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• Russian Orthodox theological schools in Stavropol, Kiev, and Sarato, Russia, have been closed "for lack of students," Moscow Radio reported with undisguised satisfaction. It said that the number of students enrolling in seminaries in Moscow and Leningrad had dropped sharply as a result of the "good work" done by Komsomol, the Communist youth organization. The broadcast concluded by appealing to all Komsomol members to intensify their efforts to persuade students to leave the theological schools.—*Sunday School Times*

• Relief efforts begun by missionaries and continued by governments have eased the famine in the Congo, according to Congo Protestant Relief Agency officials, but a desperate need continues to exist for volunteer doctors and more medical supplies. A malaria epidemic is reported threatening in south Kasai. Robert W. Bontrager said that starvation death rate in south Kasai area around the diamond-mining city of Bakwanga has dropped from a high of 200 per day to "no more than about 40 per day." But he said that the refugees from tribal warfare especially children still suffer from malnutrition and will need continued medical help. Bakwanga is flooded with some 300,000 Baluba tribe refugees.—*B.W.A. Press Release*

• The Methodist Church, through its Council of Bishops, has called on its nearly 10,000,000 communicants to inform Congress of the denomination's opposition to the use of tax funds for the support of parochial and other private schools. In a statement issued at their spring meeting in Boston, Mass., the bishops at the same time reaffirmed their position "regarding the indispensable place of the public school in American education." They asked Methodists to "work to maintain the separation of Church and State in the field of education as it has been interpreted from the founding of our republic until the present time."—*The Watchman-Examiner*

• Statistics show that while some denominations are sending out fewer missionaries than before, the North American missionary force has increased 81 per cent during the past ten years, to number a total of 27,219 missionaries. This is 64.4 per cent of the total of all Protestant missionaries from all lands, which now number 42,250. The number of North American missionaries has increased 150 per cent since 1936. The number of missionaries serving under the 94 boards and affiliated agencies of the National Council of Churches Division of Foreign Missions increased from 1950 to 1960 only 8 per cent, and their income only 51 per cent; while

the missionaries and income of the 115 boards affiliated with the Evangelical and the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Associations increased by 296 per cent and 244 per cent, respectively.—*HIS Magazine*.

• A Lutheran spokesman appealed for a strong public school system for the Nation, and opposed Federal aid to parochial schools. Robert E. Van Deusen, Washington Secretary of the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council, testified before the Senate subcommittee on education on extension and amendment of the National Defense Act. Van Deusen opposed proposals for construction loans to parochial schools "whatever the legislative context in which it is considered." Various methods have

been proposed to attach such loans to existing legislation or to expand current programs. The Lutheran spokesman said, "We feel that the principle involved is a basic one, and deserves to be discussed and decided on its own merits rather than being attached to another bill in which its importance for the future of American education is obscured by other considerations."

• A record distribution of 23,210,485 Bibles, Testaments and other portions of Scripture during 1960 was reported at the annual meeting of the American Bible Society in New York City on May 11th. This was 32% greater than in any other year of the Society's 145-year history. It exceeded by over 5,000,-

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## Baptist Briefs

• **Danish Baptists in Urundi.** First converts in a Danish Baptist mission field of Urundi were baptized in 1931 and the church at Musema was organized with 34 charter members. A total of 3,000 new converts have been baptized during the intervening 30 years. Four ordained native pastors, 200 evangelists and teachers have joined Danish missionaries in the advance. There are currently 1,000 enrolled in classes for candidates for baptism.

• **Secretary of Commerce in Puerto Rico.** Dr. Carlos Juan Lastra, professor at the University of Puerto Rico and a Baptist layman, has been appointed Secretary of Commerce of Puerto Rico. Under the appointment, Dr. Lastra will have the responsibility of organizing the new Commerce Department recently set up following an amendment to the Constitution of Puerto Rico. Dr. Lastra becomes a member of Governor Luis Munoz Marin's cabinet.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

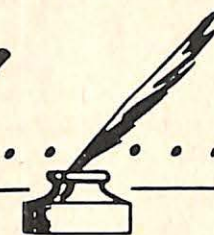
• **Yugoslavian Baptists Have 128 Preaching Places.** Yugoslav Baptists, working under the ministry of 18 full time pastors, have 66 churches and 62 missions. They baptized 128 new converts and organized five new churches

in 1960. Total membership is 3,900. Franjo Klem, a pastor at Rijeka, reports that the Yugoslav Baptist Union consists of several nationalities and languages including Slovakian, Croatian, Romanian, Slovenian, Hungarian and Serbian. An active program of women's work, visitation, evangelism, Sunday schools, and publications is carried on. Eleven teams worked in evangelism last winter travelling to churches throughout the country. Four or five team members joined with each pastor in giving testimonies, singing, and teaching.—*B.W.A. Press Release*.

• **Baptist Leader Returns To Diplomatic Service.** A prominent Baptist leader and a career diplomat has returned to government service under the new Kennedy Administration. Paul Geren, former vice president of Baylor University and more recently executive director of the Dallas (Tex.) Council on World Affairs, has been recalled to Washington. His position is deputy director in the Bureau of Economic Affairs, Office of International Financial and Development Affairs. In addition to his previous State Department experience, he spent earlier years in the Near and Middle East as college professor, ambulance driver in the Chinese Army, and medic and intelligence officer with the U. S. Army in the China-Burma-India Theater. When discharged in 1946 he was a first lieutenant, decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for bravery. Geren is well known in Baptist circles for his book, "Burma Diary," and other publications featuring Baptist work in the Far East and in Russia.

—(Baptist Public Affairs News).

# Editorial



## New Buildings to God's Glory

A building boom has set "the joy bells" ringing for North American Baptists. New buildings are arising to the glory of God for many of our churches and on most of our mission fields. Such a construction program symbolizes a firm faith in the future. Each building lays the foundation for a greater work for Christ in the decades to come—for a new generation!

Let us start with our mission in Japan. A beautiful new church has been completed in Kyoto and dedicated on Sunday, April 9. Miss Joyce Batek has described these dedication festivities in a colorful article that appears in this issue. For "the little band" of Christians there, this represents a great step of faith and a challenge to witness more winsomely for Christ in this surrounding community. In addition, plans have been made for a new home for the Kerns at Tsu which will also serve as a center of Christian ministry to the students of that university area.

This editorial is being written a few days before the dedication of the new \$255,000 Headquarters Building in Forest Park, Illinois. Our people have given gladly and sacrificed willingly for this wonderful building that has now been dedicated to glorify Christ and to serve our denomination more efficiently. Work is progressing rapidly on the new Seminary Library building in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Every issue of the "Baptist Herald" brings the glowing accounts of the dedication of new church buildings in our conference area. It is almost a continuous story of praise to God and rejoicing with sister churches to see "what God hath wrought." In this number of the "Baptist Herald" you can read the illustrated account of the new Harbor Trinity Church in Costa Mesa, Calif., and of the dedication of church building memorials in the First Church of Norridge, Ill.

But the most amazing and encouraging news comes from the Southern Cameroons. There the building boom represents the doors that are still wide open for missionary service. Dr. Paul Gebauer has recently described this building program. The permanent building for the Baptist Bible Training Centre at Ndu was recently finished. Bamenda now boasts of a beautiful church building for which the architectural design was made by Mrs. Paul Gebauer. A concrete school structure was erected at Soppo and permanent school buildings completed at Wowo, Oku, Bafreng and Kumba. We are happy to read that Mbem now has a permanent Baptist Chapel, "brought into existence" as Dr. Gebauer states, "finally and visibly by Midwife Minnie Kuhn." At Soppo Christians have labored hard to give the students the needed dining hall and kitchen. Above the swamplands and cornfields of Ndup plain at Bamunka stands a new school plant. Dr. Gebauer adds: "We thank you at home for your share in these noble achievements."

All of these are "noble achievements," in the words of Dr. Gebauer, strengthen our Christian witness and extend the Kingdom of God in its redemptive ministry to men and women everywhere. Rejoice exceedingly over these new buildings and let us resolve to continue "to build for Christ!"

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# Just a Pile of Sand and Stones!

The story of the magnificent building for the Baptist Bible Training Centre at Ndu, Cameroons, for the training of Christian nationals that arose out of a pile of sand and stones.

By Mrs. George W. Lang of Ndu, Southern Cameroons, Africa

**J**UST A PILE of sand and stones! That was one of the last pictures we took in the Cameroons of West Africa before leaving for furlough in November 1959. The pile of sand and stones was on the Ndu Mission Compound, where a plot of ground had been cleared and leveled.

When George, my husband took the picture, we hoped that sometime during 1960 the sand and stones would begin to take shape into much-needed classroom-library-and chapel-space for the Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu.

But sand and stones, even with cement and lumber added, do not automatically fall into place and become a new building. There needs to be another element added—workmen. Even then, there is something missing. Without supervision and guidance, the workmen can't do much.

## TIRELESS BUILDERS

All of these elements of building were put to work in 1960, under the supervision and able guidance of Missionary Elmer Strauss who served as acting school principal that year. His duties were many. As builder and station manager besides, his days were full of activity that did not always stop at suppertime. Many evenings the Aida Pressure Lamp burned till 9 or 10 o'clock.

During those days, there was a frequent visitor at the Ndu Station in the



Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang and their family at Ndu, Cameroons, as photographed by Dr. R. Schilke on his recent trip to Africa.

person of Dr. Paul Gebauer, tireless field superintendent. With keen interest, he energetically inspected, advanced funds, helped plan and push the erection of the new building.

So it was that six classrooms rose to window height and beyond, as the days lengthened into weeks and months. Finally a letter came winging statesward to tell us that the zinc roof was on and that all that remained to be done was some painting. In fact, all during the year the Strausses had conscientiously kept us well-informed

about BBTC activities and the building.

But even before the finishing touches were completed, the classrooms were put into use. On June 27th, Ruth Strauss wrote in her diary: "Students took (second term) exams in the new building." And there was good reason for the decision to allow the students of 1960 at least one term in the new surroundings. It would be good publicity for the students to be enthusiastic over the Bible Training Center building!

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

That final term of 1960 came to an end on November 18th. On Sunday morning November 20th, Pastor Nfomi stood behind the pulpit in the Ndu church and delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon. His text was John 20:21: "As my Father has sent me, even so send I you." Then at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, the students gathered for the Commencement (or Passing Out) Exercises. (This in no way means that the students faint! It is just the term used.)

