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Malawi



John A. Conrod

*Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his
sanctuary: praise him in the firmament
of his power.*

Praise the Lord for the special gift
from the United States which made it
possible for Makapwa Hospital to have
a new Renault Van to be used as an
ambulance. Having had the vehicle al-
tered somewhat in order to be able to
carry a stretcher, many patients in the
past six months have been transported
from Makapwa to Thyolo Government
Hospital, Malamulo Seventh-Day Adven-
tist Hospital, and Queen Elizabeth Hospi-
tal in Blantyre. These patients have
ranged from simple T.B. X-ray patients
to difficult maternity and emergency ap-
pendicitis cases. Each one was swiftly
and safely transferred and we pray that
this good record will continue.

On many other occasions the seats and
stretcher are all removed to accommo-
date the large volume of supplies that
must constantly flow to Makapwa to
keep the hospital and the station run-
ning. Many of these supplies are pur-
chased from stockists in Blantyre, but
quite a lot are received free through
the Private Hospital Association of
Malawi and the Christian Service Com-
mittee of the Malawi Christian Council.

*Praise him for his mighty acts: praise
him according to his excellent greatness.*

Praise the Lord for His guidance in
the completion of the Blantyre church
and parsonage building project. The
work of building is now completed, the
sanctuary dedication services are past,

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the pastor and his family have moved
into the parsonage. We now pray that
God will continue to guide the work
as the congregation grows not only in
number but in Christ-centeredness as
well. Praise Him for the many other
church buildings and parsonages that
are being built by the local Christians
out of mud-and-pole, dried or burned
brick with little help outside the local
area. A special joy and hope is felt for
the northern church at Luwazi that is try-
ing a new technique of building a pastor's
home out of pounded mud.

*Praise him with the sound of the
trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and
the harp.*

Praise the Lord for the visit of our
brethren from America, Pastors Alton
Wheeler and Leon Lawton. Their pres-
ence was both a joy to our hearts and
a stimulus to our Christian life. It was
also a personified reminder of the inter-
est of our Christian brethren back home.
Praise Him for the opportunity of send-
ing our two representatives, Pastors Wat-
son Mataka and Otrain Manani, to
America to attend the World Federation
meetings. We trust that they will return
to us with a renewed dedication that can
only come from Christians around the
world meeting together with so high and
united a purpose.

*Praise him with the timbrel and dance:
praise him with stringed instruments and
organs.*

Praise the Lord for the gift from Europe
which made it possible to restore our
pastors to full salary after having labored
with only half pay for a number of
months. Praise Him for the gifts that
have come from every part of the world,
large and small alike, for each one has
helped to not only cover our budget, but
also to take on projects which our budget
could not bear. There is a deep desire
in the brethren of Malawi to continually
expand the work of the Lord and each
gift has helped to fulfill this desire.

*Praise him upon the loud cymbals:
praise him upon the high sounding cym-
bals.*

Praise the Lord for the special grants

of the Christian Service Committee of Malawi which have been given to help cover the cost of expanding the Thembe Dispensary building so that it will more adequately serve the increasing number of patients being served each month. We are looking forward to a more private examination room, a laboratory room, and an enlarged waiting room which together will double the size of the present facilities. A second grant has been made to help cover the cost of protecting a spring and running a pipe from it to Makapwa. This will bring a constantly flowing supply of clean water to lighten the increased load on our pumped well resulting from health classes which are training people in a higher standard of cleanliness.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord for the special evangelical services that were held in the Government Community Hall in the northern city of Mzuzu where an impressive number of people came forward in response to the invitation given at the close of the meetings. Praise Him for the three new graduates from Likabula Bible School, Brothers Harawa, Chisi, and Msowa, who will be serving churches soon. Praise Him for all the national pastors and preachers as they minister for the Lord daily in their various villages. May God's Word return to Him manifold through the work of these His servants.

Praise ye the Lord!

Sarah Becker Writes

10th September 1971

This is our driest season of the year in Malawi. We have had several really hot days and much dry wind the last two weeks. The hillsides really look brown, and burning of the dry grass has well started. Even the guava trees are shedding their leaves. At the same time the avocado trees are in full bloom and the mimosa trees are well started in their beautiful purple blooms. The mangos have a heavy set of fruit.

School closed August 20th for their

long holidays—until October 4th. Registration with fee-paying was held September 6th and it looks like another busy year ahead.

The work on Makapwa church roof support has been completed. About ten extra trusses were put up. The outside cement pointing between the bricks is now underway. We have been meeting in the school building during this repair work and have felt pretty crowded. Last Sabbath we met for the first time in the church and felt pretty lost — some members having gone to association meetings at Michizu.

Medical work continues but not very busy. Our problems continue to be malaria, measles, diarrhea, and bronchitis mostly. A couple of weeks ago we had an emergency in maternity. At 1:00 a.m. we left in the new van for Malamulo. Mr. Salema, a dresser, going with me. With the Lord's help all went well. We were back by 5:00 a.m. The Conrods were in Blantyre and this was at the time that I was relieving hospital assistant Sankhulani who needed some time off. I was glad for the good help of our dressers in the clinic. Last week H. A. Sankhulani called me to come and see quickly. A child of about four years had been brought with a scalp laceration. He had just prepared to suture it and found the skull also laid wide open. This patient and parents were taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Blantyre by Joyce Conrod. She had planned to go to Blantyre the next day and was able to change her plans and left in about thirty minutes, for which we were very grateful.

During the month of August while some people were on holiday, we stopped our patient teaching classes in the clinic. Now we have started again on our usual schedule of Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Our cholera control classes for our people living on the mission station are also back in session.

We are in the process of preparing a room for Miss Elizabeth Maddox and are looking forward with much anticipation to her arrival, October 1st. ("Tibbie" is to live with Sarah.)

JACK



While many times emphasis is given to the "objects" used in doing the work of the Lord—for example, the recently purchased vehicle to transport litter patients from Makapwa Hospital to other nearby hospitals where critical cases can better be handled — our attention should focus more on the human needs and relationships.

