

LOOK

ON THE FIELDS

... white already to harvest.—John 4:35

Brethren in Christ Missions—January, 1958

From a Stirred Church Come The Acts

One of the secrets of the Early Church was that it was "stirred up." Every thriving mission enterprise since then has been sponsored and supported by a stirred constituency.

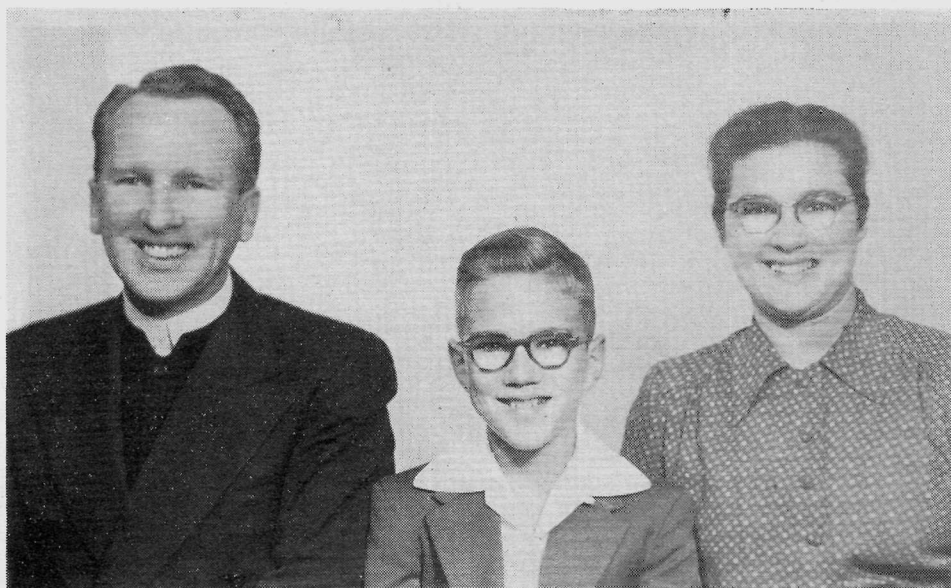
The Home Mission Board is sponsoring mission services through the six church conference districts to acquaint the home church with the "acts of the Brethren in Christ" under God, in Home Missions.

In the four conference districts east of the Mississippi, Bro. and Sister John Schock traveled 4,600 miles through nine states and provinces. They brought fifty mission messages in forty days. Their records show distributing 4,800 brochures, 2,700 offering envelopes, singing 160 songs and sleeping in 30 different beds. The strenuous assignment included a service every night with two or three on Sundays.

"Every pastor gave us a warm welcome to his church and the congregations expressed a deep interest in the cause of missions," reports Brother Schock. Response from the congregations to the message of missions varied. Sometimes a holy hush was felt as God was speaking to hearts. Again, the blessing of the Lord fell upon souls and shouts of rejoicing filled the auditorium.

... An enthusiastic pastor of a rural church that has had few, if any, Home Missionary visits said, "This is what we needed. I wish it could have happened before."

... A boy, with deep emotions, said, "I was going to be a doctor --- but, now I am going to be a missionary doctor."



Rev. John and Ruth Schock with their son John who stayed at home in Tennessee during his parents' missions tour.

... A Sunday School superintendent confessed, "My greatest temptation is to get too busy in material things."

... A middle-aged man, in tears, said, "I was deeply moved tonight. We need to be stirred like this."

... From a closing prayer, "Lord, help me to be a better pastor and missionary in my community."

The Schocks, who have experienced the blessings promised in Mark 10:30 from seven years of service in Home Missions, gave their audiences a comprehensive view of the program sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

At fifty points in United States and Canada units of work are classified as Missions, City and Rural, Mission Pastorates, and Mission Churches. As soon as it is practical a "mission" is graduated to one of the two latter classifications. This is in recognition of the normal development of an indigenous church, except in special cases such as skid-row and other underprivileged groups.

The home mission worker's allowance is on a maintenance basis. The Home Mission Board issues quarterly

allowances approximating a weekly payroll for the same number of men and single women employees in average employment.

The Home Mission Board's recent brochure, *Gospel to All America*, was used in making a survey of the various types of work being pursued by the church. Dramatized pictorially, the scope of the work is impressed on one's mind and from it a sense of individual responsibility resides on each praying heart.

The Home Mission Board's triple appeal, prayer, personnel, and finances were presented by the Schocks. If the prayer need is met, all other needs will be met also. The latter need is dependent upon the church's acceptance of the advice of the Tennessee brother who said, "Tithing is making a down payment on a blessing."

Voluntary service and projects of special help to missions, sponsored by the Board, are avenues of rich reward for both individuals and groups.

The Mid-West and Pacific Conferences of the Church are having similar meetings. Brother and Sister Avery Heisey, serving the church at San Francisco, are conducting this series.

The De Rossett (Tenn.) congregation showed a beautiful spirit about the loaning of their pastor for this work of their mission-minded church. "It would have been plumb selfish for us not to let our pastor and wife make the tour." The flock were well taken care of by Brother and Sister Cyrus Brechbiel from Mechanicsburg, Penna.

25 Years' Growth in the Pennsylvania Mountains

The most fruitful field of church extension in the Brethren in Christ Church in the past 25 years has been in the mountains of Pennsylvania! Except, perhaps, the church in Africa, no area has witnessed the establishment of so many substantial new congregations.

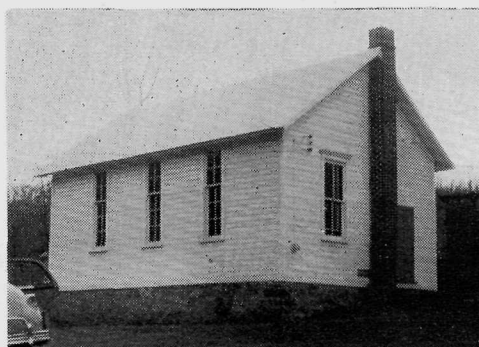
With the blessings attendant to the teaching and experience of the Spirit-filled life, the vision of the church was enlarged. A surge of witnessing and outreach was begun, the fruit of which is only now maturing.

More than 20 congregations are located in the central Pennsylvania region which deserve recognition. Among these, a cluster of inter-related works sprang from mission point established in Altoona in 1920.

Rev. Herman Miller, a native of Blair Co., was converted in 1903. For some years he had stirrings of going into Christian service, almost entering the Philadelphia Mission work, and, later, almost accepting assignment to the orphanage in Oklahoma. Instead, Brother and Sister Miller served as steward and matron at the Orphanage at Grantham for 2½ years. By his own testimony, this was a period for some needed training and experience. In 1920 the Millers were assigned by the Home Mis-

sion Board to open a station in Altoona.

