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A Good Beginning with God

*Looking Into the Future
Compel Them to Come In!
Canada's New Prime Minister*



Gwata, a leper who traveled from one medicine man to another for 10 years, is now at the New Hope Settlement with casts joining both legs during his skin grafting procedure, eagerly reading his Bible.

COMPEL THEM TO COME IN!

The marvelous story of the New Hope Settlement and
Leprosy Clinics in the Cameroons, Africa

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IS LEPROSY still a killer? Can it be cured? What can be done to prevent its spread? Is control difficult? How does leprosy work tie in with evangelism?

More than a quarter of a century before sweating men armed with cutlasses and shovels carved the first motorable road from the rain forests of the Cameroons up thousands of feet into the Bamenda highlands, young Gwata was attending vernacular school in the village of Bali. In those days there was no cure for leprosy, but for ten years Gwata traveled from one medicine man to another. Leprosy was due to some form of curse or witchcraft according to common belief.

Once he even made an arduous 300-mile trek to the capital city of Duala in the French territory, but in those days the most that could be offered by of segregation. To the single such haven in Bamenda Province, Gwata resignedly returned in 1936, entering as one of the first occupants. His disease continued to spread through his skin and nerves in spite of painful daily injections of chaulmoogra oil that were later tried. Active marks of his disease were still present when Laura Reddig began the new treatment with Dapsone in 1952.

NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT

The present picture is a hopeful one. If treatment begins early enough, the disease can be arrested while the individual is still perfectly healthy. No longer is treatment limited to providing domiciliary care. Following the pattern of public health projects in India and Nigeria, a program is now under way in the Cameroons, not only to cure the individual but to eradicate leprosy from the country.

The first step toward this end has been the establishment of the main leprosy center, Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Although the government provided the land and grants for build-

ing and operating expenses, it was an act of faith when the mission and the churches at home accepted the responsibility of providing a doctor, a nurse, and a manager-builder.

The Settlement serves two functions. It provides for the treatment of infectious cases of leprosy requiring segregation. And it is especially suited to the care of severe cases needing surgery, special medications, or physical therapy and vocational training that will help an individual become a useful member of society again.

Treatment lasts from two to five years. This extended period gives an excellent opportunity for soul winning, and, more than that, for nurturing and establishing new converts in the faith.

The second step has now begun, reaching out to bring every leprosy patient under treatment. Neither space nor money is available to gather many thousands of sick people in the central settlement. Needless segregation also makes the return home after years of separation difficult.

Last year twelve young Christian graduates of the Cameroons elementary schools were sent for a nine month training course in Nigeria. They learned how to diagnose and treat leprosy. They were taught simple first aid and sanitation principles. These men now man leprosy clinics in strategic villages radiating in all directions from the hub settlement.

Non-infectious cases of leprosy are in the majority. Those who live within five or ten miles of a clinic walk in twice weekly for treatment. They continue to live near their family and support themselves.

LEPROSY CLINICS

The fear-induced opposition to these clinics initially present has rapidly disappeared. In one town a clinic has existed for more than a year. During a visit the local chieftain commented,

"When the work began, we were afraid. We thought your medicine was a trick to take people's money. Now we see wonderful things! These men had faces like animals a year ago. Now they look like human beings again."

That a man's abilities are not solely determined by his years of book learning is evidenced by the responsible work these leprosy assistants carry on in villages days away from a qualified doctor. At times it does become a matter of "some's better than none." Eventually each assistant can serve two or three clinics. It is easier for a healthy man to travel than for the sick to walk to him.

Just now the medical supervision for such expansion is limited. Dr. Eugene Stockdale is carrying on alone at New Hope Settlement which by itself could be a full time job for several doctors. In addition there are emergencies that occur among the surrounding thousands of un-doctored people. Usually these are carried in by the ones and twos.

There was the night when a town-bound lorry skidded at the foot of the hill. Its open back was packed tight with sixty singing passengers. Bulging sacks of corn and coffee beans, brittle calabashes of red palm oil, baskets of chickens, and human beings alike were spewed forth, torn, and fractured. Tired after her long journey to Africa, Delores Henne was initiated by helping set up an emergency hospital for thirty of the wounded.

VISIT TO THE HOSPITAL

Let us make a visit to New Hope Settlement some morning. The rising sun cuts coldly through spirals of smoke filtering up through the grass rooftops of the patients' cabins. The stillness is broken by a rhythmical throbbing as corn is pulverized in heavy wooden motors. The penetrating staccato of an African log drum

announces the new day by calling patients and staff to morning prayer.