It would be proper to have a good picture of the new vehicle by itself, showing the lettering on the side. But such a picture is not immediately available. Instead, the best one shows the vehicle in the background and Jack in the foreground.

Jack, a young man whom nurse Sarah Becker has helped raise, was a twin born during her first term at Makapwa. His mother and twin sister died and he was left pretty much alone. His early years were spent at Makapwa and then he lived with relatives until earlier this year. For the last few months he has been at Makapwa again.

Now a student at the Makapwa school, Jack has changed dramatically under the new environment. His command of English returned rapidly. Study habits were changed. The influence of Christian teachers and of a different emphasis in content of courses brought new attitudes and interests. Indifference and carelessness, so easily found in any life, have given way to concerns, joy, sharing, and an almost constant smile.

Jack is still all boy. He is far from "perfect." He still has, and is encouraged to continue to have, growing love and fellowship with the members of his own

Watson Mataka, Autobiography

My parents, of Lomwe tribe, lived at Kohola Village in Chiradzulo District (near Blantyre), Malawi. In their early life they had no religion.

My father joined the army when the First World War broke out. He was in the war until 1918 when the war ended. After two months rest at home, he was not happy in the village life, but preferred to continue to serve as a soldier. Consequently he left for Zanzibar police.

While my father and mother were in Zanzibar first my sister was born and in May, 1926, I was born. Our parents had joined Islam before we were born, so my sister and I were born into a Muslim home.

In the year 1930 my mother was longing for home, so she persuaded my father to leave work. A month after we came back to Malawi, my father's suggestion was that he should serve the Malawi government. This would be a privilege to be at work while we were in the home country. This would make it possible for my mother to be visiting home more often. So my father joined the Malawi Police (Nyasaaland Police then). We stayed in Zomba for a few months, then he was transferred to Nsanje. Here in Malawi, three other children were born in my family.

In 1938 my parents decided to send me to an Islamic school. I was very happy with the idea, so I went to study Islam to a Mwalimu (teacher). He started me with Jusu Amma, the first book in Arabic writing, reading from right to left. I was only twelve years old,

family. He has the difficult adjustment to make in living close to two cultures, languages, modes of thought.

Having introduced Jack to you in this way, you are now part of his larger group of friends. Will you not remember him in prayer? First, that his life might be given to the Lord freely in commitment. Also that he might seek to know and understand and do the will of God for his life. Let us praise God for this life and what it may become.

but the classwork was very easy to me. While in school, I was assigned some work to do on the day of worship, and these services were appreciated by the congregation.

My father used to talk to us about his experiences as a soldier. He said that he would like me to be a policeman when I became a man, but I was not interested in being a soldier.

My teacher worked hard to train me to become an Islamic teacher and pastor. He taught me Maulidi (a book used for funeral services), and Msafu (a final book for pastoral qualifications). Their basic doctrine for salvation is by charity. God is known as Allah, whose final prophet is Mohammed. This is found in the book known as Koran. I did all the studies in about two years. In 1939 I was supposed to be ordained, but this was not possible because of sickness that came to me unexpectedly. So I left Msanje for home.

In 1940 my uncle took me into his family. He grew tobacco, but I was not interested in smoking.

In the same year I thought to go to a Christian school. I went to a nearby school, a Seventh-Day Adventist school. There I found a lovely teacher who started me in the lowest class. The class work was so easy that I was able to finish three classes in one year. Having experienced easy work in both schools, Islam and Christian, I realized this was God's mercy on me, and that He had a purpose for me. In 1942 I accepted Christ as my Saviour.

My studies were blocked by sickness. So I went to school for one year and the next year was spent in sickness. However I persisted on in spite of difficulties and was able to study in the mission school up to standard five. Then I did some work in government schools, though with difficulty because of the overage rule, and finally I wrote the government exams in 1963 after I was teaching.

In January 1953 I was employed as a mission teacher for the Adventist church. I worked for them up to 1960, when they said that they did not have

enough money to pay all of their teachers. So God provided me with a job as a teacher at Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Station.

My interest in spiritual life was promoted. The missionaries whom I worked with at Makapwa at that time were the Burdicks, the Pearsons, and the three ladies, Misses J. Clement, S. Becker, and B. Bivins. The lives of these people showed Christ, and we were able to work together and to study God's Word together. My interest was drawn into Seventh Day Baptist belief. I dealt with the Seventh Day Baptist books and found that there were some differences in the teachings. Finally I joined the Seventh Day Baptist church.

While teaching in school, I was happy with children who accepted Christ, and this brought me to become a full-time worker for Christ in presenting the gospel to all ages. For a long time I was not at rest for I could not resist the call to the ministry. In 1966, I became a full-time worker for Christ, but I still felt the need to know how to present the gospel.

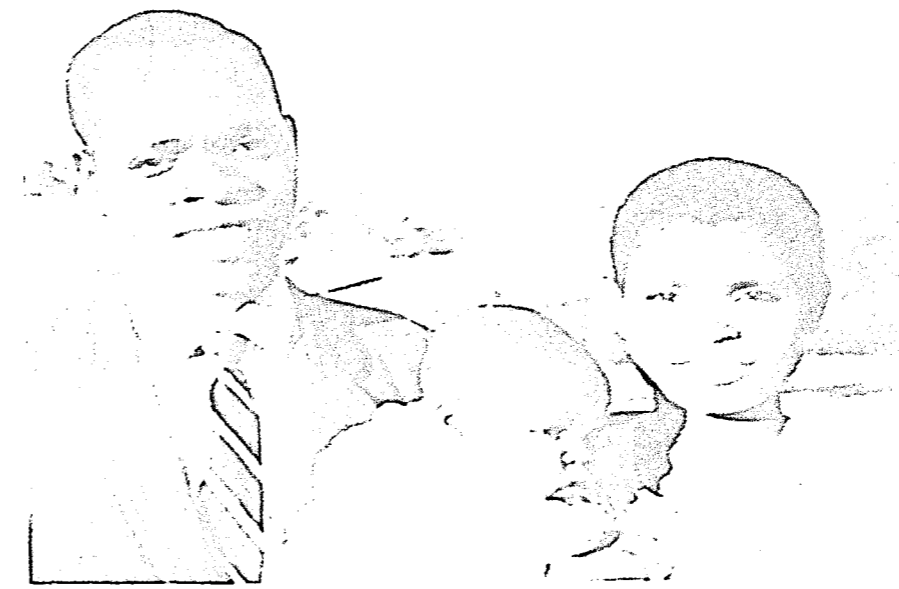
God made it possible for me to enroll in Likubula Bible Institute in Blantyre for three years. This created a problem to my family in finding money for their living. But I remembered the Bible verse that says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." So I went ahead with the plans for theological school.

