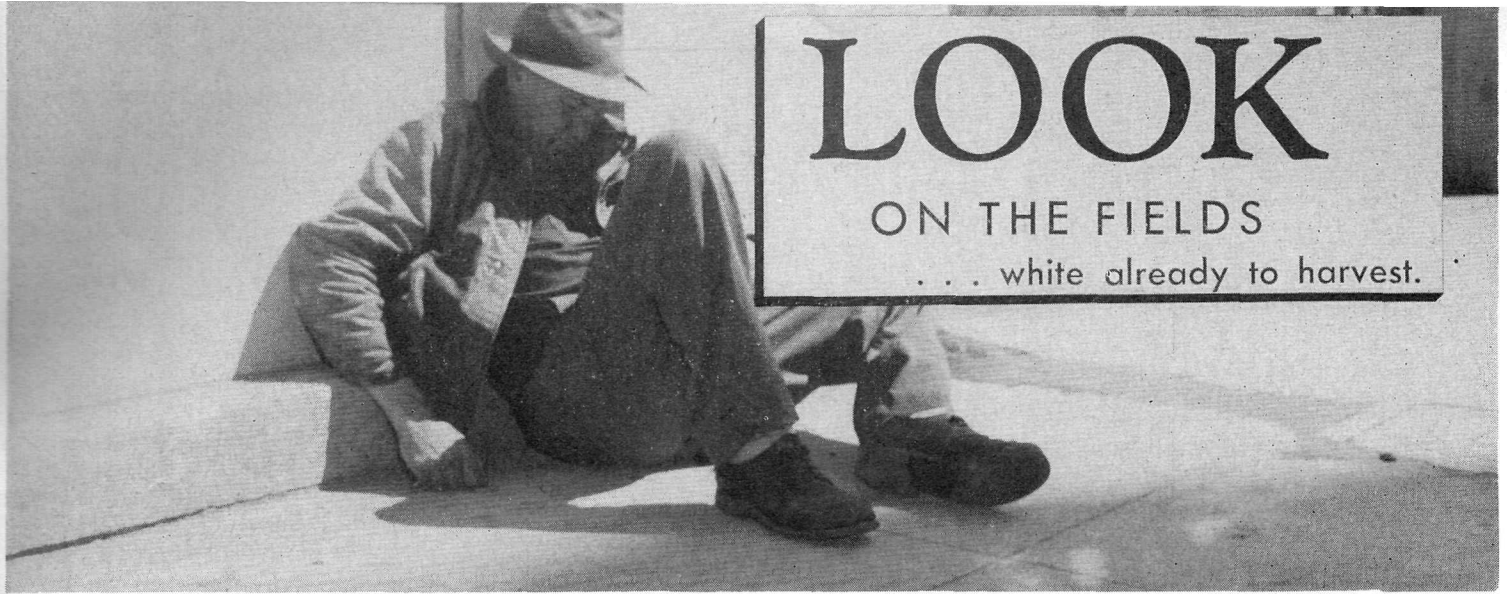




Hopeless? — No!

SAN FRANCISCO

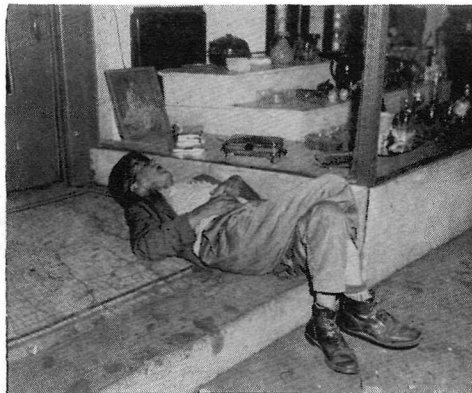
The Bible tells us that we have a High Priest who can be touched by our infirmities. It tells us that as Jesus saw the wickedness of the city He wept and cried out, "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings and ye would not! Behold your house is left unto you desolate."

If Jesus Christ would come to San Francisco today and take a walk from Skid Row to the top of Nob Hill, I could well imagine Him saying, "Oh San Francisco, San Francisco, thou that tarriest too long at the wine and thou that rejecteth my words. How often would I have given you warm houses and beds to sleep in, but ye would not."

When we see fallen humanity sprawled on the sidewalk, and when we have to step over them in our doorways, the words of the song come to our minds, "Some mother rocked him, her darling to sleep, but they left him to die like a tramp on the street."

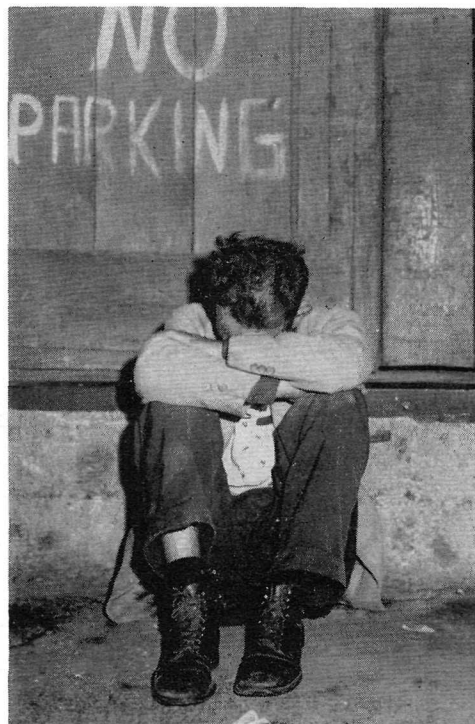
We have been rather reluctant to release pictures like we are showing here, but God has laid it on our heart to share with you the needs of San Francisco and the tremendous task placed upon the staff of the Life Line Mission. These pictures are not isolated cases, but normal scenes around the mission. All of these pictures with the exception of one have been taken within a few yards of the mission. These pictures represent the 76,000 alcoholics in San Francisco. These pictures represent the people for whom the city is spending over one and one half million dollars annually just to keep on jailing them.

Picking these men up with the paddy wagon and carting them off to jail every week is not the answer. These men need our love, our sympathy, our prayers—our Gospel. Are they hopeless? The



answer is definitely *no*. The Life Line Mission is right where these men live, the mission program is reaching these men with the soul-saving Gospel, these men are being helped, being lifted by kind hands, being transformed by the power of the Gospel.

Now there is another group of men and women that have not yet fallen to the level of the ones pictured here.



These, if they are reached soon, can be saved from this and delivered by the Lord Jesus Christ. There are many young men and women, some in their early twenties, who, if not led to Christ now, will most certainly end up as these that are shown. To reach these people is a colossal task. But it can be done with your help.

