

Take Up a Collection

There is a story told of a group of men who were in some grave danger, cut off from any human help. Pondering the seriousness of their situation they wanted to get some help from above. Not one of them was qualified to preach a sermon or able to recall helpful passages of Scripture. None were accustomed to leading in prayer or singing Christian hymns. They decided that the only religious thing they could do was to take up a collection.

There are those who think that in New Testament times the apostle Paul taught the observance of Sunday when he urged the Christians at Corinth to "take up a collection on the first day of the week." A closer study of the incorrectly quoted passage reveals that this is not a text to be used to establish Sunday observance in place of Sabbathkeeping but an indication that the first day of the week was not sacred.

Paul was giving instructions for gathering money to relieve the poverty of the Jewish Christian believers at Jerusalem who were having a hard time. He was going to make the long trip back to the headquarters church at the end of his missionary journey and could carry their contribution with him. What Paul wrote to the Corinthians was, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as the Lord hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." It was not to be a collection in a public church service, but something the head of the family, the bread earner, was to do in his own home.

Why is the first day of the week mentioned as the time for doing this? Those

who have studied Jewish practice (and the appeal was primarily to Jews to help their brethren) say that no good Jew would handle money on the Sabbath. Therefore, Sunday, a non-sacred day, was a more suitable time for dividing up the money and putting some in the cookie jar for the relief of the poor. Kitto's *Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature*, a standard work, in an article "Lord's Day" makes this point clear. What was not considered proper to do with money on the Sabbath could well be done on Sunday, which was at that time considered not as a feast, but as a working day.

The apostle Paul was very careful in his Sabbathkeeping, and none of the persecutions coming upon him by Jewish instigation were for disregard of the Sabbath. If he had practiced or advocated the substitution of Sunday for the Sabbath as a day of worship he would probably have died at the hands of the Jews and would have died in something other than a Roman prison.

Book Notice

Heroin addicts are usually immature, irresponsible, often lonely, and resentful of authority, according to a new book, "How About Heroin?" by Lindsay R. Curtis, M.D., published by Texas Alcohol Narcotics Education (TANE).

Of the seven drugs classified as narcotics, heroin accounts for ninety percent of all narcotic abuse and addiction. There are an estimated 200,000 addicts in the United States, according to the book. Heroin addicts steal over one billion dollars a year to maintain their habits, according to Dr. Curtis.

"WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH"



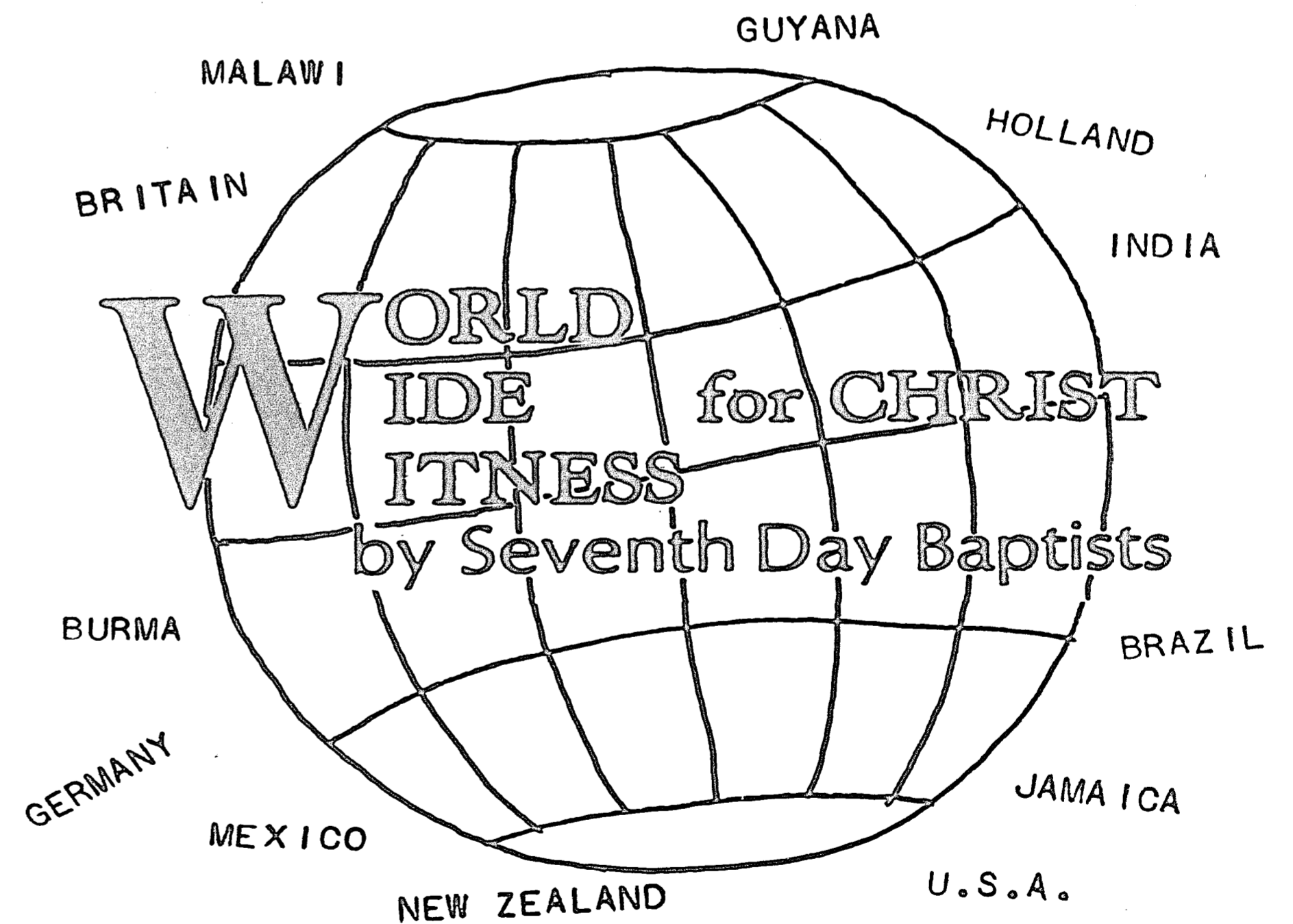
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Layman's Drive-In

The words "Layman's Drive-In" on the front of the folder seemed out of place together. Yet this is the designation for an exciting weekend of "Information, Inspiration, Instruction, Fellowship and Motivation" at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., from 6 p.m., April 30 to 1 p.m., May 2, 1971.

This retreat, sponsored by the Pan American Union of Baptist Men and the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, is a continuing emphasis that grew out of the Crusade of the Americas. Who is invited? Baptist laymen, pastors, denominational workers and their wives from all Baptist Conventions. The cost is \$18 per person. This includes meals, lodging, linen, and registration fee. A copy of the folder is being sent to each church through its missionary keyworker in a WWW mailing.

A second such meeting is scheduled for the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, October 22-24, 1971. While details are not yet available, information on this and two other meetings planned for southern California and Canada in 1972 can be obtained by writing: Pan American Union of Baptist Men, c/o Owen Cooper, Box 388, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

We hope that readers will plan their vacations and take time to enter into these sessions. —L. R. L.