It was amazing how God solved the financial problem of my family. A Christian family in San Francisco offered to support my family while I was gone. Those brethren in Christ who joined hands together in their donations have a part in my service for Christ. I pray that God's blessing to them will continue.

I started the Bible school in 1967. I was ordained to the ministry on 14th September, 1969, and on 19th September of the same year I was graduated. I am now at Makapwa Station as pastor. I pray that God will direct my work and use me in His will.

Malawi Scenes

The pictures on these pages, most of which were taken by *Mission Notes* Editor Leon Lawton when he visited Malawi this summer, give an insight into the development of leadership and facilities for the fast growing Seventh Day Baptist work.

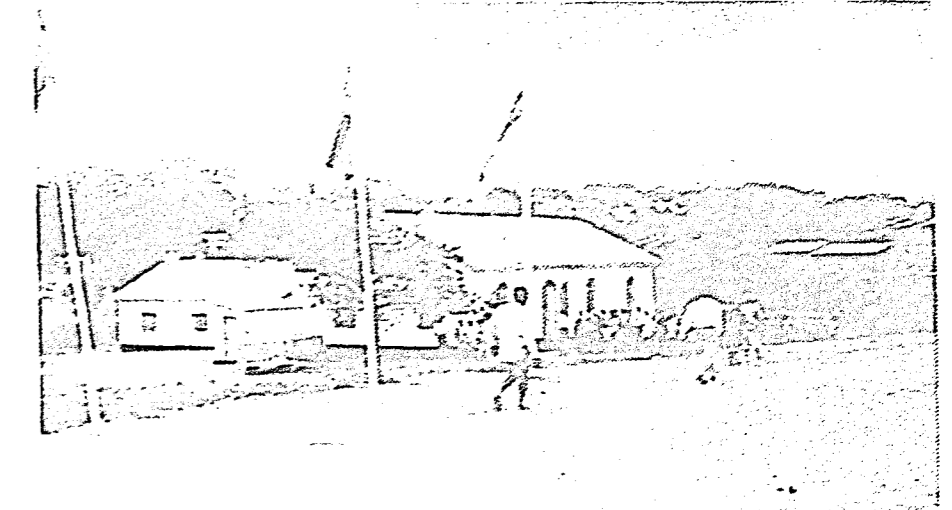


Preacher F. F. Makatanje and family.

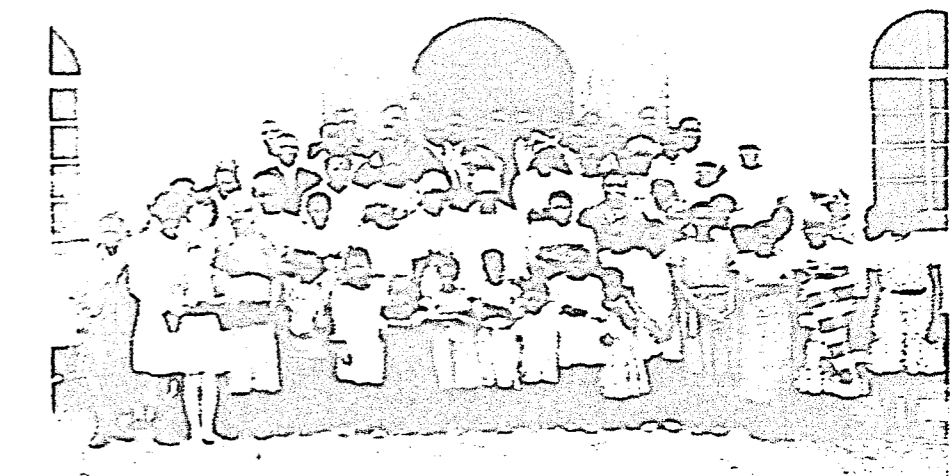
He is head of the literature ministry of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists and edits *Kotale Lachiwiri (The Helping Hand)* for adult Sabbath School classes. Youth lessons and primary lesson sheets, written by the missionary wives, Bettie Pearson and Joyce Conrod, are also published, as is a church news publication *Mbiri Ya Mpingo*.



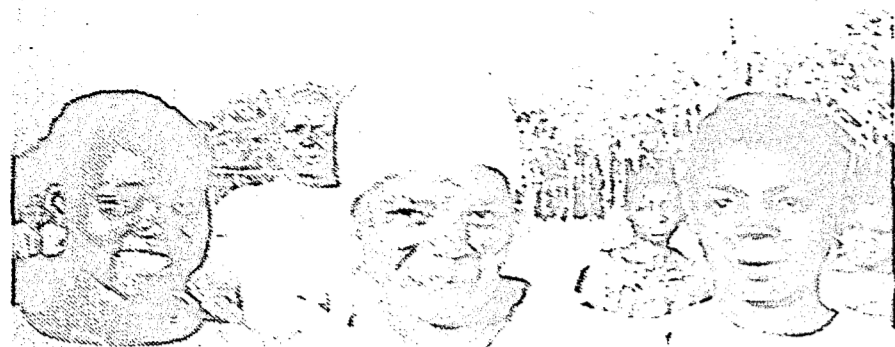
There are four associations of Seventh Day Baptist churches in Malawi. Each has an appointed director. This picture was taken during the special Training Institute at Makapwa Station late in July. L. to R: Pastors Shadrack H. Mzumara (Northern), Lookson Nothale (Southeastern), Patterson Ganunga (Central), and Lemani Mungoni (Southwestern).



The new Blantyre Seventh Day Baptist Church is located on busy Kapeni Road. Dedicated in May, 1971, it serves the growing number of members in Malawi's largest city. The poles and bunting were erected along many roads in celebration of the country's fifth Independence Day in early July. Pastor Otrain Manani lives with his family in the parsonage behind the church.



