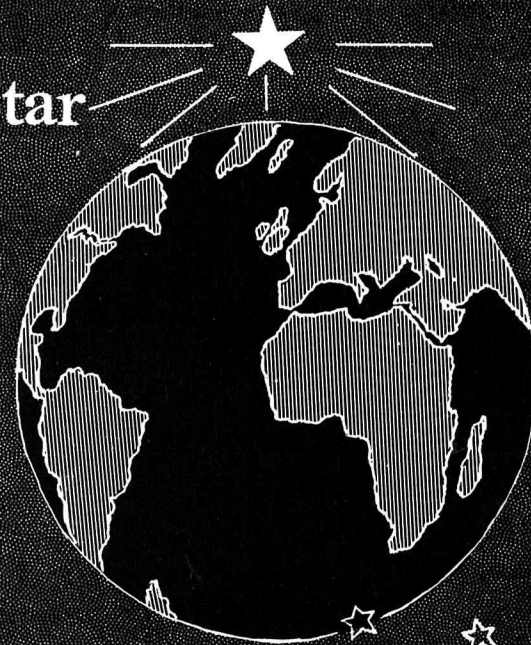


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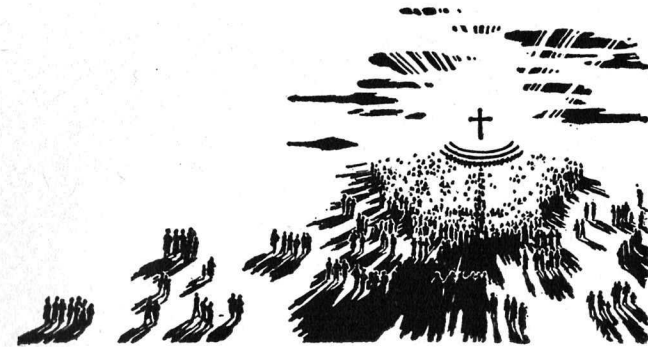
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## FOREWORD

The first issue of Handbook of Missions reports our Mission activities for the year of 1918. Before that date there were one or two publications of missionary information but most such material was released through the *Evangelical Visitor* or the annual General Conference minutes. As one reads the reports issued in those early years and compares them with the recent Handbooks, at least two distinct changes are noticeable. Firstly, the change of personnel. To some of the readers of the present editions, the names in the early issues are strange and unfamiliar characters and represent only a historical record. To other present day readers some of these same names are a memorial of the grace of God that lives, even though they have gone to their eternal reward. The other noticeable difference is that of arrangement and publication of material. Thirty-five years has brought about many gradual changes that one often does not notice except it be studied by comparisons. However, the early release of this issue of the Handbook with the drastic changes that have been made in some areas of material published will tend to emphasize that we live in a world of change.

ONE BASIC FACT remains unchanged. That is, the foundation upon which the pages of the handbook material have been built. The message of this book is still that of the transforming grace of the Gospel of Christ. The life and inspiration of this material is as much Christ at work in the hearts of people as it was when first published. The change is not a change of message but a change of style so men will catch the message. We commend it to you our readers in the Name of Jesus Christ, and hope that under the guidance of the Spirit of God, it can be of value in challenging you to praise the Lord for His marvelous salvation and provoking you to an increased zeal to help carry this wonderful message to the ends of the earth.

Part I

*Home  
Missions*



## Names and Addresses of Mission Stations

### CITY MISSIONS

**Buffalo Mission:** 25 Hawley Street, Buffalo 13, N. Y. Telephone — GRant 7706.

**Chicago Mission:** 6039 Halsted St., Chicago 21, Illinois. Telephone—Wentworth 6-7122.

**Detroit Mission:** Residence: 3986 Humboldt St., Detroit 8, Michigan. Telephone—Tyler 5-1470.

Church: Myrtle and Lawton Streets.

God's Love Mission: 1524 Third Street, Detroit 26, Michigan.

**Harrisburg:** Messiah Lighthouse Chapel, 1175 Bailey St., Harrisburg, Pa. Telephone—2-6488.

**Massillon:** Christian Fellowship Mission. Residence: 118 South Avenue S. E., Massillon, Ohio. Telephone—2-3804.

**Philadelphia:** 3423 North Second Street, Philadelphia 40, Pa. Telephone—NE 4-6431.

**San Francisco:** Life Line Gospel Mission, 224 Sixth Street, San Francisco 3. Residence: 311 Scott St., San Francisco 17, Calif. Telephone—UNDERhill 1-4820.

**Toronto:** 150 Gamble Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada. Residence: 79 Woodycrest Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

### RURAL AND VILLAGE MISSIONS

**Bloomfield:** (Navajo Indian Mission): Bloomfield, New Mexico, c/o Blanco Trading Post.

**Kentucky:** (Ella Station), Ella, Kentucky.

**Meath Park Station:** (North Star Mission) Meath Park Station, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Paddockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada.

**Saxton, Pennsylvania.**

**Sylvanus, Virginia:** (Bethel Mission)

**Tillsonburg:** (Houghton Center) Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada. Telephone—Glenmeyer 22-14.

### MISSION PASTORATES

**Albuquerque:** 3014 Sierra Drive, N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico. Telephone—5-6467.

**Allisonia:** (Farris Mines), Virginia.

**Altoona:** Church: 3620 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania. Residence: 3701 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

**Blair's Mills, Pennsylvania**

**Blandburg, Pennsylvania**

**Collingwood, Ontario, Canada**

**Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada**

**Everett (Clear Creek), Pennsylvania**

**Garlin, Kentucky**

**Grants Pass:** 1300 Highway 199, c/o Redwood Country Church, Grants Pass, Oregon.

**Hollidaysburg (Canoe Creek), Pennsylvania**

**Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania**

**Iron Springs, Pennsylvania**

**Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada**

**Knifley, Kentucky**

**Leedey (Red Star), Oklahoma**

**Llewellyn, Pennsylvania**

**New Castle:** Residence: 217½ N. Market St., New Wilmington, Pa.

**Orlando:** 1712 Cook St., Orlando, Florida. Telephone—20789.

**Saville (Liberty Valley), Pennsylvania**

**Shanesville, Ohio**

**Sherman's Valley:** Riddlesburg, Pa.

**Stowe:** 527 Glasgow St., Stowe, Pa. Telephone—Pottstown 1211J.

**Three Springs, Pennsylvania**

**Uniontown, Ohio**

**Welland Mission:** 36 Elizabeth St., Welland, Ontario, Canada.

## From Great Cities

## To Remote Rural Areas

That in our Home Missions and Pastorates, during the year 1953 thousands of souls were brought in contact with the Gospel message and that 1,342 souls were reported to have sought the Lord does not nearly tell the whole story of results. One must see the multitudes of bright hopeful children's faces and the multitudes of sin-worn adult faces in whose lives' hope is fading; one must see these multitudes hearing the Gospel message of hope, see among them transformations taking place and hear thrilling testimonies to appreciate results. To hear "Ted" who had wasted his life in sin now say, "Jesus is my Sweetheart"; to see a 68-year-old man so happy he almost baptized himself; to see an alcoholic woman high in social life, saved and now working with children and in jail services; to see a rural pastor contacting a man at a gatepost, then at his home, and then see him get saved and cleaned-up from drink—to contact such case studies personalizes results. Statistics are cold but the individual is living, is worth more than the world, and is eternity bound.

### COST OF HOME MISSIONS

That the cost of the program to the church-at-large in 1953 was \$70,699.45 does not nearly tell the story of the cost. One must see individuals pouring out their lives incessantly to give the Gospel in as many ways and as attractively as possible; one must see people who could have made a mark in the world according to worldly standards die out to such ambitions and become "all things to all men that (they) might by all means save some"—one must see such consecration to appreciate the cost. Also the missions themselves reported contributions for all purposes totaling \$73,393.13. And all this is only a drop in a bucket compared to what it costs God to redeem the people we have reached.

These pages depict consecrated servants of God from GREAT CITIES TO REMOTE RURAL AREAS contacting people of all strata of society and introducing them to Christ. They tell of methods used. They feature the erection of church buildings and enlargement of over-crowded ones.

## CHANGE OF STYLE

In editing the reports sent from missions, we have largely changed from first person to third person. Sometimes the first person is maintained for emphasis in conveying what we believe is a policy to be recognized jointly by the Board and the mission.

We appreciate the pictures which were sent and regret that we could not use more. But conformity to the over-all policy for the annual, and expense involved, necessitated limiting the usage of pictures. We are featuring pictures of new churches. We propose to feature a page of pictures of remodelled churches. Some of the pictures sent will be used in the Missionary Supplement and other-wise. There will be a few graphs which indicate what can be done along that line.

Our listing of 8 City Missions with 36 workers, 6 Rural and Village Missions with 29 workers, and 25 Mission Pastorates with 51 workers (including the wives of pastors) indicates a total of 40 centers of service and 116 workers. Some of these centers of service have other sub-points or outstations bringing the total number of places where services are conducted to about 56.

The cost to the church-at-large of operating this program for the year 1953 was \$36,594.80 paid out by the Home Mission Board plus \$34,104.65 sent directly to our missions by the church-at-large (so far as we have record), making a total of \$70,699.45. (We have this year adjusted our fiscal year to conform to the calendar year. To make these statistics appear comparable, we have included the last quarter of the former fiscal year in the 1953 report). Included in the second item above is about \$5,

640 sent to missions for the erection of churches.

The second item above also includes \$19,965.49 for the Navajo Mission of which \$6,837.49 is for operating expenses. The remainder is for payment of indebtedness, building, mission developments, hospital equipment, etc.

A study of our statistics reveals that the cost of operating our missions has increased, due largely to certain definite expansions in our program. We also note that allowances for workers have increased from about \$8800.00 for about 92 workers in 1942-43 to \$21,307.64 for 113 workers in 1953. Tuition has run as high as \$2,692.50 in one year. The Navajo Mission has occasioned large expenditures in late years and will continue to be somewhat large. Starting new works such as one in New York City may require much finances.

## INDIGENOUS CHURCH GOAL

As we move in the direction of making our mission churches indigenous, we call attention to the fact that our missions report contributions totaling \$73,393.13. Of this \$44,347.05 is from our mission pastorates. With about two-thirds of our stations classified as pastorates and less than one half of our workers operating them, and assuming that about half of our Board expenditures are for the pastorates, it is clear that we are making progress in the direction of self-support in our pastorates. The essential difference between the classification of our missions is explained in the article, "Distinctions

Between Missions and Mission Pastorates." With the exception of the City Missions of the slum type and certain other types as the Navajo Indian Mission, we aim that every work shall make progress toward the indigenous church. For graphic presentation of such progress see Kentucky Missions Report (Ella Station). Even the slum type of city mission may result in the development of a church as is illustrated in Detroit.

One of the most important prerequisites in developing indigenous church centers is leadership. As we are able to secure pastors who are qualified spiritually and otherwise for leadership, they will be able to develop local leaders who can assume responsibility and the problems of finances will also be solved.

## PERSONNEL

Since the Annual for this year is intended to give a view of the Field as worked by the Boards, and since recommendations and assignments of workers cannot be included, recognition of changes of workers, assignments during the Conference Year, ordination of ministers, etc., will appear in the report on Home Missions in the General Conference Minutes for 1954.

We do want to here pay a tribute of appreciation for the faithful services of our consecrated workers without which these reports would be impossible. The names of the workers appear at the close of the article on each station, as well as in alphabetical order on pages 52 and 53. We appreciate the rich source of material that some of our superintendents and pastors sent in from which we could draw in preparing these reports according to the general pattern agreed

on for this Annual. For some we had to draw from general knowledge. Some Home Mission Board members gave us some very helpful material from their areas. It will become apparent to all workers that a few items which can be used to color and spice up reports are always in order.

## RECOGNITIONS RE FINANCES

We want to recognize, in addition to the liberality evidenced in the general offerings for the Home Mission Treasury, the special gifts which mean so much in balancing our accounts. First, however, we recognize that covered up in "general offerings" are sometimes some large gifts. The secretary knows of one instance where a Sunday School offering for Home Missions was a little over \$1,000. However, most of the credit was due one person for in one class-envelope was a one-thousand-dollar bill. A study of the Treasurer's Report will reveal the source of some special gifts which are much appreciated. We especially encourage provision in wills for missions. Also annuities are very helpful in financing our program if the interest rate is not too high. It also gives the donor eternal dividends. May God bless all whose liberality makes possible the financing of Missions.

## PRAYER

Above all we recognize the place of prayer. Eternity alone will reveal the credit that goes to individuals and prayer groups who are faithful in this ministry. We are sure those who faithfully shared in the specially dedicated First Wednesday of each month will also share in the eternal dividends which God will grant to soul-winners.

# Financial Statements

March 19, 1954

Mr. Dale W. Ulery, Treasurer,  
Home Mission Board,  
Springfield, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I have examined the books and records of the Home Mission Board, for the period ended, December 31, 1953, have examined or tested cash receipts and disbursements for the period then ended.

The financial statements of the Canadian Treasurer included herein were furnished by Elizabeth Rosenbenger of Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

Confirmation of the notes receivable were not verified by direct communication with the debtors. Aside from the exception the figures appear to be properly stated. There is presented the following summary report:

	U. S. A.	Canada	Combined
Balance on hand, March 31, 1953 .....	\$ 406.84	\$ 107.55	\$ 514.39
Receipts:			
U. S. A. Treasurer, exhibit A .....	39,044.40		39,044.00
Canadian Treasurer, exhibit A .....		5,539.80	5,539.80
	<u>39,451.24</u>	<u>5,647.35</u>	<u>45,098.59</u>
Disbursements:			
U. S. A. Treasurer, exhibit A .....	35,261.16		35,261.16
Canadian Treasurer, exhibit B .....		4,326.88	4,326.88
	<u>39,451.24</u>	<u>5,647.35</u>	<u>45,098.59</u>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1953 .....	\$ 4,190.08	\$ 1,320.47	\$ 5,510.55

Yours very truly,  
J. R. Aiken

Exhibit A

Dale W. Ulery, Treasurer, U. S. A. Report  
**HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE BRETHERN IN CHRIST CHURCH**  
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
Nine Months ended, December 31, 1953

BALANCE, April 1, 1953 .....	\$ 406.84
RECEIPTS:	
General fund .....	\$28,172.05
Transfer from savings account to cover deficit .....	1,000.00
Loan for Navajo Hospital Debt .....	1,000.00
C. O. Musser, Estate .....	1,609.85
Emma Earhart, Estate .....	1,000.00
Myra M. Engle, Estate .....	250.00
Navajo Loan payments .....	3,000.00
Curry Fund Transfer .....	812.50
W. M. P. C. for Navajo Hospital .....	1,400.00
Annuity .....	800.00
	<u>39,044.40</u>
OPENING BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS .....	39,451.24
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Transfer of borrowed funds returned to special accounts .....	\$ 2,500.00
Navajo loan payments, to reserve savings account .....	1,000.00

Transfer to nurses training fund .....	200.00
Mission loan — Detroit garage .....	500.00
Mission loan — Navajo truck .....	885.00
Mission loan — Navajo light plant .....	588.96
Annuity reserve, to savings account .....	800.00
Messiah Home (Curry Estate) .....	812.50
Transfer to savings account reserve .....	2,500.00
Specials .....	5,140.08
Allowances .....	13,926.73
Administrative .....	1,599.93
Worker's traveling expense .....	1,058.10
Rent .....	1,880.00
Interest paid .....	224.15
Tuition .....	604.00
Virginia Mission parsonage fund .....	240.00
Virginia Church loan payments .....	165.00
Mission lots and insurance .....	463.71
Church property repairs .....	54.00
Mission deficits .....	115.00

	35,261.16
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1953 .....	\$ 4,190.08

Exhibit B

Edward Gilmore, Treasurer, Canadian Report  
**HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE BRETHERN IN CHRIST CHURCH**  
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Nine Months ended, December 31, 1953

BALANCE ON HAND, APRIL 1, 1953 .....	\$ 107.55
RECEIPTS:	
General conference offering .....	\$ 700.00
Camp meeting offering .....	143.80
Camp meeting children's offering .....	156.35
Congregational offerings .....	1,131.44
Personal offerings .....	477.00
Interest earned .....	70.00
Sale of mission car .....	90.00
Sale of Walsingham Church .....	800.00
Received from Jake Stoger Estate .....	1,863.31
Miscellaneous .....	107.90
	<u>5,539.80</u>
OPENING BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS .....	5,647.35
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Workers allowances .....	\$ 2,164.29
Traveling, moving workers, etc. .....	267.21
Rent .....	622.30
Annuity interest paid .....	49.45
Loan payment .....	1,200.00
Exchange, etc. .....	23.63
	<u>4,326.88</u>
BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1953 .....	\$ 1,320.47

I have examined the books and records of the Home Mission Board Treasurer for the nine months ended, December 31, 1953, have examined and tested the recorded cash receipts and disbursements for the period then ended.  
March 20, 1954

Exhibit C

HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE BRETHERN IN CHRIST CHURCH  
Financial Report for the Period ended December 31, 1953  
Investments and Reserve Funds

U. S. A. TREASURER:

Notes Receivable:

Virginia parsonage .....	\$ 3,240.16
Detroit, Michigan, parsonage real estate .....	1,496.07
Massillon Mission, covering solicitation gifts .....	2,887.48
Blandburg Church building .....	1,000.00
Stowe Church building .....	2,000.00
Tuition loans .....	1,282.25
Mission worker .....	300.00

Total notes receivable .....\$11,966.96

SAVINGS BANK, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO:

Nurses' training fund .....	\$ 707.08
New Mexico medical fund .....	60.13
Mission parsonage fund .....	1,374.73
Detroit Tenant fund .....	2,311.26
Home Mission institute fund .....	2,000.00
Curry Estate fund .....	512.50
Interest on Savings fund .....	240.60
Annuity fund account .....	1,300.00
Reserve for note due 4-1-54 .....	1,000.00
Bible training fund .....	1,383.50
C. O. Musser Estate .....	1,576.50

12,466.30

Total U. S. A. Investments and reserve funds .....\$24,433.26

CANADIAN TREASURER:

Canadian Government bonds .....	\$ 2,000.00
Annuity loan to Canadian Camp Board .....	1,000.00

Total Canadian investments .....\$ 3,000.00

Total U. S. A. and Canadian investments and reserves .....\$27,433.26

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM OF MISSIONS

Christian Education is an important part of the Home Missions Program. Many methods are used to help children and youth to know their Bible.

A summary of the various types of schools and activities promoting Bible Instruction and Christian Education in our missions is given here; Also a page of pictures featuring some of these activities.

	Number	Enrollment	Average Att.	Professions
Sunday Schools	48	3,731	2,671	70
Vacation Bible Schools	22	1,349	1,236	136
Released Time				
Religious Instruction	4	180	130	15
Week Day Bible Schools	1	139	95	9
Children's Meetings	612			

(Approx.)

We are also featuring an article giving some comparisons and differences relative to two types of these schools which are sometimes confused in people's minds. By request Reverend Joel Carlson wrote the article, "Released Time and Week-Day Bible Schools." He did it by first giving an account of their own Week-Day Bible School at Messiah Lighthouse Mission, and then explains some comparisons and differences in the two types of schools. His article contains so many stimulating ideas concerning the carrying on of such schools that we are using it as he wrote it.

## RELEASED TIME AND WEEK-DAY BIBLE SCHOOLS

The Week-Day Bible School of Messiah Lighthouse Chapel began October 8, and concluded March 25. The average attendance was around 108.

The customary benefits of such a school were realized such as: the joy of praying with those who wanted to get saved, Bible teaching, memory work, emphasis upon good conduct.

Two special projects were new. Tithe banks were given out to the pupils and instruction given as to what tithing was. Prior to this only two members of the school knew what tithing was. These came from Christian homes whose parents were members of the Brethren in Christ Church.

Later the banks were brought in by the children. The money was given for the support of Foreign Missionaries, which amounted to about \$50.00. The joy and enthusiasm of the youth was something to witness. Aside from the money given which is always needed, the youth here received an experience in giving, which they will not soon forget. It will be more fruitful perhaps than several talks on the duty of giving. Children learn by doing. Future giving for them will be easier because of this practice of setting aside the tithe, now.

Enjoying the family altar in the home was also stressed. The youth were encouraged to ask their parents to start this feature. In a number of instances the parents consented. In many other homes, one can easily believe, the parents were impressed, and perhaps convicted of spiritual lack.

Our school is associated with Child Evangelism. This group has emphasized this important teaching on the need for family worship. None

can deny that it is most necessary in family life. While it should come about from initiative of the parents, where this is lacking suggestions from the children will play a big part in helping to realize this aim. When the small chips get burning, it will be easier for the logs to catch fire.

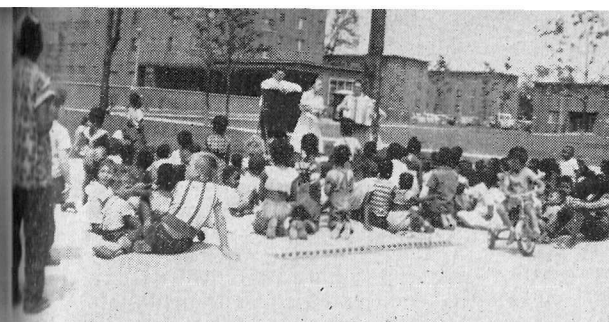
An increased interest exists today in what the church can do for its people during the week. This is particularly important in the field of activities for youth. We know that the enemy of souls is working on our youth mightily during the week. Then why should not the church put forth effort during that time?

## RELEASED TIME BIBLE SCHOOLS

In some places the school authorities, conscious of the value of religious education, have consented to allow school children to be dismissed from their secular classes in day school, in order to attend classes in Bible Study and related spiritual subjects. Sometimes whole communities have cooperated in such an endeavor. Other places, individual churches have worked at the project. This is known as "Released Time" Religious Education.

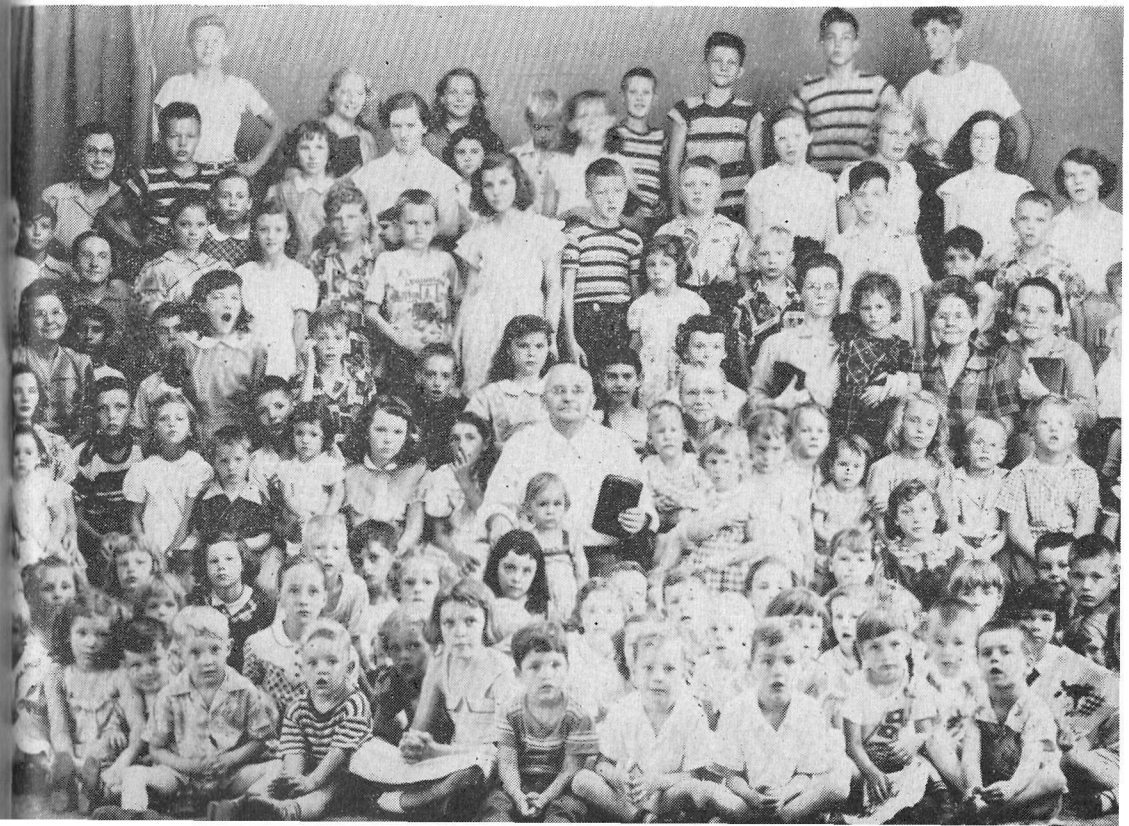
Where such released time is not allowed by school authorities, churches may have such classes after school hours. The assembly of these classes may be called "Week Day Bible School," or "Week Day Church School," or something similar.

The course of study is much the same as that used by Vacation Bible School, or Summer Bible School. In the minds of some, it appears to advantage to have a sustained period of teaching extending over 6 or 8 or 9 months, permitting more hours of study, rather than the limited 2 weeks. On the part of the staff,



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Open-Air Children's Service, Detroit, Mich. — North Star Mission Sunday School, Howard Creek Church, Saskatchewan — Week-Day Bible School, Messiah Lighthouse Chapel, Harrisburg, Pa. — Vacation Bible School, Chicago Mission, Chicago, Ill.



there is more time to prepare adequately for the lessons. Many feel that the schedule of lengthy day by day teaching becomes quite heavy. It is almost more than can be discharged fruitfully, if the Summer Bible School is held in connection with some revival meeting, necessitating nightly attendance on the part of the teaching staff. On the part of the

child, there is less likelihood of reaching too early "the saturation point."

Where both Summer Bible School and Week Day Bible School can be employed, good and well. Our youth need all they can acquire. Only let us look well to the quality of our teaching.

JOEL CARLSON

## CITY MISSIONS

### BUFFALO MISSION

In a residential section of Buffalo a consecrated staff of workers have been faithfully lifting up the Gospel light. There is a regular schedule of Sunday services with 100 enrolled in Sunday School and more than fifty remaining for preaching services. Each Sunday evening there is a Children's Meeting and an active Christ's Crusaders Meeting followed by preaching services.

The labors of the staff were rewarded with 21 professions during the year, eighteen of which were during the Vacation Bible School. (Since the close of the fiscal year 100% of one Sunday School Class were saved). One hundred and ten children were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School and Released Time Religious Instruction Classes.

#### Shall We Close Buffalo Mission?

Because of some local problems and the inability of the present staff to continue in the work, the Board

of Control asked the above question there in March. It hit the staff hard and they said, "There is too good a nucleus here to lose." With renewed diligence, the Board endeavored to find solutions to the problems. Believing there are great possibilities, the Board is earnestly seeking for adequate leadership.

#### A Commendable Prayer and Visitation Program

Tuesday evening the praying group meet in behalf of the spiritual needs of the mission.

Wednesday evening is visitation time. Sunday School absentees and others are contacted.

Thursday evening is the regular mid-week prayer meeting.

If we uphold this group in prayer, a new day will dawn on the work in this great city.

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. DAVID WENGER  
EDITH DAVIDSON  
JANET MUSSER

### CHICAGO MISSION

Located amidst business places, saloons and people "everywhere" of all creeds, faiths and nationalities, our Chicago Mission Staff feel their situation is comparable to Corinth in Paul's day. The same message comes to their hearts as God spoke to Paul, "I have much people in this city."

"The cities' lanes may be filthy,  
The lives of men sordid and mean,  
When the Master walks through  
With me and with you,  
They are radiant, happy and clean."

#### Some Hindrances

Many residents are not permanent. Many move in from other states and they come and go.

Parental indifference hinders attendance and the development of a strong church congregation.

There are reported 1,250,000 T. V. sets in Chicago, one for every three persons. To combat on Sunday the impact of these programs on the child's mind all week is not an easy task.

#### Meeting These Hindrances

This mission puts on a big visitation program—twenty visits each week. Personal contact counts.

Needy families are helped with food and clothing.

Two cars pick up children at a building nearby which houses families with 73 children.

Prayer aids in bringing them in. Though families move, new faces are seen in nearly every service.

A live, interesting, spiritual program of services is given: Music (instrumental and vocal), illustrated talks, guest speakers, missionaries, visitors, and a clear presentation of the Gospel from the pulpit, lifting up the Saviour Who is the answer to their hearts' cry.

All these and others draw people to the mission.

### Child Evangelism

In July the Summer Bible School reached an all-time high, with an enrollment of 175. This proved a "feeder" to the Sunday School as new families were contacted. Parents attended the closing program who had never been to the mission before. They expressed appreciation for the interest taken in their children.

In October there was a Child Evangelism Program for two days. The response was good. The attendance the first day was 58 and the second day 108. A number of children responded to the invitation of the Gospel.

#### Evangelism Methods

The P. A. System with speakers on each of three floors sends out the Gospel in song and testimony.

Open air services were held during the summer.

Distribution of tracts and Christian literature.

There were two revival meetings.

#### Special Meetings

A Bible Conference in October.

Two Communion Services—a time of blessed fellowship.

Shared with an Annual Convention of the National Holiness Missionary Society.

#### Results

Good interest, no decrease in attendance.

35 souls professed conversion.

One was baptized and united with the church. Others are preparing for this step.

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. CARL CARLSON  
ALICE ALBRIGHT  
SARA BRUBAKER  
GRACE SIDER

## DETROIT MISSION

### (God's Love Mission)

In the skid-row section of Detroit, Michigan, near the down-town area, God's Love Mission has maintained a testimony for seventeen years. While certain other movements are terrorizing the people with philosophies and instruments of hate, this mission has been a means of bringing joy and assurance to people through the Gospel of peace and the love of God in Christ.

### Development of a Church

The success of this mission is reflected in the development of a growing Brethren in Christ Church in Detroit. The Sunday School entirely outgrew the mission facilities, and an increasing number of established Christians desired a church home in a different part of the city. This resulted in the erection of the new building at Myrtle and Lawton streets three years ago. It is a credit to the community and the organization which it represents. The local congregation paid over \$1,500 on the debt of this building the past year, reducing the indebtedness to less than \$3,200. It is well adapted to the Christian Education Program which is being carried on there. The Sunday School with an average attendance of 129 is well cared for. A vacation Bible School was conducted with 366 children enrolled and an average attendance of 188. Twenty-five children knelt at the altar on Decision Day. There was a revival during the year in which fourteen received definite help. God has continuously pronounced His benediction on the work at the church in the salvation of many souls and many outpourings of the Holy Spirit. There are now thirty-five members of the church.

The work has developed to the point that in the December 1953 Meeting of the Home Mission Board, it was decided to operate the mission and the church with a separate pastor for each and the church as a mission pastorate.

### God's Love Mission Continues

With a separate pastor for the mission working in cooperation with the church, the mission is taking on new life. There are five services conducted in the mission each week. The attendance for the year totalled near 6,000. A short service outside the mission before beginning the service inside, invites the people in from the street and taverns. Gospel songs are heard over the P. A. System. Two hundred eighty-five knelt at the altar for prayer and some of that number have transformed lives. Notwithstanding the great changes in the section of the city where the mission is located and the accompanying vicissitudes in the outlook for the mission at that place, the only answer to the restless multitudes is Christ. Our witness must go on, in Detroit.

### A Unique Testimony

"Ted" served the devil fifty-six years. He got to the end of himself physically in February, and realized his desperate plight spiritually. God heard his prayer and saved him. As he sought for a spiritual home, the Lord led him to God's Love Mission. He was baptized and united with the Brethren in Christ Church. He enthusiastically testifies to the miracles God performed in his life. "Jesus is my Sweetheart," says Ted, and also tells how God changed his language and the men on the street know it.

## Combined Efforts of Church And Mission

These results are the rewards God gave for earnest, intercessory prayer by the staff and other Christians, the visitation program which totalled 516 for the year, and the workers going out after the souls to bring them in, even beckoning them from the tavern in some instances. Some of the staff went to a housing Center on Saturday afternoons and held Open-air Services with the children during the summer. As many as one-hundred-forty, many of whom were colored, sat on the street and listened to the Gospel story. This type of Evangelism will bring results.

### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. HARRY HOCK  
HAROLD PAULUS  
ERMA HOKE  
VIRGINIA ENGLE  
FRED HOLLAND

## HARRISBURG

### (Messiah Lighthouse Mission)

Overlooking the beautiful dome of the Capitol Building of the Keystone State is the Messiah Lighthouse Chapel. The building once used to shelter the aged is now used as a place to introduce youth to Christ. In the Capitol Building light is cast on the earthly and temporal, in the Messiah Lighthouse Chapel light is cast on the heavenly and eternal. The complementary relationship of these two services is reflected in that the staff of the Chapel is permitted to conduct religious services on the Capitol grounds on Sunday afternoon during the summer months. These services have yielded eternal fruit.

### Activities

The staff at this mission conducts a very full schedule of religious services. Besides the regular services al-

ways associated with a live spiritual religious program, there is included a Week-Day Bible School of 139 which taxes the capacity of all plant facilities; a Girls' Club—the Christian equivalent of the "Brownies"—held weekly. The latter activity is so enthusiastically received and is so rewarding that the staff is challenged with vision of comparable service for the boys—if they had leadership.

We also call attention to the fact that they have set a record in the church in their Cradle Roll Department, and Home and Extension Department.

