possible."

Now, however, he is able to do evangelistic work and visit the churches. The most recent letter (dated in early September) tells of over thirty conversions recently, people who are now being prepared for baptism.

Ghana

The Seventh Day Baptist work in Ghana, one of the countries west of Nigeria is headed up by the capable leader, Ralph Cann, who has sought to do large scale evangelistic work and to distribute Seventh Day Baptist literature. He has had problems in finding helpers who are stable and willing to serve with the very limited support that has been available. Correspondence lagged due to some of these difficulties. He now operates a small school to help with his own living expenses and is showing renewed courage for the work. He had hoped that Secretary Wheeler could

lengthen his recent European trip to include a visit to Ghana, but, among other things, the request came too late for action.

Much could be gleaned from recent correspondence that would be interesting to mission-minded readers, but we will pass this by and quote a letter from a young lady who has not only been teaching school but also during the summer vacation was doing visitation and tract distribution work. It is the story of Grace Adu pictured here.



How I Accepted the Seventh Day Baptist Truth

Having been born some 16 years ago, I was bred in a heathen home. My granny was a fetish priestess in our little village. My mother became married to a Fanti-man from Saltpond in the coastal region of Ghana. I was later baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Church.

Fortunately enough, I came in contact with Bro. Ralph Cann of the Seventh Day Baptist faith and through Bible studies with him, I become convinced that Saturday is the seventh day of the week and the true Sabbath of the Commandments. I started church worship with Bro. Cann's group and day by day Bro. Cann's sermons and Bible studies gripped me. Oftentimes he appointed me to read the Scripture lesson ahead of his sermons. He one day appealed to

me if I would not take my stand. I therefore stood on my feet before his group and exclaimed, "Bro. Cann, I prefer to die a Seventh Day Baptist, please write my name." The entire congregation then sang the strain, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee." A dedicatory prayer was offered for me and I became refreshed.

I latterly desired Bro. Cann to immerse me, and so on Sabbath the 5th of July, 1969, I was interred in the watery grave and resurrected with Jesus by baptism. My experience is shown by the picture on this page. I feel within me that I am now a new creation.

My humble appeal is for a foreign missionary to come and assist the work in Ghana, insofar as we have a large territory to cover.

Yours in Christ,
Grace Adu

Malawi Nurse in U.S.A.

Beth Severe Burdick, long-time missionary nurse in Malawi, Africa, has left Dr. Victor Burdick and their children to visit her family in California, as reported in the *Sabbath Recorder* of September 29.

Missionary work in a far country always means separation from loved ones. This is the first time that such a lengthy trip for a short visit has been made by any of our missionary personnel.

Beth's father, Claude Severe, is seriously ill and growing weaker.

Beth has written Secretary Harris of the Missionary Board, "I feel that the Lord has directed in my coming. My father is so very ill. He cannot continue on with his treatments because he is so weak. So we can only wait and trust, accepting what will develop . . . I had a good trip and was not overly tired at the end."

Quicker than the flight of planes is the flight on the wings of prayer. Let us communicate with our missionaries, not via TV and Telstar but by way of heaven. They are people like the rest of us and are in need of our sustaining prayers.