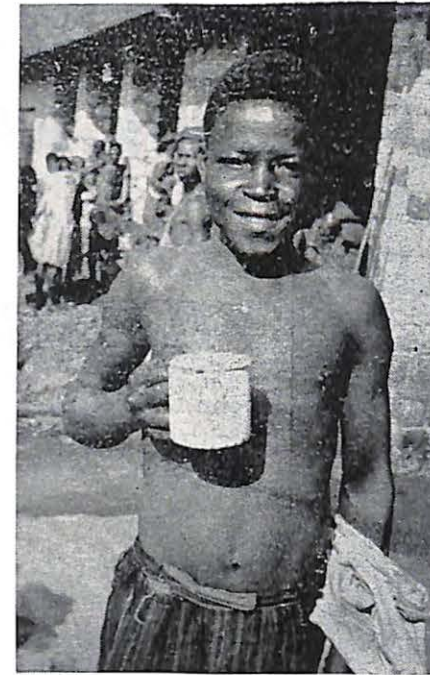
The hoarse coughing of an engine starting introduces a foreign sound. The doctor has left his house and is driving past the banana plantation and coffee field to the hospital to load supplies for a visit to one of the clinics. It is early. The hospital still lies in the shadow of Mbingo Hill. The nearest clinic is nearly an hour's journey. Others take two to five hours. The Mbem Clinic is more than six hours away by motor travel and then two to three more hours of climbing by foot.

But first there must be brief rounds at the hospital. Many of the patients are there simply to rest. This gives deep ulcerations on their feet a chance to heal. Today we may find one patient recovering from an eye operation that has restored the protective function to paralyzed lids. Another is convalescing from a hernia repair.

Gwata, the man who made the long journey to Duala and waited over thirty years for a doctor who could help him, was in the hospital many months undergoing multiple skin grafts to cover raw areas on his feet. He was baptized over 28 years ago and leads the patients in hymn singing and prayer. At last, he begins to look forward to seeing his family again.

At any one time, several patients will be suffering from the more common complications of leprosy. There are the acutely swollen, painful nerves; and the high fevers of leprosy react on during which time new crops of skin nodules often appear. Infected and even gangrenous fingers and toes are frequent occurrences. Rarely a patient will have a dangerous allergic reaction to Dapsone. This may resemble the dermatitis of a penicillin reaction or show up as high fever and arthritic pains. Death may even result, especially if cortisone is not available.

One patient developed such a violent case of hepatitis that it caused the hospital to be opened ahead of schedule. Mrs. Gilbert Schneider was the nurse at that time and had to re-



One of the leprosy children at the treatment center, waiting for his Dapsone pills. Each patient has to bring his own cup and water.

cruit even an illiterate night watchman for ward duty. The patient made a near miraculous return to health. Perhaps it is significant that his name is Lazarus!

A TRIP BY "LANDROVER"

Problems such as these tax the resources of the most expert. They emphasize the need for frequent visits by the doctor to the distant clinics. Even so, he cannot be at two or three places at once.

There will hardly be room for another passenger. The Landrover is already filled with the extra drum of petrol, a trekking box, a box of bandages and one of medicines, the laboratory technician, the motor boy, a patient returning home, the mail runner who's hitching a ride, and the doctor. But if you will squeeze in—in Africa there is always room for just one more—and jolt along, you will find there is no

mud on the road this time of year.

Grassy patches have a brown tinge, heralding the dry season. Red dust sucks up into the cab and eddies over the tail gate turning the passengers into light skinned ghosts and powdering their hair a peculiar auburn shade. A trickle of sweat runs down, leaving a black streak and giving away the disguise.

Today's clinic is fairly typical. The unused mud house provided by the local people clings to a hillside overlooking the neat, whitewashed buildings of a Catholic school. There is no evangelical church in the area. Patients line three walls of the small, dark, pleasantly cool room. After a song, the leprosy assistant brings a Gospel message in the language of the people before he gives out the pills. The doctor makes progress notes and examines those who are diagnostic problems. Usually it is easy to tell if a person has leprosy. In early or unusual cases it takes careful study to differentiate it from other diseases.

THE GOSPEL'S POWER

A number of patients have believed in Jesus as Savior since beginning to come for treatment. One shriveled old man had seemed too limited in understanding and too old to change his ways. But let us never underestimate the power of God! Today this man wants to testify to a new found Friend. "I glad plenty. Now if I be well, I go be inside Jesus' hand. If I die, still I go be inside Jesus' hand."

A pleasant younger man has an eyelid paralysis that makes him look always on the verge of tears. He too is glad to know Jesus. But he has a problem. What, he wonders, will the church do with him? Will he be accepted and baptized? The difficulty is that he had two wives before he heard the way of salvation. Now that he has received Jesus into his life, he does not want to send either wife back to her pagan home to be wed adulterously to another man. Nor does he want to send his children away.

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A group of the leprosy assistants of the New Hope Settlement (left) gathered by the "Landrover," preparing for a trip to one of the leprosy clinics, shown in action at the right.



—United Press Photo
Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker and his wife of Canada, both of whom are faithful members of a Baptist Church in the Baptist Federation of Canada.

CANADA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER and ILLUSTRIOUS BAPTIST

John G. Diefenbaker is a fine example of high-minded citizenship, of commendable public leadership and of active membership in a Baptist Church

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WHEN JOHN GEORGE DIEFENBAKER was an eager ten-year-old on a prairie farm in North Saskatchewan, he read a biography of Sir Wilfred Laurier, distinguished Liberal statesman of Canada. Completing it, John turned to his surprised father, and said, "Some day I want to be Premier of Canada."