### Heart Warming

It is heart-warming to read of people making professions of faith in the various services of the church: Preaching services 5, Sunday School 7, Week Day Bible School 9, Revivals 8, and among the 18 homes visited per week, 4, making a total of 33. These are the greatest rewards of the sincere Christian worker.

It is here proper to express gratitude for God's grace and healing power in restoring Brother Joel Carlson to health so that he and Sister Carlson could resume their place in the work they love so well. The services of Brother Graybill Wolgemuth as acting pastor for the first eight months of the year were also much appreciated.

### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. JOEL CARLSON  
ELIZABETH KANODE  
BEULAH LYONS  
GRACE ROBB

## MASSILLON, OHIO (Christian Fellowship Mission)

The Christian Fellowship Mission has an active program of regular services. Each Sunday morning is Sunday School, Junior church and the adult worship service. On Sunday evening is a live Christ's Cru-

saders meeting and an evangelistic service. These meetings are sometimes blessed with altar services.

The Vacation Bible School in the summer gave Bible Instruction to fifty children, twenty of which were colored children.

Many contacts are made through the radio programs carried on by the staff. Some people drive for miles to receive physical and spiritual help at the mission.

Hospital visitation is a part of the program. Souls have been saved through this ministry.

The work at Massillon is largely among poor people. Sometimes drunkards come into the services. One who came and made fun remained to pray at the altar. Another drunkard was graciously saved and his home has been transformed. The entire family are church attendants.

The Communion service with fifty-three participants, missionary meetings, young people's conferences bring variety, blessing and development to the congregation.

The revivals were fruitful with fifty professing salvation. Some came to the altar many times until they were wholly sanctified.

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. ELI HOSTETLER, SR.  
REV. AND MRS. ELI HOSTETLER, JR.

#### PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

In the third largest city in the United States on one of the busy streets in the uptown area active in the affairs of this temporal life, is the Philadelphia Mission active in Christian organizations giving forth the message of eternal life.

#### Christian Instruction

The Sunday School attendance ran a little lower the past year, but a visitation program brought in new

pupils. The average of 81 crowds the facilities of the little chapel. How 133 were cared for on Rally Day, Annual Red-Letter Day, we do not know but they were able to "squeeze" \$1,800 out of the congregation that day for the new church. Ten children professed salvation during the year. One hundred thirteen children were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School. Sixty-five children were enrolled in the Week Day Bible School. There were thirty-five children led to Jesus in these two types of Bible School.

#### The Power Plant

The power plant of this mission is its prayer meetings. On Wednesday morning there is a cottage prayer meeting for the general needs of the congregation. On Thursday evening is the mid-week prayer meeting in the chapel. These are the "filling stations" for the week. The young people have their prayer meeting on Tuesday night and sometimes go and conduct services with "shut-ins." These are a mutual blessing.

#### Young People's Activities

They have a prayer meeting, and a Sunday evening service before preaching. In the Christ's Crusaders organization, Field Evangelism is the keynote. Each month they have a singing at the Francisville Convalescent Home. They distributed 6,381 tracts on street corners, house to house visitation, and by tract bombs and bottles. One trip was made to the Hudson River to throw bottles into it. Singing groups go to the homes of shut-ins and Christmas carols were sung in four hospitals.

Two young people united with the church and one was called by Selective Service last year.

#### Missionary Program

The ladies gave groceries to the needy. Twice a month they sew for the needy. A Missionary Conference was held. Missionary meetings featuring missionaries on furlough stimulated interest in missions. Approximately 2000 pounds of food was given, 1329 garments were distributed, one ton of coal, several plants and fruit baskets were given to sick families. If a cup of cold water is given in the name of a disciple a reward will be given.

#### Radio Ministry

The Gospel is broadcasted over seven stations each week. The *Gospel Witness*, the radio sponsored paper, is going into about 5,800 homes in 36 states and 12 foreign countries.

#### Various Activities

Visits made by the mission staff totaled 371. Approximately 75 folks were anointed with testimonies of definite healing and miracles. Twelve handkerchiefs were anointed, four babies dedicated, seven funerals were conducted.

The work of renovating the mission home went on as time and funds permitted.

Two revivals were held. Ninety-nine professed to find God.

Street meetings were held from June to October. Tracts and Gospel papers distributed at these meetings totaled 13,825.

You say, how can a staff of four carry on all these activities. The congregation works with them.

A long anticipation is nearing the place of reality. It is hoped to begin working on the new church building in the Spring of 1954. Want a share in this work? Write the pastor.

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM ROSENBERY  
ANITA BRECHBILL  
IDA LUE HANE

#### SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

#### Life Line Gospel Mission

On the west coast in the port city of San Francisco on "skid row," is this Rescue Mission. 343 souls have knelt at the altar of prayer in the Mission Hall on Sixth Street. These hundreds have come seeking deliverance from the bondage of sin, and our Captain Who never loses a battle delivers every one who meets conditions. A number of men have come to the Mission Home for prayer. The workers go to their rooms and exhort, pray and guide. There is much individual evangelism. Follow-up work must be done after conversion of alcoholics.

#### Case Studies

In the case of one man, the mission staff collaborated with his sister for his room and meals. This was to keep him away from the swirl of Sixth Street. So long as he contacted the old "buddies" he could not resist. She cooperated if he stayed sober and would not bring wrong companions into his room. If he was overcome and picked up by the policemen and put to jail, the workers tried again. His sister learned by experience there is no such thing as "tapering off." She had to tremble it out for two weeks. This man has been putting up a battle and as he trusts God to deliver, victory will be his.

Another man with whom the mission staff worked for months is really coming out beautifully, and all by the power of God.

#### Schedule of Services

Seven preaching services per week with an average attendance of 26.

Fifteen minute prayer period before each evening service.

One half hour of street meetings before going into the Mission Hall for the preaching service.

Sunday School with an average attendance of 48. Much memorizing of Scripture is done by the children.

#### Events of Special Interest

The interior of the Mission Hall was painted by a group from Upland.

Visits by missionaries: The Hokes, the Climenhagas, also Bishop Ginder who was en route to Japan.

In the minds of the children, the Sunday School picnic in the park.

The marriage of Sister Frysinger to an outstanding convert of the mission. Brother Jordan is now in Upland College to better prepare for mission work in Los Angeles.

A father and mother brought their five children to the altar and presented them in dedication. The father is unsaved. Pray for him.

A baptismal service for two children.

The Christmas program. Some parents were in the service for the first time.

Two months of willing and efficient service by Sister Heise, Pasadena.

At this mission there is much to be done and the workers are few. Remember the requests as they appear in the *Visitor* from time to time.

#### Workers:

HARRY BUCKWALTER  
KATIE BUCKWALTER  
EDITH YODER  
JANNA GOINS

## TORONTO, ONTARIO

In a residential section of the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is located a new and growing mission work. The past year has been highlighted with many interesting events.

The *first anniversary* was celebrated on March 29, 1953. The day was climaxed with a reception service for a new member to the church.

The *first wedding* was solemnized in the church in June.

The *first dedication service* for children was witnessed when two couples (one was the pastor and his wife) presented their babies to the Lord in formal dedication.

The work had a very small beginning but the growth is most encouraging. The Sunday School reached a goal of 100 on Rally Day and the latter part of the year the average attendance has been eighty.

The workers were thrilled with an enrollment of 115 in the Vacation Bible School last summer.

#### Resident Pastor

In September the pastor moved from a distant community into the city and is now close to the work. To have a resident pastor has given a new stimulus and a stability to the work.

Five have been saved in the regular preaching services. Recently a young man who was a Catholic was converted. God is working.

One of the great needs is a parsonage for the workers. They are living in two separate apartments with high rents.

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. RONALD LOFTHOUSE  
MYRTLE STECKLEY  
RUTH STECKLEY

# RURAL AND VILLAGE MISSIONS

## BLOOMFIELD, NEW MEXICO

### Navajo Indian Mission

Among a people who had a birth-right to the best natural resources in America but who have been pushed to where there are almost none; among a people whom the "white man" has led into new sins instead of telling them of the Christ who saves from sin; among a people to whom love has not been shown but for whom God's love caused Christ to die—among such a people the Brethren in Christ Church are interpreting Christ in a practical way.

### A Balanced Ministry

Jesus "went about doing good, and healing . . .," teaching, and making converts. We have invested many thousands of dollars in such a program. Our aim is to make converts to Christ—a major means to this end is to share with the Navajo the physical benefits which has been a part of our Christian heritage. The result is that babies have a greater chance to live and many "divers diseases" enjoy scientific and loving care rather than the tortures of a pagan "medicine man."

### The Christian Educational Program

To better balance our ministry among these Indians, we are moving in the direction of a more adequate program of Christian education. To lengthen the span of time in the grade school and to provide for a

larger number of children, a second teacher is being secured for next school year. Greatly appreciated is the response to the \$60.00 needed to keep each child in school one year. The beautiful, teachable Indian children are cared for on a compound comparable to those of our foreign mission fields. The presence of forty-four children in Sunday School provides additional opportunity to give necessary Religious Instruction. The Sunday services are conducted in the afternoon. When parents bring their children back to school, they remain for the service.

### The Goal

"I believe that working with the boys and girls in school is one of the best ways to get near to the heart of the people," says the superintendent of the Navajo Mission. He further states that, notwithstanding the difficulties involved, this is the challenge to talented youth of the Brethren in Christ Church and that the Navajo's can be won to Christ.

Our efforts in adult evangelism have been crowned with unusual success. Generally the reserve of the Indian is used to explain the very small response to the ordinary type of evangelism. But in our Camp Meetings God has graciously moved on these Indians' hearts. However, it takes much patient shepherding to conserve results.

By combining all these means with prayer and worthy Christian examples, we believe permanent results will continue. The services of a good Christian Navajo Interpreter we believe to be a great asset to the attainment of our goal.

#### Our Policy

We aim to keep our ultimate goal clearly in mind and make every activity subservient to that one end. Our goal is the salvation of the Navajo and to equip him to live a Christian life in a country conquered by the white man. There are great obstacles to overcome but the interpretation of Christianity as the Brethren in Christ teach it, should peculiarly fit us for the task.

To best accomplish this, we need a Brethren in Christ doctor and nurses who consider medical and surgical skills a means to a greater end; school teachers who rate spiritual attainments above intellectual attainments; a plant maintenance man whose greatest interest is the salvation of the Indian. In fact, every member of our staff of ten or twelve must work as a unit to this end.

Quoting the superintendent of the work, "In the long view, the Navajo work is not glamorous, but will be rewarding. Among the church groups God has called to work in Navajoland, the Brethren in Christ have unique qualifications which should make possible their being instrumental in leading some precious souls to Christ. To that task we will be faithful, by His grace."

#### The Physical Plant

This year has been epochal in the physical plant development. The completion of the hospital to a stage justifying dedication on July 26, 1953, installation of a natural gas line and switching from the inade-

quate D C Wind Charger to an A C generator with a used stand-by generator adequate for an emergency—all these were important and great achievements.

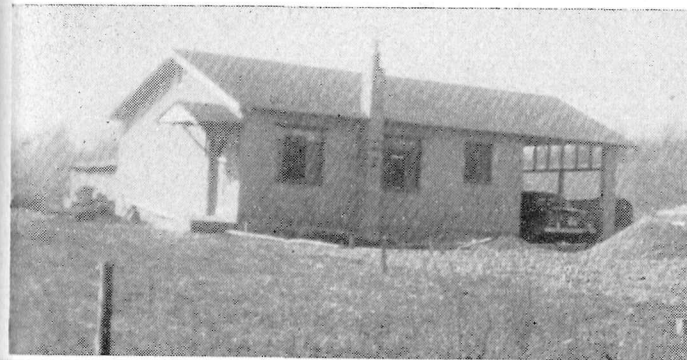
#### A Share in This Work

A staff of ten or twelve could not carry on this work in the desert. Although the receipts from these Indians have been surprizingly large, we cannot hope this work to be self-supporting. If this work is to succeed we must SHARE in it. The church *has* shared to the tune of \$19,965.49 during the past year. This large sum representing the liberality of many people has made possible the development of the physical plant to the present point, the reduction of the debt from \$10,133.70 to \$3,088.96, and maintenance for the year. Below is an enlightening graph prepared by the superintendent depicting how the maintenance funds are used.

The Home Mission Board joins with the staff of the mission in expressing appreciation for this remarkable liberality. If each donor could have been present at the dedication of the hospital in July and witnessed the large crowd of appreciative Indians in the hot sun, heard some of their expressions of gratitude as well as compliments of prominent white people present that day, witnessed the evidence of the supremacy of Christ over the yet unconquered aged "medicine man" who heard his grandson interpret for us, and who bared his head while prayer was offered to the true God—if you could have seen all this you would have been rewarded for what you have done, and moved to prayer for the attainment of the ultimate goal—the salvation of this people.

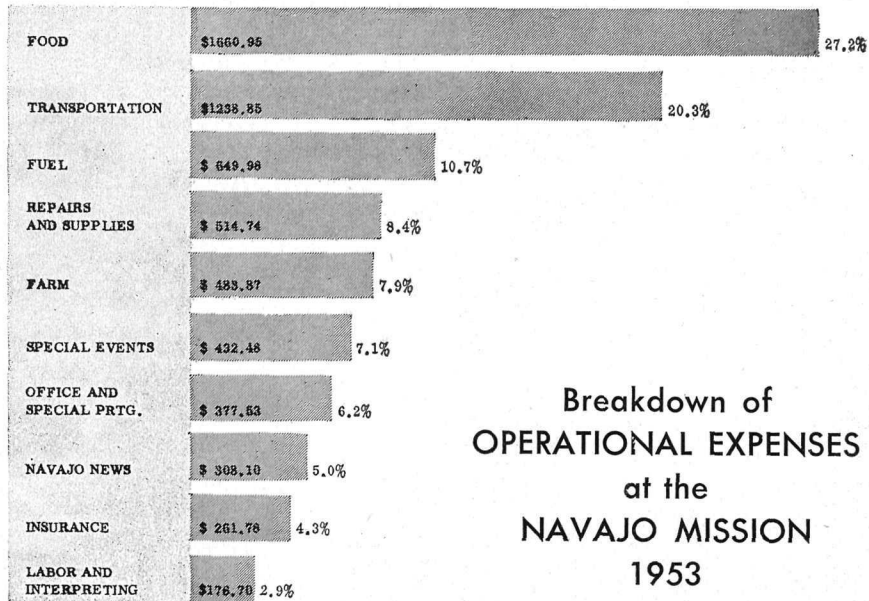
(See facing page for picture of the hospital)

## Picturing the Medical Work



New Kentucky Clinic — Nurse Elizabeth Hess Dispenses Medicine in the Clinic — Navajo Baby in Oxygen Tent — Nursery in Navajo Hospital — Navajo Hospital, Bloomfield, New Mexico Dedicated July 26, 1953 (Interpreter on wheelchair)





### Breakdown of OPERATIONAL EXPENSES at the NAVAJO MISSION 1953

#### Workers:

REV. J. WILMER HEISEY,  
SUPERINTENDENT  
MRS. VELMA HEISEY  
CARL EBERLY  
CLARA EBERLY, NURSE  
RUTH ZERCHER, NURSE  
IDA ROSENBERGER, TEACHER  
AVERY KANODE  
BEULAH KANODE  
ROSA EYSTER

#### KENTUCKY MISSIONS

##### Ella Station

Pursuing recommendations approved at the 1953 General Conference during the past year, the work centering at Garlin and at Knifley became mission pastorates. This leaves the rest of the work in Kentucky on the mission basis with the Mission Home at Ella as its center. Here is where the superintendent of the entire Field lives. The churches served directly from this mission are

Fairview, and Millerfields, and also the Bloomington and Mt. Carmel communities. Historically, Fairview Church was the first Brethren in Christ Church built in Kentucky. It was dedicated in 1933 in connection with a great revival in which the heads of nine families were saved.

#### Regular Services

There are eleven preaching services each month in their four communities. The average attendance in these for one month totals four hundred seventy-three.

Mid-week prayer meetings are conducted in three communities, the attendance totalling one hundred eight.

Sunday Schools in the Fairview and Millerfields churches have a total attendance of one hundred eleven.

The workers average between five and six visits each week in homes.



### Picturing the Medical Work

Two ladies having temperatures taken, and baby awaiting shot. They come in by families. — Nurse Ruth Zercher gives shot to a little boy. They dislike it just the same as our children do! — Mary Sandoval, lady-in-waiting in maternity ward. She had 254 dimes, with eyelets soldered on the back, sewed on her blue velvet blouse. Also 153 silver decorations valued at 10c each. Value of decorations on blouse: \$40.70. Baby born next day. — Nurse Helen Wolgemuth holding baby born with cleft palate. Baby remained at hospital for care until he was old enough for operation.



There is some participation with the Chapel of the Air Radio Broadcast in Columbia.

The total membership in Kentucky is seventy-five.

#### Evangel Clinic

The investment of \$2,000.00 in the Evangel Clinic at Knifley promotes the ability of the mission nurse to minister to those needing medical help in this area so far removed from a doctor. It provides a means of witnessing for Christ.

Apart from the promotion of part of the work to the mission pastorate basis, progress is noted in various aspects of the work. In most places of worship janitorial responsibilities are carried by local persons. Trustees are assuming more initiative in church property upkeep, resulting in the church being in better condition.

The local people are shouldering more administrative responsibilities especially in the Sunday Schools.

Increased giving for local and general church needs marks progress. Special interest has developed in Foreign Mission Work.

One outstanding step in progress is the Christian Youth Group. The Christian youth from the entire mission area meets quarterly for a combined spiritual and social fellowship. Each area has its project such as tract distribution, etc. This work is encouraging.

Best of all is progress in definite spiritual attainment, growth is manifest in many Christians and some believers press their way into the experience of second-blessing holiness, receiving the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Twenty-one professed salvation.

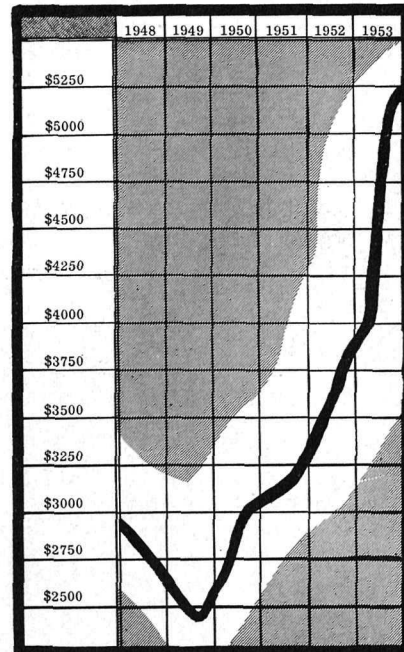
#### Looking Ahead

The clinic stimulates interest in exploring the possibility of one of our church doctors locating there.

The staff of workers are deeply

concerned in counterbalancing the aggressive moves of Roman Catholicism who spearhead their way into new areas by placing public school teachers. Public officials in Adair County, Kentucky, have committed themselves to cooperate with Brother Dohner in placing Christian teachers. What a challenge to Brethren in Christ school teachers who would like to consecrate their professional services for the promotion of the work of the church.

The outreach of the Kentucky work enters urban areas. Adair County folks move to Cincinnati and Louisville for employment. They give a witness in these cities. In Louisville preaching is conducted in a little hall. In Cincinnati the Ohio and Kentucky folks share jointly in a service in homes once a month.



Graph Depicting the Giving of the Kentucky Mission Field for the Past Six Years (1948-1953)

The outreach of the Kentucky work is also revealed in exploring needy areas in Tennessee. The house to house visitation program last summer in the Oak Ridge and other areas of that state revealed an open field. There are hungry souls and a few earnest Christians ready to cooperate in an evangelistic campaign. The Kentucky staff are conducting some pre-campaign work this summer in preparation for the Living Hope Gospel Campaign at Oak Ridge, sponsored by the Martin-Rosenberry Team.

Missions is the normal outreach of the church. A missionary church will grow.

#### Workers:

REV. ELAM DOHNER,  
SUPERINTENDENT  
HELEN DOHNER  
ESTHER EBERSOLE

#### MEATH PARK STATION SASKATCHEWAN

##### North Star Mission

There are not so many activities at the North Star Mission during the winter months. Climatic conditions which sometimes makes transportation almost impossible hinders the regular schedule of services. Therefore it is necessary to crowd as much as possible into the summer months.

##### North Star or Howard Creek

During the revival meetings a Vacation Bible School was conducted during the day. About forty children attended; two came from Candle Lake and stayed for the school. The average attendance in Sunday School and preaching services is about thirty-four. Ten to fifteen attend the midweek prayer meeting.

##### Paddockwood

The little chapel was enlarged eight feet on the one side and ceiled

with plaster board inside. Curtains were hung to be used for partitions during the Sunday School hour. Between twenty-five and thirty attend the Sunday School and preaching services. While the revival meeting was in progress a Vacation Bible School was conducted during the day with more than thirty-five attending.

The two sister workers "went to house-keeping" in Paddockwood in the fall and it is good they did or the services could not have been cared for part of the time during the winter.

Special services enjoyed by both stations were the missionary meetings in which foreign missionaries spoke. These were very beneficial in stimulating interest in missions.

The week-end of August 12 and 13 was one of activity. Bishop Gilmore was there. A council meeting was held Saturday afternoon, Communion Service in the evening. Then Sunday afternoon was the ordination of Brother Arthur Heise to the ministry.

There is a membership of thirteen. Three young girls were baptized but not received into church fellowship yet. There were twenty-five professions of faith in Christ. A number of these were a result of the ministry of the Vacation Bible Schools.

A group of about twenty-five attend the preaching at Candle Lake twice a month.

In spite of cold and snow the warmth of the Gospel keeps the Christian witness aflame in this northerly country.

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. ARTHUR HEISE,  
MEATH PARK STATION  
FLORENCE FAUS,  
PADDOCKWOOD  
ANNE WYLD,  
PADDOCKWOOD

## SAXTON, PENNSYLVANIA

In the small town of Saxton there is a Brethren in Christ Church. The basement of this church is an apartment for the two sister workers. The pastor resides near Martinsburg and serves faithfully in the services of the church and its activities.

The Sunday School fills an important place in the church program for many of the girls and boys come from non-Christian homes. The Lord uses them to bring the parents into the services. The average attendance is seventy-six.

The prayer meetings are an inspiration and blessing to the forty or more who attend.

The preaching services have an average attendance of sixty-eight in the morning and more attend the evening services which are evangelistic in nature. One Sunday evening five children gave their hearts to the Lord.

The two evangelistic meetings were times of reviving. In the spring meeting the attendance was good with seekers almost every night. Following this meeting seven united with the church. In the fall meeting several souls received definite help, two united with the church in December.

Fourteen were baptized in the summer in the river west of Saxton. It was a blessed service when these souls gave this outward witness of an inward cleansing of the heart.

The Vacation Bible School was a time of heart stirring as the way of salvation was taught to the children. The average attendance was 84.

The Christ's Crusaders programs are interesting and helpful to all, especially to the youth who participate. The children always enjoy the meetings that are especially for them.

The workers report an average of seven visits a week.

There are quite a number of special meetings at Saxton. This stimulates interest and gives variety of soul food:

Needs in Europe and Palestine were presented by Bishop Swalm.

Missionary meetings by foreign missionaries.

Two Communion Services—these were times of blessed fellowship.

Program by Gospel Team from Messiah College.

Program by young people from Clear Creek Congregation.

Sunday School Promotion and Evangelism presented by P. W. McBeth.

There are sixty-one members in the Saxton District. This includes the stations at Sherman's Valley, Riddlesburg and Three Springs.

This work is growing and is almost self-supporting.

### Workers:

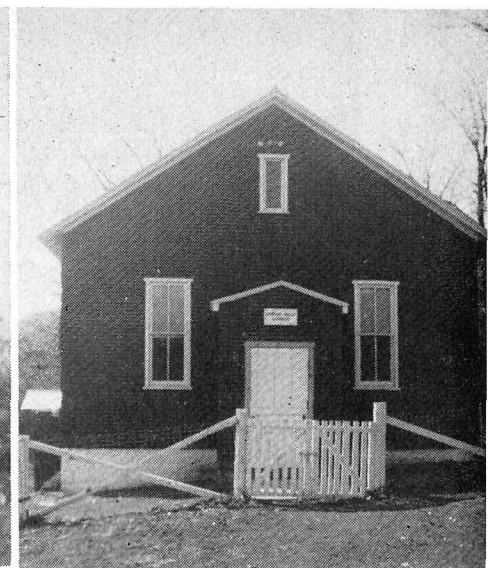
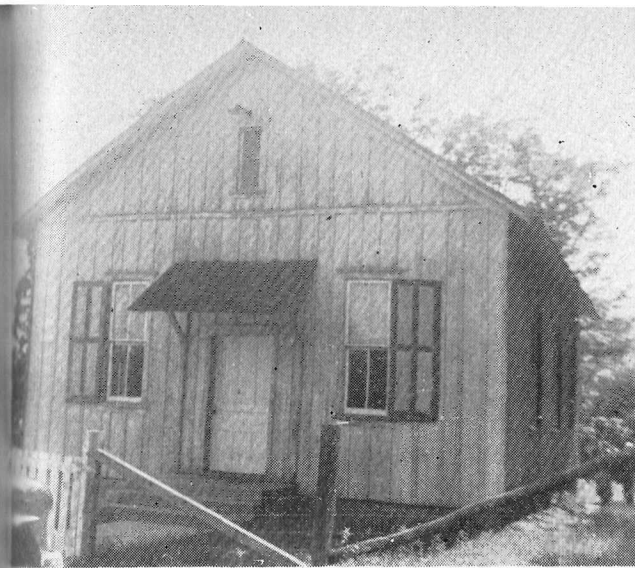
REV. AND MRS. ANDREW SLAGENWEIT  
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## SYLVATUS, VIRGINIA

(Bethel Mission)

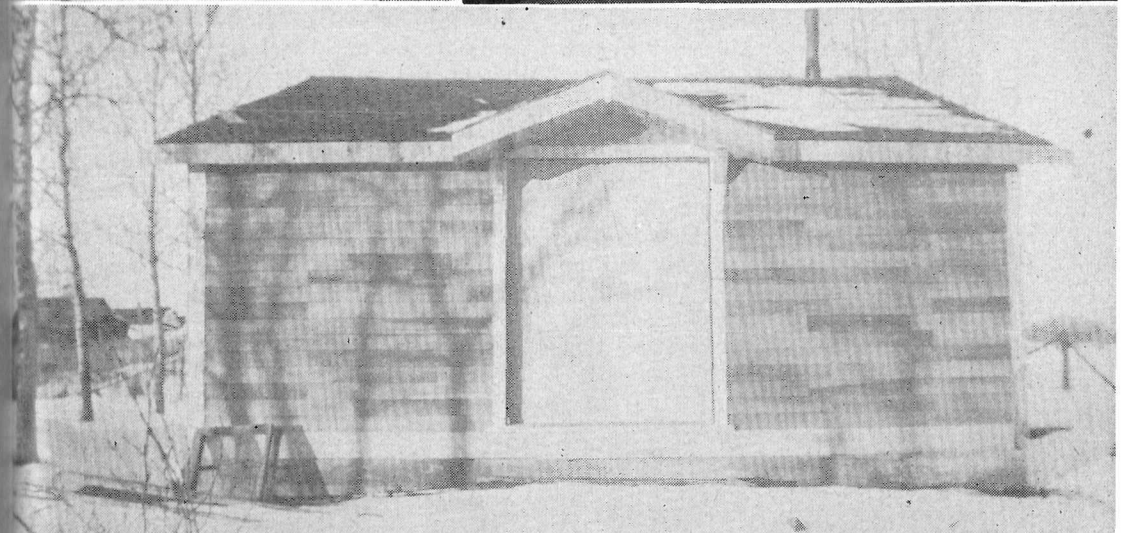
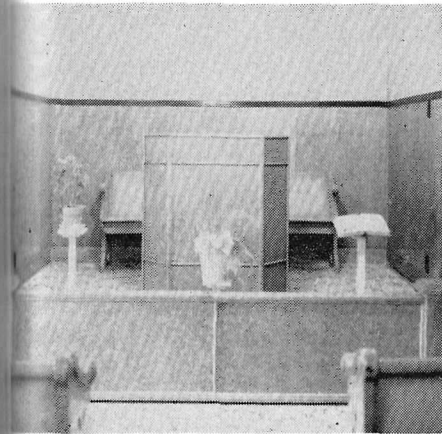
In the Blue Ridge mountains 2,600 feet above sea level with a twenty-five mile view of a beautiful valley is located the Bethel Mission. This work was begun in 1918 by Brother and Sister Denny Jennings. Their desire and expectations are now a reality in having a new church and parsonage near their home and young people to take over the work they so sacrificially began. As Brother Jennings stated, "These buildings stand as a monument to Jehovah."

The parsonage, the old chapel remodelled, was dedicated this year.



## Churches Remodeled in 1953

Sherman's Valley before remodeling — Sherman's Valley after remodeling — Chapel in Welland Mission — Orlando, Florida Church shown in process of remodeling — A dwelling remodeled into a church at Paddockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada



The first Joint Council Meeting in Virginia (Farris Mines and Bethel Congregations) was held in May 1953. This is a step forward in church organization. The Communion Service was also jointly enjoyed by both congregations. About forty shared in this precious service.

A Fellowship Meeting is enjoyed together each fifth Sunday.

#### Regular Services

The community is responding well to the Gospel.

The Sunday School average attendance is 65. About fifty remain for the preaching service in the morning and about sixty attend the evening services. A bus owned and operated by Phillip Jennings hauls people to the mission from a community five miles away. These people had no way to attend church.

The Lord blesses the mid-week prayer-meeting when twenty to twenty-five assemble to pray and worship.

Interest is good in the Children's Meetings twice a month. Also the young people enjoy their Christ's Crusaders meeting once a month.

#### Summer Services

Seventy were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School in June.

Open air services were conducted on the lawn of the Courthouse in Pulaski during the summer months. With aid of the P. A. System many heard the Gospel and the workers had opportunity to help some with spiritual needs. Much Christian literature was distributed.

#### Banner Sunday School

The Sunday School at Bethel participated in the Fifth Annual Forward Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. By hard work the attendance climbed from thirty-five to ninety-four. They were awarded the banner for the greatest increase in attendance in the Class C group. But the Sunday School workers feel that the best award is that the gains are

being held. The regular attendance is more than eighty.

#### Results

A number of souls were saved during revival meetings, regular services, and home visitation. There was a baptismal service and nine persons were received into church fellowship.

One of the outstanding results of the year was the remarkable conversion of a man sixty-one years of age. He was an addict to the drink habit and called the pastor to his home. He was penitent and expressed a desire to be saved. After he prayed, he looked up and said, "God has heard my prayer, I am forgiven." Then the unclean things were destroyed. Now he is a regular attendant at church. Praise God for a salvation that saves and delivers from sin.

#### Outreach

There is a church thirty-five miles distant in a very good farming section that has been closed for three years. These people should be getting the gospel. Pray!

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. JOHN SCHOCK

#### TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

##### (Houghton Mission)

Miracles, do you say? Listen to this! Years ago this country for miles around was backward and exceedingly sinful. Bootleggers dotted the countryside and lawlessness prevailed. But what happened? Old-fashioned tent meetings broke out and whole families were converted. Bootleggers upset their barrels and confessed their sins. One went to jail where he witnessed for God. Twenty and thirty were baptized in one service.

#### What Do We Have Today?

The hot and cold winds have blown over the Houghton Mission

like at many other places. But thank God for the work there now. The interest shifted from the Bethel Church area where the work first began to the Houghton Center area near Lake Erie. A nice brick church formerly owned by the Methodist people was purchased a number of years ago and is prospering much the past few years. One of the boys, whose family was wonderfully saved in the beginning of the work, is now the pastor of this growing congregation. He was ordained this past year. The people finance the work well. When a need arises, they meet it. An oil heater, a piano, hymnals, etc. have been purchased.

#### Miracles Today

Last summer a man 68 years of age was converted and baptized in Lake Erie. He was so happy he almost baptized himself. Having been a servant of sin all his life and enslaved to tobacco for more than fifty years, he now enjoys his freedom in Christ Jesus.

A young woman who was a Catholic was converted and baptized. As she stood true and witnessed for Christ, her husband was also converted and baptized.

#### Frogmore Church

The pastor at this church is also a man of the community who was converted years ago and sold his tobacco farms in obedience to God.

There were nineteen professions

here in the tent meetings last summer and nine in the winter revival. Miracles are still happening. Most of the members of the church of the Houghton Mission attend at this church. The church building has been enlarged and remodeled to make room for the growing Sunday School. This growth is partly due to an enthusiastic young couple who bring in children.

Interest is increased in the prayer meetings since they are in the cottages rather than church.

#### Outreach

In the Walsingham area is conducted a bi-weekly cottage prayer meeting. A few members live in this community and other homes also open their doors. This area is largely unchurched and there is a great need. "Pray ye the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers."

The work at this Mission Station is encouraging with 39 professions and eleven accessions to the church this past year.

Miracles! Yes, God has surely visited Houghton Mission to take from among them a people for His name.

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. ALONZA VANNATTER,

PASTOR AT FROGMORE

REV. AND MRS. BASIL LONG,

PASTOR AT HOUGHTON CENTER

RUTH KELLER

MARJORIE POLLARD

# MISSION PASTORATES

## DISTINCTION BETWEEN MISSIONS AND MISSION PASTORATES

A "Mission" is a work under the direction of the Home Mission Board for which support is encouraged from the church-at-large by having financial reports published in the *Evangelical Visitor* at regular intervals.