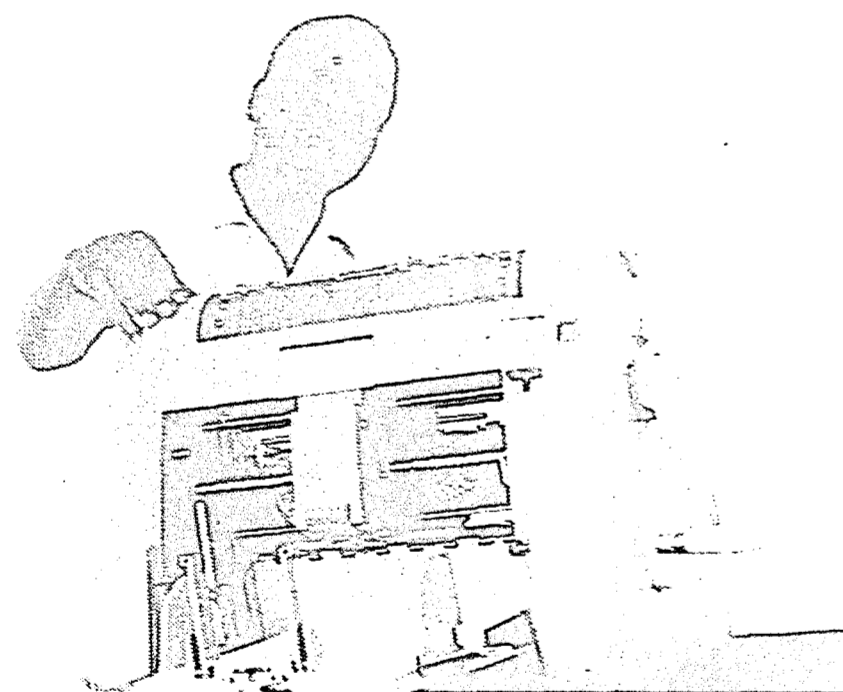
This is the congregation the first Sabbath in July. Many from branch groups attended the quarterly communion service and greeted Pastor Leon R. Lawton who spoke. This was also the last Sabbath Pastor Pearson was with the church before leaving on furlough. The next Sabbath Pastor O. Manani spoke from his new pulpit the first time, as he had been in Tanzania since January completing a special course in Church Administration.



Mrs. Mwango (center), wife of Pastor H. J. Mwango of the Thembe church. She is the leader of the Women's Work in Malawi. Thembe was the host church for the annual conference session in September. Public meetings were held in the wooded area in the background on that occasion. The second school run by the Central Africa Conference is also located at Thembe.

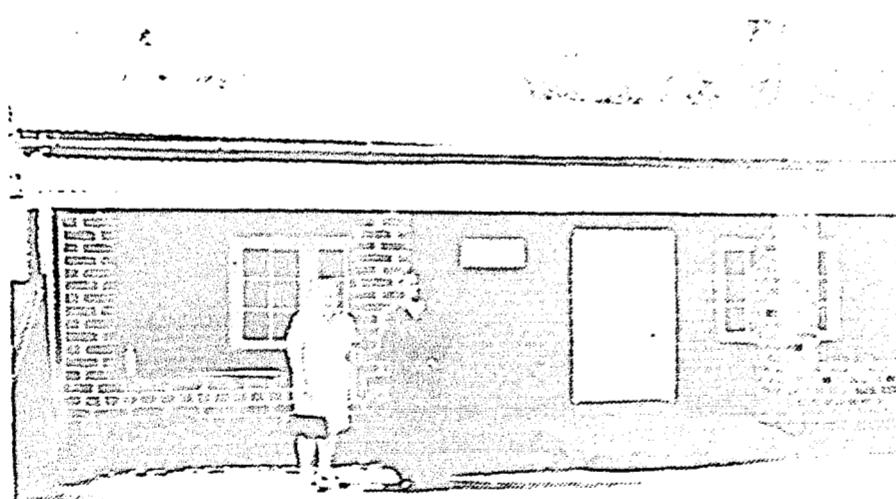


Mr. Harold Dzumani will finish his medical course in England late in 1972 and plans to return to Makapwa Station Hospital and, as an SRN, assume leadership of the medical work. His wife and family reside at Makapwa where she is a teacher in the school.

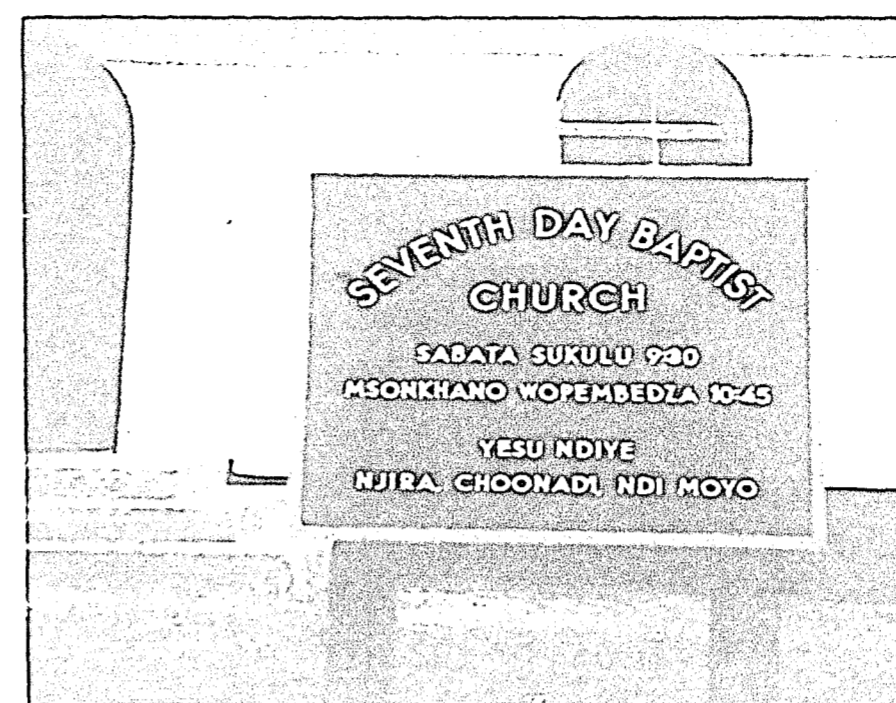


The assistant in the literature ministry, Mr. Chalo, happily using the new Gestetner duplicator made possible by special gifts from Holland and other countries.