Travel Tips

Many individuals and families will soon put finishing touches to their travel plans for the coming summer. More than ever before these tourists will be driving north, or south of the border or flying overseas. They are invited to visit and have fellowship with missionaries and national Seventh Day Baptists wherever possible. The list of countries and addresses where Seventh Day Baptists are located would require more space than here available. However, the information will be provided in reply to any written request to your "Missionary Society, 401 Washington Trust Building, Westerly, RI 02891 or the Tract Society secretary, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Tourists should remember that mis-

APRIL 3, 1971

MEMORY TEXT

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28:19, 20).

missionaries do bear heavy loads of work and are seldom free from crowded schedules. They welcome visitors from the States and hope that each one will help strengthen the witness and ministry of Christ on that field. Accommodations also are limited and housing and feeding may be graciously provided at great cost to them and their work. Thus it is wise to plan ahead and make arrangements not to impose on them unnecessarily.

Within the USA, some travelers have planned and made visits on lone Sabbath-keepers, fellowships or small groups as well as other Seventh Day Baptist churches. Such an experience is helpful to both the visited and visitor and encouragement is given for readers to prayerfully consider and plan ahead for such contacts. Again, suggestions can be shared if your route and written request are sent to either party listed above. —L. R. L.

South African Union Withdraws from Council

The Baptist Union of South Africa, meeting in Durban, decided to withdraw from the South African Council of Churches.

"Differences with the Council's liberal stance have increased to the point of incompatibility," the union's press representative said.

In the course of his president's address, Donald Macpherson referred to Christians' responsibilities in a multiracial society.

"It is through the redeemed community, not the high-sounding resolutions passed by church courts, that the conditions of a renewed and reformed society will be met," the president added.

Other writers have commented on receipts in February for Our World Mission. Your Missionary Society, as the major participator in the OWM budget, must try to communicate the situation in which we have been placed. It is difficult for us as human individuals to enter into and fully understand the situations that are removed from our personal lives. But as believers we have this opportunity in order to share our Christian responsibility and commitment.

The statement from the OWM treasurer indicates that your society has received only \$1,112.36 in undesignated amounts for the month of February. This is less than 30 percent of the average monthly income needed from this source to carry on the work of the society. While this amount was received, \$2,929.30 was not received! (The average monthly re-

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ceipts were set by Conference at \$4,041.66.) Some may say, "Well, the society can make it up from other funds." But we would point out that approximately 48 percent of our monthly income must come from OWM while 16 percent is in designated giving and 36 percent in investment income.

What would it mean to your budget if all of a sudden you received less than 30 percent of your anticipated monthly income? There would be no lessening of bills! We have our missionaries, missionary pastors, and workers to pay and they are expecting their regular monthly amounts.

Some years ago when a similar situation arose the board decided that it would pass on only the money that it received. Thus salaries were paid according to the funds received. The reported response from our people was one of shock and outrage! Rightly so. But it did help to awaken many people to the fact that we are united in our work and that we cannot continue to meet our responsibilities

unless all of us accept these and do our share.

Your Missionary Board has not taken such drastic action since that day some years ago but you can clearly understand that action may become necessary if continued receipts remain at this low level. The board policy is clear: "When the board finds itself unable to secure contributions sufficient to meet the expenses of the work for a series of months, a policy of retrenchment shall be adopted without delay." Our expenditures and work must be regulated by our income.

This time of year is difficult for every individual as he faces the annual accounting with the government in paying income tax. Yet to neglect the work of the Lord cannot be allowed. What can you do? Give immediate thought to answering the following three questions:

(1) How much have I supported OWM since February 1?

(2) Has my church sent in its regular monthly contribution to OWM?

(3) Have I remembered the work of our boards and agencies, not only in giving, but in prayer during these weeks?

At the time of writing the month of March is well on its way and we wonder what this month will record for OWM giving. Unless we are willing to check up on ourselves and our churches and take the action necessary March and April can be repeats of February. But under God it need not be and will not be. Let us (each one) act now.

Varying Viewpoints

"What must be fostered throughout the denomination is a hearty acceptance of the inalienable right of each person to come to God and the Bible for himself, and of the right of every Baptist to have his own individual viewpoint recognized and respected by his fellow Baptists. The possibility of more than one interpretation of certain Scripture passages and theological doctrines and current issues must be acknowledged.

—From Guidelines for Southern Baptist Curriculum Writers

A Personal Experience

What Has Made Me Believe In Missions?

By Leroy C. Bass
Missionary to Guyana, S. A.



BASICALLY, IT WAS the results I saw with my eyes and heard with my ears, twenty-five years ago!

As an American soldier stationed in Calcutta, India, and as a Christian, I regularly attended services at the Post Chapel, Camp Tallygunge. One day the chaplain had an Indian guest who was introduced as the bishop of the Methodist church. This delighted me for two reasons: First, he was a Methodist, as I was. Second, he was an *Indian* bishop. Here was the result of what missionaries had done in raising up national men to such positions of church leadership.

The bishop gave a good Christian message and I recall fervently hoping my fellow G. I.'s received as much spiritual uplift as I did. Though my heart had been warm toward missions from the age of fifteen, hearing this Indian bishop brought to my consciousness the value and results of missions. Here was living proof that made me believe in missions.

My excitement and experience were so real that a letter was written about this living discovery to my home-town minister at the Easthampton, Mass., Methodist church. The conviction on the value and necessity to send missionaries and to support the cause of missions around the world was shared. It did pay off with living results. And this was put personally into action by the decision to put as much money in the "missions" half of the weekly offering envelopes as was put in the "church expense" side. Other details written are not clearly remembered, but my parents wrote that the minister

read my entire letter and made it a basis for his sermon that Sunday.

Shortly after this I began to learn from Bible study lessons about the great mistake of Sunday observance and the true seventh day Sabbath. This I accepted and soon found an Adventist church in the city where people actually went to church on Saturdays. From that time I have been a Sabbathkeeper.

Returning home a year later there was no opportunity to share my further experience personally with my pastor as he had moved to another pastorate out of state. The missionary interest continued and caused me to build a file of magazine articles and books of interest and practical help in the methods of missionary work. When possible, I sought to hear missionary speakers.

After graduation from college, and before I could take up seminary work, Marjorie (my bride of less than a year) and I decided to move to Litchfield County, Conn., because there were no Sabbathkeeping churches there. I engaged in secular work for support, to pay off a college debt, and save for future seminary education. Our plan was also to start, by God's grace, a Sabbathkeeping witness and church in Litchfield County on an entirely self-supporting basis.

During the three years we lived there we visited in the homes and, where there was an interest, gave many Bible studies. We also found a few Sabbath believers without a church and needing encouragement. From a beginning interest of eight or ten, we grew to fifteen and twenty.

During the course of this time we began to rent a Sunday church building for our Sabbath services in Torrington, Conn.