Would you like to take some of these men on as a prayer challenge? Would you like to write to us for the name and picture of one of these men? Then take them on your heart and pray for them and correspond with them until you get word from them that they have been saved and delivered from all sin. Send your request for a name and picture to Life Line Mission, 422 Guerrero Street, San Francisco 10, California.

—Avery A. Heisey

A White Dove

BALTIMORE

Someone has said that wherever the believers preached the Word in the days of the Early Church, revival or riot followed.

As we have already completed a year of Gospel witness in East Baltimore, we cannot point to any riot brought about by the Gospel message, but we praise the Lord for the continued faithfulness of the Holy Spirit in convicting and converting some of the lost of this area. On Easter Sunday of 1961 a teen-age girl became the first-fruit of the ministry of the new work as she opened her heart to the Lord during the Easter message. Down through the months that have followed, one by one there have been those who have come in true repentance and have been saved by God's grace. A total of more than twenty have thus responded.

In January, there were several couples saved and a number of other individuals, including a student nurse who is a senior at Johns Hopkins Hos-



Worshippers at the Baltimore Church on Easter Sunday.

pital. She is now assisting in the Primary Department of the Sunday School. A man in our community who was defiant and irreligious, surrendered to Christ at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday and went to be with the Lord at 7:00 o'clock Friday morning. We have had the privilege of baptizing two classes of six applicants making a total of twelve.

On the first Sunday morning in December, as I was about to leave the study to conduct the morning worship service, a phone call detained me. The voice was that of a man who said he was desperate and needed help. After a brief conversation, we agreed to meet at the church at noon. I waited until 1:00 o'clock and then decided that he had lost courage and probably would not come. Much to my despair, I did not know his name and where he lived.

Our family and congregation joined in prayer for this man. New Year's Eve arrived and we enjoyed our first watch night service. As we approached the church, we noticed a pure white dove taking refuge on a sill of the chancel window. The bird remained there for the entire service, occasionally flapping its wings as it changed its position. I told the congregation that I hoped this dove was indicative of the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit for the new year.

On New Year's Day, just after breakfast, one of the children answered the door, telling me that a man was there to see me. I knew in my heart (I cannot tell you how) that this was the man for whom we had been praying, and who had called several weeks before. He had been attending our morning worship services for about six weeks before he made the phone call, but had never left his name on a visitor's card. He had been laid off of work at the beginning of December and had been drinking constantly.

That morning at 5:00 o'clock, he had driven to a deserted railroad siding where he prayed to God for help. The longer he prayed, the more he was constrained to seek help from the pastor of the new church on Marlyn Avenue that

he had been attending. And so he came.

Arriving at the study, I assured him that no matter how difficult his problems were, Christ had the answer for him.

Here in my study was a Polish man of Catholic faith, who had worked his way through school and was a graduate of the University of Illinois. Now, under alcoholism and sin, he was at the end of the road. While we were talking, his wife was at home packing to leave him.

After I heard his story and we had gone over some "salvation verses" in the Bible together, he said, "I feel like praying." He desired to kneel at the altar of the church. After making the sign of the cross and folding his hands, he

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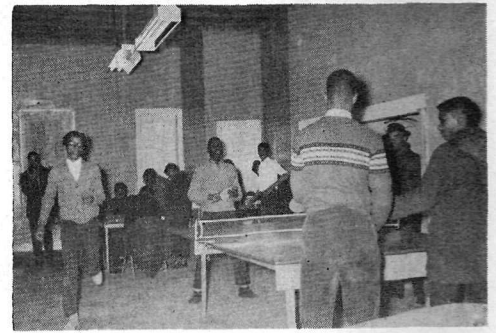
Miracles

NEW YORK

"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word; just to rest upon His promise, just to know, Thus saith the Lord."

IT IS WHEN we learn this that great and marvelous things happen. The Bronx, N. Y. Mission witnessed God's marvelous doings at a recent service in the Chapel. Hymns were sung, greetings extended, chapel quartets sang, classes dismissed. While the usual was in the program, God had set the stage for the unusual. The God whose eyes are upon the sparrow and who keeps the field lilies in their beauty for the duration, has a personal interest in every individual, no matter how great or how small.

Little Julius, three-year-old son of the Beauchamps, had been brought to the altar to be anointed and prayed for that he might walk. Suffering physical and mental retardation, he was offered to the mercy of the divine Healer. The parents,



Activities of the Brooklyn Youth Center in New York.

and all those at the altar believed that God's perfect will must be paramount in each life.

Now three weeks later, to the amazement of all, little Julius stepped into the aisle of the chapel and walked for the first time without help. Tears of joy overcame some while the event was explained to the others. From that point the service was graced by an unusual manifestation of the Spirit's presence. His healing power had been demonstrated before our eyes.

From that day on, Julius has continued to walk, proving the miracle a lasting reality. We praise the Lord for His great power.

The Voluntary Service unit opened in May 1961. The Lord's blessing has been upon this project so that today there are nine workers in the unit.

These young folks are very much appreciated where they work. Typical of the remarks are, "Dallas was a God-send to us," or, from one hospital, "We will take all this kind of help you can bring us." Since the third floor is available there are still a few openings for married or unmarried people to join the unit.

Will you help us pray that the Lord will direct every person in the unit and that these two years spent in voluntary service will be fruitful?

—Paul D. Hill



Members of the VS Unit in New York City. From left: Donald and Dorothy Alvis from Thomas, Oklahoma; Darrel Gibble, Edna Hill, Eber Wingert, Dallas Robinson, Mary Lou Ruegg, and Paul Kennedy; Paul and Mary Kennedy, of the Antrim, Pa. congregation, who were married April 7, 1962.

"In times like these"—

NAVAJOLAND

"IN TIMES like these you need a Saviour. In times like these you need an anchor." So sang the four graduates at the Navajo Mission school on Class Night, May 10.

Two of the girls were orphaned and their Class Night speeches reflected the difficult experiences of their early years. The other girl, whose father is now a Christian, remembers the occasions when her father suffered violence as a result of drink. The boy knew of social isolation and individual encounter with a world that is not a friend to grace.

This serious-minded quartet presented in their own individual ways the great challenge of **LEARNING IN LIFE . . . to Walk:** "Many times I was tempted to stop school because of the hard things, but I have learned that staying in school was the best for me. From God's Word I have learned many valuable things. Even though I walk through the valley of hard things, I know that God will be with me."

. . . to **Teach:** "Although I have seen many other places, and learned many new things, the best place to me is still my home. At home we understand each other. If there are difficulties for us we talk about them and figure out a way through our problems."