JAMAICA — SMALL ISLAND, BIG FIELD

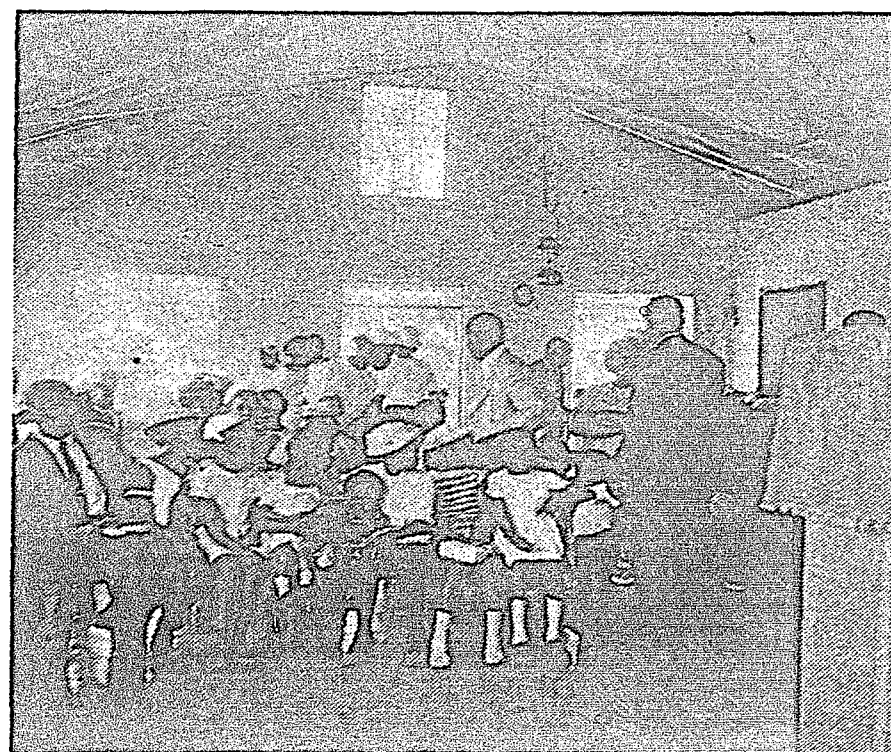
How does one visualize the church work in Jamaica? Our churches are many and could be many more, just as in this country. What we give here are but glimpses and samples of the work and workers — enough to cause us to give thanks and to utter prayers of intercession.



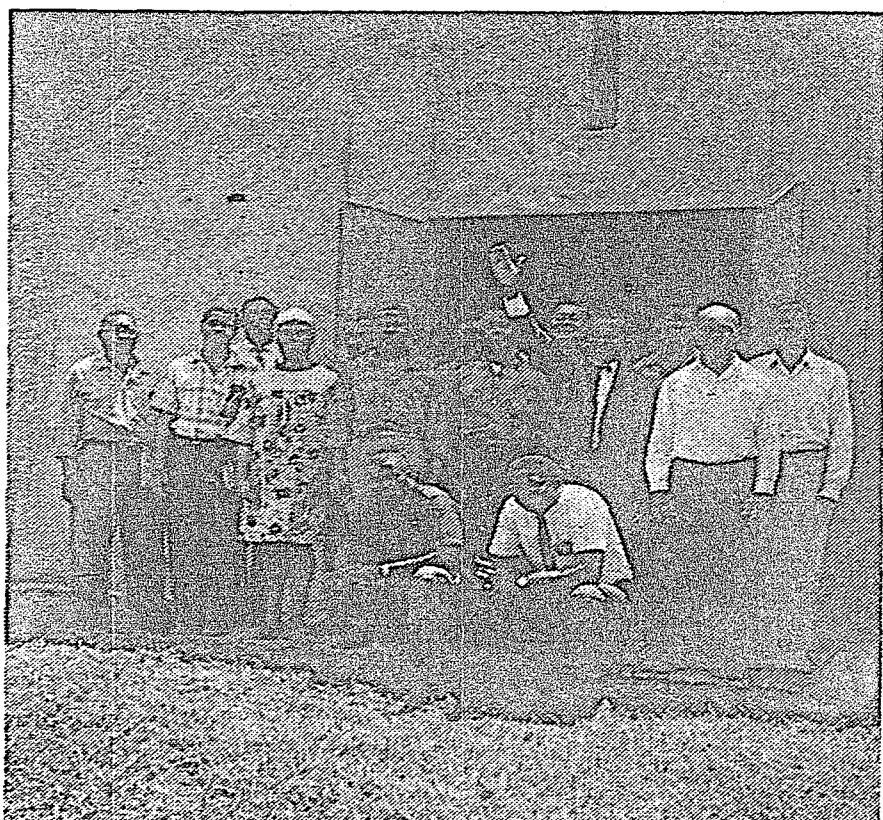
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Left: Congregation leaving Blue Mountain church after the Sabbath services.

