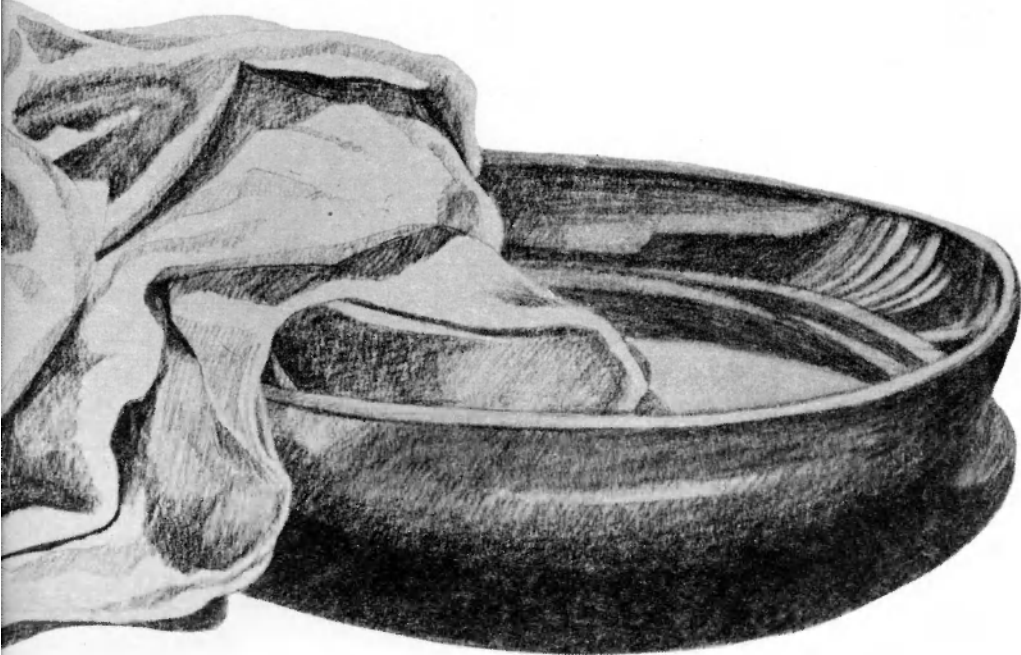


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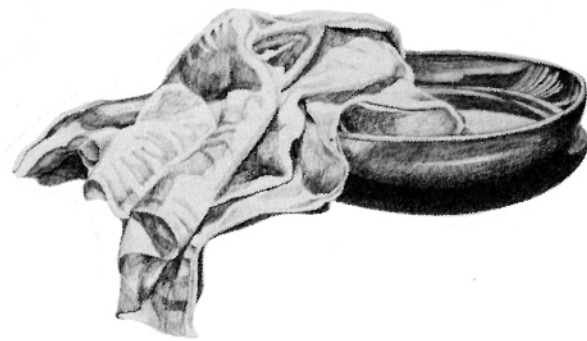
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FOREWORD

Jesus talked quite a bit. His attentiveness to people led Him to engage in many personal conversations. His stories were interesting. His words recorded in the Bible do many things—teach, explain, comfort, convict, command, etc. His use of Scripture was always timely and appropriate.

But, judging from the record, Jesus did many good DEEDS in His brief years on earth. The Apostle John was so overwhelmed by what Jesus did that He could not imagine all of it being written in books. The Gospel narratives project Jesus' waiting, waking, walking, working, and watching. But in all this activity His was not a "busyness"—it was a life style of wholeness. At peace with Himself, He could exercise His discomfort in a redemptive ministry toward the hurt and the helpless.

It was Jesus' perfect blending of WORD and DEED that revealed His perfect LOVE for men.

Our mission is to continue Jesus' work in the world—until He comes. He commanded us to go out with His presence and power to all people with the message of His Kingdom. For us to change His balance between word and deed would be disastrous. But, if we're going to have the right words, it's going to take much hard study and research. Fortunately, to keep in touch with the needs of people, waiting and waking and working and walking and watching all are helpful. They create the climate for appropriate conversation.

The task of the Church is to reveal Christ's love for people through a fusion of Service and Witness.

Not claiming to have succeeded, we press forward.

—jwh

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"This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world unto all nations, and then shall the end come"

—Matt. 24:14

We labor to fulfill these important words of our Lord, in anticipation of the Great Day of the Lord.

We rejoice in the harvest of souls God has given in this decade, for the advances in national leadership and church building.

We thank God for continued open doors and responsiveness to the Gospel in every one of our fields.

We continue in concern and planning to help the vast needs yet unmet.

—the unevangelized, a vast multitude of human souls still untouched.

—the seeking youth—can we meet them in their needs and on their level?

—the untaught Christians—a strong nurture ministry needed.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing on each of our national and missionary workers.

You, as co-laborers with us, need to share in the knowledge of what God is doing and in the prayer concerns of our continuing needs.

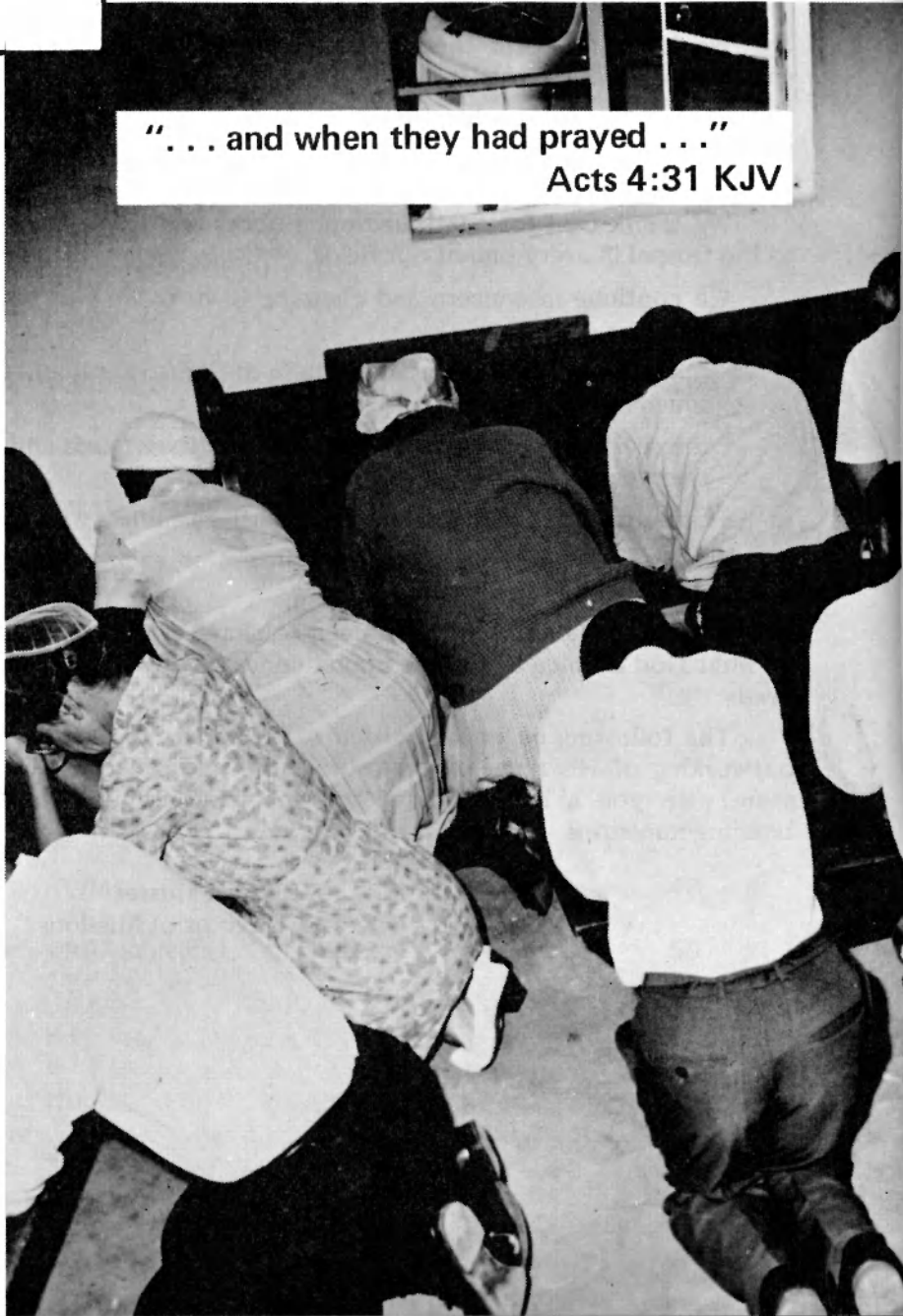
The following pages are written to give praise to God for the outworking of His redeeming power in the lives of men, and to share with you a knowledge of this in our continuing church-building ministries.

J. Earl Musser
Director of Missions



Rhodesia

“... and when they had prayed ...”
Acts 4:31 KJV



PRAYER FOR REVIVAL—"We are seeing the desire for revival in the clear movings of God giving new faith for revival." So writes the retiring bishop of the church in Rhodesia, Rev. Alvin J. Book, as he seeks to describe what many of our missionaries and nationals are feeling, and God is giving them faith to believe that such a revival is coming. Bishop Book continues: "Increasing problems of sin and materialism and the need for increased spiritual growth has resulted in much prayer for revival. The Lord has clearly led the churches in Rhodesia to inaugurate the 'New Life for All' movement. Much blessing has resulted in the meetings held, both denominationally and interdenominationally."

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In what way is God working in this movement?

Interdenominationally, many of the churches—mostly belonging to the Evangelical Fellowship—are joining together in this movement which is gaining momentum in many parts of Africa. The burden and passion of the movement is to lead church members in all their congregations to much prayer for revival in the church and to witness to their unsaved neighbors. Workers' Retreats were held at which time the emphasis and organization of "New Life for All" was taught.