Three new preachers entered the work of the churches in July following their graduation from Likubula Bible Institute in Blantyre. It is not until following ordination that they are called pastors.



In addition to the Makapwa Hospital Clinic, a second clinic is located at Thembe. Here, the hospital assistant in charge stands with Nurse Sarah Becker before the small building. A community self-help project will make bricks and funds provided through the Private Hospital Association-Malawi for doors, windows and roof will make possible an addition to serve the growing outpatient load.



A clear sign identifies the church and gives hours of services. The words at the bottom in Chechewa read, "Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life."



In January, General Secretary and Mrs. Alton L. Wheeler visited Malawi. Mrs. Wheeler was interested in Makapwa school's handwork. Left, Mr. S. R. Mzumara, the manager of schools, holding a khasu (Rt. hand) and a hoe handle (Lf. hand). Center, Headmaster Mr. L. A. K. Sibande holding sleeping maps, a palm broom, and a mice cage trap. Mrs. Wheeler holds a bird cage and a palm broom. All these are made by school boys.



Two of these graduates are from the Northern Association and return to this area to offer leadership there. Preacher A. K. Harawa was spokesman for his class at graduation and acted as interpreter for Pastor Lawton when he visited the northern churches. The language of the North is Timbuku, a different dialect from Chechewa the national language spoken in the South. Preacher Harawa is serving the Luwazi church.



Preacher L. Chisi returned to his home village and serves the Echiziweni branch church. With such trained leadership the work in the North should grow well.



Preacher H. Msowa is serving the Chikanda Seventh Day Baptist Church in the Southwestern Association.

Missionaries Visit California

Pastor and Mrs. David C. Pearson and Joanna will visit churches on the Pacific Coast the last half of October. They will attend association meetings at Los Angeles, October 15-17.



The Pearsons completed their third term of missionary work in Malawi, Africa, returning in July. They were observers at the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation sessions and met the many delegates at General Conference at Amherst in August.

Debbie, their older daughter, will remain in Tennessee in school during their visit to California.

Arrangements are being made for Pastor Pearson to visit other churches in November and early December. In January he will move with his family to Philadelphia to attend classes at Eastern Baptist Seminary. It is planned that he visit eastern churches in 1972 before his return to the mission work in Malawi the end of June.



The farewell party at Chileka Airport (near Blantyre) when Pastor Lawton left Malawi. Front, L. to R: Pastors Munthale, Mataka, Makatanje, Miss Sarah Becker. Back: Pastors Mzumara, M. J. Chisi and Lawton.

Brazil



Enroute to Malawi in June, Pastor Leon R. Lawton visited the brethren in Curitiba, Brazil. Sabbath afternoon he met with their Conference Directorate chaired by their new president Romeo Storck (center), elected for a two year term in January. Many will now recognize Pastor Antonio Barrera in the front row (with scarf).

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 16, 1971

GOD RESPONDS TO PRAYER

Lesson Scripture: Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:7-12; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9; Romans 8:26-27.

Guyana

Missionaries Return

By Leroy C. Bass



At the immigration checkpoint at Guyana's Timerhi International Airport, I presented to the pleasant officer both our old and our new U. S. passports so that we could be identified as previous residents and for visa purposes under the same condition as before. This turned out to be just the right thing to do for a smooth return, and we all give our God praise for this success. Then we presented our many pieces of luggage to the customs officer. He questioned us only briefly, especially mentioning coffee. We did not have any, but learned that importing coffee is banned. It seems the nation has some trade agreement for the importing of coffee from only one source.

It is a one-hour drive from Timerhi Airport and nearly thirty miles to our home in Kitty, Georgetown. As our leaders and most young people were all out at camp, we could hardly expect any one to meet us at the airport, but when the taxi drove up to our gate we were so pleasantly met by Brother Lindley Peters, our mission assistant. It was so nice to see how he cared for our property and how he had our house cleaned and ready for our occupancy. While we were away he had painted the roof-ceiling, filled, waxed, and polished all the floors, varnished some of the furniture, and made concrete planters for decorative plants across the front yard of both the church and our house. He is nurturing some new fruit trees in the backyard. He has slept at our house nights to keep it looking occupied with lights, etc.

Also while we were away, the American school here, Demerara Christian Academy, was forced to close due primarily to public misunderstanding and restrictions on visas against teachers

needed to operate the school. This has meant our children must now go to Guyanese schools, operating under the English educational system. It has taken us nearly a week of visiting schools and talking with many to succeed in getting them enrolled, but this part is now completed. Vivian and Clifford each go to separate schools, as Vivian is in Form I of a "high school" here for her equivalent American sixth grade, and Clifford is in a "prep school" for his fourth grade. They each must wear the uniform of their schools.

Once again the heat and humidity nearly "knocks us for a loop," causing us to call out for the relief of some air-conditioning. If you think it was hot and uncomfortable at Amherst during Conference week, you would find it more so here, and it is like this year-round here.

Once again we have left behind our American apples, grapes, cherries, pears, peaches, carrots, sweet corn, large tomatoes, cottage cheese, yogurt, and graham crackers, and have come back to our tropical Guyanese foods, many of which we enjoy such as sapodillos, papaya, mangos, guava, plantains, bora beans, collalu, pumpkin-squash, and others.

When we returned to Guyana this time on the second of September, it was truly a return to all that was familiar about Guyana, so unlike our first coming when everything was so strange, like coming into another world, another way of life. And we again set our watches ahead 15 minutes as Guyana time is 15 minutes ahead of E.D.S.T. used in New England and New York, etc. It was a 7½ hour, two-stop trip to Guyana from Kennedy Airport, N.Y.C., and we arrived here just before 6 p.m. We find the Guyanese people just as friendly and likeable as ever.