Late in June of last year, following a sensational overthrow of the well-entrenched Liberal Government, John Diefenbaker had his childhood ambition realized as he took the oath of office as Canada's Prime Minister. This

triumph, attained at the age of 61, was a well-earned one for a morally earnest prairie lawyer who for many years was the only Conservative member in Canada's House of Commons from the C.C.F. Province of Saskatchewan, and who won the respect and admiration of all parties in the Commons by his diligence, ability and personal charm.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker is the third Baptist to head a Canadian Government — the Honorable Alexander McKenzie and Sir Charles Tupper, son of a Maritime Baptist pastor, being the

other two. Mrs. Diefenbaker, daughter of a Baptist pastor, met John when both were children in the Sunday School of First Baptist Church, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Olive's father, Rev. C. B. Freeman, was the pastor, and John's father was the Sunday School superintendent. Thus the depth of their "Baptist roots" can readily be estimated. The first Mrs. John Diefenbaker was baptized into the membership of the First Baptist Church at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, only a few years before her death.

John Diefenbaker was born at Neustadt, Ontario, in 1895, and lived in this town for the first eight years of his life. Thus, his early Sunday School days were spent actively in a North American Baptist Church in Neustadt.

CHRISTIAN IDEALS

On June 9, 1957, the day before the crucial election which brought the Conservative party to power, the Diefenbakers worshiped quietly in the Prince Albert Church. On the next Sunday morning they were seen at worship in the First Baptist Church, Ottawa, where they will spend most of their time during his term in office. When the Prince Albert Church was remodelled some years ago, it was Mr. Diefenbaker's large single gift which made a complete new set of pews possible. Such a record of quiet loyalty to the church of his fathers made it singularly fitting that Mr. Diefenbaker should receive his first honorary Doctor of Laws from Baptist McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1953.

In his CBC broadcast to the Canadian people on June 22, 1957, the new Prime Minister said, "We have been favored of God's bounty as perhaps no

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—United Press Photo
Canadian Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker (left) and Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Premier of Ghana, Africa (near the Cameroons, Africa) enjoy a hearty laugh together at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference held in London, England.

Student Exchanges with Baptists of Germany

The Dramatic Story of Berndt Kuhn by Prof. Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

I HAVE given my life to the task of bringing the Gospel to the youth of Germany." This was the way in which Berndt Kuhn, foreign exchange student attending our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., expressed his life's purpose. In stating his reasons for studying at the North American Baptist Seminary he declared, "I have come seeking to learn more of your American program of Christian Education and evangelism."

Mr. Kuhn is the second student coming from the Hamburg-Horn Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, since the program of student exchange between the Hamburg Seminary and our own North American Baptist Seminary was first instituted in 1955. Mr. George Selinger was the first student sent from Germany in 1955.

PROMOTING WORLD FELLOWSHIP

Three students have gone from our Seminary to study at the Hamburg-Horn Seminary in Germany. Harold Lang and Leslie Zilkie represented our institution in the two previous years. John Binder is studying in Europe at the present time.

The program was designed to foster a larger world fellowship and understanding among Baptist brethren. Over a period of ten years we will have trained ten representatives from both sides of the Atlantic who will be able to interpret the other's program and thereby help to strengthen the spiritual ties.

The purpose of the student exchange is dramatically personalized in the life and work of Berndt Kuhn. In one short decade he emerged as a disillusioned youth from the ranks of the shattered Hitler youth organization to become a seminary student with the clear purpose in life of serving Christ among the youth of Europe.

BITTER WAR YEARS

As a youth of sixteen, Mr. Kuhn fought to hold the city of Danzig for Hitler. Although his mother was a Baptist, he blindly followed the political ideologies of his leaders and felt no need for God or religion. Clinging to the city until all overland routes were cut off, he was forced to flee by sea.

There followed a bitter year whose memory is lost in a tangled maze of confusion and emptiness. The sullen dullness of the fleeing refugees was punctuated only by the cries of the long stream of wounded soldiers. The constant presence of death finally brought the shocked youth to face the awfulness of an eternity without God or hope.

It was in this confused state of mind that he finally turned from wandering in the war-torn countryside to the city

of Hamburg. After a short time, Mr. Kuhn made the acquaintance of a group of Christian young people who invited him to attend the evangelistic meetings they were conducting. It was there that he met God face to face and found a new purpose in living.