Thus, in visiting, teaching, and preaching my pastoral experience began, or perhaps I should say, my missionary experience began. It was born in voluntary after-hours work for Jesus. Obviously, it could only be a small part-time ministry, and this was quite frustrating. The time came to move to seminary study and the work was left to other dedicated hands.

The seminary courses brought happiness and a closer walk with my Master, Jesus Christ. But our little savings did not last for long and I was forced to drop out for a while. Disappointed as we were, we worked until there was enough to support us for another term. In retrospect now, the frustrating experiences we faced through those years have given us a sympathetic understanding of our Guyanese church leaders who likewise have their jobs for support and still try so hard to shepherd their church flock with visitation, meetings, and services several times a week. Knowing such frustrations, encouragement can be given to keep going and never give up. The trials through which I passed were not fully understood at the time, even though I trusted God and sought to yield my life to Him. It has taken the perspective of these years to see that God's promises are really true, proved by my own experience. "And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into His plans" (Rom. 8:28 LNT).

In time we learned about Seventh Day Baptists and their faith and identified ourselves with this small denomination, believing in God's leading. We served two Seventh Day Baptist churches over a period of six years and with the fires of missionary and evangelistic zeal burning in my heart, I labored to lead these churches into fruitful soul-winning efforts.

Then one day, when God knew the time was right, there came a letter with a call to serve Jesus on a foreign field—Guyana, South America. Thus in 1966

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Home Field

Seventh Day Baptists In the Northwest

By Mynor G. Soper

For some time the Lord has given me the strong feeling that the Northwest part of our country holds great potential for growth for Seventh Day Baptists. (For that matter, any section of the country does, if we believe it.) From this area there seemed to come a great deal of interest in the form of inquiries about Seventh Day Baptists as well as many names of Seventh Day Baptists who had moved to that area. It was this feeling, or perhaps it would be more correct to say "leading," that encouraged me to go to the Northwest on a visitation tour on behalf of the Pacific Coast Association in the spring of 1966. For many years the visitation trips had extended only as far as northern California. But by the already mentioned ways the Holy Spirit seems to be leading me to make a trip further north and to include the Seattle area. The Holy Spirit has continued to lead in many ways and with many people until at present we have a young but dynamic and growing church in Seattle.

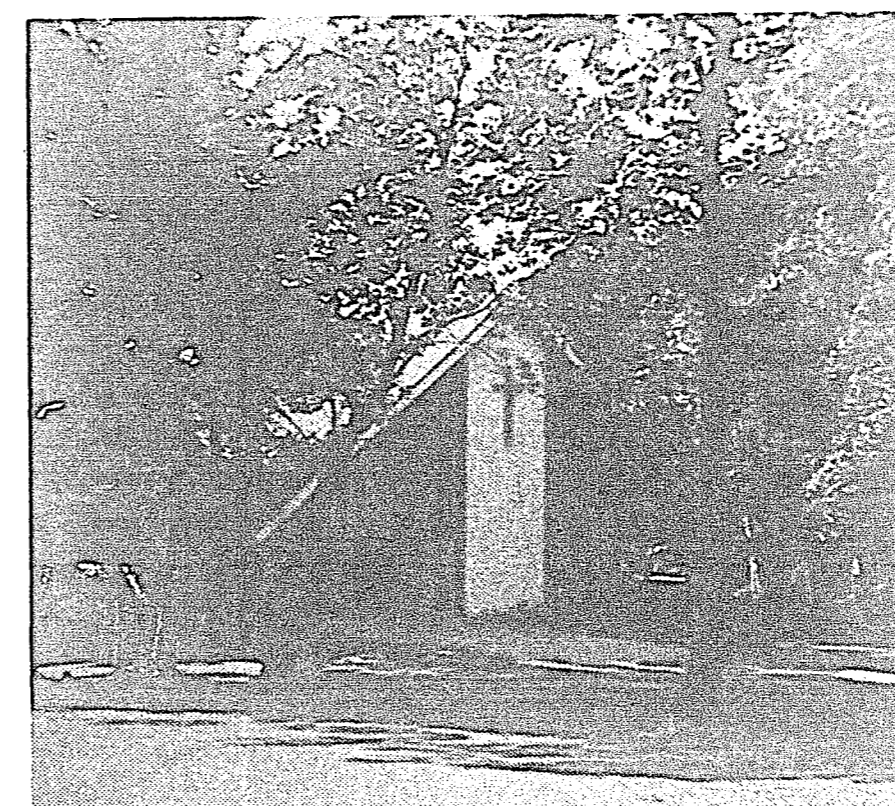
It was my privilege to work again in the Northwest area during the month of February 1971. The Seattle Area church had given the invitation to come and hold lay training sessions with them. The response was heartening with much larger numbers participating than in some of our larger churches.

During the three week mission in the Northwest, Pastor Duane Davis and I visited a number of lone Sabbathkeepers in eastern Washington and Idaho. Four days of meetings were held back in the mountains of Washington at Randle where a small group meets once a month. One family here was united in the Lord as a young father made his decision for Christ. What rejoicing! A meeting was held at the Justin Camenga home in Portland with a group he had contacted in that area. It was agreed that they would



meet every two weeks for Bible study and prayer at the Camenga home. I feel that there is real potential for a growing group in this area particularly because of the strong leadership offered by Justin Camenga.

Perhaps one of the most exciting aspects for real growth is in the area just north of Seattle. Some families living there, who regularly attend the Seattle Area church at Des Moines, (which is on the south side of Seattle) feel they should have an outreach of their own where they live. Since they all live from twenty-five to forty miles away, though still conceivably within continued driving distance from the church in Des Moines, their desire is



to have an outreach of their own. This seems to be a heartening new attitude among our people to reach out and evangelize. Plans are under way for one or possibly two young men who are very capable and want to do a type of dedicated service, to go into that area and help this summer. They would have a working relationship with Pastor Duane Davis, who has the responsibility for this area under the Pacific Coast Association.

All over America there is a growing spiritual awakening. Again and again we should thank God that He has not passed our people by—for there are great spiritual happenings among us, too, as His Holy Spirit deals with us in love and power. The northwestern part of our great land holds great potential for outreach and growth for our people as they serve Christ. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, so does every area, for it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

Palatable Food for the Hungry Proves Popular

Food companies and government agencies have found that some of the new foods designed to alleviate hunger and malnutrition are not eaten by those who need them, according to General Foods News.

Poor people who know little about nutrition prefer to spend their meager food money on extra potatoes rather than for what seems a small quantity of high-protein food.

General Foods came up with an answer. To a large percentage of the hungry and mal-nourished throughout the world, this new food looks like an old friend. The food is pasta—elbow macaroni. It looks, cooks and tastes much like regular pasta. It's hard to tell from "regular" macaroni.

Results of the feeding tests in Brazil, showed that in almost every instance, the high-protein General Foods product, eaten daily, eliminated most signs of malnutrition in 90 days. With most people tested, it has already proved to be more than just nutrition in a package. This nutritious food does get eaten.

WORLD WIDE WITNESS for CHRIST

by Seventh Day Baptists

Recognizing the moving hand of our God in the hearts of many individuals and groups in many countries, our General Conference is emphasizing the World-wide Witness by those of like faith. The Missionary Society was asked by Planning Committee to coordinate this effort and since November, monthly mailings have been made to all our churches.

