

Glories of God

Oh those glorious moments 'tween darkness and light when the shades of gray are giving way to rays of light. The birds awaken with their hearts bursting with joy and their throats flooding forth with song.

'Tis glorious to take time out in the eve to listen to the trill of the birds and the talking of the wind in the trees.

'Tis glorious to watch the stars peek out and the moon send out its beams to bathe the world in a light all golden.

'Tis glorious to know that God is still on His throne and to feel Him as He guides and directs those who will but wait on Him.

'Tis glorious to feel full of life and health;

To be able to enjoy God's world;

To watch the fleecy clouds gather to form storm clouds and see the streaks of golden red sun rays gleam through.

'Tis glorious to be able to thrill at the song of the birds in anticipation of the coming storm and, listening to wind whispering through the pines, to know that God is over all.

—Paul V. Beebe

Seven-day Man

Yet, man is a seven-day machine, designed by the Great Artificer. The greatest blessing ever conferred upon man as a toiler and a laborer is the Sabbath. Henry George said, "Moses was the first labor reformer, and the Sabbath was his chief labor reform." — Clarence Macartney

Discipline and Drugs

At the twelfth annual School on Alcohol and Narcotics Studies held recently at Waco, Texas, one of the speakers at the seminar had some pointed things to say about child discipline and the use of drugs. Here is the story.

Dr. Dominick J. Lacovara, deputy chief of the National Institute of Mental Health Clinical Research Center, Fort Worth, Texas, spoke on narcotics problems.

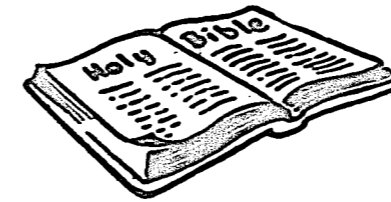
Dr. Lacovara said, "Children cry out for discipline. They do not expect parents to get on the floor and play with them. A parent must maintain a certain identity. He is a compassionate figure, an authoritarian, a provider for the household. His behavior will determine to a large extent how his children will behave There is an emotional vacuum in the addict; a void in the lives of these children who go astray. Often children become angry with parents who neglect them in an emotional way and fail to communicate with them in a real sense."

"Children mold their personality or ego after the pattern of a certain adult — like you and me, for example. It is imperative that all of us unite to curtail juvenile degradation, one manifestation of which is addiction, by instilling in our boys and girls a proper code of conduct, patterned from the ever present triad—the home, the school, the church, or, if you will the community I feel that much of our addiction problem is generated in a family atmosphere not conducive to the development of emotionally well-integrated happy children, conditioned to obedience and legitimate authority," Dr. Lacovara said.

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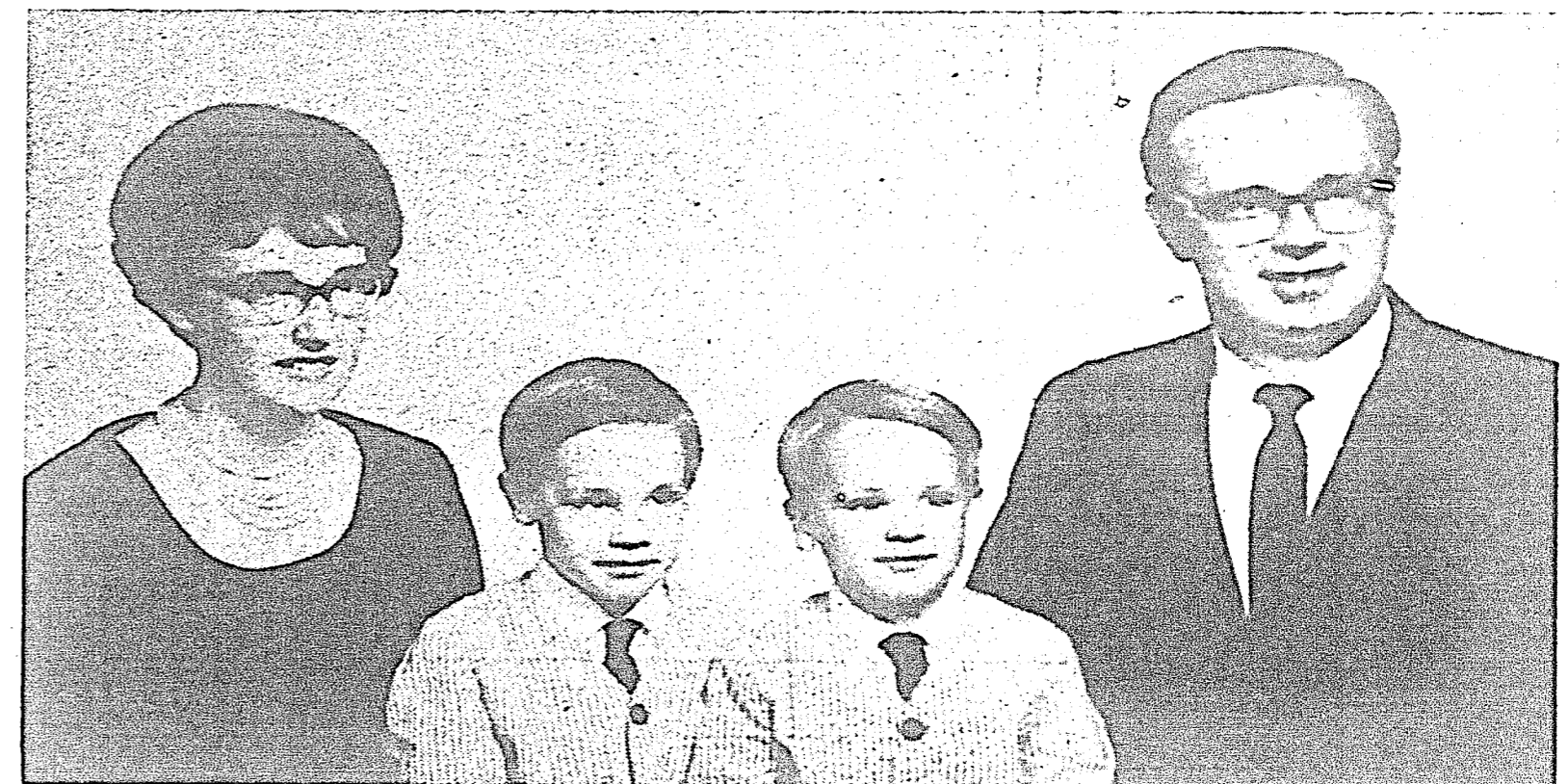


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Rev. John and Joyce Conrod with their sons Michael and Philip will be commissioned for service April 25, 1970 in the Pawcatuck Church, Westerly, Rhode Island.

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An Appreciation



Since July of 1956, a period of nearly fourteen years, the managing editor for *Mission Notes* has been the Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler. This has been a work of love for it is a responsibility added to that of a busy pastor and offers no salary or even an expense account. During these years *Mission Notes* — a faith publication supported by the prayers and gifts of readers — has continued to enter hundreds of homes regularly to inform, inspire and instruct the readers about Seventh Day Baptist missions. Others have joined hands with Editor Wheeler through the years in the task of preparation, administration, publication, and distribution. In the fall of 1967 *Mission Notes* ceased its independent existence and became a special emphasis issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* with two issues each year.

At General Conference in 1968, Editor Wheeler became first-vice president (president elect) of the Conference. As these tasks increased he felt it wise to lay aside the duties of editor (for the present only we hope) asking another to take up this responsibility. We all join to say, "Well done!"

This issue is being edited by Leon R. Lawton, a former editor from 1952 to 1956, assisted by Leon M. Maltby, editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*.

1970—A Year of Change

We live in an age of rapid change, and on the mission fields where our General Conference's Missionary Society has sent workers to aid local Seventh Day Baptist conferences in the preaching of the gospel and the educational and medical ministries, change will be seen everywhere.