As a denomination, we have seen the burden of prayer spreading to people in new areas. An all-night prayer chain at Conference time was marked by great realization of the presence of God. Early morning prayer groups as the one at Mtshabezi Church (pictured) are still few, but the God who answers by fire is stirring His people. Let us pray with them that His cleansing and power may be manifested in new ways.

Rhodesia's new bishop, Rev. Philemon Kumalo, states emphatically: "The cry for revival is everywhere—not the least in our Matopo district. We pray for a dynamic church." God has the answer: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

BURNING SATAN'S CLOTHING—An evangelistic team went out to Gokwe for evangelism and Bible studies. Coming to one of the services was an old woman carrying a bundle of clothing in her arms. What a thrill to see her bring her demon worship clothes right at the beginning of the evening service to be burned. As the fire burned the clothes, one of the team led the people in singing a Sindebele chorus,

“I threw my sins away at Calvary;
They all disappeared.”

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Reminded one of those at Ephesus burning their bad books!

Glenn and Beth Frey, heading up this evangelistic team, are stirred at the needs they see. “Wherever we go, the church people are hungry for the Word and want the Holy Spirit to fill their lives. The fields are white unto harvest . . . and the laborers few!”

NEW PREMISES FOR THE BOOKSTORE IN BULAWAYO—During 1969 the builders were busy building a new bookstore and office building. Present facilities of the bookroom have become very inadequate. God has blessed in the bookroom ministry so abundantly that what we now see is far beyond our original expectations. Just a few years ago there was debate on whether there should be one or two full-time employees. Now there are 15 and everyone is busy. Sales in Bibles this year increased 23%; wholesale religious books to other Christian bookstores increased 35%; sales for the year exceeded \$365,000; and God helped provide a nice profit to be used in supporting evangelists, in printing religious literature, and to send Christian colporteurs out to sell and distribute Christian literature.

Don Zook writes, “Opportunities for increased ministry abound. The enlarged premises will enable a specific part of the shop to be available as a reading room. One encouraging opportunity has been the privilege of offering holiday employment to Bible Institute students. Seeing these men enthusiastically witnessing and sending souls in the ‘concrete jungle’ of a big city has been most heartwarming.”

SCHOOLS IN RHODESIA—A CHANGING SCENE

STAFFING—Remember just a few years ago the missionaries were managing all our schools—and were the teachers too?

That picture is changing. Both high schools in Rhodesia (Matopo and Wanezi) and the Teacher Training School at Mtshabezi are being managed by African principals. At the same time there is less dependence on missionary teachers as far as staff is concerned. A good example of this is Matopo Secondary School where the staff consists of six nationals and seven missionaries. A good balance for working together in Christian education for 335 high school youth—young people searching for knowledge and real meaning in life. Thank God for the privilege of ministering to them in classroom, dormitory, church, and playing field, pointing them to the Answer.

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PRIMARY EDUCATION—Since the beginnings of missions in Africa when we found illiteracy all about us, the Brethren in Christ have been involved in primary education. It not only gave opportunity for African youth to get education, but also afforded the church opportunity to bring to these people a spiritual ministry, that they might know Christ and His redeeming power.

Changes appear to be imminent. The government of the country seems ready soon to accept this educational role as its responsibility and to take over the management of primary schools. New proposed revisions applying to the running of the schools would make the church's continuing role in primary education very difficult financially, if not impossible.

We thank God for the wonderful open door to evangelism which the primary schools have been. We pray that, whether or not Brethren in Christ Missions continue to be deeply involved in the secular education of these young people—that God may continue to give the church opportunities in all the communities represented by these schools to continue an effective witness and program through the local church there.

ON THE MOVE—IN BIBLE TRAINING PROGRAMS

TO A NEW SITE—1969 was a great year for the Bible School.

10 Now named Ekuphileni Bible Institute (means “the place of life”), the school was moved from Wanezi about 80 miles to its new home at Mtshabezi in May 1969. The student body of over thirty students and the four teachers are excited about their new school. Rev. Luke Keefer, principal, reports:

“Moving the Bible School was not a little undertaking. It required the trip of a moving van, four lorry (large truck) trips, and eight trips by a VW Kombi. For the first month of operation the cooking was done out-of-doors and a temporary shelter served as the dining hall.”

Primary source of funds for Ekuphileni is from gifts and offerings from America. There remains a sizable amount of funds needed to liquidate the indebtedness for this first phase of the Bible School development. More accommodations, which can only be built as funds become available, are yet needed.

TAKING THE SCHOOL TO THE PEOPLE—What about the church leaders who wish Bible and leadership training but who cannot leave their families, cattle, and fields to get such training 30-60 miles away from their homes? This question has plagued the church for many years. Only a fraction of the 125 churches have trained pastors. One answer is on the way—take the Bible training to the church leaders. Mobile Bible Schools have proved effective in South America for this need, and we believe will meet a great need in Africa as well.

This year three experiments were conducted—going out to the rural churches and setting up afternoon classes for pastors, evangelists, deacons, etc., for a four-week period. The Harveys conducted classes in the Sitezi and Longfield areas and the Jacob Shenks in the Kumbula area. Both were enthusiastic about the tremendous training potential this plan offers. 1970 will see the inauguration of a regular schedule for such a mobile school. Our greatest opportunity is to “commit to faithful men,” and God is showing us new ways to help many more than was possible formerly.

MTSHABEZI HOSPITAL ENLARGES ITS MINISTRIES

A highlight of 1969 was the dedication of new facilities at Mtshabezi Hospital—God’s answer to some real needs. The new buildings and equipment alleviated some exasperating situations of long standing: lack of facilities and equipment to perform vital medical and laboratory procedures; old equipment and inadequate sewage disposal; inadequate patient care facilities with attendant crowding and mixing of cases in wards.

Through generous gifts from two philanthropic organizations —“Bread for the World” (Germany) and Beit Trustees (England) —the following much-needed improvements were made possible:

1. Electricity (from the high line)
2. New wards—Pediatrics, Outpatient, Tuberculosis, and Surgery
3. New sewage system
4. More housing for staff
5. Modern equipment for laboratory, operating room, etc.
6. Fencing (to keep donkeys and goats outside)

Dedication day was April 12, 1969 when Dr. Stern, his co-workers, hundreds of community people, chiefs, government officials, and friends shared in thanksgiving to God. Dr. Alvan Thuma, first missionary doctor of the Brethren in Christ Church, who started his service at Mtshabezi in 1950, was on hand as guest speaker for the occasion.

Increased facilities will mean more patients and more folk to whom we can bear testimony of the Great Healer. Dr. Byer comments on this opportunity:

“During the last year we had an average delivery rate of one baby a day. There is room for a lot of witnessing, as about half of our mothers who come to wait do not have the benefit of marriage, either Christian or tribal . . . At present, we meet under large trees (for prayer). The construction of a proper chapel with an office for the evangelist awaits the availability of funds for this purpose.”

During 1969 the staff of national workers was increased to 18 compared with 11 the previous year. In-patient statistics rose considerably. There was some decrease in out-patient statistics.

PHUMULA HOSPITAL

Phumula Mission Hospital began serving residents in the Gwaii District, more than one hundred miles northwest of Bulawayo in 1959 serving 387 patients. In 1969 the patient load had grown to 3457.

SPIRITUAL VICTORIES—Opportunities for soul winning are limitless at this outpost, with a ready-made congregation daily. Opportunities abound for contacts with patients and their families.

“... It is inevitable at times (to lose a patient). However, ... we are happy when we have been able to help them prepare to meet God. . . . I was taking (a man with Hodgkin's disease) by car to Bulawayo for treatment. As we journeyed and were talking, he accepted the Lord. . . . Near death, he gave this testimony that it was quite alright because he was ready to meet God. During his last 10 days he suffered much, but without complaint, and one could sense the peace that was his.”—Dr. Kauffman

WOMEN'S ACTIVITY

In recent years the women have organized for service under the name of Omama Bosizo (Woman Helpers). Organized at Matopo, Mtshabezi, and Wanezi, God is showing the women new ways of expressing their faith and being useful.

Through Omama Bosizo they have distributed used clothing to needy children, gone to work the fields of sick neighbors, and spent much time as a sewing circle for the hospitals. Prayer cells have been formed and are a means of strengthening them. Recently, after a visitation campaign south of Mtshabezi, a hired truck brought them home thrilled with the joy of leading others to Christ.

EMPHASIS ON YOUTH

Bible Camps are becoming a significant activity in evangelism and challenge to Rhodesian young people. Matopo students, during second-term holiday (3 weeks, August-September) took part in several camps, and came to realize their need of personal faith and living wholeheartedly for Christ.

A group of students who had memorized prescribed scriptures over a 12-week period, received as their prize a week at a Bible Memory Association camp.

“It was a thrill to hear the students praising the Lord for peace and joy in their hearts. They heard and absorbed deep messages on the Spirit-filled life.”—Barbara Stansfield

FAITHFUL MEN

The Rhodesia Church suffered the loss of several beloved and outstanding leaders, some in the prime of life. These answered God's call to higher realms.

Delelani Moyo—He was older. Trained at Wanezi Bible School, he served for many years as an evangelist. His great sense of humor enlivened many a conversation. God's call came in the midst of his faithful service to the people at Mtshabezi Hospital where he was serving as resident evangelist.

Philemon Nkala—Faithful Pastor. First a work foreman at Matopo and then a preacher for a number of years, he wasn't satisfied to be an untrained one. So he entered Bible School and thrilled to the challenge of becoming a better servant of God. But the Lord had other plans for him and took him Home while still a student. A devout family and many fellow churchmen mourn his passing.