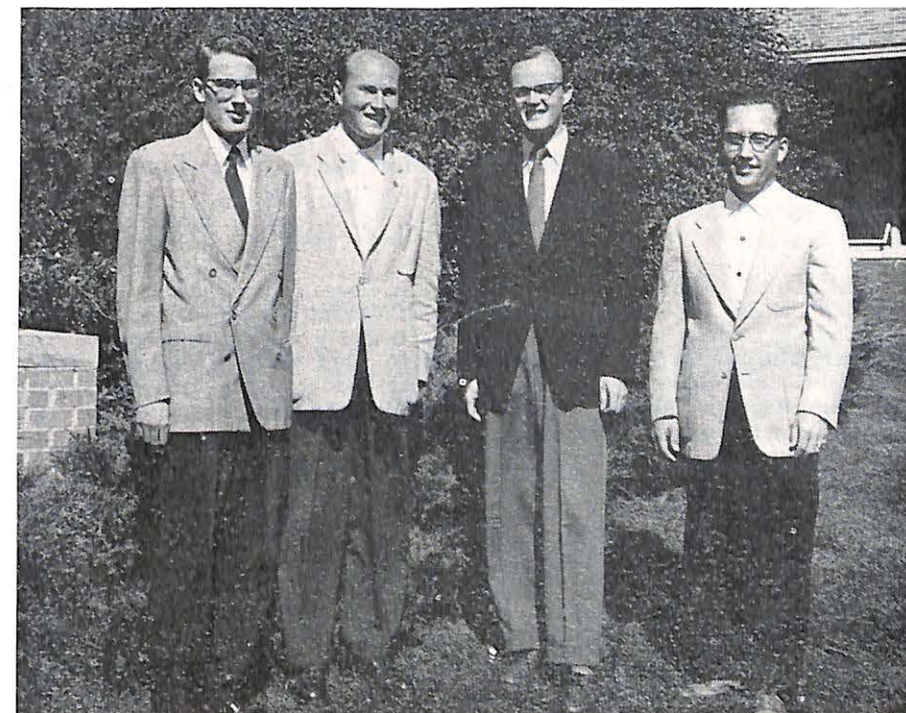
CALL OF CHRIST

The call of Christ to Christian service came to him slowly over a period of the next few years, for it was so difficult to hear the Master's voice above that of his chosen career in chemistry. While working as an apprentice chemist for three years, the call to Christian service grew stronger as he became more deeply involved in youth work

go to America where he could study further and learn more about the youth programs conducted by the churches of America. This dream came to sudden reality when he was selected to come to the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as a foreign exchange student. Arriving in Sioux Falls in September, 1957, he immediately began his studies in earnest.

STUDIES IN AMERICA

Three months of investigation and research have rapidly slipped away since he first began his work here. Musing over these experiences and opportunities, he can now begin to crys-



American and German Exchange Students enjoy a reunion on the campus of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Left to right: Harold F. Lang, 1955-1956; Leslie Zilkie, 1956-1957; Berndt Kuhn of Germany, now studying at our seminary; John Binder, who is an exchange student at present at Hamburg, Germany.

and summer camps. After a bitter soul struggle, he turned his back upon his career to follow wherever Christ would lead.

The vision of armies of disillusioned youth marching out of a shattered past into a godless tomorrow of despair never left his memory and served as a compelling power to drive him on in seeking to reach them for Christ.

Upon the advice of Dr. H. Luckey, president of the Hamburg-Horn Seminary, Mr. Kuhn spent one year as an assistant director of a home for fifty to sixty working youth in the city of Hanover, Germany. From there he went to the Seminary where he graduated after four years of study.

Slowly a dream began to materialize in his heart that some day he would

tailize certain impressions and to formulate some conclusions to his study. Mr. Kuhn sums up his feelings when he states, "I most deeply appreciate the opportunity that has been mine to study a cross-sectional life of the churches of America, both in the rural and urban areas. I can better understand their problems and appreciate their great ministry."

The program of Christian Education has made a deep impress on on Mr. Kuhn as he declares, "I am greatly impressed by the careful designing of a total church program that recognizes the needs of all ages. Here in America you realize that the future of the church is in the children and the youth. Unfortunately, in Germany the

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—Photo by M. L. Leuschner
The Legislative Building of the province of Alberta, Canada, from the steps of which one can enjoy a panoramic view of the city of Edmonton.

and awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies.

Here is natural beauty and scenic magnificence the like of which cannot be seen anywhere else in the world. The vacation tour begins by train, leaving Edmonton on Monday, July 29, at 6:30 A.M. Upon arriving at Jasper Park early in the afternoon the same day, tourists change to sightseeing buses. The first stop will be the beautiful Jasper Lodge. From that moment on, the exciting tour will be underway.