Each month one of the member conferences of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation is brought into sharper focus by materials for use on a bulletin board—maps, glossy prints, headings; by a brief information folder shared in quantity for individual distribution; by a filmstrip with script/tape to share pictorially the work and workers on that field. All of these supplement each other and the total picture is understood best by reading and seeing all. Thus the folders give more information on the background of the work, the country and the witness carried on today. The maps and glossy prints help to locate the area of witness and show some of the workers and work. The filmstrip offers as much as possible on present work. But the availability of

up-to-date suitable slides/pictures from some areas limit and alter some presentations.

A survey shows that most churches are using these regularly each month. Suggestions have also been received that will help improve those being prepared for the second half of the year. We are grateful for this response.

If you missed some of the filmstrips, or wish to have them to show again when a larger number of people can be present, they are available (after the month of emphasis) on request from the Audiovisual Library, American Sabbath Tract Society, Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

We deeply appreciate the dedicated service of Fred M. Ayars who has been giving several hours each week to producing filmstrips, tapes and glossy prints. Steven Crouch, extended dedicated worker at Plainfield, runs the folder and mails these and bulletin board items each month. Without the help of these men, given freely, such a project could not be carried through.

REACHING INDIA BY RADIO

India is a densely populated land of 500,000,000 speaking many languages and much in need of the gospel. New missionary work is no longer allowed and furloughed missionaries often have trouble getting back into the country.

There should be one effective way of evangelizing India, setting up radio stations in various places with religious programs in the many languages. It sounds good, but it does not work the same in India as in America. All broadcasting is

controlled by the government. There are no commercial or independent stations. Thus if radio is to be used to bring new life to India's 500,000,000 it must come by shortwave from outside. The Far East Broadcasting Company is undertaking this task. Indian language programs are recorded in various parts of the country and shipped to Manila to be broadcast back. There are 10,000,000 radios in India, 90 percent of them shortwave receivers.

Urbana 70

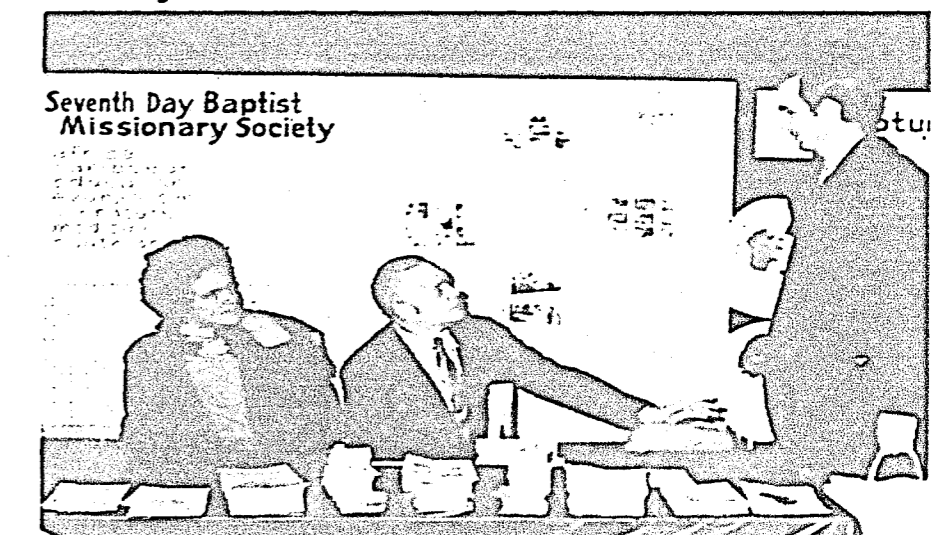
Urbana Youth Conference Evaluated by NCC Leader

Herbert O. Muenstermann—Director, Overseas Personnel Section of DOM (Division of Overseas Ministries NCC) has this to say about the Urbana Missionary Conference after being a guest of IVCF at Urbana.

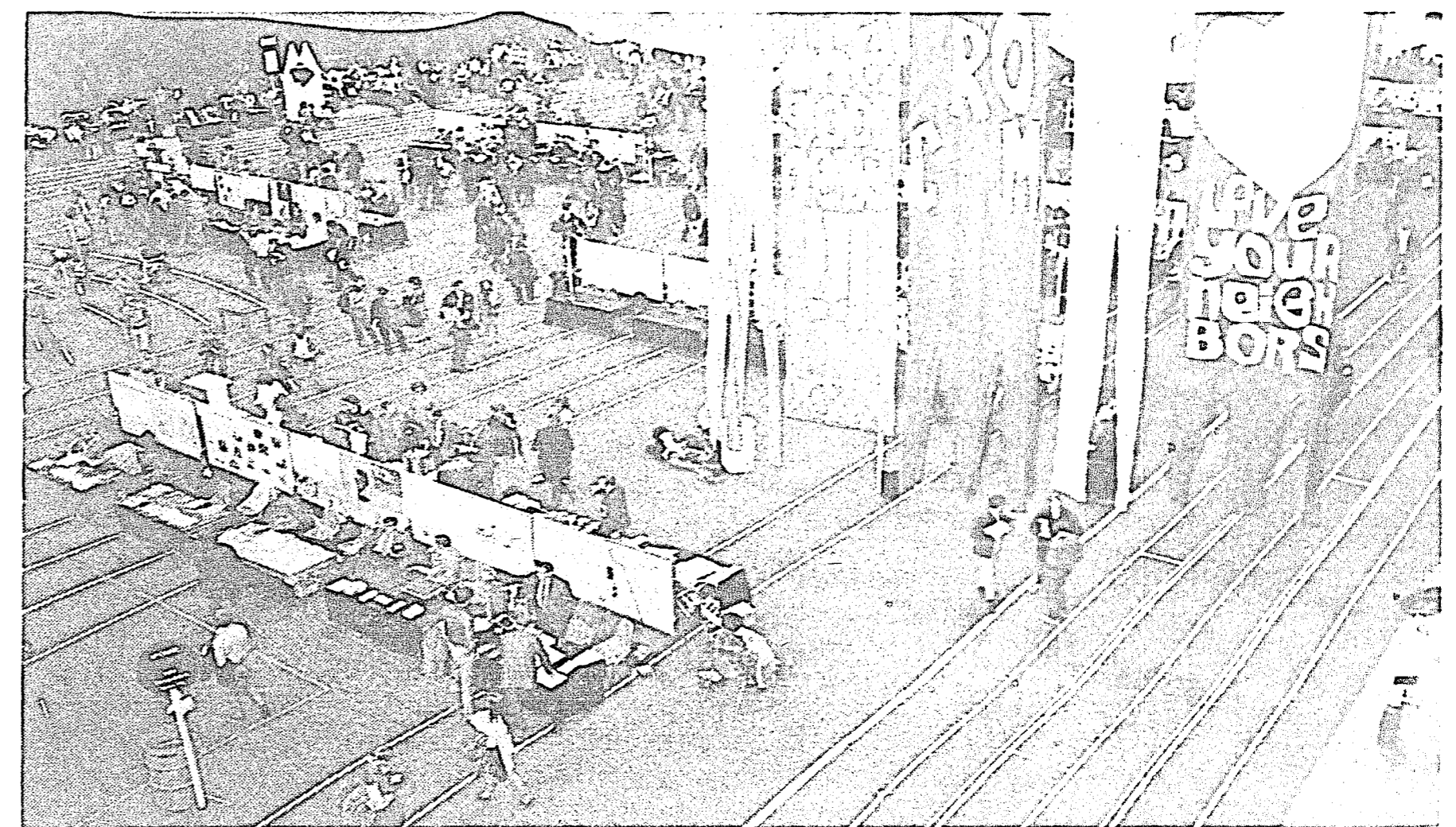
"The conference was clearly evangelical, authentically and consistently evangelical. Its cornerstone was the person and lordship of Christ. Standing on the foundation of that cornerstone, the conference tended to be critical of the merely orthodox, legalistic, individualistic middle class mentality and affirmative, of social justice outreach to the dispossessed and the exploited. The whole week was characterized by a both/and rather than a polarization stance. *Both* the life chang-