Dr. Chaffee drove the 20 miles north from Bango Hospital to be the special speaker. And for various reasons it so happened that other missionaries were able to be present also, for all or part of the day's activities: Ardice Ziolkowski, Eleanor Weisenberger, Minnie Kuhn, Esther Schultz, Ruby Salzman, Ben Lawrence, and Fred Folkerts.

It was an especially happy day for eight students. They had completed three years of Bible Training. They came forward proudly to receive their red-ribboned diplomas from the hand of Acting Principal Strauss.

Three months later on February 14th, classes in the Bible Training Center began again for the school year 1961. The former dormitory building that had been used as a second-third year classroom had been renovated to make room for two more families. The old first-year classroom's mud floor and poor lighting were replaced by a new classroom with cement floor and adequate window space.

One of the rooms in the new building was reserved for use as a chapel. Drapes of black and vari-colored striped cloth bought in the market were hung in back of the platform to cover the blackboard and to give "atmosphere." One room at present serves as an office used by all of the tutors and principal. Another is for the exclusive use of the Women's Department—the wives who come with their husbands to this school. And one of the

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# Kyoto Church Dedication in Japan

Colorful account of first baptism at the Rakuyoo Baptist Church, Kyoto, Japan and of the dedication of the beautiful new church building with its two-fold challenge of \$3000 still to be raised and of a witness for the Gospel of Christ now to be given by this small band of Japanese Christians.

By Miss Joyce Batek, Missionary in Kyoto, Japan

*"HERE THEY dwell with the king for his work" (I Chronicles 4:23).*

Sunday, April 9, 1961 will long be remembered in the history of the Rakuyoo Baptist Church in Kyoto, Japan as a day of special blessing and rejoicing. During the morning worship service, which was well attended by members and visiting friends, four young men and one young lady gave their testimony by following Christ through the baptismal waters. Two of these young people are from our church in Kyoto and the others from the Student Center in Tsu. These had the privilege of being the first Christians to be baptized in the new church.

## DEDICATION CEREMONIES

In the afternoon the church was filled to capacity with friends and members as they gathered for the dedication ceremonies. A spirit of rejoicing and thanksgiving prevailed over the assembly. The service was simple but impressive. Following a brief history of the building of the church, the song, "Bless This House," was sung by Missionary Joyce Batek. This song was translated into Japanese by Mrs. Oka, whom some of you met when she visited America last year. It formed an impressive background for the words of dedication which followed.

Preceding the prayer of thanksgiving and dedication, Joyce also played "The Lord's Prayer" on her violin. Missionary Lucille Wipf's talent added much to the service as she played the new organ for the entire service. We felt very fortunate in having such fine music as Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern also favored us with a duet in song while Mrs. Kern accompanied on her vibraharp. The service was further enhanced by the contribution of the church membership as they sang together "Halleluiah for the Cross." In song they voiced their praise and thanksgiving to God for his bountiful provisions.

A most challenging message was delivered by the Reverend Mr. Gotoh who was the guest speaker for the day. Representatives from each of our stations brought words of greeting and congratulation. The Rev. Walter Sukut, chairman of the North American Baptist Mission in Japan, brought greetings on behalf of the mission. Many telegrams were received and read from churches and friends in the city and surrounding area. During the week following the dedication, special evangelistic services were held and many new friends attended and were con-

tacted.

Also during the service, the Ise Church presented us with a beautiful clock for the church. The other furnishings were donated by the members and missionaries. These include an organ, twelve rows of pews, two of which were given by the people from Tsu, a large vase for the flower arrangement which appears at every service, a desk for the pastor's study, and slippers for the worshippers since shoes are not worn inside the building. The building is simply but beautifully furnished and has four rooms in addition to the main auditorium.

Following the service and in keeping with Japanese custom, each person in attendance was presented with a small remembrance of the occasion. This consisted of a silk book mark with a Scripture verse written in brush writing. The traditional bean cakes called "Manju" were also given to each one present.

Our little band of Christians is faced with a double challenge as they serve in this new church. They have undertaken the task of raising \$3,000 needed

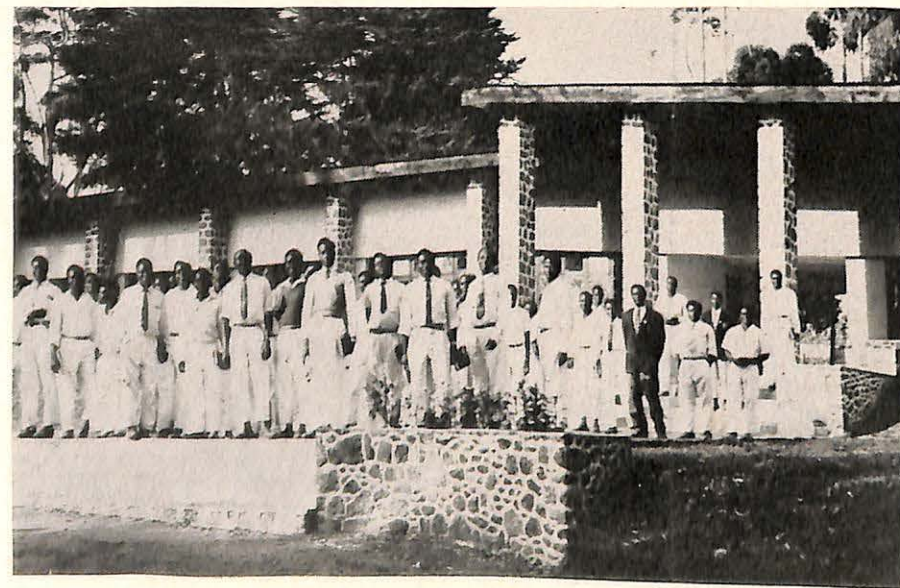
to pay for the new church building. The present building was built with a loan secured from the mission. This is a new step of faith for these Japanese. Pray with them that the amount needed will be supplied to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

An even greater challenge faces them since they have moved into a new neighborhood in spite of the fact that the new building is only a few blocks from the old meeting place. There are many homes in this area without Christ. Many have already been contacted and the response has been favorable thus far. Pray for our people as they do visitation and seek to interest these neighborhood-folk in the Gospel of Christ.

The challenge of witnessing lies before each member of the church. It is our desire to see many won to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and that this new church building will stand as a testimony to him in a land where many have not as yet entered into the glorious light of the knowledge of truth. We are counting on your prayers.



The favorite Japanese symbols are the "torii" and the pagoda. This imposing "torii" or gate of honor that leads to one of the many religious shrines in Kyoto, Japan, was photographed by Missionary Edwin Kern.



Students of the Baptist Bible Training Centre, Ndu, Cameroons, are photographed by Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, in front of the newly completed school building. Rev. George W. Lang is the school's principal.



# The Fountainhead of Our American Liberties

Consider America's heritage! The fashioning of physical America was buttressed by the moral and spiritual strength taken from the Bible. We need to regain that strength today.

By Rev. E. Arthur McAsh,  
Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church,  
Detroit, Michigan

The supreme fountainhead of justice and freedom is the endowment of every individual by his "Creator with certain inalienable Rights" that spring from the Christian Gospel. (Luoma Photo).

AMERICANS have long indulged in the fantasy that their ideals of democracy, liberty, and the intrinsic worth of the individual are eagerly grasped by the masses of all nations fortunate enough to have such pearls cast at their feet.

It is disconcerting then for the average American at last to discover that not all underdeveloped people scramble to obtain what he prizes above all in this nation's political history—the personal freedoms of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. For Mr. America incredulously sees today the so-called uncommitted nations of Africa and Asia slipping under the iron yoke of political despotism and evidently not persuaded of the superiority of American democratic ideals.

## PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY

The most casual United States visitor to newly independent lands in restless Africa cannot fail to sense the mockery of lip service to principles of democracy by new nations just departed from colonial trusteeship. Constitutions guaranteeing civil rights can easily be changed; opposition to government policies is often silenced in jail; and political oligarchies firmly established. One can observe this in Ghana with his eyes only half open. "Self-determination" appears as a slogan for the transfer of the white man's despotism to the colored man's dictatorship. At least, such appear the political standards as measured against our treasured American freedoms; and in this direction the tide is running with increasing force.

The naive American's bewilderment knows no bounds when his generous bounty of money is unhesitatingly received, but his motives and ideals are

as quickly rejected. And, of course, generous Americans have felt that there was no problem that would not yield to the spending of more money. The problem here, however, lies buried in generations of culture and habit alien to our concepts. Can the pagan multitudes suddenly forget ingrained tribal disciplines centered in the despotism of the chief? Or can the great Moslem populations discard, as easily as a garment, deep-seated feudal traditions?

Yes, strange as it may seem, American enjoyment of democratic processes, easily taken for granted by most of us, are foreign to the vast populations of this globe and therefore not understood or appreciated. The wishful pouring forth of an increasing largess will not in itself change the picture and win more friends to the American Way.

The supreme fountainhead of justice and freedom is not a gold or silver mine. Our basic concepts of the dignity of the individual and his endowment by his "Creator with certain unalienable Rights. . . Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" spring from the Christian Gospel, which the masses of the world do not know. And this is the crucial problem.

## AMERICA'S HERITAGE

Consider America's heritage! It has been rightly stated that the pioneers of this great land carried their axes in one hand and the Bible in the other. The fashioning of physical America was buttressed by the moral and spiritual strength taken from the Bible.

It is a remarkable historical fact that the three most important American documents appeared in the brief period of fifteen years, that is between 1775 and 1790. They are the Declara-

tion of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

Illuminating this singular fact is an occurrence which immediately preceded the formulation of these three basic documents on personal liberty. That event was a spiritual and moral earthquake which shook all thirteen colonies. "In 1740 the lid blew off New England. It also blew off other colonies as it had shortly blown, or at least risen, in Europe." This explosion is called the Great Awakening, a series of religious revivals which swept through all the colonies. Jonathan Edwards of Northampton, Massachusetts, one of the greatest of philosophers, theologians and preachers America has produced, was a foremost leader in the great revivals. In 1734 he complained of the moral condition in the colony. The people were "very insensible of the things of religion, engaged in other cares and pursuits . . . licentiousness for some years greatly prevailed among the youth of the town; they were, many of them, very much addicted to night walking, and frequenting the tavern, and lewd practices."