Mapendle Moyo—just middle-aged. He didn't only teach his students; by his life and enthusiasm he inspired them. His several years of training at Messiah College, added to his years of public school teaching, made him an invaluable addition to the Bible School staff. In his last days, with pain and weakness coming upon him, he valiantly continued on, his bed nearby the classroom for frequent rests. At his funeral it was said, "A Jonathan has fallen."

We commit Moyo's passing from this earthly scene to an all-wise God who gave him to us for awhile. May God use his deep dedication and loyal service to raise up many to the tasks he could not finish.

NEW BISHOP FOR RHODESIA

The church in Africa has taken a momentous step in the choosing of a national bishop. On Easter Sunday, 1970, Rev. Philemon Kumalo assumed the office of bishop for Rhodesia. The church stands firmly behind him with prayers and goodwill. There is a keen sense of expectancy as the church passes another milestone in the development of national leadership. Brother Kumalo needs our prayers for God's daily help and strength.



Zambia

doing good

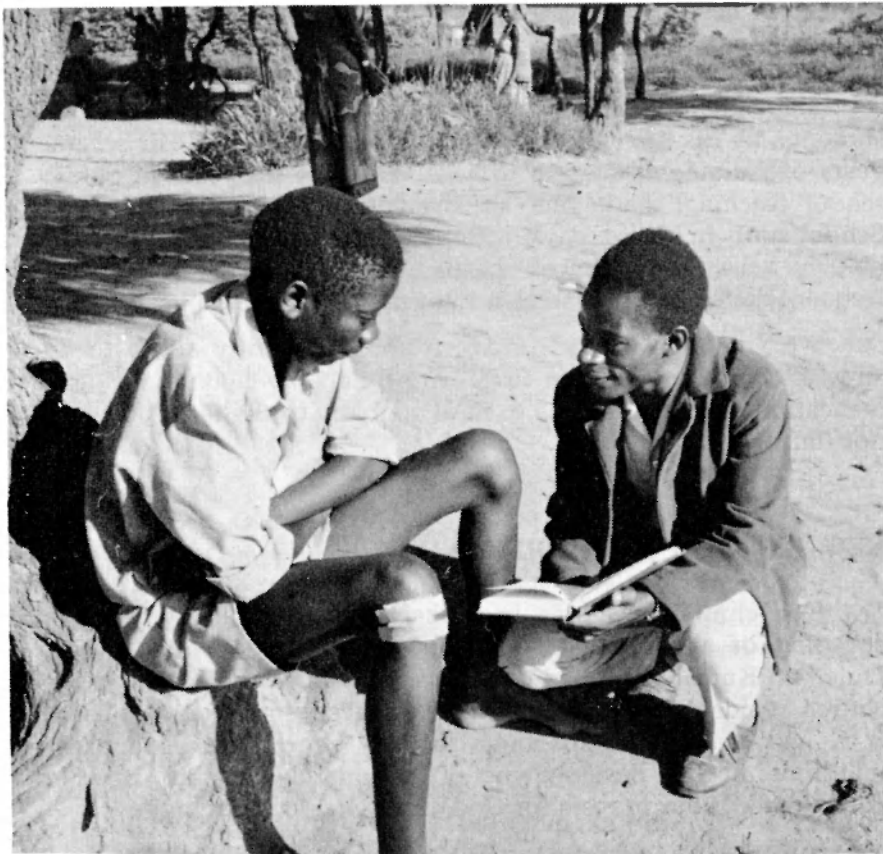
healing

teaching

persuading

Acts 10:38, Mark 6:34 KJV

II Cor. 5:11



TRAINING "SISTERS OF MERCY"

All the students who took their final exams passed. To tutor Eva Byers and her training staff the graduation of the first class of Zambia Enrolled Nurses was a landmark of satisfaction!

"The program of the [Macha] Hospital is geared to provide a suitable place for the training of students. Our purpose is to train them to minister to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of man. We feel one of the major spiritual assets of our program during the past year has been the spiritual growth noted in these students during their stay with us as they participate in the spiritual program of the Hospital."—Dr. Joseph H. Engle

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MACHA MISSION HOSPITAL is dedicated to a ministry that is both responsive to human need and opportunistic for spiritual witness.

The hospital has been fortunate to have the services of a fulltime evangelist to assist in the spiritual ministry among the patients. A recent Bible School graduate, Daniel Nsemu, fills his role conscientiously and well as he moves among the patients—teaching, counseling, praying and helping all who he can contact.

On certain days he goes out to villages to follow up patients who have turned to the Lord, seeking to help them find spiritual help and fellowship with one of our local pastors and congregations.

The new Pediatric Ward at the Macha Hospital was dedicated on June 7, 1969. The new Chief Macha was present to cut the ribbon as the building was officially opened for the public to visit the hospital. Local headmen and church leaders and friends were on hand for the occasion.

Since many people could not understand why there should need to be a separate ward for children, an effort was made to educate the public. They were shown the use of the hospital in an attempt to relieve their fears of the unknown inside this building. These efforts have been rewarded—now there are happy mothers and children in this building.

The facilities for care of children are excellent. The nursing staff can devote their full attention to the peculiar problems of caring for children. Besides giving treatment and nursing care, an attempt is made to teach the mothers about good hygiene, proper diet, and to help them keep their children healthy. Not the least of the blessings of this new building is the peace and orderliness of women's ward since the babies have been removed to another location.

CHOMA CHURCH DEDICATED

The realization of a dream come true—a church in Choma! Many former students and local church members had gone to town. Some, without the encouragement they needed, had gone back to their sins.

Several years ago the Church Executive Committee decided to set some goals for the development of the church and a church in Choma was one of the first priorities. Interest was stirred up in America to support this project as the George Kiblers toted an elephant foot to missionary services to focus on this need—and to fill the foot with dimes.

The new Choma church building was dedicated on November 16, 1969, with over 400 people attending. No longer will they need to crowd into the local school classrooms for services. Good interest is being shown and Sunday attendance has jumped to an average of 165.

The appointment of William Silungwe, recent graduate of the Choma Bible School, as pastor, is a milestone for indigenous development of the congregation. As a member of the Bookroom staff, he had helped to open services in Choma four years ago. Now he is back as their pastor.

CHOMA BOOKROOM EXPANDS

In spite of prophecies of lower sales and a waning market (because the government took over the sales of textbooks and school supplies), 1969 ended with increased sales, and a fine profit which is used in Christian literature distribution and other types of evangelism.

ANOTHER BOOKSTORE—In Livingstone

The people in Livingstone, 150 miles SW of Choma, had difficulty getting the Christian literature which they needed, and had requested a Brethren in Christ bookstore there. Opened in November, the store is doing well, and operates with a vision of bringing spiritual help and blessing to the community.

CHOMA BIBLE INSTITUTE COMPLETES SECOND YEAR

The first three students of the Choma Bible Institute have graduated. Throughout the year keen interest has been shown by the men in the study of the Word of God.

“They have done practical team work in village evangelism and pastoral care of village communities. There was a day when class was interrupted by a man from a nearby village who had great trouble, and we took time for counseling and prayer. Many times we have felt the Lord’s presence so very close. The men requested that their wives be allowed to attend the course on ‘The Home and Prayer’ with them. They made a positive contribution to the discussion.”
--Fannie Longenecker

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The Institute has operated in limited temporary facilities at Sikalongo Mission. Although family housing was not good the students have maintained a good attitude, showing a fine spirit of cooperation. One permanent staff house was under construction at the end of the year.

In September Fannie Longenecker took responsibility for the school from Graybill Brubaker. By year’s end Fred Holland was named principal of C.B.I. to work with Sister Longenecker.

PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS OF CBI GRADUATES

William Silunwe, father of three (including small twin sons), a keen student of the Word

—new church in *Choma*

Jonathan Mwaalu, with a steady wife to stand by him

—assistant pastor, *Livingstone*

Moses Munsaka, father of four, whose wife will assist in rural health clinic

—heavily populated *Muchila*

The Bible School staff carries a continuing concern for these men as they assume their pastoral responsibilities. There is a growing awareness on the part of the church of the desirability of seeking Bible School graduates for pastoral work. Much depends upon the faithful and energetic ministry of well trained men.

SCHOOLS SERVING THE CHURCH

RURAL SCHOOLS

One of the first activities of the early missionaries back in 1906 was to seek to meet the desperate educational needs of an illiterate people. Brethren in Christ schools in Zambia have come a long way since then. These schools, administered with a spiritual emphasis, can continue to bring blessing in the life of the church and opportunity to its youth.

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The primary schools, 47 of them in 1969, have expanded by 45% in the past six years in enrollment—now about 8000. This has greatly increased the need for more buildings and better management. David Brubaker, with three able national managers, has provided excellent leadership to maintain the best schools possible. VSer Ray Heisey has been an important key in the success of the rural primary school building program.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Choma Secondary School, operated jointly with the Wesleyan Church, had a total enrollment this year of 485 students and looks to a maximum capacity of over 700 in a few years. The student body has less overaged students than formerly and soon about 80% will be under 17 years of age.

Rev. Jonathan Muleya, principal of CSS, has been successful in maintaining excellent student discipline and staff-student relationships. His staff of about 16 Christian teachers includes Brethren in Christ, Wesleyan, MCC-TAP, Indian and others.

Macha Secondary School has received government recognition as a permanent secondary school. Operated as a “temporary” school in primary school facilities, plans for new facilities are now going forward energetically. The Macha area is most grateful to know that there will be a Christian girls high school in their community.

NATIONAL TEACHERS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

The first Zambia trained secondary school teachers have been assigned this year. Several others trained overseas are joining the secondary school staffs.

BY ALL MEANS, SOME

At Sikalongo Hospital daily prayers must still be held outside—under a large syringa tree, or when the sun is not too bright, on a concrete slab. In 1970 the dream of some years is being fulfilled as the chapel site emerges as a house of prayer.