ing (revolutionary) personal commitment and the societal, brother-affirmation centered in the example and person of Jesus Christ. The *either one or the other* stance was labelled not full gospel, and therefore false gospel. and therefore false gospel.

The tone of Urbana '70 was clearly one of a decrease of polarization and an increase in reconciliation under Christ, affirmation of brotherhood authenticated by social justice, and a glorification of God in sharing the whole gospel—for the whole man and the wholeness of humanity.



Missionary Society Booth, Urbana '70. L to R—Peter Morris, Los Angeles; Leon R. Lawton, Westerly, R. I.; SDA youth leader.



Urbana '70 Displays in Armory. Missionary Society location marked by arrow.

Visit to Nanchefu

By Bettie Pearson

Sabbath morning dawned sunshiny and warm. After the usual procedures necessary for physical food, we were off to Nanchefu to share with others some spiritual food. As we turned off the pavement and went a little way down the dusty road, David remarked that he didn't know he was "up to" the rough roads—but there they were, anyway.

At Nanchefu, we found the pastor not feeling well, but busy preparing for the meeting. Many people had already gathered and others were still arriving. Inside the church we sat close together, but near a window so we could get fresh air.

Sabbath School, with classes for men, women, youth, and children, soon was under way. It spoke to one's heart to hear the children chanting together repeatedly, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

After a brief intermission, the worship began. The children came to the front for their message, many sitting on the floor in the aisle as the benches were already almost full. The new Malawi tambala coins* were used to emphasize that God's share is the tenth. The sermon was given, using the text Matt. 22:21, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." In bringing out what is God's, it was explained that first of all, our lives should be His, and then also the Sabbath and the tithe.

There was time for our lunch and a few minutes of relaxation, while the busy church ladies served food to the many visitors. Then as we assembled for the afternoon service, Deacon Kadzuwa led in some spirited choruses. Later Pastor Mungoni spoke, and using Abraham as an example of obedience to God, he gave a good follow-up to the morning message.

In the meeting there were six special songs, and the church was crowded and hot. Debbie scribbled off a note to me, "I can't sit comfortable." A little later,

* The new "Penny"; Malawi went on decimal currency, Feb. 15, 1971.



Debbie and Joanna Pearson in their school uniforms.

Joanna wrote on the other side, "I'm tired." I could have agreed with both, as the closely spaced, narrow mud benches with pebbly surface, weren't the best. But then I thought of the women with whom I had talked at the intermission in the morning. If they had the interest to come here, leaving their homes near a neighboring church at 6 a.m. and walking until 10, probably without breakfast, how could we complain about our minor discomfort. God's Word was going forth. These people longed for food for their souls. I looked out the window over the verdant Africa countryside. The people love us; we love them, and are happy to be here. There is real fellowship because we all love Christ the Savior, who gave up glory above to suffer and die because of His love for us.

What a privilege to be here representing Him.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 10, 1971

IS DEATH THE END?

Lesson Scripture: 1 Cor. 15-22; 35-45

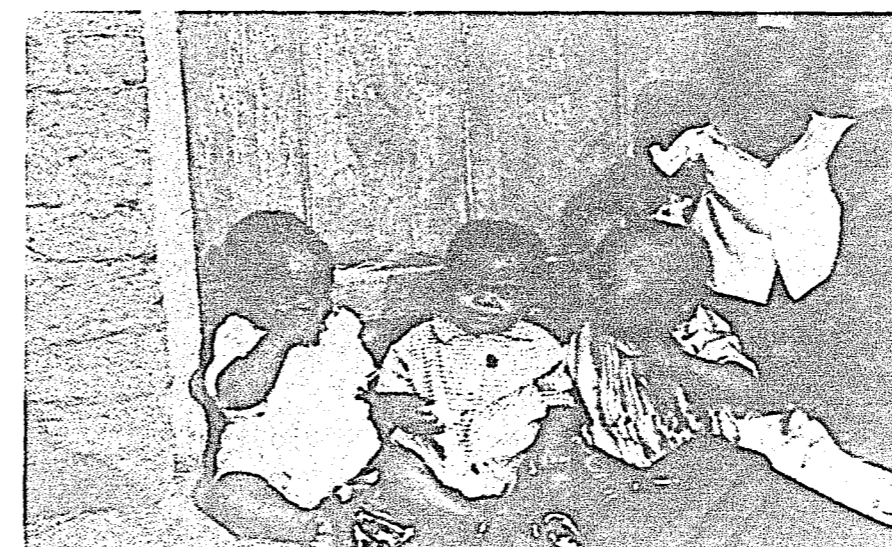
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Malawi

Medical Notes

The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued a new publication, *Principles and Practice of Cholera Control*, which is intended for countries where a cholera outbreak would confront health authorities with unfamiliar problems. The publication outlines practical measures to be used against this disease. It brings together newly acquired information which was, until now, scattered or unpublished. A copy has been sent to Nurse Sarah Becker in Malawi.

Effective treatment can reduce fatality from cholera to less than one percent, according to this publication, which gives the different schedules of treatment for adults and children. Such treatment is



Children used to demonstrate child welfare clinic. From L to R: Earl Mataka, Emily Makaanje, Dott Salema, unnamed boy. (1969)

neither technically difficult nor expensive. It is now clear that the infection is often without symptoms, or produces only a mild disease closely resembling dysentery.

A recent letter from Sarah Becker tells of a planned immunization program at Makapwa Station, Malawi. Special training is also being given the medical staff at the hospital clinic and teachers and students at the station school. Cleanliness and care are prime tools. One such step is the cleaning out of the large cistern. While there is no reported infection as yet in Malawi, there has been some in other parts of Africa and we are happy that such precautions are being taken.