Altoona, a railroad center, drew folks from the surrounding mountain communities for employment. In this setting the Brethren in Christ Mission had a unique opportunity to get its message to needy hearts. Some needy folks got saved and a chain reaction of personal witnessing was at



Center Grove Chapel, Three Springs, Pa.

work. About this time the pastor got a vision of a vast outreach if each of the believers were filled with the Spirit.

In 1929 calls were accepted to hold services in the Saxton community southeast of the rail center. This coal mining community was deeply stirred and calls soon came from other points — Canoe Creek, Riddlesburg, Clear Creek, Blandburg, Ray's Cove, Three Springs—these and other communities were the locations for meetings where the power of God was manifested and lives were changed by the power of God.

Much of the privilege of leading these babes in Christ into the fold of the Brethren in Christ Church came through the counsel and guidance of Brother Abner Martin and Brother C. N. Hostetter, Jr., for many years treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the Home Mission Board.

Congregations, as people, have their individual problems and are all different. The beauty of the Gospel is that God touches people where they are, as they are, and leads them into all truth. God used a number of men in these founding days of the mountain churches: Herman Miller, Harry Fink, Roscoe Ebersole and others.

Assessing the status of these

mountain churches from this vantage point some heartening facts are observed:

... In spite of economic distress, these young congregations are basically sound and on the road to indigent status.

... The "casualty rate" has not been abnormally high for the type of program carried on.

... Already this area has infused new blood into the church which has suffered from a "colonizing" tendency.

... A group of diligent pastors man these mountain posts and feed the flock, leading them into a richer and more fruitful life and witness.

... An increasing number of young people from the area are attending our church schools.

What of the future? A good authority envisions a group of substantial, going congregations a generation from now, if the Lord tarries. Already they stand as an example of an advance in the Kingdom and give promise of a growing ministry to a section that needs and wants the Gospel in its beauty, its simplicity, and its transforming power.

Note: Subsequent articles in the *Visitor* will give individual reports on these mountain churches.

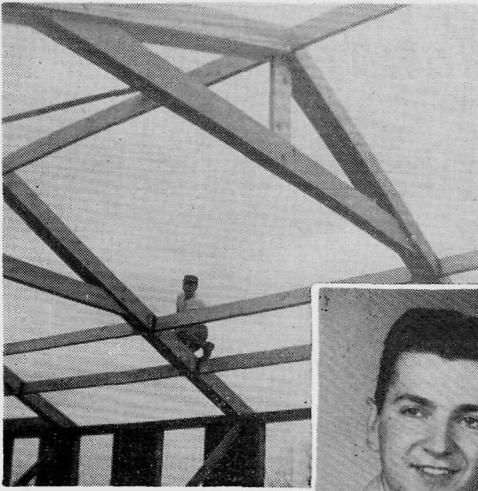


A pastor prepares for the dedication.

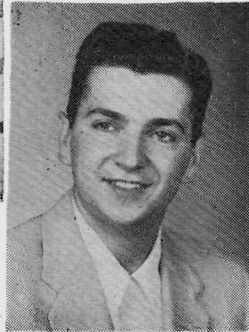


Mt. Etna gets its face lifted.

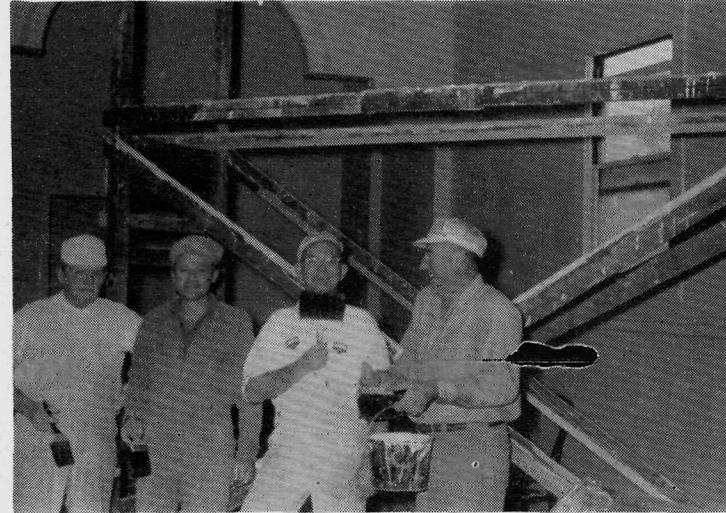
A Path of Blessing - VOLUNTARY SERVICE



Jesse Peters at work on the construction of the new church at Knifley, Kentucky.



Jesse Peters gave one year of voluntary service as building foreman in erecting the new church. His wife, a registered nurse, served in the Knifley clinic.



Men in California volunteer for face-lifting services in our missions on the west coast. A dedicated hand, a willing heart—and a smiling face combine to make Voluntary Service “a path of blessing.”

A path of blessing, under the guidance of the Home Mission Board, has followed the trail of the Voluntary Service workers in Home Missions.

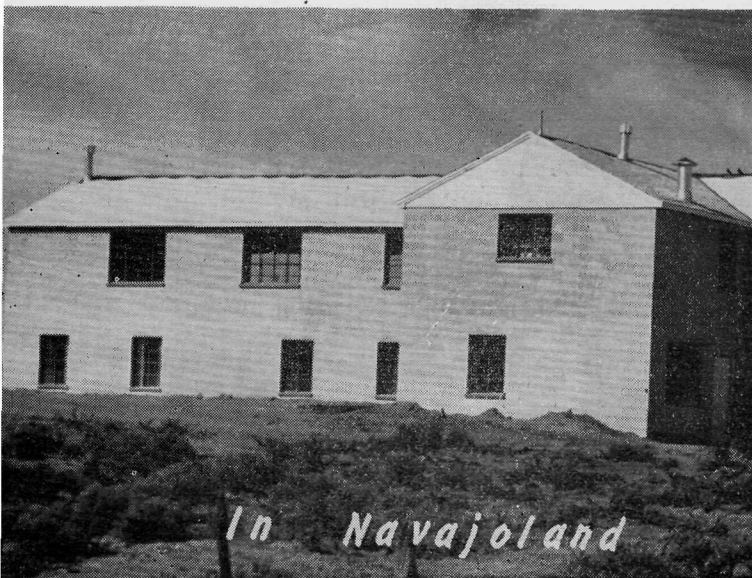
The pictures do not tell all of the story for a tear-stained face is in hiding. The fellowship of hardwork when bathed with Christian love yields bonds of affection that do much to make the Gospel attractive.