In Jamaica, the Rev. and Mrs. Grover S. Brissey will complete their second term of service the end of this school year. They will be turning over their duties at Crandall High School, Kingston, to Mr.



and Mrs. Wayne Crandall. Miss Velma Maxson who has previously served on the staff at Crandall as a dedicated service worker hopes to return to the classroom there in the fall of the year. Frankie Davis continues to offer dedicated service in the Jamaica Conference office.

Pastor Leroy C. Bass and family will return for their first furlough from Guyana, South America, in time for the sessions of our General Conference in August. Local leadership will continue the work in Georgetown and the other churches during their absence.

Personnel changes are due in Malawi, Africa, too — in fact they have already begun with Miss Sarah Becker's arriving on the field March 13. She has served in Malawi a previous term. This time, because of the return of Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick and family in May, she will become the head of the medical work in Malawi. The end of April, the Rev. and Mrs. John Conrod and family will begin their first term of work at Makapwa in Malawi, taking over much of the administrative work and assisting in the witness with the local church leaders as much as possible.

Leadership within the Missionary Society itself will change in 1970 with the arrival in April of Pastor Leon R. Lawton to succeed the Rev. Everett T. Harris who has resigned as executive vice-president. Mr. Harris will continue to serve as a consultant in the office.

You are asked to remember in prayer these workers, their work and needs in these months of change and adjustment.

Training

Just as Christ called twelve from the throng of disciples (followers) and trained them through special teaching and experience so today individuals are called and led by His Spirit to be leaders in His church. The health and growth of Christian groups in every land is dependent on spiritual leaders who have been called of God.

Timothy was instructed, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2). In many countries the opportunity for training and preparation for the leadership ministry is limited. Yet we are seeing in our day great strides taken to provide this for young men in their own land under dedicated Christian teachers. It is no longer necessary to remove men from their homes and people, sending them to different lands for years of study. New schools have been established and Seventh Day Baptists have cooperated in encouraging young men to enter into the spiritual and practical training these offer.

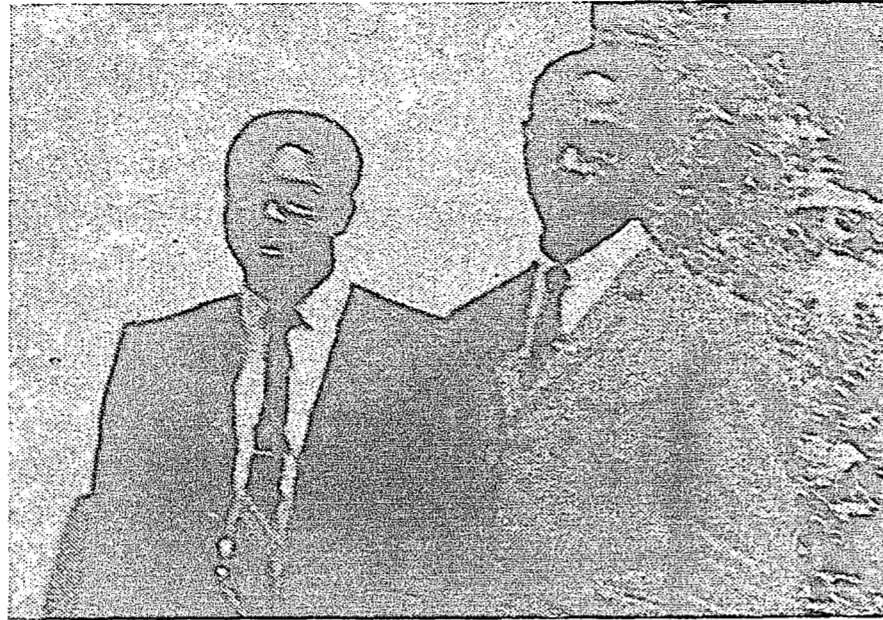
In the Caribbean the Jamaica Theological Seminary, established by the Missionary Church Association for students of all faiths, welcomed Joe A. Samuels of Kingston to its first class. Four years later he was one of the first graduates. Today there are two Seventh Day Baptist students enrolled.

Samuel P. Peters is from Georgetown, Guyana, and in his second year of study. In the fall of 1969 Geoffrey S. Smith of the Higgin Town church in Jamaica began this training. Both have taken time from their classes to share with us something of their experience and these articles are found in this issue of *Mission Notes*.

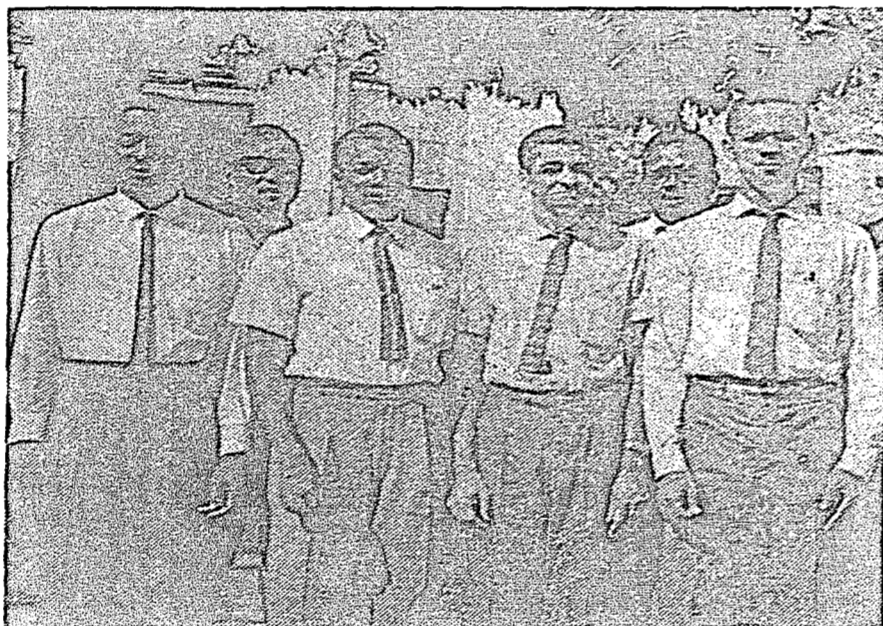
In Malawi, Africa, several young men have been able to attend Likubula Bible Institute near Blantyre. Last September two, W. Mataka and S. Muhezuwa, were graduated in the class of five (see picture in Pictorial Report from Malawi).

In Mexico special classes are held by Pastor Elias Camacho S. for young men called by the Lord to pastoral duties, giving training and practical experience.

Jamaica



Sam Peters (left) and Geoffrey Smith (right), full-time students at Jamaica Theological Seminary, are the writers of the next two articles written out of a background of deep personal experiences of faith. Their potential for a fruitful ministry is spoken of by those who know them well.



Here are faces seen before on these pages, the students in Jamaica who completed a year-long period of training for the pastoral ministry under the leadership of the Rev. Joe Samuels and Seventh Day Baptist missionary personnel.

Pastor Antonio Barrera of Sao Paulo is carrying on special classes for leadership training for our sister churches of Brazil.

Let us praise the Lord for men responsive to His call and for schools and teachers dedicated to training and preparing them to be more effective leaders and ministers of Jesus Christ. And let us urgently pray for these students and their teachers as they work together, that the Spirit of our Lord might daily anoint each one with wisdom and power. —L. R. L.

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My Christian Experience

By Geoffrey S. Smith

The Master's service is demanding yet richly satisfying. It was on the 18th of January 1965, five pleasurable years ago, that Christ found me and transformed my life. My bitter and sordid experiences all gave way to a meaningful and happy relationship to Christ.

To the present that vital relationship still exists (though I have failed Him many times) and I am becoming able to love and appreciate Christ more as I know Him better. Here at Jamaica Theological Seminary I have many thrilling experiences with Christ. Many truths have been brought home to me and a few of these I would like to share.