Let us continue to uphold Sarah in

He's My Friend

By Debbie Pearson

After two years of furlough in the U. S., (1966-67) coming back to Malawi was very different. I was coming back to a completely different life from what I had when I was here before. We were now in Blantyre. I used to live on Makapwa Station. There I had my African friends. I loved to chatter with them in Chinyanja, and as for their food, I loved it. Often I ate double meals, one at home and one with the friends. I loved to go and swim in the river in the valley, and to run and play with my friends. No one could tell me there was any difference between us.

Then I went to America, and became Americanized. I liked America but I missed Africa. Then when I came back it was to a very different life from before: I was living in a neighborhood where other English speaking people lived. I didn't get to eat much of my favorite food — strong dried fish and nsima. A couple of times I cooked it but it wasn't the same. Soon I fitted in with the kids at school. I went to parties and was one of them. But my parents were missionaries, very different from the parents of my friends. On Sabbath we would go to village churches. I soon picked up the language again, but not as fluently as before.

At school I had no Christian friends as far as I knew. I prayed that I should have a Christian friend. My prayer wasn't answered but I kept on praying. Then it came to me, I should be putting forward a little effort; I should witness at school. But how? I couldn't just go up and say, "Hey guys, I want to tell you Jesus died for you." I'd look like a fool. But I knew

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prayer as this adds to her already demanding schedule. Others have been asked to help by teaching her Sabbath School class (45-50 big and little boys) every other week and the Young People's program each Sabbath p.m. She continues to have worship each evening with the women and mothers and is planning for a needed girls' Sabbath School class at Makapwa church.

God wanted me to share my Jesus. So I said, "O.K., God, I'm yours. Even if I make a fool of myself, I'll be your witness. But you have to help me." And He has. He brings up the subject to which I can say something. Many teen-agers are dissatisfied. Friends come up and say that they've tried committing suicide several times. "I want to die," they said. "God will make your life meaningful. He's the only one who can. He has made mine that way," I say. Lots of people think I'm mad. One boy said, "Deborah, what makes you think you haven't sinned in your life?" No one's a Christian yet but I know God can work what seems to be a miracle.

Meetings in the village can be very meaningful, sitting in the meeting listening to a sermon and singing. The people love to sing. Then I wonder, are the people getting what they need? Missionaries are thought of as intruding into the Africans' lives but aren't these people happier since they've found new life? I think so. Recently I have been elected a Sabbath School teacher here in Blantyre for the children. It is a big job to mold these children to know that God will always care for them, that God is always the answer. As they grow up here in town and hear intellectual ideas, such as, "God isn't, really; He's an emotion people get, and the Bible is just a fable. If God is there, He has just made the world for an experiment and left us here. He can't be interested in each one of us." But He is! I hope these children may begin to realize this as I teach them.

Soon I'll be returning to America. In a way I want to go, but part of me will be left here in Malawi. It's my land. I've grown up here and it's part of me. I'm a "missionary's kid" and I'm glad for the years I've spent here. I'll have to complete my education—but what will the future bring? Things will change. Even if I should come back ten years from now, things would not be at all the same. Friends will leave; places will change; but Jesus will always remain my Friend and Savior, no matter how many times I keep failing Him.



ONE MORE

By

Rev. David C. Pearson

Robert G. Lee, noted Southern Baptist church leader, was fishing before breakfast in Alaskan water, which was proving worthwhile. When informed that breakfast was ready, he said, "Let me catch one more." When he had caught that "one more" he still wanted another. In soul-winning — the catching of men — Dr. Lee's ministry has been motivated by intense desire to win another, and another, and another.

Here in Malawi the church seems to grow more or less naturally as an institution. This is fortunate, but does not excuse us from carrying the burden for those outside the Christian circle. What of my brother for whom Christ also died? It is well that we remember 2 Cor. 4:3, "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost."

Some years ago I felt well protected from the African sun, wearing a hat and walking under the shade of an umbrella. A visiting missionary friend chided me for not sharing the umbrella with others of my family who had no protection at all. I was both guilty and ashamed.

As Christians we are born again, saved, regenerated, converted — call it what you will. We are growing in grace, enjoying fellowship with the Father, and proceeding to heaven. Spiritually we are wearing "our hats" and holding high "our umbrellas," though some of our immediate family — our next of kin — are outside the fold of God. A very pleading gospel song, presumably once popular, used to present the question, "Will the circle be unbroken by and by?" In many cases the circle is already broken, and chances are slim that it should be found otherwise. When death comes to the lost all

Guyana

How Jesus Christ Came Into My Life

By Jacob N. Tyrrell

Jesus Christ came into my life ten years ago. He came when I invited Him.



Through circumstances all things seemed empty and I had no way to turn. Then I remembered my early childhood training.

I came from a Christian home, and had been dedicated as an infant. As I grew into childhood I went to Sunday School in

my little village for about seven years and received some good religious training. At the age of twelve I went to live in another village where I attended Sabbath School getting further religious instruction. I did not understand very much of Christian beliefs, but I did not question them either. To me, Christianity was simply interesting, nothing more. I never had the joys of a settled Christian experience and life. I thought the world could give me real joys as I saw my teen-age friends enjoying themselves with dances, drinking alcohol, smoking and all worldly things.

At the age of sixteen I decided to leave school and my Christian home and

hope is gone. When Christ comes, Rev. 22:11 will be seen true, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

If we realize that the circle is broken, now is the time to think and act. In June of 1969 I received the sad news of my brother Fred's death. In life Fred had his troubles and I knew it. Sometimes I would pray for him but not as earnestly as I ought. Since his death, I have sometimes desired to pray for him, but then I realized that it was too late. I can pray

seek employment. In my first job away from home I entered into a good time with my friends dancing, drinking, smoking, seeking to enjoy all the things they were enjoying. All the time I had a hard time trying to quiet my conscience from reminding me of the things I learned from God's Word. But I kept on going my own way.

Soon things began to happen in my life. I began to lose job after job, and the things I was enjoying seemed empty. I decided to read my Bible, and as I read, several verses helped me to make a decision. I mention one verse: Isaiah 55:7.

"Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

I said to myself, if God is really willing to do this for me, I will try out God's promises: I will forsake my wicked way and return to Him. That day I prayed and asked God's forgiveness and invited Christ into my heart. He came! With joy I found that Christ was disciplining all my stubborn wayward impulses, changing my tastes, including my group of friends. I became a new creature in Him: I grew to hate my sins: the old life had passed away. I am now enjoying a settled life with Christ in His service.

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for his widow; I can intercede for his children, but Fred is gone!