A "Mission Pastorate" is recognized as on the way toward becoming an indigenous church. That is, it is hoped that it will develop into a self-governing, self-supporting district or a congregational part of a district. It is expected that the congregational support for the pastor plus the allowance from the Home Mission Board, supplemented if necessary by partial self-employment by the pastor shall be sufficient for his support. The allowance by the Home Mission Board may be larger during a transition period than that for a mission if the situation necessitates it.

The following factors may deter-

mine whether or not a work shall be considered a Mission Pastorate:

1. Any of various special conditions which may have existed in the initiation of the work.
2. The time the pastor gives to the work, the support the congregation can give, and the opportunity for self-employment if necessary by the pastor.
3. The mutual interest on the part of both pastor and congregation in developing church adulthood.

That the Home Mission Board may be able to promote work in new areas its members are glad to be of any possible service in promoting progress towards congregational responsibility without working undue hardship on parties concerned. We are sure God will bless any group who trust Him to help them carry responsibility.

### ALBUQUERQUE

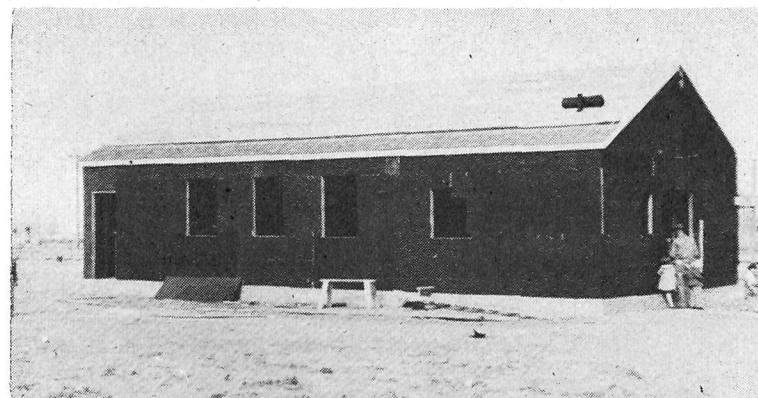
Albuquerque is one of the fastest growing cities of the United States. It is semi-arid, both naturally and spiritually.

Against odds, the pastor there and his faithful helpers have carried the burden and prayed for the achievement of a vision. Beginning small and slowly they persisted in attract-

ing a group to worship and witness in a series of places—a small store room, the pastor's home, a little shop adapted for a meeting place.

Now they have a church! It is about 22' x 45'.

It is hoped to dedicate it free of debt before General Conference. This achievement is to be credited to the local group and friends; friends in



The new church building goes up at Albuquerque, New Mexico

Oklahoma who helped in the construction, and friends in the church-at-large with their offerings.

### A Growing Work

Before the completion of the church as many as fifty-five are crowded for Sunday School in the very small rented building across the street from the spacious lots on which the church is being erected. The Sunday School has doubled this year. The group stays for the preaching services.

In jail work each Sunday afternoon the pastor ministers to about ninety men while the sisters minister to the women. Many of the men and women have been prayed with and have professed faith in Christ.

Christ's Crusaders are active and have inspirational services.

### A Miracle

A very respectable neighbor of the mission staff sought their help to lead her from a high social life and alcoholism to a life anew in Christ Jesus. She has become a very faithful and active member of our group, and very helpful in jail services and other activities in the church.

May the church continue to pray for the workers that the coming year may be fruitful in this growing city.

### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. PAUL WINGERD  
ALLISONIA, VIRGINIA

### (Farris Mines)

"Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

Several years ago Rupert Turman, a young man from the Farris Mines community, heard God's call, "Come." He hearkened, sought God and was saved. Later he was definitely led to become a "fisher of men" to his own people. The Home Mission Board honored his convictions and Rupert and Arlene Turman were placed as workers at Farris Mines in 1953. His home community gave them a warm welcome. The work is prospering under their ministry.

### Teaching Ministry

The Sunday School enrollment has been increased from 68 to 82 with an average attendance of 60. One nine-year-old boy was saved on Decision Day. One morning before Sunday School a boy told the pastor he desired to be saved. So an altar service was conducted before the Sunday School lesson.

The enrollment in the Summer Bible School was 82 with an average attendance of 60. Three children professed salvation.

### Regular Services

Two preaching services each Sunday with an average attendance of 55.

Forty attend the mid-week prayer meeting. Many are unsaved folks.

There is a Christ's Crusaders meeting every two weeks and occasionally a Children's Meeting.

Thank God for the station wagon which greatly helps in getting folks to the services. Usually four trips are made and sometimes as many as 14 in one load. These rural folks like to go to church.

### Evangelistic Ministry

Two revivals were conducted during the year.

The Living Hope Gospel Campaign in Hillsville, Virginia reached and benefited people in three counties, Pulaski, Carroll and Wythe. These services made an indelible impression on many hearts. Some souls responded to the great invitation and met God at the altar.

Twelve souls were saved through the evangelistic ministry.

### The Power of Witnessing

Notice that these nine souls were saved under varied circumstances:

A thirteen-year-old girl found God while returning from school.

A nine-year-old boy on Decision Day in Sunday School.

Two ten-year-old boys in the parsonage on a Sunday morning.

A young lady twenty-one years of age came to the parsonage for help and found God.

A mother of six children found God in her home.

Three children responded to the invitation following a message for children.

One very important ministry in soul-winning is contacting the people. Twelve visits per week are reported.

Do missions pay? Yes, especially so when they produce other mission-

aries who continue a witnessing and soul-winning ministry, and encourage, shepherd, feed and guide the flock into an indigenous church.

### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. RUPERT TURMAN

### ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

In this city of railroad workers in the mountains of Pennsylvania, the Brethren in Christ have been giving forth the Light of the Gospel since 1921, when Brother and Sister Herman Miller began the work. From here as a base, a great work of God spread over central Pennsylvania. The appreciation of people whose lives were transformed by the power of the Gospel as presented by Brother Miller, was shown as about three hundred people gathered at a cottage on a mountain side to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Millers last Fall. This event was a great spiritual rally which seemed as a vestibule to heaven for Sister Miller who soon went to her eternal reward.

In the thirty-first year of the work the congregation moved into a new church which was built during the pastorate of Graybill Brubaker. This beautiful church, dedicated in 1951, is a testimony to the good foundation laid by former workers and to the devotion of the local congregation to the worship of the Lord. The attainments of the work now is the fruit of hard work and careful planning in the past. This is highly appreciated by the present workers who entered the work last July.

### Evangelism, Christian Education and Results

Two series of evangelistic services were held during the year. In connection with a Sunday School of 121, a Vacation Bible School was conducted with 94 enrolled. These efforts resulted in thirty-eight professions of Christian faith.

While the staff report no spectacular accounts, we know that sometimes the greatest spiritual achievements follow a more normal pattern of pursuit.

### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. GERALD WINGERT

### BLAIR'S MILLS

Growing out of the vision and consecrated labors of Brother Roy Asper, we have a nice, small church at Blair's Mills. The work has been cared for by different ministers, local and from Franklin County under the leadership of Brother Asper. They have sacrificially carried on an interesting and growing church program.

Beginning in January 1954 the present pastor and wife are fulfilling the assignment of the Home Mission Board. Interest is very good and God is moving in the hearts of these people who love the Truth. As you pray and Brother and Sister Roy Beltz concentrate their efforts for the spiritual welfare of this community, we believe a clearer report can be presented next year of the work of the Lord at this place.

### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. ROY BELTZ

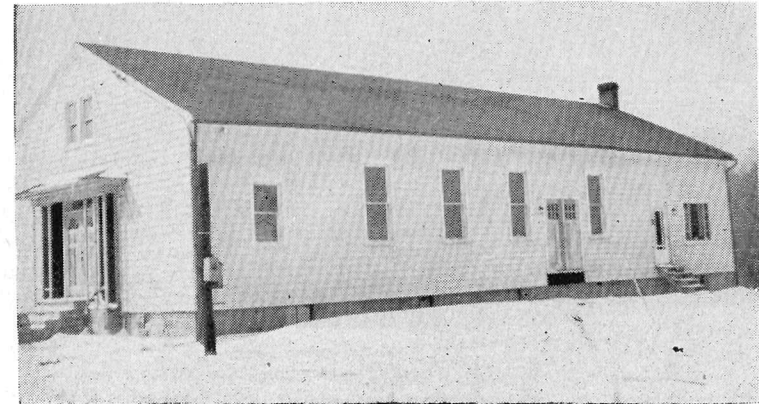
### BLANDBURG MISSION

This mission with the highest altitude of any mission in the mountains of Pennsylvania reports the results of high aspirations. In the midst of the building program when hopes were high to move their new church to completion, this congregation had their faith severely tested. The brick plant, the chief industry of the town and community closed down. Hope of opening it again grew dim. It seem to them, "the bottom dropped out." Church members and others were forced to go elsewhere to find work for their livelihood. This reduced attendance at the services and income to the building program stopped.

### Answers to Prayer

But God heard the cries of His people at Blandburg, and sent a man up from the south to purchase the old building formerly used as church and parsonage. This provided a three-fold blessing:

1. It gave money to continue on the building just when it was needed very badly.
2. It provided needed employment in the establishment of a sewing industry.



The Blandburg Brethren in Christ Church

3. It boosted the morale of the people.

At least thirty-nine answers to prayer (very probably many more) are reflected in that there were that many professions during the year. These were experienced in regular services, visitation and during the three revivals conducted.

#### The New Church

This well planned, attractive building about 36 x 70 provides a six room parsonage in the rear of the building and a chapel in the front. Much credit for this achievement is due Brother Herman Miller. The pastor, congregation and friends have all labored and sacrificed for this place of worship. They began using the new chapel in December and interest and attendance at once increased.

This building is to be dedicated before the General Conference of 1954.

#### Schedule of Regular Services

There are two preaching services each Sunday with about fifty atten-

ing. Fifty attend the Sunday School.

Nearly twenty-five attend the two prayermeetings during the week, one in the chapel and one in the homes.

Children's Meetings and a Christ's Crusaders organization are active.

An average of five homes were visited each week.

This mission had its "valley" experiences but the Lord is leading to the top. There is a debt on the church but as everyone obeys God, this too will disappear.

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. ANDREW MCNIVEN  
LEORA KANODE

#### COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO CANADA

According to action of General Conference the work at Collingwood was placed under the supervision of the Home Mission Board on a mission pastorate basis. The workers assigned arrived at their pastorate in August. They began their work with courage and impetus. They are shepherding the little flock of twen-



The new church at Everett, Pennsylvania located one mile south of Everett on Route 26

ty-two members and launching an aggressive church program.

The Sunday School averages thirty-eight a Sunday and most of them stay for the worship service. The evening service is evangelistic.

The Ladies' Prayer Circle meets on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month, and the sewing circle the first and third Tuesday afternoons. The Christ's Crusaders meet at the parsonage every Wednesday evening. They have a public service once a month.

The mid-week prayer meeting is in the church on Thursday night.

A group meets in cottages for Bible Study twice a month on Friday evening. Special prayer meetings are held in cottages by request.

The local folks have aided largely in the remodeling of the apartment in the church building for the pastor's family. There has been a total of twenty-seven professions—twelve in the special evangelistic campaign, eight in regular services, two in Christ's Crusaders, and five in their homes. At least three visits are made a week.

The schedule of services shows activity. As it is watered with earnest prayer, it will bring results.

#### Workers:

REV. AND MRS. ISAAC SCHMUCKER

#### EVERETT, PENNSYLVANIA

(Clear Creek and Ray's Cove)

About one mile south of Everett on Route 26 may be seen a beautiful church under construction prominently located in the fork where the road divides. With a cross made of glass blocks built into each end, the building is a testimony that this church proposes to lift up the crucified but risen Christ.

This new building is being erected on a plot adjoining the old church yard and is to replace the present building which was purchased twenty years ago and moved to its present site. This large one-room building has served its purpose until the congregation desired a more adequate building to meet present-day requirements for a Sunday School enrollment of 133. The need of expensive repairs precipitated action during the past year. The new building will be adapted to meet the requirements of a Christian Education program as conducted today, and will be a credit to the community and the Brethren in Christ Church. These industrious people are doing a job worthy of our commendation and help.

#### Clear Creek Services

Here each Sunday the Sunday School has about ninety-six in attendance and about eighty remain for the preaching service. About seventy-five return for the evening service. Every two weeks the young people have a Christ's Crusaders Meeting. The mid-week prayer meeting is well attended and a spiritual atmosphere prevails. A few miles north of Everett at Tatesville a mid-week prayer meeting is held. About twenty attend this service in cottages.

#### Ray's Cove

Traveling west on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, as one emerges from the Ray's Cove tunnel, if he will look out along the mountain a few miles to the right, a little white church will be seen. This is Mountain Chapel, or the Ray's Cove Church. Here thirty-eight people receive Bible instruction each Sunday morning and listen to the preaching of the Gospel. About fifteen attend the mid-week prayer meeting. Four souls professed salvation in the revival meeting.

The pastor visits an average of five homes each week. He is called to visit and pray with the sick in their homes and in the hospital. There have been fifteen professions at this mission and the membership is forty-six.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. ROSS MORNINGSTAR

**GARLIN, KENTUCKY**

The beginning of the Brethren in Christ Missions in Kentucky was the normal outreach of the spiritual, missionary church of southern Ohio. The superintendent of the United Brethren Church of South-Central Kentucky suggested this area as a possibility for Christian service.

Garlin is the historic station in the Kentucky work. It was here that Bishop M. L. Dohner and his party stopped and inquired at the post office whether there was a place near there where a Gospel tent meeting was needed. The answer was, "I reckon we need one here as bad as any place." And here the first tent meeting was held.

**A Vision**

It was in that tent meeting at Garlin that "Aunt Belle," a freeborn colored woman, was saved. She had a hunger on her soul but did not know how to find God. She prayed for help. God gave her a vision of a man who came and told her how to be saved. Later, as she approached the tent the first night of the meeting and saw Bishop Dohner on the platform, she said, "That's the man I saw in the vision." She was gloriously saved during that meeting. About ten years later she went to be with Jesus.

**Great Multitudes**

Great multitudes attended that first tent meeting. People came from far and near by every mode of transportation conceivable to that time and

place. Some walked many miles. God moved mightily and many souls were saved. Some were healed. Answering requests, the tent was moved to various places in Adair and Russell Counties with mighty movings of God's Spirit accompanying. However, some mocked and, as usual, the work did not always move so rapidly.

**A Base of Operations**

In 1927 a permanent Mission Home was purchased at Garlin from which base a program of evangelism and Christian Education was directed. Because of the way, almost approaching the miraculous, that God provided this residence, the workers could not doubt that here is where God desired His work to begin, and it remained the home of the superintendents until 1948. There was a heavy visitation program carried on and services were conducted or supervised in Adair and surrounding Counties. As communities were discovered where there was no active church work, services were begun. Thus the other Mission Stations were founded.

During the Spring of 1930, the Garlin staff answered the call to Robinson Ridge and from that point the work now centering at Knifley was begun. In the summer of 1932 God visited the work with a great revival wave resulting in about 350 professions. The next winter two unsaved men from Goodin's Crossroads (now the Fairview Station at Ella) stopped at the Garlin Home with this question, "If we build a church at Goodin's Crossroads and deed it to the Brethren in Christ Church, will you accept it?" The sequel of the conversation that followed was the dedication of Fairview Church in 1933. The work began there in a schoolhouse nearly two years before.

**Beulah Chapel**

After conducting services in tents,

and schoolhouses in three adjacent communities for years, a cooperative move resulted in the erection of a very beautiful church about one mile from Garlin, dedicated as Beulah Chapel on September 6, 1942. God has met His people in this church again and again. Reports received prior to this writing indicates that showers of blessing still fall. During the Ohio-Kentucky Joint Council there in March 1954, eighty-eight guests were entertained over night, 159 meals served in the basement on Friday noon and the church packed to capacity for the evening sessions. The blessing of the Lord was graciously manifest.

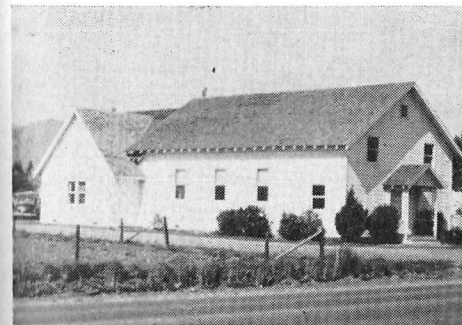
**Regular Services**

Regular preaching services are conducted at Beulah Chapel and Grassy Springs churches. Also Sunday Schools at each point with a total enrollment of 133.

**GRANTS PASS, OREGON**

Growing out of the vision for missions and church expansion on the part of Reverend B. M. Books, we now have a challenging work at Grants Pass, Oregon.

The present pastor began a few



The Redwood Country Church, Grants, Pass, Oregon

**Progress**

Not only has progress been in evidence in the ways above indicated but as explained in the Fairview Mission report, in 1953 the work at Garlin was promoted to the status of a mission pastorate. Associated with this pastorate is the Grassy Springs Church about six miles away. There is a reason to rejoice in many evidences of an emergence to church adulthood as indicated in the Fairview report of assuming responsibilities and ability to entertain the Joint Council.

Quoting the superintendent, "The present pastor and his wife at Garlin are providing and emphasizing the 'Glory, Hallelujah' side of salvation and their people love it."

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. E. J. ROHRER

years ago with the blessing of a nice church building. Then with the cooperation of the congregation and the pastor, a new parsonage was provided.

**Spiritual Interests**

But interest in the physical plant was not allowed to eclipse interest in the spiritual welfare of the community. By earnest endeavors of pastor and the cooperation of the Christian people, the interest has been growing. Enrollment in the Sunday school has increased to 140 and average attendance at the Sunday morning services has been about 90.

Throughout the week the pastor continues contact with his people in visitation, averaging about six visits a week.

A Vacation Bible School was held in which 90 children attended.

The number of young people attracted to the program is encouraging. The pastor is interested not only in numbers but in their spiritual welfare. Their Board representative reports an incident: During a young people's gathering, while the group were engaged in recreational activities, the pastor was in one corner engaged in earnest conversation about the spiritual welfare of one of the group. This work must go on and win the youth for Christ and the Church.

Let all pray for God's blessing on this far-removed outpost of the Brethren in Christ Church.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. GLENN DILLER

**HOLLIDAYSBURG, PENNA**

**(Canoe Creek Mission)**

In mountainous central Pennsylvania in the noted, picturesque Canoe Creek Area is this little Mission Station. The chapel with a seating capacity of 110 is in the front wing of the L-shaped Mission Home. Sunday School rooms are arranged in the basement and parsonage end of the building.

During one of the revivals, when the interest was high, over 200 were present. The parsonage rooms were used and a busload went home without getting into the service. This indicates the possibilities for this work.

An average of forty-six attend Sunday School. The problem of having this fine group stay for worship was very satisfactorily solved by the adoption of the unified service plan. The pastor gives his message at the close of the Lesson Period. All have been cooperating well.

**The Sowing Time**

The Gospel seed was sown in regular services, two evangelistic campaigns (one in the chapel and one

tent meeting), prayer meetings, children's meetings, missionary meetings, etc. with very little results. But as these efforts are watered with earnest prayers, it will bring forth fruit to life eternal.

The small Sunday School at Ganister schoolhouse has been continued.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. JOHN BICKSLER

**HUNLOCK CREEK, PA.**

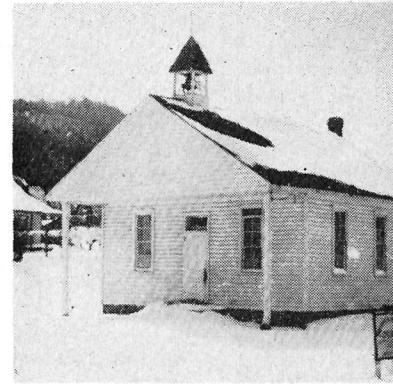
In the mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania, among a fine class of people, is located our most northerly Pennsylvania mission station. A visit to this rural community takes one through beautiful scenic drives. Each season of the year presents its own peculiar beauty: spring with its fresh new foliage, summer with its shady drives, autumn in grandeur of color, and winter with glistening ice and snow on rocks and hills. Seeing deer is a common experience. Yes, physical beauty is in abundance.

**The Real Attractions**

But all the beauties mentioned are secondary to the real attraction to this community. Many girls and boys of these dear mountain folk need Bible teaching and Christian fellowship. They find it as they come to the Five Forks Church for Sunday School. Seventy-two are enrolled and an average of forty-four are present each Sunday. Those men and women who have been saved from the grip of sin, surely enjoy the various services of the church. Sunday morning and evening more than fifty gather to worship. The use of the P. A system during the evening enables more than those in the church to receive the messages. About sixty attend the Christ's Crusaders meeting once a month. They have given inspirational and helpful programs. A new outreach is planned for the coming summer by the pastor when he

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The schoolhouse in which the work was begun at Iron Springs

will have his young people share in the street meetings.

The saints enjoy special meetings such as communion services.

The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is enjoyed by about twenty-five folks.

Prayers and continuing interest of the church will be of much value.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BOUCH

#### IRON SPRINGS, PENNSYLVANIA

The Iron Springs Work is the outreach of some missionary-minded young men who attended Messiah Bible School in 1922. These young men in spying out for a needy field for Christian Service followed a road from Fairfield which led into a narrow mountain valley. They followed along a mountain stream until they came to the Iron Springs schoolhouse. This schoolhouse was a sacred spot to many in pre-Brethren in Christ contacts, but had become too long neglected religiously and sin was abounding in the community.

#### The Meeting

The young men began preaching in the schoolhouse. On the mountainsides prayers were offered which as they learned afterwards echoed into the homes and hearts of the people, fertilizing the preaching. Following the resultant revival, services were begun there which have been continued ever since. One of the first converts, a high school girl, was later called of God to mission work. Her services have been a blessing to multitudes in several missions of the church. Later, the schoolhouse was purchased and remodeled into a church. But the work outgrew this small building.

#### The New Church

Several years ago a church building project was begun and brought almost to completion in 1952. The building program with the spiritual end of the work has been a heavy load and progress rather slow. The local group that helped was small. Districts in Franklin County and friends elsewhere came to their aid. During the past year the pews and other necessary finishing work was accomplished and by the end of 1953 this beautiful church building which

is well adapted to the present day demands of evangelism, worship and Christian Education, is a completed task. Dedication is planned for May 2, 1954.

**The Church Program**

Between sixty and seventy enjoy and are benefited by the unified service each Sunday morning. With the help of some very fine people to administer the Sunday School and Christ's Crusaders and the loyal support of those who love the Lord, we believe God will lead that work into a real crusade for Christ in a large area.

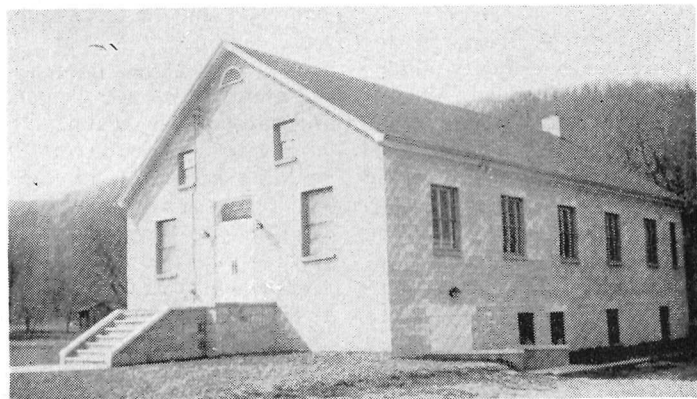
There were two evangelistic campaigns. The fifteen professions of Christian faith during this year include some very encouraging witnesses of God's grace. A number followed in the ordinance of baptism.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. LEONARD FALK

**KNIFLEY, KENTUCKY**

The people in the Knifley and Spout Springs communities have responded well to the new mission pastorate set-up. They are developing their own resources for maintaining a Christian testimony.



The new church at Iron Springs, Pennsylvania

When the "new preacher" arrived at the little town of Knifley in July, 1953, he was initiated to many temporal responsibilities: deepening and sealing the well, work on the parsonage and clinic building, and the repairing of the exterior front and the interior of Gospel Hall. This facilitated his acquaintance with the men with whom he worked and who came to hear him preach.

But the pastor's chief responsibility is to conduct a Christian ministry in these two communities. This is done by preaching services each week and mid-week prayer meetings. The Sunday Schools with a total enrollment of one hundred twenty-five give opportunity to sow the seed. Eight visits per week are made not including the professional calls by the nurse at which time often a Christian testimony is given.

The pastor reports joy in the spiritual development on the part of some and is challenged by the waning harvest he observes.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. PAUL WOLGEMUTH  
ELIZABETH HESS, NURSE

**LEEDEY, OKLAHOMA**

**(Red Star Church)**

The Red Star Church is located high on the prairie seven miles west of Leedeey. This church is the accepted center of a wide area. It has stood for years as a "light" to men.

The population is scattered. Many of the people have and are moving away either to find employment or to retire. But Red Star Church still shines, and each year a Memorial Day brings hundreds of old friends together for a dinner on the church grounds, social contact, preaching, singing and business. Here is where their loved ones were laid to rest.

So, though attendance is not large, this work must remain as a witness. The people are friendly and the pastor mingles among them as one of their number. His visits are as a neighbor and they visit the pastor also as neighbor—sometimes bringing with them ice cream, cake and other foods.

**A Brush Arbor**

With much enthusiasm a group met in a cow pasture and built a brush arbor for an evangelistic meeting last summer. The attendance was good. Folks came from afar and from various churches in Leedeey. This was a time of rich spiritual refreshing. A full Gospel was preached. The children were thrilled each evening with Gospel illustrations by use of colored slides and magic. The response was good.

**A Spiritual Ministry**

The revival near the close of the year was most enriching. There were visible results among those who were seekers at the public altar and those who sought the Lord in their homes. There were four professions during the year.

The regular Sunday morning services are not well attended, about twenty in the Sunday School and for

preaching. The evening service is evangelistic and about forty attend. About twice a month there is a pre-sermon message for children.

A work is carried on among the young people in a schoolhouse about seven miles from the church.

This work is practically self-supporting. The congregation has given food, offerings, special gifts and have labored. They are most encouraging to their pastor. Thus the work of the Lord goes on out on the open prairie.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM LEWIS

**LLEWELLYN**

The town of Llewellyn is blessed with a Brethren in Christ Church. The membership is only seven but there is a nice little congregation.

A visitation program is carried on resulting in an enrollment of 55 in the Sunday School and about 40 attending regularly. There is one preaching service each Lord's Day with about thirty present. Six professed salvation in these regular services. About twenty attend the mid-week prayermeeting.

Two souls professed conversion in the revival meeting held at this place. As the workers labor on in a program which God wills to design, more will be accomplished for His glory and the advancement of His cause.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. CYRUS LANDIS

**NEW CASTLE**

**(Neshannock Falls)**

The services have been discontinued in the town of New Castle. They are held in a chapel at Neshannock Falls. There is a membership of fifteen in this area. The average atten-

dance at the services is between twenty and thirty. The prayer meetings are an inspiration to the Christians.

A couple children's meetings are held each month. The children enjoyed the nine days of Vacation Bible School. Fifty-five were enrolled.

There were thirteen souls professed salvation in the past year. The Lord is blessing the work as His children pray.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. HARRY FINK

#### ORLANDO, FLORIDA

This mission serves two types of people: those who are residents in Florida and those who for various reasons spend the winter or part of it in that warm climate.

Thirty or more years ago the Brethren in Christ folks who went to Florida worshipped with other church groups. Bishop D. R. Eyster with a passion for lost souls toured through this area of Florida in 1924 and held some meetings. There were some souls saved and the need was presented to the Home Mission Board. At General Conference in 1925 the Home Mission Board asked approval for Bishop Eyster to have a four to six month campaign in Florida and be given authority to baptize and receive members into church fellowship if the results so warranted. The results were sufficient that at the 1926 General Conference a committee was approved to launch a permanent work. On October 18, 1926 twenty-five members, resident and tourists, met in the home of Brother S. H. Wingert, Lancaster Park, Orlando, Florida for the first business meeting. A church was built that Conference Year. A Sunday School was organized on October 24, 1926 with an attendance of 35. Brother Jesse Lehman was the first superintendent.

#### Church Needed Enlargement

The work has had its years of prosperity and reverses. The year 1953 found the work growing. So much so that with ninety in attendance at Sunday School some of the classes met in nearby homes. So plans were made to, "push out the walls, and enlarge the borders." With the cooperation of local people and winter visitors, donations of materials, labor, finances, an addition was built to the church. When this is read, the dedication of this remodeled church will have been history, because

#### "The People Had A Mind to Work"

On January 17, 1954 was the "ground breaking" service.

On January 26 the corner stone was laid.

On March 28 the dedication service was held.

It was done just that rapidly for, "The people had a mind to work." This \$10,000 job is being realized for about \$6,000 because of donated labor, materials, and finances given both locally and by friends from a distance.

#### Victories Realized

The healing of the pastor, Brother Paul Book, was recognized as a miracle by local professional folks and by the church who prayed.

The Lord supplied a pastor and family to succeed Brother and Sister Book after their resignation.

The work continues to prosper under new leadership.

#### Some Methods Used

The use of the P. A. system at the church and trailer camp services enables more people to hear the Gospel.

Illustrating Gospel Truth by colored chalk drawings during the service attract and increase attendance. One old sister was awarded one of these pictures for inviting fifteen to an

evening service when the picture was drawn.

Young people's meetings are interesting, inspirational and helpful.

Attendance was increased during the "Sunday School Drive" in the fall.

When you go south for the winter you will find a warm welcome at the Brethren in Christ Church in Orlando, Florida.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. HAROLD WOLGEMUTH

#### SASKATCHEWAN

This is the province in Canada with wide-open prairies and miles and miles of waving wheat fields. Here great oil wells are now appearing. It is true that the severe winters with temperature dropping to 50 degrees below zero is one of the worst "enemies" to religious services. But it is true that the warm Chinook winds in the early Spring have a soothing effect upon this wonderful country. However, in summer the mud hinders church attendance also.

In this province the church has three mission stations: one near Meath Park Station (See report under Rural Missions), a mission pastorate in Kindersley, a thriving prairie town, and at Delisle in a prosperous farming section.

#### Kindersley

The old church is in the country. For various reasons it seemed advisable to build a church in town. This was built almost to completion the past year. There is a membership of twenty-two.

From thirty to forty attend the regular church services. There were two souls saved the past year. The special services enjoyed were missionary meetings, revival and a love-feast. Visitors are very welcome in this congregation isolated from any other church district.



Kindersley, Saskatchewan Canada

It was impossible to have services at the country church at some seasons of the year. No doubt the work will grow with the church located in town and regular services the year around.

#### Delisle

The services at this mission pastorate are conducted in a schoolhouse. During the winter months there was less activity but with the coming of spring, new avenues opened. A Boys' Team and a Girls' Group were organized for Bible study and recreation in a Christian atmosphere.

A five-day Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by 20 children. Ten of them accepted Jesus as their Saviour.

The summer revival was a time of increased contact and fellowship with the community. The year was highlighted by a greater missionary interest. This was achieved by the visit of missionaries.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. JOHN GARMAN,

KINDERSLEY

REV. ROBERT SIDER, DELISLE

#### SAVILLE (Liberty Valley)

About ten years ago a meeting was held in a dance hall in Perry County, Pennsylvania. This meeting resulted in lives being transformed by the power of the Gospel. Then in a remodeled schoolhouse the Liberty Valley work was carried on for several years.

About two years ago an old brick church was purchased and remodelled. In this church which is now well equipped for the carrying on of an active church program, God is blessing the message of the Gospel. One of the local brethren who is recognized as steward and class leader assists the pastor.

The congregation worked hard with the pastor in the remodeling program and are to be commended for the way they are reducing the indebtedness. With the physical plant so well in hand, we believe the Lord will now lead them into greater achievements spiritually.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. ROY ASPER

**SHANESVILLE**

An outreach of the radio ministry of the Christian Fellowship Mission in Massillon, Ohio resulted in the Brethren in Christ Church having services in the village of Shanesville, Ohio.

The congregation is small. The attendance at the regular services is between twenty and thirty. A Children's Club meets at the parsonage. The children are much enthused with their meetings.

The Lord's presence is felt in the services. One week in the winter seven souls were saved. God hears and answers prayer as His children labor, witness and pray that lost souls may find their Saviour.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. ELI CHRISTNER

**SHERMAN'S VALLEY AND RIDDLESBURG**

As the mountains are round about Sherman's Valley so the Lord is round about the work at this place.

**Material Blessings**

Quoting the pastor, "We praise the

Lord for His wonderful provision to us in a material way."

In the Fall of 1953 the project of improving the exterior of the little Sherman's Valley church building was begun. (See picture on page 31 among remodeled churches.) The local congregation faithfully supported this project manually and financially. It was possible to have the Dedication Service on November 14 with no debt. There was a need to have water near the church so after the church building was completed, a well was drilled and pump installed. Funds are yet needed for this project.