Mike and Margaret Engle, Thomas, Oklahoma have “worked” their way into the hearts of new-found friends in Navajoland, Chicago, and San Francisco. Their romance grows sweeter on the path of service.

Jesse and Leona Peters left a portion of their lives in Kentucky where the new Knifley church stands as a monument to their co-operative efforts with a band of willing workers.

The California men enjoy their frequent service trips to the out-posts. Voluntary service is a “testimony service” in action!

The three mission points where the dedicated services of Mike and Margaret Engle have been “registered”—the new Navajo Education Center at the Navajo mission, Bloomfield, New Mexico, the new location of the Life Line Gospel Mission home in San Francisco, and the mission at 6039 S. Halsted, Chicago.



In Navajoland

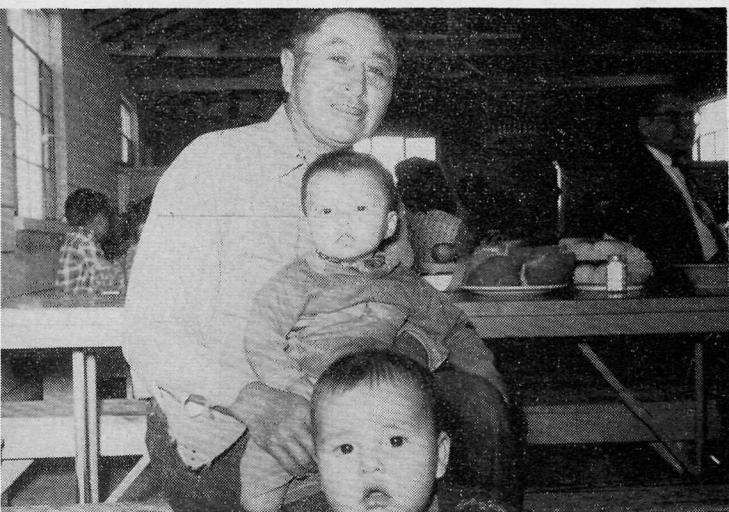


San Francisco

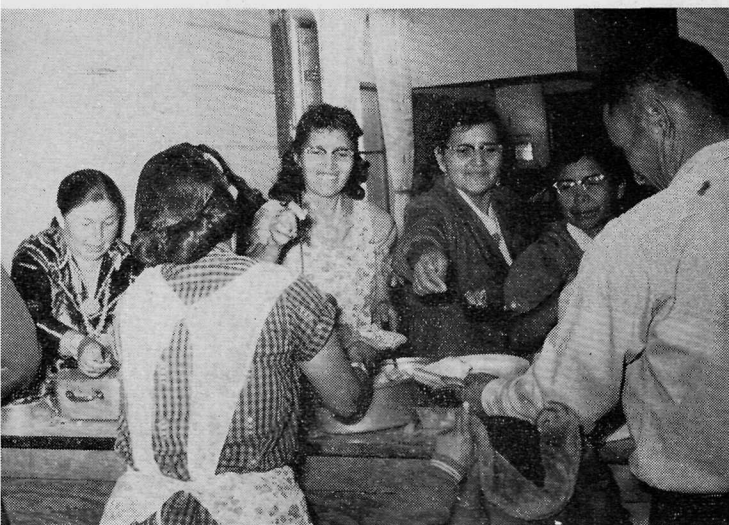
Chicago



They all "pitched in" in the kitchen.



Grandpa watches the babies.



Serving the "feast" with joy.



In Navajoland-- They "Kept the Feast"

At their Navajo Christian Fellowship, several of the men said, "Let's have our own Thanksgiving dinner."

News of this proposal drifted back to the Mission with the further word that this dinner was to be held at the "N. E. C."

Our initial misgivings shortly gave way to a growing curiosity of what a Navajo-sponsored Thanksgiving feast would be like. It was rewarded with one of the most beautiful occasions ever to occur at the Brethren in Christ Mission.

Without the benefit of a list of committees, the mission prepared for the occasion by leaving Sister Dorothy Charles to be in the kitchen to be "helpful."

The first turkey arrived about 9 p. m. of the previous evening—the last one at 10 a. m. of feast day! But "Miss Dorothy" did not do all the work! Hers was the joy of showing a happy group of ladies where the utensils are, how the gas range operates, etc., etc. They all pitched in! Girls who had been away to school were at once comfortable in their role and the others were quick to follow suit.

With each new arrival, something was added to the menu. Besides the more common "white" dishes of roast turkey and pies (baked in a Navajo home), there were mutton and several distinctive Navajo dishes.

By 12:30 the line formed to pass the serving counter. Among the 89 Navajos present was one striking figure, a man with gray hair and sober expression. None of the missionaries present recognized him. When it was learned that he was the father of Willie, Alfred and Harry Yazzie, deep significance was attached to his presence. This medicine man has seen a transformation come over a daughter and four sons during the past two years as they have become disciples of the "Jesus," spoken of by the white missionaries.

Following the joyful feast the tables were cleared, dishes were washed and the dining hall was tidied with dispatch.

The group gathered in the chapel for a two-hour service. Following song and praise, Peter Yazzie brought the message to his rejoicing people.

That was Saturday—the day of the Feast. On the following day three remained for prayer after the worship service. Among them, a mother who had delivered in the hospital; a lady who had made a profession some years earlier but acknowledged erring along the way; the third, her only son, about 16.

By contrast, on Christmas eve, a group of carolers in front of the Superintendent's house were joined from out of the cold darkness by a staggering couple! Mingled with the voices of missionaries were the lumbering off-notes of this pair who knew, in part, "Silent Night."

By the time they were huddled around a slow fire in the mission's guest hogan, the wailing began. For half-an-hour they alternated in a stream of abuse against the evils of the "white man."

Soon Miss Williams, on night duty in the hospital, noticed some small figures huddled in the cold at the edge of the island of light near the hospital entrance. She found four children, aged three to ten, who had been dropped off by a pickup truck because the parents were known to be there. She led them through the frosty night to the partial security of their drunken parents inside the hogan. Their Christmas was anything but merry!

"Christ is the Head" in this home. All three children were born at the mission. Medicine man father is seated at table to the rear, back to wall.

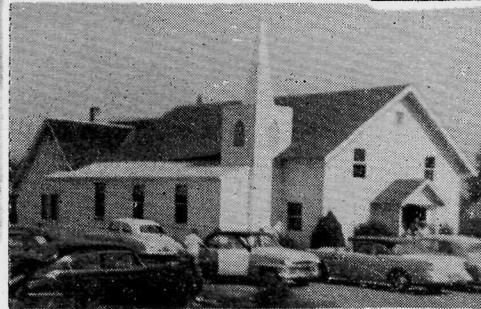
HOME MISSIONS QUIZ



A growing ministry in the
"Land of Enchantment."