Our most pressing need upon arriving was to get our non-running washing machine to running again. Contacts with the dealer by previous correspondence failed in getting it repaired, so I tackled the job myself and succeeded with it. However, the off-on switch is still causing

trouble, and will most likely have to be replaced.

We are scheduling a Georgetown church business meeting for this Sunday to lay plans for becoming a full organized church, and to deal with several other matters including the van breakdown problem.

Early in October I will have made my first visit out to our Pomeroun River Church at Bona Ventura. Later in October the sessions of the Guyana Conference of Seventh Day Baptists will be held at our Georgetown church.

Camp Mainstay

Camp this year was held at a government camp site situated at Mainstay near an American settlement on the Essequibo coast. George Leyland Bowen was the first Guyanese director of youth camp. The site had a lovely lake along with modern sleeping and cooking conveniences.

There was a little setback as we arrived in sight of the camp buildings in our specially chartered bus. The sand was very heavy and the vehicle stuck and the axle broke. But when we settled in, the program went along smoothly. There were nearly fifty campers. The senior Bible class theme was "Making God's Message Mine," while the theme for the two junior classes was "Five Great Days."

The programs were geared to meet the needs of campers. Some of the campers were interviewed by Jacob Tyrrell on Friday to get their impression of camp up to that time. This is what some said: "Camp is nice with everybody singing and campfires, but the mosquitoes and flies are too plentiful." They expected "more planned tours." "The classes are good." At least one girl admitted she "had never taken up the Bible before" but she will do so more because of the interest created in the classes. Another girl said, "Learning to understand the Bible will make me understand a niece who has recently been confirmed in a church." This girl will be considering to receive Christ as her personal Savior. Others shared the view that inasmuch as

camp was good that far, they thought the previous camps were better, because something was missing in this one. But by the end of camp they had what was missing — the "treasure hunt."

Apart from the treasure hunt and hike, we had two special new features. One was a track meet. This was very exciting. Then there was a "bag race" for staff only. This was won by Sister Inez Peters, who was our dietitian this year. On the last day of camp, I introduced another new feature — an open air cook-out, boys versus girls over separate fireplaces. This was great fun.

Many campers wrote how they have come to love the Lord at camp and are determined to take Him as their Friend and Saviour. Some even commented on the shortness of camp being just one week and expressed their desire that camp next year, God willing, should be two weeks.

Personal News from India

It was previously reported that the final obstacle to the coming of the Rev. B. John V. Rao to the SDBWF meeting in Westerly, Rhode Island, was the serious illness of his wife just before he had intended to leave.

News came that Mrs. Rao was almost at the point of death after a doctor had operated to deliver her eight-month baby. Rushed to a hospital for transfusions and special care on July 29, it seemed that she would recover. A letter from the husband dated September 9 says that her condition is still serious. She can take only liquids, is still getting intravenous feeding, and can only turn from one side to the other in her bed. The baby, still in the "premature theatre," is much improved.

The leader of the Seventh Day Baptist churches in India says that during their time of trouble the churches have been praying daily and that he has received nearly 600 sympathizing letters including many from "pastors and elders of all denominations."

Home Field

Daytona Beach Team Ministry

Carol Soper

Jesus said: "I am the way (without Him there's no going), the truth (without Him there's no knowing), and the life (without Him there's no living . . . real living)."

PRAISE THE LORD!

After turning down the chance of beach ministry last year because of conflict with a traveling college choir, I decided that if such an opportunity came again I would go, despite all other conflicts. It seemed as though the Lord talked to me before I even guessed that I would be asked to go again. When Mynor Soper called, I couldn't do anything but praise the Lord! This really seemed impossible but "a way" was made.

As I boarded my plane I instantly looked for someone to share Jesus with. The cabin was almost full but I noticed two girls my age. Without hesitating I decided they were the ones I should talk to. I sat down and we went as far as Tulsa to Houston without a word said. They didn't even know I existed and, to say the least, I was very affronted with their behavior. I was not going to put up with this kind of fellowship. At Houston I got up and got a seat by myself. Then the Spirit started to guide me. Instead of me picking the one to share with, let the Lord bring someone to me. Then I would know the Lord wanted the person to hear of *the way*.

The cabin again was filling up and I couldn't imagine that out of this many people the Lord didn't have anyone for me to share with. At the very last a Japanese man asked to sit by me.

Immediately we started rapping about his country and his company. While he got out a book on Japan, I got out a Four Spiritual Laws booklet. I had it hid on the other side of me. He shared with me that he was the assistant manager of the largest steel company in Japan. I sat there getting more and more scared. Finally I shared with him — why not,

I'd never see him again. I asked him if he'd ever heard of the Four Spiritual Laws. He asked me if it had to do with the Girl Scouts. I told him, No, and started sharing it with him. When he realized what it was he remarked, "Oh, this has to do with Christianity." Then it hit me! He was a Buddhist and I started to panic. The plane was starting its decline but I finished sharing with him. With tears in his eyes this assistant manager of the largest steel company of Japan prayed to receive Christ into his life and give up his worship of Buddha. As we separated our different ways in the New Orleans airport I could only say, "Thank you, Lord, for the lesson."

In Daytona Beach the first three days the main idea was share with anybody! But by the middle of the week almost everyone had heard the Word from one of the 1,304 of us Christians there. Our mission then was, "Lord, lead us to the ones that are ready to hear." It was amazing to walk down the beach and see thousands of kids, then finally walk up to the ones, the Spirit would move us to and share the love of Jesus and see their response. Only God knew which ones were ready. Peter Morris and I walked up to one guy and shared with him and immediately he wanted this experience. There he was—ripe fruit ready to be picked. The harvest is ready if only we will reap. That was the greatest lesson I learned — to be willing to sow if sowing is needed and to reap if the harvest is ready.

Our Prayer Corner

1) Continuing blessings flowing from the October meetings of several associations, yearly meetings and other group meetings of churches.

2) The ministry of Mynor Soper, Home Front Evangelist, and Secretaries David Clarke and Alton Wheeler, and Conference President Paul Osborn as they serve the churches on field trips.