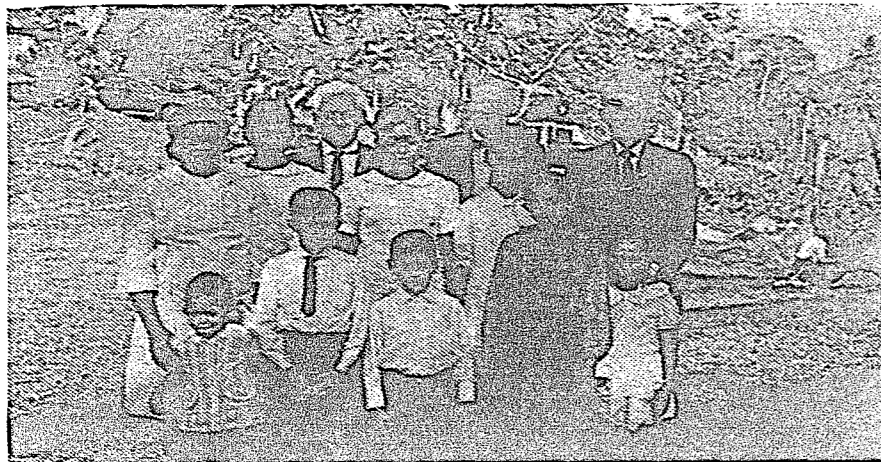
Perhaps you know a Fred, a John, or a Jerry; a Jane, a Martha, or a Mary. This should remind you that now is the time to pray, to love, to speak, and to act. Otherwise it is easy to predict that remorse will be yours. Share your faith, as some stand in dire need of the same. One's faith is worthy of sharing.

Perhaps in our soul winning we cannot ask for "one more," as we may still be waiting for our first. "Lord, give us our first, and then another, and another, and another . . ." that none be lost."

Jamaica

Visit to New Group

An independent Sabbathkeeping group was visited by the Rev. Joe A. Samuels, Jamaica Conference secretary, and other brethren on Sabbath, January 16, located at Town Head, Westmoreland. The group is led by Pastor Conrod Kasselley. They had learned of Seventh Day Baptists through Brother Norman Benjamin and had expressed a desire for closer fellowship.



Pastor Conrod Kasselley and family, Town Head church.

While there it was learned of other independent Sabbathkeeping groups in the parish of Hanover to the north and contact is being planned with these groups as well. These groups are located in the westernmost part of the island of Jamaica in the parishes where there has been no previous church groups. Brother Samuels writes, "We would be very happy to have these groups become a part of the Conference as this would provide us with a good launching pad for the extension of our witness to the western end of the island, a hope and wish we have been cherishing all these years. Pray that the Lord will lead the brethren of Town Head to the right decision."

Jamaica Visit

At the request of the Jamaica Conference, Leon R. Lawton is visiting the island in April to serve as American released worker in several ways.

The main events are two meetings of leaders at the Maiden Hall facilities. A two-day pastors' seminar will emphasize training and discussion of their responsi-

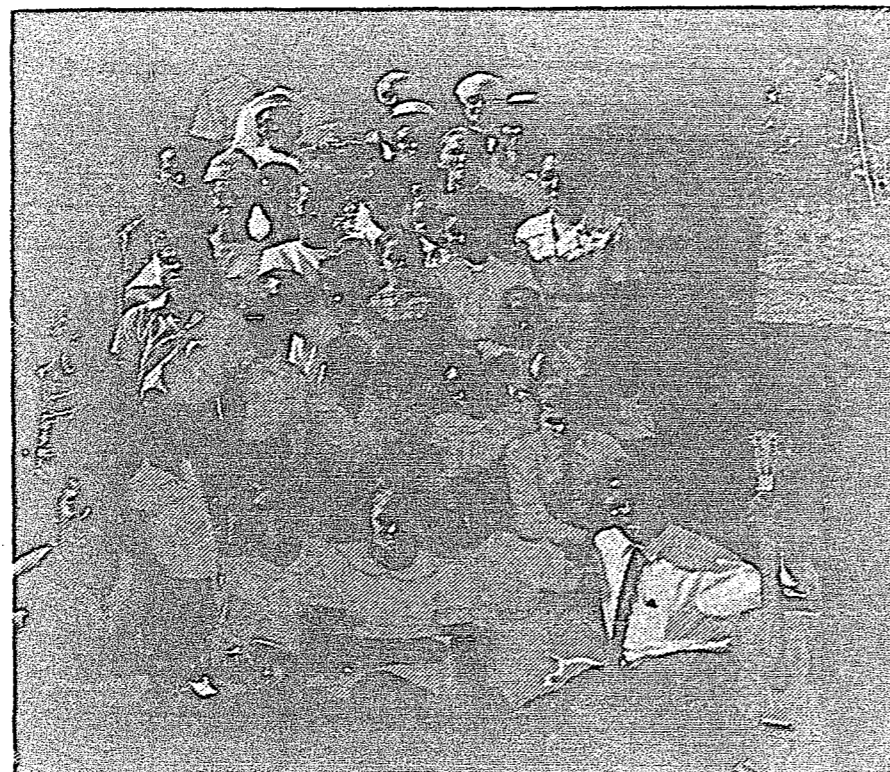
bilities. Topics planned are, "Church Growth in Jamaica," "Long-Range Planning" (five year period), "Church Administration." Other matters will also come in open discussion periods.

The fourteenth Annual Spiritual Retreat is to be held April 9-11. Church leaders and deacons will join the pastors and seek to discover answers to their problems, new insight from the Scriptures, a deeper spiritual experience, and new vision for God-given tasks.

An intensive plan of visitation of the Seventh Day Baptist churches and groups throughout the island has also been planned with twenty-four services on the nine days scheduled. This will renew ties with brethren known when Pastor Lawton served in Jamaica (1956-1964) and acquaint him with the new members and groups that have been organized in recent years.

Meetings with the Jamaica Conference executives, their Council on Ministerial Affairs, and the Crandall High School Board are being called so that matters of mutual concern can be understood and joint action, if needed, planned.

Your prayer support of your worker and these activities is of vital importance. Pray that our Lord might be uplifted and all responsive to His leading.



Congregation after morning worship, Town Head, Jamaica. Sister S. Comrie and Bro. O. Palmer in forefront with guitars.

What Has Made Me Believe in Missions

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Marjorie, our three children, and I left for our first term of four years in that tropical English-speaking country.

My working aim has been to evangelize and train Guyanese Christians so that God would call them to become leaders in the churches just as the Methodist missionaries had done in India. We rejoice and testify to some important progressive advances, in youth camps, training institutes, evangelism, and in greater local financial support. We have had some difficulties too. But my experience has been that the Lord God provides a solution to every problem as we wait trustingly on Him to tell us how to proceed. After returning to America on furlough in 1970, we have been asked, "Is the missionary work like what you thought it would be?" My answer: "Oh yes, in general, it really is."

I still see and hear the living proof of the value and thrilling results of missions, even more than I did twenty-five years ago when my eyes were first opened in India. Jesus Christ changes people inside. And, praise God, He has changed me too! It is clear that whether or not He sends me to a foreign field, I must be a believer in world missions and actively support them financially and by prayer. This has become my number one reason for believing in world missions.

My number two reason was what I have seen and heard for myself — people brought into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ are changed. The third reason is a corollary to the others: the sins of the world have brought to our modern technological society a crisis never before possible — the brink of the world's end. Only the power of God, changing the hearts of mankind as they repent and turn to him individually, will reverse the awful consequences already bearing down upon us.

Changed people, born-again people, are this world's most urgent need. Only they can provide Christian God-given solutions to the problems and dilemmas that could well wipe life off this earth if pres-

ent sinful and selfish trends continue. We need and must have a greater Christian presence even though a majority will love their sins and refuse to turn to God. The "light" and the "salt" are vital. We must, in obedience to our Lord, proclaim the gospel to all the world.