Serving in his third Home
Mission assignment.



A witness in the great
"northwest."

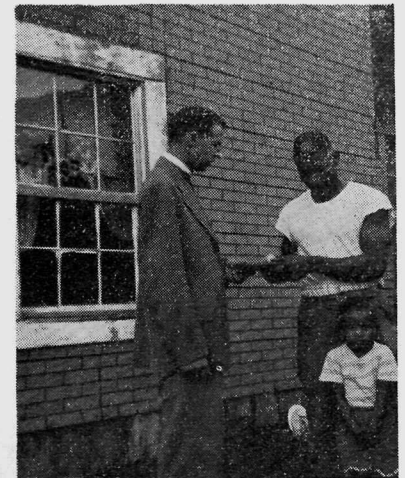


First of the "mountain
churches" from the Altoona
outreach.

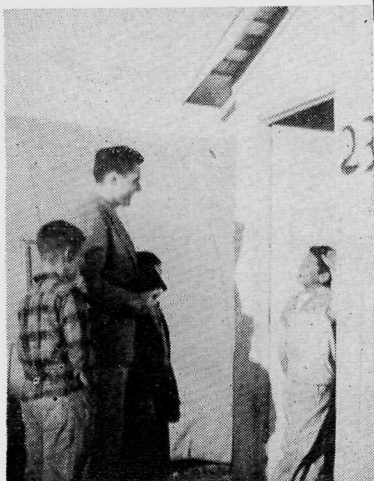


Won by a mission—
has a "mission" to win!

CAN YOU identify
the People and
Places pictured
here? Try it, then
check your answers
on next page.



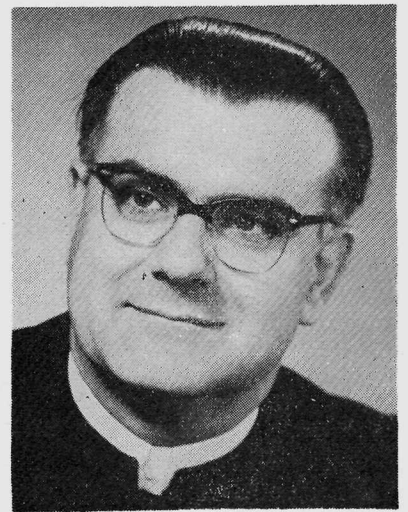
Grew up in Virginia—stands for
the Lord there.



Pioneer in migrant work.



Where the Brethren in Christ have witnessed for 60 years.



On the Home Mission
Board since "before
then."



"Rocked on its feeble foundation" while the work prospered.

Key To Home Missions Quiz

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| Albuquerque church | —A growing ministry in the Land of Enchantment |
| Gerald Wingert | —Serving in his third Home Mission Assignment (East and South) |
| Chicago Mission | —Where the Brethren in Christ have witnessed for 60 years. |
| Rupert Turman | —Grew up in Virginia; stands for the Lord there. |
| Redwood Country Church | —A witness in the great northwest. |
| Carl Carlson | —Won by a Mission, has a "mission" to win! |
| Saxton Church | —First of the "mountain churches" from Altona outreach. |
| Alvin Burkholder | —On the Home Mission Board since "before then." |
| Adneys Gap Chapel | —"Rocked on its feeble foundation" while the work prospered. |
| Carl Wolgemuth | —Pioneer in migrant work. |

Multiple Choice Quiz

- It is required, to serve in Home Missions, that
You are at least 25 years of age
You are married, or planning it
You feel the call of God upon your life
- At present, the Home Mission Board's greatest need is
To find a new place to open work
Publicity
Prayer support
- To accept an assignment in Home Missions you must
Agree to serve for at least 2 years
Agree to serve for a minimum of 5 years
Cooperate with the Board in establishing the pattern of your service
- Home Missions share of the current approved budget of the church is:
25.1%
35.8%
6.9%
- The greatest compensation for service in Home Missions is:
For the enhancement of prestige
To carry this "treasure" in our earthen vessels
To enlarge the Brethren in Christ Church

Matching Quiz

- | Person | Place of Service |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1. H. W. Buckwalter | () Pioneer teacher among the Navajos |
| 2. Joel Carlson | () Headed the Kentucky field for 13 years |
| 3. Dorothy Charles | () Mission pastor in Detroit since 1955 |
| 4. Raymond Conner | () Served on the Home Mission Board for 28 years |
| 5. Iola Dixon | () Pastor of Sandia Community Chapel |
| 6. Elam Dohner | () Many years at Life Line Gospel Mission—San Francisco |
| 7. Albert H. Engle | () A year's service as secretary at the Navajo Mission |
| 8. Edgar Giles | () A product of missions—he mans a Lighthouse |
| 9. Paul Hill | () On the Chicago mission staff |
| 10. C. N. Hostetter Jr. | () Served 8 years in Kentucky |
| 11. Lorne Lichty | () At North Star Mission since 1955 |
| 12. Mary Sentz | () Served many years at Philadelphia Mission |
| 13. Paul Wingerd | () The pioneer of Adneys Gap |
| 14. Elaine Zook | () Served as a pastor in Tennessee |
| 15. Alice Albright | () An Iron Springs convert, she served at many Pa. mission stations. |

Multiple Choice Answers

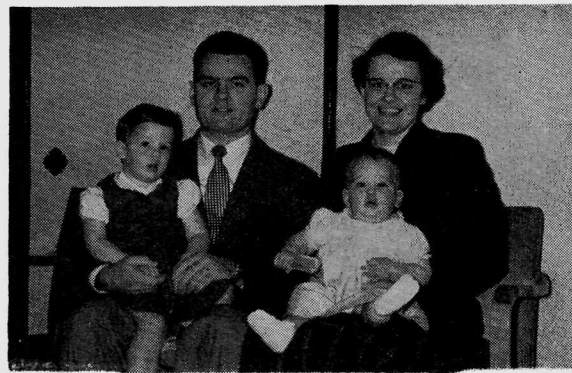
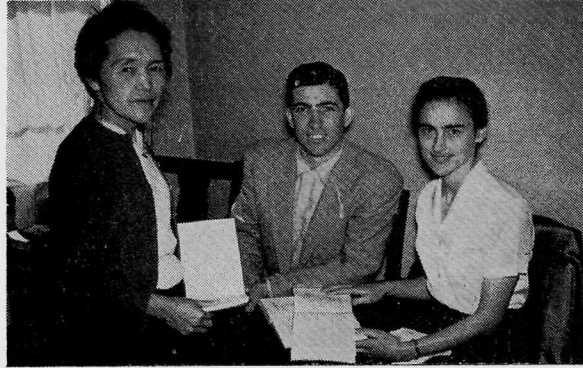
- You feel the call of God upon your life.
- Prayer support.
- Cooperate with the Board in establishing the pattern of your service.
- 25.1%.
- To carry this "treasure" in earthen vessels.