"I enjoy teaching my little sisters and brothers numbers and the alphabet. We like to play games together. Checkers is one of our favorite games even though the boys win the most. . . . I want my life to be useful. My goal is to become a teacher to the Navajo people. I know that to be a good teacher, my life must be a good example to my own folks."

"I'll take John 14 with me. I will have these words to encourage me, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth' . . ."

. . . to **Serve:** "The story of my life has been filled with many interesting things—some of them sad, but many of them happy. The happier parts came while learning many new things in my school assignments."

"One of the very special chapters in my life has been working in the hospital. This has given me an interest in my own people. They seem to say, 'Help me' or 'Give me a helping hand.' I know it will mean long hours of work and study, but becoming a nurse is the greatest goal in my life."

. . . to **Give:** "Everyone needs a goal, something to work for. If we do not have a goal, we will wander aimlessly, not knowing where to go. If we have something to drive us forward, we will



1962 graduates of the Navajo Mission School singing "In Times Like These."

tread with sure footsteps on the path of life. But we must also remember to walk in the will of God.

"My goal in life is to become a teacher. I have chosen this because I wish to impart knowledge to others. But I also want to give myself. A good teacher likes to teach, and so I must learn to enjoy my work. I must know how to get along with others. I must be original. I must live a daily life of total victory over the circumstances around me. I must lead a prayerful life. I must surrender my whole self to God."

"Jesus had a goal. He achieved it by dying on the cross. The way ahead will not be easy. But I have the best Friend and Guide I could have. May I follow in His footsteps."

The Mission School is a white harvest field. Eternal destinies are at stake. But reaping is not the first stage of a harvest. The challenge is to sow and work with vision, patience, and faith so that a harvest can be reaped.



Winning boys and girls on Halsted Street in Chicago.

Miracles of Grace

A WOMAN, who lives near the Mt. Holly Springs (Pa.) church, was in deep sin, suffering from drink and infidelity. One night she was shot nine times by a man who then rushed her to a hospital only to meet with an accident. She was thrown fifteen feet from the car, and both men in the accident were killed. Mrs. Tyler survived sev-

eral hours on the operating table and was saved in the hospital room two days later.

This lady knows God has spared her for a purpose and now she gives her testimony to people of the community. The townfolk are witnesses to the great change in her life. The respectability and refinement evidenced in this home are a marvel of God's grace. On the brink of separation a little while ago, the family are now going together to church. The Spirit of God is speaking to the husband who is not yet saved. Pray for this man who is being drawn to the little church on Fairfield Street. Pray also for their protection, as they have been plagued by threatening letters.

The Lord found a man who had once said he would never return to church again. This backslidden man, after coming to church one or two Sundays, phoned Pastor Edward Hackman at 4:00 a.m., Monday, because he couldn't wait any longer to testify of his new-found joy. He had just touched heaven for his salvation an hour earlier! Pray for his wife who is yet unsaved.

This new Brethren in Christ church is a soul-saving station.

Maturing to Serve

CANOE CREEK

SUBSTANTIAL gains in the congregational development at Canoe Creek (Pa.) have been achieved during the past year. Under the leadership of Pastor Roy Zook interest and attendance have been on the increase.

In the Mt. Etna congregation, about eight miles to the southeast, the pastoral leadership has been given to Brother Joseph Nuemeyer. Brother Zook, in effecting this development, has provided new impetus to the ministry at both places of worship.

The Canoe Creek congregation is at the threshold of achieving regular church status in the Allegheny Conference. This forward step provides a climate for growth and development that can cause it to become a significant link in the church militant.

A Growing Church

SHERMAN'S VALLEY

OUR HEARTS are filled with praise for the marvelous things the Lord has done at Sherman's Valley. The church and community have been blessed by two fruitful revivals—the first one within the church. This increased the staff of workers and Sunday School teachers. Then, the second revival reached out into the community.

God saved the most notorious man in the community. This man who had not been in a revival for 32 years, would steal and pawn to buy drink. But the Lord transformed his life.

In another home, a couple had lived together for fourteen years, raised a family, though unmarried. The woman was addicted to heavy smoking and the man was a slave to drink. But God touched this home and these lives were transformed! The couple, now married, live in a happy home with their five children. On Easter Sunday this man and woman were received into church fellowship.

Attendance has increased. In Sunday school the average attendance has climbed from 52 in 1960, to 70 in 1961, to 81 so far in 1962. Similarly, prayer-meeting attendance has doubled, from 17 in 1960, to 35 in the first months of 1962. Rally Day attendance was a record of 124.

Presently worshipping in a one-room building, a building program now underway will lengthen the auditorium by 20 feet and give five Sunday School rooms.

Three years ago a parsonage was purchased with an indebtedness of \$6,000 plus another thousand for improvements. On April 29, 1962 the money came in for the last payment. Is it any wonder we say, God has done great things for us?

—Earl J. Lehman

Cornerstone Laying at Harrisburg, Pa.

ON PALM SUNDAY about 100 persons gathered joyfully to honor the Lord for the progress of the building of the Bellevue Park Brethren in Christ Church, 2001 Chestnut Street, Harrisburg. Pastor Joel E. Carlson officiated and declared: "Dearly beloved, we are here assembled to lay the cornerstone of a new house for the worship of the God of our fathers, and let us now devoutly invoke His blessing on this our undertaking."

Paul D. Bigham, deacon and trustee, read the Scripture, verses from the Psalms: "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion which cannot be removed but abideth forever," and, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Sherwood Mell, another trustee, led in opening prayer. A brief meditation from God's Word was given by Rev. Glenn Hensel, pastor of Messiah Home Chapel, referring to the temple built by Solomon.

The congregation sang together: "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ

her Lord." They prayed in unison: "Let Thy blessing rest upon those who labor in erecting this sacred house. Shield them from harm; grant them Thy wisdom and favor in pursuit of their work to its finish. May all gifts given, and all service rendered be acceptable in Thy sight. May Thy heavenly grace sanctify our efforts in this holy task. May each of us continue in soul and body as the living temples of the Holy Spirit."

These items were placed in the copper box, inserted in the cornerstone: Church membership list, Sunday School Membership list, names of church board officers, of Building Committee personnel, of trustees, of deacon, S. S. superintendent, mission staff, architect, builder, ministers of the past, Sunday School superintendents of the past, staff members of the Mission from 1938 to 1962. *General Conference Minutes* of 1961, *Hand Book of Missions* of 1961, *Manual of Doctrine and Government* of the Brethren in Christ Church, copies of *Evangelical Vis-*

itor. Two brochures for the new church, bulletin of groundbreaking, bulletin of cornerstone-laying. Hymn books: *Spiritual Songs and Hymns*, *Praise and Worship*, *Youth Sings*, Christ's Crusaders Chorus Book. Copy of *The* (Harrisburg) *Patriot*; also of *The* (Harrisburg) *Evening News*, issues of April 14, 1962, containing announcement of cornerstone-laying service.