First, the lesson of *waiting upon the Lord*. Many of our chapel speakers have emphasized this fact. It is so easy to be tied down to class assignments and legitimate activities, that one does not wait upon the Lord — spend time to meditate and commune with Him. My heart has been constantly nourished whenever I read Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" It has blessed richly and some improvement has become known in this direction personally.

Not only have I learned more about waiting on the Lord, but I have also seen a threefold walk: 1. Stand still, Exodus 14:13; 2. Sit still, Isaiah 30:7; 3. Be still, Psalm 46:10. This truth has been particularly important in my situation. Let me briefly tell you why it is so.

From 1968 until now I have been suffering from a sinus attack. At first the symptom was seen but it was not until recently that the doctor discovered the real cause. I also have gastritis. The last doctor I visited recommended I have special X rays. In spite of the long period of sickness I was able to display a joyous spirit — so I have been told. It is just marvelous to be able to cope with heavy assignments and yet exhibit joy. This explains the indestructible joy Christ gives every believer. I am living only by the *faith of the Son of God*. I am greatly

blessed by the above truths, especially Psalm 46:10 — a tremendous challenge to every believer in this age of bewilderment.

In Jamaica there is still an "open door" for the gospel of Christ and I am happy to share the blessings of Christ to all who are in need. I have had the privilege of sharing the word in Seventh Day Baptist and other churches. The Holy Spirit has blessed and enriched my life that I might deliver God's message. There has been an eagerness and urgency to proclaim Christ. Do you know why?

As a little child the thought of being a minister came to mind. No one had spoken to me about this and when expressed to my parents they were most surprised. You see dear friends, as young as I was I felt the love of Christ moving in me for His own purpose. That desire to become Christ's servant grew steadily as I grew physically. At no time did I feel I was on the wrong track. God's hold upon my youthful life was like a strong compelling and irresistible force. So strong was it that Jeremiah's experience was like mine, "Before I formed thee . . . I sanctified thee; I have appointed thee a prophet to the nations . . ." The prophet was God-appointed, God-equipped and God-commissioned.

Each young Christian is needed in God's vineyard. He has a unique vocation or calling in God's service. Christian vocations are diversified. Do not wait to get an extraordinary experience before you say that God is calling you. Have you accepted Christ and entrusted your life to His care? Then you are called! The Christian's vocation is to obey Christ, to live for His glory in every situation, occupation, and experience, in every day.

Never forget — let your life be continually filled with prayer, with the Holy Spirit, as you submit to His total Lordship. There will be trying experiences. But, should you worry about that when you have been guaranteed God's ever-abiding presence? Think on these things!

My Quest for Reality

By Samuel P. Peters

If anyone had hinted to me, before I became aware of God's call to attend seminary, that I would have entered into full-time service with God, I would have surely looked at him with scorn. This is the last thing I wanted to do, seeing that I saw no real opportunity for a young man who would give up his life to become a minister or the like. However, surprisingly enough, I find myself at Jamaica Theological Seminary in Kingston, Jamaica, preparing for full-time service.

I did not receive any vision. Nor, did I hear any audible voice of God calling me to enlist in His service. But this one thing I had, and still know — a burning desire to "explore" Christianity. I wanted to know if Christianity is a reality. Why do we hear so much talking of the power of God and do not see any real demonstration of this power in the church? Why do we hear so much talk of how God is able to change lives and yet the very people who profess Christianity live lives that are inconsistent with their supposed beliefs? One begins to get the impression that the church is just another social club like the Y.M.C.A.

So my primary purpose for coming to seminary was not to become a minister but to find out the reality in Christianity. Of course there was the awareness that when I found the reality I would be responsible for the informing and edifying of my fellowman. I suppose it is here that God's plan for my life in His kingdom would become known. To be honest I do not know what part I have to play in God's kingdom in the future. But this I know—He wants me to prepare for that part I have to play. So now I am *His student*.

It did not take me long to realize that I was a misfit at seminary. When you see people with the desire to pray before doing anything, and you do not possess this desire, then you know that you do not belong. When you do not see the necessity for daily devotions, and others just

cannot wait to have theirs, it is time to question yourself. I became frustrated.

It was not long before God began to reveal Himself in wonderful ways to me. I literally spent hours crying to Him telling Him that if He did not do something for me, I was going to do something desperate. He heard me indeed! I began to discover reality! The word of God became so real, so alive. I began to testify of Christ with much confidence and force. Now I can preach a message (not that I am a preacher by any means) with the knowledge of the One I am speaking about. When I speak of knowledge I am speaking of just some theoretical knowledge, but that which is experiential.

The secret in knowing God's will for your life is in having a personal relationship with Him. This comes by daily *confrontation* — daily seeking after God, daily waiting on Him for strength to be made into His image. The Psalmist says, "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul looketh for the Lord more than watchmen look for the morning" (Ps. 130:5, 6).

God's primary will for man is not for him to work for God. It is for him to have fellowship with God. Paul's desire was not to work for Him but to know Him, to have a practical relationship with Him. Paul declares, ". . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, becoming conformed unto His death; if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead" (Phil. 3:10, 11). God wants us to so know Him that we can effectively proclaim Him. In our daily waiting upon Him, through His word and through prayer, He makes us into the fit vessels for His service.

The second secret I have discovered is that the more we yield ourselves to Him, the more He pours Himself into us. If we give all of ourselves to God do you know that He would work wonders through us? God wants total control of

our lives. He did not ask us for a part, but the whole. He does not want partnership, but ownership. So by yielding ourselves to Him, He is able to make us, to fashion us, into the image of His Son.

Then after securing a personal relationship with Him, after being filled with His presence, we are on our way to know what work He has in mind for us to do. Do not make the mistake so many Christians make. The first thing is to know Him if you are going to understand His will. Many have the wrong idea that the Lord wants us to plunge into His work as soon as we become His sons. But this is not so. This is the reason why so many fail. He wants us to seek Him, to have fellowship with Him. Then, as we get to know Him and His love we are constrained to do what will please Him. And believe it, He reveals exactly what He wants us to do.

As I continue to attend seminary, my one purpose is to "know Christ and the power of His resurrection . . . that Christ may dwell in my heart through faith: to the end that I being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that I may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Phil. 3:10; Eph. 3:17-19).

Clippings from the Fields

From Andhra Pradesh in India comes word of successes and failures in letters from the Rev. B. John V. Rao. He states of the overall work that membership increased from 12,000 to about 14,000 in 1969. He experienced almost complete failure, however, in a recent evangelistic trip to a previously unvisited forest area where the people live under very primitive conditions in caves and makeshift dwellings. After several days among them he had not even succeeded in making friends with these hostile folks. In other forest areas he speaks of baptisms and new groups.

Recent letters from Burma speak of now courage among the faithful and plans

to strengthen the believers by putting a man on the field, conference president Lian Ngura. In Rangoon where the only supported worker L. Sawi Thanga, conference secretary, lives there has come a request for literature. The interesting thing is that in far off Burma where no missionaries are allowed to work and where even native Christians are hindered from travel to other countries a man says he has seen some of our tracts. He evidently was not aware that there are a few people of like faith in Rangoon.

The work in Rhodesia, closely related to the leadership at Makapwa and Blantyre in Malawi seems to be growing. Although we have no white missionaries there the native leader, Mr. Vumah is training helpers to extend the work. He wanted to purchase some Seventh Day Baptist pins so that young people could proudly identify themselves as belonging to our church. Unfortunately these pins are temporarily out of stock at our office.

A recent letter from a prominent member of our oldest church, the Mill Yard church of London tells of the induction of Elder Peat, an occasion well attended by Seventh Day Baptists from other areas of England. It is understood that he will take on preaching and some pastoral duties.