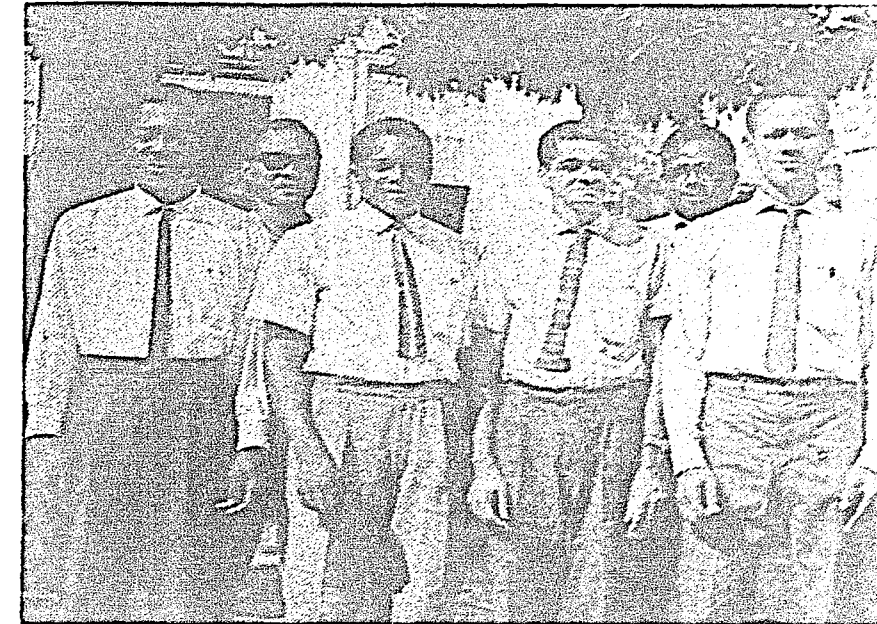


Above: Interior of Blue Mountain church.



Left: Pastors and leaders attending the 1969 spiritual retreat at the Maiden Hall church and camp. Waving to the readers of this issue is the Rev. C. S. Lyons, senior pastor on the island.

Ministerial Training Successfully Concluded



One of the projects of the late Courtland V. Davis in Jamaica was a low-cost Seventh Day Baptist training program for men desiring "to improve their gifts," as it used to be expressed. There were young men and mature men who could become effective ministers and pastors without going through a full theological course if only a program could be set up using our missionary personnel and the Jamaican pastors who were seminary graduates.

The story of the beginning of this training program and some of its progress has been told before in these pages. The Jamaica Conference appropriated funds and money was solicited from other sources to meet the living expenses in Kingston of the four men who wanted this training. The story could have had a sad ending, for the funds available were all expended some months before the courses were completed. Someone had to do something about additional money to complete the program. Somebody did.

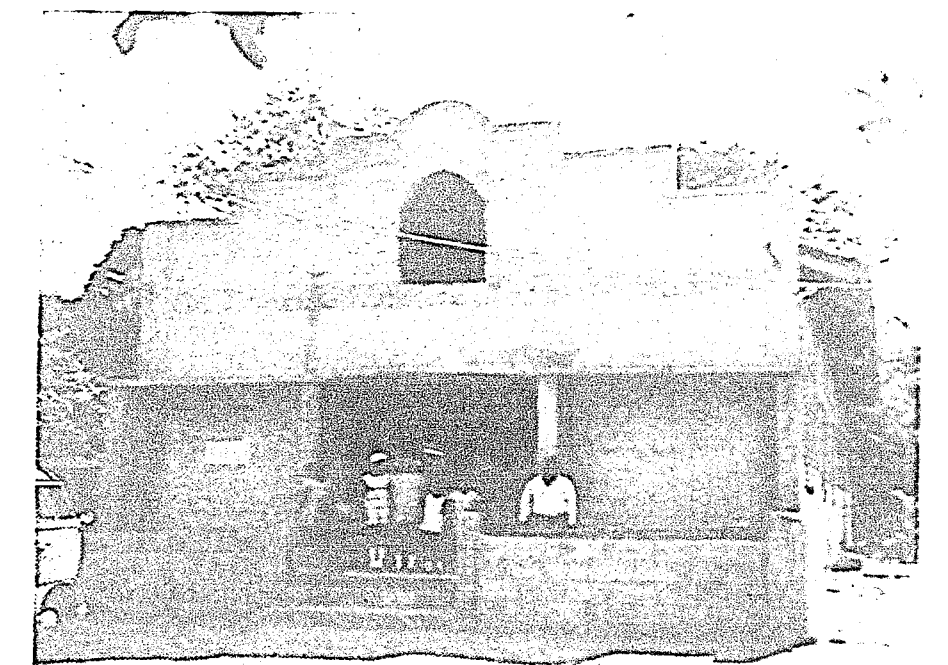
When the four students were graduated with impressive ceremonies at the Jamaica Conference in July, the corresponding secretary, the Rev. Joe Samuels, made a speech. He gave the credit for the whole training program to Courtland Davis and his wife. She had taken over the finances when the project would otherwise have been abandoned. By writing to friends back home and drawing on other resources available to her

she got what was needed and saw her husband's dream fulfilled after his death.