The communities surrounding Sikalongo benefit from the services of three rural health centers. This year two African nurses, from Macha's first class of Zambia Enrolled Nurses, have helped to staff these outposts, where daily prayers are conducted.

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Training conferences for adults—Leadership Training, Home and Family Conferences, Bible Conferences are conducted in the rural areas where opportunities for special training are limited. These events are highlights for the church at the grass-roots level.

Camps and Youth Rallies—Designed to recognize and involve the many youth, these activities include the popular Bible quiz competitions. This competition culminates at the regional conference. To hear promising youth respond, confessing sins and shortcomings, and rededicating themselves to the service of Christ—these are ample rewards for the many hours of labor and organization involved in making the events possible.

CHURCH GOALS

Bishop H. Frank Kipe says,

“It has been said that goals clearly defined are goals more readily achieved. Simply stated, ours is to build a strong, self-supporting dynamic church in Zambia. . . . Revival is our greatest need . . .”

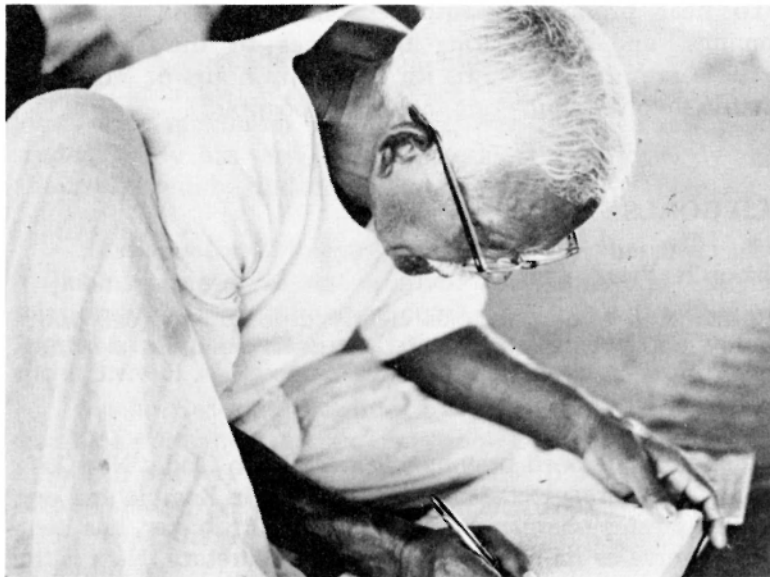
The church has been praying and waiting on God. “New Life for All” has been organized on a national scale in Zambia and one of our third-term missionaries, Rev. Graybill Brubaker, has been *seconded* to serve as its national Organizing Secretary. Now is the time for prevailing prayer—for a visitation of the Spirit of God upon His church in Zambia.



India

“to have your mind controlled by what the Spirit wants will result in life and peace.

Rom. 8:6b GNFMM



“...driving a straight furrow, in your proclamation of the truth.”

II Tim. 2:15b NEB

It is the task of Missions to constantly evaluate and review its programs and policies so that programs can be projected that are adapted for the times. Three interrelated factors have bearing upon our projections for India.

FACTORS—POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SPIRITUAL

ECONOMIC—As Brethren in Christ Missions in India realistically faces the future with the strong possibility of foreign funds being cut off by the government, it is necessary to project mission-church programming with this in view. Plans and projections include:

1. Properties that are no longer strategic in the fulfilling of the mission-church program are being sold, with the proceeds being used to provide needed facilities and services. For example, proceeds of land sales at Saharsa were reinvested in a new and greatly enlarged reading room/bookstore at Saharsa.

2. Church leaders throughout India have been emphasizing the importance of institutions becoming self-supporting, or simply closing down. With this in view, steps have been taken toward making Madhipura Christian Hospital self-supporting. The literature work will be developed on the same basis. Barjora School may never be self-supporting without government aid. SPIC is a valuable program in the educational life of the Indian Church, but since it is highly vulnerable in a number of ways, serious thinking is being done as to how it could be better adapted to an Indian approach.

3. Since a prime key to the spiritual life of the church is the ministry, it is obvious that an enduring self-support program must be established to ensure that pastors will be able to continue an effective ministry. Since the Brethren in Christ work in India is rural, the obvious means is through land support. A significant assist from Brethren in Christ Men's Fellowship will help to secure more plots for pastors' support, by their project this year.

4. Transfer of church from the foreign control of the General Conference in America to an Indian Trust association is of key importance to prevent the government from seizing control of foreign-held properties, especially in these days of nationalization. It is hoped that this may be completed by the end of 1970.

POLITICAL—The August 1969 split in the Congress party came as a very disturbing development to church and country alike. The result was a totally new realignment of political parties with a definite swing to the left. It could well be that, in order to gain public support, both of India's main parties will put increasing pressures on foreign interests, and in so doing hinder missionary work. Superintendent Harvey Sider writes:

“We do thank God for almost unlimited freedom in Saharsa and Purnea Districts for the spread of the Gospel. Up to this point we have been fortunate in having reasonable government officials with whom to deal. The truth of this can be born out by the reports from the various stations in our unhindered work.”

SPIRITUAL—Of prime importance and concern is the spiritual life and development of the Indian Church. The continued steady growth of the leadership and laity is encouraging. This was the second year for the Training Institute for mature leaders. It is anticipated that this will be an expanding ministry, to the blessing of the church. Numerical growth continues among the tribals with especially encouraging results among the Uraons. At the same time, there is a numerical decline among the Bihari districts. There remains a real need for revival.

GOD AT WORK AMONG THE URAONS

Response among the Uraons has been most encouraging—there were 37 baptisms during the year. Signs of spiritual growth accompany these developments and camps in non-Christian villages were instruments for evangelism.

The largest percentage of baptisms were from two villages west of Kasba where there were previously no Christians. Thank God for their openness to the Gospel.

Barnabas Mingh continues his evangelistic work with enthusiasm, and averages meetings or contacts in four or five villages per month. In most cases these are villages where there are new Christians or where there are none. Sohan's ministry is mostly to the Christians.

A continuing program of village visitation and classes for the Christians is being projected to foster spiritual growth. This has been the plan for several years, but has been sidetracked several times.

SANTAL ADVANCES

Santal believers have made good progress during the year.

The church has now taken over all financial accounting. This is not to say the church is self-supporting, but for the first time the missionary has been totally relieved of handling the finances. Philip Murmu has done a very creditable job of paying the pastoral salaries as well as handling the district funds. It took nearly two years of training before he was able to take over completely. More men should be trained who could serve in the capacity of treasurer.

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New Christian worship centers have been added to the church. One of the most promising is Singhia, between Balua and Ikra. What a tremendous blessing to see each year an increasing network of Christian centers spreading through the area. This, however, has led to the problem of worship houses where the groups have outgrown the size of the local homes. Churches are not necessary during the winter months, but during the monsoons, these larger centers have difficulty in finding a place to worship.

Two three-week Bible Training Institutes were held at Banmankhi during the past year. This was a first venture in a training course geared to better equip evangelists, pastors and church leaders—in personal spiritual growth and discipleship, a better understanding of the Bible, and a richer and most effective ministry. All indications suggest that the second course was more effective than the first, probably because the students had a better background for their second term. Not only did the leaders express this, but it was obvious from daily class work that more was being absorbed during the second term.

Leaders' Meetings and Homemakers' Courses continue to fill a vital need. Because so many new Christians attend these meetings, it was suggested by the District committee that meetings be held one month for leaders and the following month for new Christians. A basic lack not yet being met is that of simple village Bible teaching.

Administrative duties have prevented the missionary from spending as much time in the Christian villages as would be desirable.

MADHIPURA MEDICAL

Building this year was a major activity and all of the projects are almost completed.

Two OXFAM grants (Oxford Famine and Relief Fund—England) made possible the completion of an eight-bed ward and purchase of a new x-ray machine. In addition the operating room was enlarged, a new storage room and a new residence for staff personnel were built. Ten years of service by Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Mann have brought to the hospital the benefits of careful planning, building and organizing the hospital for better service to the people.

The shortage of nursing personnel has made necessary an inpatient program with no professional nursing care—patients being attended only by their *sathies* and receiving medicines as outpatients. With more nursing staff in prospect, it is hoped that it will be possible to do surgery, and that inpatient care will be provided.

Outpatient treatments this year totaled 23,980 representing a 26% increase over last year. The number of T.B. patients has also increased—by about 30%. The field of T.B. work here has been in the past a great opportunity for the spiritual ministry of our hospital and we trust these results will continue.

SCHOOLS

SAHARSA—A total enrollment of 308 pupils, good staff relationships, and a well-disciplined school depict the high points of this past year.

The school program is carried on to prepare students for the Bihar High School Entrance Examinations. As these are of very high standard, the pupils need much special teaching out of school hours in order to do well in their exams. The examination results were very good.

The future of the school is committed to Him. Total Indianization is inevitable, sooner or later. With plenty of Indians trained for these jobs, foreign personnel will eventually be turning the school to them.

BARJORA—SCHOOL AND CHURCH—The SPIC program at Barjora School continues as an important aspect of the work there. Overseas sponsors help children to have the means to attend school, giving them a better chance in life. This is important too, as we think of the future of the national church.

The church at Barjora is under the leadership of pastor, Rev. Hem Paul. Missionaries are planning to move out of this area so that nationals can fully assume responsibility, and in order to serve in the needy tribal areas.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE CENTER

This year the new Bookroom facilities were completed. A well-planned store with reading room is now serving an increasing number. Attendance at the reading room has been about 16,000 persons—a daily average of about 60.

As literature distributors, we have opportunity to teach many who ask questions about Christianity. We have taught professors, lawyers, and government officers about the Christian faith. Some men even want to know, "What will I gain if I become a Christian?", thinking of material gain.