The pastor was assisted by the three trustees, Paul Bigham, Sherwood Mell, Randall Miller, and by the builder, Daniel Wenger, in applying mortar and placing the stone.

The choir, informally arranged on the concrete steps, nearby, sang:

*On this stone now laid with prayer
Let Thy church rise, strong and fair;
Ever, Lord, Thy name be known
Where we lay this cornerstone.*

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*By wise master builders squared,
Here be living stones prepared
For the temple near Thy throne,
Jesus Christ its Cornerstone.*



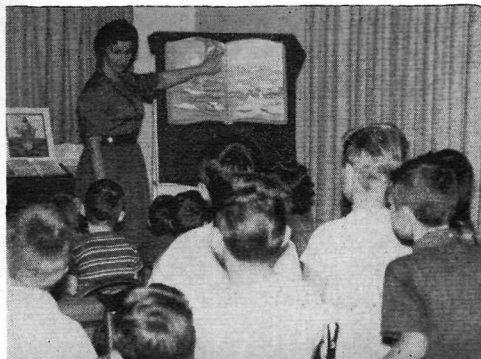
The Bellevue Park cornerstone-laying service. Principal participants are shown above, from left: Pastor Carlson; Sherwood Mell, trustee; Daniel F. Wenger, builder; Paul Bigham and Randall Miller, trustees.

Extension in California

ONTARIO CHURCH



Pastor Nelson Miller and wife of the Ontario Church.



Mrs. Miller brings a flannelgraph lesson.

The Breath of God

KENTUCKY

THE Bloomington church has been experiencing the breath of God upon its laborers. Notice the path of its experiences.

Attendance throughout the past year has increased, with especially good attendance at prayer meetings by both older and younger. Sunday School offerings have increased to the point where materials are paid with a balance remaining. The first V.B.S. without outside help was conducted. This brought blessing to all.

By the time of the fall revival the harvest had ripened. Twenty-eight young people and children knelt at the altar to receive Christ into their hearts.

Evidence points to the development of some fine workers for Christ and the church. The *Handbook of Missions* carries a picture of of sixteen who were baptized on a sunny December day.

Pastor Bryant testifies that these victories have been won, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." The prayers at Bloomington are that this year will show still more fruit and that the evidences of God's power in the lives of men will be multiplied.

Advance on the Literature Front

Matopo Book Room, Bulawayo

THE real purpose of the Book Room is not to exist as a business enterprise, but to propagate the Gospel.

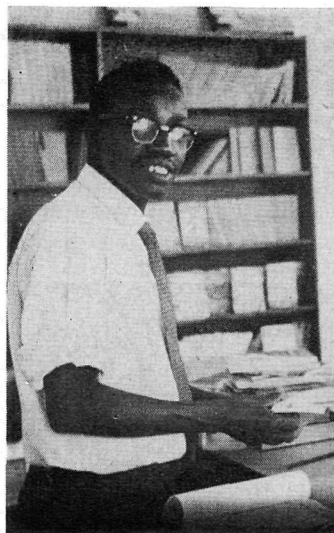
People from all walks of life have come and bought religious books. Many of them have been African and European Christians looking for devotional books to strengthen their own spiritual lives. Others have come for Gospels of John or tracts to give to unsaved friends. Others have bought religious records, filmstrips, object lesson books, and flannelgraph lessons to make their ministry more effective. Missionaries and church leaders have bought books concerning the indigenous church and tithing. It has been a personal inspiration to be able to talk with these church leaders. One of the great opportunities of the literature program is that of encouraging the Lord's servants who come in looking for material to enhance their spiritual ministry.

Then there have been ones with spiritual needs coming in the doors as well. Some attracted by the window displays have come in out of curiosity. Others, many of them African young people who will be the leaders of tomorrow, have come to buy school text books and equipment. We pray that the import of the words spoken to them and the tracts put in their hands may not be forgotten, for our Lord has promised that "my Word shall not return to me void."

Our contacts with government schools have been not only on a business level. Some of the headmasters have gratefully accepted our donation of religious books for their teachers' libraries. We have also seen the buying of religious books from government funds to make their libraries more useful. We have also subsidized the purchase of vernacular hymnals at one government school to make it possible for every child in the school to have one.

A number of missions have already taken a selection of fifty to seventy different books to set up a religious library for the people on their mission stations. They reach people there who will probably never see our book store in Bulawayo. They can take one book of each kind, and when the initial books are sold the supply of books can be restocked. Thus in an indirect way the Book Room is making possible religious libraries in places where there have been none heretofore.

Then there is the colportage phase of the literature ministry as well. In December, Joel Moyo, a Wanezi Bible Institute graduate, was looking for employment. He would not be needed by the church until the evangelistic campaigns begin in May. Because of the unexpected book profits, it was felt we could support Joel for a few months on an experimental basis. Joel has been going mainly in the rural areas among the



Left: Obed Nyoni—an answer to prayer. When he heard about our new venture and asked to work in the store, he was told that no one would get more than ten pounds a month at the start. At that time he was receiving twenty a month plus room and board. Obed left his well-paying position and came to work in the Book Store. After all, you in America and we in Rhodesia had been praying that gifted young men would be willing to sacrifice in order to win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. And Obed's natural gift for salesmanship has made us marvel time and again. — Right: Open Bibles and vernacular religious books displayed in a Location store.



From left: Approaching the Matopo Book Room, corner of Selbourne and Jamieson Streets, Bulawayo, located on a corner which many Africans pass daily on their way to and from work — also near a large African residential section. Just across the street are the offices of the African Education Department, which many missionaries frequent on their town visits. — Window display showing the vernacular religious books. — Window display showing educational supplies.

Brethren in Christ. He has been visiting pastors, deacons, church members, and ones who need to repent. The books he sells do not provide for even one-half of his support, but there are some people buying books through him who would not even see them in any other way.

He has also done much good by his village visitation and tract distribution. To date 137 people have signed for Bible correspondence courses as a direct result of his enthusiasm. This alone, we feel, makes it worth while having a man like him. There are at present two other

young men engaged selling religious books on a part-time basis.