This requires the best in all of us. More missionaries are desperately needed and must be sent. Some reading this may feel deep inside the call of your Lord and Master asking you to go work today in a way that will enable you to throw your full being into the task. Others may sense the call to be more effective witnesses in their vocation, in their communities and in service through their local church. Respond to the Spirit's prompting! In faith say "yes" to know and do His will for your life. It will require sacrifice, the reordering of priorities, the response to a God-given vision. But nothing else will meet the need of the hour nor give the thrilling awakening that can come in and through the lives of the redeemed. Our years and opportunities to serve God for the changing of lives in this world are closing and we must "work while it is yet day, for the night comes when no man can work." God help us to put forth a mighty Spirit-led and empowered effort for the salvation of as many as will respond to the grace and love of our Father.

I would ask you, especially you younger men and women, to write to our Missionary Board executive, Leon R. Lawton, sharing your thoughts and desires and asking for his advice. Then I must ask all to give sacrificially in a united mighty effort for the support of those whom the Lord thrusts forth into His harvest before "the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel." (See Revelation 10:5-7.)

What does this trumpet announcement mean? I believe it means that the mystery of God as He announced to His servants the prophets should be fulfilled. It is the complete fulfillment or end of God's offer of free salvation through Christ to all the world.

The shortness of future time requires every one to "give of our best to the Master" now, while there seems to be time left by the mercy of God.

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FROM HIM!

By
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To ask the question, "Why missions?" is to ask the question, "Why the Church?" We who make up the body of Christ on earth are the same who have received our commission from Him, and there is really no other reason for our existence as a church, let alone our commitment to Him.

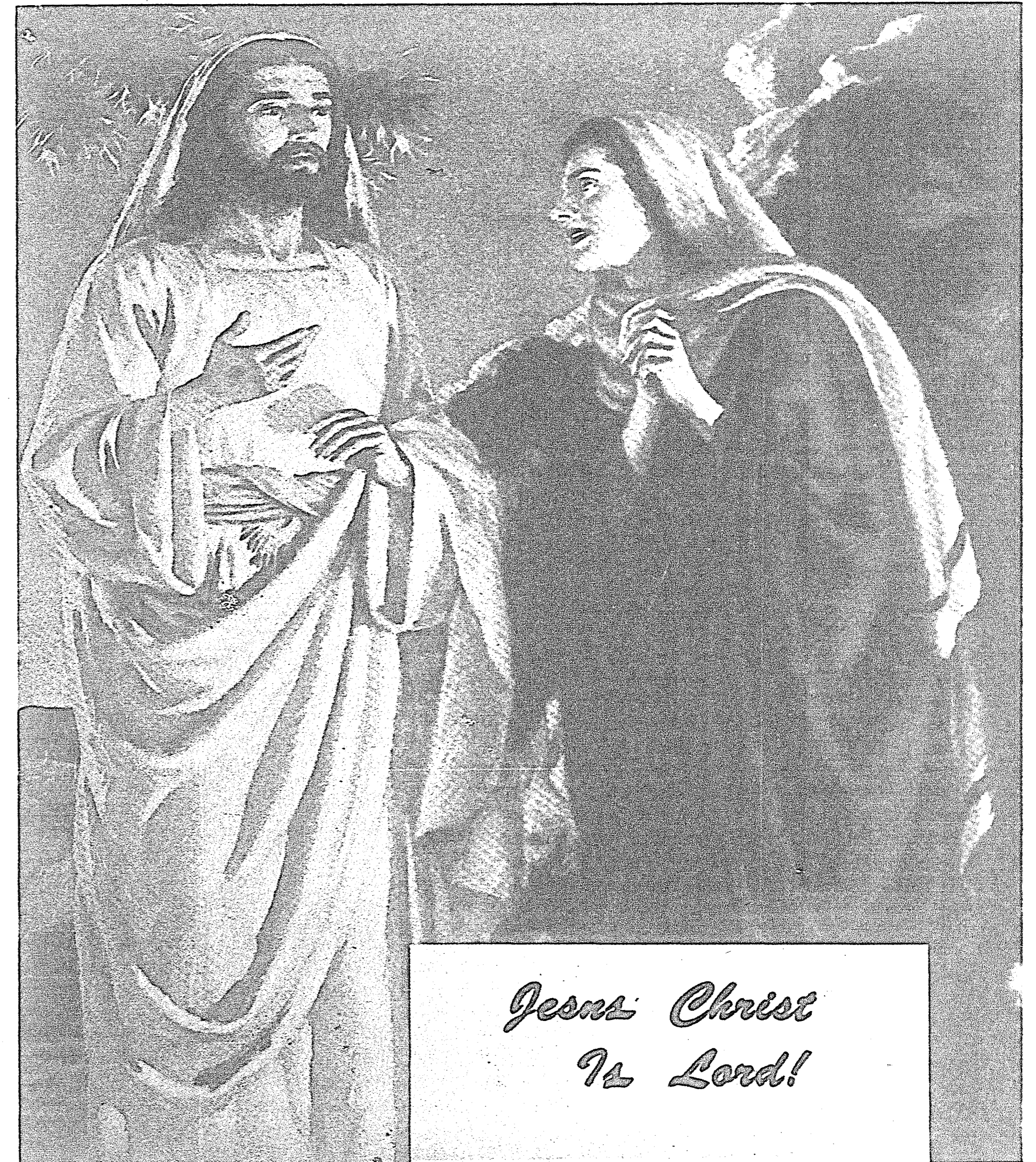
It is from Him that we receive our instructions: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." The order is imperative; the message is plain. There is no place too remote nor any people insignificant in the eyes of our Great Commissioner. The message is simple so the uneducated can understand and receive; yet profound so as to challenge the sage. In tender love it reaches out to embrace the city sophisticate as well as the uncivilized native in his far away place. It pleads within the palace; it searches in the slum; and always the message is one and the same: "Whoever will may come." To every person who will answer, it extends the word of redemption: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

It is from Him that we receive our

power: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," He said. It is with this assurance of power that the mission of the Church extends itself to the uttermost parts of the earth, and it is in the fulness of this power that souls are won to Christ. The Church expresses with Paul, her pioneer missionary: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes," and she rejoices with Her Lord over every lost sheep restored to the fold.

It is from Him that we receive the ability to comprehend the far-reaching boundaries of our mission: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." From the threshold of her comfortable cottage the Church begins her far reaching program, extending farther and farther according to the dedication of her members, and through the hands and feet of called-out men and women; into the streets of her teeming cities; into new and exciting places, through doors opened by the power of divine intervention; out into the most inaccessible places of the earth. Everywhere her men of mission go forth to save and to serve.

It is from Him that we receive companionship wherever we go to serve: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The Church's mission is no solitary effort, but is indeed the "hand in hand" ministry of Christ and His own. The work is of His own ordaining; the servant is of His own choosing; the fruit is of His own harvest; and the glory is to His name.



*Jesus Christ
Is Lord!*