E. Osa, the only leader of Seventh Day Baptist work in Nigeria with whom we are in contact, in a letter recently received, tells of a district meeting at which there was discussion of the future progress of the work. Six needs were discussed: 1) Aid to evangelists; 2) Building other church houses; 3) Spiritual needs; 4) Physical needs; 5) Bicycles for Brother and Sister Osa; 6) Establishment of a Seventh Day Baptist Conference in Nigeria. Mr. Oso says: "Many of these we planned to do through our own efforts." Some will require outside help, he says.

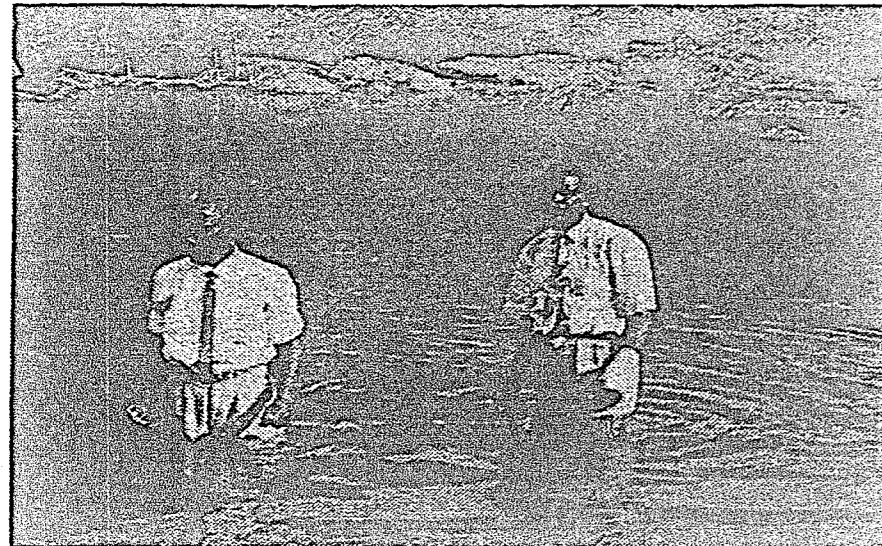
—L. M. Maltby

Malawi

"Church Peace Corps" Going Strong

By William Willoughby

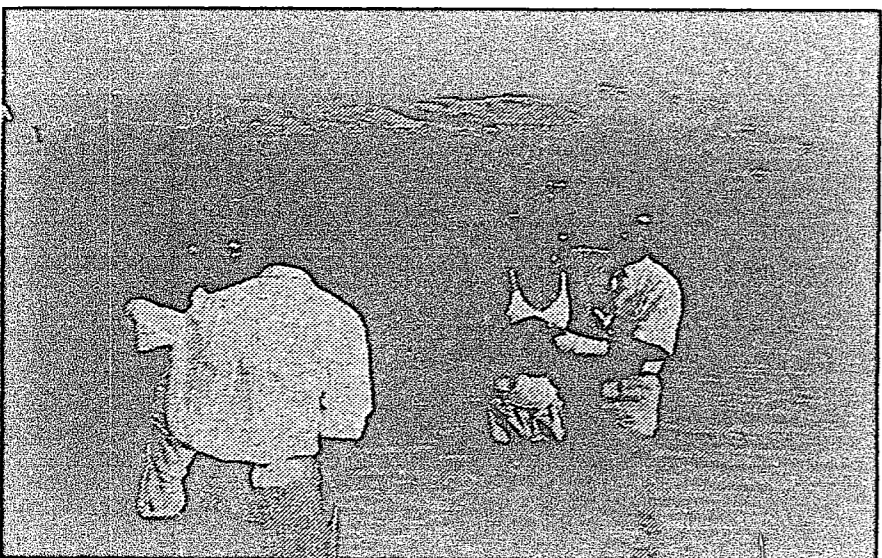
From the Washington Evening Star, Feb. 14, 1970



Seen here are Pastors C. Nangazi of Michizu Church and L. Mungoni of Mphangala Church ready to baptize 65 new converts on Sabbath, Sept. 13, 1969. The pool is one of the deepest pools in Thuchila just behind the boarding houses at the station.



A big gathering is usually seen at the baptismal pool, watching and witnessing the baptismal service during the camp meeting at Makapwa Station.



Now you can see the pastors performing their duty. Looking on is Mr. Master Blaimu the head deacon of Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Church.

"Bob Meyers seems like he's on a trip. I think maybe he's blown his mind."

That's what some people were saying a little while back. The Rev. Robert Meyers spoke in such grandiose terms and with such wide-eyed optimism of what his new, barely subsisting organization — the Christian Service Corps — was going to do. And some of his ideas undoubtedly were a bit far out.

But they don't talk that way about Bob anymore. He is beginning to make his point. He believes the church can raise up a Peace Corps of its own. And it is.

In little more than four years since he started the Christian Service Corps in Washington, D. C., Bob has been able to place 70 persons on the mission field and in domestic ministries. For many of these persons, settled in their own individual ruts, they probably would have laughed to think that it would happen to them.

Bob Meyers has a philosophy he doesn't let up on. "I believe that every Christian should plan his life in such a way that at some time in his life he gives a two-year period in full-time Christian service and witness."

Gwendolyn Armstrong of Minneapolis found a ready response in Bob's message. Only when she heard it she realized she had just about let all the string run out.

The fact that she was a 69-year-old grandmother who suddenly decided she wanted to do a full-time ministry didn't baffle the Presbyterian minister at all. There were Christian establishments who had a responsible place for her. She is happily engaged in a ministry to which she is well suited with the Lydia Home for orphans in Chicago — starting there only last month.

She's not the only person in her sixties to find this kind of ambition coming to fruition. Anyone 18 to 70 is plenty eligible in Bob's eyes

"Our motto here is 'The whole gospel to the whole world by the whole church,'" Bob said. "It think it is most important that the whole church be stressed. Too long we've been satisfied with using the career and professional workers.

"There is a lot of manpower going to waste in the comfortable pew The technical, financial and numerical resources of the Christian Church have yet to be tapped. These resources lie in laymen."

The appeal of Bob's "Peace Corps" is that it offers short-term stints. Many would not think of devoting their whole life to certain ministries and probably feel they would not be suited to it. But some of these same persons are elated to find that, whatever their particular skill, there is some need for it in furthering the gospel ministry. CSC coordinated the needs with the talents.

Mrs. Susan Johnson is the person who has given CSC its cohesion. She gave up a good-paying job as a secretary with a Washington legal firm to be administrative assistant of the organization. She helped hold it together through those seemingly endless times of thinness. Now she has the wheels moving to a fast-growing organization.

Alice Winters similarly gave up a good-paying job as a tax law specialist with the Internal Revenue Service to take charge of CSC's placement service. "I just want to feel that the eight hours a day I spend working is in contribution toward others coming to know God. Each person I send out, I feel part of myself going with them."

When trainees arrive, they receive a 12-week language and acculturation course Besides most of the Romance languages and Dutch, the center provides, so far, training in 13 other languages like Swahili, Tagalog, Cebuano, Bassa and the like. This helps the person adjust to the place where he is sent.



Rev. and Mrs. John Conrod taking intensive language training from a highly qualified instructor (right) in preparation for their ministry in Malawi. They are now on a transcontinental trip before their April departure.



From left to right are: M. J. Chisi of Jandalala S. D. B. Church, W. Mataka third year student of L. B. I., and W. Mzumara of Mzali Church who were ordained as pastors on September 14, 1969.



Here are the L. B. I. third year students graduated Sept. 19, 1969, at the new Baptist Building in Blantyre. From left to right, H. D. Kamputa, Evangelical Church of Malawi; W. Mataka, newly ordained S. D. B. pastor; H. Mizedia, Africa Evangelical Church; S. Muhezwa, S. D. B.; and C. Bonongwe, Zambezi Evangelical Church.

John and Joyce Conrod are finishing up 300 hours of Chichewa, preparing for duty with the Seventh Day Baptists in Malawi. They are the first couple to be trained by CSC for a specific denomination.