At the Conference ceremony Brother Samuels said that he knew of no one except Mrs. Davis who could boast of four adopted sons in the ministry. On her part, Frankie Davis says: "It was a worthwhile project and these men are a living memorial to Court. They have all been assigned and this coming week (dated Sept. 5) get an installation service in the circuit in which they are to serve. It would have been nothing short of tragedy to have let the course flop at Easter time."

Jamaica, it will be recalled, is divided geographically into parishes. This British terminology does not have religious significance at the present time, but is used by all to designate areas of the Island. Vincent Smith, a mature deacon and evangelistic speaker of Higgintown has been assigned to churches in St. Ann Parish. Al Chambers from the Maroon country in western Jamaica will serve St. Elizabeth churches (his home parish), it is reported. Bro. Joe Roberts was assigned to the Tydixon and Lemon Hall churches; Bro. Ed Williams to Waterford and Maiden Hall, churches close together in St. Catherine's and St. Mary's.

The men have been strengthened by their training; the churches will be strengthened by their ministry.



In the outskirts of Kingston is the growing Mountain View church.

Jamaica Missionary Receives Robe of Achievement

Each year at the Women's Society banquet at Conference some woman of the denomination is recognized whom we feel has given much of herself to others—not only in her local area but in the interests of the denomination. This recognition is known as receiving the "Robe of Achievement."



Mrs. Arthur Drake, president, pins robe on Mrs. Mills.

Martha Mills Honored

Martha Gates Mills, daughter of William and Ida Davis Gates was born at Linklaen, N. Y. She was graduated from DeRuyter High School and from the DeRuyter Teachers' Training School. She taught in several New York schools and later in Wisconsin and Rhode Island.

Martha, her sister Ruth, and niece, Ardale Coon Skaggs, were baptized and joined the DeRuyter church when the Rev. T. J. Van Horn was pastor there.

A few years later Rev. H. C. Van Horn was privileged to perform the marriage of Martha Gates to the Rev. Neal D. Mills, then pastor of the DeRuyter church. It was typical of Martha's prefer-

ence for simplicity that she chose to be married without fuss or fanfare. Here is the story as told to me by Anna West, a visitor at the DeRuyter church that Sabbath. At the close of the morning service, July 3, 1937, Rev. H. C. Van Horn, guest speaker for the day, asked the congregation to be seated. The couple then met at the altar for the short ceremony. The people were surprised, but highly approved.

Neal and Martha have one daughter, Miriam, now of Norwich, Conn.

Their first move was to New Auburn, Wis., Neal's next pastorate.

The summer of 1948 found the Mills family in Jamaica, where Neal became principal of Crandall High School and assistant pastor of the Kingston and outlying churches. Here, for the next five years, Martha carried a full load of teaching at the school, taught a Sabbath School class, acted as church treasurer, church organist, was in charge of janitorial services, and gave music lessons in the evenings. One of her beginning pupils, Brother B. A. Samuels, is now church organist and plays for weddings in the Kingston church.

A gracious hostess to the many visitors from the states, Martha often went from one market to another to find all the native fruits and vegetables so that her guests might try as many as possible of the Jamaican dishes.

Returning to the States in 1953, Neal became secretary to the Board of Christian Education. Martha assisted him, particularly in writing.

Next there was the move to Rockville, R. I., where she faithfully performed the duties of a pastor's wife.

In August 1966 they again answered a call to the Jamaican field where Neal served as principal and headmaster of Crandall High School.

The Kingston summers had always been hard on Martha. In the summer of 1968 she collapsed from the heat and overwork. She was hospitalized in the Kingston Adventist Hospital, then returned home to weeks of convalescence.

By the fall term she was back for part-time work at the school library and teaching a class of teen-agers in Sabbath School.

Because Martha had never regained her full strength, the Missionary Board thought it best to bring the family home before another summer. Consequently arrangements were made for Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey to take over the work on April 1, 1969, a few months before the Mills' term of service would expire.

Before leaving Kingston, Neal had accepted the call to be pastor of the Brookfield and Leonardsville churches. Thus Martha has come full circle as she returns to New York State as a pastor's wife.