Future? There is much more distribution work to be done. Shortage of staff, moving into our new building and opening the Bible Correspondence sub-center have made wider distribution seemingly impossible. More personnel is hoped for so that in this coming year we may reach many in the villages and melas.

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WORK WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS—JOE SMITHS

This work in the city of Delhi follows the pattern of regularly planned Bible studies with University students and post-graduates. Sometimes there are also contacts with diplomatic personnel in this capital city.

Besides such planned meetings there is the flow of many young people to the Smith home. Mealtimes often turn into worthwhile discussions about Jesus Christ and the implications of His Lordship in our daily lives.

We thank God for those who have responded to Christ this year.

WITH F.E.B.A—BANGALORE

The Allen Buckwalters continue in the important ministry of Gospel broadcasting as director and public relations officer for the Far East Broadcasting Association studio there.

Besides carrying several broadcasts, they have the responsibility of directing about 14 national workers in the preparation of broadcasts and in handling correspondence from persons interested in learning more about the Christian faith.



Japan

“... they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it . . .



... and they shall be mine, saith the Lord . . .”

Malachi 3:16, 17

MOVING MISSIONARIES

Since 1953 a Brethren in Christ presence in Japan has centered in Yamaguchi prefecture, the westernmost province on the Japanese mainland island of Honshu. Located about 500 airline miles WSW of Tokyo, world's largest city, our personnel have concentrated their witness in the towns of Yamaguchi and, since 1963, have established a beachhead in Tokyo itself.

During 1969 considerable movement on the part of the Missionary staff took place:

In YAMAGUCHI

Marlin and Ruth Zook, moved into the new house in the town of *Nishiichi* (12,000 pop.), a new location from which they are serving congregations and cells, primarily along the north coast. Their new house was made possible as the result of the 1968-69 project of the Women's Missionary Prayer Circle.

Doyle and Thelma Book during the year moved from *Nagato* on the north coast to *Shimonoseki*, the city on the southwestern tip of Honshu and jumping-off point for the island of Kyushu.

Peter and Mary Willms, who were called to service with Messiah College during their summer furlough had been based at the provincial capital of *Yamaguchi* during their last term after centering on the north coast from *Hagi*, the original mission location.

In TOKYO

John and Lucille Graybill relocated from a home in *Koganei* (western Tokyo) in which they had lived for five years to a new house built in a developing area (*Kodaira*) about four miles to the north. During the year J. Andrew Stoner completed his term of service in the English teaching program based in Tokyo and was replaced by Timothy and Nancy Botts.

THE CHURCH IN YAMAGUCHI PROVINCE

There is continuing progress in the development of cell groups. There are now 10 active places of worship plus five additional places of witness.

Some of the active groups are experiencing a time of testing. Particularly is this true of *Hagi* and the surrounding areas where

the Willmses had been working. The present leaders who seek to carry on are having health and financial problems. It is hoped that new arrangements by the missionaries to encourage and extend lay leadership training to these people will help them to get moving again in spirit and in a witness to the community.

The Nagato congregation, which has taken over the missionary home (former residence of the Books) as their church building, hopes to finish this debt obligation in seven years of payments. The congregation is very active under the leadership of a lady with Bible School training who earns her livelihood as a floral arranger.

This congregation is active in its thrust into the community. They are presently planning for literature distribution and visitation to 5,000 residents in the area with four pieces of literature and four visits to each of these homes.

THE CHURCH IN TOKYO

God is blessing the work in Tokyo. The move to this great city was to follow the many youth who go there for education or employment, and this purpose is being fulfilled.

The congregation at Koganei has its Sunday services in the music school next door to the Graybills' former home. The group is now about 55 in number and is growing.

There are approximately nine cell groups meeting at other times of the week in Tokyo. A service in the city park on Sunday afternoon by the lay personnel from Koganei, which is geared to reaching the many young people and children in the area, is a significant witness.

God has raised up a number of very faithful lay leaders to give leadership to the program. An outstanding woman, Mrs. Matoba, is an aged widow who served with her husband for many years as a missionary in Manchuria. She inspires many by her faithful and devoted attendance and leadership of cells. She also spends two days each week without any remuneration, visiting homes with a testimony for Christ.

During the time in which the Graybills were home for furlough, the church carried on successfully on its own. A number of committees were formed so that many could share in the work

and witness. Now that the Graybills have returned, they give only part-time assistance to this group at Koganei—the rest of the time they give to encouragement of some of the present cells. From their new location they plan to establish new points of witness, building upon a broad range of contacts including the English teaching program.

ENGLISH TEACHING—EVANGELISM

English teaching continues to be a strong avenue of evangelism and means of relating to the interests and lives of young and middle-aged people. For the highly cultured Japanese, an English speaking dialogue setting is ideal for Christian witness.

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Each of the missionary couples have given some of their time to this approach in witness. This year VSer Andy Stoner finished several years of full-time English teaching and initiated a VS ministry which is self-supporting and which assists the missionaries in the program of starting cells and helping them grow. Timothy and Nancy Botts, also VSers, have taken up this same assignment this year. Demand for English teaching is strong and enhances the witness opportunities in Japan.

CHALLENGE—CHRIST vs MATERIALISM

Japan is not an easy field for missionaries. A prosperous, efficient, hard-working people, the Japanese have accomplished great feats in commerce and industry in this century. They are confident as the leaders of the eastern world. There is a temptation for them to turn their eyes to materialism as a satisfying goal of life. But by patient and enthusiastic proclamation of the reality of salvation by Jesus Christ which relates to the deep heart needs of the Japanese people, progress can be made and souls won to our Lord.

A concern for the small cell groups is that they may be conserved and that by counsel and encouragement the building of congregations may result in their mutual fellowship and strengthening as a witnessing community.

With the excellent concept of lay leadership established, it is important that a nurture ministry be provided as these laymen become effective and knowledgeable in their efforts to win others to Christ.



Nicaragua

"the entrance of thy words giveth
light:"

Psalm 119:130



If you were to spend a week in Nicaragua with Howard and Pearl Wolgemuth

... You'd *attend services* twice on Sunday and every weeknight except Monday. A full schedule!

... You'd *notice* the friendliness and interest of young, middle-aged and old who love the Lord and appreciate the services.

... You'd *be amazed* as you listen to the reciting of Scripture—chapters of it—memorized (even by a five-year old).

... You'd *be impressed* by the great poverty and physical needs of those who are our brothers and sisters in the faith.

... You'd *be convinced* of the need for more missionaries to help direct this new work.

PERSONNEL

In a part of the world where four year terms are the rule for North American missionaries, the Wolgemuths have completed five years of strenuous productive labor bringing to reality a new Brethren in Christ field.

Several evangelists and lay preachers from Managua give assistance in preaching at the services. Their affiliation and duties elsewhere make this an interim type of ministry.

Walter and Lynda Kelly, enrolled in the *Institute of Spanish Language* at San Jose, Costa Rica in January 1970, and will soon move to Managua to relieve the Wolgemuths.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP NEEDED

While there has been continued response and interest in an evangelistic type of ministry, the Wolgemuths have also been concerned about providing a nurture type of ministry for these young Christians. The opportunity to reach out is almost limitless. Lay people to assist in the work need to be taught in the Word.

Several young people are giving dedicated service and could develop as leaders if given training. Hopefully they will be able to go to Bible School this coming year.

PLANS FOR BUILDING

The WMPC project for 1969-70 is a missionary residence and a church in Nicaragua.

The only church building is at *Esquipulas*. Services at other points are held in the yards of interested people—with temporary seats erected each time a service is held. Another church will make possible services at two general areas on Sunday morning. More churches and missionary residences will be needed as God enlarges our team and our ministry there.



"be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you."

Rom. 12:3 Living Letters

THINKING FIRST CLASS

The Navajos call themselves *Diné*, meaning "the People." It is a fact of history that all of the power of American expansionistic imperialism, while overrunning the land "from sea to shining sea" could not crush the spirit of the Navajo—he remains a proud man!

PARTICIPATION

Increased involvement on the part of Navajos in programs at the Navajo Mission is seen as—

... A Navajo parent now serves on the School Committee

... A Navajo Church Committee was elected

... A third Navajo has joined the ranks as a full time staff member

... Navajo teenagers have participated for the first time in youth camps in Kansas and California.

These developments make possible a fusion of missionary concerns with Navajo intelligence and insights. On the *School Committee* the Navajo shares the thinking, values and aspirations of his people. On the *Church Committee* he provides resources for planning and programming in certain phases of church ministries.

COMMON CLAY POTS (II Cor. 4:7)

To provide the services of a hospital, school and spiritual ministries a staff of 32 work together in an environment where the rigors of discipleship are experienced daily. Doctors, nurses, teachers, secretaries, supervisors, cooks, maintenance men and administrative helpers share together in proving the dynamics of a living faith.

EMPHASIS ON EVANGELISM & LITERACY

During the year a Thursday evening prayermeeting was organized in Farmington, 45 miles from the Mission. Situated in the community where many of the church families have located for employment, this new ministry deserves prayer support. There is real need for reaching the teenagers in the Farmington area where the urban environment poses many problems. Superintendent Marion Heisey says,

"A significant shift in staff assignments came this year when one of our couples [John and Anna Mae Ludwig] was assigned to full time evangelism and literacy. We believe this assignment will continue to yield fruitful results as more people are exposed to the message of salvation through these media of communication."

lifeline

**"He will leave the other 99 grazing on the hillside
and go to look for the lost sheep."**

Mt. 18:12 GNFMM



"God be merciful to me a sinner."

Lk. 18:13 KJV

Two faces stood out in the audience. Those boys didn't seem to belong in this crowd. After the service and the meal, they stepped out into the street to be on their way. But the one hesitated--then made his way up to the superintendent to say, "That was the best meal I ever had!"