Besides the extensive language training, each corpsman gets 40 hours in Christian witness, 40 hours in cultural studies relating to where he will serve, 20 hours in health and psychology, and eight hours in Christian education.

Janet Treat, now a teacher in Montgomery County, was the first corpsman to go out about four years ago, teaching, as she had in her home town in East Aurora, N. Y. Only, under CSC, the classrooms were in Cali, Columbia. She's convinced everyone ought to give it a try.

And so is Carol Fry, sent out by the corps to work with Christian Life as a secretary and in a folk singing group in Sao Paulo, Brazil. "I wish the young people in the States could just see what a wonderful experience two years of service for the Lord can be. If they only knew what they are missing, they would send in their applications so fast that CSC wouldn't have enough positions to fill."

But Bob Meyers has the positions to fill. Any one might be just the thing to send any person dedicated to communicating Christ on a trip of his own.

Grandma Armstrong wasn't too old.

Problems of a Ministerial Student

By Mrs. Bettie Pearson

Mr. Langston Chisi left his wife and two children at Echizweni village in the Northern Region of Malawi in January, 1969, to begin a new career. He entered Likubula Bible Institute and began his training for the ministry to serve the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Leaving his family and relatives to go 425 miles away was not an easy thing to do. Not long after he began school, he received word that his family was not well. This was a burden upon his mind as he tried to study.

Mr. Chisi was encouraged to weigh carefully the advantages and problems involved in his training, and decide whether

or not he really thought he should continue his course. He stated that he did want the training to fit him for his desired work of preaching the gospel to bring men to Christ.

During a trip to visit the northern churches, Pastor Pearson met Mrs. Chisi one Sabbath. She, too, expressed her willingness that her husband stay in school to prepare for God's work, despite the difficulties involved.

Shortly before the Christmas vacation, Mr. Chisi again received letters telling of the illness of both Mrs. Chisi and his daughter, Mbawen. He received word again emphasizing the seriousness of their condition, and pleading for his return. It was examination time at Likubula, so he was unable to leave immediately. When he did get away, and made the long trip home, he received sad news. Mbawen had passed away the day before and had already been buried.

God gave help to the family. During his stay with them, Mrs. Chisi improved and a few weeks later a new baby was born to bring new joy to the family.

Mr. Chisi returned to Likubula in January, but again received word that his wife was not well. Leaders at Makapwa were contacted and a plan was arranged whereby Mrs. Chisi and the family could come to live at Makapwa for the remaining months of her husband's Bible course.

The money for bus fare was sent. Four days Mr. Chisi went in vain to the bus station with the hope of meeting his family. Finally, on March 2, he was rewarded to find them, and be reunited.

The next day, he accompanied the family by train to Makapwa. He states, "I am feeling well by this time to have my wife here down to Makapwa, so that I shall have a time to see her if she is sick."

Let's thank God for men who are willing to give their lives for His service, and pray that the Lord will give His help to the Chisis, and the other men who have left their families to prepare for His service: Mr. A. Harawa, Mr. G. Nantikwa, and Mr. H. Msowa.

Some Impressions from Guyana

By Juanita Darrow

(In the fall of 1969 Mrs. Darrow, the mother of Mrs. Leroy Bass, was able to visit in their home in Georgetown, Guyana. She writes of some of her experiences in a "letter" to you.)

Dear Friends:

I thought perhaps you might like a visitor's view of the Guyana mission field. It is 4:30 a.m. This is the morning of my return to America by BOAC leaving at 10:25 a.m. Pastor Leroy Bass left for the country Friday — only 40 miles but nearly a whole day's travel — so Marjorie and the family will go to see me off. Our transportation will be the VW mini-bus driven by one of the pastors.

The hour is earlier than I thought. It is pitch-dark outside; nevertheless the roosters are crowing lustily and have been for perhaps an hour. The poet said of another tropical land, "the sun comes up like thunder" and being in Guyana near the equator it is easy to understand what he means. Pre-dawns have been very interesting and amazing to me. One may hear a lone cock's crow in the distance, and then, with the quickly rising sun, the crows of nearer ones, the barking of "multitudes" of dogs — noises of an awakening world becoming louder and more profuse, until the clouds on the horizon (rooftops really), broken only by the upside down "dustmop" palm trees, take on a white and fluffier appearance, and then the goats, the cows, the sheep, cackling hens, crying or laughing children, zooming cars (like U.S. hot-rodders) — a complete cacophony!

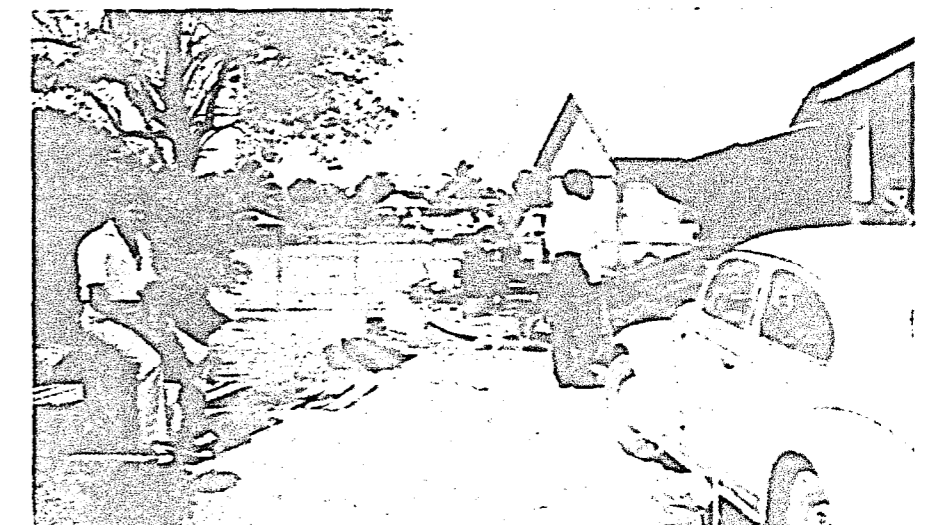
There has been a cooling breeze here most every evening. The daytime breeze makes the heat more bearable and the houses built on stilts with living quarters a floor above the ground take advantage of such. We drove inland one day—how hot! The mission home is only a few minutes from the seawall where there is always an afternoon breeze.

The first Sabbath here we visited the botanical gardens, and the name tag on a royal palm interested me. Stepping off the path to read it better I suddenly felt

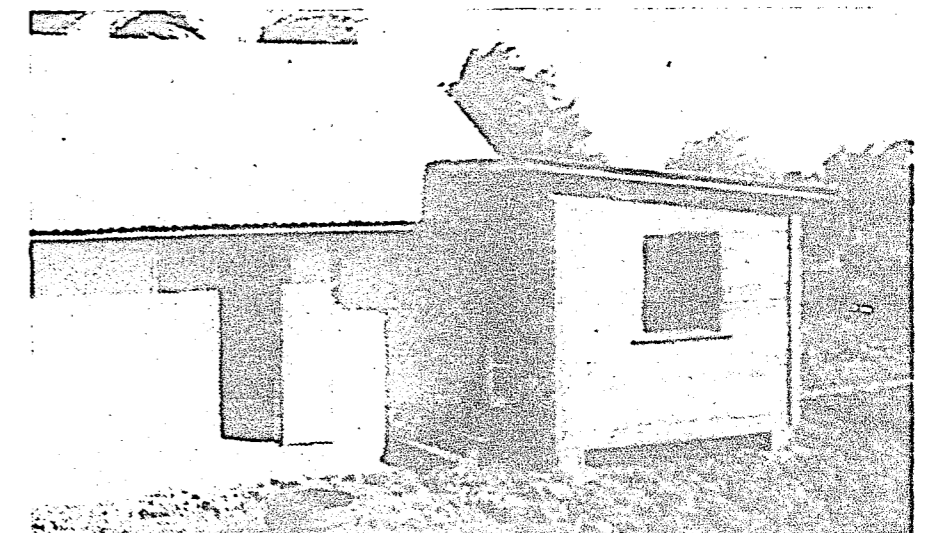
Guyana



Home of the Leroy Bass family, our missionaries, 19 Gordon St., Kitty, Georgetown, Guyana. Typical of Guyana, living quarters are upstairs. Study and office are at the ground level.