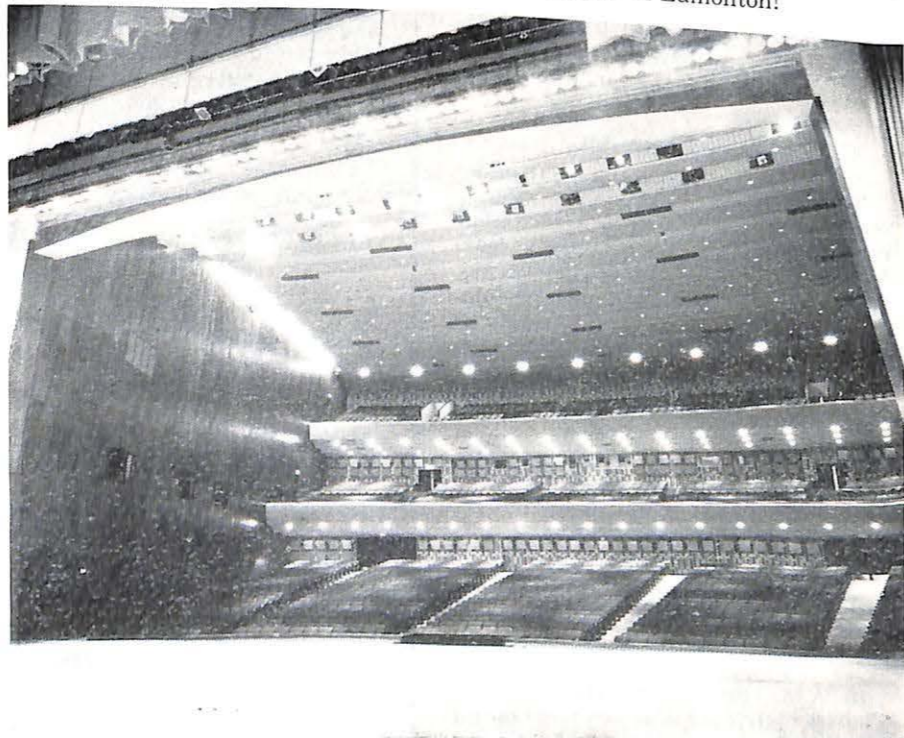
All Conference guests signing up for the tour will receive in one "Vacation Package" reservations on the train, sightseeing buses, and places of lodging at hotels as well as meal reservations. There isn't a thing that you will have to worry about or plan for. A guide will be on hand to follow through with the arrangements. After the trip in the Canadian Rockies, the train will be waiting to take passengers on to Calgary. Tourists who wish to return to Edmonton, where their automobile will be waiting for them, may do so by train or bus without delay in Calgary. Delegates and visitors continuing east and those returning to the United States continue on the same train, arriving at St. Paul, Minn., Saturday morning, August 2nd, and at Chicago Union Station, that same afternoon at 2:55 P.M. These will be four days of travel and adventure of delightful experience to be remembered as long as you live.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Many of our delegates and visitors will want to stay at the Headquarters Hotel, the Macdonald. This hotel has 500 modern guest rooms. The beautiful, spacious hotel is centrally located in downtown Edmonton, high on the banks of the North Saskatchewan Riv-

er overlooking the city and surrounding area. Guests will enjoy the handy underground garage and surface parking area.

In the spacious and attractive cafeteria, which is air conditioned, and in the elegant dining room, excellent lunches and dinners are available. You will find spacious lobbies and corridors and many other attractive features in and near the hotel. Rooms are available, starting at \$8.00 for a single room and \$12.00 for a double room with twin beds.



—Alberta Government Photograph
The main auditorium of the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium as seen from the stage, looking out upon the 2600 seats on the lower floor and in the two balconies.

Please note the list of hotels, dormitories, and some private homes. All reservations for lodging in hotels, dormitories and homes must be made through the Conference Registrar, Mrs. William Link.

Reservations for motels and auto courts must be made by you by contacting the management directly. Please notify the registrar of the General Conference as to the motel or auto court where you will be staying and how many people will be in your party. Please study the list of motels and auto courts carefully where the names and addresses of the proprietors are listed.

ATTRACTIVE EATING PLACES

Restaurants and other eating places are plentiful in Edmonton. You can secure moderately priced meals in attractive coffee shops or restaurants. More expensive dinners can be had in the many inviting hotel dining rooms or restaurants in downtown places or outlying areas. Special breakfasts, luncheons, and the Conference Banquet are planned by the various organizations and Arrangements Committee.

The banquet on Saturday night will be held in the inviting and beautiful banquet room of The Macdonald Hotel. The banquet has always been a spiritual highlight at our conference. This year it will be no exception, to be sure. Tickets for these special luncheons and for the banquet will be on sale upon arrival in Edmonton.

You will enjoy the trip to Alberta, to the General Conference and to the Canadian Rockies much more than it is humanly possible to anticipate. We'll be seeing you in Edmonton!

COMPEL THEM!

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God's guidance must be continually sought if the medical work is to have true spiritual value. It must contribute to the establishment of the self-sustaining indigenous church and not become an isolated charitable activity. Production line methods must be avoided. As the medical program expands, workers can be so occupied with the tremendous physical problems that they do not have time to work with the often greater mental and spiritual problems. The result may be healthy human bodies that are empty packages, devoid of the Spirit of God. We must not lose the large view of the Kingdom nor a sense of urgency in proclaiming the Gospel.

The growth of a clinic depends on the effort and concern of the leprosy assistant. If the curse of leprosy is to be wiped out, every infectious case must be taken out of circulation. This requires a highways-and-hedges tactic—going into every village and examining every person. No longer can we be content to sit and wait for the sick to come to us. Preferably this work would be done by teams consisting of a doctor, a nurse, a laboratory technician and a leprosy assistant.

With few workers in a vast field, this is next to impossible at present. Yet the assistants can do much if they have a real love for their people. One young man with no formal training at all has brought in nearly two hundred persons for examination and treatment. This has meant trekking over rugged terrain, sometimes more than 75 miles a week.

NEED FOR ASSISTANTS

It is often difficult for the doctor to leave the settlement in spite of the pressing need for clinic visitation. The most severe and time consuming cases are in the central settlement. But from the government point of view, the care of such individuals is of secondary importance. Wide deployment of even the present limited manpower and resources in clinics and case-finding surveys will have greater, overall results in the control of leprosy.

A parallel in the evangelistic work is to be found here. Often mission compounds have become comfortable, expensive and permanent settlements. The strength and time of the missionary is dissipated simply in maintaining the status quo—roofs to be repaired, reports to be filled out, and continued ministry in an area where churches have been well established for decades. Mobility is lost and "mission" becomes a misnomer. The Big View of the field is lost. A request for help in a new, unevangelized area is not a challenge to be accepted but a threat to be avoided.