Key to Matching Quiz

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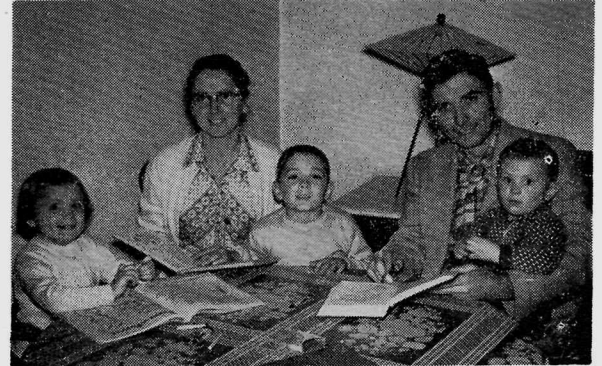
JAPAN

Doyle and Thelma Book with one of the teachers at the Kobe School of the Japanese Language.



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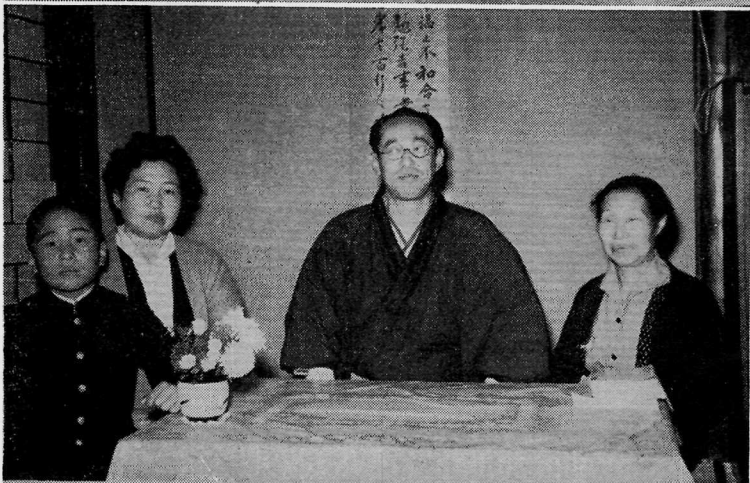
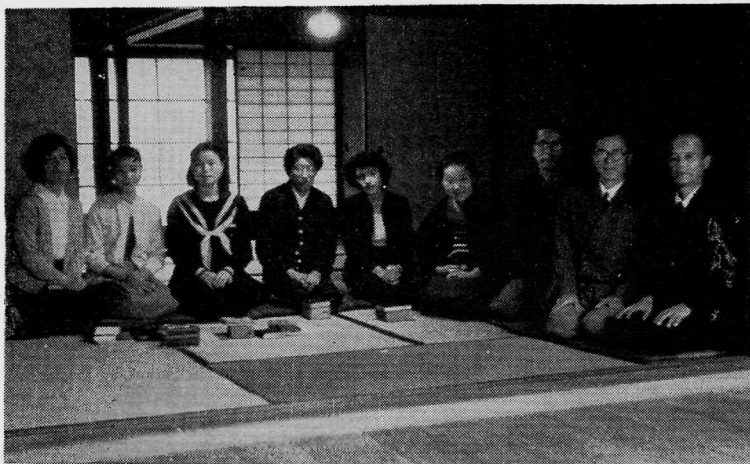
Lucille and John Graybill at home in Kobe studying for the next day's class, assisted by Brenda, Edward, and Michael.



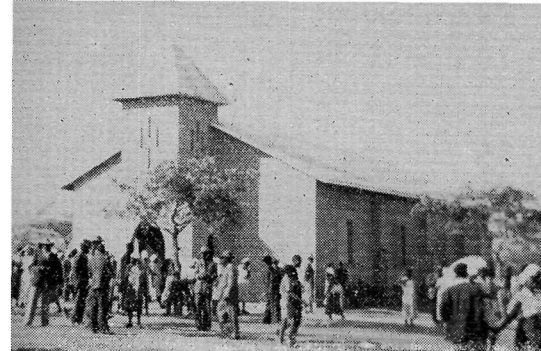
Margy, Pete, Bonnie, and Mary Willms in Hagi continuing the work without an interpreter.

"... four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say ... they are white already to harvest."
Our Lord Jesus

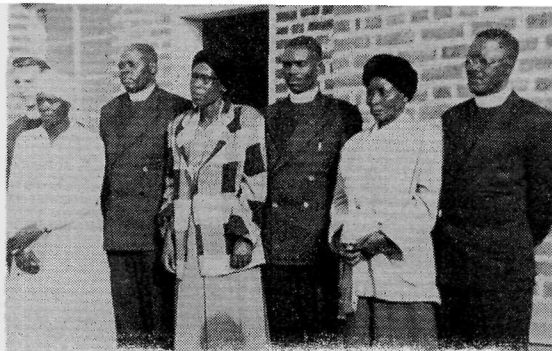
Every Picture An Incentive to Prayer!



Some of the Hagi believers in the Japanese house recently rented for church and Sunday School meetings • The Sunday School evangelists. Back row, left to right: Miss Matsumoto, Miss Kaneshige, Mr. Onimura, Miss Ohashi, Mrs. Ichikawa. Front: Miss Kanakubo, former mission interpreter who has now returned to witness to her family in Tokyo • The Miyamoto family, oldest son, mother, father, grandmother—three generations of baptized believers in the Hagi church—a rare thing in Japan • Three church members lunching after Sunday service: Miss Kamimura, high school senior; Miss Kanakubo, church leader and S. S. teacher; Mrs. Yamazaki, a widow of great faith.



On the march toward a self-administering church, the Brethren in Christ Church in Africa ordained four brethren (above) to the ministry: Donald R. Zook, Mangisi Sibanda, Nason Moyo, Sandey Vundla (the African brethren are shown with their wives), at the Wanezi Mission Church Conference, July 4 to 7, which met in the Steigerwald Memorial Church.



The second Church Executive, constituted Wanezi Conference. Most of the first committee were re-elected to membership; a few new members were elected—one of whom was Mbundane Dube, pastor-head teacher at our Silozwe outstation and one of God's choice men of long service in the Rhodesian brotherhood.