## THE GREAT AWAKENING

The state of religion in the colonies was low. Worship was generally formalistic and legalistic. Nine of the thirteen colonies had established (state) churches. But in the 1730's great waves of revival fervor broke over the colonies, as the Bible message was expounded by such as Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, William and Gilbert Tennent, and many others.

Whitefield (perhaps the greatest preacher of the Gospel of grace since the Apostle Paul) enjoyed an extremely effective ministry, and according to Benjamin Franklin he so stirred the colonial people that "from being

thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seemed as if all the world were growing religious."

The colonies were shaken intensely by the Great Awakening for about ten years, but the spiritual and moral reverberations extended over some forty years. The stimulus of the revivals greatly prepared the colonies for the coming test in the Revolution, and profoundly influenced the formulation of the three great documents basic to American freedoms.

The following are some important influences emanating from the Awakening. 1. Emphasis upon human rights. The revival preaching stressed the New Testament doctrine of the value and accountability of the individual soul before God. This emphasis strengthened the philosophy of human rights on which the Revolution was to rest.

2. Overriding of sectionalism in the colonies, giving form to a national consciousness. "For the first time the American people experienced a common emotion. To a certain extent colonial barriers were broken down . . . Whitefield's followers were notorious for ignoring parish and sectional lines . . . The number of Dissenters in the South was increased and the Established Church correspondingly impoverished, thus weakening one of the links connecting the colonies with England." For example, in 1740, Baptist churches numbered 37 with less than 3000 members. But in 1790 there were 872 churches and 64,975 members.

## THESE REVIVAL SERMONS

3. The death-knell was rung for the state-church idea in the colonies. Open-air preaching was extremely popular, bringing together large gatherings of people from various denominations. The substance of the revival sermons was not with "emphasis upon distinctive names, formal creeds, claims of this or that system of church polity, or upon the efficacy of merely external rites. Its fundamental ideas were vital piety, the mystic union of the believer with God, the enthronement of emotion upon its rightful seat, and a thorough going reformation of morals." The sovereignty of God; the need of personal regeneration of sinful man; the individual accountability of every soul to God; the Saviorhood and Lordship of Jesus Christ were cardinal doctrines of this preaching.

4. Education was fostered. Four new colleges grew out of this spiritual rebirth: Brown (Baptist), Princeton (Presbyterian), Rutgers (Dutch Reformed), and Dartmouth (Congregational). And the Log College of William Tennent was renowned as a force for education in the middle colonies.

5. The humanitarian spirit was re-enforced. Examples are evidenced in Whitefield's founding an orphan's asylum in Georgia, and David Brainerd's missionary work among the Indians. The condition of penal institutions also became a prominent subject in the interest of humanity.

6. It was the real expression of the

heart of the common people. The Awakening, beginning in the 1730's, had vital and determining influence upon the formulation of those great American documents which are the basis of our present political democracy and liberty.

## THE WORD OF GOD

Let us not forget the paramount influence of the Word of God in the glorious heritage of the United States of America. The question which must be answered today is whether or not our political democracy retains the spiritual certainties necessary for its survival.



Rev. E. Arthur McAsh (left), pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and Dr. M. A. Darroch, assistant pastor, at the recent Missionary Conference exhibit in the church's lower auditorium.

It is true that on the other side of the Atlantic, approximately in the same time period, the French deists, agnostics and free-thinkers as Voltaire, Rousseau and the Encyclopedists, proclaimed liberty, equality and fraternity, but with a vital difference from the American scene. The French did not experience a Great Awakening as in America and England. They sought the by-products of Christianity but they did not want Jesus Christ, his redemp-

tion or Lordship. Liberty, equality and fraternity apart from Christ gave freedom from human despots, but slavery to their own human passions. Man was glorified, not God. Hence the unhappy story of the French revolution with its new bondage in contrast to the American scene.

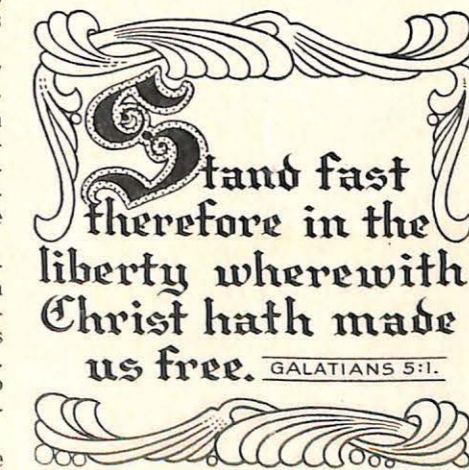
The uncertain picture of the uncommitted nations of Africa and Asia today is that they want the fruit of true Christianity, which is liberty and equality and true happiness, but they want this without the Lordship of Christ. Nkrumah of Ghana illustrates the trend by twisting the words of Jesus, when he had engraved on his statue in the capital city of Accra, "Seek ye first the political kingdom."

And so the fountainhead of justice and liberty is distorted. Nothing is so damaging to the happiness of a people, as the deliberate distortion of God's Word. The reason for the gathering dark clouds is better understood.

## LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Upon the pylon of the new City-County building in downtown Detroit is this inscription: "The Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (II Cor. 3:17.) How true, both for the nation and the individual. The Spirit always enforces the sovereign Lordship of Christ Jesus. "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free." And pray America shall stand there too.

We may take encouragement in these days of alarm, in the experience of Isaiah to whom the Lord gave a new vision of his glory in times of national discouragement and emergency. Did he not grant the young colonies the Great Awakening preparatory to the birth pangs of a great and free nation?





Rev. Raymond Castro, missionary to the Spanish Americans on the Garcias Ranch at Rio Grande City, Texas.

## Reaching the Garcias Ranch of Texas for Christ

The story of our Spanish American Mission at Rio Grande City, Texas

By Rev. Raymond Castro, Missionary

**L**OS GARCIAS Ranch of the Rio Grande Valley of Texas was named after Diego Garcia who won this portion of land in the year 1894. We were able to learn about some of the early history of this ranch from Senora San Juanita Garcia, one of the older members of our mission.

In the early days of the ranch, there were only a few families living here in straw mud huts. When Diego Garcia put his claim on this section of land, he gave the people the area on which their straw huts had been built for their very own because there was no way to prove who were actually the real owners of the land on this ranch.

### NOISE OF DONKEYS

In those days the ranch was a free range for donkeys. Who can try to describe the noise of donkeys in the dusk of the evening? As the years passed by, the donkeys were done away with and, as the river changed its boundaries, some of the donkeys were left on the Old Mexico side.

During these days, the people had to put up also with herds of goats and wild bobcats which left the people reciting many adventurous stories for their grandchildren. We must not forget the many coyotes which roamed this area like small wolves.

At that time the land had not been cleared as it is today. It was full of brush and cactus. Only steps away from the Rio Grande River, it was a good living place for all kinds of ani-

the ranch, there was a general store at the place where the Baptist parsonage now stands.

The people made their lights or lamps to be used at night from the fat of cows or from grease rolled into thick pieces of cloth. This is what the housewives liked, especially for use in their homes. The ranch was often used as a place for cowboy rustlers who would drive their herds of stolen cattle through this area from Old Mexico.

The people travelled by two wheeled carts to the town of Laredo, Texas for food supplies. They used six oxen to pull their carts. It took them eight days to go and to return. The people who lived on the ranch were very humble and poor. They worked hard at raising their crops. Nowadays there are a few people who have managed to do much better, but they still work very hard for farmers in the fields.

### MISSIONARIES PERSECUTED

There was never a church of any kind on this Garcias Ranch. To be sure, missionaries and preachers did come to the ranch, but they were soon run off and told to leave. We even heard a story that missionaries who came to this part of the county, which is now the town of Rio Grande City, were put to death by being crucified.

We remember the days when they wanted us to leave and our lives were even threatened. But the Lord continued to give us the grace and the assurance that this was our place of service where we were to begin a mission work. The Lord has given us many victories and the blessings have been immeasurable. In all humbleness we must give him the praise for all that has been done here thus far and for time to come.

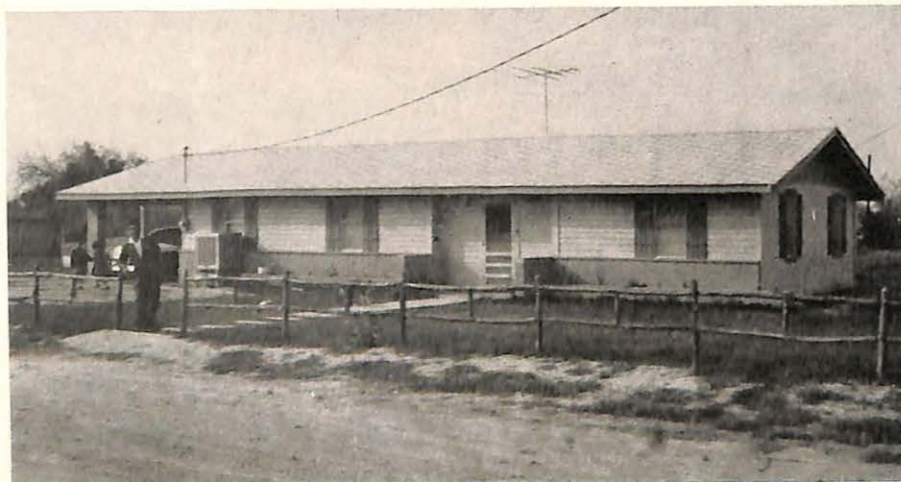
"And the Lord said unto the servants, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23).

"And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room" (Luke 14:22). Yes, there are still many more hearts here who

mals along with the rattlesnakes. These snakes are still quite dangerous in this vicinity.