There will always be more work than workers and more called than are chosen. Only the Lord can lead us cor-



The new Baptist Chapel and missionaries' house for Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve of Saskatchewan, replacing the first building destroyed by fire.

Muscowpetung Indian Victories

Report of an Evangelistic Campaign on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan

by REV. R. NEUMAN, Missionary

WONDERFUL evangelistic campaign among our Indian friends has recently closed. Eight decisions for Christ were recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. All ages of Indians responded to the pleading of the Holy Spirit under the fervent preaching of the Rev. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan. God honored and blessed his precious Word.

A man, his wife and ten-year-old daughter were the first of the eight Indians to come to the altar, to repent of their sins and to turn their lives over to Jesus Christ. A terrific battle took place in the life of the husband before he broke loose from the clutch of Satan. What a glorious picture it was when the Light of Jesus came in! His little ten-year-old daughter sat beside her father, wiping away the tears from his cheeks as he pealed forth his testimony.

Mr. Noel Crowe testifies that he was born a Roman Catholic but that he never received a blessing in that church. Then he tried Jehovah's Witnesses but found no light and satisfaction in their teaching. "Now," he said, as he stood before many people, "I have the light, the true light of Jesus in my heart". Brother Crowe's soul burns with a passion for his own dear people. Realizing that most of his years are behind him, he is pressing forward with God. Having led his sons in the way of drunkenness and sin, he regrets the life that he lived

and is now bent on trying to win them to Christ.

During the first week of the campaign, we had a very fine attendance. The weather was lovely. For the second week, God sent us snow. Then came the flu. With this combination, our attendance was cut drastically. We wondered what it all meant. The meeting continued, as we left all to God through prayer.

The singing was good, and a wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the two weeks. The object lessons by Mr. Schumacher were "tops" and captivated the minds and hearts of the youngsters as well as the adults. The messages burned in our hearts. Many people prayed. God heard and answered. We thank God for his goodness and blessings.

We thank our headquarters at Forest Park, Ill., for making this campaign possible from the financial standpoint and we are anticipating other such campaigns in the future. We tried to evaluate the cost and the results of the campaign. The cost was easy to add up in dollars, but regarding the spiritual blessings, they were innumerable.

We would not forget to thank the mission-minded church of Edenwold, Sask., which has supported and shared in this ministry. Pray for our new converts among the Indians. In closing, I want to make an appeal to all our readers to continue to support in prayer and with your gifts the worthy cause of Christ among the Indians.

rectly. From him comes the urgent command, applicable alike to medical and evangelistic work. "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city

and bring hither the poor, the maimed, and the halt and the blind. Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in" (Luke 14:21 and 23).

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 19, 1958

Theme: FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47; Rom. 15:1-9a

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Our love to God is measured in terms of our love toward his children.

INTRODUCTION: Long ago one of God's saints said, "No man is an island unto himself." What we are, we are in relationship with others. The evil man does not merely harm himself; he is also a menace to society. Therefore, for the protection of others he must often be put in prison. Neither is the good man good only to himself. His goodness was discovered because so many of his fellowmen experienced his love and charity.

The church is not an end in itself. It is not noted primarily for its building, or its constitution and creed, or for its smooth-running organization. The church is primarily a channel of love and service in the proclamation of the salvation of Jesus Christ. If the church is to make an impact on the world, as it did after Pentecost, then the world must be given an opportunity to discover the goodness of the church. The world has heard of "The Church's One Foundation, Jesus Christ." It has heard of "The Church's Power, the Holy Spirit." Now it wants to see "The Church's Life," how the Christians live with one another.

I. THE CHURCH AND WORSHIP. Acts 2:42.

The key to the worship service of the early church is found in the word, "steadfastly." None of the other elements of worship can accomplish much without it. It implies constancy, perseverance, stability, firmness and loyalty.

(a) Steadfast in doctrine. Some may think that it was easy for the early church to believe because they had received their doctrine direct from the apostles, who had received it first-hand from the Lord Jesus himself. But seeing is not always believing. Some saw and still doubted (Matt. 28:17).

(b) Steadfast in fellowship. Fellowship is one of the most beautiful and most meaningful words in the New Testament. The fellowship of the saints is the highest type of fellowship because it includes the fellowship of Christ himself.

(c) Steadfast in prayer. It was not only the need of prayer which the church felt, but the love of prayer which kept them close to God.

II. THE CHURCH AND MATERIALISM. Acts 2:43-47.

The first Christians looked upon materialism as a bare necessity, not as a

goal. Everyone received as much as he needed—not as much as he wanted. When our wants outweigh our needs, there is danger of selfishness creeping in. Perhaps this type of communal life did not last long because some were too lazy to work for their daily needs and others demanded more than their daily needs. We lose favor with God and with the people when pride and selfishness take the place of love and humility.