End of road at Charity where one must take to a boat on the Pomeroon River. The mission car is left at the police station compound when the missionary embarks for the Bona Ventura church 14 miles down river.



Under construction is this addition to the Dartmouth church to provide space for Sabbath School and sleeping quarters for visiting leaders.

my feet stinging and burning. I had on foot socks and sandals and yet my feet were literally covered with small red ants. Removing my shoes immediately I rubbed and rubbed to gain some degree of comfort. For many days my ankles looked elephant like and I finally thought it best to visit a doctor.

Thus I had the occasion to be one in a line of clinic patients at the SDA hospital. While waiting I conversed with others and observed some, thereby becoming more acquainted with them and their country.

Their expressions are interesting! Did you know that if you have fine handwriting, you have a "nice fist"? I told an East Indian that in my part of America we speak of "large" people as having been made when "meat was cheap" whereupon he almost doubled up with mirth. Here they say, "She has plenty of skin." Any part of the leg from toe to groin is called a "foot." Do you ever "fold your feet?" And of course, from finger to shoulder is "hand."

The skirts are mini but at least cut so they have the more modest appearance of shorts. It seems nigh impossible to drive to town and return unscathed, for there are bicycles, bicycles, bicycles, pedestrians in the lane of travel, and animals! Yesterday our taxi nearly ran into a large cow who seemed to be frightened and was dashing across the very busy "public road."

There are mosques here—white domed (the East Indians are the majority) and we see Moslems in their white robes and balloon type trousers bowing toward Mecca. There are also Hindu temples. The Communists are trying to win these people as their number would give them more power.

In town there is a large market built on a wharf by the river and another a short way out of the center of Georgetown. These contain small booths—many in the blazing sun. I suppose the more flourishing merchants can rent the stalls in large structures protected from sun and rain. At the markets you rub elbows with people of every description. I am amazed how these fragile looking "skin and bone" ladies can carry so much on

their heads. The sidewalk vendors in the center of town call "Come darling, buy something!"

The frogs outside our window chirp all night, almost like the robin's note. The house across the street is a farm—chickens, eight goats, cows, and dogs — but not a blade of grass. They roam and graze along the side of the road. Before dark the father and one or more children round them up.

In a nearby home the other day I thought we were experiencing an earthquake. The house began to shake so gently, and then more vigorously. Then I discovered the washing machine had begun its spin.

Every home needs a dog. Some of the fences have signs reading "Beware of bad dogs." The dogs understand their mission and keep intruders out of the yard and when evicting someone know to stop at the edge of the road.

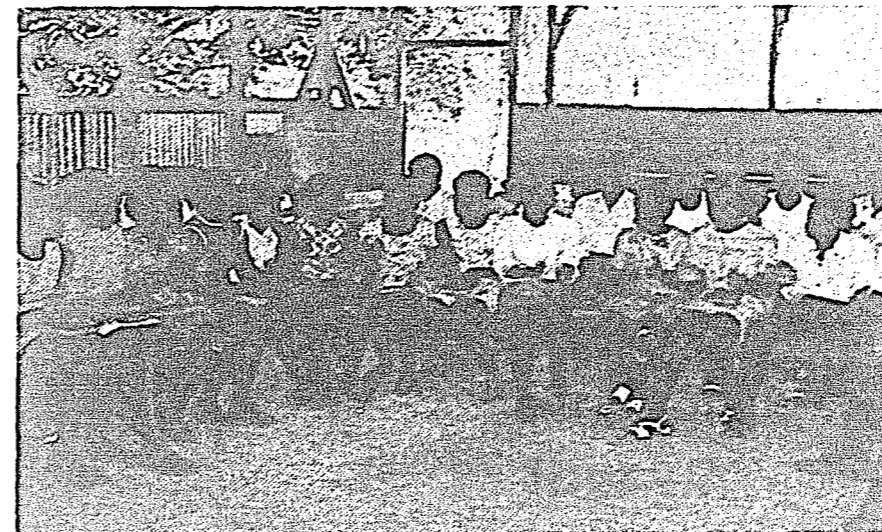
It's nearly the rainy season here but it seldom thunders and lightnings, as it does in the States. When it does the people are asked what they think it can mean (by an inquiring reporter) and they invariably say, "It must be the end of the world." In the homes the people sometimes "hide" under the beds for safety.

One evening we were sitting in the kitchen and Marge called attention to a little "pet" up on the rafter — a lizard. I was glad later that I knew of the presence of such, since in the middle of the night I felt and heard a little scratching under my ear. It seems that one had made his way into my pillowcase. Not being "introduced" I might have screeched thinking it was a snake.

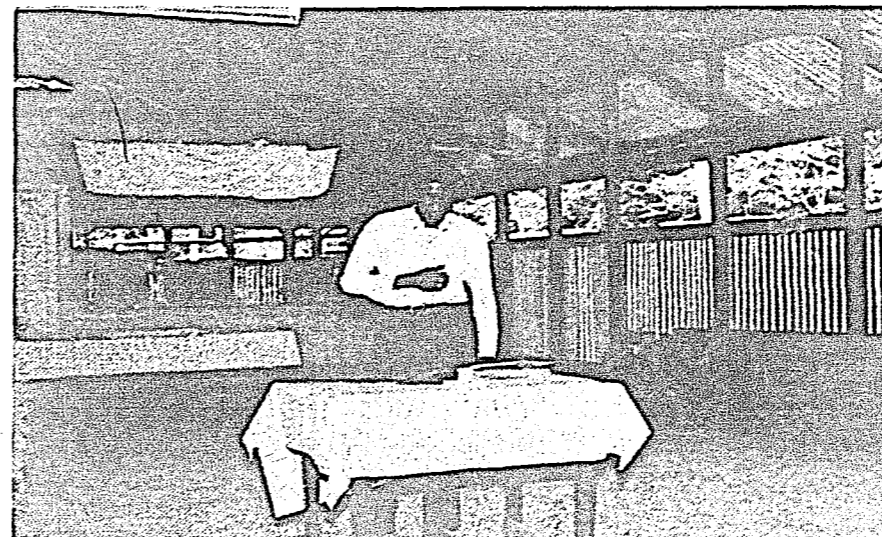
The monetary unit in Guyana is the dollar but it has only the value of 50 cents —thus one American dollar is worth two Guyanese dollars. Food prices are high. A small can of tomato juice is at least 80 cents. Packaged napkins, 2 for 75 cents. A pound of peanut butter, \$2.32. Carnation powdered skim milk costs 21 cents per quart. Everything imported is costly but it is possible to buy many fresh fruits and green vegetables. The average family lives mostly on rice and a bit of meat.

Well my time is up as well as my paper. Please excuse my "poor fist."