**Spiritual Blessings**

The Lord is blessing the efforts put forth by the workers. The Sunday School is encouraging with an enrollment of 70 and average attendance of 57. The bus purchased and operated by the local group makes possible this attendance. The Class meetings once a month aid in making the program more helpful and fruitful. The work with the children and young people is bearing fruit. Some have been seeking the Lord and more are under conviction.

New homes have been open for prayer meeting. Neighbors gather to enjoy and profit from these inspirational services. Twenty souls have professed in preaching services, prayer meetings and revivals. A husband and wife were saved in the fall revival. They are attending church regularly and are standing true.

**Riddlesburg**

In one side of the parsonage at Riddlesburg is the chapel. Here between 25 and 30 meet on Sunday afternoon for Sunday School. Also a preaching service is held a few Sundays a month. Every two weeks about fifteen young people meet for their service. There have been five professions of salvation in these regular services.

But the program of services does not tell all the story. The children in this little village find visits at this mission home a very enjoyable experience. They know they are welcome and are loved by the workers.

Bible Schools were held at both these places. An average attendance of 60 was realized at Sherman's Valley and 48 were in attendance at Riddlesburg.

The visitation program carried on in connection with this work takes time and labor, for homes are scattered among the hills and on mountain sides as well as in the valleys. The number of visits average five a week. These have proved a blessing to both the people and the workers.

Surely the Lord has been "round about" this growing work and blessing in the salvation of souls and the strengthening of the church.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. MARLIN RESSLER

**STOWE MISSION**

In 1953 the work at Stowe was changed from the status of a mission to a mission pastorate. This is an active, aggressive, almost self-supporting congregation. In addition to largely supporting their pastor, they are doing a nice job reducing their debt on their new church.

**Bible Instruction**

There is a Sunday School with an average attendance of eighty-three. Eighteen professed conversion in the Sunday School.

The Vacation Bible School had an enrollment of 135 with an average attendance of 110. Thirty-five professed conversion on Decision Day. Memorizing Scripture was a special feature and awards were presented for it.

Released time religious instruction was given one day a week from October to May with twenty-one attending.

**Prayer Emphasis**

Knowing that prayer is the key by which we unlock the boundless storehouse of God's limitless resources, eight people meet twice a month just to pray.

Mid-week prayer meeting is attended by about forty-five.

Morning prayers were conducted twice a week during the revival.

**Evangelism**

Preaching services are conducted at Pineforge bi-monthly. About forty-five attend these services.

There is a regular preaching service at the church each Sunday morning and about seventy-five attend. In the evening the attendance is about sixty.

There were two revivals held during the year. In both, there were definite victories, souls publicly received help.

Children's meetings and Christ's Crusaders meetings are a part of the regular schedule.

The congregation enjoyed a Bible conference and a special youth rally.

In March, 1953, there was an inspiring and thrilling missionary rally.

An average of more than five homes were visited each week. A few souls found God in their homes during visitation.

The results of these efforts in evangelism is that sixty-one souls professed salvation during the year.

Stowe is a needy little town, and the people need a spiritual witness continued.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. CLETUS NAYLOR

**THREE SPRINGS MISSION**

We are told to, "Despise not the day of little things." Perhaps our smallest and one of our newest missions is located near Three Springs, Pennsylvania, in the mountains sev-

eral miles from Saxton. This mission started as a result of a concern of the Walker family for the people of their own community. They conducted a Sunday School in the schoolhouse for several years and not too long ago the Walker family purchased it. The last year definite steps have been taken to have this property transferred to the Brethren in Christ Church.

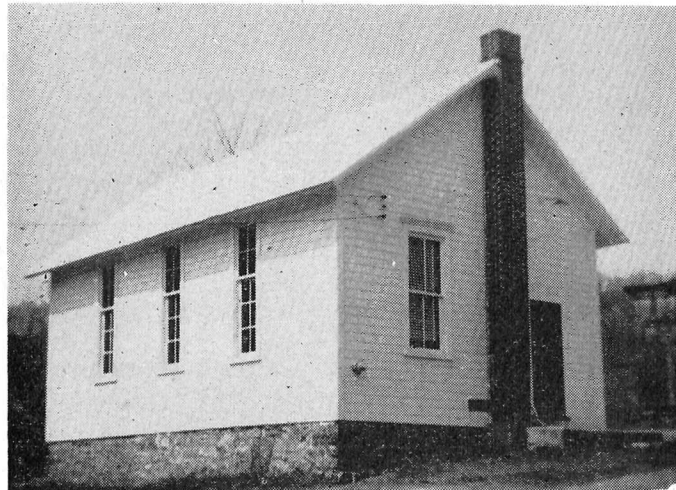
The Sunday School has an enrollment of 18. There is preaching every Sunday and a mid-week prayer meeting.

Two evangelistic meetings were conducted during the year. The interest was fair and there was some response to the call. One lady asked questions concerning a definite experience of salvation. In a few days she became sick and died. She heard the message and we trust she found God.

This little mission chapel is a lighthouse in the mountains pointing the way to heaven.

*Pastor:*

REV. ROBERT WALKER



Center Grove Chapel, Three Springs, Pennsylvania

### UNIONTOWN, OHIO

The work at Uniontown is an "out-reach" of the Christian Fellowship Mission, Massillon, Ohio. There has been a 15% increase in attendance at the regular services. But it is not the only or most appreciated gain. The increased spiritual emphasis and the increase in the activities of the church program have been very commendable.

#### Gospel Wagon

A "Gospel Wagon" has been built by the local congregation and a Public Address System purchased which are used for open-air services in village and communities during the summer. This type of ministry has proved effective in drawing people to the street corners to hear the Gospel.

#### Regular Services

The P. A. System is used as hymn records are played for fifteen minutes before each service. This creates a sacred atmosphere and eliminates disturbance as people are gathering

for the service. At the same time the people of the community for quite a distance hear the Gospel in song. They are also reminded that there is a religious service in their village.

#### The Church

The church building has been completed and a greater part of the parsonage is finished. This has been accomplished only because of the untiring efforts of the congregation there. The church is not only composed of blocks and lumber but there is a "Church" of Spirit-filled people



Uniontown, Ohio Church

working together to build a physical plant and a spiritual Church.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. LLOYD HOSTETLER

### WELLAND MISSION

During the past few years God has graciously blessed the work at Welland. Several steady, dependable families have made it their place of worship and some have united with the church.

The work was so nearly self-supporting and the Home Mission Board decided that this mission should be changed from a mission to a mission pastorate. The congregation accepted the challenge and development is manifest.

The mission home and chapel have been remodelled. Since this improvement in the chapel, the attendance has increased and the spiritual atmosphere is good. There is very

probably another reason why there are more people attending the services. The pastor reported an average of six visits per week. Though much of the repair work was done by the pastor himself, yet the spiritual duties were first. A few in the congregation also aided in the work of remodelling.

The attendance is on the increase in Sunday School. The average attendance for last year was forty-four and most of the folks stay for the preaching service.

The revival was fruitful in that eight professed salvation. There were two accessions to the church. The work is encouraging.

*Workers:*

REV. AND MRS. JOSEPH VANDERVEER

## HOME MISSION PERSONNEL

Albright, Alice, 6039 Halsted St., Chicago 21, Illinois.  
 Asper, Rev. and Mrs. J. Roy, Mechanicsburg, Penna.  
 Beltz, Rev. and Mrs. Roy, Orrstown, Pa., R. 1.  
 Bicksler, Rev. and Mrs. John, 527 Glasgow St., Stowe, Penna.  
 Bouch, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas, Hunlock Creek, Penna.  
 Brechbill, Anita, 3423 N. Second St., Philadelphia, Penna.  
 Brubaker, Sara, 6039 Halsted St., Chicago 21, Illinois.  
 Buckwalter, Rev. and Mrs. Harry, 311 Scott St., San Francisco 17, California.  
 Carlson, Rev. and Mrs. Carl, 6039 Halsted St., Chicago 21, Illinois.  
 Carlson, Rev. and Mrs. Joel, 1175 Bailey St., Harrisburg, Penna.  
 Christener, Rev. and Mrs. Eli, Shanesville, Ohio.  
 Clapper, Ruby, Saxton, Penna.  
 Davidson, Edith, 25 Hawley St., Buffalo 13, New York.  
 Davidson, Lois, Saxton, Penna.  
 Diller, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn, 1300 Highway 199, c/o Redwood Country Church,  
 Grants Pass, Oregon.  
 Dohner, Rev. and Mrs. Elam, Ella, Kentucky.  
 Eberly, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Bloomfield, New Mexico, c/o Blanco Trading  
 Post.  
 Ebersole, Esther, Ella, Kentucky  
 Engle, Virginia, 3986 Humboldt, Detroit 8, Michigan.  
 Eyster, Rosa, Bloomfield, New Mexico, c/o Blanco Trading Post.  
 Falk, Rev. and Mrs. Leonard, Iron Springs, Penna.  
 Faus, Florence, Paddockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada.  
 Fink, Rev. and Mrs. Harry, 217½ N. Market St., New Wilmington, Penna.  
 Garman, Rev. and Mrs. John, Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada.  
 Goins, Janna, 311 Scott St., San Francisco 17, California.  
 Hane, Ida Lue, 3423 N. Second St., Philadelphia, Penna.  
 Heise, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur, Meath Park Station, Saskatchewan, Canada.  
 Heisey, Rev. and Mrs. J. Wilmer, Bloomfield, New Mexico, c/o Blanco Trading  
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 Hess, Elizabeth, Knifley, Kentucky.  
 Hock, Rev. and Mrs. Harry, 3986 Humboldt, Detroit 8, Michigan.  
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 Hoke, Erma, 3986 Humboldt, Detroit 8, Michigan.

Hostetler, Rev. and Mrs. Eli, Sr., 118 South Ave. S.E., Massillon, Ohio.  
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 Kanode, Elizabeth, 1175 Bailey St., Harrisburg, Penna.  
 Kanode, Leora, Blandburg, Penna.  
 Keller, Ruth, Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada.  
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 Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. William, Leedey, Oklahoma.  
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 McNiven, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew, Blandburg, Penna.  
 Morningstar, Rev. and Mrs. Ross, Everett, Pa., R. 3.  
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 Naylor, Rev. and Mrs. Cletus, (Resigned March 1, 1954)  
 Paulus, Rev. Harold, 3986 Humboldt, Detroit 8, Michigan.  
 Pollard, Marjorie, Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada.  
 Ressler, Rev. and Mrs. Marlin, Riddlesburg, Penna.  
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 Rohrer, Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel, Garlin, Kentucky.  
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 Schmucker, Rev. and Mrs. Isaac, Collingwood, Ontario, Canada.  
 Schock, Rev. and Mrs. John, Sylvatus, Virginia.  
 Sider, Grace, 6039 Halsted St., Chicago 21, Illinois.  
 Sider, Rev. Robert, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada.  
 Slagenweit, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew, Martinsburg, Penna.  
 Steckley, Myrtle, 79 Woodycrest Avenue, Toronto, Canada.  
 Steckley, Ruth, 79 Woodycrest Avenue, Toronto, Canada.  
 Turman, Rev. and Mrs. Rupert, Allisonia, Virginia.  
 VanderVeer, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph, 36 Elizabeth St., Welland, Ontario, Canada.  
 Vannatter, Rev. and Mrs. Alonza, Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada.  
 Walker, Rev. Robert, Three Springs, Penna.  
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 Wingerd, Rev. and Mrs. Paul, 3014 Sierra Drive, N. E. Albuquerque, N. Mexico.  
 Wingert, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald, 3620 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Penna.  
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 Wolgemuth, Rev. and Mrs. Paul, Knifley, Kentucky.  
 Wyld, Anne, Paddockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada.  
 Yoder, Edith, 311 Scott St., San Francisco 17, California.  
 Zercher, Ruth, Bloomfield, New Mexico, c/o Blanco Trading Post.

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 Rev. Eber Dourte, Assistant Secretary, Zullinger, Penna.  
 Rev. Dale Ulery, Treasurer, 412 Dakota Avenue, Springfield, Ohio.  
 Bishop Edward Gilmore, Canadian Treasurer, Lowbanks, Ontario, Canada.  
 Bishop Carl G. Stump, Nappanee, Indiana, R. 1.  
 Rev. Wesley Martin, Akron, Penna.

Part II

*Foreign  
Missions*

# Significant Facts

History is the footprints of man on the sands of time. Some of them increase in size and clarity as years pass by; others which may have appeared very significant for the present, recede and become lost in the others that are about them. In setting forth these facts as related to the cause of missions in various parts of the world, one realizes that the exact value of many of these events can only be interpreted in the light of the present and the human limitations in which we finite beings live. While the values of the propositions discussed may change from year to year the five propositions mentioned are fundamental to every mission program since God has given to us so much of the responsibility in carrying the message of the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

## 1. SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

The above average of the moving of the Spirit of God in the hearts of some Africans has given a living testimony to the African people of the ability of the Gospel of Christ to refine, and purify and empower. It has brought new light and blessing when such sins as deceit, jealousies and other indwelling sins have been cleansed by the precious blood and new deliverance has been realized. May the day soon come when many more will see the sinfulness of the human heart and the ability of the Grace of Christ to transform and empower fellow Africans.

New and gracious revelations of the Spirit of Christ in India is not something to say by virtue of new time that has come to the workers there.

## Manifestations of God in healing and answers to prayer

Many say, "We never saw it in this fashion before." Even the missionaries have found new riches in the Gospel of Christ, and it has increased the meaning of Christianity to them. The natural consequence of this greater fullness of the Spirit and power of Christ in the hearts and lives of some has been that others are coming under its grip also. We pray it shall continue.

The workers in Japan have seen the hunger and eagerness for a knowledge of God, as reported by others, and have been happy to present the truth to inquiring souls. There has been response to the call of Christ that has warmed and challenged the hearts of the workers. But even in these early stages of the work, they have also seen some reactions that indicate there is another power at work, withstanding the Word of God and seeking to deter the people from a following of Him with all their heart. So that Spiritual progress might continue in a real and dynamic manner we need above all else a living and vital relationship with God that will then reflect itself in the fulness of Christ in our lives. Then those who go out from us as workers will be filled with an added warmth and an increased demonstration of the spirit of Christ and thus the effectiveness of our testimony will be increased.

## 2. PERSONNEL

Five workers joined the staff in Africa during the year. But since this was not sufficient to fill all va-

cancies created by furloughs that were due, a number of workers in Africa are staying until new recruits are available. According to present plans some will need to give about eight months overtime before being relieved for furlough. One deeply appreciates that devotion to the call of God, the call of the Church and the welfare of those about them has been so deep that a bit of overtime is not a frustrating experience.

Into India it has been possible to send three workers as new recruits, in the persons of Mary Stoner, Mary Jane Shoalts, and Esther Book. The refusal of entry visas for the Hoke family delayed them and passage cancellation was necessary. We praise the Lord for unusual quick approval upon reapplication, though they did not sail during the year of this report. Dr. and Mrs. Paulus and family were granted permission to enter India and thus we envision a new department of medical work being opened in the near future.

The sending of Brother and Sister Willms to Japan was a new step in the outreach of our Foreign Missionary enterprise. It is significant in that it adds another field to the areas being served by our Foreign Mission staff.

Good mental, physical and spiritual health are an absolute necessity if missionaries shall satisfactorily carry forward their assigned duties. Deep valleys of affliction were the lot of a few of our missionaries. We give thanks for restoration that indicates ere long all shall be able to carry their assigned work, and will you pray with us daily that God will grant this threefold standard of health to our workers so that they might effectively serve the people to whom they have been called.

## 3. EXPANSION

One new area of work has been added by the placing of workers in Hagi City, Japan. A home has been purchased as the center from which our work shall reach out in that area. Already there are forward steps toward the establishment of outposts where regular services will be held.

In Africa expansion has been especially marked in two ways. First, the shifting of African population by the government has taken some of our brethren and sisters into new areas of Africa. Out of an attempt to provide shepherding and nurture for these people, preliminary steps have been taken to supply both spiritual and educational guidance and assistance for them. In the second place, almost every Mission Unit now in operation has expanded its program in one form or another. Some of them have done extensive building, such as medical facilities, missionary quarters, homes for Africans, and educational and religious life buildings have also been included. All of this represents a growth of the work. While it is a blessing in one sense, unless we can keep it saturated with a depth of spiritual atmosphere that will reflect itself in the product it produces, it eventually becomes a liability rather than an asset. A mission center to open the second mission point among the Santals has been secured in India. This represents a completion of tentative plans that were begun at the time the work in Mongyhr was discontinued. While the developments in India are shrouded in a certain amount of uncertainty, this new forward step, plus the apparent easing of tensions toward the end of the year, brings the probabilities of a continued missionary outreach into more certainty than has existed in the recent past. Plans are going for-

ward for the development of a Medical Center from which the Medical Doctor will serve the Indian people. The agricultural development scheme at Barjora has developed most satisfactorily and is proving to be a step of unusual blessing to the community.

#### 4. FINANCES

Both the African and Indian fields have felt the pressure of increased financial problems and it has been necessary to spend time trying to find satisfactory answers to them. The large estimated budget presented to the Church a year ago is not an overestimated need; in fact it now appears to have been a very fair and conservatively estimated budget. If it is fully met our way is clear to carry forward the Foreign Program according to what has been understood to be the wishes of the faithful supporting group. We give thanks to God for giving us blessings that made possible such liberal support, and deeply appreciate working with coworkers both at home and abroad who have helped make possible the attainment of these goals.

#### 5. BEFORE US

In the fields in which we are now working some stern realities lie before us. There are the Satanic obstacles, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, against spiritual wickedness in high places." In some instances these obstacles threaten to close doors. In others they threaten to impede progress. In others they are trying to detract from a dynamic Christian witness. At present all the fields in which we work seem reasonably quiet but we do not know for

how long. Let us work while 'tis day!

Another reality is that in every field in which we are now working there are opportunities for further development. Some of these opportunities demand urgent attention and decisions must be made; others of them wait and simply go by unseized.

There have been presented to the Foreign Mission Board urgent requests that we do not pass lightly by other areas of the world that are calling for laborers and to which some people would like us to send a mission. The task of placing the witness of Christ among our Jewish brethren in Israel has not as yet been completed. Tentative steps have been taken and according to present plans by October of 1954 this mission of Christian service will be in operation in at least a limited measure. Plans are also in the making to bring the present witness in Israel into a closer relationship with our program.

We have come thus far only by the grace of God and a careful marshalling of our forces of personnel and finances. If we hope to continue to serve the areas we have now entered and maybe take on additional opportunities, there is one imperative that must control our purposes and actions. That is, we must of necessity closely coordinate our financial and personnel assets. Dissipation by individualism and divided interests not only is apt to keep us from going further forward but may also disintegrate our present attainments. May we together humbly and prayerfully seek counsel and guidance from God through the Holy Spirit so that every step that we take will be one that the Lord has ordered not only for us individually but for the work of Christ by the Church of which we are a part.

## Financial Statements

### (B) FINANCIAL REPORT — UNITED STATES

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1953 TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

(Nine months' report, to begin new fiscal year based on calendar year, by action of General Conference, 1953.)

Balance on hand, April 1, 1953	
General Fund .....	\$ 6,704.23
Bible Training Fund .....	564.52
Japan Fund .....	885.18
Banmanki Jeep Fund .....	114.73
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,268.66</b>
Less Deficit in Doctor Medical Training Fund .....	993.65
<b>Net Total Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,275.01</b>

#### Receipts

Japan Property Purchase .....	\$ 4,214.93
General Fund .....	66,350.75
Africa Specials .....	6,916.73
India Specials .....	10,097.23
Medical Doctor Training Fund .....	231.03
Japan Fund .....	3,774.85
Annuity Reserve Fund .....	1,462.26
*Cuba Fund .....	592.33
Mexico Fund .....	20.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$93,660.11</b>
<b>Total Receipts and Balance .....</b>	<b>\$100,935.12</b>

#### Disbursements

Annuity Interest .....	\$ 1,047.53
Administrative Expenses .....	1,202.65
Furlough Allowances .....	3,766.34
Itinerary Expense .....	2,042.22
Missionary Medical Expense .....	160.68
Pension Fund Payment, Board of Benevolence .....	350.00
Import costs, etc., Banmanki Jeep .....	362.78
Printed Matter (Tracts, etc.) .....	529.04
Africa General Allowance .....	9,000.00
Africa Specials .....	5,986.36
India General Allowance .....	12,621.09
India Specials .....	8,991.52
Northern Rhodesia Africa Outstation Purchase .....	16,800.00
Bible Training Fund .....	1,921.83
Japan Field Expense .....	7,597.73
Japan Property Purchase .....	3,428.80
Two motor cars, Africa, including ocean freight .....	4,147.56
Tuition, Missionaries' children .....	260.00
Missionaries' fares, travelling expense to field .....	9,675.93
Mary Wenger, Palestine (To Roy Beltz, Treasurer) .....	55.00
*Cuba Work .....	632.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$90,579.06</b>
<b>Net Balance, all operating Funds, January 1, 1954 .....</b>	<b>\$10,356.06</b>

### Analysis of Operating Fund Balances

General Fund .....	\$11,727.65	
Africa Special Fund .....	930.37	
India Special Fund .....	1,105.71	
Japan Property Purchase .....	786.13	
Mexico Fund .....	20.00	
Annuity Reserve Fund .....	883.50	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$15,453.36</b>	
Less Funds, showing Deficit Balances		
Japan Fund .....	\$ 2,937.70	
*Cuba Fund .....	39.67	
Doctor Medical Training Fund .....	762.62	
Bible Training Fund .....	1,357.31	
<b>Total Deficit Balances .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,097.30</b>	
<b>Net Total Balances .....</b>	<b>\$10,356.06</b>	
The following special contributions were made to the General Fund during the past year.		
Emma Earhart Estate, Bequest .....	\$ 1,000.00	
United Zion Church .....	1,400.00	
C. O. Musser Estate .....	1,609.85	
United Christian Church .....	1,700.00	

### REPORT OF SPECIAL FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS

Beginning Balances, April 1, 1953		
Annuity Funds .....	\$26,250.00	
Specialized Missionary Training Fund .....	276.09	
*Cuba Evangelistic Fund .....	123.70	
New Annuities Written in 1953 .....	800.00	
Bequests .....	1,440.42	
<b>Total Special Funds .....</b>	<b>\$28,890.21</b>	
Transfers from Special Funds during year as follows:		
*Cuba Evangelistic Fund .....	\$ 123.70	
Annuity Reserve Fund .....	1,000.00	
Japan Property Purchase Fund .....	3,096.80	
General Fund, Northern Rhodesia Outstation Purchase .....	12,640.42	
<b>Total Transfers .....</b>	<b>\$16,860.92</b>	
<b>Net Total Special Funds, December 31, 1953 .....</b>	<b>\$12,029.29</b>	
The above Special Funds are invested as follows:		
Furloughed Missionary Home, Grantham, Pa. ....	\$ 2,500.00	
Merchants and Mechanics Savings and Loan Assoc., Springfield, Ohio .....	7,000.00	
Lagonda National Bank, Springfield, Ohio .....	901.77	
Springfield Savings Society, Springfield, Ohio .....	1,627.52	
<b>Total Investments of Special Funds .....</b>	<b>\$12,029.29</b>	
Additional Investment in Japan Property .....	\$ 3,096.80	
Total active annuities on which interest is being paid .....	\$14,850.00	

### REPORT ON "HOME FOR FURLOUGHED MISSIONARIES"

Balance on hand, April 1, 1953 .....	\$ 138.40
Apartmental Rentals .....	143.00
<b>Total Receipts and Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 281.40</b>

### Expenditures

Insurance .....	\$ 8.75
Water Rent .....	29.00
Painting and Repairs .....	25.94
Electrical Installation .....	13.92
Plumbing .....	7.01
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 84.62</b>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1953 .....	96.78

\*Cuba Funds listed on a limited sponsorship basis.

This is to certify that I have examined the books and records of Carl J. Ulery, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home for Furloughed Missionaries of the Brethren in Christ Church, and that I have examined the investments of the funds of the Foreign Mission Treasury, and hereby certify that the foregoing reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: J. R. Aiken, Auditor.

### CANADIAN FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NINE MONTH PERIOD

April 13, 1953 to December 31, 1953

G. C. Sheffer, Treasurer

Balance on hand, April 13, 1953 .....	\$ 819.35
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### Receipts

To General Fund .....	\$ 7,441.57
Africa Specials .....	387.77
India Specials .....	1,980.49
Japan Specials .....	470.13
Jerusalem Special .....	10.00
<b>Total Receipts for the nine month Period .....</b>	<b>\$10,289.96</b>
<b>Total Receipts including Balance .....</b>	<b>\$11,109.31</b>

### Disbursements

Furlough Allowance .....	\$ 120.75
Medical Expenses .....	118.50
Tuition .....	90.00
Itinerating Expenses .....	72.47
Sister Mary Wenger .....	10.00
To C. J. Ulery for Japan .....	470.13
Cabled to India .....	1,980.49
Cabled to Africa .....	6,387.77
Postage, Bank and Cable Charges .....	36.36
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,286.47</b>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1953 .....	\$ 1,822.84
<b>Audited February 23, 1954</b>	

W. R. Hawkins  
D. McEachern, Auditors

### CONSOLIDATED REPORT — U. S. A. AND CANADA

April 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

(Establishing new fiscal year by action of General Conference, 1953.)

Total Receipts, U. S. A. and Canada .....	\$103,950.07
Total Disbursements, U. S. A. and Canada .....	99,865.53
<b>Balance, Receipts over Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,084.54</b>

Since this is a nine months' report, an accurate comparison with the previous year cannot be given, but suffice it to say that this year's report compares favorably with the one of a year ago, which was for twelve months. This denotes a very substantial increase in giving during the past nine months.

# General Survey

*R. H. Mann, Acting Superintendent African Missions*

As we look back over the work we are impressed with the faithfulness of God. Did we need help? He was there. Was our strength failing? His strength was given. He guided and over-ruled for good, turning the weakness and ignorance of men to praise Him. If we are to be "labourers together with Him" we do well to remember His Promises to us:

**Deut. 7:9—**Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

**Heb. 10:23—**Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised.)

**I Cor. 3:9—**For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Africa remains in the news as it attempts to solve its problems. In some places there is seething discontent; in others, open violence; in still others, confusion. In central Africa the Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland was established during the year, and African leaders have accepted the accomplished fact and have decided to co-operate. The election in Southern Rhodesia promises the continuation of a moderate and liberal policy in the Colony and gives hope of establishing the Federation on a basis of co-operation and understanding.

"But, we preach Christ crucified and risen, the only hope of man." Neither politics nor education can satisfy the human heart; nor can riches or rank assure peace and hap-

piness. To live, man must die. Let us pray that in the new year Africa's Christians may see their need of commitment to Christ, and that an outpouring of the Holy Spirit may come to the Church.

## Workers

The year began with a staff of forty European missionaries. Late in September Brother and Sister Graybill Brubaker and Ray reached us; and at the beginning of October, Sisters Pauline Frey, Miriam Heise, and Gladys Lehman. Their coming has made possible the home furlough of Brother and Sister David Climenhaga and family, and Sisters Annie Winger, Fannie Longenecker and Rhoda Lenhart. Brother and Sister Brubaker have been stationed at Sikalonga, where Brother and Sister Brubaker will become superintendent at the beginning of the new year. Sister Heise has gone to Wanezi to be in charge of the school, and Sister Frey to Macha to help with the teacher training at present, but later to take charge of the girls' industrial work. Sister Lehman is helping at Macha while Sister Edna Lehman is on short furlough, and then she will go to Sikalonga to care for the hospital work there. Brother and Sister Kipe have been assigned to the outstation work in Northern Rhodesia, and they will move to their new home about March 1, 1954.

Most of the missionary family have enjoyed good health during the year. Brother Winger continued to improve after his illness at the end of last year. He was able to visit a

few of his outstations before going on short furlough, and since his return he has carried on his usual activities. Shortly before Conference their younger son Donald became ill with rheumatic fever, but he is now well. At the beginning of the year Brother and Sister Book reported that Sister Book was unable to carry her teaching responsibility because of ill health. Sister Mann offered to take over that work, and has continued it throughout the year. Sister Book will resume her duties on her return from short furlough next April. After Conference Sister Anna Engle was not too well, but was able to continue her work. A few days after the closing of the Bible School she was admitted to the Bulawayo General Hospital, apparently suffering from malaria. Several complications arose, however, which kept her there more than six weeks. She plans to go to Cape Town for about six weeks from the middle of January, and we trust that she will continue to grow stronger. We thank God for answered prayer on behalf of all these co-workers.

The three African ministers, two overseers in Northern Rhodesia, and two assistant overseers in Southern Rhodesia, carried on their work as in the previous year. Three new deacons were elected during the year: Mondy Nyoni for the Lumene district; Silindo Sibanda for Shake and district; and Manxiweni Sibanda for the Kwatamba area. Fewer African evangelists were in active service this year, and there remains a lack of spiritually qualified pastors for the outstations.

## Spiritual

The highlight of the year's activity was the African Conference held at Wanezi Mission the latter part of August and beginning of September.

It was the first conference in the Wanezi area and was much appreciated. The African people were accommodated in the school and dormitories, and in a grass shelter built near the school. For the services a large grass tabernacle was erected between the mission dwellings and the church. The church-Bible School building was used for the book display, which was well attended between sessions: men and women, boys and girls, came to look and often to buy. A variety of books, mottoes and Gospel records were available, as many as possible in Zulu, but many others in English.

Conference had been preceded by councils in the three Southern Rhodesia districts, and was attended by members of all districts as well as by a group from Northern Rhodesia. An attempt was made to implement the plan for voting delegates to Conference. Throughout the business sessions a good spirit was evident, though one greatly regrets to see the Church's unwillingness to undertake support for the work. Many seemed to expect the Mission, that is the Home Church, to carry a share of local expenses as in the early days of the work. They felt that better pay should be given preachers and that provision should be made for the aged and for widows and orphans, but they were unwilling to accept any responsibility themselves. During the Bible Conference and evangelistic services there was evidence of spiritual hunger, and many went home refreshed. A number of older church members asked for prayer, saying they had grown cold and careless. There have been echoes since that this was an especially good conference. When the Church loves the Lord without reserve, then sinners will turn to Him we know. The missionaries also realized the pres-

ence of the Lord and were conscious of His working amongst themselves.

In the middle of the year we rejoiced to hear of revival at Macha, a revival deeper than most of us have seen in our work. The Holy Spirit was speaking, especially to teachers and school girls; and there was a new joy in testimony and witnessing, a quick acknowledgment of fault and readiness to apologize, and a sensitiveness to things usually not thought of as sins—all evidence of the Holy Spirit's work. "A broken and contrite spirit" is the mark of holiness.

During the dry months evangelistic services were held in the outstations in both Rhodesias. Nine evangelists were in service in Southern Rhodesia, and four in Northern Rhodesia. We ask special prayer for David Nkomo and his wife that each may have a truly humble and forgiving spirit.

Some of the boys at Matopo started a prayer meeting of their own, which proved a blessing. Victories were won by various teachers, especially one young man at Mtshabezi whose faith had been undermined during five years of study in the Transvaal. He is returning to his post and planning to be married soon to a Christian girl. Others, however, through carelessness of life fell into temptation and sin.

We held nine baptism-communion services on the mission stations and six in the outstations, when a total of 396 were received into the Church by baptism. Forty-one others returned to fellowship after their time of discipline. We are thankful for this evidence of the Holy Spirit's activity among us, but if we were to count those who have yielded to Satan's wiles during the year we should see that there is a great battle on for the soul of Africa and that the Church is not always winning

that battle. Have we forgotten who our Commander is?

One man completed the Bible School course. He was a blackslider returned to the Lord a few years ago, and it was hoped that he would become pastor of a church. Soon after leaving Bible School he became involved in a matter concerning witchcraft with another Christian, and he has lost the confidence of the Church so much that he can not now be used. Four new students entered the school and completed their first year of Bible training. One of the men was under severe trial, but we are thankful for victory. His wife, also a Christian for many years, had been ill, and she and a friend went to see an African doctor of questionable methods. They were treated by an assistant, and both died as a result.

#### Educational

The station and outstation schools in both Northern and Southern Rhodesia were continued as usual with high enrollments. In July the second class entered the Macha Teacher Training Department. We were glad for the decision to allow boys trained at Macha to enter the Unified African Teaching Service, but the position of boys' teacher training at Macha is still uncertain. There has been a change in educational policy in the country, and a very few government and mission schools are to be established in the place of the smaller denominational training schools. Not more than two Protestant schools, and these on a co-operative basis, will be approved. We must give serious consideration to the manner of our co-operation and the way in which the spiritual welfare of our pupils may be guarded and nurtured, especially since most of the Protestant missions in Northern Rhodesia are of liberal theology.

Two pupils, one boy and one girl, were entered for the University of South Africa Junior Certificate examinations. They were successful, and are now teaching in the Wanezi and Mtshabezi Central Primary Schools. Both were above average in their dependability and spiritual interest, and we ask you to pray for Enos Sibanda and Grace Kumalo that they may continue to give themselves unreservedly to the work of the Lord.

Five new outstations were opened. The shifting of the people continues, and two schools in the Wanezi area were closed. Several new schools are being built, and it is hoped that some will be ready to open in January.

#### Medical

There was no expansion of plant during the year, but the Women's Ward was completed at Mtshabezi. The appointment of trained nurses to Matopo and Wanezi has increased the clinic service at both places, and both nurses answer many calls for help. The doctor began paying monthly visits to Wanezi, and also to Matopo from time to time. On these days the clinic is a busy place.