3) The new church groups organized in Kano, Lagos, and Ibadan, Nigeria as reported by Rev. G. Harrison, long-time Seventh Day Baptist leader in that country.

Washington Project Enters Second Year

Under the leadership of Missionary Pastor Delmer E. Van Horn, the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church has begun the second year of its five-year program of expanded outreach in the inner city by requesting applications for the full-time position of lay assistant-to-the-pastor. Activities conducted during the first year of the program with the aid of part-time lay assistants have included Community Night and tutoring programs and training in lay evangelism.

In cooperation with a nearby grade school, several members of the church served as tutors after school one evening a week for a group of fourth, fifth, and sixth graders who came to the Church Center for extra help in arithmetic skills. Plans are underway to continue such a program either in arithmetic or language arts during the new school year.

Further contact with the people in the immediate neighborhood of the church is sought through sponsorship of bimonthly Community Night programs of entertainment and fellowship. Through the sharing of such features as music and games or the discussion of movies on topics of common concern, members of the church, many of whom live in the Maryland and Virginia suburban areas, hope to become better acquainted with families living near the Church Center in Washington, D. C.

Future plans include expansion of the lay evangelism program, sponsorship of a Discoverer's Bible Club, and continuation of a newspaper advertising witness throughout the Washington metropolitan area. All these activities are part of the Washington Project Pilot Program supported cooperatively by the local church, the Southeastern Association and southern New Jersey churches, and the General Conference and Missionary Society (through Our World Mission).

The project's major purpose is "to lead people to Christ and then to continue to help and share with them as they grow in a Christ-centered life." Secondary outcomes which are hoped for include (1)

increased church growth, both spiritually and numerically, (2) self-support for the Washington church by 1975, (3) aid to other churches through the information and experience gained in this unique venture, and (4) creation of a sense of community in the neighborhood of the church.

Beach Team Ministry 1971

By Peter Morris

The Daytona Beach trip was very meaningful to me for a couple of reasons. The thing I really liked was that I could tell lots of people about Jesus and get that burden off my chest instead of witnessing just when the Lord brings someone to me. It is really hard to keep it inside sometimes.

Not only that, but I was put in a situation where I did what I've always been scared to do — walk up and tell somebody I've never seen before about the great love of Jesus. It really gave me more courage, I think.

The really glorious thing was being able to lead a few people to the Lord. That is just the most beautiful thing I've ever seen.

As a result of the trip I have had enough courage to do some similar street witnessing in downtown Los Angeles. There is a real need down there. People are willing to talk to "cool" college kids, or even hippies, but when it comes to the really hard-core parts of town, people don't seem to be interested.

My advice to the SCSC people is: Don't do something for God or for the church, but let God's mighty power really work through you. *If anything good is to come of the work, God has to do the work.* Paul said, "In myself there is no good thing," and it is really true.

Praise God!

The Book

The Bible is not a charm; it is a chart. The Bible is not a book of jurisprudence, though it discusses justice. The Bible is the Christian's book about God; the meeting place of man and God.—G. Curtis Jones

Jamaica

Crandall High Building Fund Passes 50% Mark!

In the first two months since announcement of the special project to raise funds to build new classroom space urgently needed by Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, over fifty percent of the goal has been received. Nearly one hundred givers in the U. S., plus a number in Jamaica, have pushed receipts over \$5,600.

In Jamaica, students, faculty, churches, and individuals have raised J\$ 337.89 (US\$ 405.47) which is being matched by an incentive gift from Principal and Mrs. Wayne N. Crandall. Amounts given in this country range from \$3 to \$1,000. While over half are from \$10 to \$100, thirteen exceed this amount.

Since the first "plateau," needed to begin construction, has been reached, it is planned to break ground as soon as the contractor can begin the work — possibly by the first of October (though word has not yet been received to confirm this). The second "plateau," needed about one month after construction begins, calls for total receipts to pass \$7,300. We need about \$1,700 to reach this goal.

With the initial gifts most of those vitally interested in this development have responded. It will thus be more difficult to raise this smaller amount unless many who have not yet given will do so soon. Please do not put off your opportunity another day!

It had been hoped that the classroom could be built during the summer holiday. But there was not time to raise the funds and get construction underway. Now it will have to be done during the school year and cause inconvenience to students and staff who are already in overcrowded space. But such can be done temporarily. With work moving forward and the promise of needs soon to be met, their sacrifices are lessened. Let us not be party to delaying completion of this project by not responding to the continuing need. Let us reach the goal set before

December first.

Contributions can be sent through church treasurers marked "C. H. S. classroom appeal" or mailed directly to your Missionary Society, 401 Washington Trust Bldg., Westerly, R. I. 02891.



Principal Wayne N. Crandall wrote September 14 from Kingston, Jamaica: "We have a lovely staff at Crandall High School to begin the new school year, and fine students, and a lot of them—about 145. We have made considerable repairs on the church shed roof and I feel we can get by without a temporary building."

Wycliffe Translators Start Linguistic Center

The Wycliffe Bible Translators have broken ground in Duncanville, Tex., a Dallas suburb, for a \$4 million international linguistics center which will serve as a worldwide research and training center.

The center will help coordinate worldwide linguistics training, along with the translators' longstanding Summer Linguistics Institutes which have been based at universities around the world.

The center's research facilities will contain information on culture and languages during 37 years of field experience. During that time the Wycliffe translators have entered 21 countries and translated the oral language of more than 450 cultures into a written form. Then they translated the Bible into the newly written language to provide the Christian gospel to thousands of people who have never before heard it, a Wycliffe spokesman said.

The Sabbath Recorder

A Year of Home Mission Service?

Extended dedicated service is the term used among Seventh Day Baptists for a program by which certain young people volunteer for a year of denominational work without wages — a mere \$7.50 per week paid by the organization that is benefiting from the dedicated service. There have been a number who have given a year or more of time. At the moment there is no one enrolled in the program at Conference headquarters.