### PRIMITIVE STRAW HUTS

They say that the river boundary has not changed for a number of years. This has left the bottom lands good for the harvesting of crops for the farmers of today. The straw huts in which the people lived were small, about 12 x 12 feet in size. Sometimes you would find more than one family living in these huts. The two modern homes, as they were called in those days, were made of baked mud blocks. One of these is still standing within view of our Baptist parsonage. In the early days of

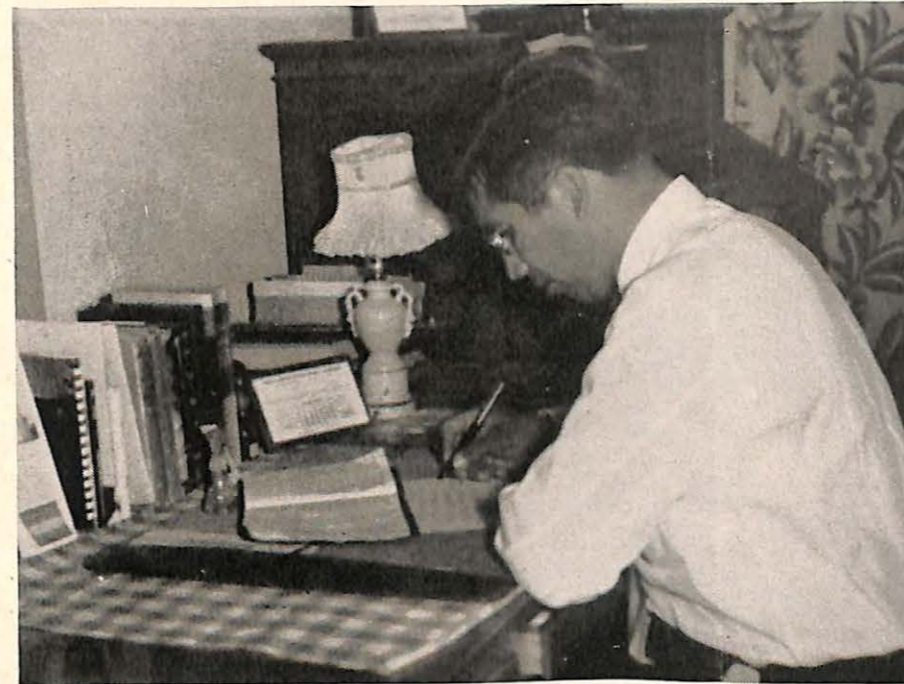


The new parsonage of the Garcias Baptist Chapel, Rio Grande City, Texas, of which Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Castro and their family are the occupants.

need our Savior.

We can now give you a bird's eye view of the work which has been done since the day, seven years ago, when this mission work was started. Our goal and burden has been to reach these lost souls for Christ. We can only give thanks to God for the wonderful way he has helped us. When we arrived here at the Garcias Ranch in Texas in the month of September 1954, we found a people that had been spiritually neglected.

It will give you a new vision for the mission work among these Spanish American people as you see these hungry souls reaching out for the Gospel.



Rev. Raymond Castro, missionary to the Spanish Americans, works diligently with his open Bible in preparing the Gospel messages for next Sunday.

Our task here has not been easy, but our God has been sufficient to supply our every need.

### GARCIAS RANCH CHAPEL

First of all, we found these people hungry, humble and homeless. There is no church here to feed the thousands of souls. It was always our desire to see a house of worship built. At this time we would like to take the opportunity to thank God and his co-laborers in our North American Baptist General Conference for the Garcias Ranch Baptist Chapel. It is a beautiful building that is dressed in a white garment and which stands out as the bride of Christ waiting when he shall come again. Now it is a great joy for all of us to see the humble Spanish people come and gather here to hear for the first time the true message of salvation. In the Baptist Mission we have tried to teach the true Word of God in all of its power as well as its spiritual simplicity.

If you were to make a personal visit to the missionaries on this ranch today, you would find him and his family in a new parsonage only a short distance

down the street from the Baptist Mission Chapel. After six years of moving around from house to house, God has blessed us with a very fine and comfortable three-bedroom home. This parsonage is a real blessing to my family and to me. Today the North American Baptist General Conference owns the finest and richest property in all the Garcias Ranch.

We are also happy to report, in addition to these victories in the completion of our building program, that the strong arm of salvation has begun to break down superstition and religious prejudice in this area. Today the influence of our Baptist Mission is being

### A PILE OF SAND

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rooms is for the library books.

The entire building is built in two wings with a covered breezeway in the middle. In this hallway, announcements are given to the students (rather than cluttering up the chapel time which is used only for prayer, meditation and praise.) Here too is a large bulletin board on which work lists, items of information, and other announcements are posted.

### THE SCHOOL'S SHIELD

Opposite the bulletin board, on the other wall, is a wooden shield engraved with the BBTC emblem,—a call-drum and a cross. This shield was designed by and made under the supervision of Missionary Ben Lawrence several years ago and for a time hung in the old mud-block, grass-roofed classroom. The emblem has been reproduced, in smaller form, of course, on cloth badges which are worn on the students' sport coats. But to be sure, the wooden shield looks far more impressive hanging in the breezeway of the new building than it ever did in the old one!

As for colors, those used to paint the outside of the new building are the Mission colors of brick-red and yellow. All in all, it is a grand experience to see the building, and an even greater one to have the privilege of teaching within it! And what of the students? After all, without students, no school can function, no matter how fine the building may be. Are these students happy to be here?

### THANKS FROM LEADERS

For answer, here are some excerpts from a speech written and delivered in November 1960 by Elias Ngwang, a 1960 graduate and Class President that year. He wrote: "I thank the North American Baptist Convention very much for giving us what we need the most and that is the Christian education. We receive this through the . . . Bible Training Center. What we need very much are spiritual leaders in our churches. Here we are being trained through the aid of the American Christian brethren. We have been fed spiritually and we also get enough food for our bodies and nice buildings to live in, especially the Bible School house where we study."

Just a pile of sand and stones once, the present building still has those elements within it, plus a lot more. There has been work and prayer and money—money from you at home who have thus made it possible in the first place. We still need you—to bear this work up in prayer before the Lord daily. The work here is not finished upon the erection of a fine building. It still goes on in the lives of those who, like Elias Ngwang, have been fed spiritually so that they in turn can be strong in helping their African brothers and sisters to know Christ and to be fed spiritually, too.

# The Twin Cities of Minnesota

A friendly welcome awaits you in Minneapolis and St. Paul for the General Conference sessions, July 31 to August 6, 1961.

By Mr. Alfred Brachlow, Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**W**HEN YOU ARE in Minneapolis, Minn.—and you will want to be here—for the great 33rd General Conference, we will want you to enjoy your stay to the full. In our "Annual" and in the articles in the "Baptist Herald," "Minneapolis-St. Paul, Cities of Waters" have been so ably written about, but we might add, "the half has not been told," nor could all be told in more articles. So to see and appreciate, you must come.

## MORE THAN 22,000 LAKES

Minneapolis is a beautiful city with 22 lakes and lakelets within its city limits. It is also the gateway to Minnesota's unexcelled vacation-land of 10,000 lakes—so our auto-license plates indicate; but this is not precise. State officials have now defined "lake" as an area of water ten acres or greater in size, and have begun a new and accurate count. So far they have tagged more than 22,000. It is said that everyone in the state lives within five minutes or five miles of a lake. So when you are here, drive slowly—there's one right around the corner!

However, we want to point out for your enjoyment some of the many places of interest reached by guided tours or in your own car, and espe-

## SEND YOUR PASTOR TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Every North American Baptist pastor should be in attendance at the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minn., July 31 to August 6, because of the many important decisions affecting our denomination and churches at that time. We trust that your church will make it possible for your pastor to attend. Your entire church will be greatly blessed for many months to come by such a pastor returning from the inspirational Conference sessions. EDITOR

cially spots for private picnics and relaxation. Sightseeing bus tours of parks, lakes and historical spots operate three times daily from leading hotels. Chartered bus tours can be arranged by the Twin City Lines.

Every Conference packet will contain colorful brochures about Minnesota and the Twin Cities which will tell you how to visit these scenic and historical spots. Be sure to get your packet!

For rest, relaxation and picnics, there is Loring Park, just a few blocks from the Conference Headquarters hotel. Here you can see the statue of

the famous Norwegian violinist, Ole Bull, silently playing his violin.

## ROSE GARDENS AND PARKS

Nearby is the Kenwood Parkway Flower Garden. Don't miss seeing the Harriet Rose Garden where every variety of rose will be in full bloom. Not too far distant is the Theodore Wirth Park with its winding paths over hill and dale and through the wild-flower bowers. Along the all encircling Highway 100, there are adequate and shady picnic spots as found in many of the 152 parks in and around Minneapolis. In these you will find picnic facilities, such as stone tables, fire grates, running water, tennis courts and sandboxes.

Time and space would fail to enumerate the many places of interest to swimmers and golfers. Mention must be made of Minnehaha Park and its "Falls," made famous by Longfellow, the poet. Here the Conference Picnic will be held. The attraction of these "Falls" in its greatest days caused the hotel proprietor at Niagara to bewail the fact that their business was going to the half-pint western water-falls. We hope that when you see it, more than "a half-pint" will be going over its ledge. However, it is a beauty spot, with the idyllic statue of Hiawatha carrying his Laughing-Water bridge over the stream.

Interested in a baseball game? There may be a major league game played at the new four and one-half million dollar stadium, seating 45,000. Fishing? Not only in Minneapolis, but through all the state, there is excellent fishing. As someone said, "Fishing is the single most absorbing endeavor in the state." The annual harvest by residents and visitors is a staggering fifty million fish.

## FRIENDLY SAINT PAUL

In the friendly city of St. Paul we have two North American Baptist churches, Dayton's Bluff and Riverview. The new Riverview Church building will be open by the time of the conference.

St. Paul has its share of places of interest to visitors: the beautiful state capitol building with its marvelous rotunda, and the Como Park with its interesting conservatory of plants and flowers. In this park is the fine and ever-growing zoo, a treat for young and old. See also the aboriginal Indian Mounds overlooking the winding Mississippi River.

Yes, a friendly welcome awaits you in the Twin Cities this summer!



A German American group of Minneapolis holds a picnic at Minnehaha Park where North American Baptists will gather for their Saturday Conference Picnic (August 5, 1961). An informal program will be held on this platform while some of our people view the nearby Minnehaha Falls, (Minnehaha Park Board Photo).

# A Chaplain's Challenging Congregation

The Army Chaplain bears the burden of the religious life of his troops. Such is the stirring testimony of one of our North American Baptist chaplains.