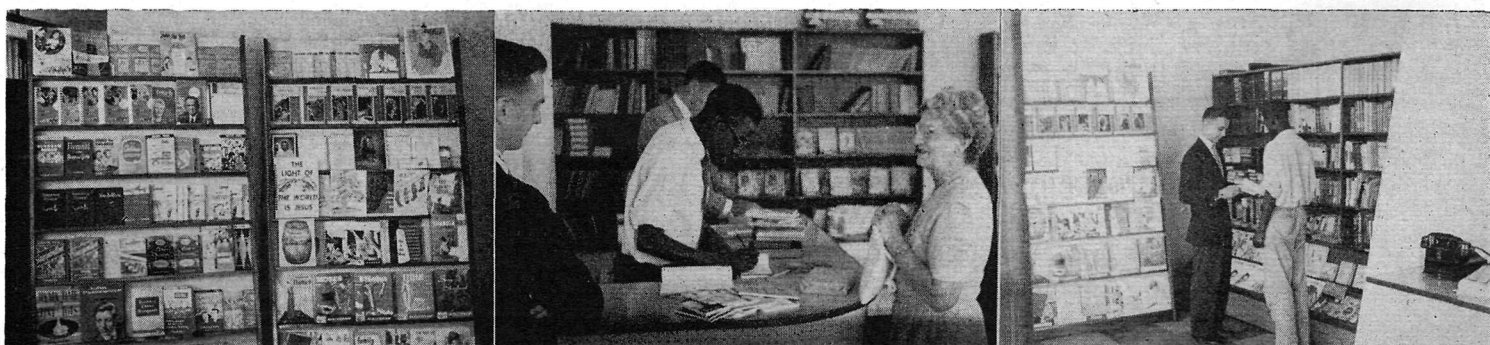
Eagerness to read books of all types is evident around us. Possibilities for getting evangelical literature into the hands of our people are limited only by the amount of available funds. An average of several letters daily goes from the manager's office exploring the possibilities of getting religious literature and supplies into our Christians' hands at a price they can afford. Already we have heard Macedonian calls to provide a religious film lending library, eco-

nomical Sunday School literature, and more colporteurs. At the present time the profit made on stationery and educational supplies pays the rent for the store and also the wages of the personnel. Special monies which come provide for the extension of the religious literature program.

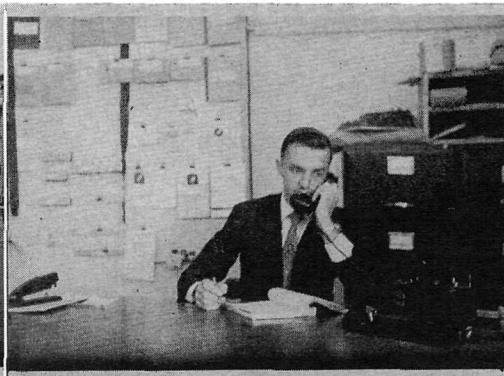
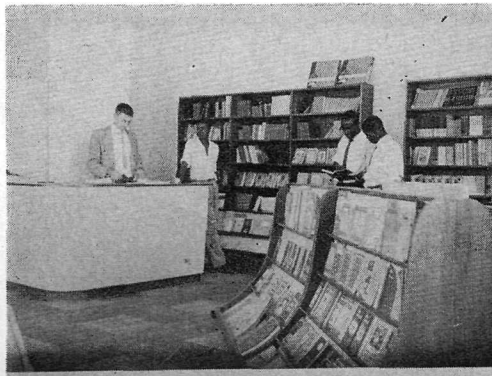
The fact that the Lord has answered prayer already and provided the open doors does not mean the task is completed. There are still thousands near us who have not yet experienced the joy



From left: Young man reading Bible through the window. Not a "staged" picture; he seemed unaware of the photographer until after the picture was taken. Window frontage totals approximately forty feet. These excellent facilities and location have enabled us in the Book Room to have a much wider ministry in these first few months than we had even dared to hope.—Obed Nyoni selling a Zulu religious book to a customer. When we rented the store, we knew that many pedestrians could be passing by, but none of us realized how many would be stopping in to buy. During the first three months the retail sales have been more than three times what we expected them to be. — A view of the display stands.



From left: The hymnals and Child Evangelism materials. The money from the Christ's Crusaders project to provide initial stock has made possible a much wider range of religious materials than we had anticipated. — Obed writing out an invoice for a customer. Missionaries of other denominations have been coming in more and more frequently. Some of our best advertising is done free by enthusiastic church leaders who have caught a vision of the literature ministry. — The manager, Don Zook, explains a Bible commentary.



From left: Glenn Schwartz, 1-W worker, preparing an order. — The manager prepares to take a telephone order. (Free delivery service is given in the Bulawayo area.) Note the display of wholesale supplies in the background. As a mission book store we had not expected to do much business with Government schools in providing educational materials. A few exploratory contacts revealed that the Headmasters were very much in sympathy with our program, and a certain amount of business was realized immediately. As it has turned out, government schools have purchased in the first three months more than twice as much as we had expected them to do annually. — A store in one of the African Locations. Some African shop-owners are glad to sell religious books on a commission basis, thus providing a wider ministry in Christian Literature on a minimum investment.

and peace of a born-again experience with Christ. "It is not *God's* will that any should perish." Shall they be won before Jesus comes again, or before the rising tide of nationalism narrows the

opportunity for missionary endeavor, or before they are enveloped in the tentacles of another world power?

It is to that end that the Matopo Book Room program is dedicated.

Literature Advance in Japan

Since the beginning of the New Year, our church here in Nagato has been conducting a door-to-door literature program every Sunday afternoon. Through the courtesy of the Sacrificial Banks, we were able to buy and place in each home a Gospel of St. Luke, two Gospel tracts,

and a printed invitation to attend church services and to listen to our weekly radio program. Thus far, of the hundreds of homes we have visited, only one has refused our Christian literature, showing the open doors of Japan through the media of literature!

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A White Dove

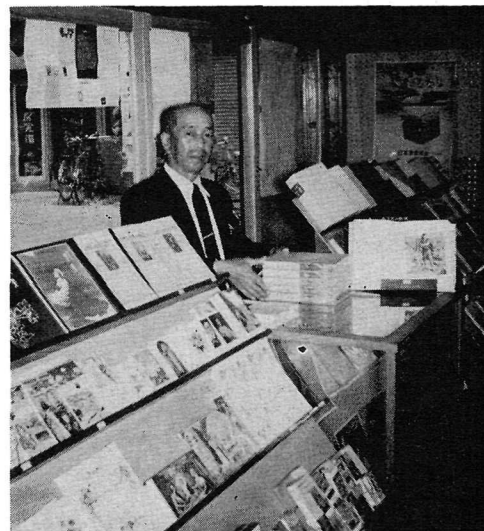
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prayed in Polish and wept hot tears of repentance. His burden of sin was lifted and his faith claimed forgiveness and cleansing from all sin. He left the church on New Year's Day as a new creation in Christ Jesus. His work has prevented his attendance at the services but we are praying that this situation will soon be corrected. His wife bears witness to the change in his life and says that he has not touched drink since that day. She is a professing Christian and for the first time is experiencing oneness in their home. Although he is interested in baptism and church membership, he is still a "babe in Christ" and needs our earnest prayers.