Southern Baptists have had a somewhat similar program but now are starting something slightly different. It is a pilot project by which young people volunteer for home mission work at their own or their parents' expense. It all started up in Salt Lake City area in the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention where the young people were familiar with a similar Mormon program. Two of the first four volunteers are sons of Baptist executives who initiated the plan. Two girls responded to work among Indians. The girls are high school graduates from North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Baptist executive Darwin E. Welsh noted that the Latter Day Saints with a membership of three million have 13,000 missionaries — many of them on a two-year self-support basis. He saw no reason why this same zeal should not be found among Baptists. He asked numbers of his church how many would be willing to borrow money if needed to send their own children on a mission. A high percentage said they were willing.

It is pointed out that parents borrow money to send their children to college.

The cost of a year of home mission work is much lower than the cost of a year of college. Parents who cannot yet see their way clear to support a son in college could therefore save money during the year toward the expenses of college a year or two later. A year of witnessing for Christ might make college far more meaningful.

"I am not a great Bible scholar," said young Welsh, "but I know what I believe and I feel that I will be able to relate to others what I believe and also give them some basis for wanting to believe as I do.

"I would especially like to work with the forgotten and underprivileged people," the 19-year-old Welsh said.

"Our denomination can never do all the work that needs to be done," said Secretary Welsh. This program, with all its problems may be the answer. It could be the answer for Seventh Day Baptists.

Recommissioned

Missionaries in Central Java have seen a spontaneous outburst of testimonies and confessions at a prayer retreat such as veteran missionaries never saw before. Sessions continued far into the night with no one worrying about schedules or missed meals.

Toward the close of the retreat a special commissioning service was held for missionaries due for furlough. Members of the group explained, "We set them apart as our missionaries to America, to share as widely as possible why we are here and what God is doing in Indonesia."

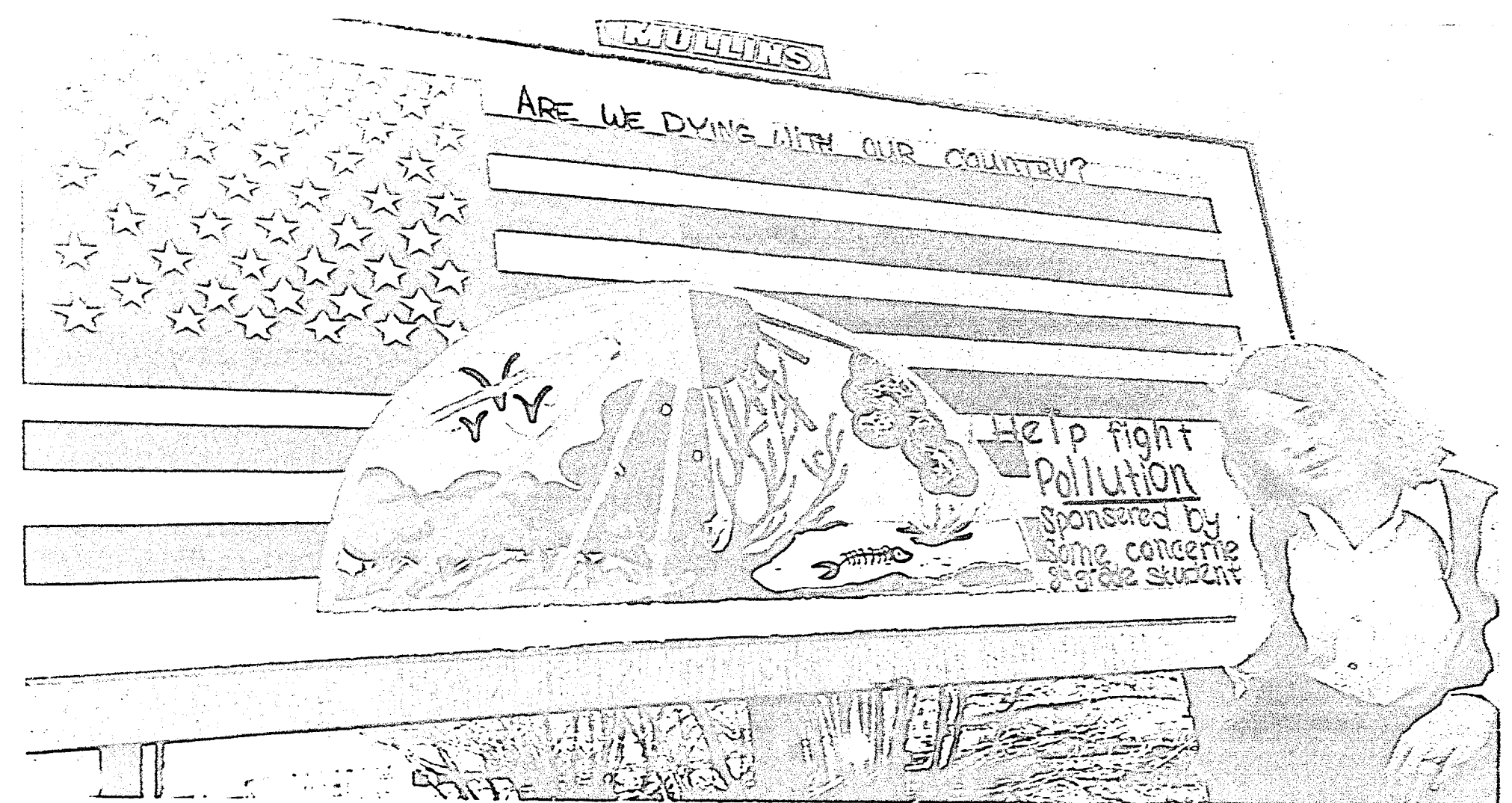


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Ecology and Theology

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," wrote the psalmist. And again, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork." These are theological expressions. Ecology reminds us that if we pollute the Lord's earth and the firmament so that we cannot even see clearly the heavens that declare His glory we can be held accountable.

Ann Bottoms, daughter of Jane and Tom Bottoms, ninth grade student at Burbank Junior High in Boulder, Colorado, is pictured here with the ecology poster that was made into a billboard sign. In natural colors the poster shows a film of gray creeping over the country and the flag which represents it. Seventh Day Baptist youth are doing their part in good ecology and theology.