Southern Rhodesia evangelists and Vernacular course students at the Evangelists' Refresher course—Wanezi Bible Institute. This year in addition to the advanced theological course for ministerial students, the Wanezi Bible Institute put on a ten-day evangelists' refresher course and restarted the Vernacular course for older men which had been temporarily discontinued when Sister Anna Engle retired from missionary service. Sister Mabel Frey was the main instructor in these courses while Dr. Jesse F. Lady continued as the instructor in the Advanced Theological course and principal of the Bible Institute.

Back Row: Mapendhla Moyo, Deacon S. Nkala, Deacon Saul Senda, Rev. M. Sibanda, Rev. D. E. Climenhaga, Deacon Nduna Ncube, Sampson Ndimande.

Middle Row: Mbundane Dube, Philemon Malo, Mkubo Dube, Rev. S. Vundla, Rev. N. Moyo, Rev. L. B. Sider.

Front Row: Rev. N. Dlodlo, Rev. M. M. Kumalo, Bishop A. M. Climenhaga, Rev. J. E. Hersch, James Leta. Absent: Iddo Kumalo, Pani Moyo.

With a growing African ministry and a representative Church Executive Committee, the African Church in Southern Rhodesia is well on its way to indigenous church life.



... Our Rhodesian Missions on Church Evangelism, Bible-Training Evangelism

Another feature of church expansion during the year was the dedication of the new Brethren in Christ Church in the Mpopoma African township, an adjunct to the city of Bulawayo, on Sunday, September 29th. Part of the dedication crowd is seen here. In the rear to the right is one of the housing units for purchase by the urban Africans. . . . With a church building home and two official meeting places—one a classroom in Lobengula School of Mzilikazi Township, the Bulawayo church program marches on apace.

Another Bible Training feature of the year was the continuation and expansion of Spiritual Life Conferences for our African teachers. Each of the three S. Rhodesia outstation circuits had weekend conferences to which the teachers were invited to come voluntarily. These were carried on under the sponsorship of the Outstation superintendents, but the direct control was in the hands of a responsible teachers' committee.

Building work on the new Macha Mission site proceeded at pressure pace. One sometimes had to wonder if Dr. Alvan Thuma or his successor, Dr. Joseph Engle, were ever tempted to feel more like building contractors than physicians. At least, they masked any temptation under great bursts of energy in many directions. They supervised brick-layers, hauled truckloads of sand, and examined the multitude of patients



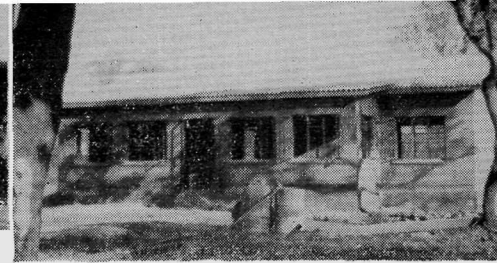
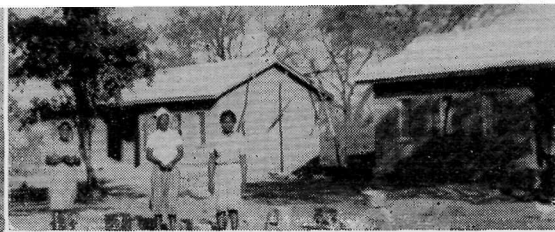
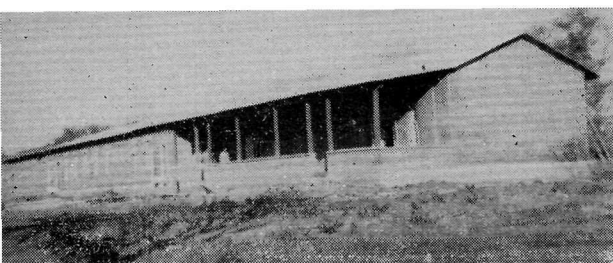
The sessions included Bible teaching and messages on Christian work and evangelism.



A variation in the courses was special instruction in First Aid, given by Sister Lady. The men are thus trained to deal with soul, mind, and body.



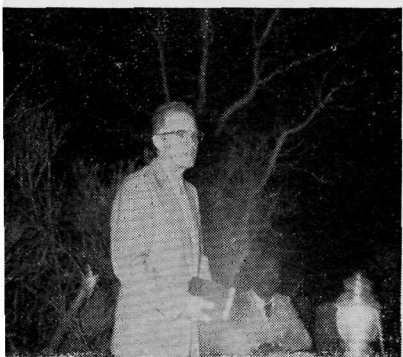
A ladies sextette—with two "candle-bearers"



Macha Mission Hospital, rear view showing the great length of the building.

Two cottages for African nurses and workers

New cottage for missionary nursing sisters.



In the evenings there were campfire services where the Word was reached by campfire and pressure-lamp light. (For many of our readers, Mr. J. F. Lady needs no identification.) Also there was chorus participation in the camp-fire light and other smaller groups who gave testimony by word and song.

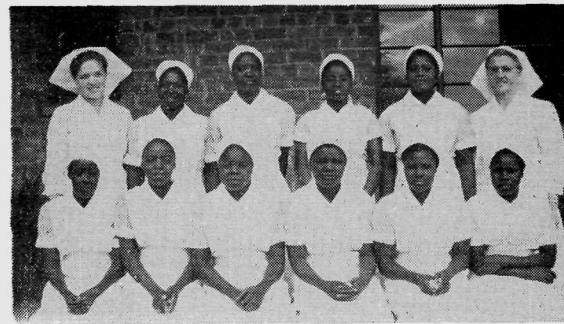
nearing completion; but time, energy, and finance are needed to finish them.

The Government Medical Department has put up approximately \$20,000 to build this plant. Through labour and cash we have put in more than this amount and we shall need about \$6,000 to complete the present units and equip them satisfactorily.

For the forward march of our medical evangelism, it is imperative that we develop proper surgical facilities—both for adequate medical treatment and for proper training of our station nurses. Will you give as the Lord directs you?

Mtshabezi Mission dedicated its beautiful new Teacher Training block (four class-rooms; two offices) to the left of the church on August 15. Bishop Climenhaga was Chairman of the Dedication service and performed the act of dedication following an excellent dedicatory address by the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, the Honourable R. S. Garfield Todd, M. P. Before his entry into the political area, Mr. Todd was superintendent of a neighbouring mission station. His strong Christian witness in the performance of his political duties and his continuing concern for African welfare is noteworthy.