—LeRoy B. Walters



Nagato—printing our local monthly church newspaper.



Oba San, one of the Hagi Store workers, with his hand on the five volumes that comprise the Moody set of Bible Stories with beautiful colored illustrations covering the entire Bible. In the near future we hope to put one of these sets into as many of the one hundred schools in our county as possible.



Distribution of literature at Children's Meeting.



Another method of literature distribution that we use a great deal. At Christmas, Easter, and other special occasions we pay a small fee to have tracts inserted into the daily newspapers that cover our area. This is a quick way to get the Gospel Seed into many homes. The picture shows Bonnie bringing in our daily newspaper.

Literature Advance in Japan

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Shimizu San, a watchmaker who is a bookstore contact and has become a very active soul winner.



House-to-house distribution of literature.



Nagato—show window of Christian literature and free tract rack.



Young folk preparing literature for distribution.



Takibe—distributing literature after the service.

Of Interest from India

Madhipura Christian Hospital is recognized by the Christian Medical Association of India. Because of this relationship it has for the past several years been the recipient, along with other hospitals, of antitubercular drugs. These drugs are for indigent patients.

Through the information gathered by the CMAI we learned that of the 10 hospitals reporting, the percentage of support from missions in the total operating budgets ranged from 6.3% to 55% with an average of 26%. (Madhipura Christian Hospital's percentage during this past year was 37%.)

Because of our relationship with CMAI, this sharing of information has been and will continue to be of value to us.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE SCHOOL—God honored the faith of several who felt we should have a Children's Bible School again this year. A few felt that due to the opposition last year maybe we ought to go slowly and wait until next Spring. However, the majority of those who could help in the teaching voted in favor and a very successful school was held for eight days. Our pastor, Rev. S. N. Rai, served as Superintendent. Again most of the teaching staff were teachers who came directly from school, and everyone cooperated beautifully. A number of the boys and girls from non-Christian families professed faith in Christ and several refused to participate in idol worship in their homes. We are concerned about these children with such tender open minds going back to homes where the parents worship idols and we feel the need of much prayer for a real break through to the winning of their parents to faith in Christ.



Left: Scars on this man's face are from smallpox. He came with TB. This is a picture as he left the hospital, no longer so thin and a Christian!

Although this man (right) has TB he has gained weight, has accepted Christ, and no longer has that haunted look. The Gospel has as great an effect on these people as drugs!

Jamaica -- The Wolgemuths Write

(April 28, 1962)

We have no recent word or information from the folks in Cuba who are trying to come out. While Armando and Alba have had their Visa Waiver for a long time, I have never had the slightest indication that he has renounced his work and from the information we have at hand that must be done when they apply for a paper from the police to leave the country. That is what we have been told. Reports vary.

It is soon time again to go to the airport to meet the plane coming in from Cuba. Last Saturday, I think it was, 42 came in. There are always some in transit to South American countries. That number determines how many will be landing. The plane is always filled up.

Around the Book Room in India

Months of work went into the re-modelling of the former dispensary building to make it suitable for the new Book Room-Library-Reading Room venture of the proposed plans decided upon at Council one year ago. The Lord gave special help to us in getting the desired furniture made locally and the supplies and the funds which were necessary to start. It was not until August 6, 1961 that the official opening and dedication could be held. We were pleased with the group who came to the opening. From the first the interest in the project has been deeply rewarding. During these first three months of operating it is estimated that approximately 5000 persons have visited the reading room. Sales have not been as large as we had hoped, but by supplying material to other mission stations and the Bihar Christian Council we have had sales amounting to Rs.1150.00 in this first three months.

Twelve have enrolled in Bible correspondence courses as this information was made available. This ministry needs to be expanded and given favorable consideration in our budget planning for this coming year.

We would like to inclose and screen the north and south verandahs and put in additional tube lights and fans just as soon as funds are available. In this way the present ladies room could be utilized for a lending library and the south verandah used for the women and children. The north verandah would provide additional place for men and boys.

We are concerned with the matter of distribution and follow up and trust something can be done to step up this part of the work. The lending library ought to be developed very soon. This should, in due course of time, help us slightly in the financing of the project.

Reach Them by Mail When Other Ways Fail

Grace Atkins (W E C)

A KNOCK at the door! It is quickly opened and the postman thrusts an envelope into eager hands. The lamp flickers late as a seeking heart and mind pores over gospel truths. The young man is studying a correspondence course from the Landour Bible Institute—he is but one among many thousands who have enrolled to study the Word of God by post.

Gordon Van Rooy of The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) sparked off the work in 1950. The insistence of the Spirit of God provoked him to provide Bible classes for the Hindu teachers in the Missionary Language School. When they failed to attend the classes Mr. Van Rooy concluded that he must take the classes to them—in the form of correspondence courses! Out of this beginning sprang the correspondence course ministry which now is enrolling 4,000 students yearly.

PROGRESSIVE COURSES

Eight progressive courses have been developed to meet the demand of eager students. *The Way of Salvation* was written to present the simple plan of salvation to the unbeliever. From this foundation, the course, *Everyday Life*, instructs the student on his daily life as God would have it for every Christian. Advancing from that, *Christian Foundations* introduces the believer to the basic facts of the victorious life in Christ. *Christian Doctrines* is designed to give the serious student an introduction to twenty-five major doctrines. *The Synthetic Study of the Bible* in two sections, Old and New Testaments, gives a bird's eye view of each book of the Bible. To meet the need of the forty million Muslims in India a special course has been written on *The Testimony of the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms*.

The Way of Salvation has proved so valuable that requests have come for this to be translated into Hindi, Bengali, Oriya, Santali, Sindhi, Urdu, Tibetan, Indonesian, Hausa, Thai, Manipuri and English for Africa.

While it is the desire of the Institute to be self-supporting, the Word of God is not withheld from students who want to study but who have not the finance. Gifts from overseas friends make it possible for thousands of students to study who could not otherwise enroll. The cost of a Bible, for instance, is equal to two days' wages.

Though L.B.I. is inter-mission in fellowship, TEAM and WEC have been actively responsible for maintaining this ministry. A recent Board decision to stabilize the administration of L.B.I. has placed this in the hands of TEAM; WEC's relationship in executing this ministry to be as before.

Missionaries supplement their Sunday School teaching, mid-week Bible studies, Professional Group Bible Studies and Daily Vacation Bible Schools with these correspondence courses. They are invaluable for following up the casual contact. Many distribute coupons for these courses at religious and commercial fairs.