By Chaplain Leslie P. Albus of the First Training Regiment, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

**M**Y LAST REPORT to the "Baptist Herald" was written while I was still in Korea. I left Korea in June 1960 for my return to the United States. I was granted a time of administrative absence for religious purposes. I used this time in attending the Ontario Convention and some sessions of the young people's camp at Round Lake near Killaloe.

During these sessions I had the pleasure of visiting and working with the local pastors, Professor Walter W. Wessel from the Seminary, Miss Ruth Bathauer from Forest Park, Illinois; Rev. Edward Link from the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. I also met the Kerns from Japan. These experiences were refreshing, to say the least, since I always enjoy the fellowship of our churches, our workers and our missionaries.

## FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY

I reported to Fort Dix, New Jersey, early in August. I was assigned to the 1st Training Regiment, which gives our soldiers their Advanced Infantry Training. Most of the men here have been in the Army about eight or nine weeks. They train with this regiment for eight to sixteen weeks. From here they go to various units, both in this country and abroad. My job is to be their pastor while here. This is a challenging position for a chaplain, since these young men are just at the threshold of their manhood and are quite impressionable.

Upon arriving here, I found the chapel program in operation, but not fully effective. By the use of publicity and command support, as well as by personal contact and keeping the chapel program before the men, the program was strengthened and the attendance increased. A constant effort was made to make everyone conscious of the religious program of the Regiment. I, along with the other chaplains in the regiment, made sure all were reminded of the providence of God at Thanksgiving by making appearances and offering prayer in our seventeen mess halls.

The Christmas season found us participating in a candlelight service—a Christmas program and Christmas Worship. These services began a very intense period insofar as our chapel was concerned.

## BIBLE STUDIES ON POST

Immediately after Christmas, our Wednesday Evening Discussion Group started a study on the life of Christ. This was carried on by means of a step



Chaplain Leslie P. Albus of the First Training Regiment, Fort Dix, N. J., will attend the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minn., and will speak briefly.

by step survey on a map. This study terminated at Palm Sunday. Then from Easter to Pentecost we studied the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

This was followed by a study of the early Christian Church and the ministry of the early apostles. Interest in these studies has been high. We follow the study by a question and answer period, and it is amazing how deeply

our young men think in things concerning their faith.

During the week before Easter, my chapel took part in a sacred cantata, "The Seven Last Words." A film on the life of Christ was shown. A regiment-wide communion service was held (presented in eight segments so that all units in the field and training areas were reached). The post-wide Good Friday Service was held in the 1st Training Regiment Chapel. This service was conducted by eight chaplains, assisted by musical numbers presented by people from all the chapels on the post.

I was also privileged to have a part in the Fort Dix Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning, which is traditional here on the post. This was followed by two worship services in my own area. In spite of the early morning service, the other services were well attended.

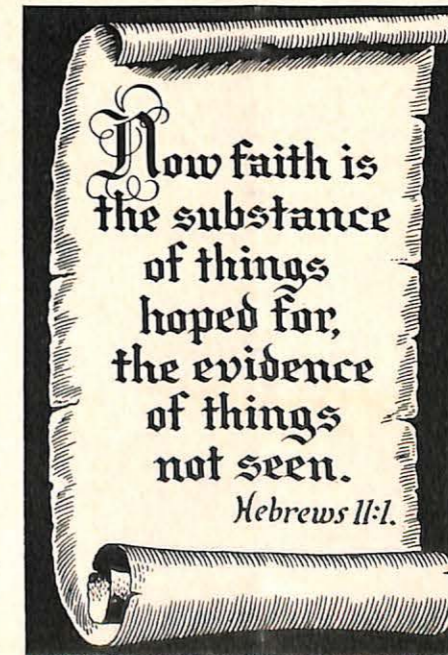
## A REWARDING MINISTRY

So one can see that this is a rewarding ministry. At present I have one man in one of my units whom I baptized while I was the pastor at Trenton, Illinois. I meet many good Christian young men in my ministry. I pray to God that I might be a proper religious guide for them, and I always ask that our churches might pray for our work with these young men, so that our country may be, not only militarily strong, but also spiritually powerful.

My counselling work takes a great deal of my time. It involves many problems—both large and small. A word of encouragement, a session of prayer or calling the proper authority many times resolves the problem and creates a better situation for these men.

## THE CHAPLAIN'S BURDEN

My work falls into a number of segments—the Worship and Fellowship Services, the counselling in the office, the casual interview, the Character Guidance Program and the field work with the troops in the training areas. One hardly knows where the time comes from to do all this, but as a servant of the Most High, one must find the time because the chaplain bears the burden of the religious life of his troops. If he fails, the religious impetus is lost. This is one thing that we cannot afford to lose. Pray that we, your chaplains, may effectively bring the Word of Light to those in our charge.



# A New Call from God

A statement of appreciation for the ministry of Rev. Harold W. Gieseke as general secretary of the Education and Publication Society, from which position he will resign on Dec. 31, 1961, by Dr. A. Dale Ihre, of the Board of Education and Publication.

ONLY THOSE who have been separated unto God for a special ministry can understand the true meaning of the phrase, "called of God." The heart of the Apostle Paul was constantly quickened by the wonder and mystery of it. "Paul, called to be an apostle . . ." is the first note sounded in most of his letters. Every pastor, every missionary, every secretary, and every worker in our denomination knows the inward compulsion attending the phrase itself: Called of God.

This is the mainspring of the Christian ministry. All the other incentives for faithfulness and service are wrapped up in this personal experience. No man continues in the ministry because he finds it convenient, comfortable, or care-free. His ministry stems from one unshakable conviction: he is called of God.

## RESPONSIVE TO GOD'S CALL

Such an experience is never finalized. This is a surprise to some people. When a man puts himself under heavenly orders, he may hear the call of God several times during his life on earth. It is not that God changes his mind about the man's usefulness; it is that God may employ his servants in several different ways before the final call (to Heaven itself.) St. Paul's ear was so attuned to the voice of God that he was called to be an apostle, called to serve the Gentiles, called to Macedonia, and called to Rome.

Some men have successively been called to serve as pastors, professors, missionaries, executives and evangelists. The Spirit of God has a marvelous way of deploying his helpers in the way that will produce a maximum of Kingdom efficiency and a minimum of waste. The one condition for being fully used is that we be sensitive toward and responsive to his call. This is probably the most personal aspect of Christian living.

For the past three years our denomination has been blessed by the ministry of a man who felt himself called to labor in a special field of endeavor. When we established (at Edmonton, Alberta in 1958) the Board of Education and Publication, we needed a full-time secretary to lead it. Such a man could not be hand-picked. It was necessary to find the person who felt himself moved upon by God's leading. The man chosen of him to lay the foundations of the B. E. P., (as we have come to call it), was the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke. As a denomination we may be very thankful that these foundations have been laid—lovingly and faithfully.



Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication, whose resignation presented to the Board will become effective on Dec. 31, 1961.

## THREE YEARS OF SERVICE

It is difficult to evaluate a work so recently accomplished. Who can measure the contribution of a man who has delivered hundreds of key addresses, counselled with thousands of people, led innumerable committee sessions, written uncounted dozens of letters, and unsparingly has spent his personal resources for the good of God's cause? What statistical method can you use to determine the spiritual good accomplished among us by three years of fervent and dedicated service?

To say that Harold W. Gieseke's life has touched the life of almost every North American Baptist and that the resultant contact has left a deposit of spiritual enrichment in each heart is to say only part of the truth. To say that the program of higher education among us is at a higher level than

it has ever been before is to hint at only another part of the truth. The whole truth of our brother's value to us is known only to God.

God has evidently been observing the matter. He has been in personal contact with our brother and has conveyed himself to our brother's heart. He has issued another inward call. Similar to the one that struck the soul of Abraham with such force, it is not fully amplified as yet; but it is a call. At our annual meeting of the Board of Education and Publication Mr. Gieseke shared this experience with the board members. One immediate implication of the Lord's moving in his heart was the need for submitting his resignation as secretary to the B. E. P., effective Dec. 31, 1961. This resignation was received, hesitantly and with regret.

Every one who has labored with this servant of God will have a good testimony on his behalf. We are most thankful for the important segment of his life which he has given to the establishment of this part of our denominational program.

## HERCULEAN TASKS

Under Mr. Gieseke's leadership, a number of important actions have been taken. The Seminary has appointed a new president. Steps toward full accreditation in the A. A. T. S. have been taken. The new library is under construction. The Christian Training Institute has been greatly strengthened. A new president has been appointed. The faculty of both schools has been increased and lifted to a higher academic level. These processes are continuing.

The Roger William Press has been transferred to Forest Park—a herculean task. The new book store is completed and functioning. Discussions which look toward the establishment of a denominational college have been engendered in various places. Surveys and investigations toward this end have been made; statistics have been compiled. These have been three difficult and blessed years.

To what particular point of the Christian ministry has our brother been called? God has not yet defined the matter. Involved with Harold Gieseke in the sacrifices of the past and waiting with him on God's leading for the future is his devoted wife, Hilda, and their young son, Gordon. Certainly the disciplines of this triennium of service will undergird their work, no matter what it may be. May God guide and bless them in the important decisions to be made in the months ahead of them!

# "Musical Messengers" on Concert Tour

Story of a North American Baptist Seminary Trio that will visit and sing in 80 churches and the General Conference sessions this summer.

"SINGING and making melody in your hearts to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19). With this note of praise, the Musical Messengers of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., began their concert tour on June 3rd. During the past one hundred and ten years, the various musical groups from the Seminary have been a source of genuine blessing to our denominational constituency. Therefore, it is with joy that we announce the coming of this talented team to many of our churches.

## MEMBERS OF THE TRIO

The trio is composed of Fred Penner, Detroit, Michigan; Chester Strobel, Venturia, North Dakota; and Robert Veninga, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Penner received his voice training at Augustana College and at Wayne State University where he received his B. A. degree in 1959. At the present time he is a Middler at the Seminary.

Mr. Strobel was a voice student at the State College in Ellendale, North Dakota. He received his B. S. degree there in 1960, and now he is completing his first year of training at the Seminary.

Mr. Veninga, a pre-enrolled Seminary student, is presently pursuing his college education at Sioux Falls College. He has been a piano student for nine years.