Matopo Mission is currently building science laboratories, dormitories, and staff houses for the developing high school programme there. Government grants go only to the immediate building expansion and have nothing to do with the operational budget. Our missions scrape and strain to make every penny count. There will be more about this development in later publications. (Continued on page 18)



In July we opened a new Female Nursing Assistant (or orderly) course to train African girls to assist our missionary doctors and nurses. At right is the first class, with Sisters Martha Lady and Mary Heisey. The latter is the "sister tutor" of the course and she is doing a splendid job in getting it started.

March . . .

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—Healing Evangelism
—Mind-Training Evangelism

Lower right: Mr. Todd speaking to Chief and Mrs. Mzimune Masuku. Chief Mzimune heads an area in which are a number of Brethren in Christ outstations. This couple are faithful Christians of the London Missionary Society. We appreciate their warm and co-operative attitude. Back to camera is Mrs. Glenn C. Frey (matron, Mtshabezi Mission).

Bottom right: Mr. Todd and Bishop Climenhaga talk to one of the B in C Church leaders—Deacon Seth Nkala of Kwakwe Outstation, an enterprising servant of the Lord, currently contractor builder at Matopo. To Nkala's right is Keith Ulery (I-W worker) who gave two years of greatly appreciated service to our field, including a number of months at Mtshabezi.

Below, left: The Mtshabezi T. T. Chorus singing at the Dedication service, Miss Nancy Kreider conducting.

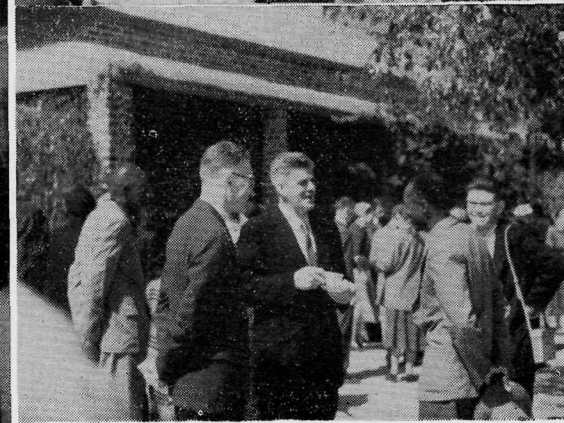
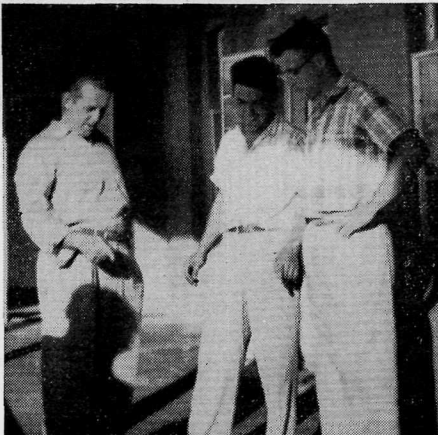
Below: Furrowed brows! Rev. Ira Stern, Superintendent of the Macha Mission, Walter Heisey, I-W Assignee, and Dr. Joseph Engle discuss materials needed in order to render a report to the General Superintendent.



The new Teacher Training Block, Mtshabezi.

sorts of pathological ailments—all day's work. The site of the new hospital is about a mile away from the old and hospital.

The new building is tremendous in length and depth. The outbuildings include cottages for missionary nursing sisters and African small temporary (so-called) buildings for outpatients, and other buildings added to the medical program. Several are



A Look at Santal Believers - Present and Future



A baptismal service



Uraons—Sohan Lal and Saresh—baptized May, 1957. The only Christian witnesses among thousands of their pagan peoples.



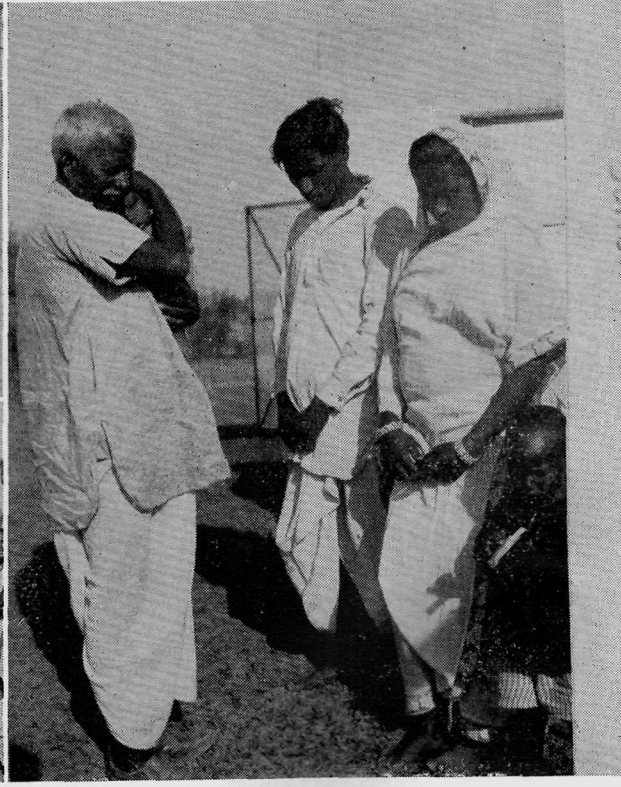
Old Isaac, almost blind, sends his orphan grandchild and only close relative to Barjora school.



A second generation future Christian.



Christmas at Banmankhi, 1956. Christmas 1957 was in the villages.



Dedication of future Christian.



Delegates at the Annual Church Council—Saharsa, 1957.



Gospel Team leaving for voluntary witnessing tour.

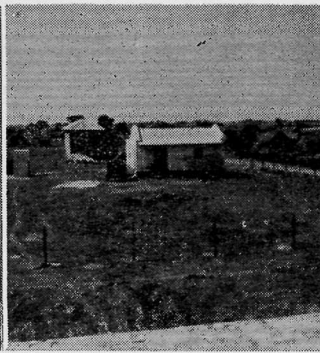
A Quick Tour of The Saharsa District Missions



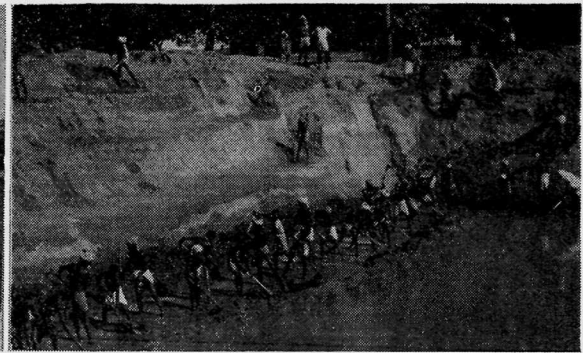
Monday a.m. We leave Saharsa and soon run into difficulties on a new road.