Concerned about the spiritual as well as physical welfare of patients, the Mtshabezi Hospital sought for someone suitable to do spiritual work in the hospital. They were able to get Sitshokupi Sibanda, retired from many years teaching at Mtshabezi and more recently from ten years' service as an itinerant Bible woman.

#### Buildings and Improvements

Considerable energy was expended in this part of the work, the most important projects being the purchase of the Nahumba Mission farm near Choma as a home for the Northern Rhodesia outstation superintendent and the building of the home for the Wanezi outstation superintendent. Matopo Mission began work on a

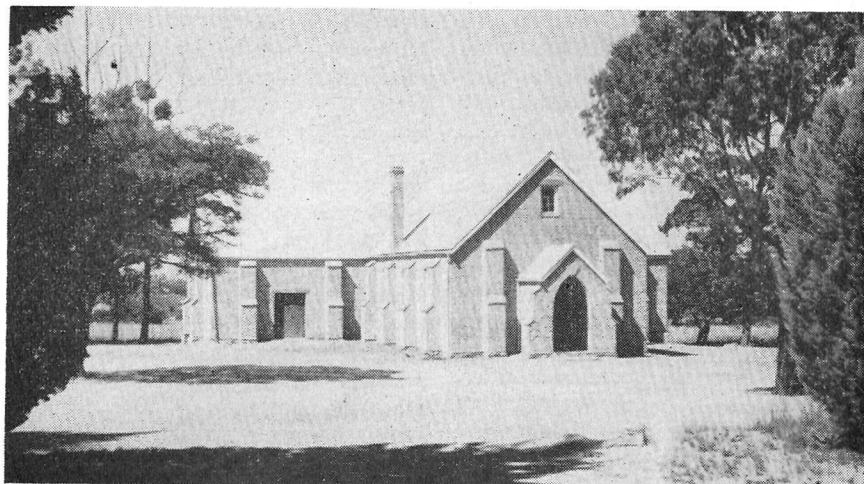
dwelling for missionaries, and erected a new house for married teachers. At Wanezi the cottage for the single workers was completed, two teachers' homes were erected, and a new unit built in the Homecraft Village. Mtshabezi built a two-room school for the day pupils, making possible the removal of classes from the church. Sikalongo built a nurses' home, and Macha dormitories for Teacher Training boys and girls.

Farming operations on the various stations will be considerably easier since the purchase of two tractors with plows and cultivators, the gift of interested friends in the Homeland, for Southern Rhodesia. A tractor was included with the purchase price of Nahumba Mission farm, and this is being used by the three units in Northern Rhodesia. This should make possible the raising of a greater portion of the food needed for pupils and labourers on our mission stations.

#### General

We are ready to begin the new year with a staff of forty-two missionaries. With the growth of the work the missions family is also slowly enlarging. All this increases the problems of administration and supervision, and makes necessary the expansion of plant and the expenditure of greater sums of money.

At various times during the year the state of the General Fund caused concern, and we end the year with the problem before us of maintaining an expanding work with no increase of funds. The work is the Lord's and calls for sacrifice on the part of all His people. All spiritual work requires sacrifice—if it is spiritual work—but there is a limit to this sacrifice if the work is not to lose its effectiveness and the workers their power and physical energy. We call



The enlarged church at the Matopo Mission

on the Church for united prayer and consecration to the task to which He has called us. We are counting on you, for we know that our Lord has called and will not fail His people.

#### MATOPO

Alvin J. Book

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High."

Today in retrospect we sing praises unto our mighty Lord. He has sustained us in our times of trial and has thrilled us with His overcoming presence. This year has been one of severe trial as we have watched some of our pupils and teachers, members and Class members, trying to do what is right, but in their weaker moments succumbing to the Tempter's power, and we know there is deliverance for them also. Isaiah says, "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little." (Isa. 28:10) We know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. Recently, I took new cour-

age from this verse, realizing that teaching and reteaching is necessary in order that they might be "built up in the most holy faith." We sincerely pray and desire your continued prayers that this deepening of spiritual life may be realized. We cannot help but see that this cannot be effected unless they see in us and hear from us "the Way" as we find it in the Scriptures.

At the beginning of this year again many entered our doors to further their education. They have come and gone. We commit to the Almighty the developing of the seeds sown. We had our first two candidates sit for high school examination, and we are happy that they were successful. The Teacher Training Department also set a record in that all the candidates (22) passed their examinations. These pupil teachers, now trained teachers, go out into the outstations to fill their posts of duty. Do accompany them with your prayers. So many small children look to them for spiritual instruction which they do not receive at home. I should say well over fifty per cent are from

heathen homes. Many of our Central Primary School boys also go into the outstations to teach. Some later return for Teacher Training or High School. Others find jobs in Bulawayo. Others go for further schooling at other centers. Some of our boys, who have gone away to other schools for training, are now instructing in these courses on the mission.

Last year we reported how glad we were to have Sister Stern take over the medical work. The work now is too large for present facilities. The Lord permitting, we plan to build a larger hospital clinic to help accommodate more patients. We pray God's clear guidance in this move forward.

This year we have had the first year without any change in missionary staff for a number of years. God has been good to us in permitting us health for our individual duties. We number ten adults and two children.

This year we received a new Fordson Major tractor for use between Matopo and Mtshabezi. We are more than grateful to the donors for this large gift. Preparing the soil for crops will be much easier and quicker, and better planting and cultivation methods will be possible. It will be a great boost in grinding. We use about 600 pounds of mealie meal a day. There are various other uses as on any farm. Our crops were about as usual: we reaped a few more bags of corn than in 1952. The rainfall was good, giving us an adequate supply of water in the dam. Adequate water supply is a blessing.

The past several years we have been developing the mission building program in general. This year we realized the need for more missionary quarters, and with this in mind have built a house suitable for a single ladies' unit. It is a four-room house with bath and pantry. The kitchen will be used for a

third bedroom for the present. This building will relieve some of the crowded conditions existing at present. Also several other small buildings were erected. We have sixty buildings requiring yearly maintenance.

Our spiritual responsibilities are ever increasing. Most of our time and effort are spent in training young lives, who in turn will go out and spread the Gospel story. We are praising God for answering prayer and saving two community men this year. They are both working here at the mission now. One was a son of a witch doctor and was following in his father's steps. His deliverance is remarkable, but he still needs much prayer. Another backslider has recently joined the Enquirers' Class. He had been a member of another mission years ago. His wife has been a faithful Christian down through the years.

We are so thankful for Overseer Dlodlo, Deacon Moyo, and Evangelist Vundla, who help us carry the spiritual load. They are real children of God, always standing with us in the battle for Christ. Today two men came to my office asking for a teacher. Their little school-church is located about ten miles from here: half of the distance is over rugged mountain paths, too rough for a bicycle. We can not send a teacher because a school permit has not yet been granted. If no teacher can come, they want a preacher. Vundla goes frequently, but the distance is too long and the way too rough for mission boys to go regularly each Sunday. I sent them to Dlodlo. How can we refuse when they are saying, "Come over and help us"? We see the need all around us for more evangelization, but we can only cry, "O Lord, give us strength for these

who are calling for us. O Lord, send us men filled with Thy Spirit to come and lift the loads and carry Thy precious Word to outstretched hands."

**MTSHABEZI**

Glenn C. Frey

We praise God for His faithfulness and blessing to us. It has been a year of victory in many places and defeat in others, a year of increased enrollment in the morning school and the Central Primary Girls' school, a year of an increased number of out-schools run in conjunction with the mission.

**Spiritual**

The attendance at the mission services continues to be good. In March we had a successful week of revival meetings. Many girls and boys stayed to pray and confess sin. One evening after a powerful message by one of our preacher-teachers, Jacob Moyo, 65 stood and remained for prayer. In meetings with the pupils at the outstations we had a number of good after meetings as the children stayed to pray and confess sin. There is need for a greater conception that Christ is our righteousness and strength, that by faith we are saved here and now.

In our two baptismal-communion services 91 followed the Lord in water-baptism and a number were received back into the church.

**Educational**

There were 270 girls in the Boarding School and 278 boys and girls in the morning school, making a total of 548 pupils with us here on the station each day of the school year. In the four outschools supervised from the station there were 300 pupils. The schools were staffed with 2 missionaries and 24 African teachers. Our girls in Std. VI completed their Central Primary work to be-

come house-wives, teachers, student-nurses, and teacher-training enrollees.

**Building**

During the year a kiln of 45,000 bricks was made and burnt. These are for rebuilding the shop, aqua privies for the girls, and a single men teachers' house. A 60 x 20 grass roof kimberly brick school was completed for use by the primary school children, thus making it possible to remove the daily school classes from the church building.

**Farm**

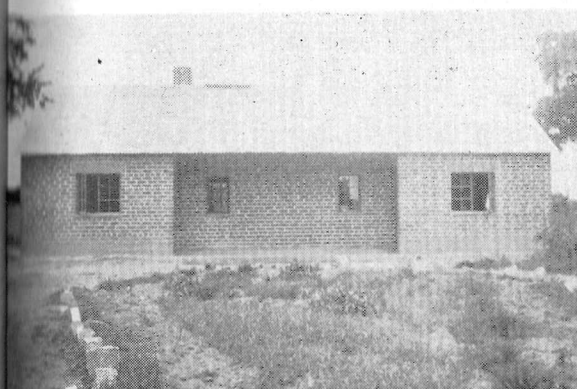
The coming of the new Fordson Major three plow tractor put new life into the spring plowing this year. Our farm boss boy was quite thrilled to have this help. At this time of the year many of the working men want off to do their own plowing at home, so the tractor came just at the right time. There was quite an excitement among the boys as well as the school girls when the tractor arrived at the mission. We plowed an extra field to plant mealies this year. Next year we plan to plow two more new ones. This will be a big help, for we need seven times as many bags of corn meal for boarding school as we produce each year. What we do not grow ourselves has to be bought (600 bags.) from the natives at \$5.00 a bag, or in Bulawayo from the milling company at \$6.30 a bag. Enough monkey-nuts were raised for our own use and about three-fourth of the native beans we need each year.

**Workers: African**

Our African teachers fill a big place in the work; however, they need much guidance, patience, and prayer. Two of our men teachers especially this year had a difficult time. Some are not very well established in the faith due in part to the poor spiritual witness of the higher



A large auditorium constructed of poles and grass used for such meetings as General Conference when crowds are much larger than the churches can accommodate — African church leaders: Front row, l. to r.: Peter Munsaka, Ndabenduka Dhlodhlo, Nyamazana Dube, Mankhlehle Kumalo. Back row: Pinda Ndhlovu, Sampson Mudenda, Mangisi Sibanda — One of the Dormitories in which the girls attending Home Craft Schools live — The kind of homes in which many African people live among the Matopo Hills — The first class of students in the Home Craft Department at the Wanezi Mission Station



schools they must attend to receive the necessary training. These same two young men now seem to have a very fine spirit, for which we thank God. The more educated Africans as well as other are struggling to adjust themselves to the impact of western civilization. They need our prayers. As they take God as their stay they will be successful.

#### Workers: European

Our staff personnel remained the same during the year. Sr. Winger and Sr. Longenecker are scheduled to be relieved around the turn of the year. A new member came to join the missionary family in September in the person of Baby Laureen Grace Frey. She is a never-ending joy to her parents and all the aunties here. The work of running the station is becoming increasingly taxing. The African is becoming more mobile with each year. There are two bus lines that run through the station to and from Bulawayo three times each week. They increase the number of callers at the mission for an endless number of things. Travel by bicycle is also a common thing. This being the only girls' Central Primary school in S. Rhodesia, the enrollment is increasing by scores each year. According to the applications received it looks like the number of boarding girls for next year will be about 350 (students and working girls).

We trust the Lord to help in the coming year. We know He never fails. We are grateful for the prayer and financial support of the home church. We pray God's blessing upon you.

#### WANEZI

J. E. Musser

"Labor not for the meat that perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life." John

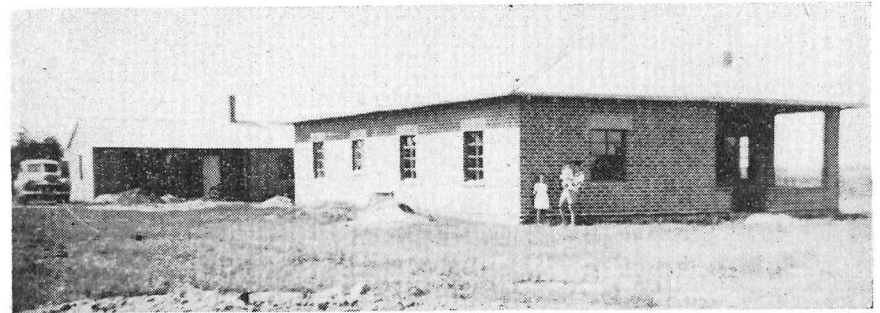
6:27. It has been a joy to labor for the Lord. We are glad to be able to say that God has blessed both spiritually and temporally for which we give Him all the praise.

Uppermost in our minds, as we think of the events of the past year, are the spiritual victories wrought by the working of the Spirit. We have realized anew that we are not wrestling with flesh and blood but against the powers of darkness hurled against us by a ruthless foe. Because of His grace we are able to report that Evangelist Nkomo and his wife, who had been estranged by family difficulties relating to certain heathen rites and practices, are again living together and have taken their place before the Church.

Our fall and spring revivals were a real blessing to all. Particularly do we praise God for the sincere seeking of many hearts in the last revival. Many evening services found 10 to 20 seeking for more of God. On the closing night 60 remained to confess their sins or express their spiritual hunger for more of God. The need expressed most often by them to us is that they want more power in their lives. Pray that they may have a real anointing of the Spirit's fullness.

The opportunity to teach and to preach to those attending the Mission's schools this year was a challenge. Of these, 33 were baptized and united with the Church. This year was Wanezi Mission's first opportunity to entertain the African Conference. Many willing hands helped to make the task of preparing lighter. We believe the days of the Conference with their inspiration and fellowship were a real spiritual blessing and encouragement to the African Church as well as to us.

The medical work here has expanded this year much beyond expectations. Already the small dis-



The new Outstation Home built during the year by the Wanezi Outstation Superintendent

pensary-clinic building which was completed in 1952, is too small to take care of the number of people coming for treatment and maternity care. Many persons come to the clinic who never attend gospel services at home. We know that the loving care given, the Gospel truths that they hear, and the prayers in their behalf will not return void but will accomplish that whereunto it was sent.

Rains were plentiful this year and the harvest quite good. An unusual gift of a new Ferguson tractor from a fellow Christian in the Lord is deeply appreciated. It already has been a great help in the preparation and planting of the land. We are most grateful.

Our building program has gone forward. Several much needed teachers' houses and a girls' dormitory have been added to our facilities.

We enter the new year with one change in our European Staff. Sr. Miriam Heise has come to take up the work of Headmistress of the Central Primary School. We extend to her a hearty welcome; and to Sister Hensel, who has rounded out 7 years of faithful service here, our best wishes as she takes up work at Mtshabezi for a short time, and then to the homeland.

We trust that the work done in 1953 has qualities of eternal worth.

The witness has again gone forth. We trust Him for the harvest. Thank you, everyone, who have had a share in it as you supported us by your prayers and interest.

#### MACHA

J. E. Hershey

An African wrote to the District Commissioner asking who sold to the Brethren in Christ Church such a large plot of land in the center of the Reserve in 1905. The District Commissioner replied that there were no reserves in 1905. This African was trying to contest our right to live in the Reserve.

It proves again the guidance of God during the early days in securing a permanent place for spreading His Gospel of Salvation among the heathen. Although the year started with tense political feelings the position has eased since the passing of the Federation Bill.

The church attendance kept its high level of averaging 423 during the school terms and 215 during the holidays. The highest was 968 on the baptism and communion Sunday. Christmas Day, though it was raining, saw 517 attend the service and receive the traditional cup of salt.

The Sunday School under Miss Asper held keen interest and the Christmas program was very effectively presented. The Young People's Meeting under Miss Switzer

filled the Sunday evenings with songs and choruses, Bible readings and talks. The Christian Service League under Miss Graybill sought to demonstrate Christian service in action. The annual camping trip at which time the young people very actively engage in village visitation is generally of outstanding value and experience.

The hospital continued to be crowded and the daily clinic had heavy demands. More than 15,000 treatments were given. Daily services were held with all who came to the clinic as well as the inpatients.

The building program included the construction of a five-room house for the overseer; a large building for the teacher training boys, which has two dormitories, a dining room, kitchen and store room; a dormitory for girls; and sanitary units. Two school buildings were erected at the outstations connected with the Teacher Training program.

The second year of the Teacher Training program opened in July. As additional staff had not yet arrived for the class all the missionaries volunteered to divide the work. We welcomed Miss Frey in December even though she did not arrive until the half-year was completed. She will be greatly appreciated for the next school term. We also welcomed Miss Gladys Lehman to relieve Miss Edna Lehman for a short furlough in December. Miss Verda Moyer completed her second term and was relieved for home furlough in February.

Two revivals were held, one by Overseer Mudenda and the other by the Rev. Alvin Book. In both there was an excellent response.

The rains were favourable and both the mission and native crops did very well. The Mission was able to market over £1000 (\$3000) worth of produce. This greatly helped in the

heavy building program and in the abnormal car expense.

We greatly appreciated special offerings and gifts provided by the Home Church and individuals, as well as a special gift of books.

The Lord has been with each one on the staff and as we enter another year to help build His kingdom in Africa we covet your continued prayer and financial support.

### SIKALONGO

David E. Climenhaga

As we think back over 1953, we recall the words of Samuel as found in I Samuel 7:12, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and we thank God for His help.

We have been five at Sikalongo this past year, Brother and Sister Kipe, Sister Kettering, Dorcas and I. My time has been divided between Sikalongo Mission and the new outstation unit. Brother Kipe has ably assisted in the day to day discipline and running of the mission station; Sister Kipe has had the work of the hospital, and Sister Kettering has continued in charge of the school in classroom teaching and lesson plans and procedures with the African teachers. Dorcas has carried on as matron and also helped me with the outstation work.

The Sikalongo water system as completed is made up of 2100 feet of 1½' galvanized pipe laid up from the dam approximately a half-mile north of the mission buildings to a water tank built of burned brick reinforced with galvanized wire. It is about fifteen feet in diameter, seven feet high (inside measurement) and covered with reinforced concrete top. The pump at the dam is a Fairbanks Morse which was sent up from Mtshabezi Mission before our time in Rhodesia, and is powered by a Fairbanks Morse 5 hp gasoline en-



The Sikalongo water reservoir (tank) in construction

gine, which we used to use for grinding. Water was piped into the second house at Sikalongo when we left and the pipes had been laid to the main house but the work had not been finished. Water is to be piped to the hospital and boys' compound. About 1500 feet of 1' to 1¼' pipe will be required to complete work. There was still an unexpended balance in the water system fund held in General Fund by the field treasurer. I doubt if that will be sufficient to buy pipe for the whole distance.

The 1952-53 school year closed in May with all our Standard VI boys passing the Government examinations. School opened again for the 1953-54 school year in July with 124 boys registered. Two revival meetings were held, one in March with Jamu Sichivu as evangelist, and one in October with Brother Kipe as evangelist. During the second revival meeting, we held a Bible Conference with the single ladies from Macha present, and Reverend and Mrs. Basset from the Pilgrim Holiness Mission near Pemba. Many school

boys found spiritual help; some rededicated themselves to God, others sought Him for the first time. All need to draw closer to Him and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Very few have a clear understanding of complete yieldedness to Him and a personal knowledge of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Pray for them that their eyes of understanding may be opened, and that they may be willing to go the whole way with God.

In August, we all went by car to our annual conference, held at Wanezi Mission in Southern Rhodesia. We appreciated the time of spiritual refreshing and fellowship with our co-workers. We returned to Sikalongo Mission by way of Salisbury and were privileged to visit with friends of the American Methodist missions.

We were glad to welcome the Graybill Brubaker family as part of our staff in November. Their coming, fresh from home and filled with missionary enthusiasm and vision, has

been an inspiration and a challenge to us. Pray for them and Sister Anna Kettering and Sister Gladys Lehman, who is expected here at the beginning of March, throughout the coming year.

## BULAWAYO

R. H. Mann

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

The work of the outstations surrounding Matopo Mission was carried on by thirty-seven men and women employed as teachers in this circuit. Their duties included classroom teaching, Sunday School work both in the early morning during the herding season and at mid-day, and several of the men teachers were also in charge of the services and spiritual work at their outstation, while other teachers directed the Enquirers' Classes. Over 1400 children were enrolled in the twelve schools. We believe that the lessons learned and Scriptures memorized will bear fruit in their lives for we know that it is God's word and that He is faithful.

Each of these outstations was visited four times during the year, with the visit in many cases beginning with evening prayers around the campfire for those who live near the school. The next morning the school was visited, and the sessions usually closed with an illustrated talk to the children. We encourage the children to remain for the prayer meeting service following, but many of them must go home to herd the cattle or watch the gardens lest the baobabs or birds destroy their crops.

One baptismal-communion service was held in this district, including four of our schools and two from the Mtshabezi circuit. There were some baptized from each of the outstations represented. Three of our outstations

attended the Matopo Mission baptismal service, and the others were included with a meeting in the Mtshabezi area.

Pray for the boys and girls that they receive the Lord Jesus in their hearts. Pray that the believers may ever know the power there is in the Word to give constant victory. Pray for us that we may be fruitful in the service of the Master, and faithful in the ministry of the Word.

## MTSHABEZI OUTSTATIONS

Chester F. Wingert

As we near the close of another year's work for God, we give thanks and especially so as we realized God's care and guidance.

The school year opened with an enrollment of 3300 pupils and 83 teachers on the circuit of 29 kraal schools. We had hoped to open the 30th school but due to a heavy rainy season, building was hindered. One school was closed at the end of the second term due to the moving of the people. Five more school sites have been applied for, since the area considered to be ours is still not adequately covered. The Roman Catholics have secured 2 sites for schools. One of these schools was opened in 1952. They expect to open the second in 1954. The possibility of their opening another Standard IV and possibly Standard V as a day school conflicts with our work on the south side. We should have a standard IV on the Wenlock block now.

The Railway Block section of our work is not quite as difficult because here we have a Christian chief, Masuku who so far has withstood the Catholics. Just how long he can prevail may be a question. The London Missionary Society has a Standard IV and are preparing to open another right in the

center of six of our schools. We should be opening the Standard IV instead of the L.M.S. who have only 2 schools in this immediate area.

To the North on the Swazi Special Native area we have one Standard IV school. The L.M.S. have been able to put on Standard IV in a school next to our Swazi IV. We had an enrollment of 31 in our Standard IV this year and ended with a 70% pass. The problem at Swazi is with buildings. The chief does not push his people and therefore the work lags. Sometimes one feels the time has come when we should take a definite hand in the building program of the kraal schools. Too many people are working away from the kraal and those who remain in the villages are afraid to go ahead with any building. I have heard them say, "Mfundisi, make us pay money and you do the building for us, you know how to do it good."

Many of our people from the Matopo area were moved far South to Prospect Ranch in 1950 and 1951. We were glad to open our first school for them this year. They now have the second building ready to open at another site in 1954. These people sat for almost 3 years waiting for the government to build schools for them, but the government does not build schools and it took them so long to realize this. Now they have many children who want to learn. They will likely have 100 children in the new school next year.

Plans were made to inspect all my schools at least once before leaving for short holiday in March, but heavy rains hindered. I did inspect 10 schools going by ox cart. We left for holiday on March 20th and returned June 20th to go to work on a full schedule of inspections, council meetings and lovefeasts. I practically lived on the veldt from July 1 to Nov. 20.

It was not possible for my wife to accompany me much this year. Donald was taking school by correspondence; then also my schedule did not permit me to remain home more than to refuel and repack and so it was necessary for Ruth to prepare for my next trip. Then, in July, Donald became sick and finally was diagnosed as having rheumatic fever. He was confined to his bed for 11 weeks. We thank God for hearing your many prayers in his behalf and today he is quite well.

The church offerings on the Mtshabezi circuit have increased over last year, but it leaves a lot to be desired. There were good crops, and rains, which should reflect in more giving.

Three lovefeast-baptismal services were held. They proved to be profitable times of Christian fellowship for the church.

Evangelistic meetings were held in each school this year by the African evangelists. They reported large numbers seeking after God. There is a great need for workers to do follow-up work. Our loss at this point is too great. Many desire to follow God. The evangelist comes and goes, leaving the lambs inadequately shepherded. Here we have a huge task. This is, perhaps, the greatest need on the field. Continue to pray for African leaders, preachers and deacons who will take the responsibility of caring for the Lambs of the Flock of God.

## WANEZI OUTSTATIONS

Lewis Sider

The work of the Wanezi Outstation Circuit has gone ahead quite satisfactorily. We opened twenty-nine schools at the beginning of the year and then opened another at the beginning of the second term making a total of thirty. Three of these were closed at the end of the second term so we had a total of 27 schools

at the end of the year. We hope to open two more again next year. The closing of these schools has been brought about by the further compulsory moving of Africans out of areas designated for Europeans. This has also affected our church enrolment. Numbers are somewhat below last year. We do feel the need of revival too that the heavy falling away and loss in church membership resulting from people falling into sin may be halted. Oh! that our people might wholly surrender to the will of God.

Two baptismal services were held during the year and our Shamba Outstation participated in the baptism at Wanezi Mission on October 31st. The love-feast in the southern part of the district was held at Siwazi with 25 people being baptized and 13 returned to the church. The service for the northern part of the circuit was held at Kwatemala with 30 baptized and 2 returned to the church. Seven or eight were baptized at Wanezi Mission from our Shamba outschool. These people who were returned to the church were those who had fallen into sin and had undergone a period of discipline. The great sin of the African people surrounds their morals. This and the sin of witchcraft cause much havoc in the African church. Pray that they may be kept from these things.

The work of the outstation superintendent is a satisfying work. It gives its own reward in the satisfaction found in helping souls to God. The privilege of preaching the everlasting gospel to these people is a rare one indeed. I know of no greater thrill than that of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ and cleansing through the precious blood in the native tongue and of seeing souls respond to the message. During one week in September a total of more than 180 asked for prayer in the outstation services when I visited

the schools. While interest is not always this good, I believe that I am safe in saying that more than 1000 people have asked for prayer in my services during the past year. There is a definite hunger among the people for spiritual things.

This year we had a very wet rainy season and experienced considerable difficulty in getting around to visit our schools. Six times we bogged down in the mud. We plan to avoid such hazards this coming year by not taking the car off the main roads. We are happy for the new car that is in Bulawayo to be used on this Outstation Circuit, and sincerely thank all who helped make possible the purchase of this new Chevrolet Vanette for service at this Mission Station unit.

A great deal of our time this year has been taken with the building of the new home for the outstation superintendent. While there is still much finishing work to be done, the home is about ready to move into and we hope to move in soon after the first of January. We are enclosing a picture of the buildings to give you an idea of what they look like.

Our hearts were overjoyed on December 20th when Ruth and Robert Mann and our own son John were baptized and united with the church at Matopo Mission. We are happy when the African people take the way with the Lord, but we are so glad to see our own children follow the Lord, too. Pray that they may be kept faithful. Pray for us too that we may continue faithful to the task.

#### NORTHERN RHODESIA OUTSTATIONS

David E. Climenhaga

When Moses died God called Joshua to carry on and complete the work that had been set. He promised

Joshua and all the children of Israel, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you . . ." And He commanded him saying, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Before this year the outstations were attached to the two mission stations in Northern Rhodesia, Macha and Sikalongo. They are now joined together in one unit.

At the beginning of the year we had 32 outschools, each a little outstation spreading the Gospel light. At the close of the year we have 26. We have had to close some schools due to new Government regulations—requiring an average attendance of, at least, 60 children, and at least two teachers per school. Some schools were not able to make an average attendance of 60. Wherever possible we have tried to join two schools together so as to continue to serve as many people as possible. We have had to close several other schools because of failure among the teachers. Some teachers have left teaching and taken a second wife. A couple of teachers have fallen morally. This loss of teachers coupled with increased Government regulations has made the staffing of all schools a most difficult thing. Your earnest prayers are solicited.

During the year I made three visits to the outschools. The first visit was while the rains were still on. I visited the schools either by bicycle or by motor car part of the way and by bicycle the rest of the way. On the second visit, Dorcas went with me and helped in the work with the women and the African women's helpers. The third visit was made with Brother Kipe. It was a farewell visit for me and an introductory one for Brother Kipe.

One two weeks' revival campaign was held at each school with Evangelists Mizinga, Mafulo, Kalaluka, Jamu Sichivu, and Jamu Muleya. The evangelists reported interest was good amongst the school children, and many children expressed a desire to follow God. Pray for these children that their imperfect knowledge may be perfected and that their little faith may grow.

Brother and Sister Kipe took over the work the beginning of 1954. Pray for them as they labor for Him.

#### MTSHABEZI HOSPITAL UNIT

A. E. Thuma, M. D.

In a report on the Hospital Unit's work in 1953, one could copy the 1952 report and increase the emphasis on every point except the building program.

*Building Program:* No new buildings were built during the year but several maintenance projects like painting, enlarging French drains, landscaping, contouring, and building a small catchment dam were carried on.

*Patient Load:* There has been an increase of approximately 20% in both outpatients and inpatients treated during the year. In the Maternity department, there was a 9% increase over 1952. This would have gone higher but during the first three months of the year, heavy rains kept the rivers in a state of flood. This kept many people from coming to the hospital.

*Hospital Staff:* The personnel of the hospital staff changed very little. One African nurse was married and she was replaced by one of our own girls who had just finished her training at Mnene, a Church of Sweden Hospital. The nurses have had a good spirit in all ways and this good influence carried over to the working girls. All worked together to make

the hospital program run smoothly.

*Spiritual Emphasis:* This side of the work received a boost when Sishokupi Sibanda came and joined the work. She had spent many years visiting villages as a Bible woman and many people know her from far and wide. She holds a service every noon with the patients and their relatives. Her personal work is quite effective as she knows the people and the background from which each comes. Morning prayers with the patients are conducted by the nurses and the patients' evening prayers are in charge of the working girls. The Friday afternoon service and the Sunday morning service are conducted by one from the European staff.

*Financial:* The financial report for the unit reads something like the report of a government department; one starts off with a balance on hand, spends a lot of money during the year, and ends with a deficit. The picture is not so bad when one takes an overall view. During the year, after all the buildings were completed, the Beit Trust completed their appropriation for the constructed buildings and the government medical building grant was received which made it possible to repay to the General Fund the loans that had been given for construction. Monies received in excess of the loans, have been set aside in the General Fund for future expansion. The government grant which will be used in 1953 will be about twice the government grant used in 1952. Thus the deficit will be taken care of quite easily.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK

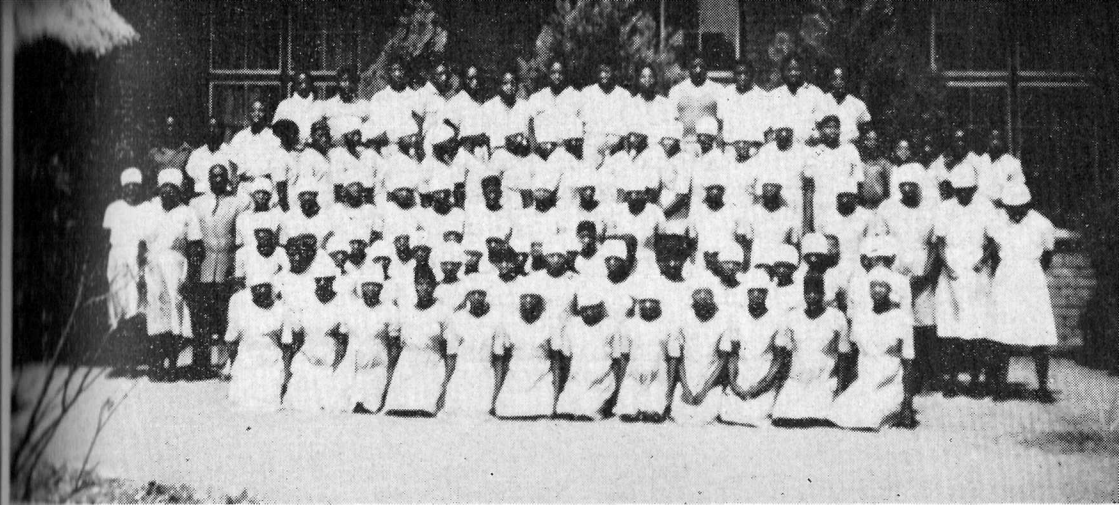
R. H. Mann

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence." Isa. 62:6.

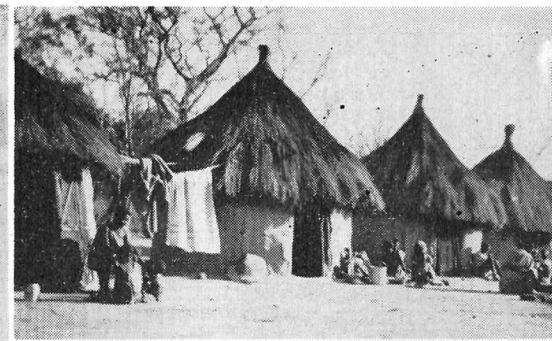
The African evangelists, by the help of God, preached the Word at each of the outstations in Northern and Southern Rhodesia for a period of two weeks, and several also served on the mission stations. Their hearts were burdened as they tried to minister the Word of Life where the spirit of indifference and lukewarmness was prevalent. Yes, in some places they encountered opposition, but we praise God that they trusted the Lord and continued to preach the Word. We know that His word shall not return void. Only Eternity will reveal the work done by these men.