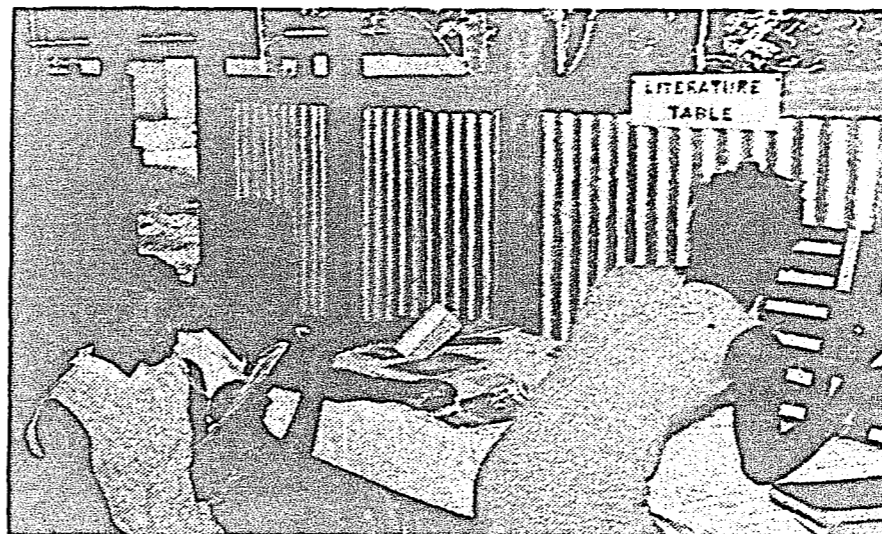
MAINSTAY YOUTH CAMP 1969 at Goshen, Essequibo River



Eager youth at the camp enjoy singing choruses before the Sabbath service. They keep time with the clapping of hands.



Mortimer Tobin at Goshen Camp was chosen as speaker for the Sabbath morning youth service. He is a camper from the Pomeroun church.

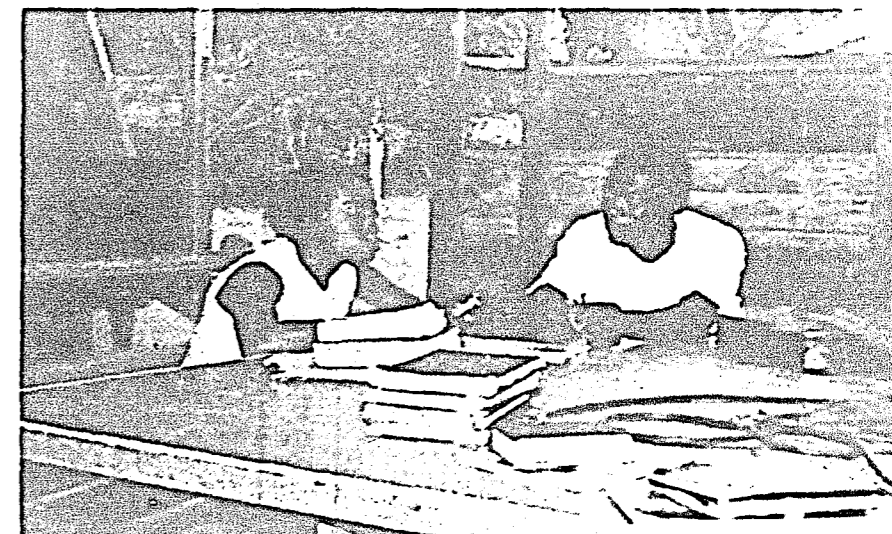


The literature table at Goshen Camp had an electric Bible quiz board made by 13-year-old Gordon Bass. The young lady is checking her answers by pushing the buttons, quite oblivious to the candid camera of the director.

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Campers leave no boards unturned at the dock on the Essequibo River in their search for cue cards during the treasure hunt.



Paula Griffith and Jonathan Barker lay aside books and musical instruments to get better acquainted. Camp is remembered not only for the new truths learned but also for the new friends made.



Diane Chung, daughter of a Chinese father and a Negro mother, a regular member of Sabbath School, smiles her appreciation of Mainstay Youth Camp at Goshen.

After Dedication

What Is It?

The word dedication is often used to describe the decision you made when you gave the Lord your life as a "living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer" (Rom. 12:1 TEV).

Some people make this decision at the time they accept Christ as Savior. Others make it later. It is not unusual for a young person to give his life to God and then, later on, to discover there is some part of life still not completely under the Lord's control. The act of giving Him that part can also be called dedication.

Sometimes young people make the decision to give themselves completely to the Lord knowing that the Lord is asking them to serve Him in some particular place or way. When this happens, the young person makes a twofold decision which includes dedication and acceptance of the Lord's specific direction concerning his life's work and service.

But it doesn't always happen this way. Many young people make what might be called a general dedication, indicating their desire to do God's will. Then, they wait for a long time before they are sure of the Lord's specific leading for their lives.

Right here, though, is where things can become downright confusing. Preachers may talk about dedicating yourself to the Lord for missionary service. Or about dedicating yourself to full-time Christian service. Or about promising God that you will go to the mission field if He calls you. Hearing this, some young people become so confused that they think the only ones who need to dedicate their lives to the Lord are preachers and missionaries.

You know better, of course, God wants the completely dedicated life of every Christian. When He has that, He can direct each individual Christian to the particular place and work that He has for that Christian wife and mother, doctor, teacher, mechanic, farmer, ditch digger, or secretary, as well as pastor or missionary. God has a place for you. Perhaps

you already know what it is. If you don't know yet, don't worry. You can be absolutely sure of one thing. If you are honestly ready to follow God's leading, He will lead you, clearly and unmistakably.

After Dedication What?

"All right," you say. "I've dedicated my life to the Lord. What comes next?" After dedication comes preparation. What follows in this article is written specifically for young people who believe that the Lord wants them on the mission field. But wait! Don't stop reading just because you don't know if the Lord wants you to be a missionary or because you already know that He wants you to serve Him some other place. Actually, there is not much difference between preparing to be a missionary and preparing to be a dedicated Christian, living and working any place else. So read on

Know Your Enemy.

The very first thing to learn is that you have an enemy. His name is Satan. He is determined that you will not live a life that is dedicated to God. He is determined that you will not get to the mission field to tell men and women about Christ. And he has many tricks and stratagems to see that you don't. One of them is to minimize the importance of the decision you make. If he hasn't already, he surely will suggest to you that your dedication doesn't really mean anything. He will tell you it was something done under the influence of emotions which you should shrug off in the cool light of reason. Or, he will help you to forget the decision or to ignore it.

But that isn't all he will do. He will create obstacles of all sorts during four years of preparation. Studying may be hard for you; your family may object to your plans; you may become discouraged and want to give up. Satan may taunt you with the fact that you aren't good enough to be a missionary. He will make it difficult for you to overcome personality quirks.

If Satan can't block you, he will try to sidetrack you. And the sidetracks will be alluring: a promising career in this country, a wonderful fellow or girl whom you love but who isn't too interested in serving the Lord, a car which has to be paid for. There are many others. If you are alert, you will recognize them as Satan's attempts to turn you away from obeying God's call to you.

Begin at the Beginning.

The first questions asked by young people planning to serve God as missionaries usually concern their educational preparation. They want to know what courses they should take, what schools they should attend. It may surprise you to learn that these are not the first questions mission boards and mission executives ask when they are examining applicants. They are far more concerned about *you*. Therefore, begin your preparation with yourself.

What kind of a person are you? Are you selfish? Disobedient to your parents? Bossy and unkind to younger brothers and sisters? If you can't have your own way, do you go off in a huff? Are you always ready to lead but never willing to follow? Does a minor obstacle throw you and make you want to give up? Do you lose your temper easily? Are you quick to say unkind, cutting things? Do you tell white lies? Cheat a bit on tests? Are you always right? Are you proud? Are your feelings easily hurt? Do you get sore at any criticism?

Think about it. Be honest with yourself and with God. Character traits such as these hamper, harm, or ruin missionaries and missionary work. Therefore, with God's help, begin now to understand yourself, recognize your weaknesses, and work to overcome them.

What kind of a Christian are you? Do you have a regular time set aside each day for listening to what God has to say to you through His Word? Do you talk to God in prayer? Do you faithfully do your part in the work and witness of the church? Are you concerned about winning others to Christ and are you actively witnessing? Learn to walk with God, to

gain food for spiritual growth from His Word, to pray. Learn to trust the Lord for everything. Learn to witness.