According to their itinerary, the team commenced their tour on June 3 and will return to Sioux Falls on September 3, covering approximately 11,000 miles. Their melody of song will be heard in about 80 churches taking them to California, Canada, and as far east as Cleveland, Ohio. They are also scheduled to appear on the General Conference program in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The music that will come into the hearts of the listeners will range from the beloved hymns of Fanny Crosby and Gospel songs of Wendell P. Lovelless, to the great works of Bach, Handel and Chopin. The entire program will consist of vocal numbers, musical saw, and piano selections, as well as brief messages and testimonies.

## PURPOSE TO GLORIFY CHRIST

The primary purpose of this tour is two-fold. First and foremost, it is the desire of these young men to glorify their wonderful Lord, Jesus Christ. They have dedicated their lives to the service of Christ, and it is with a burning desire to witness for him that they embark on this tour.

Secondly, they also wish to tell the story of the program of our Seminary,

"The School of the Prophets," which has trained men and women over a century of years. It is their aim to interest other young people to come to the Seminary to pursue their training for

service to God and man. We covet the prayers of our entire denominational family for this trio of dedicated young men. May God use them to his honor and glory!



"MUSICAL MESSENGERS" OF THE SEMINARY

Left to right: Fred Penner, Detroit, Mich.; Chester Strobel, Venturia, N. Dak.; and Robert Veninga, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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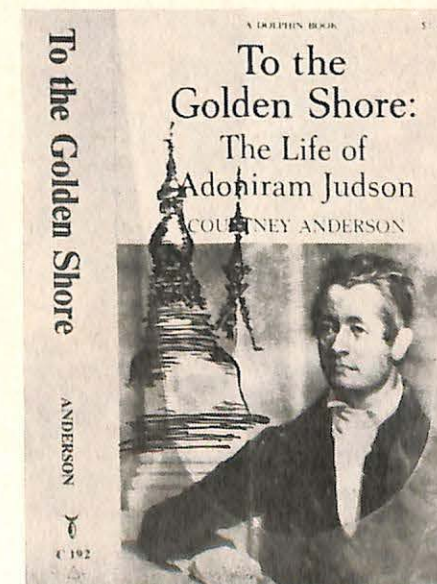
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## TO THE GOLDEN SHORE: THE LIFE OF ADONIRAM JUDSON

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Americans reaching for their daily newspapers are now able to reach for *To The Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson* at the same time. Courtney Anderson's powerful book about the first overseas missionary from North America appeared on the newsstands in paperback form in May. It is being released through Doubleday under their trade name of Dolphin. It will sell for \$1.45.

Considered the most accurate and adequate biography of Adoniram Judson, *To The Golden Shore* is of particular interest to Baptists. Judson sailed from Salem, Mass., in 1812 as a Congregational minister. While aboard ship, he accepted the Baptist faith. The group organized to support his work in Burma (General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions) was the forerunner of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and was the first national organization of Baptists in America.

The 150th anniversary of its founding will be observed in 1964. Leading up to this anniversary is the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a cooperative five-year program of evangelism involving seven Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada. Baptists in North America are being encouraged to read *To The Golden Shore* in preparation for the anniversary celebrations.



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# We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG  
President of the Woman's Missionary Union

## UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

This year marks the centennial of the Civil War—that great conflict between the States which cost the lives of 600,000 young men. Among the heroes who emerged from this devastating war was General U. S. Grant, commander-in-chief of the Union forces who later became president of our country. After he and his men had captured Fort Donelson, the commander defending the fort sought terms of surrender. Grant's unequivocal reply was "Immediate and Unconditional Surrender." This incident earned for him the nickname of "Unconditional Surrender" ever after associated with his name.

In the realm of Christian living, there is also a demand for unconditional surrender. It is our Lord himself who asks it of us. In his own words, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). When Jesus bids us follow him, he expects immediate surrender. But like the people of his day who first wanted to do other things before following him, we too let other interests come first in our lives. We certainly want to follow Jesus, but all too often with reservations.

It is these little reservations for ourselves which frequently keep us from being the dynamic Christians we might be. The rich young ruler was such a person with but one reservation. He was a thoroughly admirable young man. His life was exemplary in every respect. Having been properly brought up, he held the right attitudes, did the socially acceptable things, and kept the commandments to the letter. He was almost perfect. Yet Jesus had to point out to him "one thing thou lackest." His affections were all tied up with his riches. If he could have surrendered them and followed Christ, how different his story would have been!

What does unconditional surrender mean for the Christian? Primarily, it means complete yielding up of self. In Paul's words, "For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I might gain Christ" (Phil. 3:8). He became such a mighty man of God because he joyfully surrendered all. Devotion to Christ can only be achieved when we practice complete self-denial. Not one single thing must we withhold from him. He demands our all. It involves personal sacrifice—the daily taking up of one's cross.

Such a life, wholly yielded and completely consecrated to Christ becomes an instrument of service and bless-

## Church Dedication, Costa Mesa, Calif.

Report from the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, California, by Leona Rabe, Church Secretary.

THE HARBOR Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., was first organized in September, 1955. For approximately one year, the church met at the Orange County Fair grounds and later in the chapel of the California Bible College. Ground was broken for the beginning of a building program on Sept. 15, 1957, and the first educational units were opened for use in June of the following year.

### REV. HAROLD W. GIESEKE, SPEAKER

On Sunday, Feb. 26, 1961, the second unit, a beautiful worship center with additional Sunday School rooms and a fully equipped kitchen was dedicated. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication of the North American Baptist General Conference, was the guest speaker, bringing an inspiring and challenging message at each of the three services of the day. At the close of the morning service, Rev. William Acton, our pastor, led the congregation in the dedication of the membership to Christ and his Church.

At the dedication service in the afternoon the Sanctuary Choir sang, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee," and Rev. Henry Hengstler of the Milo Terrace Baptist Church of Los Angeles sang, "Harbored In Jesus." Words of

greeting were brought by these pastors of neighboring churches: Rev. John Vanderbeck and Rev. George Breitzkreuz of Bethel Church of Anaheim, Rev. Kenneth Fischer of the Magnolia Church of Anaheim, Rev. Henry Hengstler of Milo Terrace Church of Los Angeles, Rev. Fred David of Upper Bay Church of Santa Ana Heights, Dr. Donald Davis of Berean Church of Los Angeles, and Dr. Richard Poss of the First Southern Baptist Church of Costa Mesa. The pastor, Rev. William Acton, led the congregation in the dedication of the building.

The Woman's Missionary Society served refreshments in the Fireside Lounge during the social hour which followed this service.

### BAPTISM AND MISSION PICTURES

During the evening service, the ordination of baptism was observed and slides of the missionary fields and missionaries were shown. Mr. Gieseke also gave a history of the North American Baptist Conference.

In Jeremiah 33:3 we read of the Word of the Lord to his people, "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." As the members and friends of Harbor Trinity Baptist Church met for the day of dedication, all felt that God had indeed fulfilled that promise.



The architect's sketch of the new building of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif., which was recently dedicated to the glory of God.

ing in the hands of the Master. We have all known such individuals. Their lives radiate the kind of joy that distinguishes the devoted Christian from the ordinary one. Our missionaries are such people. We would do well to emulate them and, in so doing, help make Christianity victorious over the

evil forces that are rampant today. The old familiar hymn states these thoughts in simple words:

"All to Jesus, I surrender,  
All to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him  
In his presence daily live."

BAPTIST HERALD

# What's Happening

The Board of Missions of the denomination has appointed Rev. Fred C. Folkerts as acting field superintendent to serve during the time when Dr. Paul Gebauer and his family will be on furlough. Mr. Folkerts has accepted the responsibility with the following statement: "I thank you for this commission. I accept it as a charge from God, and I pledge my best effort to carry it out." The Gebauers will arrive in the United States shortly before the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis.

The Forest Baptist Church at Munson, Pa., held revival meetings April 23-30 with the pastor, Rev. Laurence Prast, bringing the message each evening. The services were well attended and an inspiration to all who were present. Two boys came forward seeking Christ as Savior and one adult requested baptism and church membership, as reported by Mrs. Albert Zinz, church clerk.

The North Sheridan Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois, has extended a call to Rev. Robert S. Hess of Tacoma, Wash., pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church since 1954. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Peoria church on August 20, succeeding Rev. Edgar B. Wesner, now of Stafford, Kansas. During his ministry in Tacoma, the Calvary Church has completed a beautiful edifice in a new and very promising section of the city.

Mrs. John Wahl of Hamilton, Ontario, wife of the pastor of the German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, was called to her heavenly Home on April 24 following a lengthy illness. She assisted her husband with a dedicated spirit in our churches at Esk, Sask., and Onaway, Alta., before they went to Hamilton. In earlier years they served Baptist churches in Yugoslavia where they were supported as North American Baptist missionaries.

Some of our North American Baptist Seminary students are rendering an appreciated ministry this summer in youth camps and projects. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Richter of St. Paul, Minn., are working in the Wisconsin CBYP youth camp. Miss Shirley Werre of Grand Forks, N. Dak., is participating in the Dakota Junior Camp held at Crystal Springs, N. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mayforth of Benton Harbor, Mich., are spending a good part of the summer among our Texas and Southern Conference churches and at their youth camp.

From May 28 to June 4 Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., Cameroons missionary since 1946, visited many of

the Atlantic Conference churches in a promotional ministry. In July and August she will be taking part in youth camps at Westbank, British Columbia; Roman Nose State Park, Okla.; and South Dakota Senior Camp at Camp Lakodia, S. Dak. She will also visit churches in LaCrosse and Kenosha, Wis.; Minneapolis, Minn.; South Dakota; and Burlington, Iowa; besides the General Conference sessions in the Twin Cities.

William Zimmerman, a son of Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman of Tyndall, S. Dak., gave the salutatorian address at the Tyndall High School commencement exercises on Monday, May 22. He served as class president during his senior year. He has been awarded a \$500 renewable scholarship from the South Dakota State College at Brookings. His father, Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches, offered the invocation and benediction at the commencement exercises held in the high school auditorium.