III. THE CHURCH AND SPIRITUAL ATTITUDES. Romans 15:1-9.

Christianity begins with new beliefs; but unless our new-found faith changes our attitudes, our beliefs will do us no good. No longer are we to look upon our neighbor as someone who can serve us, but whom we can serve. The weak and wayward become our concern—not our source of criticism and gossip. Our fellowman, no matter who or what he may be, becomes the object of our love and mercy. Christ comes to our mind again and again as we seek to follow him and obey him, for we no longer look through our own eyes, but through the eyes of Christ.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 26, 1958

Theme: ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

Scripture: Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Tim. 3:1-10

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: If, in the beginning, God brought order out of chaos in his physical creation, how much more does he expect orderliness in the creation of his church!

INTRODUCTION: Frequently it has been our experience to come in contact with people who claim to be Christians, but who will not commit themselves to any church or denomination. One of their excuses is that they do not believe in organized religion. Strange though it may seem, their logical and orderly nature leads them to accept organization in all other fields—family, community, business and government. Why, of all other agencies, should the church be disorganized? Even criminals see the advantage of organized crime.

Naturally, organization puts some limits on individual initiative in promoting projects and plans. We often feel hampered because our good intentions and ideas must go through the

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proper channels before they can go into operation. So much time and effort are lost. We think the church board is ignorant of the fact that "the King's business requireth haste!" (1 Sam. 21:8). Someone said that a committee of three always works best when one member is sick and the other is absent. The ideal, of course, would be a good balance of action and patience.

On the other hand, how foolish it would be for a hundred members to go in as many different directions, each intent on his own particular task without any consideration for the work of anyone else. One of the primary functions of the church is to teach us how to live together, how to plan together, how to work together in the Kingdom of God.

I. THE CHURCH AND THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR TALENTS. Romans 12:3-8.

Paul takes it for granted that everyone has some talent. The important thing is to see it in its proper perspective. Do not think that it is so important that it genders pride in yourself; neither think of it disparagingly and display a false humility. The apostle recommends the acceptance of our talent and then soberly, by the grace of God, to find the true estimate of our talent. Therefore, before you try to sing, be sure that God has given you a talent for singing, and before you speak, consider whether God has given you the gift of speech.

In spite of our differences, the church can organize our talents by co-operation and so develop the spirit of unity. The coordination of our body is controlled by the central nervous system. So, too, the church can unify all its efforts by the central controlling power of the Holy Spirit. We do not think of the members of our body as being better or worse, but different. The members of the church ought to be looked upon in the same way.

II. THE CHURCH AND THE ORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS. 1 Tim. 3:1-10.

The quality of the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ is largely dependent on the quality of the leadership. Paul is careful to point out in detail what the qualifications of the ministers and deacons should be. He seems to stress the character of the leaders more than their talent. A noted minister stated it in this way: "Some men are able, but not stable; some are stable but not able."

Certainly we agree that a good balance of talent, education, training and character is necessary for ideal Christian leadership. The responsibility which the Holy Spirit has given you as a guardian, whether it be as a minister, teacher, deacon or trustee, should not be taken lightly. The church is the most sacred and most valuable institution on earth, for which the most valuable and sacred life was sacrificed—the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



Tom Bull, chief of the Indian Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and his family (left) in front of the Benke Memorial Chapel. At the right Joe White and his wife and grandchildren return home after worshipping in the Baptist church (background).

Great Days for the Alberta Indians

Reports of Special Meetings on the Bull, Montana, and Samson Reserves of Alberta

by MR. LEONARD MAIER, Missionary

SUNDAY, October 27, was a great and memorable day for our Indian friends of Alberta and also for us as missionaries. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, a real friend of the Indian people, had come for a visit, and was the guest speaker at three services on three different reserves. For days afterwards our people spoke about it, and a common remark was, "Dr. Leuschner has not forgotten us!"

BULL RESERVE

For the morning service we were happy to have Dr. Leuschner at the Bull Reserve. We had our Harvest and Mission Festival program, and the children rendered their recitations and songs very well. Dr. Leuschner was very pleased to hear the Indian children recite and sing. Our hearts were then blessed and challenged as we listened attentively to the message brought by him. We were pleased to have a fine attendance of seventy which was our record attendance since Sept. 1st, when we began our Sunday School register.

After the service, we all enjoyed a grand lunch which the Indian people had supplied as a "Lunch of Thanks" and appreciation to Dr. Leuschner for coming again to visit them. We were happy to have Mr. J. Hufnagel, missionary on the Montana Reserve, with us for this service.

MONTANA AND SAMSON RESERVES

After lunch and a fine time of fellowship, Dr. Leuschner and we went to join Brother Hufnagel for a service at the Montana Reserve Chapel. God blessed our hearts again at this service. Dr. Leuschner was delighted to see another new and modern public

school here, erected near the other school.

For the evening service, we gathered again for a service in the Samson Hall on the Samson Reserve. We had a rather small audience, but God was present and our hearts were challenged as we saw films on God's work in Japan and among our Indian folk.

We are very happy to report that we are finishing our Benke Memorial Chapel in the inside from our offerings from our Indian people. Already we have put in a new ceiling of 16 x 32 feet, white tile. Now that our people see what a great difference it makes, they are giving even more funds so that we may now finish the walls with a coat of paint and with four feet of plywood around the bottom of the walls. The Indians experience great joy in doing something themselves.