You really can not separate the kind of person you are from the kind of Christian you are, for these two aspects are inseparably intertwined to make one whole — *you*. The working of God's Holy Spirit in your life will help you to overcome unwanted personality traits. The effectiveness of your Christian service and witness will depend on what kind of personality you have just as much as it depends on your knowledge of the Bible.

What About Education?

Of course, your education is important, too. You will need advanced schooling for missionary service, so take the college preparatory course in high school. Include a foreign language and one typing course in your electives; for the others, develop your interests and talents, asking the Lord to guide you in your choice.

Continue to seek the Lord's leading as you begin advanced training. Remember that you must have Bible training for missionary work, no matter what other specialized type of education you may have. The pattern may be college and seminary, Bible school and professional training (e. g., nurse's training), or some other combination.

Studying books and passing exams is only one part of your education. Just as important are the habits you form during these years. Learn to concentrate. Learn to work hard at your studies. Learn to think, evaluate, ask questions. Make a habit of trying to understand why others think, feel, and act as they do. As a missionary, you will be studying and learning for the rest of your life, and good habits formed now will be invaluable in the years ahead. Also, take time to learn to do practical, every day things such as carpentry, mechanics, cooking, or sewing.

You need to study missions, too. Read books about missions, missionary biographies, missionary prayer letters. Become acquainted with the people and cultures in other lands. Study the great religious

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systems of the world. Often you can choose subjects such as these when you are assigned a theme or term paper in school.

Last but Not Least.

Missionary preparation involves experience. Your experience will come in many ways: through young people's groups while you are in high school, through faithful witnessing to friends all the time. As you mature, you will want to teach Sabbath School, Vacation Bible School, counsel in camp, serve in Summer Christian Service Corps, assist in services in rest homes, jails, or street meetings. During seminary days fellows will seek student pastorates or summer assistants' work with pastors in local churches. Girls planning to teach or do medical work should plan on practical experience in their fields. The phrase, "Crossing the ocean doesn't make a missionary," is terribly trite. It is also very, very true. If you are not a missionary here, you will not be one in another country. Practical experience must be a part of your preparation.

Are you beginning to feel overwhelmed? Don't be. True, the accomplishment of some of these goals may take from five to ten years. The accomplishment of others will take the rest of your life. You can begin right now to learn one lesson which all missionaries must learn. Live one day at a time. Do today what God has placed before you. Trust Him for tomorrow and next year and five years from now.

"But I can't do all of these things!" you say. Of course you can't—by yourself. But with God's help you can. Re-

member, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

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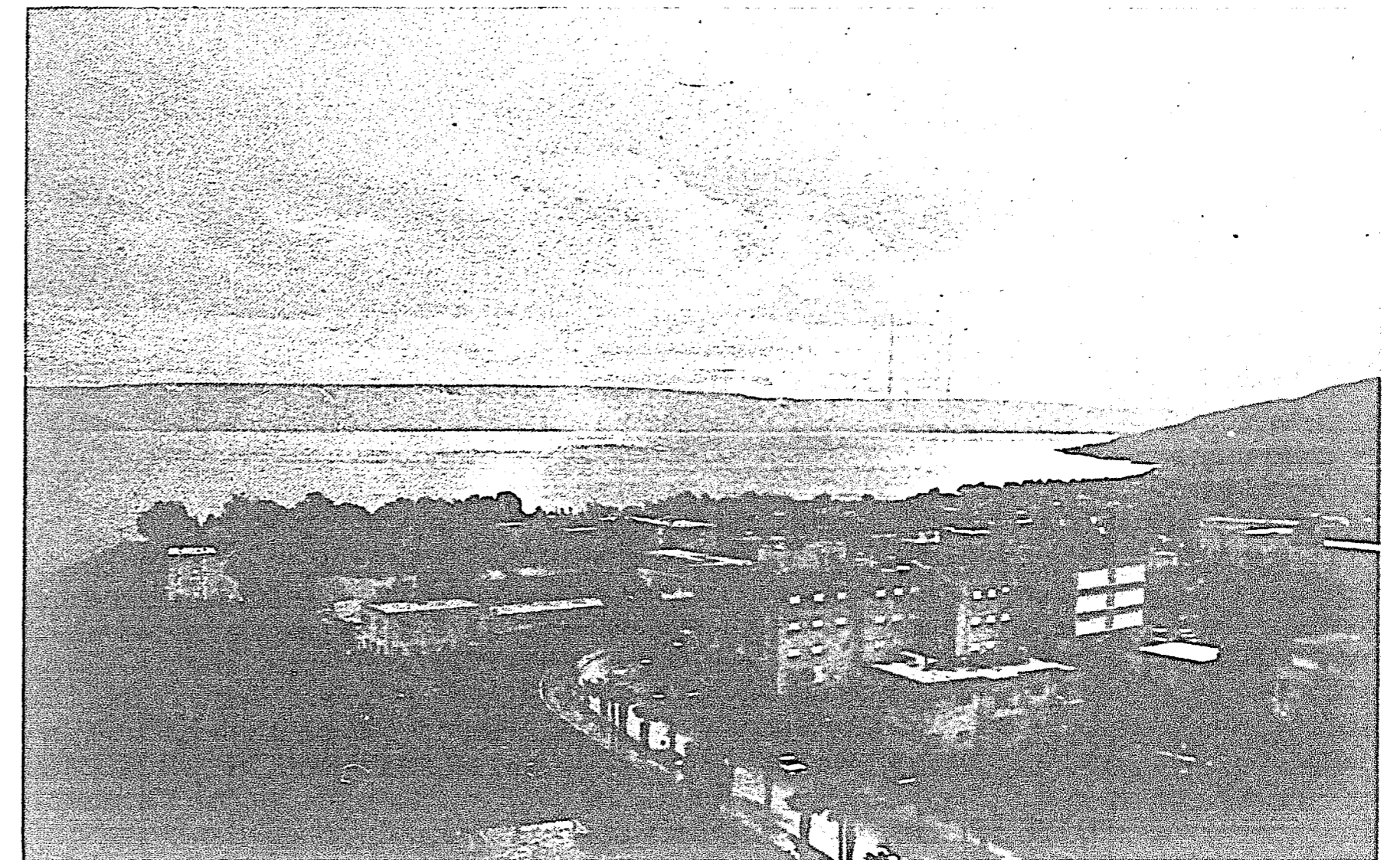
(Those wishing counsel on God's call to missionary service or who may have questions after reading this article, are urged to write the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, 401 Washington Trust Bldg., Westerly, RI 02891.)

Evangelism Upsurge in Russia

Sergei Timchenko, one of the pastors of the Moscow Baptist Church and first vice-president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians — Baptists, has been touring churches in the United States. He says that there is an upsurge of evangelism in his country among the Baptists.

There is only one Baptist church building in Moscow but the leader says there are thirteen recently recognized Baptist congregations, each with 2,000 to 3,000 members. His church (with thousands of members) reported 182 persons baptized in 1969. The thirteen congregations are allowed to meet in homes, but manifestly there can be no full congregation meetings for such large numbers. In all of Russia, says Timchenko, there have been 13,000 baptisms in the past three years.

The total strength of Russian Baptists has been reported as 550,000. The leader says that many of the Baptist youth participate in the Young Pioneers and Komsomol (Communist Youth organizations). It seems to be possible to be a church member and a member of Communist Youth at the same time — as six of his seven children are.



Sun and Clouds over Tiberias in Galilee

The morning sun breaks through the clouds lighting a path across the Sea of Galilee at Tiberias, a location mentioned in John 6:23. The ancient city, famed for its hot springs, was built by Herod Antipas (who killed John the Baptist) and named in honor of Tiberias Caesar. It was here that the Mishna and the Jerusalem Talmud were composed in the early centuries of our era. The modern city, higher on the hill overlooking the lake, is a favorite stopping place for Christian and Jewish pilgrims. Relatively secure, midway on the lake, Tiberias looks for a break in the storm clouds of war that are never farther away than the opposite shore.