The Stafford Baptist Church of Sherwood, Oregon, has extended a call to Rev. Henry R. Barnet of Portland, Oregon, the superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland since 1959. He has announced that he would close his ministry as superintendent of the Baptist Home on July 31, 1961. He and his family plan to move to Sherwood after August 1st, taking their vacation thereafter and begin their services at the Stafford Church on August 20. Mr. Barnet will succeed Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, at present the Church Extension pastor at Renton, Washington.

A number of North American Baptist Seminary students are serving in various churches this summer. Mr. and Mrs. David Priestley of Brookings, S.

### DR. WALTER W. GROSSER

The Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., at its commencement exercises held on Friday evening, May 26, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on Mr. Walter W. Grosser of La Grange Park, Ill. Mr. Grosser has served as president of the Seminary's Board of Trustees for 22 years and has been a member of the Board for more than 30 years. He has also served as the North American Baptist General Conference moderator from 1952 to 1958 and has been the chairman of the Pension Fund Committee for many years. The honor was both unique for a Baptist layman and distinctive for an illustrious service in the Kingdom of God. Congratulations, Dr. Walter W. Grosser! EDITOR.

Dak., are serving in the Parma Heights Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. James Schacher of Underwood, N. Dak., are at the Holiday Park Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mehlhuff of Wishek, N. Dak., are assisting in the work of the Magnolia Church, Anaheim, Calif. Mr. home church, McDermot Ave., of Winnipeg, Man. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pritzkau of Chicago, Ill., will be at the Mount Zion Church of Kansas and its Church Extension project at Junction City during August.

Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt of Inglewood, Calif., wife of the pastor of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, followed the heavenly summons on May 10 following an extended illness of several months. Her radiant, Christian testimony, faithful service as pastor's wife, and beautiful musical ministry will long be remembered by the many people of our churches who knew her. She assisted her husband in their ministry in these churches: Morris, Man., 1934-1940; Hebron, N. Dak., 1940-1943; and the Fifteenth Street Church (now Inglewood Knolls Church) for the past 18 years since 1943.

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale and their family of the Cameroons Mission field in Africa arrived in New York City on May 16th for their furlough. They are now residing in Aplington, Iowa. Dr. Stockdale has been the medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients at Mbingo, Cameroons. Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert D. Schneider and their family, who have also been stationed at the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients, sailed from Africa on May 31st. Their home is at the Salt Creek community of Dallas, Oregon. Rev. Gilbert D. Schneider will continue his graduate studies at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn., this fall.

A Festival of Sacred Music, under the direction of Wilfred Rueb, was held on Sunday evening, April 30, at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif. Mrs. Alma Rueb served at the organ and Miss Patti Filler at the piano. The opening portion of the program was presented by the youth of the church. The Youth Choir sang three numbers. There was a flute solo, a girls' trio and a girls' duet. The male chorus also sang followed by an instrumental duet. The last half of the program consisted of numbers by the Adult Choir, the Ladies' Trio, the Men's Quartet, and a ladies duet. Rev. Eric Kuhn, pastor, closed with the benediction.

The MORNING NEWS of Erie, Pa., in its edition for May 13, 1961, devoted a full half page to the story of the 15th anniversary of the Baptist Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie. These anniversary services extended over four weeks from May 7 to June 4 with Rev. Richard A. Mikolon, pastor, in charge. Five pictures illustrated the progress that the

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A busy market place in a South American city.

## South American Romance

A Christian Novel by Mary McCombe Orr

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### SYNOPSIS

Zorillo Lopez married Rosita and worked at his father's trade of making wooden saints in his workshop. But the marriage was broken up by Guadeloupe who paid undue attention to Rosita. After several years of separation, Zorillo and Rosita were reunited and moved to San Miguel, Argentina, where they settled down next door to the evangelical church. Guadeloupe had become a Christian in this chapel. He came to Zorillo and asked for forgiveness. But Zorillo's heart was filled with hatred and was stubborn. At their place of work, Severino, an elderly evangelical Christian, talked to Zorillo about forgiveness as taught in God's Word. Zorillo thought he was right and bought a Catholic Bible to prove it. Then Severino came to his house and took Zorillo's Bible and read the first twelve verses of John's gospel, chapter one. Then he turned to John 3:16.

### CHAPTER FIFTEEN

"FOR GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Zorillo and Rosita listened in open-mouthed astonishment as the believer turned from passage to passage, joyfully preaching the Gospel to them from their own "Catholic" Bible. Neither had ever known how Doña Marta went through the same stage in her groping after the light.

Old Severino kept thinking of one verse after another that he just couldn't pass up, and he found them so easily that his hosts were amazed.

"There's such a good one in Acts," he exclaimed at one point, remember-

ing Acts 4:12. But when he had found the verse, he realized that he must read more, in order to make the meaning clear. Turning back to chapter 3, he read the story of the lame man's healing. The young couple, forgetful that this was a "heretic," listened spellbound. Back in chapter 4 again, he read the stern question of the High Priest, "By what power, or by what name have ye done this?" and Peter's answer, "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead . . ."

"Notice," said Severino, "that these are the words of Peter, in whose name many people trust: 'Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.'"

Then suddenly he thought of the verse he had quoted during the week to Zorillo. "Oh, yes, your verse, the one I gave you on Wednesday! We'll have to see if we can find it. You know, the one about the Mediator."

Zorillo held his breath while Severino turned with practiced fingers to I Timothy 2:5. There were the very words he had read from the little New Testament, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

Zorillo put his candle down weakly. This was one verse that he could have sworn would never be found in this Book.

Dropping his head in his hands, he burst out, though he spoke more to himself than to those with him in the room, "Now I see why the priest didn't want me to have a Bible! Now I know why he didn't want me to show it to a believer!"

"Tell me," said Rosita, who had been taking in every word and every movement of the able fingers, "how can you find these passages so easily in our Bible, when it is much larger and must contain much more than your own?"

"Because, Señora, although it appears so much larger, it is the same as my own, except for one thing which I shall show you."

Taking out his New Testament, he showed them book for book that it contained the same as the latter section of the Catholic Bible.

"Yours has much larger print," he explained, "and contains notes that have been added by bishops and translators, and that is why it is larger, but see, the Scriptures themselves are the same."

"Now I will show you one difference that you will find between this and the complete Bible that we use," said honest old Severino, and going back to the Old Testament, he picked out the books known as the Apocrypha. "It is true that our Bible does not include these books, for down through the ages they have not been considered as inspired of the Holy Spirit of God. I have never read them, but those who have tell me that they could add nothing to the other books, and that they lack the warmth and life we find in all that which is of God. I have no education, but I have been told that they are Jewish stories that, some hundreds of years ago, men decided to join to the Bible. I believe that if you read them, you will still not find another mediator! But if you read the others, you will find a living God and Saviour!"

Turning, Severino put his hand on the young man's knee.

"Zorillo, you need to know this Saviour and Mediator personally. You've got to come to Him, for there's no other; 'no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved.' You need Him, friend, just as I needed Him when I saw I was a sinner, and that nothing I could do could take away my sins, nor could any other person help me. No one else ever died for our sins, Zorillo, no one else merits our confidence and faith. You need Him just as much as Guadeloupe needed Him, and He'll receive you and save you, just as He received a sinner like him. Wouldn't you like to come to Him tonight, you and Doña Rosita?"

Zorillo looked at his wife, and she looked at him. They read in each other's tear-filled eyes the confession of need.

"We would," said Zorillo, "but we still don't understand much. We don't know how to come."

Patiently, good old Severino opened

the Bible again. Simply and clearly, by means of a few well-chosen verses, he pointed out the sinfulness, the hopelessness and the helplessness of the human heart. Then he showed how every need is met in Jesus Christ when He is received by faith. In a little while they were on their knees, confessing their sin, and opening their hearts to the Saviour. They arose, children of God.

Oh, there was joy that night! There was joy in Zorillo's and Rosita's hearts; joy in Severino's, too; joy in the presence of the angels!

It was late when Severino went home, for they talked on and on into the night about the precious truths of God's Word. When one candle went out, another was lit. The new Christians were hungry, and loath to let their instructor go. Even when he had gone, they could hardly sleep for the gladness abounding in their hearts. At last they had dropped into restful unconsciousness, but not before the cocks had "sung" their first chorus.

Just before dawn, Zorillo was awake again. He rose and spoke to Rosita. "Che, I'm going to find Guadeloupe," he told her, "for I must tell him the news before I go to work. I couldn't possibly wait until night. I will be back soon for coffee."

He went out, and Rosita lay there marveling at the change already wrought in her companion. She remembered the former occasion when he had gone out in search of the same man, with intent of killing him. Now he was going to find him with a different end in view—reconciliation, pardon, peace! She lifted a grateful heart to God in worship, love and praise.

Zorillo arrived at Guadeloupe's shack just as the glory of the dawn silhouetted the giant trees of the forest, and turned them to lovely dark lace over a background of rose.

There was a gladness in his pounding heart, a gladness that he had never known before. The happiness that he had known spasmodically in previous years was nothing compared with the joy of sins forgiven and peace with God.

He clapped. Scarcely could he wait for Guadeloupe's sleepy question, "Quien es?"

"It is I, Zorillo, come to ask your pardon!"

If Guadeloupe thought it was a trap, as well he might, it was only for a moment. He leaped from his bed and opened the door.

"Come in! Come in!" he cried. "What did you say?"

"Oh, hermano," Zorillo was glad to use the word that he knew was a favorite of the believers. "I do not know how to tell you the news, but Christ has come into my heart, and it's just the way you said it was for you. I want the old wrongs all righted. Forgive me, brother, for my unforgiving spirit, and for all the hate I've had toward you. My heart has been a fountain of bitterness and anger!"

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**Of Interest to Women**

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The two men embraced, and with flowing tears of joy, begged each other's forgiveness over and over. It was granted just as many times. Finally, laughing at themselves and praising God, they parted, for it was drawing near time for them to be on their individual ways to work.

Guadeloupe was as elated as he had been dejected over Zorillo's hardness. To think that God would bring such tremendous things to pass and in so short a time!

With a light heart and a light step, Zorillo returned for his coffee. His joy was inexpressible as he and Rosita bowed their heads to thank the Father for His goodness. Now they acknowledged that it was no lifeless image, but the living God Himself who had brought them to this place.