But from Jesus' parable of the lost sheep one gets the distinct impression that He would have spotted more than two who didn't belong on skid row. Christ left no one in doubt that He *really* cared!

PARISH OF ONE THOUSAND

The Life Line Mission holds evening services Tuesday through Sunday nights. With about 110 filling the chapel nightly there is a census of 34,000 people annually. In terms of lost sons, an average of four to six men come to the services on Folsom Street for the first time. Translated into compassionate statistics, this means that our mission workers minister to over 1,000 men in a year's time--on behalf of 1,000 suffering families "back home."

STARTING FOR HOME

The 40-room Life Line men's residence is managed by efficient personnel. Its purpose is to provide favorable living arrangements for men in the city seeking to get off the street, and onto their feet. Six to eight men are offered voluntary service assignments at the hotel. Others who rent rooms get jobs in the city. Such a program inevitably experiences some failures and some successes.

Among the services provided is the weekly clinic under the direction of Dr. Kahn Uyeyama. Students from the university medical school get practical exposure to human needs at Folsom Street.

SAN FRANCISCO-NEW YORK EXCHANGE

In 1969 Rev. Paul Hill, after a decade in New York City, assumed the general superintendency of the Life Line Mission, including the pastorate of the Life Line Chapel at Guerrero St. where a congregation worships.

Meanwhile, Rev. Harold Paulus, after many years of devoted service in San Francisco, assumed the pastorate at Fellowship Chapel in New York.

A Voluntary Service unit of ten shares in the many phases of the ministries of the two locations in the Golden Gate City.



Montreal Lake Children's Home

not one sparrow forgotten by God

Mt. 10:31 free trans.



"... you are worth much more than many sparrows."

Lk. 12:7 GNFMM

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In summer a subdued glow moves eastward across the northern horizon as the brief night moves toward an early sunrise. But in the northern bush country, above the prairie wheatlands, horizons are limited. These horizons viewed by European homesteaders on the fertile prairies are in marked contrast to the view from a canoe in the bush country. The habits and ambitions of men give them better vision of opportunity than of the needs of people.

SEEING THE PEOPLE

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Since the early 1950s when the Montreal Lake Children's Home was founded, there has been a growing consciousness of the needs of brothers to the north. Mennonite and Brethren in Christ congregations in Saskatchewan have participated in sending provisions to the Home established by Northern Canada Evangelical Mission, which cared for Indian children attending a government school at Timber Bay on the east shore of Montreal Lake. Increasing contacts with the people of the north served to activate a Christian response to human need.

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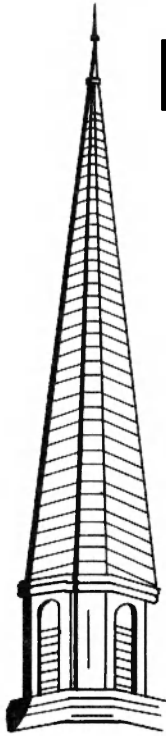
NEW ORGANIZATION

Following a year of joint sponsorship, the Brethren in Christ assumed full responsibility for the Home in June 1969. For the school year 1969-70, it operated at capacity with sixty-four students. Cree, Chipewyan, and Metis children from the various reserves have many new learning experiences. A staff of 13 provides the environment and manages a program for the children designed to bring them the light of the Gospel and the tools of education. This year there are ten staff children making a total family of eighty-seven.

GEOGRAPHY OF THE FIELD

For many years Brethren in Christ Missions has thought of its northernmost border as the North Star Mission near Paddockwood, NE of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan—three hours drive from Saskatoon. The new mission field is due north of Paddockwood on the road to La Ronge, a fisherman's paradise. To the south of the Home is the Montreal Lake Reserve with a population of over six hundred. To the north is Molonosa, a village of three hundred.

Superintendent Ron Bowman sees opportunity for daily witnessing to the children in word and action that they may be won to Christ. There is also opportunity to take the Gospel to the Reserves. Perhaps the greatest challenge to these missionaries, as on all other fields, is to see the people as Jesus does.



Mission and Extension Churches

"Philip went to the city of Samaria and preached . . .

"... the crowds paid close attention to what Philip said."
Acts 8:5,6
GNFMM



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The Brethren in Christ Church has been rediscovering Judea and Samaria. Christ's commission is our mandate to establish new points of witness. If we, His people, are salt and light there is no alternative but to provide for exposure to the needs of a changing and corrupted society. After its first flush of victory in *Jerusalem* it was in *Judea* and *Samaria* that the Christian faith proved its virility. For the Brethren in Christ, Mission and Extension churches offer similar opportunity.

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The Mission Churches are frequently situated in the very areas where there has been a dearth of the gospel witness and the results of racial and economic stresses of our times are keenly felt.

The Extension Churches are being planted in newly developing areas, to bring a spiritual ministry to people of all backgrounds. Often uprooted from their former areas these people desperately need spiritual foundations and fellowship. More than this, they need to be challenged to a commitment of life in which they become a part of the church at work in an unbelieving world. To plant such churches has been our objective.

Following a study of our methods, successes and failures, conducted in April of 1968, we have been endeavoring to implement more flexibility in policy. Briefly stated, the new guidelines suggest more community involvement in establishing a church program, a greater variety of approaches when entering a new community, and substantial capital fund assistance in the initial building costs so that the financial load will not stymie normal growth. Progress is being made to implement these decisions, though in only a few cases will this be evident in the reports which follow.

Some churches have experienced real blessing and growth in 1969. Others live intimately with discouraging circumstances which require patience and courage, and dependence on the Lord. New areas of outreach and projects are under study by a number of regional conference extension boards.

MISSION CHURCHES

ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

At Uniontown (Searights) the church had a 90% increase in membership this year, most of them being young adults. Two miles to the east, at Oliver Three, there was an unusual revival with 45 seekers during the week of meetings.

Little Marsh (Jemison Valley) is experiencing new growth with Sunday School in the 60s and 70s. The congregation is responding heroically in financial commitment for a new church.

The Christmas snowstorm of 1969 almost collapsed the roof of the Mt. Holly Springs church. Not covered by insurance, the cost of repairs and accompanying improvement will cost approximately \$1,000.

According to a community survey made of the Blandburg area in May 1969 by the Director of Mission Churches there is potential for growth of this mountain church. The physical plant has had improvements during the year and some growth in the Sunday School has been experienced.

At Blairs Mills a new extension to the church was dedicated. The Ickesburg congregation is developing a building fund. The Three Springs congregation is making progress and is practically free of subsidy from the Board.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

In Bronx, New York, the Fellowship Chapel congregation said goodbye to its first pastor, Paul Hill, and moved forward under the superintendency of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Winger, with Rev. Harold Paulus assuming the pastorate. Camp Brookhaven had another successful season for youth from the New York City area.

A third location in New York City was opened with the dedication on November 30 of Pilgrim Chapel at Sterling St. and Rogers Ave. in Brooklyn under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Cecil Loney. The Bedford Avenue work is being devoted entirely to an inner city ministry.

Meanwhile, at Hunlock Creek the congregation which has been meeting in a community hall, after raising \$1,800 in cash and pledges at an evening dinner, drove to the site for the new church to break ground at 9:30 p.m. by carlight. The building is enclosed and scheduled to be completed for use in 1970.

In Virginia the congregation at Adney Gap is responding well to the full-time ministry of its new pastor, Rev. Larry Strouse. To the southeast at Allisonia the Farris Mines congregation has been served by a local lay preacher, Russel Jennings. The population in this community is being depleted as people move to other communities for employment. At nearby Hillsville the Bethel congregation, after Arthur Brubaker completed his pastoral service, was served by Dale Jennings, grandson of Denny Jennings, pioneer Brethren in Christ minister.

The Llewellyn congregation has a preponderance of youth and through the inauguration of the Omega materials their Sunday evening service attendance has doubled with good interest. A continuing concern is the limited economic base of the congregation.

CANADIAN CONFERENCE

The Port Rowan (Walsingham) congregation had a change of pastors. When Leonard Chester left to enter training at Messiah College, Rev. Howard Tyrrell assumed the pastorate. Miss Lois Conklin received recognition as winner of the MCC—Canada oratorical contest and was given a trip to Chicago to give her speech, "The Predicaments and Concerns of Youth" to the MCC Annual meeting.

Brethren in Christ witness in Virginiatown and surrounding communities was augmented when two school teachers, Janet Winger and Muriel Winger took assignments there to share in the program begun in 1966. The Sunday School at Kearns has shown good progress.

The church building from Howard Creek was moved into Paddockwood and the congregation has made improvements on the building during the year. For the first time the congregation organized and administered a Vacation Bible School without help from other congregations.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The membership of the Mt. Carmel congregation near Gladwin, Michigan, transferred its support to the Oak Grove Log church when Melvin Stauffer became its pastor after it had not had a resident pastor for about 30 years. With this new impetus the Oak Grove congregation was transferred from mission board administration to the status of a conference church. Further north, at Hillman (Maple Grove), Michigan, the small congregation has active community contacts.

Two other churches listed as mission churches, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and Dayton Mission, Dayton, Ohio receive no subsidy from the Board. In Kentucky Knifley and Columbia (Millerfields) congregations are on a circuit ministry under the leadership of Atlee Hershberger. The Beulah Chapel pastor, Harold Wolgemuth carries the pastoral responsibilities for Garlin (Bloomington).

In Cincinnati the congregation looks forward to relocation and the development of a program under a full-time pastor.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

The Labish church at Salem, Oregon, south of Portland offers opportunities for evangelism as evidenced by a recent Kids Crusade.