CHANGED LIVES

One of the few objections to the correspondence course ministry is that students miss the personal touch. Doors... actual doors have been entered which otherwise would never have been opened to the missionary. One Hindu student recently wrote:

"This course has been a real boon to me. Its sentences are pregnant with celestial fire. The first and greatest thing it has done is that it has brought me full and complete faith in Jesus Christ. Secondly, its sentences echo in my mind, and it seems the sentences warn me to be careful. Lastly, it has helped me to get rid of superstition."

In our book shop we have samples of most of the Hindi and English Correspondence Courses from Landour Bible Institute. Their very first course—"The Way of Salvation"—is the course most often recommended to non-Christians.

—Erma Hare

L.B.I. has chosen as its motto, "... teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." (Col. 1:28). This aim is directed toward both nominal Christians and those who find Christ through the courses. Sixty-eight per cent of the students are Christian in name only. Our files indicate that letters coming from nominal Christians show that some are finding great joy in the study of God's Word. One such student said, "Many thanks to you sir, for sending me this course—I don't like it coming to an end. Oh! I can't mention here how much I am grateful to you. But one thing I do wish to do and that is to pray to God that by this course many lives will be brought to God and manifest to the world that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour. This study brought me many blessings—first it enabled me to realize about my sins, and it gave me a mind to repent. Jesus washed all my sins. Now I am His son. Before I was the son of Satan. Now I am the son of Jesus. Praise the Lord. Being a son I now enjoy new blessings from God. Your lessons directed me to the foot of Calvary where I saw the flood of blood for my sins. Your lessons helped me find a state of rest on the breast of Jesus."

What has brought the change in these lives? Friends like you have prayed the Word into these hearts. God may not have called you to the mission field, but He may be calling you to be a co-worker with Him for the mission field. Your prayers can bring souls in India to a knowledge of Christ. As you pray—God works!

—Selected from "Floodtide" by Erma Hare.

Easter Week Evangelism at Amherst Community Church

MASSILLON, OHIO

"King for a Day" was the subject of Pastor Orvin White's Palm Sunday message.

The Amherst congregation participated in holy week services sponsored by the Massillon Ministerial Association. The male quartet sang, and Rev. White was liturgist.

An Easter play, "The Shadow of Peter" was presented in the sanctuary on Thursday evening. The inspiring story of Christ's crucifixion was very well portrayed by members of the local congregation. Directed by Sam Cook, the cast included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brechbill and daughter Elaine; Mrs. Charles Conrady; David Knutti, and Hubert Stern. The play has been presented in other churches of the area.

Rev. Dale McClain, recently returned missionary from Hong Kong, was guest speaker for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday services.

A fitting climax to the inspiring Easter week services came when seven young people dedicated their lives to the Lord's service.

Navajo Mission

STATEMENT OF INCOME

First Quarter — 1962

Income—General

Medical—In Patient	\$ 1,634.00
Medical—Out Patient	1,016.65
Medical—Special Services	538.50
Contributions	3,481.71
Donated Services	55.00
Donated Supplies & Equipment	1,293.34
State Grants—Govt.	
Food Comm.	239.80
Tuition (School)	228.47
Board Allow. (Staff)	1,174.95
Gas Sales	142.82
Clothing Sales	20.00

Total 9,825.24
Transfer from Special Funds 700.00

Total Receipts \$10,525.24

General Administrative Expenses

Staff Allowances	1,059.99
Medical Supplies—	
Drugs, etc.	2,931.58
Travel Expense	30.00
Food Supplies	2,072.50
Housekeeping	267.48
Institutional Help	127.81
Telephone	287.62
School Supplies	358.49
Heat & Light	786.84
Building Maintenance	670.90
Transportation	736.61
Insurance	225.49
Office (Inc. Nav. News)	291.80
Taxes & Licenses	130.00
Misc.—Canadian Exchange	.75
Misc.—Interest on Annuity	70.00
Farm Expense	259.76

Total 10,307.62
Buildings & Equip. Capitalized 210.12

Total Expense 10,517.74
Net Income 7.50

A Statistical Report for 1961 — Japan

VITAL statistics that pinpoint the outreach of a young church. Prayerful imagination transforms these figures into a moving story of vision, travail, and New Birth.

Places of meeting	HAGI	SUSA	KAWAKAMI	HASHIMOTO	SENZAKI	FUKUGAWA	TAKIBE	FURIUCHI	TOTAL
Approximate date regular meetings began	8-53	10-61	10-61	5-61	9-58	8-60	7-61	1-61	
Present frequency of meetings	Twice Weekly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Twice Weekly	Twice Weekly	Monthly	Monthly	
Types of meeting	All Kinds	Church Planting	Prayer Children English	Seekers	General	General	Seekers English	English	
Type of meeting place	Church Building	Believer's Hotel	Believer's Home	Seeker's Home	Believer's Home	Rented Room	Rented Hall	Town Hall	
Members gained by baptism in 1961	3					2			5
Net gain in 1961	3					2			5
No. now on membership roll	43				12	2			57
No. of male members	21				3	1			25
No. of female members	22				9	1			32
No. of members resident — () on roll elsewhere	30	(1)	(1)	(2)	8	1			39
Approx. no. of non-member believers & seekers attending	20	10		5	25	35	20		115
Ave. attendance at main regular meeting	25	10	1	5	13	16	10		80
Ave. attend. at regular meeting inc. Eng. classes	12	6	26		5	5	20	60	134
Approx. church school enroll. (S.S.) & H.S. classes	150		40		50	60			300
Approx. Ave. attend.	40		33		25	35			133
No. of resident employed members on church roll	17				6				23
Total contributions (U.S. equivalent)	\$415	1			210	155	3		\$784
No. of non-resident members who are students	6				1	1			8
No. who became non-residents during year	7				3	1			11
No. of non-residents who returned during year	1								1

Other worship places:
Yadomi
Tokyo

Worship and Evangelistic services, held in a believer's home. Not actually under our administration.
A union effort with two other groups. Operates cell group so as to keep contact with Christians going from the rural areas to Tokyo. 19 in attendance at a meeting in December.

Further Light on the Statistics

CONTRIBUTIONS: Of the \$784 contributed, a third may have come from missionaries and the remainder—\$520—from Nationals. Counting that the giving of non-members and non-resident members roughly makes up for resident inactive members, one can say that 23 employed members gave \$520 or about \$22.50 per member.