A stop at a Christian Santal home where women are preparing grain.



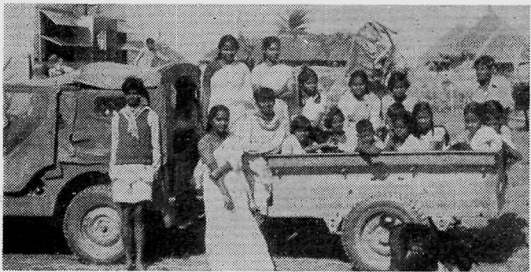
Next, Supaul outstation, 24 miles north of Saharsa. Lunch with Evangelist Rai.



Monday p.m. We arrive at Barjora, 22 miles east of Supaul and see men, grateful for relief grains giving a day of voluntary labour digging the tank.



The hostel children join us in welcoming the Pye family back from furlough.



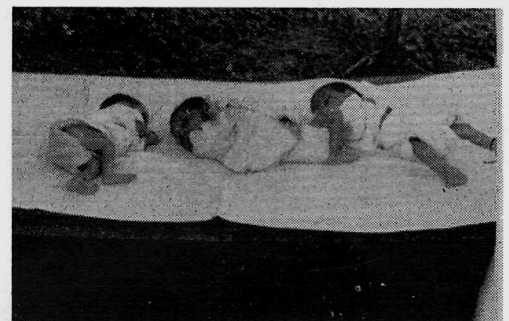
We bid good-bye to hostel children who are going to visit the Anglo-Indians.



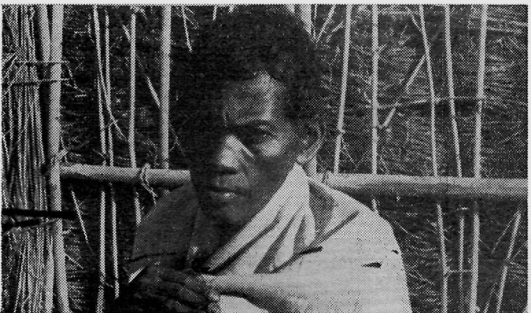
Wednesday a.m. We drive the 26 miles south to Madhipura and receive a charming welcome from Cathy Paulus.



Here we watch relief distribution by Pastor D. J. Rai.



Wednesday p.m. Back to Saharsa we stop at the Dispensary to look at the three new arrivals of the past week.



At the dispensary we see a non-Christian Santal woman, with cancer.



On our way home we have a fuel pump failure. A makeshift arrangement of tin can, plastic bag, and petrol tin meets the emergency.



Madhipura Dispensary Bible woman instructing new Santal believers.



The school girls are having recess and greet us as we return.



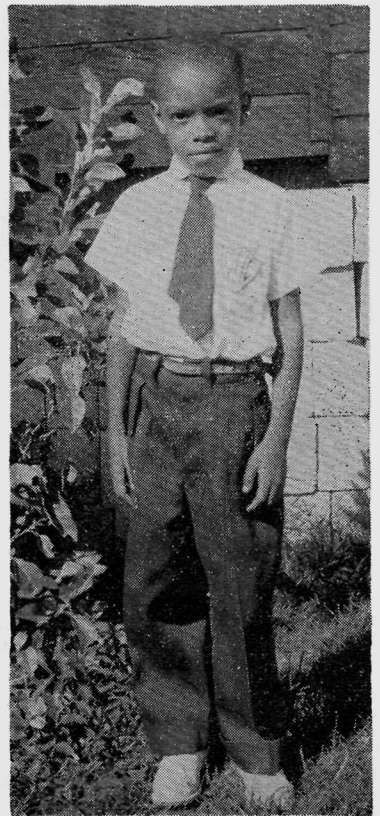
A NEW TESTIMONY IN CUBA!

The sign announcing the opening of the new Christian elementary day school:

Brethren in Christ School
Beginning Classes Sept. 30
Registration is open Sept. 23

Ramon Llanes'
daughter Caridad (Charity)
in third grade.

A bright little
colored boy—Ricardo
—in uniform.



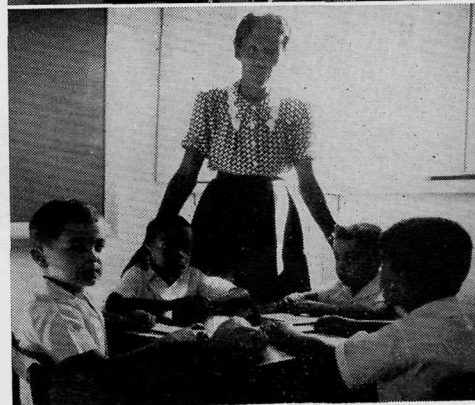
AS THE only evangelical church in the town of Cuatro Caminos, our responsibility is great.

On both sides of our church building, there used to be places of amusement—for gambling, playing pool, dominoes, etc. Often the noise was quite disturbing during our church services. Coupled with our concern about this matter, was the need and request from parents in our congregation for a Christian elementary day school. We began to pray and laid the need and conditions before the Lord, asking for the building to the left which was the noisiest and caused the most objectionable conditions.

Early in August, Bishop Carl J. Ulery, Bishop Henry N. Hostetter and Mr. Jacob Kuhns came to Cuba to look over the work and to study the possibilities for an elementary school. We could report then that the property to the right of the church—a larger and far more desirable property than that on the left—was for sale. At once the Board approved and, after some time-consuming legal problems, this property became ours free from entanglements—quite an accomplishment in Cuba—on September 17th. We worked fast, painting and repairing, to get one end of the building ready for school October 1st.

CUBA

How blest a lot is theirs—to be in a Christian school!



The teacher, Mrs. Durant is shown with four beginners.

A good Christian teacher was secured—a coloured lady named Perla Durant, who has a Teacher's Certificate and has had experience teaching in private and public schools.

After two months of operation the school is proving to be a testimony in our town. We have sixteen enrolled and many others expressing interest. Some plan to enter in January. It is customary and, for a number of reasons, expedient for us to charge a small tuition so that only those who want to attend regularly will enroll. We offer an opportunity to work to those parents or pupils who cannot afford the tuition and want to work for it.

On opening day, one of the elderly men of our town, who had never showed any interest in us or the church, came to the door of our school and said, "*Esto es el progreso de Cuatro Caminos*" (This is the progress of Cuatro Caminos).

We marvel at the way the Lord has led through the many difficulties. Will you pray that this effort will be used of the Lord to strengthen our testimony in Cuatro Caminos and outlying areas?