EXTENSION CHURCHES

ALLEGHENY

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Baltimore (Marlyn Avenue)—As this church grows in strength they are planning to provide additional needed facilities. Hubert Stern assumed this pastorate replacing Rupert Turman who completed 5½ years of service at Baltimore.

Hagerstown (Paramount)—God is blessing this church, dedicated March 16, 1969, with spiritual victories, numerical growth, and financial strength. There were 42 charter members. In less than a year plans for further development are underway.

ATLANTIC

Harrisburg (Bellevue Park)—In seeking to relate to the needs of the changing community, a social ministry to young people has been inaugurated. Called "The Net," the basement of the church is used where young people are invited to come in for coffee and chatting. Students from Messiah College assist in this unique ministry.

Harrisburg (Skyline View)—Twelve new families were enrolled during the year. There were five baptisms, four child dedications, and seven commitments to Christ. Increased giving enabled the congregation to exceed the goals set for the year, and to accelerate payments of their indebtedness.

Orlando (Holden Park)—Capitalizing on opportunities for increased community involvement the congregation purchased a house adjacent to the church to inaugurate a child day care center.

Roanoke (Valley View)—Interest remains steady in a well organized program.

CANADIAN

Saskatoon (Massey Place)—Development has continued with increased community involvement and an emphasis on nurture of converts. The program of Pioneer Girls is the largest in the city.

The congregation is doing well in stewardship despite economic distress on the prairies.

Hamilton (Ridgemount)—An extensive evaluation of its total program has brought a concerted effort to reach adults, and this has resulted in a number of adult conversions. Midweek services are divided into two parts, the last part being given to a training period.

Delisle—This small congregation continues to minister to the community, while feeling the pinch of the wheat economy in Saskatchewan.

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CENTRAL

Phoneton—The congregation's parsonage fund is growing. Several families have moved away for business reasons, but several new ones have joined the congregation to share in service and fellowship.

McMinnville (Rolling Acres)—Working with a membership of twelve, Gerald and Lucille Wingert continue to build this young congregation with evidence of growing interest.

Dearborn—A cooperative study of reverses by the Central Conference and Board for Missions indicating apparent lack of community interest, led to a decision to discontinue services and sell the property.

Pomeroy Chapel—This church serves a mostly rural community near Smithville, Tennessee.

MIDWEST

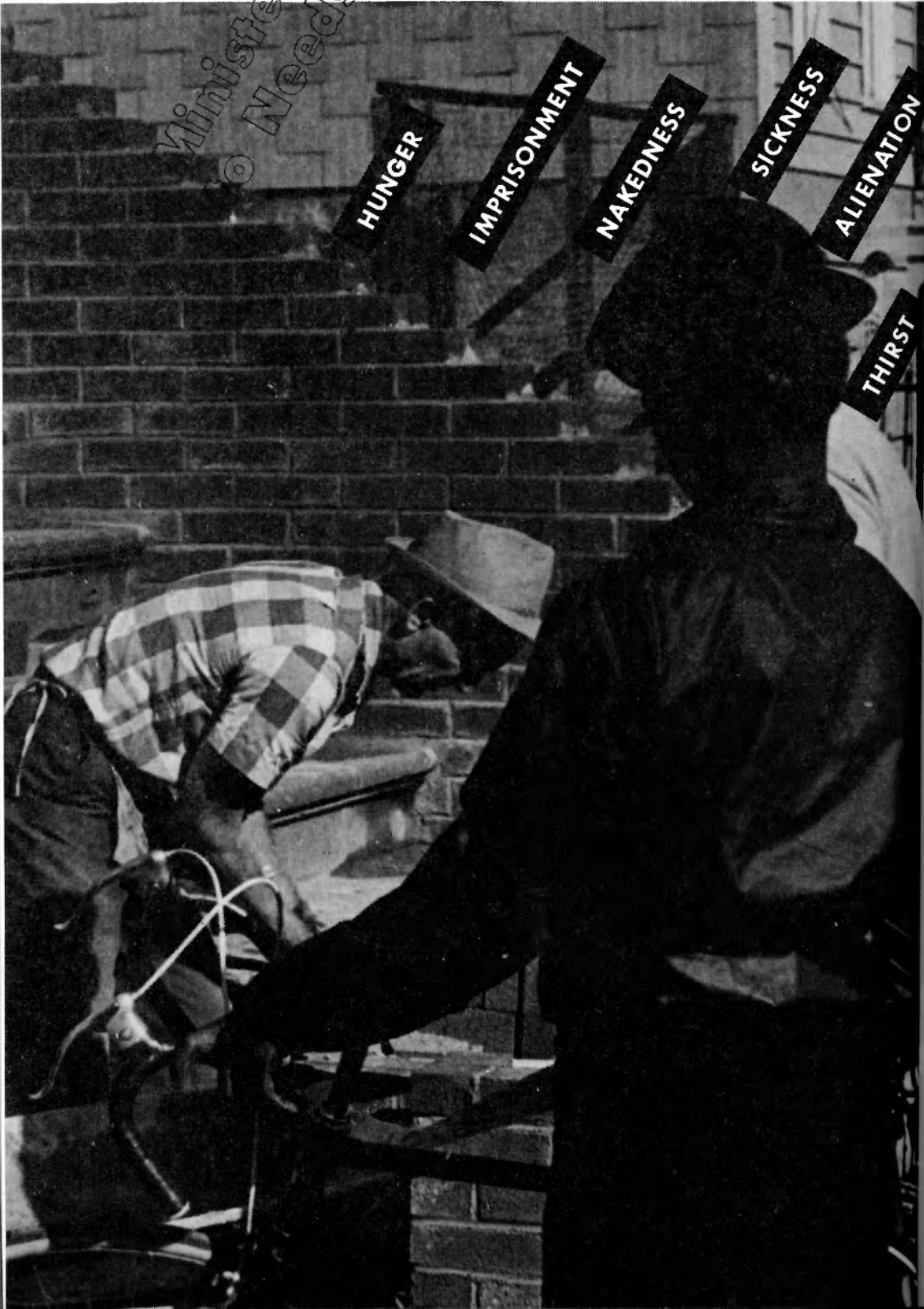
Colorado Springs (Mountain View Chapel)—During the past year the membership has increased by 14% to 48. The church is experiencing the joys of growth and working together, and is encouraged by the support of the Midwest Conference.

PACIFIC

Ontario—The 1969 report shows healthy growth: Sunday School up 15.8% to an average of 139; church membership up 38% to 83; receipts up 47.6% to \$23,527.

A gift of \$7,000 to the church was received to help reduce the indebtedness. It was figured by a *computer* that the actual worth of this gift to the congregation in the course of their repayment schedule will actually be \$19,725.

Ministering
to Needs



Christian Service Ministries

One time Jesus' helpers were untying another man's colt. As expected, the owner asked, "Why are you untying it?" "The Master needs it," they answered, and took the colt to Jesus.

That's the way it is with Christian service.

NEEDS FILLED

A lot of things are happening, as people step into unmanned and unmanned sections of the front line.

... He was interested in social work, and prepared accordingly in college. For the past two years he has been a youth director for Bronx kids. Oh yes, he had to do some interim preaching, too.¹

... Long on talent, and opportunities, she chose to invest several years of her life in one of the world's slums.²

... These fellows couldn't stay at home! They landed in four corners of the world doing things they had never even tried to do at home.³

... They interrupted their plans to go to the inner city where they were exposed to human suffering, alienation and despair. They came to understand with the Apostle Paul about, "... dangers in the cities ... and dangers from false friends."⁴

NOT NOW, BUT LATER

Not everyone responds to the first opportunity for service. But when they hear and respond to God's call, some marvelous things happen.

... Although it left a hole in the home congregation, she joined the *Lydia-Priscilla Society* and helped to make things go at the outpost in Fun City.⁵

... Always mild-mannered, this couple filled-in taking assignments from the kitchen, to the classroom, to the business office, to chores—winning the respect and admiration of their peers.⁶

TRAVELING LIGHT

Americans have been noted for their technological genius and their insensitivity to the value systems of other peoples. But it's refreshing to see the hardheaded business man learn the joys of responding to calls for help on the mission fields. Braving exposure to new ideas, baffling problems, and hard work, he and his wife turn over their affairs to trusted brethren and become humble workers and witnesses. For several years of overseas service they only need a couple of suitcases.⁷

(1) Roy Shelly (Bronx). (2) Judy Barr (Haiti). (3) Nathan Lehman (San Francisco), Jim Hess (Navajo Mission), John Musser (Rhodesia), Dale Keefer (Viet Nam). (4) John Ebersole, Arnold Milne, Lewis and Joanne Miller (Brooklyn). (5) Anna Peachey (Bronx). (6) Don and Martha Stutzman (Navajo Mission). (7) Samuel and Ruth Minter.

MISSIONARY PRAYER CHALLENGE



"And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with signs following." Mark 16.20



"Prayer . . . makes tremendous power available—dynamic in its workings."

James 5:16 Amp

WMPC

What a joy to be involved in promoting a prayer emphasis for missions throughout the world: As a committee, we try to foster prayer involvements through the *Prayer Challenge*, edited by Mrs. Clarence Heise which goes out monthly to the local WMPC circles in United States and Canada, plus a quarterly newsletter designed to highlight additional information about missions. In addition, a new feature was added this year—an information sheet on one specific mission each month. This idea of a planned missions study came from a course given by Mrs. Fred Holland to the Fairview, Ohio WMPC. Besides this promotion, the *Junior Missionary Prayer Bands* also hear regularly from “Aunt Cora” in her interesting letters geared to their level of interest.