As reported previously the position of David Nkomo as an evangelist was not fully clear. Therefore he could not serve. We thank God that both he and his wife have acknowledged their need to the Church and to the Lord. We trust that confidence will soon be restored and that he will be able to be used again as an evangelist. Mloheki Moyo, the oldest of the evangelists in Southern Rhodesia, asked to be relieved this year because they were to move, but we are thankful that he and a number of other people did not have to move from the Kwakwe area.

The Southern Rhodesia evangelists who served during the year were: Masotsha Sibanda, Josiah Ncube, Mdinwa Kumalo, Gwanyana Ncube, Mtshazo Nkala, Cita Moyo, Jim Sibanda, Ntekelo Ndlovu, and Delelani Moyo. Besides Mloheki Moyo and David Nkomo, Sandi Vundla also did not take any preaching appointments. It was his great desire to study the Bible in Natal, and he went there for the first school term. While in the South he was not well, having considerable trouble with his shoulder which had been injured several years ago. For this reason and also because he felt the study was not equal to that he had received at



School group at the Macha Mission School — Lion which was killed in the Macha Mission area — Patients' huts at the Sikalongo Dispensary — Girls bringing in seeds from native trees for pig feed



Wanezi, he did not return for the second term. His influence has kept one young man in the teaching service this year who also had wanted to go south for Bible training. He awaits the enlarging of our Wanezi Bible School program to meet the

needs of young men who have completed Standard VI or Teacher Training.

We solicit your continued prayers for the evangelists and their witness among the people.

**AFRICAN MISSIONS  
STATION TREASURERS' REPORTS FOR 1953  
(Deficits Shown in Parenthesis)**

	Matopo Mission	Missions	Mtshabezi Mission Hospital	Outstation Circuit	Outstation Maintenance
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 146.94	\$ 349.11	\$ 337.63	\$ 1.16	\$(662.46)
<b>Receipts 1953:</b>					
Foreign Mission Board	1,485.40				
Government Grants	11,764.85	8,177.54	11,644.51	13,587.73	840.00
Medical Receipts	276.60		1,528.19		
Miscellaneous	10,906.11	9,829.08	2,269.40	948.49	2,160.85
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>24,432.96</b>	<b>18,006.62</b>	<b>15,442.10</b>	<b>14,536.22</b>	<b>3,000.85</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Household, Impr., Rep.	3,949.55	3,267.19	819.99		508.15
African Personnel, Sup., Wages, School Eqpt.	17,142.00	11,860.01	2,866.74	13,865.09	
Medical	225.88		1,485.74		
Miscellaneous	2,653.26	2,687.20	11,042.68	1,154.25	2,146.15
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>23,970.69</b>	<b>17,814.40</b>	<b>16,215.15</b>	<b>15,019.34</b>	<b>2,654.30</b>
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	609.21	541.33	(435.42)	(481.96)	(315.91)
<b>Wanezi</b>					
	Mission	Outstation	Outstation	Outstation	Outstation
	Circuit	Maintenance	Maintenance	Maintenance	Circuit
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 93.74	\$	\$(4.39)	\$(83.30)	\$ 344.88
<b>Receipts 1953:</b>					
Foreign Mission Board	69.26	Detail	884.80	504.00	1,365.80
Government Grants	6,192.27	Not		795.20	4,503.04
Medical Receipts	155.40	Available			
Miscellaneous	5,811.20		808.86	992.06	500.77
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>12,228.13</b>	<b>2,892.57</b>	<b>1,693.66</b>	<b>2,291.26</b>	<b>6,369.51</b>
<b>Expenditures 1953:</b>					
Household, Impr., Rep.	2,461.46	Detail	377.57	371.93	
African Personnel, Supplies Wages, School Eqpt.	9,218.94	Not			
Medical	40.11	Available	305.34	1,736.00	6,964.04
Miscellaneous	342.96		1,062.55		271.93
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,063.47</b>	<b>2,892.57</b>	<b>1,745.46</b>	<b>2,107.93</b>	<b>7,235.97</b>
Balance Dec. 31, 1953	258.40		(56.19)	100.03	(521.58)
<b>No. Rhodesia</b>					
	Macha	Sikalongo	Outstation		
	Mission	Mission	Maintenance		
Balance January 1, 1953			(675.13)		
<b>Receipts 1953:</b>					
Foreign Mission Board		2,327.36	2,111.81	840.00	
Government Grants		9,737.00	3,642.01	10,240.68	

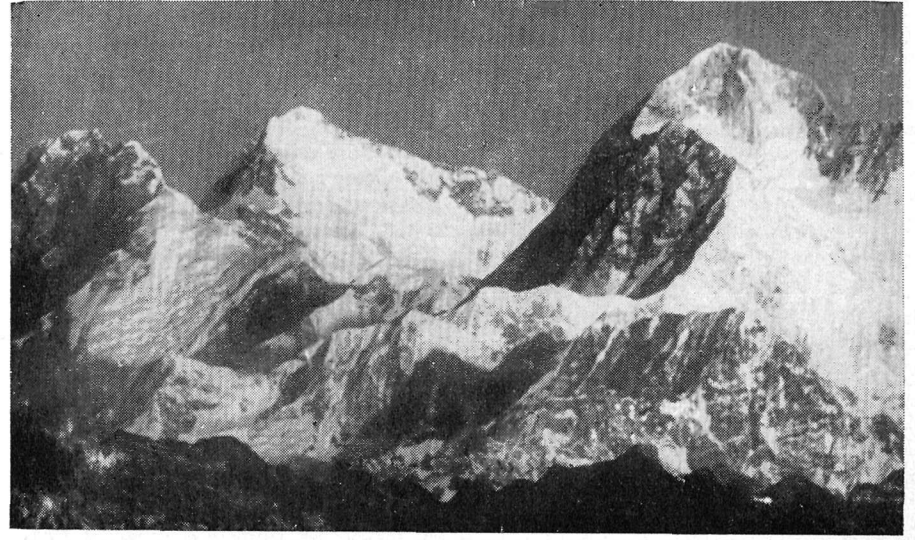
Medical Receipts	138.32	607.60	
Miscellaneous	4,567.91	2,410.63	372.81
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$16,770.59</b>	<b>\$8,772.05</b>	<b>\$11,453.49</b>
<b>Expenditures 1953:</b>			
Household, Impr., Repairs	5,316.13	1,092.13	117.01
African Personnel, Supplies, Wages, and School Equipment	8,874.46	5,856.23	9,477.75
Medical	666.07	285.97	
Miscellaneous	1,887.49	863.50	1,858.73
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$16,744.15</b>	<b>\$8,097.83</b>	<b>\$11,453.49</b>
Balance December 31, 1953	26.44	(0.91)	Incomplete

**AFRICA FIELD MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1953**

Balance on Hand-January 1, 1953 (Deficit)	\$ (155.25)	
<b>Add 1953 Receipts:</b>		
Maintenance	\$ 19,196.69	
Specials to Missions and Missionaries	3,668.24	
Specials to Trust Funds	15,772.98	
Refund on Corrugated Iron Purchase	324.87	
Refund on Missionary Travelling Funds	205.45	
Repayment of Loan to Mtshabezi Hospital Building	5,564.13	
Pumula Outstation-Refund on Building Loan	25.55	
Refund on Loan for Building Overseers House	1.44	
Mtshabezi Outstation-Refund on Dwelling Loan	56.00	
Interest on Fixed Deposit Receipts	243.32	
<b>Total 1953 Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 45,058.67</b>	<b>45,058.67</b>
Subtotal		44,903.42
<b>Deduct 1953 Expenditures:</b>		
Maintenance	3,024.00	
Missionary Allowances	4,049.50	
Missionary Children's Allowances	781.20	
Missionary Children's Education	1,226.68	
Furloughs and Train Fares	3,539.12	
Specials to Missions and Missionaries	3,668.25	
Specials to Trust Funds	15,772.98	
Communion Essence	14.49	
Allotments to Motor Fund	1,120.00	
Printing of N. R. Primer	118.08	
N. R. Christian Council Subscription	11.20	
N. R. Outstation House-Furnishings	177.91	
Capital Investment	10,965.27	
Sikalongo Mission Deficit and Overseer's Wages	912.75	
Alien Immigrant's Selection Board	112.00	
S. A. National S. S. Ass'n. Subscription	11.76	
S. R. Missionary Conference Subscriptions	14.70	
Wanezi Mission-Furnishings for Ladies Cottage	186.20	
Wanezi Mission-Conference Special	168.00	
Macha Mission-Building Overseer's House	420.00	
Macha Mission-Building T.T. Boys Dormitory	700.00	
Macha Mission-T.T. Boys Fees	252.00	
Office Supplies and Conference Secretary's Supplies	17.53	
Wanezi Outstations-Loan for Building	1,400.00	
Mtshabezi Outstations-Loan for Building	130.16	
<b>Total 1953 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 48,793.78</b>	<b>43,793.78</b>
Balance on Hand-December (Deficit)	(3,890.36)	

# Statistical Report on Missions in Africa December 31, 1953

MISSION STATIONS	Missionary Staff	Native Workers	Preaching Appointments	Communi- cants Numbers	Enquirers Class	Average S. S. Attend- ance	Day School Enrollment	Boarding Enrollment
Bulawayo Outstation	2	26	13	253	364	350	1417	—
Matopo	10	7	4	202	212	400	433	251
Mtshabezi	5	5	5	318	232	470	278	270
Mtshabezi Mission Hospital	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mtshabezi Outstation	2	2	33	762	883	2000	3290	—
Wanezi	6	6	4	90	107	135	—	178
Wanezi Outstation	2	42	32	684	758	1040	2860	—
Macha	8	13	3	183	71	350	266	203
Sikalongo	7	7	2	118	41	150	64	124
Northern Rhodesia Outstation	—	31	25	361	644	2300	2443	—



The majestic peaks of the Himalaya Mountains in India, including Mt. Everest (center).

## General Survey

*Charles E. Engle, Acting Superintendent India Missions*

We praise the Lord for forty-seven baptisms during the year, eighteen young women and two young men at Saharsa, eighteen young men and boys at Barjora, two young men and one young woman at Madhipura and eight men and women in the Santal area. There are other enquirers who are also seriously considering the declaration of their faith in Christ by baptism. The special meetings planned and held during the year have been a great blessing in drawing believers closer to the Lord. We hope that we may be able to continue these

special planned Retreats and that the spiritual energy thus generated will be an honor to God in increased witnessing by those who attend.

Our Mission staff was increased by the arrival of Miss Stoner and Miss Shoalts in March and by Miss Esther Book in Nov. We also welcome the new members of the Pye and Smith families in the persons of Elaine and Jay. May God make them a blessing to their parents and all of us. Rev. and Mrs. Smith were transferred from Madhipura to Banmankhi and Rev. and Mrs. Engle from Saharsa to Madhipura. Miss Arnold proceed-

ed on furlough in Feb. and Miss Bitner in Nov. There were a few changes in Indian personnel during the year. Saphira Paul, Bible woman, was transferred from Saharsa to Barjora, to minister to women, especially at the dispensary. Mrs. Das was transferred from Madhipura to Saharsa to work with women at the dispensary there. Two helpers were added to the dispensary staff at Barjora. One was dismissed from work at Saharsa because of serious inattention to duty.

The Acting Superintendent of the Mission supervised the evangelistic work at Madhipura and Saharsa as well as the outstations of Supaul, Begu Sarai and Saur Bazaar. There was a change at Saharsa. James Biswas, the deacon and village evangelist, was appointed jointly by the Central Church Committee and the Mission Executive Committee as pastor at Saharsa, his support to come from the Central Church Comm. and the Mission on a 50/50 basis. This was for a trial period.

The evangelistic program is one which draws the displeasure of non-Christians in that it is thought of as a proselyting agency. Evangelistic missionaries are having increased difficulties in getting visas. For many years our staff has been so that very few of our number could give themselves entirely to this work. In the new area to the East, that is in the Purnea area, most of our work has been of an evangelistic nature. A couple of schools have been encouraged by aids but they have been started by the people themselves. The village school teacher is in every case a Christian and does not receive a wage from the mission, only a small monetary aid. He is expected to give Bible instruction also on his own. At the dedication of the new aluminum building to be used as a Chapel

in Banmankhi, it was thrilling to see one teacher bring 15 or 20 boys and girls from his village and school for the occasion. Our plan in the Santal area is not to place many paid workers but through a small nucleus to encourage the Christians to be constant voluntary witnesses for their Lord. We have maintained paid workers in the Bihari area for years but aside from the breaking down of attitudes and the knowledge that some seed has been sown we have seen few results. No doubt, the greatest difficulty has been that the missionary in charge has had so many duties which seemed more pressing that he was not able to spend the time in encouraging the local evangelists. We hope that in this year we may be able to set someone aside especially for this type of work. Another plan is to organize the Church into Districts and make the District Committee responsible for the evangelistic program in their area.

We express our deepest appreciation that the F.M.B. has deemed it fit to take the responsibility for our total budget. This does not make us less conscious of our responsibility but deepens our desire to do all in our power to assist the Board by supplying the information they require. There are 19 men and women employed in the evangelistic program. Six persons have been employed in the medical work, eight individuals are employed in the school and orphanages and in the Santal area three or four men are subsidized in school programs but are not on full time employment by the Mission. There are a few persons on the poor fund list and three or four widows who are fully supported.

The question of Mission recognition by Government, a holding or trust association for Mission and Church property, the increasing dif-

iculties in regard to obtaining visas continue to remind us that our stay in India may not be for too long a time. The total number of foreign missionaries from non-empire countries is most likely to be decreased by the process of not giving extensions to residential permits and refusing visas of missionaries who desire to return to India as well as not allowing missionaries of certain specified categories to come to India. This may not be just an anti-missionary attitude but a general pattern of procedure. In our local situations we are happy to say we have the most cordial relationships with Government officials. They often express appreciation for our work and treat us as a part of their country. This attitude in so far as we know, extends to the attitudes of the State Government officers also which up to now have given us the necessary recommendations for our request for personnel. There is, however, a noticeable attitude from the top that new missionaries should be put to work at once and that a long time spent in language and orientation studies is not necessary. We will have to adjust ourselves to these attitudes in the best way we know how even though we believe the time we have given to these studies is for the best. We thank God for the way He has undertaken for us in all these matters which have been of very great concern both here and at home. We note that Indian Church leaders are evaluating these problems and attitudes and are coming more and more to accept them not as anti-missionary but as anti-Christian. In spite of all these things we look forward with courage, reviewing our consecration to God and determination that we will give ourselves anew and afresh to prayer and to the carrying out of the commission God has given us to perform.

We ask your prayers for guidance and for a deeper sense of God's presence and care as we go forward in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### SAHARSA

Ruth E. Book

Nineteen hundred fifty-three was a lovely year and full of varied experience. We thank God for a consciousness of His presence through all of them.

In Ephesians we read, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." We are conscious of a constant warfare, of a penetrating darkness, of forces arrayed against truth and righteousness. But we do rejoice because we are on the victor's side.

In March Bro. and Sr. Engle moved to Madhipura. That made quite a change. This put the responsibility of the church services entirely upon our Indian Brethren. Though they are eager to get things into their own hands, this has helped them to see their mental and spiritual need so as to bear this responsibility.

Sorry to say many are carnal Christians. They lack unity and there are jealousies, tale-bearers, gossipers, grumblers, and fault-finders. They recognize a lack among themselves. At the women's retreat held in Banmankhi in March and again in Nov. (6 women from here attended in Mar. and 8 in Nov.) there was a spiritual awakening and they entered into a new life and new spiritual light and love. But coming back to the old setting and grind of every day life they have allowed their garments to become soiled again. Ever since Oct. of '52 after a women's retreat here in Saharsa the women have maintained a prayermeeting of their own held twice a month. These

meetings were mostly under the leadership of the women themselves. 12 to 15 was the average attendance. They possibly had more form than spirit but the regularity with which these meetings were held was commendable. The men attended retreats held for men. But it seems that they did not go forward in spiritual things as would be desired. However, there does seem to be a change in attitude for the better.

We have had a one week Bible school for the girls during the hot weather vacation. And 3 days meeting for women in Nov. when Mrs. Mitchell was here. She really did challenge our women and there was a real response.

In an effort to create greater fellowship between the women of the Christian community and ourselves we had three teas during the year to which all the women and children were invited. About 50 were present each time. And one time we had a group of about 16 women of the higher families of our community to our house for a social gathering and tea. The purpose of this was to show our friendship and interest in them. We felt that both of these efforts bound us closer together, and accomplished the purpose for which they were intended.

The greatest shock in the Christian community was the sudden death of a young man. He left home on bicycle apparently well on Sunday the 27th Dec. And Tues. eve. 29th he died on the train in Madhipura enroute for his home. This incident brought great soberness and seriousness and fear on the people. New Year's night we had a watch night service and the testimonies of several young men revealed this serious attitude.

The medical phase of our work continues to keep one corner of our compound busy. The Civil Surgeon

made one call at the dispensary. He had asked for reports of maternity work.

The community round about has been very friendly. We have had privilege to get into a number of homes throughout the year. A couple Christian families in government positions have been moved here. We appreciate the influence of these families in the community. They too need spiritual food, growth and fellowship. This is a challenge to us. As far as we know the attitude of the officials has been nothing but friendliness toward us. Our prayer is that we may walk and work circumspectly before them. We have thanked the Lord for privileges to serve and witness in homes of officials.

On various occasions we have been asked to lend the jeep. This was refused many times but granted maybe twice. One time for a doctor to see an emergency case a couple of miles away. Often, too, on occasions of welcoming a new official on his arrival or a farewell for a departing officer or similar occasions people run to us for two loaves of bread, or tea cups, or dinner plates, or the like. We can not always accommodate people. One time six plain white dinner plates were sent back in disgust by the wife of the Supt. of Police. She said, "My servants eat off of better plates than that." Another time a table cloth was returned in a terrible state. Still another time three small side plates were missing and we never did get them back. Where does our duty in neighborliness begin and where does it end?

#### MADHIPURA

Charles and Kathryn Engle

We send our greetings with this account of the ten months we have lived at Madhipura. We moved to Madhipura March 20th of last year and plan to move from Madhipura

to Purnea on the arrival of our Superintendent, Bro. Hoke. Madhipura is a quiet, peaceful spot but we have found it a very busy spot as well. It is a place of endless opportunities to witness for Christ. Many of the days were filled with dealing with people, both Christian and non-Christian. It was a very satisfying, worthwhile and happy service. We have felt that our own Christian people need more of the fellowship of us missionaries and in these months at Madhipura we gave ourselves to this service. Many a day Charles' time was filled with listening to the problems, the heartaches, and joys of both preachers and laymen and both men and women. As these people opened their hearts, we learned that within the hearts of the seemingly most indifferent ones was a real hunger for God. We learned, too, that they, like Paul, did the things they didn't want to do and didn't do the things they wanted to do for the same lack of power. What a privilege to lead them forward in the things of God.

Then, besides the many of our Christians who came to or passed through Madhipura, and there were many this year, there were the non-Christian groups of teen-age boys from the Madhipura lower school, high school and college, young men working in Madhipura, older men in business, lawyers, doctors, Government people and occasionally groups of women and girls and children from the nearby friendly villages. We have two preachers living on our compound and the one, in particular, does a splendid job in bringing the gospel to groups of young men, for, often, Charles was not at home and we felt it was best for an Indian to deal with them. How eagerly and intently the group of boys listened to the Christmas story told to them on

our front veranda with the help of a picture chart! How our hearts were touched by the words of one of the young men who came to the compound to learn more about Christ—"Sometimes I believe and then, again, I don't." What a hungry heart he had.

Many of the buildings on the compound needed repair. Charles completely changed a small Indian house to an office, rebuilt an ox-shed, fenced in the compound and built a red brick church on the foundation laid several years ago. How much both our Christians and non-Christians have appreciated this little red brick Chapel in the corner of our compound by the front gate. Already it has blessed our compound and already it has been completely filled on several occasions. Heretofore our services were always held on the front veranda. In this little Chapel we held the Girls' Retreat in the fall of the year. It has been an inspiration to our Christians living in the bazaar as well.

The Singeshwar mela work was encouraging. The officials of the mela even put pressure on us to set up camp and "work" the mela. They commented, too, on the enthusiasm and industry of our group in going about the work of selling books and giving the Gospel. Undoubtedly they thought it was a good example for their own countrymen. Night after night of the ten days spent at the mela, the Shamiana was filled with men, women and children. The P. A. system now seems indispensable in dealing with such large crowds both during the day in the bazaar and at the night services at camp. Again, hundreds of Gospels and books were sold.

The Girls' Retreat was the first series of meetings held in our new chapel. The 25 girls camped in

tents on the compound and ate on our front veranda. We have a splendid group of teen-age girls and our two teachers were excellent as counsellors for them. It was wonderful to see these girls open their hearts to the Lord and confess their faults. All of these girls had met the Lord before but we find they need much patient teaching and guiding. It was good to hear them pray and praise the Lord and hear such expressions as, "Oh, my heart is so light." Their faces shone as they praised the Lord. We feel this was a very worthwhile retreat.

One Sunday stands out as an especially happy memory. Our co-workers and Christians came from all corners of our mission field—Saharsa, Barjora and Banmankhi, to join us in the dedication service of our chapel. The building was packed and the Lord's presence was real during the service in which a number of both missionaries and nationals took part. Long had we longed for a little chapel on the Madhipura compound and our hearts rejoiced that now it was built. For the noon meal, we all sat on the floor of the front veranda of the bungalow and ate curry and rice with our fingers. We had lovely fellowship.

We have written of the friendliness of the folks toward Christianity but we have learned too of the solid antagonism as well. Let us tell you part of an incident. A young couple came to our back door one Friday morning and said they were driven from their home because they wanted to become Christians. We learned later that their motive and their statements were not quite honest, but, nevertheless, this incident shows the attitude of the people. We kept this couple on the compound for a week and then the girl's father came and asked for his daughter. Meanwhile the Hindu world in the Madhipura

bazaar had been informed of their intention to become Christians. The father seemed to be a reasonable man and all would have been peacefully settled and explained but in a very short time a large group of Hindus from the bazaar arrived and caused trouble. The young couple refused to go with them. The girl said no matter what they would do she would become a Christian. Much arguing and loud talking began. One man hit the girl and began pulling her off the compound by her hair. What a scene! Men grabbed both the young man and the girl by the arms and began pulling them off the compound and so amidst much loud and rough talking both were pulled down the path by our little red brick chapel and out the front gate and down the road. My heart was chilled—how almost utterly impossible it is for a soul to accept Christ in this section—friendly, yes, but strongly antagonistic at heart. However, this incident bore a good Christian testimony. Prominent men from the bazaar have told us how they regret such actions of their own people and in the missionary they see a better way of living.

In mid-summer three of our young people living on the compound were baptized. On Christmas Day a young man who was out of fellowship for twelve years was taken back into the church. A Hindu who some years back married one of our Christian girls is waiting for baptism. Please pray for these people.

#### BARJORA TRAINING INSTITUTE

Arthur Pye

At a special council meeting in Nov. 1953 the decision was made to recommend to the F.M.B. that the Saharsa Girls' Orphanage and the Barjora Boys' Orphanage be discontinued as such and that the two institutions be amalgamated at Bar-

jora, as a co-educational basic-training school.

To provide accommodation for the large increase in children it was necessary to do considerable building. The school, already overcrowded with a large number of non-Christians from the community, was replaced by a "long-tom" pre-fabricated aluminum unit 80' x 20'. This was partitioned off and makes an excellent school in every respect. It has five rooms excluding the office and small godam. The boys' hostel was readily converted into a girls' hostel by the addition of a courtyard wall and quarters for two lady teachers. For the boys a double aluminum unit and one single unit were erected in a mango grove east of the bungalow. These are very satisfactory and the boys prefer the new location and buildings to the old. Beyond this, little was required except several wells, one for the boys and one inside the girls' courtyard. In the hostels there are now almost an even number of boys and girls, twenty-five boys and twenty-four girls. The school has an enrollment of eighty-five, about twenty-two of whom are Hindu and Mohammedan children from the surrounding community. Four boys are now at the General Conference Mennonite High School. The staff has increased by two teachers, one teacher-matron and a house-father for the boys.

Easter Sunday in Barjora was a time of unusual rejoicing as eighteen boys gave public testimony to their faith in Christ by baptism. There was little evidence of this decision having been made hastily by the boys or without an appreciation of its significance. It had been preceded by definite heart-searching and a spirit

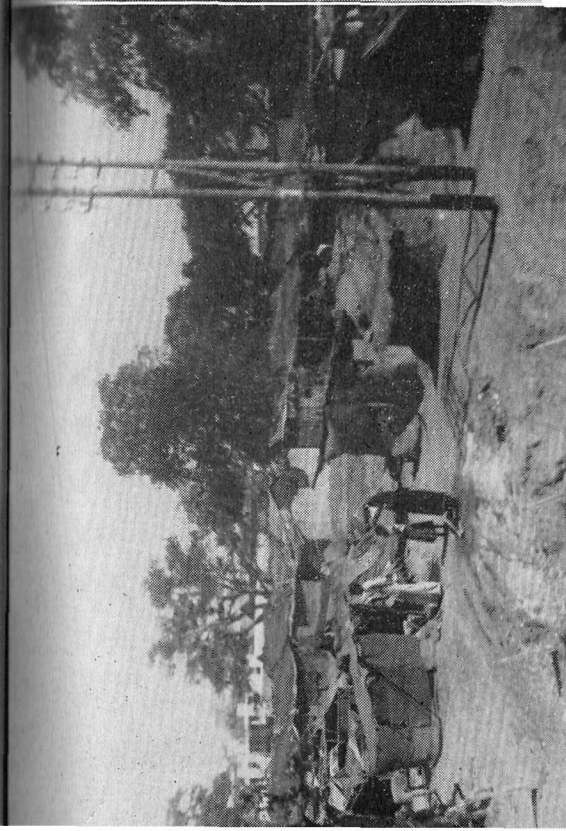
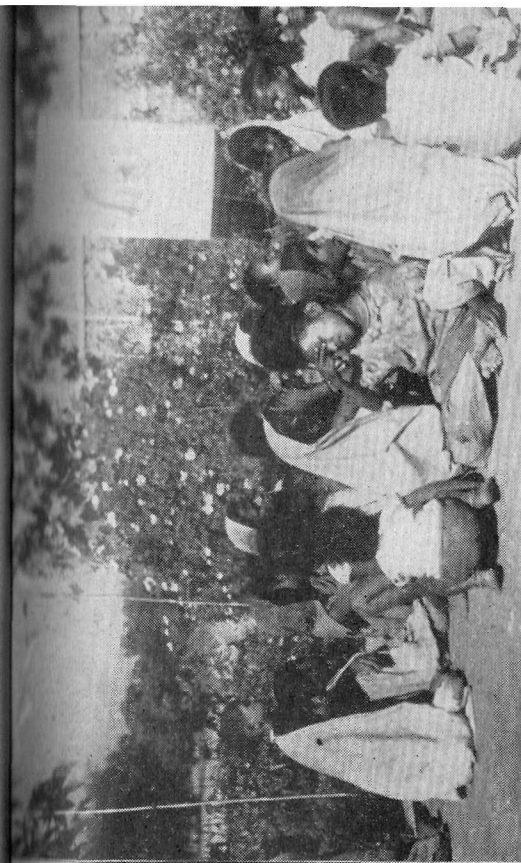
of brokenness and penitence among some that was unusual. One boy from a Catholic home, admitted to the hostel by special permission, stood up against strong opposition from his parents and was at the head of the line of those waiting to enter the water. When the crisis came, the day before baptism, he told his brother sent by his parents to bring him home, that his speech was that of Satan. Then he lifted his chin and walked determinedly away. He did not know that anyone had seen the meeting with his brother and so there was no possibility of deception for the missionary's benefit. Much blessing has come to Barjora this year through the Mission Retreats which were held for missionaries, men, and women and younger girls. All who attended were affected in some way. Many, mainly the women, were definitely changed, some testifying to the experience of the new birth for the first time, some, especially among the men, hardened their hearts when brought face to face with the issue of genuine repentance and restitution. We missionaries enjoyed a few days at Banmankhi that seemed almost like heaven on earth and gave us a touch and renewing in our own lives that we scarcely realized was so badly needed until it came. The overall effect of the Retreats alone on Barjora has undoubtedly been the biggest single blessing of the year and that for which we praise God the most. Church attendance, both on Sundays and week nights, has increased, partly due to more Christians living in Barjora, partly because of spiritual reviving and also due to the effective work of Sr. Hare as S. S. Sup't. for the past year. A teachers' meeting was held once a week which stimulated interest in lesson preparation and teacher enthusiasm.

We are especially thankful for the funds supplied by the Young People's Board for the irrigation and fencing project. Without irrigation facilities and protection from the ravages of buffaloes, cattle and goats that wander almost at random during about five months of the year, little by way of basic training in agriculture or reducing operating expenses by gardening could be expected. We are now in a position to do considerable in both respects. We were fortunate in having secured a two-and-a-half inch centrifugal pump with ten-thousand gallon per hour capacity and three horsepower kerosene burning engine through the Government at half price. This offer was being made for only a short time and sanction was granted for this project just in time for us to get the last pumping set in Saharsa. A very sturdy fence has been completed around the entire property, a total distance of about 1350 yards using six strands of barbed wire and hardwood posts. The wood for the latter came from Nepal and will last up to about twenty years. There is little reason to doubt that this expenditure will pay for itself within a reasonable length of time. The greatest advantage, however, is the purposeful employment it provides for the boys and girls. They learn something of the dignity of labor, an attitude rarely found in India, as well as acquiring a fundamental knowledge that will help many of them later in their struggle for a living.

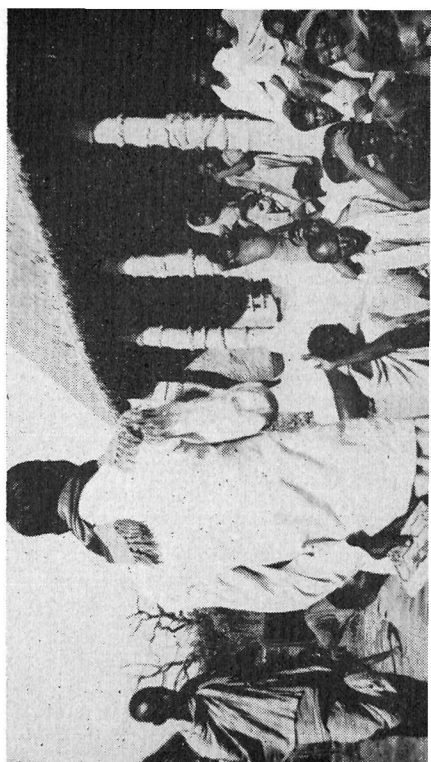
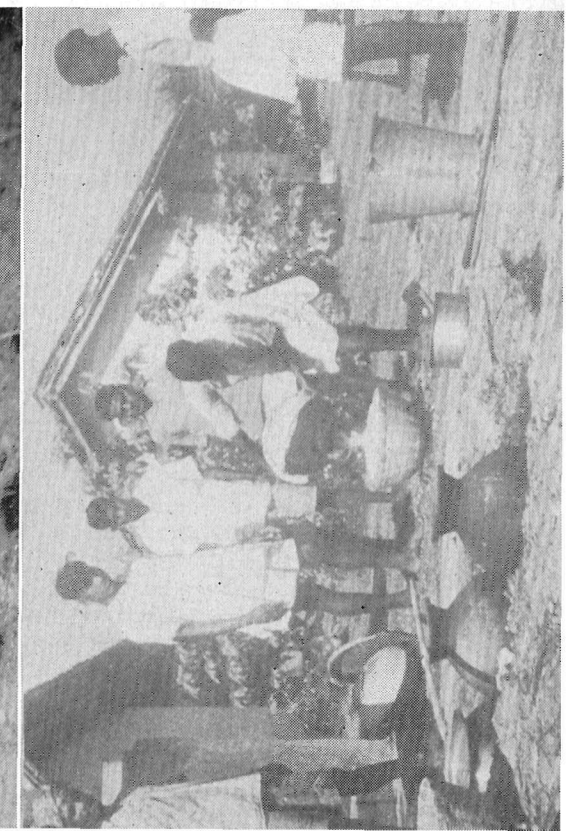
In the training program a three-fold emphasis is to be made—academic, vocational and spiritual. The school with its six teachers is leaving little lack in respect to the first. Basic training in agriculture is the answer at the present time to the second, but this, while most important

of all in light of India's extremely high agrarian population, is scarcely sufficient in itself. There is a need existing for careful missionary supervision of hand-work classes to provide the basic knowledge and skills necessary for clothing the family and simple cottage industries. As in the field of basic training, hopes for regular well-planned Bible classes conducted by a missionary have not been realized as yet due to lack of personnel. Bible periods are provided for on the time table, and taught by the regular teachers but the missionaries have been asked by the teachers to do most of the Bible teaching and this we are willing and anxious to do. Materials are now on hand and waiting for someone to undertake the big task of adaptation and planning and directing the Bible teaching program in a way that will give it first place both in the curriculum and in the hearts of the boys and girls.