No one is more deserving of the honor of wearing the "Robe of Achievement" than this devoted wife and mother, beloved friend and faithful worker who has proven herself to be "Sensitive in His Service."

—Elma Mills Matson

The 1969 Guyana Youth Camp

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ing of a chapter from a Danny Orlis book. This was fascinating to the campers, with a selected camper to read the chapter.

Then came supper, and afterward what is called here in Guyana "a filmshow." I carried my 35 mm projector to provide religious and educational pictures each night. I led in group discussion after each showing. Last of all was our evening campfire, each one led by rotating groups or cabins of campers. We featured a faggot service the next to last night.

Our Sabbath day's program was its own special day. One of our campers, Mortimer Tobin, preached a message to his fellow campers, entitled, "Why Did Christ Come?" He spoke very convincingly and earnestly. He is one whom we are encouraging to go to Jamaica Theological Seminary, and he is planning to go in October of 1970. We also have two other promising dedicated young men whom we are talking to about the

ministry. We do need such young men for the future of our churches.

At camp, I also sponsored a treasure hunt. This was an especially exciting thing for our campers. You should have seen them run from cue to cue, until they came at last to the "treasure." This year the treasure was a Bible plaque to hang on the wall at home; the plaque had a verse and picture on heavy cardboard; very pretty. A very nice memento to take home from camp.

We also had a small lending library of books I took to camp, and free literature; and then a featured electric quiz board, which lights a bulb when correct answers are connected with the question. My son, Gordon, made this last for me before I went to camp.

We encouraged the campers to undertake a debate for one night. This was planned early in the week, and held toward the end.

Reaching the Scattered Chinese

When the mature people among us think of missions, the first picture that comes to mind is mainland China and the sad oriental faces that could be lighted. China is where Seventh Day Baptist foreign missions began a century and a quarter ago. None needed the hope of the gospel more than the Chinese whose civilization was so old but so backward. To that land we sent our first missionaries and continued to send others as long as it was possible for American doctors and nurses, preachers and teachers to remain there.

In a sense, all missionary work, in whatever country, is cast against a Chinese background. This is not limited entirely to those who are older, for young people among us give honor and esteem to quite a number of people of their acquaintance who have served in China.

We long for news of the faithful Christians who are still in China. We also have a strong feeling of kinship for the Chinese Christians who have migrated

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to other lands, some to our own country, more to the lands and islands of the Pacific.

The following story of how to reach the scattered Chinese comes from the Lit-Lit Newsletter put out by World Literacy and Christian Literature of 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027. It shows how the 30 million scattered Chinese with many languages and dialects can be united with literature in one language.

Providing Christian Books in Chinese

The scattered Chinese, Asia's forgotten people, are of great concern to the rest of the Lit-Lit family.

Anti-Chinese riots in Malaysia have focused attention on these 30 million people—more than the combined populations of Canada, Belgium, and Bolivia—who are found in every country of southeast Asia.

Maintaining their Chinese language and customs, they are in most places a tiny but influential minority; only in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia do they make up more than 10% of the population. In Malaysia, where the May elections led to rioting and the death of more than 300 people, they are 36% of the population.

The migration which brought the scattered Chinese to every island along the rim of Asia began centuries ago, and did not stop until the beginning of World War II. Then when the government of mainland China became communist, a second, relatively brief emigration began; more than two and a half million people fled to Taiwan and countless others to Hong Kong.

Wherever they settled, the Chinese tended to wield an influence far beyond their numbers. With their traditional high respect for education, many became pillars of the educational and business communities.

Within each of these far-flung minority communities exists another small minority—the Christians. They make up less than 6% of the Chinese overseas population, a total of perhaps 1.8 million.

Literature has a unique role in helping the people of this scattered minority feel their unity and maintain their cultural and religious roots. One reason is the high respect the Chinese have for books. But the main reason is language: there are half a dozen different dialects, brought from the mainland, but one *written* language serves them all.

Two people who could not speak to one another on the street because their dialects are so different can communicate via the ideographs—"idea pictures"—of written Chinese. They could pick up the same magazine and understand it perfectly.

Radio broadcasts in the various dialects can reach many of the Chinese, but only literature can reach them all, bridging both the language gap and the vast distance.

There is one other gap, of course, the largest of them all. Seven hundred million Chinese live in the homeland, behind the Bamboo Curtain, and everyone who is concerned with the churches' mission works and plans toward the day when that field will once again be open.