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PROJECTS—NICARAGUA AND MONTREAL LAKE

The annual project for the year is to provide funds for a Missionary Residence and Church in Nicaragua. The goal: \$12,000. The Junior Missionary Prayer Band is aiming to supply one-half the purchase price of the Montreal Lake Children's Home which amounts to \$2,500 as their project. The WMPC Project for 1968-69 for a Missionary Residence in Japan went over the top with a total of \$12,037.00. The Junior Prayer Band raised \$2,196.14 for a Radio-Telephone unit at Phumula Mission in Rhodesia and for Radio Studio Equipment at Choma in Zambia.

NEW IDEAS—NEW PEOPLE

We are happy to learn of circles who strive to serve the interests of their local folk on a more meaningful and relevant way. From one circle we hear, “We are working on changing the format of our local WMPC meetings. There was a considerable amount of dissatisfaction with the old format of reading a ‘bunch’ of letters and praying for strange names. The WMPC is asking the Women's Fellowship to so break up their units to be able to form smaller missionary circles or units and each meet monthly. This would involve many more folk and hopefully our younger women. We have an eager, enthusiastic group of younger women and we're looking forward to a new THRUST in the missionary circles. All this is in process.” This initiative in stimulating new prayer interest for missions is heartening. We believe that things are happening in other circles as well of which we are not aware and that prayer interest is continuing to be stimulated among us.

Esther M. Ebersole
WMPC Secretary



“... and worketh willingly with her hands.”

Proverbs 31:13

WMSA

It can be said of our sewing groups, "The people had a mind to work." (Neh. 4:6b). Our vision of the world makes us conscious of desperate needs. For dedicated sisters sewing for others is indeed a mission field.

Frequently, requests and needs come to us for duplicates of things that have been made previously. There may be a temptation for weariness; however, we must remember our work deals with the supplying of simple and basic material needs of life and those things which will assist our missionaries in their service to the people.

We have supplied Navajo Mission School and Hospital with towels, sheets, pajamas. At Fellowship Chapel, the layette program continues to be a fruitful ministry as the workers get into the homes, giving gifts such as sweater sets. During the year two drums were sent to Macha Hospital containing 171 gowns and 157 pairs of men's and boy's pajamas.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

The response from our women to the International Sewing Circle is commendable. Our ladies send the money to buy fabric, and the women in Rhodesia gather together and do the sewing. This forms a real bond of service between the church in America and the church in Rhodesia.

The United Zion and United Christian sewing groups have contributed liberally.

SUMMARY

Items Given to Missions, MCC, and Local Needs

	Pieces	Value
Bedding	1,841	\$ 6,381.00
Clothing	3,268	2,433.03
Christmas Bundles	1,848	15,256.00
Layette Bundles	315	1,575.00
Hospital Supplies		
Macha Mission—gowns & pajamas . . .	454	601.25
Rhodesia Project		600.00
India Linen		200.00
Navajo Mission Supplies	1,640	637.00
Soap	2,641 lbs.	396.15
		<u>\$28,079.43</u>

Mrs. Elias Musser
WMSA Secretary



Personnel

Serving With Brethren in Christ Missions
as of December 31, 1969

Furlough Dates (*) Attached to Overseas Personnel

(NOTE: For addresses see Quarterly MISSIONS DIRECTORY)

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AFRICA

Rev. Ira M. Stern, Field Secretary

RHODESIA

Bishop

Bishop and Mrs. Alvin J. Book, 1970
Miss Edna M. Switzer, Sec'y, 1972

Education Secretary

Rev. and Mrs. J. Robert Lehman, 1970

Ekuphileni Bible Institute

Rev. and Mrs. Luke L. Keefer, 1973
Miss Eva Mae Melhorn, 1974

Evangelism Team

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn C. Frey, 1971

Financial Secretary

Rev. Donald R. Zook, 1970

Matopo Book Room

Rev. and Mrs. Donald R. Zook, 1970
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph H. Ginder, 1974
Mrs. Mary H. (Brenaman) Brechbill, 1971

Matopo Secondary School

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Mann, 1974
Rev. and Mrs. J. Harold Stern, 1970
Miss Erma G. Lehman, 1973
Miss Dorothy M. Martin, 1971
Miss Lois Jean Sider, 1972
Miss Barbara Stansfield, 1971

Mtshabezi Mission

Rev. and Mrs. Albert R. Harvey, 1973
Miss JoAnne Brubaker, 1970
Miss Ruth E. Hock, 1975
Miss Nancy J. Kreider, 1973

Mtshabezi Mission Hospital

Miss Marilyn Ebersole, 1975
Miss Erma Jean Gish, 1971
Miss Evelyn Noel, 1974

Mtshabezi Outstations

Rev. and Mrs. George E. Bundy, 1973

Phumula Mission

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Ginder, 1975

Phumula Mission Hospital

Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman, 1974
Miss Donna L. Sollenberger, 1973

Wanezi Mission

Rev. and Mrs. Jacob R. Shenk, 1971
Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Knepper, 1972
Miss Miriam L. Heise, 1973
Miss Ellen R. Hoover, 1972
Miss Sharon L. Weisser, 1971

Youngways Hostel (for Missionary Children)

Rev. and Mrs. Ira M. Stern, 1973

ZAMBIA

Bishop

Bishop and Mrs. H. Frank Kipe, 1972
Miss Velma R. Brillinger, Sec'y, 1974

Choma Bible Institute

Rev. and Mrs. Fredric L. Holland, 1975
Miss Fannie Longenecker, 1972

* Furlough dates for AFRICA based on six-year term. Five-year term being implemented by end of 1971.

Choma Bookroom
Rev. and Mrs. George K. Kibler, 1973

Choma Secondary School
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis R. Nissly, 1973
Miss Anna Kettering, 1975

**David Livingstone Teacher
Training College**
Rev. and Mrs. Glenn J. Schwartz, 1972

Macha Mission
Rev. and Mrs. A. Graybill Brubaker, 1974
Miss Mary Olive Lady, 1975
Miss Edith E. Miller, 1971

Macha Mission Hospital
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Engle, 1975
Miss Mary E. Heisey, 1973
Miss Martha L. Lady, 1975
Miss Ann McEwen, 1975
Miss Eva Mae Peters, 1973

Nahumba Mission
Rev. and Mrs. David M. Brubaker, 1970

Sikalongo Mission
Miss Shirley A. Heisey, 1970
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen S. Fisher, 1975

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INDIA

General Superintendent, Rev. Harvey R. Sider

Banmankhi Mission
Rev. and Mrs. Harvey R. Sider, 1973

Saharsa Mission
Miss Esther G. Book, 1972
Miss Erma Hare, 1974

Barjora Mission
Rev. and Mrs. James R. Cober, 1973

Madhipura Mission
Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. Kreider, 1973
Miss Leora G. Yoder, 1973

Purnea Station
Rev. and Mrs. John R. Sider, 1974

Bangalore: FEBC
Rev. and Mrs. Allen S. Buckwalter, 1974

JAPAN

General Superintendent, Rev. John W. Graybill

Tokyo
Rev. and Mrs. John W. Graybill 1974

Shimonoseki
Rev. and Mrs. Doyle C. Book, 1972

Nischiichi
Rev. and Mrs. Marlin E. Zook, 1973

NICARAGUA

Managua
Rev. and Mrs. Howard Wolgemuth, 1970

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Lamar F. Fretz
Dr. and Mrs. J. Myron Stern
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Bulgrien
Miss Anna Graybill
Miss Mildred Myers
Miss Miriam Frey

India

Dr. and Mrs. Lowell D. Mann

Japan

Rev. and Mrs. Peter A. Willms

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MISSIONS—NORTH AMERICA

Montreal Lake Children's Home

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Miss Eldena Balzer
Miss Edna Dyck
Mr. and Mrs. William Ens
Mr. Kenneth Heise
Miss Allyson Merriman
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sider

Navajo Mission

Dr. and Mrs. Marion J. Heisey, Supt.
Miss Rosa Eyster
Miss Marilyn Heisey
Miss Anna Marie Hoover
Miss Eunice Hoover
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Leisey
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ludwig, Jr.
Mr. John Peter Yazzie

San Francisco

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hill, Supt.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sturgill

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CANADA

Paddockwood (North Star Mission)

Rev. D. Maurice Moore

Port Rowan (Walsingham)

Rev. Howard Tyrrell

Virginiatown

Rev. Eldon Byer

UNITED STATES

Allisonia (Farris Mines)

Rev. Russell Jennings

Blairs Mills

Rev. William Swartz

Blandburg

Rev. Thomas A. Bouch

Bronx (Fellowship Chapel)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Winger, Supt.
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Brooklyn

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Salem (Labish)
Rev. Art Cooper

Sheboygan
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Three Springs (Center Grove Chapel)
Rev. Marion Walker

Uniontown (Searights)
Rev. Wm. H. Martin

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EXTENSION CHURCHES

CANADA

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Hamilton (Ridgemount)
Rev. J. Allan Heise

Saskatoon (Massey Place)
Rev. Ronald Lofthouse

UNITED STATES

Baltimore (Marlyn Avenue)
Rev. Hubert Stern

Colorado Springs (Mt. View Chapel)
Rev. Keith Ulery

Dearborn
Rev. Walter S. Lehman

Hagerstown (Paramount)
Rev. J. Ralph Wenger

Harrisburg (Bellevue Park)
Rev. John K. Stoner

Harrisburg (Skyline View)
Rev. John Arthur Brubaker

McMinnville (Rolling Acres)
Rev. Gerald Wingert

Ontario
Rev. Aaron H. Stern

Orlando
Rev. Maurice Bender

Phoneton
Rev. Elam O. Dohner

Roanoke (Valley View)
Rev. Orvin White, Jr.

Smithville (Pomeroy Chapel)
Rev. David P. Buckwalter

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*—Entered service during 1969

**—Completed service during 1969

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SO THAT THOSE WHO LIVE
SHOULD NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES,
BUT ONLY FOR HIM WHO DIED
AND WAS RAISED TO LIFE
FOR THEIR SAKE.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:15