There are signs of indigenous church growth here. Leadership is coming to the fore and the missionaries are receding to the background as much as is practicable. There is a definite limit, though, to the speed at which this growth can take place and it appears to be coming about as a natural development arising out of circumstances more than by apparent effort and plans to foster it. The growth is seen mostly in an assuming of responsibility by those of leadership potential and an increasing awareness on the part of everyone that the work of the church belongs to the Indians themselves. The idea also seems to have been grasped that the mission with its personnel and money is a transitory thing and that the sooner these elements are removed from the foundation of the church the more likely it will be to stand when tested by the storm. On



Temporary shelters for the homeless which sometimes become living quarters for refugees — Bible School in India. The Indian preacher is teaching the Word from a chart — Cooking food for the Indian Christians at Christmas or convention time. The stove is the trench in which the fire is built — Near Barjora Mission this Indian preacher goes from village to village giving the Gospel to such as these.



the purely material side, a start has been made in self-support. Five houses owned by the mission and near the bungalow have been sold to Christians and these are all paid but one. Contributions to the Central Committee Fund designed mainly for the purpose of encouraging self and pastoral support have been made faithfully by 100% of mission employees and quite faithfully by others. There is now a movement on foot among our people to get on land if at all possible and this will likely be done as soon as suitable arrangements can be made. Our evangelist, A. M. Charan, in an effort at self-support opened a store about a year ago. This attempt, while being praiseworthy in many respects, has also involved him in other problems which make us wonder if any departure from the Bible method of pastoral support can be made without suffering the consequences.

In light of recent developments in India and a certain political instability one hesitates to look very far into the future, but we know that the foundation of God standeth sure and are also confident that a church and work built upon this foundation will endure. There has been much evidence of God's leadings in the changes made at Barjora and so we have reason to believe that not only the spiritual house will remain and grow but also its material counterpart as well. The necessities of indigenization, however, cast doubt on the advisability of much extension beyond that already achieved in respect to the use of foreign funds. The resources of the Indian church are as meager as ours are abundant, and planning for the future cannot be done without careful measuring of the burden we will put upon the church eventually. The Barjora missionaries feel strongly that every possible effort should be made to put

the operation of the hostels on such a basis that the church will have a chance, at least, to carry them on. This implies not only a narrowing of the gap between expenditure and income for the hostels themselves, but training and providing for support of those whom God will choose to carry the work forward. In spite of the obvious difficulties there are those among the church leaders who firmly believe that it can be done. Should God in His wisdom permit missionaries to remain in the Barjora work longer than appears likely now, extension in certain areas might be advisable and add much to the effectiveness of our efforts, but a clear line of demarcation should be set between that which the Church feels capable of continuing and that which is dependent on foreign resources. This should help determine our aims and decisions for the future. May God help us to build that which will endure.

### BANMANKHI

Allen Buckwalter, Joseph Smith

#### I. Missionary Personnel and Building Program.

There was a shift of both missionary personnel and emphasis in Banmankhi during 1953. In Feb. our missionary nurse Miss Beulah Arnold, left on furlough and with her going, the dispensary work closed for lack of trained personnel. Joe and Marietta Smith moved from Madhipura to Banmankhi, the end of Feb. and have been a decided asset for the full schedule of Retreats and Bible Institutes which were held throughout the year. They have been living in the small double unit aluminum structure and find their quarters quite livable. Some minor adjustments were made to the aluminum double unit to make it more comfortable for a family. The front veranda has been screened and wood frames

have strengthened the doors and windows in the living room. Some specially designed furniture has also added living space.

The mission bungalow, originally designed for a workshop-godam, has been remodeled. Doors and windows have replaced the crude boards which we had been using, bamboo thatch walls have been replaced by brick, and the back of the house has been extended to include a sleeping porch and small office. The house now contains three large-sized rooms, 15' x 20', 15' x 17' and 15' x 15', and five small rooms. The house is now much more adaptable to our needs and we are grateful for the improvements. There is no ceiling and in the summer the asbestos roof reflects the heat considerably. Because of this the house would be much cooler if insulation could be put in but present funds will not allow this.

A new building has risen on the compound and brings us the most joy of all. A Chapel, 20' x 30' aluminum unit, quonset-hut in shape, was dedicated on Oct. 4, 1953. Seventy-five people were present for the dedication service. Our October Santal Institute followed immediately, and three Retreats between that and the New Year. Showers of blessing have fallen on every group in the little Chapel, and we thank God.

#### II. Indian Personnel

D. Jonathan Roy is still with us as village evangelist and has shown definite signs of spiritual growth. Our one other resident family, Stephen Marandi and his wife Sarah and children, have been a continual blessing. Stephen and Sarah witness regularly to their people and their home is a continual open-house to both Christian and heathen Santals.

In Murlinganj Outstation, 12 miles west of Banmankhi, Emmanuel

Henry, wife, Magdalene, and family, are stationed and are doing a faithful work in that Hindu area. During this past year they have given an effective witness, especially in their local village, and hearts are more open to hear the message than formerly. We would appreciate your prayers for the Henry family.

In Khanua Outstation, 10 miles south of Banmankhi, is our Santal village evangelist, Benjamin Mirandy. His daughter, Dina has been sent this year to Kalvari Bible School in Allahabad for specialized Bible training. Splendid reports as to her sweet Christian character are coming back to us, and we praise God for her. She is in definite training to come back to serve her own people. She finds the language difficulty somewhat hard to surmount, for the teaching is done in Hindustani and her mother tongue is Santali. Dina is teaching a class of children in Allahabad and the Lord is blessing her in her ministry as well as in her studies. She expects to be in Allahabad in training for another year.

#### III. Institutes and Retreats

The year of 1951 saw an average attendance of 15 to 20 in our retreats, in 1953 it averaged 35. The sessions in March, October, and December proved to be a great blessing to our people. Our December Institute saw a forward step in the training of the new believers. This Institute was held between Christmas and New Year's. We had three days of Christian Fellowship and Bible study together in Banmankhi. Then Joe Smith and twenty-four Christians spent their remaining days going by jeep and trailer from village to village in Evangelistic Meetings. In these meetings the team told the meaning of Christmas and the Good

News of Salvation. Three men were baptized as a direct result of this Christmas Evangelistic Campaign.

There have been eight baptisms of Santals this past year and ten accessions to the church. One Bihari was taken back into church membership. All of the Santal converts which have come from heathenism into the glorious light of the Gospel are full of the joy of the Lord. The oldest convert is Abraham, bald headed, wears horn-rimmed glasses and lives near the special tree where the evil spirit worship is observed in Gahilthan Village. Baptized in October, Abraham has been witnessing joyfully to his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and took an active part in the team's program following Christmas. The youngest to accept the Lord this year has been a fine lad of about twelve years. Coming from a heathen home, he has opened his heart to the Gospel and was also baptized in the October Institute.

Two Santal couples have had their marriages finalized with Christian rites during the year. Three couples have dedicated their children to the Lord.

The October Institute had special teaching on Christian giving which resulted in our people bringing their gifts of money and produce to the December Institute. This was the first spontaneous gesture toward Christian stewardship.

#### IV. Santal Work

##### 1. Youth Program

In 1952 our first Santal representatives, Patras and Barnaba Hembrom, were sent as delegates to the Santal Youth Leadership Conference which was held in Oct. at Pakur, S. P. under the direction of Miss Hildur Milde, Youth Director of the Santal Christian Council. Both young men came back fired with enthusiasm and zeal for Youth Work but failed to

effect any organization to this end.

In Oct. 1953 Patras Hembrom and Philip Murmu were chosen as delegates to the Youth Conference, this time held in Pachamba, Hazaribagh District and Leoda Buckwalter went as one of the speakers in the Conference. Eighty delegates, representing youth leadership from seven different Mission areas among the Santals, were present. As a direct result of this second Conference, Patras, Philip and Barnaba called a meeting of all our Santal believers and there a Youth program for Evangelism was organized. By invitation the Buckwalters were present in the meeting, but the leadership and planning for the Youth work is purely voluntary and indigenous.

Our young people elected Patras Hembrom as leader and Barnaba Hembrom as secretary. Patras and Barnaba live about 1½ miles from each other and have given each other much spiritual encouragement. Patras has been consistently stable in his witness and we feel he is the right one to lead our young people. Barnaba is teaching school in the large village, Gahilthan, where his father is chief. He has won the confidence of his people and has a good-sized school of both Santal and Hindu children. But we aren't too happy about his spiritual life, for Barnaba has a seeming weakness for prestige. He is changing from the simple believer of two years ago into a man of influence and with the change is coming a coldness towards the things of the Kingdom and towards his fellow Santal believers. We are asking you to join us in prayer for Barnaba and his wife, Martha, that they will fulfill the Divine purpose for which the Lord has saved them from heathenism. Barnaba has told us that he feels the Lord wants to give him his whole village for the Kingdom of God. We feel God would be pleas-

ed to do a lasting work of victory and maturity in both Barnaba and his wife.

When our young people organized their Youth Work they pledged as a group to give the first week-end of every month to Bible study, prayer and evangelism in the villages. This program was initiated by a dedicatory prayer for the leader during our Christmas Institute, and he was then given responsibility both in the Institute sessions and on the tour which followed. The young men will be starting their own program, under missionary supervision, the first week-end of Feb. We feel as a missionary staff, that this Youth Work is one of the most encouraging signs of spiritual growth which we have seen among our people. Pray for them.

##### 2. Over-All Training Program

The membership in this circle, including the Biharis, has grown from around ten to fifty-six Indian Christians. Forty-five of these are Santals, and none of the Santals are Christians of long standing except Benjamin and his daughter Dina and perhaps, Miriam Hembrom. With a new church growing up, obviously a foundation program is very necessary. The quality of these first Christians will largely determine the standard and quality of organization which will permanently result. If these first Christians are weak the whole structure will be weakened. If they are strong, they will provide a spiritually strong leadership for their people.

As your missionaries in the Banmankhi circle, we are committed to doing all in our power, by God's help, to bring these first new believers to a place of Christian stability and maturity. With our circle ever widening, the membership now represents 13 villages, including Banmankhi. Many of these villages

have only one, two or three Christians. These new Christians lack regular teaching and Christian worship. Sunday services are now being held weekly in three places outside of Banmankhi and one of these, Khanua, often has services not only in the schoolhouse but also in the village proper and in Jhungi village, 2 miles north. We have four village schools operating and each of these have also been encouraged to do Gospel work and adult literacy work. The adult literacy work done in Khanua has resulted in six conversions and baptisms. Five of these were from Benjamin's first class. One has come from the second class and he has already won a friend of his to the Lord. For all this we praise the Lord.

##### Work Among The Widows

Ten different characters and their relatives and friends have been our field of opportunity in this area. Some of them are widows indeed while others are in a younger bracket but are unwanted and unclaimed according to India's social customs and need a home and care. The challenge of this task reflects itself in the following story:

Mary Moti is one of the girls still with us who is a true orphan. One year ago in August she was sent to Patna to take nurses training. We had no report on her work excepting her word which was that she had done about average in her studies. Later one of the missionaries who visited brought the word that her work was poor and she likely would not pass her examinations. This year because of secret correspondence with a young fellow in the area she was dismissed and sent home with the suggestion that we make arrangements for her marriage, as her work was poor and she was not applying herself. We have made an

arrangement for her and are praying that God shall continue to lead the way. Mary received definite spiritual help at the retreat in Banmankhi. When she returned there was a definite change as the Lord had poured in a sweetness that had not been seen previously. She often participated spontaneously in morning prayers after this experience. After several months her experience does not seem to continue with the same radiance and delightful fellowship with God. Help us pray for her!

These dear people are a great field of opportunity. They are human and crave fellowship and love and generally respond to such kindly consideration. We are challenged to give more so as to lead them to a greater security in Christ.

#### SAHARSA DISPENSARY

Leora Yoder

The Saharsa Dispensary has been a busy place, though not as busy as for several previous years. A number of "in" patients have been accommodated in our ward buildings. We have served in 61 maternity cases. We have dispensed about 37,000 days of treatments throughout the year.

Our staff was added to in the person of John Jacci. He was a village evangelist but now gives full time at the dispensary. He gives a very positive witness. He sold a lot of Gospels and tracts during the 3 months he has been there.

Saphira Paul was the message bearer to the women. In July she was transferred to Barjora. And in her place Mrs. Dharm Das from Madhipura to Saharsa. She is very pressed down with difficulties in her home. Though she is a good living woman this depression is a hindrance to her witness and usefulness.

Paul John was a general helper. In

Dec. he was dismissed because of lapse of faithfulness. The outside doors or windows of the dispensary were found open on 6 or more occasions. A shopkeeper told me that supplies from our dispensary were offered to him for sale by a Christian young man. He did not purchase any but they were sold in the bazaar. Though Paul was not accused by him of having taken the things nor for offering them for sale, yet I know that he was careless in not having closed the doors and windows properly on various occasions. We feel very sorry for him and we are in need of a helper.

Sundari Massey, a young widow in the widow's home was an unpaid and unappointed helper. She and her two children received full support from Widows and Orphanage funds. She gave very valuable assistance day or night whenever called on. In October she was married and went away.

The quality of the service rendered to the public has certain deficiencies. But even then many neighbors and the public do look to us for help. This is noticeable among the many families and people who have kept coming to us throughout the years, and by government servants who move in from the outside. Service of this kind rendered for over 35 years has won the confidence of many people. We keenly feel that better quality of service will definitely enhance the Christian testimony and integrity of the Mission.

#### BARJORA DISPENSARY

Erma Z. Hare

When mentally ill come, how helpless we feel to do anything for them. One such case the past year was outstanding. It was a young man with a history of a severe illness several years ago and then periodic attacks of mental illness. At the time of

coming he had to be watched constantly, and at times was tied up with chains to keep him from harming himself or others. They had tried many doctors but with no help. They were of the Roman Catholic faith and we spoke to them of God's power to heal. Some medicine was given. Weekly they returned faithfully for medicine. About two weeks after the first visit the boy returned alone, in his right mind and happy as could be that he could be trusted out alone. I do not know what God used to heal him or if it will be permanent, but we give God the glory and so reminded the boy and the uncle who had brought him.

In the fall of '52 a single aluminum unit was erected for a ward building. After its completion we felt it would add to the efficiency of our work if it could be used for the dispensary proper since there were two rooms. So in March of '53 we moved into that building and the old building is being used for the ward building when needed. We have found the aluminum unit most practical. At the beginning of the year our Indian pastor, Andreas Charan, was doing all the preaching. One young woman, Prabhawanti Philip, was doing dressings and Pratap Singh, one of our young men, was assisting in various ways. Neither of these workers have had any training other than they received in our own dispensary.

In March two members were added to our staff. Naomi Masih has had the six-month course given by government for training village midwives. She has also worked a year in a small government hospital and has had much practical experience. Nolini Kaleb practically finished a three-year nurses' training course, but never took the final examinations. Both these workers have

proved valuable in the work.

During September there was a cholera epidemic in a number of villages nearby. At that time a couple hundred inoculations were given. During the year 15,000 patients were seen. Mary Jane Shoalts shared in the dispensary work in September and October.

At the beginning of the year we were looking forward to opening village clinics. About the end of August the invitation came and word was given from a Rajput family, in a village five miles east of Barjora, that a place was ready for us and they were eager to have us come. We are sorry to say that until now we have not been able to accept that invitation but hope that it shall become a part of our program in the very near future.

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

This Committee was created during 1953 to give special attention to Camps, Retreats and Bible study programs. Out of this program has come some very unusual blessings. None of us missionaries will ever forget 1953. We have all experienced a new beginning and our sights are toward the highest in Christ Jesus, for ourselves, for the nationals and for the Kingdom. As we look back to the Spirit's workings among our people we can see that many of our women and girls have been led into a definite knowledge of the New Birth. Some of the men have taken definite forward steps spiritually and we can detect a growing hunger in their hearts. The whole general tone of the Mission is indicative of the beginnings of revival.

There have been five retreats for our Indian Christians, two for men, two for women and one for girls. There was also a Pre-Christmas Missionary Retreat.

## 1. Retreats for Men.

a. Stuti Prakash came to us in April. About 15 of our mission workers and preachers with the four missionary men had a very worthwhile jungle camp in the woods directly north of Banman-khi.

b. Mr. Khanna and Mr. A. E. Mitchell ministered in the third week in November to our Christian men, about 35 present, in a camp south of Madhipura. This Retreat, in contrast to the first, was open for all men to come and was more of a camp meeting than a retreat. We feel that its effectiveness was hindered because of this. For the future it seems wise to us to give more emphasis to retreats that are geared to a selected group of our choice spiritual men; to strong missionary supervision and to a planned program, which we consider essential.

## 2. Retreats for Women.

a. Miss Winnie Bonner is an unusual Indian evangelist. She has come to us before and we have always been impressed with her deep spirituality and gifted leadership. In the March retreat in Banman-khi she, with the help of the Holy Spirit, discerned the hearts of our women and patiently led them step by step to an experimental knowledge of the Lord. Twenty-two women and staff were present. Not one was left out of spiritual blessing.

b. Mrs. Ruth Bruesch and Mrs. A. E. Mitchell ministered in the women's retreat in November. The attendance was 42 and was almost a 100% turnover in personnel. This gathering was marked by the spirit of singing, spiritual concern for each other and prayer. In this meeting we were struck with the evidence that the Lord is build-

ing one retreat upon the next. Those few who had attended the previous retreats matured into our spiritual leaders. We see God's pattern. Hallelujah! These "babes in Christ" were introduced by both speakers to the deep things of God, the Spirit-filled life and our glorious privileges in Christ Jesus. It was a joy to see them open their hearts in a very simple way and appropriate spiritual freedom in the Lord.

## 3. Girls' Retreat.

During the Christmas holiday 25 of our teen-agers who are usually away in school, under the direction of our own missionaries retreated to Madhipura. This number also includes two lady teachers from our own school in Barjora. They not only took the responsibility for the discipline and directing of the girls but also showed admirable spiritual leadership. Both teachers had been touched by God in the November meeting and gave testimonies of definite victory in the December retreat. Our outside speaker did not come due to a misunderstanding of dates and the Lord taught us that He was sufficient. Only five of the group gave testimony to being born-again at the beginning of the retreat but at the close of the meeting every girl knew that she was a child of God. The girls are eager for another retreat.

## 4. Missionary Retreat.

It had been our desire as a missionary family to provide ourselves with a time of withdrawal into a retreat experience just for ourselves. We were hungry for something new from the Lord, and so, in December we planned a Pre-Christmas retreat. But what we planned for ourselves expand-

ed to include not 14 but 34 missionaries, representing 8 nationalities, 11 missions and 10 denominations. David McKee and Father and Mother Mitchell ministered to a group of some weary, some frustrated and some desperate missionaries. The meeting was one of praise and victory, but at the same time the Spirit of God made us very sensitive to sin, even to the extent of possible hidden sins. But simultaneously our hearts were challenged to the highest in the Lord.

## 5. Girl's Orphanage

At the beginning of the year there were thirty-three girls in the orphanage; seven girls were sent to continue their studies in the Middle English classes in Bettiah; three girls returned to Deoghar to continue teacher's training; the remainder of the girls, with the exception of one, were in upper primary school here on the mission compound. The one remaining girl was married to our deacon's brother during the month of August. In July during the summer vacation period all the girls up to fifth standard or thirteen years of age were transferred to Barjora where a co-educational program was inaugurated.

A summer Bible School was held for the girls during their holiday at which time special emphasis was given to doctrinal teaching. The girls took a deep interest and seemed to receive special and definite help, a reaction that was much appreciated in light of the fact that sixteen of them had been baptized earlier in the year. Our upper

primary school conducted on the Mission Station received favorable government recognition. Frequently being referred to as an example of schools in the community.

Christmas was a great experience for these orphan girls. Singing Christmas carols about the compound and the receiving of Christmas gifts stands out as high spots in their year's activities. The special retreat arranged by the Spiritual Life Committee proved to be of great blessing and of such a nature that we believe that lasting good has resulted from this time of Bible study and spiritual instruction for the girls. In this we rejoiced.

In contrast we were sorry that it seemed advisable not to return three of the girls to Bettiah to School because of their work and grades. Some others of the girls who are away in training have also struggled with various handicaps and frustrations. These girls, many of them full orphans, struggle with the same emotional and spiritual problems that are common to youth everywhere and it is not always easy to help them rise as they ought or might when they are far away and living in strange surroundings. Pray with us that they will learn the secret of securing help from the Lord whom they profess to follow and serve.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen."

# Statistical Report

## INDIA FIELD MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1953

### General Maintenance Accounts

Balance 1-1-53 .....	\$ 5,904.88	Missionary Maint. and	
F.M.B., regular .....	17,349.07	Medicals .....	\$ 8,077.89
F.M.B., bal. jeep duty .....	362.74	Missionary, Language study .....	449.32
Special Off., 100.00 .....	99.99	Furloughs .....	1,518.29
Bank interest .....	52.98	Station Upkeep, Repairs .....	1,302.48
Refund Monghyr stamped		Motor car expenses .....	876.59
paper .....	98.36	Office, official travel, etc. ....	637.86
Refund Irrigation ('52		Land rents and taxes .....	199.99
items) .....	523.88	Equipment .....	429.77
Refund, furlough .....	134.31	Carload of roofing .....	906.25
Exchange differences .....	(.05)	Wages, special training .....	156.75
		Educational deficit, part .....	314.34
	\$24,946.15	Miscellaneous .....	61.34
		Balances 12-31-53 .....	10,015.28
			\$24,946.15

### Propagation Accounts

Balances 1-1-53 .....	\$ 3,819.08	Poor Fund Beneficiaries .....	\$ 185.61
From Relief to Deficits .....	501.52	Retreats and Institutes .....	572.50
From Relief to Dearness .....	1,092.57	Girls' Orphanage .....	2,163.23
Gen. Maint. to Deficit .....	314.33	Boys' Orphanage .....	1,698.02
F.M.B., Girls' Orph. ....	1,744.71	Widows' Home .....	277.24
F.M.B., Boys' Orph. ....	1,646.01	Evangelistic .....	2,872.57
F.M.B., Widows Home .....	290.08	Medical .....	601.97
F.M.B., Training Fund .....	13.71	Educational .....	894.40
F.M.B., Evangelistic .....	2,194.16	Credit balances 12-31-53 .....	3,432.33
F.M.B., Medical .....	286.08		
F.M.B., Educational .....	580.08		\$ 12,697.87
Refunds, adjustments .....	215.54		
	\$12,697.87		

### Relief Accounts

Balances 1-1-53 .....	\$ 2,431.18	To Dearness allowances .....	\$ 1,781.64
Relief and Service Comm. ..	1,808.10	Medical fund deficit .....	315.90
Young Peoples' Board for		To Irrigation project .....	1,023.79
irrigation project .....	999.93	Poor fund deficit .....	185.61
Special, for irrigation .....	28.29	For Special Relief .....	44.60
Specials for famine relief....	238.83	Balances 12-31-53 .....	3,746.85
From Oxford Relief Comm.	140.64		
Special for purchase of			\$ 7,098.39
land for self-support .....	1,451.42		
	\$ 7,098.39		

### Building and Land Accounts

Balances 1-1-53 .....	\$ 8,872.14	Banmankhi bungalow im-	
Specials for Santal Bld.		provements and additions\$	1,076.61
\$371.08 .....	380.27	Outstation completion .....	79.45
Specials for General Build-		Barjora enlargement program:	
ing fund, \$151.92 .....	151.89	Aluminum Units .....	2,867.86
Refund from Barjora .....	124.88	Materials .....	2,141.77
		Labor, hauling .....	1,408.97
		Special Teacher's quarters	206.23
		Balances 12-31-53 .....	1,748.29
			\$ 9,529.18

### Special Accounts

Balance 1-1-53 (Undesig-		To Station Special funds....\$	1,151.86
nated .....	\$ 2,556.87	Banmankhi chapel building	828.73
Refund Educational loans....	19.86	Educational deficit (part)....	250.82
F.M.B. to Church Fund		Balances 12-31-53 .....	1,897.27
\$700.00 .....	699.94		\$ 4,128.68
Special offerings, 850.51....	852.01		
	\$ 4,128.68		

	On Hand or (Deficit) Dec. 31, 1952	Receipts 1953	Expenditures 1953	On Hand or (Deficit) Dec. 31, 1953
<b>Madhipura Mission:</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
General Maintenance .....	102.19	1,072.43	1,166.16	8.46
Propagation .....	1,532.73	174.61	1,688.53	18.81
Land and Building .....	907.82	1,412.55	2,320.37	
Miscellaneous .....	145.94	27.21	55.32	177.83
<b>Banmankhi Mission:</b>				
General Maintenance....	(84.11)	1,497.91	1,593.42	(179.62)
Propagation .....	22.03	980.18	1,038.47	(36.26)
Land and Building.....	(3.53)	2,031.86	2,085.99	(57.66)
Miscellaneous .....	54.11	971.31	895.04	130.38
<b>Saharsa Mission:</b>				
General Maintenance .....	(1,201.57)	2,396.16	1,922.40	(727.81)
Propagation .....	1,547.70	3,710.30	4,137.53	1,120.47
Land and Building .....	89.75			89.75
Miscellaneous .....	(54.75)	445.20	272.07	118.38
<b>Barjora Mission:</b>				
General Maintenance .....	(25.69)	8,851.55	8,786.55	39.31
Propagation .....	(10.89)	4,497.76	4,526.25	(39.38)
Land and Building .....	120.75	233.58	159.92	194.41
Miscellaneous .....	(34.20)	215.14	99.72	81.22

# Japan

*Peter and Mary Willms*

A new chapter has been added to our Foreign Missions work for the year of 1953. About July first Rev. and Mrs. Peter Willms sailed from Los Angeles for Yokohama. They arrived in Japan in approximately three weeks. Soon after arrival a visit was made to Hagi City, the proposed place to open a Mission Center. Following the Youth for Christ World Congress in August, Brother and Sister Willms were accompanied by Bishop Henry Ginder into the area and began the work by a series of evangelistic meetings. The immediate response of the Japanese people was most heartening. A cordial welcome with very little manifest opposition to the gospel message were the visible reactions. As foreigners approaching a cultured and religious people with another religion they could ask for nothing more than received by way of courteous reception. These first evangelistic meetings were fruitful with people publically expressing they want to know more about the Gospel. Others openly declared their faith in Jesus Christ. Some of these have made remarkable progress in spiritual growth and development, and there is every reason to believe that they know the meaning of the new birth.

Some clouds and difficult situations did overshadow the work during these first months. Among them were the handicaps of language, finding the way through customs and government regulations; getting the motor car into the country; living amidst the deprivations of former friend-

ships; securing living quarters and others. Out of some of these the Lord has most marvelously delivered and in others He has shown the way to live through them.

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We have been studying language quite diligently. Other than our regular weekly meetings and the monthly circuit we have not ministered much except in personal contacts. Of these we have had some very profitable ones. Among them are some cases where material aid is desperately needed. One is a young widow with tuberculosis. She has one child. She lost her husband during the war. Since her husband's parents are living she cannot receive city or state aid. But her parents-in-law can hardly make their own living. This woman is a Christian who was led to Christ by a fine Christian doctor with whom I have become somewhat acquainted. Another case is a young man who is unable to work or even go to school because of his tuberculosis. His father is a drunkard, away from home now, and his mother is blind. Yet his parents are living and he, too, cannot qualify for city or state aid.

Today we received our first letter of a decision for Christ as the result of a tract. According to the letter, this person has a good grasp on salvation already. I was amazed at his sin-consciousness which is a rare thing here it seems. This decision comes from a town about 15 miles from here and it may be the means



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of an open door for meetings in that area. We praise the Lord for giving us this fruit just at this time when we are busy handing out tracts to the people flocking into Hagi for the cherry blossom season.

The attendance at our regular meetings has declined. Some of our young people have gone off to the universities, one has moved away, and others have apparently lost interest. Some of the older ones are also dropping off, others are steadily growing and a constant encouragement to us. Since this is Japan, I suppose it will be a good while longer before we find out the real reasons for the apparent loss of interest on the part of some.

One of our greatest joys is our young "Timothy" whose name is really Sakamoto-san. Because of poverty he could not afford to go to university and I hired him on a part time basis as a general helper and to train him as interpreter to take the place of the present lady who is very faithful but not quite satisfactory for a number of reasons. Sakamoto-san is making tremendous strides and I have already increased the number

of hours I use him each week. He is very keen and intelligent and has a passion for Christian service. He is extra good with children. Pray for him that Satan may not succeed in spoiling God's design for Sakamoto-san's life and that God may give us the wisdom to challenge Sakamoto-san and to guide him properly. He is a definite answer to prayer.

The longer I am here the more I think that if the rural areas are going to be effectively reached it will be through locally trained, largely self-supporting workers. It seems to me that we need an evening Bible School for this purpose. Then the young people who take local jobs, instead of going to university after high school graduation, could earn their living and still take a few evening classes each week. After graduation from our Bible School they could substitute village work for the time they formerly spent in Bible School.

We want you to know that we are so very happy in the Lord, and in our work. It is true that we have not had the response that missionaries had who came years ago or

that they may be having even now in larger cities. But we were warned that we were coming to a hard area and we also knew that things are much different now than they were even a few years ago. Yet we are so grateful for what God has done in spite of all problems such as our inexperience and the lack of interpre-

ters, etc. Most of all, it is such a joy to know that we are in God's will whether we see visible fruit or not. We ask that the church at home pray for God to reveal His power in this "hard" area to the glory of His Name and the eternal well-being of these priceless souls.

## Financial Statement

### Year Ending December 31, 1953

General Fund Receipts .....	\$ 3,020.39
General Fund Expenses .....	1,659.13
Balance on hand .....	\$ 1,360.66
Property Purchase Fund Receipts .....	\$ 3,431.24
Property Purchase Fund Expenses .....	3,431.24
Special Funds Receipts .....	\$ 327.52
Special Funds Expenses .....	132.21
Balance on hand .....	\$ 195.31

## Israel

"Too long have we neglected our responsibility to God's people the Jew" has been the feeling of a number of people interested in Foreign Mission Work. With a growth of this feeling and vision, and one of our number already on the field in the person of Sister Mary Wenger, steps were taken toward the sending of a couple to Israel at Conference in June. Gradually this program is developing until Bishop and Mrs. Jesse Lady have responded to this call of God and plan to enter service during 1954.

Sister Mary Wenger has spent most of the past year in Beersheba, witnessing in a personal manner and among the children who have been gathered together in groups. Her co-workers have been Christian Alliance and she has deeply appreciated kindness and unselfish manner in which they have helped to make it possible for her to do mission work among the people of Israel.

The joys and satisfaction of such Christian service can best be described by quoting a paragraph which

reads as follows: "A brief review brings to memory many of His rich blessings and opportunities to witness for Him. I recall the expressions of joy and gratefulness of the bus guard who sat daily on our gate step when I offered him a Bible in his own language; the thankfulness of the forty students in the Hebrew class to receive Bibles; the effect of a testimony to the saving power of

the Lord Jesus Christ and a portion of the scripture to a soldier who had never heard the Gospel before; my first experience to witness to a young man on the bus in the Hebrew language; and the reply of a contractor after he asked me if I had a happy Christmas, to which I replied I had, and that I wished all Israel could enjoy it as I did. He said, 'They will soon.' "

## Cuba

Responding in part to the cry of those desiring spiritual help on the isle of Cuba, investigation resulted in the purchase of the deserted church at Cuatro Caminos, which lies 14 miles from the city of Havana. The willing hands of brethren restored the house of the Lord to usefulness. Regular services are being conducted and souls are responding to the message of the Gospel. It has been rich reward to hear of the working of God in the hearts of those who are yielding to His call.

Opportunity to spread the Gospel through the Sunday school is presented through the agency of many branch schools. Tremendous is the need for the teaching of the living Word. The great dearth of the knowledge of the Word is not only prevalent in the children but in the adult as well. Unless we assume our responsibility to the great commission, we may find ourselves impoverished at

the coming of the Lord. Sad, that *many* false cults have preceded our initial going to help in the presentation of the Gospel of Christ. The task that presents itself would seem to prick our conscience with the thought "much too late and Lord forgive us."

The Lord has graciously supplied the needs in the restoration of the church. But now, in establishing a mission home and supporting workers on the field there is a definite financial need. Above even this is the call to prayer and obedience that workers may hear the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us." Pray that God's Spirit may have His way in the hearts of the people and workers.

Temporary workers on the field have well expressed themselves, "We shall never be the same again, even if we never get back to Cuba." Will you let the Lord speak to you?