MISSIONARY NIGHT

On November 24 the young people from the Montana and Bull Reserve were happy to help the missionaries in an Indian Night at the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. We are so happy that our young people are willing and even anxious to get out and to do something for God.

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persons. Mrs. D. B. Granzow, Guild president, presided. On Sunday evening, Dec. 15, the combined choirs of the church rendered a program of church music directed by Mr. Alfred Schultz. The Junior Choir directed by Mrs. Rubin Kern also sang several numbers. The Sunday School Christmas program was held on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, with Harold B. Johns, superintendent, in charge. The Thanksgiv-

ing missionary offering received on November 28 for the denominational enterprise amounted to \$1,612.50. Rev. Rubin Kern is pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of McIntosh, S. Dak., held a birthday dinner and program on Sunday, Oct. 13, to celebrate the 80th birthday of Rev. Otto Lohse, a former pastor of the church. He and his wife reside in the community less than a block from the church. Gifts were presented to Mr. Lohse in behalf of the church by Rev. Walter Klempel, pastor. Mrs. Mary E. Klempel of Lambert, Montana, read a fitting poem. A beautiful birthday cake with two Bible verses decorated on it had been baked for the occasion by Mrs. John Arnold. Several members of the church brought reminiscences of years ago. Mr. Lohse served the McIntosh Church as its pastor from 1935 to 1938 and from 1944 to 1947. One of the Lohse daughters is Miss Helen Lohse, Spanish-American missionary in the San Luis Valley, of Colorado.

● From Oct. 6 to Nov. 8, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, missionaries in Japan now at home on furlough, traveled extensively in visiting our churches and reviewing God's blessings on the Japan mission field for the inspiration of our congregations. They spoke in churches in California, Montana, Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and North and South Dakota. They spent their Christmas holidays in Napoleon, N. Dak., at the home of Mr. Sukut. In January Mr. Sukut is continuing his studies at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and at the Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. This will be for the semester from January 6 to March 20, 1958.

CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER

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people in all history; but let us never forget how great the responsibility that belongs to this bounty. We must accept this responsibility as a national trust. We must administer that trust wisely and well if we are to be worthy of our stewardship."

This humble recognition of divine sovereignty was evident also in Mr. Diefenbaker's election-night broadcast when he called upon Almighty God to guide and to strengthen him in the heavy responsibilities which the election results were likely to lay upon him.

A non-smoker and teetotaler, Prime Minister Diefenbaker will stand for the people of Canada—and especially for her youth—as a fine example of highminded citizenship and of commendable public leadership. The prayers of all Christian people should bear him up as he faces immense tasks in our turbulent and restless world. It is of interest to mention, in passing, that the Prime Minister's official residence in Ottawa was built by a great Baptist layman, Mr. Gordon Edwards, and was his home for many years.

Further insight into Mr. Diefenbaker's sturdy independence of character and judgment is found in a remarkable court case in British Columbia some five or six years ago. A fearful train wreck had occurred near Canoe River, B. C., resulting in the death of scores of army personnel on a special train which was in collision with a regular train. A youthful, inexperienced railway telegraph operator was blamed for the tragedy, being accused of having misread a wire of instruc-

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tions for the passing of the two trains, or of having relayed the instructions incorrectly. ,

Mr. Diefenbaker, one of the great criminal lawyers of Canada, was convinced of the possibility that the boy was being made a "cover-up" for a "higher-up." With his customary burning passion for justice, Mr. Diefenbaker offered to defend the young telegrapher, and if necessary, without a fee. He proved that the fault was "higher-up", and secured the honorable discharge of his client—defenseless until "Honest John" (as he is popularly called in the West) came to his rescue.

WORLD PROMINENCE

John Diefenbaker has leaped into world prominence and leadership very suddenly, but he does so out of many years of experience as an able and conscientious parliamentarian and as a keen student of world affairs. His training, his spirit and his dedication fit him for illustrious service to his country and to the whole world. The breadth of his sympathies and his judicious spirit are well reflected in his statement at the Commonwealth Prime

Ministers' Conference in London (July 1957). He said, "It will be my privilege to tell them (the Prime Ministers) that we want to continue to stand together as a family, for richer or for poorer, for better or for worse, in good times or in bad times, in success or in adversity, but, by God's grace, in friendship and harmony with all the world, and especially the United States of America."

His fellow-Baptists will wish Prime Minister Diefenbaker well in all that he seeks to do for Canada and for the world of nations. They will rejoice when he rejoices, and share his burden of frustration and disappointment at other times. They know that "no man is sufficient for these things", and that only by divine grace and guidance can he be upheld and enabled to accomplish things, both great and good.

As one who has spent week-ends in his Prince Albert home in years long past, and who had the privilege of officiating at the marriage of his daughter in 1957 in Toronto, it gives me much pleasure to commend Mr. Diefenbaker to all who read the pages of the "Baptist Herald," both in Canada and the United States.

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to sleep, you think over the accomplishments of the day, and say to yourself, "It has been a good day and now I can sleep peacefully, knowing that I am in the Father's will". God grant that as each of us faces the new dawn, we will take every opportunity to serve him well. He has made us to be his stewards!

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