The last figures I have say that the average income in Japan is ten percent of the average income in the United States. It would be interesting to know what the average wage of our members is. Probably \$22.50 is somewhere near ten percent of the actual average receipts of these twenty-three members. On this basis \$22.50 per member in Japan would compare to \$225 per member in the U. S. A. I'm sure our employed members in the States do much better than this. On the other hand the income of the people in our area is probably quite a bit below the national average. Except for general local church expenses, the contributions have gone mostly into building funds.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: Our regularly scheduled main meetings for adults have an average attendance of about eighty—out of an estimated potential of 155 resident believers and seekers.

Out of a Sunday School enrollment of 300 we average about 133 in attendance, a fact which points up the tremendous problem of keeping the children coming. The enrollment figure could be increased without much difficulty, but this seems unwise under the circumstances. One great problem is the securing of sufficient teaching personnel able to get away from work each week, in a culture that by and large does not recognize Sunday nor allows workers much free time evenings here.

Peter Willms

More Powerful Than Gold—

"A drop of ink can make a million think."

THIS is the time for *melas* — religious fairs — and the largest one in this area is now in progress at Singeshwar, about 20 miles from here. Several of the Christian men have a book stall there. Last week Rev. Rai took a display of our books to a convention in Katihar. He was actually there only one full day. It takes practically a full day going and another for the return trip. In that one day he sold Rupees 160.00—about \$35.00—worth of books. Most of the sales were in the lower price range of books, 25c and less. And so he did quite well, for this part of

the country. The people will buy good books when they are made available and the price is not too high. Not many Christians in our area can afford the more expensive books.

Yesterday and today we have been making some changes in the Literature Center. *The one thing we need to plan for now is the ladies' and children's room.* We had hoped to be able to enclose one verandah for that, but no funds are available as yet so we shall try to give them a corner in the office room or in the library itself, until a better arrangement can be made. It is just one step at a time, and trusting for funds to carry on. Our purpose is to get the Word of God and Christian literature into the hands of the people and so we do not look for great profits nor can we expect them. We are grateful for the avenue of witness and testimony which it affords.

Plans are being made for me to leave here sometime in September for furlough.

Erma Hare



Bible Strategy for a Church in Crisis

(Continued from page six)

movable in God. This is the only way to revival in the Church. Oh, my beloved brethren, I am convinced we need a revival on preaching, teaching, and praying in the Holy Ghost. We need Conferences on which the Holy Spirit is poured out in special manifestation. May it be so in this Conference, O Lord!

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart, and strength,
and mind;
I see Thy cross — there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.*

*Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n descending Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.*

(George Croly)

Grantham, Pa., President of Messiah College.

I Know That I Know

(Continued from page eight)

The devil does try to give Christians a bad time concerning assurance of salvation. Someone complained to a clergyman, "The devil tells me I'm not saved!"

"That's his business," replied the preacher. "He's the accuser of the brethren."

"Well, what should I do about it?"

"Do about it?" the minister responded. "What is the devil?"

"I don't understand," the dubious believer replied.

"Didn't Jesus call the devil a liar?"

"Yes."

"Then his charges needn't trouble you," the minister encouraged. "Pay no attention to the witness of a liar. In fact if the devil tells you that you aren't saved, that in itself is a reasonably good sign that you are saved!"

A Christian should not be on speaking terms with the accuser of the brethren. When the devil tries to give you a bad time, the best thing to do is to refer him to the Lord. The Lord will rebuke the accuser. This is dramatically demonstrated in the third chapter of Zechariah

where Joshua is pictured as standing before God, with Satan resisting. Jesus Christ, who is even now at the right hand of God making intercession for us, is more than a match for the accuser of the brethren!

Many believers find their confidence in salvation undermined by faulty feelings.

"After I was saved, I had such wonderful feelings," confessed a convert of several months. "But now they're gone, and I don't even feel saved any more!"

"You can't go by feelings," his friend replied.

"What do you mean?"

"The other day a man told me, 'I feel like a million dollars!' But when I asked him to lend me ten dollars, the man said that he didn't have that much!" the friend answered. "His feelings were in collision with the facts!"

"What has that to do with my predicament?" the convert inquired.

"The man felt as if he were worth a million, but he wasn't!" explained the Christian. "You feel as if you're not saved, but you are! You still believe in the Saviour, don't you?"

"Oh, yes!"

"Your feelings didn't save you, did they?"

"Of course, not."

"But now your feelings tend to make you doubt your salvation?"

"Yes," confessed the wavering believer.

"Well, don't put any faith in your doubts. Believe God's Word. If your feelings contradict God's Word, which are you going to believe?"

Which are *you* going to believe? Are you saved? Do you merely think so, or guess so, or hope so? Or do you take God at His Word and testify, "I know that I know I am saved!"?

—*Youth's Christian Companion*



Why Do I Go to Sunday School?

WHEN I was asked "Why do you go to Sunday School?" I really had to stop and think about it. I finally decided the reason I go to Sunday School now is because I had Christian parents who took me before I was old enough to decide for myself.

Now, it is just the natural thing to do — like going to school five days of the week. I'm really glad I don't have to decide each Sunday if I will go this week or not.

I enjoy going to Sunday School and learning more about Jesus and how He would like me to live. I also enjoy being with other Christian children my age.

I think I can help my Sunday School to grow by inviting friends who don't get to Sunday School. But most of all I think I can help my Sunday School by acting like a Christian wherever I am — at home or school, and not just a Sunday Christian. I have already learned that my Christian experience can help me make the right decisions in school activities. And sometimes on the playground I can even help my friends with some of their problems.

Joann Holt, Age 9

Junior class of Zion, Kansas, Brethren in Christ Sunday School

Camp Director Writes a Letter

Dear Dad and Mother:

You desire the best for your son or daughter and they deserve the best. Maybe thoughts of the coming summer, with all of its activity, have been "hitchhiking" through your mind.

These thoughts center around those "bundles of energy" known as "Jeff" and "Winnie." Should they be left to flounder for themselves during time off from school? Can you give them that much needed help by directing their activities?

Then you think of summer camping, and for the best, it must be a Christian Camp. Of course, your thoughts turn to Kenbrook Bible Camp, the Camp sponsored by members of the Brethren in Christ Church with a vision for building Christian Youth.

This is it! You are convinced that the dedicated staff, teachers and counsellors, will give their best to make a week at Kenbrook your best investment for "Jeff" and "Winnie."

So, we'll be looking for them at Kenbrook this summer. You have made a wise decision. Until then—

Cheerio,
Uncle Walter,
Camp Director

P. S.: Kenbrook Bible Camp opens on Saturday, June 30 with three weeks for boys followed by three weeks for girls. Contact your pastor for an illustrated folder or write to Kenbrook Bible Camp, Route 3, Lebanon, Pa.