# Foreign Missionary Personnel

## Africa

**Rockview P.O. Box 711 Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia**  
Rev. R. H. Mann, 1954 Acting Superintendent at our Mission in Africa

Mrs. R. H. Mann, 1954

**Matopo Mission P.B.T. 191 Bulawayo S. Rhodesia**

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. Book, 1956

Rev. and Mrs. Ira M. Stern, 1958

Miss Mary H. Brenaman, 1955

Miss Elizabeth H. Engle, 1954

Miss Mary C. Engle, 1958

Miss Ethel C. Heisey, 1958

Miss Nancy J. Kreider, 1960

Miss Dorothy M. Martin, 1954

**Mtshabezi Mission P.B. 102 M. Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia. Station**

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn C. Frey, 1958

Miss Velma R. Brillinger, 1960

Miss F. Mabel Frey, 1955

Miss Ruth T. Hunt, 1960

### Outstations

Rev. and Mrs. Chester F. Wingert, 1955

### Hospital

Dr. and Mrs. Alvan E. Thuma, 1957

Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman, 1960

Miss Martha L. Lady, 1960

**Wanezi Mission P.B. 129 "S" Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia Station**

Rev. and Mrs. J. Earl Musser, 1957

Miss Anna R. Engle, 1954

Miss Miriam L. Heise, 1959

Miss Mary E. Heisey, 1958

### Outstations

Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Sider, 1953

**Macha Mission, P.B. Choma, N. Rhodesia**

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hershey, 1955

Miss Anna M. Eyster, 1957

Miss Pauline R. Frey, 1959

Miss Anna J. Graybill, 1954

Miss Edna E. Lehman, 1955

Miss Edna M. Switzer, 1958

**Sikalongo Mission, P.O. Box 131, Choma, N. Rhodesia**

Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Brubaker Jr., 1959

Miss Anna L. Kettering, 1957

Miss Gladys I. Lehman, 1959

**Nahumba Mission, P.O. Box 173, Choma, N. Rhodesia**

Rev. and Mrs. H. Frank Kipe, 1958

## On Furlough

Bishop and Mrs. A. M. Climenhaga, Grantham, Penna.

Miss Anna Wolgemuth, R. R. Palmyra, Penna.

Miss Verda C. Moyer, 41 Hillside Ave., Souderton, Penna.

Rev. and Mrs. David Climenhaga, Grantham, Penna.

Miss Rhoda Lenhart, c/o Dr. P. G. Lenhart, Arcanum, Ohio

Miss Fannie Longenecker, R. R. Abilene, Kansas

Miss Annie E. Winger, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada

Miss Florence Hensel, Messiah Home, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Penna.

Miss Lula Asper, c/o Norman T. Asper, R. R. 2 Harrisburg, Pa.

## India

**Dauram Madhipura, N. E. Rlwy., Dist. Saharsa, N. Bihar**

Rev. William R. Hoke, 1960 Acting Superintendent at our Mission in India

Mrs. William R. Hoke, 1960

**Saharsa Mission, Saharsa, N. E. Rlwy., Dist., Saharsa, N. Bihar**

Dr. and Mrs. George E. Paulus, 1960

Miss Leora G. Yoder, 1954

Miss Mary B. Stoner, 1959

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Part III

*Sunday School*  
*Statistical Report*

# Statistical Report, Brethren in Christ Sunday School Work, 1953

C. W. BOYER, Secretary, Commission on Sunday School

NAME OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, 1953		Enrollment	1952 Average Attendance	1953	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Church Accessions	Total Offerings	Contributions to General Church Causes	Paid for Supplies	Other Expenditures
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>											
Alta Loma	Clarence Heise, 604 E. Ninth, Upland	70	62	76	2	0	0	\$ 813.78	\$	385.33	\$ 293.89
Birch St.	Willard Wingert, 620 Birch St., San Fran.	55	31	38	0	0	0	229.33		219.30	
Chino	Willard Stump, 341 N. San Antonio, Upland	36	89	95	4	6	0	1,799.22	854.68	370.64	561.84
Comet Court	Levi A. Strubar, 289 N. Third, Upland	25	20	21	0	0	0	234.83		240.52	5.00
Life Line	Mrs. H. W. Buckwalter, 311 Scott, San F.	56	33	48	0	25	0	398.45	169.73	271.76	
Los Olivas	Mrs. Cyrus Winger, 1659 W. Foothill, Up.	58	40	39	0	0	0	124.08	81.48	157.19	8.00
Moreno	Cecil Meares, Bx. 104, Star Rt. Sunnymead	35	34	36	0	0	0				
Open Bible	Wayne Book, 1466 W. Arrow, Upland	148	91	99	0	0	3	673.57			
Pasadena	Price Trautwein, 1685 Wagner, Pasadena 4	66	66	60	5	6	0	821.40	241.24	396.89	81.26
Snow Cap	Herbert L. Stern, 637 N. 2nd Ave., Upland	20	17	14	0	0	0	65.57		39.04	
Upland	Millard Herr, 620 E. 19 St., Cucamonga	400	309	330	25	36	6	3,641.65	1,548.80	1,106.43	713.68
Waukena	Landon Charles, R. 2, Bx. 263, Tulare	63	42	42	4	0	0	459.86	31.23	114.13	131.31
<b>CANADA</b>											
Bertie	Arthur Winger, Ridgeway, Ont.	296	192	206	25	0	3	4,763.32	2,746.83	1,033.20	1,141.15
Becketts Bridge	Miss Donna Crowe, Fenwick, Ont.	12	8	9	0	0	0	48.57			
Boyle	John Bossert, R. 1, Wellandport	80	65	67	0	0	3	279.95	31.25	254.85	160.00
Cheapside	Bert Sherk, R. 2, Fisherville, Ont.	128	99	106	0	0	0	778.83	332.45	378.86	15.00
Clear View	Mrs. J. D. Garman, Kindersley, Sask.	38	33	31	2	0	0	557.86	412.18	109.69	45.41
Collingwood	Wm. Rich, 244 Robinson St., Collingwood	40	28	27	5	0	0	151.55		107.28	
Concord	Murray Wideman, Richmond Hill, Ont.	64	34	41	0	0	0	279.02	50.55	129.23	104.00
Donlands	Myrtle Steckley, 79 Woodycrest, Toronto	70	39	48	8	0	1	271.39		168.72	110.03
Falls View	Ross Nigh, Stevensville, Ont.	147	101	92	0	0	1	1,032.18	188.53	595.49	238.32
Frogmore	Elwood Chapman, R. 2, Langton, Ont.	79	54	62	9	0	0	269.04	37.83	216.70	
Frontenac	Elmer Zoerb, Delisle, Sask.	25	16	16	2	0	0	79.02	29.05	64.73	
Highway Mission	Earl V. Winger, Wainfleet, Ont.	35	20	18	0	0	0	183.31	15.70	97.89	
Houghton Center	Bennie Millard, R. 2, Pt. Burwell, Ont.	39	34	33	4	0	7	185.30	29.83	139.49	37.37
Howard Creek	Mrs. A. W. Heise, Meath Park, Sask.	41	29	33	6	0	0	148.19	3.80	122.10	58.41
Maple Grove	Earl Cober, Fordwich, Ont.	61	60	55	5	0	0	356.03	58.00	221.78	60.62
Markham	Wm. Van der Bent, R. 2, Gormley, Ont.	172	132	127	6	6	0	1,970.89	1,175.11	727.61	265.29
N. C. College	Ray Wideman, N. C. C., Ft. Erie, Ont.	40	40	31	0	0	0	61.66		61.66	
Paddockwood	John Hoover, Paddockwood, Sask.	30	25	25	0	0	0	106.62	6.24	64.02	40.00
Rosebank	E. W. Heise, Blair, Ont.	85	74	82	14	5	2	1,223.30	795.21	241.38	97.28
Sherkston	Lorne Sider, Sherkston, Ont.	148	130	111	6	14	1	1,938.53	86.08	760.30	467.95
Sixth Line	Marshall Baker, Stayner, Ont.	90	83	91	10	18	4	480.93	50.00	234.01	
Springvale	Merlin Marr, Hagersville, Ont.	60	38	38	3	0	0	535.50	438.93	153.66	
Sunbeam	George Sider, Perry Sta., Ont.	94	59	58	22	5	0	962.86	119.60	432.59	426.21
Sunshine	Roy Nigh, Unionville, Ont.	180	132	148	3	6	1	1,046.28	158.50	357.24	481.56
Swoob	James Gilmore, Lowbanks	50	24	30	0	0	0	206.24	17.00	156.02	
Vaughn	Bruce Winger, R. 2, Maple, Ont.	41	31	36	0	0	1	365.79	184.58	143.74	
Wainfleet	James Gilmore, R. 1, Lowbanks, Ont.	223	170	174	16	0	4	105.35	1,764.40	711.61	553.16
Welland	L. A. Byer, R. 3, Port Colborne, Ont.	72	56	44	13	8	2	263.06	42.24	243.51	
<b>FLORIDA</b>											
Orlando	Robert Slaymaker, Bx. 612 R, 43 St., Orlando	76	58	67	10	12	2	509.42	40.86	356.11	150.00
<b>ILLINOIS</b>											
Chicago Mission	David L. Carlson, 6045 Halsted, Chicago	108	74	73	30	10	1	1,111.13	590.28	370.38	18.00
Franklin Corners	Archie Heer, Morrison	76	68	75	7	8	0	809.41	326.12	254.57	134.28
<b>INDIANA</b>											
Bethel	Jeff Dobbins, R. 1, Cassopolis, Mich.	85	39	43	8	10	0				
Christian Union	David Wagner, R. 3, Auburn	60	32	39	1	0	0	1,416.47	817.23	121.78	493.64
Locke	Ray M. Zercher, Nappanee	85	70	79	10	0	0	1,756.33	639.47	710.80	502.06
Madison Chapel	Daniel J. Stahly, Wakarusa	64	58	8	0	0	0	1,762.20	707.70	392.88	1,173.90
Union Grove	Donald Frenger, Nappanee, Ind.	100	88	95	25	10	0	1,489.16	477.97	555.85	360.09
<b>IOWA</b>											
Dallas Center	Elmo C. Alleman, Dallas Center	84	65	70	14	0	0	919.24	603.39	349.29	33.09
Emmanuel Chapel	Discontinued 1954	47	39	50	8	0	0	547.77	70.11	131.31	388.49
Oak Park	Mrs. Jas. Gibbens, 3951 15 St., Des Moines	104	63	83	9	0	0	1,976.79	163.15	304.48	1,042.17
<b>KANSAS</b>											
Abilene	David W. Musser, R. 1, Abilene	86	61	71	3	12	0	4,345.47	2,737.82	159.31	1,167.99
Bethel	L. E. Crawford, Detroit	59	67	57	4	3	0	362.88	223.56	137.58	13.57
Pleasant Hill	Verland Byer, Hamlin	35	28	32	3	0	0	1,027.92	713.14	93.20	
Rosebank	Millard Hostetter, Hope	98	85	75	8	2	0	613.91	374.32	203.01	81.51
Zion	Harry Kuntz, Abilene	113	99	99	12	12	1	2,049.66	1,736.48	164.85	67.73
<b>KENTUCKY</b>											
Beulah Chapel	W. F. Allison, Columbia	109	94	76	0	0	0	449.65	93.47	193.76	151.36
Bloomington	Julia Corbin, Christine	29	29	23	0	0	0	37.81		25.45	5.00
Fairview	Curtis Redman, Ella	50	48	49	21	6	0	89.20	8.12	52.17	32.56
Gospel Hall	Mattie Ellen Quinn, Knifley	90	48	57	12	0	0	226.74	59.57	108.68	145.43
Grassy Springs	Lottie Goodin, Garlin	24	15	10	0	0	0	28.04		10.61	18.00
Millerfields	Edgar Bryant, Webbs Cross Roads	73	58	61	23	0	0	127.19	5.06	48.70	61.59
Spout Springs	Ancil Spires, Knifley	33	22	23	8	0	0	121.39	22.45	35.82	40.00
<b>MICHIGAN</b>											
Bethel	Judson Hill, R. 2, Midland	85	57	71	12	8	0	1,691.74	1,276.52	414.41	
Carland Zion	Warren Brady, R. 3, Elsie, Mich.	79	67	62	8	4	0	1,242.46	350.41	294.01	606.18
Detroit	Harold Paulus, 3986 Humboldt	163	107	131	34	0	7	733.65	106.55	489.06	150.60
Leonard	Elmer Powell, Leonard	48	56	51	7	0	0	605.24	200.00	156.97	406.10
Mooretown	Randall Starr, Sandusky	47	29	41	7	5	0	307.02	120.80	161.62	39.91
Mt. Carmel	Frank Klassen, R. 5, Gladwin	32	31	27	0	0	1	187.98	37.28	119.04	
Sunshine	Opal Maggert, Hillman	106	80	73	1	0	0	228.18		213.72	61.82
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>											
Navajo Community	Carl Eberly, Bloomfield, Blanco Trad. Post	44	27	35	10	0	0	272.84	115.35	101.63	50.64
Sandia	R. E. Bushnell, 2626 Morningside, Albuq.	35	24	29	5	0	0	154.96	28.02	113.61	9.98
<b>NEW YORK</b>											
Buffalo	Mrs. David Wenger, 25 Hawley	98	86	72	5	0	2	1,230.31	323.93	285.64	
Clarence Center	Emory Martin, Clarence Center	108	103	97	4	4	12				
<b>OHIO</b>											
Beulah Chapel	Glendon Snider, R. 3, New Carlisle	250	199	182	0	0	5	3,859.97	2,314.27	1,364.45	367.07
Chestnut Grove	Mrs. R. C. Davis, R. 4, Ashland	107	83	93	0	16	0	831.60	249.60	291.18	247.50
Christ. Fellowship	Sylvanus Miller, R. 1, N. Lawrence	80	69	64	4	0	0	666.74	95.81	567.41	
Dayton	L. D. Hane, R. 1, New Carlisle	176	134	139	15	12	2	1,885.47	420.26	489.98	886.06
Fairview	Paul E. Brumbaugh, R. 1, Clayton	98	80	85	12	0	3	1,846.92	1,462.90	388.12	
Highland	Daniel Engle, R. 1, West Milton	77	63	69	18	0	0	1,521.20	740.18	243.31	535.28
New Castle	Eugene Burford, R. 1, N. Wilmington, Pa.	43	17	22	12	0	0	99.24	27.75	30.00	29.50
Pleasant Hill	C. W. Hershey, R. 3, Troy	135	96	104	5	0	1	2,148.45	902.11	485.86	765.05
Shanesville	Owen Christner, R. 1, Baltic	27	25	21	2	0	1	167.02	25.35	63.33	60.00

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Sippo	Roman Slabaugh, Dalton	88	61	62	7	0	1	595.87	215.18	304.29	70.91
Uniontown	Richard S. Royer, Box 141, Middlebranch	75	55	60	0	0	0				
Valley Chapel	Thos. Arndt, 4052 Georgetown Rd., Canton	130	91	107	0	0	1	717.17	100.80	446.81	175.00
OKLAHOMA											
Bethany	Harvey A. Brandt, Custer City	121	115	102	13	3	0	3,623.68	1,644.22	397.42	1,567.36
Red Star	J. Eugene Blacketter, Leedey	35	22	20	0	0	0	130.96	60.18	53.53	18.50
OREGON											
Labish	Virgil Brooks, R. 2, Bx. 344F, Salem	95	55	75	13	0	1	1,335.40	928.85	629.73	
Redwood	C. Winger, 1310 Redwood Hy, Grants Pass	140	90	90	12	0	0	620.04	146.36	283.91	173.79
PENNSYLVANIA											
Air Hill	Avery Sollenberger, Jr., R. 3, Ship'burg	191	154	161	39	63	1	2,552.11	743.40	661.56	917.20
Altoona	Cecil Maurer 305 Orchard, Altoona	121	75	78	13	0	0	1,623.03	77.54	176.68	1,133.07
Antrim	J. Stockslager, 314 E. Madison, Gr'ncastle	177	129	129	23	9	3	3,140.01	1,556.88	537.19	853.66
Blairs Mills	Jay Goshorn, Blairs Mills	75	49	54	8	2	1	830.42		580.64	806.97
Blandburg	Harold Rickard, R. R., Fallen Timber	65	60	60	0	0	0	281.32	54.93		76.68
Canoe Creek	Wm. Walls, R. 2, Hollidaysburg, Pa.	60	46	46	13	0	0	293.73	13.51	149.52	225.30
Carlisle	Roy E. Lehman, 624 N. West, Carlisle	315	262	269	29	7	7	9,334.34	1,207.08	1,102.87	6,733.51
Cedar Grove	James Lauver, R. 2, Mifflintown	77	55	78	7	11	1	692.69	241.29	221.45	58.57
Cedar Springs	Richard Lee Long, R. 1, Mill Hall	50	40	53	8	2	0	2,167.15	975.80	221.82	979.20
Chambersburg	Glenn Gayman, R. 3, Chambersburg	285	241	245	30	0	5	3,963.96	1,246.74	1,496.01	1,021.01
Clear Creek	Rhecy Wigfield, Clearville	133	86	96	35	0	0	3,291.27	253.25	305.55	2,957.07
Colyer	Merion Fultz, Pine Grove Mills	60	40	41	19	47	0	749.42	364.38	227.86	256.71
Conoy	Mahlon M. Fry, R. 1, Elizabethtown	114	112	94	6	2	0	1,513.64	930.51	581.61	320.69
Cross Roads	Lester H. Wogemuth, Mt. Joy	247	206	204	30	54	5	15,182.55	3,528.43	1,233.73	10,582.09
Cross Roads Union		114	101	96	0	0	0				
Eight Square Chapel	Fred Ebersole, Martinsburg, Pa.	51	40	42	0	0	4	562.50	75.86	201.95	245.39
Elizabethtown	Walter S. Martin, R. 3, Elizabethtown	190	136	159	24	12	0	4,552.13	2,474.92	637.15	1,501.97
Fairland	Roy Wenger, 96 W. High, Annville	223	156	165	20	13	5	3,999.62	1,576.61	928.93	1,550.43
Ferguson Valley	Carl R. Donahey, R. 2, McVeytown	75	60	64	3	0	2	1,372.01		264.60	1,097.41
Five Forks	Alfred Wenger, R. 2, Waynesboro	82	46	57	10	0	0	1,177.92	355.35	737.90	288.10
Five Forks	Chas. Spencer, 89 W. Mill, W. Nanticoke	62	49	39	0	0	0	180.21		130.04	81.13
Fox Hollow	Luther Gatz, R. 2, Montoursville	26	25	23	2	5	0	349.68	74.80	114.96	68.00
Free Grace	Albert Lenker, Box 102, Millersburg	160	117	120	11	0	6	3,353.47	858.74	480.55	3,686.00
Ganister	W. H. Walls, Williamsburg, R. R.	25	8	10	0	0	0				
Good Will	Alfred U. Whitesel, Salona	54	43	41	21	1	0	398.44	116.92	215.20	16.05
Grantham	Norman Brubaker, Grantham	196	195	180	15	50	3	5,237.23	3,457.60	830.62	928.67
Granville	Richard E. Smith, R. 2, McVeytown	124	97	101	16	13	0	1,155.79	314.97	643.88	355.25
Graterford	H. B. Hunsberger, E. 7th Av., Collegeville	90	54	60	1	0	0	1,315.20	570.87	437.68	
Green Grove	Irvin Moyer, 233 Randall Cir., Williamspt	80	54	47	0	15	1	777.58	867.48	183.97	
Green Spring	Wilbur W. Stayman, R. 1, Shippensburg	140	109	109	21	12	1	1,241.05	372.04	729.81	150.87
Hollowell	Avery Wingert, R. 3, Waynesboro	200	178	197	25	0	0	1,659.33		984.22	307.35
Hummelstown	Titus Winger, Union Deposit	151	110	109	52	44	2	688.37	255.00	475.44	76.78
Iron Springs	William Dick, Jr., R. 1, Fairfield	75	71	62	5	0	0	1,517.48		138.04	625.24
Lancaster	Daniel G. Engle, Millersville	120	83	88	0	11	3	2,048.04	1,133.81	704.71	297.33
Llewellyn	Michael Vengin, Llewellyn	50	34	39	0	0	0	291.60	110.00	185.59	
Locust Grove	W. E. Bausman, R. 9, York	74	70	69	3	0	0	1,478.46	1,084.27	261.55	183.11
Manheim	H. Melvin Boose, 1 N. Fulton, Manheim	180	129	131	8	10	1	2,928.31	701.77	538.08	1,016.67
Manor	Ray Gibble, R. 2, Columbia	130	105	99	5	14	0	4,537.20	2,981.63	550.57	1,005.30
Marsh Creek	Israel Ruth, R. 1, Howard	109	42	60	0	0	0	401.42	84.62	312.37	42.20
Martinsburg	Samuel K. Stern, Roaring Spring	108	101	96	9	8	1	3,569.34	978.05	498.37	2,379.50
Mastersonville	Blaine A. Wingert, R. 3, Elizabethtown	93	80	83	9	6	0	1,393.25	460.49	420.71	417.39
Maytown	Martin S. Spiekler, R. 1, Elizabethtown	63	69	66	4	2	0	1,570.51	964.73	518.96	108.01
Mechanicsburg	Morris W. Sherk, R. 2, Mechanicsburg	237	199	202	9	0	0	5,818.31	3,767.98	872.06	912.68
Messiah Home	Donald Zook, R. 1, Dillsburg	223	148	180	25	0	0	1,767.94	963.89	750.77	60.59
Messiah Lighthouse	T. V. Brehm, Kinderhaus, Hershey	152	110	99	64	160	0	1,001.20	370.86	548.35	59.72
Montgomery	Olin L. Hess, R. 2, Greencastle	192	151	158	20	0	0	1,471.59	519.20	448.37	498.57
Moore's	Melvin Linn, R. 3, Mechanicsburg	185	149	132	41	15	0	2,700.96	1,084.25	1,120.53	240.45
Morning Hour	J. E. Moyer, R. 2, E. Berlin	56	48	47	0	0	0	737.80	457.86	245.24	146.34
Mt. Pleasant	Jos. A. Stoner, R. 2, Mt. Joy	169	127	132	0	28	2	3,190.06	1,693.15	604.58	590.18
Mt. Rock	Samuel A. Thrush, R. 1, Shippensburg	121	98	99	13	2	2	1,630.44	407.25	1,043.37	397.52
Mountain Chapel	Wilbert Clark, Breezewood	68	40	38	0	0	0	412.73	26.31	54.40	72.14
Mowersville	David Bert, Newburg	117	97	100	8	5	0	1,619.97	830.25	442.20	366.18
New Guilford	Jno. D. Burkholder, R. 1, Chambersburg	210	173	190	28	0	8	6,177.47	2,594.15	657.28	2,932.88
Palmyra	Wayne Ebersole, 606 W. Main, Palmyra	155	105	119	8	13	0	3,331.02	1,447.60	451.98	1,495.29
Pequea	Mark S. Hess, R. 6, Lancaster	72	63	64	13	7	2	2,464.25	1,688.13	381.28	228.42
Philadelphia	Benjamin Watkins, 3436 N. Second	141	93	81	7	12	5	1,279.87	93.34	580.46	600.21
Pine Forge	Paul L. Buckwalter, R. 2, Pottstown	70	35	47	0	0	0	1,042.16		748.46	
Pleasant Valley	Ray W. Kitner, R. R., Shermansdale	95	77	77	9	5	0	1,441.01	528.41	215.72	403.95
Rana Villa	Sherwood N. Mell, Grantham	104	74	73	0	0	0	561.50	91.96	395.73	
Refton	Clyde J. Slaymaker, R. 1, Strasburg	91	73	73	8	12	1	1,923.33	1,190.42	304.64	308.60
Riddlesburg	Marlin Ressler, Riddlesburg	48	22	26	0	0	0	151.99	44.82	7.90	29.34
Saxton	Paul Hammon, Saxton	91	58	76	30	46	5	408.99	75.61	294.53	
Shenks	Clarence Kaylor, R. 2, Elizabethtown	165	137	158	25	12	0	1,387.94	689.14	820.83	383.00
Sherman Valley	Marlin Ressler, Riddlesburg	70	52	57	19	0	0	327.54	10.79	265.09	77.45
Silverdale	Earl Rosser, 433 Cen. Av., Souderton	77	60	60	0	0	0	1,515.35	438.84	292.84	597.88
Souderton	Wilmer D. Garis, R. R., Hatfield	149	112	112	0	12	2	1,308.24	262.82	694.16	357.03
South Mt. Chapel	Paul J. Musser, R. 1, Newburg	115	82	80	34	6	0	422.45	68.87	248.76	222.71
Speedwell Hgts.	Jno. C. Wolfe, R. 4, Manheim	35	28	30	4	0	0	321.59	18.00	284.09	19.50
Spring Grove	Marlin Peck, R. 1, Ickesburg	51	52	52	10	0	0	752.01		335.09	486.17
Springhope	Clement Oldham, R. 2, Bedford	57	52	55	13	0	2	789.53	522.54	315.79	
Stowe	Rufus H. Boyer, R. 3, Pottstown	94	85	83	11	14	0	1,442.58	90.71	520.52	767.69
Sunnyside	Donald R. Fisher, R. 1, Templeton	30	20	0	0	0	0				
Three Springs	Raymond F. Walker, R. 1, Three Springs	18	8	15	0	0	0	216.77		100.96	
Waynesboro	Walter Strite, Fairview Ave., Waynesboro	170	154	139	15	7	0	1,724.10	234.17	1,395.26	193.62
Woodbury	Harry Miller, Woodbury	81	57	41	7	0	5	829.79	368.00	212.37	340.58
VIRGINIA											
Farris Mines	Woodie W. Stilwell, Allisonia	90	59	64	1	1	0	307.85	19.00	260.12	36.67
Bethel	Philip Jennings, Sylvatus	65	23	50	0	0	0	262.27		258.77	5.31
Sunday School attend	ance at Camps, Youth Conferences, etc.										
	Average for year			75	0	0	0				
1953 Total		16666		13216	1573	1042	166	\$220,406.68	\$85,616.59	\$60,198.06	\$74,423.00
1952 Total		16118		12743	1391	1143	296	\$212,620.20	\$87,321.85	\$53,799.13	\$70,352.20
Comparison		†548		†473	†182	-101	-130	†7,786.58	-1,705.26	†6,398.93	†4,070.80

## Tabulation of Schools Having Highest

### Enrollment

Upland .....	400
Carlisle .....	315
Bertie .....	296
Chambersburg .....	285
Beulah Chapel .....	250
Cross Roads .....	247
Mechanicsburg .....	237
Fairland .....	223
Wainfleet .....	223
Messiah Home .....	223

### Average Attendance

Upland .....	330
Carlisle .....	269
Chambersburg .....	245
Bertie .....	206
Cross Roads .....	204
Mechanicsburg .....	202
Hollowell .....	197
New Guilford .....	190
Beulah Chapel .....	182
Messiah Home .....	180
Grantham .....	180

### Cradle Roll

Messiah Lighthouse .....	64
Hummelstown .....	52
Moore's .....	41
Air Hill .....	39
Clear Creek .....	35
Detroit .....	34
South Mountain Chapel .....	34
Saxton .....	30
Chicago .....	30
Chambersburg .....	30
Cross Roads .....	30

### Home Department

Messiah Lighthouse .....	160
Air Hill .....	63
Cross Roads .....	54
Grantham .....	50
Colyer .....	47
Saxton .....	46
Hummelstown .....	44
Upland .....	36
Mt. Pleasant .....	28
Life Line .....	25

## The Following Schools Attained a Rating of 80 % or more on the Sunday School Standard

Alta Loma, California .....	95	Cross Roads, Pennsylvania .....	82
Chino, California .....	80	Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania .....	95
Upland, California .....	88	Fairland, Pennsylvania .....	100
Sixth Line, Ontario .....	86	Five Forks, Pennsylvania .....	91
Sunbeam, Ontario .....	91	Good Will, Pennsylvania .....	82
Wainfleet, Ontario .....	92	Grantham, Pennsylvania .....	95
Chicago, Illinois .....	85	Granville, Pennsylvania .....	81
Christian Union, Indiana .....	90	Green Spring, Pennsylvania .....	93
Locke, Indiana .....	90	Hollowell, Pennsylvania .....	87
Madison Chapel, Indiana .....	85	Lancaster, Pennsylvania .....	93
Emmanuel Chapel, Iowa .....	87	Manheim, Pennsylvania .....	90
Oak Park, Iowa .....	94	Manor, Pennsylvania .....	83
Bethel, Kansas .....	86	Mastersonville, Pa. ....	81
Zion, Kansas .....	87	Maytown, Pennsylvania .....	80
Bethel, Michigan .....	81	Messiah Home, Pennsylvania .....	93
Chestnut Grove, Ohio .....	87	Messiah Lighthouse, Pennsylvania .....	82
Dayton, Ohio .....	83½	Moore's, Pennsylvania .....	95
Bethany, Oklahoma .....	87	Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania .....	87
Air Hill, Pennsylvania .....	100	Mowersville, Pennsylvania .....	92
Altoona, Pennsylvania .....	82	Palmyra, Pennsylvania .....	88
Antrim, Pennsylvania .....	93	Pequea, Pennsylvania .....	90
Carlisle, Pennsylvania .....	84	Refton, Pennsylvania .....	90
Cedar Springs, Pennsylvania .....	80	Shenks, Pennsylvania .....	90
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania .....	87	South Mountain Chapel, Penna. ....	92
Conoy, Pennsylvania .....	92	Speedwell Heights, Pennsylvania .....	81

# Home Mission Station Financial Report

Receipts

Expenditures

CITY MISSIONS	Balance *Deficit	General Local Offerings for Mission	For Pastor	For Other Workers	Evangelism	Missions Home and Foreign	Other General Church Needs	Special Needs and Projects	From the Church-at-large	From Home Mission Board *Loan	TOTAL Receipts	TOTAL Cash Available	Food	Transportation	Rent, Fuel, Utilities, etc.	Property Maintenance	Home Furnishings	Hall and/or Church Maintenance	For Pastor and Other Workers	Evangelism	Missions Home and Foreign	Other General Church Needs	Special Needs and Projects	Promotional and Advertising	Miscellaneous	TOTAL Expenditures	Balance *Deficit
Buffalo.....	\$ 179.70	\$1,918.04	\$310.00		\$144.76	\$245.15	\$145.97	\$ 40.75	\$ 251.18		\$ 3,056.45	\$ 3,236.15	\$ 775.69	\$ 335.40	\$ 501.85	\$ 238.80	\$ 85.61	\$1,293.08	\$310.60	\$232.50	\$245.15	\$ 59.20	\$ 108.35	\$ 77.25		\$ 3,087.17	\$ 148.98
Chicago.....	14.10	1,663.62	330.44		631.49	439.35	14.95		1,253.88		3,702.24	3,716.34	747.81	240.35	1,055.51	348.06	109.54	338.14	330.44	232.46	439.35	14.95	2,560.50	178.12		3,672.66	43.68
Detroit.....	*99.28	5,369.20	328.51		97.84	166.10			696.10		7,191.40	7,092.12	1,153.06	971.55	575.01	1,253.72		37.97	328.51	631.49	166.10	35.22	2,560.50	51.05		9,093.61	*2,001.49
Harrisburg.....	78.03	1,694.37	254.99		492.00	127.71	35.22	700.00	149.33		2,359.46	2,437.49	424.07	199.60	847.77			18.35	259.99	86.00	127.71	117.00	48.73		2,430.31	7.18	
Massillon.....	30.37	797.70	668.11		668.11	206.22	17.38	700.00	70.41		2,283.71	2,314.08	1,005.44	106.37	627.34	1,272.15	159.01	37.97	68.27	492.00	206.22	43.40	700.00	150.07		2,086.02	77.99
Philadelphia.....	*222.01	625.55				312.65	43.40	1,224.05	583.05		3,456.81	3,234.80	821.98	418.74	1,623.41	278.30		94.26	668.11	668.11	312.65	19.10	41.57	14.66		4,129.66	*894.86
San Francisco.....	96.19	3,043.11					19.10	166.50	772.54		4,001.25	4,097.44	821.98	52.51	1,623.41		66.04	269.35	43.00	176.28	128.52	246.57	70.21	100.37		4,051.23	46.21
Toronto.....	347.33	552.81	34.50	\$35.31		62.58	128.52	234.72	291.67		1,340.11	1,687.44	321.50		123.67			70.50	70.50		62.58	234.72	90.66	4.38		1,424.07	263.37

## RURAL MISSIONS

Bloomfield.....	*\$10,133.70	\$2,115.70			\$157.63	\$ 13.98	\$ 35.02	\$ 6.20	\$19,965.49	*\$588.96	\$22,882.98	\$12,749.28	\$2,447.77	\$1,407.74	\$857.55	\$882.85		\$58.07	\$281.70	\$313.24	\$ 13.98	\$ 35.02	\$8,100.18	\$812.23		\$15,152.26	*\$2,402.98	
Kentucky—																												
Ella Station.....	349.43	1,038.88	\$ 45.00		441.43	378.35	240.15	1,197.00	2,232.00		5,572.81	5,922.24	499.75	1,035.20	405.62	87.46	\$ 62.97	\$58.07	45.00	790.80	378.35	95.43	2,091.43	166.67		5,747.68	174.56	
Meath Park Station (North Star M.)..	37.51	369.97			86.61	56.30	2.00	515.23	965.27		1,995.38	1,957.87	186.67	846.17	151.10	52.77	15.00		88.00	88.00	56.30	2.00	572.98	6.06		1,977.05	*19.18	
Saxton.....	130.11	606.16	258.35	\$84.60	390.07	57.81	81.84	149.04	54.00		1,681.85	1,811.96	237.14	133.23	141.86	179.69			376.66	376.66	57.81	82.14	50.10		66.13	1,650.61	161.38	
Sylvanus (Bethel Mission)...	*30.98	941.72	72.04		104.44	9.25	5.20	543.78	409.98	45.00	2,059.37	2,028.39	348.98	523.07	271.58	45.68	119.16	26.13	105.44	105.44	9.25	10.60	533.99	45.07		1,993.27	35.15	
Tillsomburg.....	140.00	602.40			339.00	154.67	636.35		296.41		2,100.87	2,240.87	133.85	371.62	89.27		4.77	54.14	72.90	339.00	154.67	636.35		35.32		1,936.71	304.16	