ZORILLO and Rosita listened no more to the evangelical hymns from a distance. They immediately began to attend the meetings regularly and faithfully. They were blessed with healthy spiritual appetites, and grew quickly in a knowledge of the Word, and in practical Christian living. There were meetings for Bible study, led by Don Manuel, one of the elders. There was the weekly prayer meeting, where the work of evangelization and all the church matters were brought before the Lord, and His guidance sought until the church saw clearly the further steps they had to make. There were meetings in the cottages, and in the open air for the preaching of the Gospel. There were opportunities for all of the believers to testify and preach as the Lord led, for all were encouraged and admonished to take their God-given part in His work.

Then there was the meeting around the Lord's Table. It had been already explained to Guadeloupe that this was for all true children of God who had publicly confessed Christ in baptism and thus identified themselves with Him and His testimony, and who continued to walk in obedience to His Word. Now, there were two more new believers making inquiries. They wanted to be obedient in all things, even as they wanted all that God had for them in Christ.

Thus, one day the three young Christians were found talking over the matter with the elders, Don Manuel and Don Domingo. These explained again that participation in the Lord's Table was for all born-again believers. There was, however, a Scriptural order to follow. The church must avoid all inconsistencies, and keep her testimony clear, clean, pleasing to God and honest in the sight of all men. Open-

ing their Bibles, they pointed out how all the early believers began their Christian lives by giving public testimony to their faith in Christ, confessing with their mouths the Lord Jesus and submitting to the ordinance of baptism.

And what was required before they might be baptized?

The first thing, the elders explained, was a real assurance in the believer's own heart of his salvation. Such an assurance would be accompanied and evidenced by a willingness to put right past sins as far as humanly possible and to correct any irregularities in the sight of the law.

Don Domingo turned in his Bible to the thirteenth chapter of Romans and read, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake."

In I Corinthians chapter 8, he read another verse. "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."

Don Manuel had his Bible open, too, and read another verse, from the third chapter of Titus: "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work."

"It is necessary," he commented, "that we as believers obey the authorities and comply with the laws of the land in respect to marriage and all other matters. We have had young men who had managed to escape their military service, but when they became Christians they acknowledged this breach of the law to the authorities and suffered the consequences. Some of the believers, our friend Severino, for example, have had to legalize their marriages before they were baptized."

Zorillo had not even thought of this. He had been rejoicing in a past washed clean in the sight of God. This teaching struck him like a blow, for suddenly he realized that he and Rosita were *not* legally married, and, what was much worse, he was legally married to another, Tomasita, in Asunción, Paraguay!

Rosita, also, was dismayed! Brokenly, they began to tell their story. Guadeloupe interrupted to take the blame for the broken home. But there was more to tell. As Guadeloupe listened, he bowed his head in his arms and wept. He had not known until that day the extent of the results of his wicked actions and insinuations in the past. He had not known of Tomasita and the civil marriage! Now, would Zorillo's and Rosita's baptism be hindered, and all because of him?

The elders shook their heads in grave concern. They had known many tangled lives, they had had their part in untying other knotty problems, but this one seemed just too tight.

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 2, 1961

Theme: **MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS**

Scripture: Luke 1:26-31; 2:41-49;  
John 19:25-27.

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Christian motherhood can give us a better Christian brotherhood.

**INTRODUCTION:** In this quarter we begin a series of lessons which deal with representative men and women in the New Testament. Some of them may not be as well known as others, but they have had experiences from which we can learn. The fact that many of these were not outstanding leaders and ten-talented spiritual giants should inspire us all the more to study their lives and to discover how God used the so-called common Christians. Most of us belong in this category, and we can learn how to dedicate our minor talents for major purposes.

God does not expect from us more than we have, but he does expect from us all that we have. Such virtues as dependability, fidelity, willingness and loyalty can often accomplish more than gifts of healing, teaching and preaching. They help to build an enduring foundation for the work of the Kingdom of God.

Instead of looking at the outstanding qualities of the people in your church this quarter, try to discover how many common ordinary talents and virtues are not being used for the work of the church.

**I. THE FAVORED MOTHER.** Luke 1:26-31.

Our series about representative men and women in the New Testament begins with the study of a godly woman and a noble and loving mother, Mary, the mother of Jesus. As such she holds a unique position, but she is also looked upon as an example of motherhood at its best. She was highly favored, not because of any educational, professional or talented qualities, but simply because of her qualities as a mother—love, devotion, humility and complete submission to the will of God. No other mother can have the honor which Mary had, but mothers can still be highly favored by God when they bring their children up in the love and fear of the Lord.

**II. THE FAVORED SON.** Luke 2:41-49.

This is the only recorded incident in the life of our Lord as a boy. Although we would often like to know more about the childhood of Jesus, this incident gives us an insight into the

devout family life of Joseph and Mary. Their religion was not only a custom but an obedient and joyous way of life, permeated with love to God and man.

Even though Jesus was the Son of God he went through all the growing stages as a Son of man. At the age of twelve he began to assume the duties of adult membership as a "Son of the commandment." The teachers and doctors of the law discovered that Jesus was no ordinary child. He was filled with an unusual sense of spiritual interest and understanding. Jesus himself seemed to be astonished that they did not recognize him as being of age to do his heavenly Father's work. But he did give them a foretaste of his vocation—that his Father's business was the end to which he had been born.

**III. THE FAVORED DISCIPLE.** John 19:25-27.

This is one of the most touching scenes in the Gospel. It reveals to us the tender and compassionate sympathy of Jesus. Forgetting his own suffering on the cross, he was mindful of those whom he loved. He gave his highly favored mother into the care of one of his favored disciples. Although he was the Son of God, he did not deny the fact that he was Mary's son also.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 9, 1961

Theme: **ANDREW, A FISHER OF MEN**

Scripture: John 1:35-42; Matthew 4:18-20; John 6:8-9.

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Sometimes it takes only a little talent to do a great work.

**INTRODUCTION:** Andrew, and his brother Simon, lived in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee and they were fishermen by trade.

Although Andrew was one of the first disciples of Jesus, he was never mentioned as one of the "big three." Peter, James and John had the distinction of being in the inner circle with perhaps the status of "cabinet members." According to one of the current religious novels, Peter is re-

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ferred to as "the big fisherman." In many respects Peter stood head and shoulders above Andrew, but this does not discredit "the little fisherman" who was responsible for bringing his brother to Christ. The tinge of status and jealousy was evident in some of the "bigger" disciples, but Andrew, like his fellow disciple Nathaniel, seemed to be free of all guile. He had the honor of bringing his brother to Jesus and was then content to remain in the shadow.

**I. AN INTERVIEW WITH JESUS.** John 1:35-40.

In giving credit to Andrew for bringing his brother to Christ, we sometimes forget that Andrew was led to follow Jesus by John the Baptist. It was because John pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God, that Andrew sought his interview. John made disciples with the primary intension of losing them to Jesus.

It was important that the interview of Andrew with Jesus should make a good and lasting impression because Andrew had to make sure of the Messiah and Jesus had to make sure of Andrew as a worthy disciple.

**II. AN INTRODUCTION TO JESUS.** John 1:41-42.

A successful fisherman is often judged by the number of fish he catches, but big fish are often caught by little fishermen. Frequently it is the simple, humble man of faith who is the tool in the hands of God for winning others who have greater talent. A modest, hard-working, God-fearing mother, an ordinary Sunday School teacher, a poor stuttering Christian can direct future great men to the Kingdom of God. John Wesley, Robert Moffat, Dwight L. Moody, Billy Sunday and Billy Graham were all "caught" by little fishermen. Like Andrew, all they did was to introduce them to Jesus and Jesus did all the rest.

**III. A FISHERMAN FOR JESUS.** Matthew 4:18-20.

In a sense the qualifications for Christain service are the same as those for a secular calling, but the results are far more glorious. These first disciples were good and faithful fishermen and those are the kind that Christ needs and calls. He could not have called them if they had been lazy and inefficient. The fact that some were mending their nets when they were called indicates their desire that no fish should be lost through carelessness.

**IV. A SERVICE FOR JESUS.** John 6:8-9.

Andrew's thoroughness and faithfulness are evident in this incident because he informed Jesus of his personal inventory even though he was sure it was far too little. All he could do was to report how much was available and Jesus did all the rest.

BAPTIST HERALD

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Western District

### Palm Sunday and Easter Services, Sacramento, Calif.

On Palm Sunday evening the Woman's Missionary Society of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., presented a program of music, pantomime and drama entitled, "The King of Kings." Many hours of labor went into preparing the scenery, lighting and costumes for this program. Mrs. Lillian Filler was the director.



Scene from "The King of Kings," a dramatic presentation by the Woman's Society of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif.

The cast consisted of all the members of the society. The story portrayed the last days and hours of the Lord Jesus Christ until his resurrection. The program was closed with a solo, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Following the program, the ladies served coffee and cake and we enjoyed a time of fellowship with one another.

Good Friday services were held in the evening at the Willow Rancho Church. Rev. Eric Kuhn, pastor, spoke on "The Seven Last Words of Christ." The question left with us was, "What will you do with Jesus?" We concluded the evening by partaking of the Lord's Supper. On Easter Sunday Pastor Kuhn spoke on "The Rolled Away Stone." A record attendance was recorded in the Sunday School and the morning worship service.

Mrs. Robert Patton, Reporter

### Women's and Youth Programs at Elk Grove, Calif.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California, recently held a Mother and Daughter Reception at the church's social room. There were 81 mothers and daughters present. The theme was "Medley of Memories." A pantomime of a woman's life was presented. Mrs. Edwin Schuh, president, was the general chairman with Mrs. Roy Dolliver in charge of the refreshments and Mrs. Henry Rausser, decorations. Roses were the centerpiece on the serving table

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at which the president, Mrs. E. Schuh, and the pastors' wife, Mrs. W. Berkan, served the tea and coffee, fancy sandwiches and jello fluff.

The Commissioned Baptist Youth of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove recently elected new officers as follows: president, Klaus Tonn; vice-president, Grace Rausser; secretary, Delila Littke; treasurer, Diana Schuh; pianist, Marvin Schuh; organist, Geraldine Stabbert. They remembered their mothers of the church on Mother's Day. They are planning summer projects and trips, including the Hume Lake Camp, June 24-July 1. The adult advisors are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adam. The young people are also taking part on softball teams of the church.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

### Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. John Sauer

Although their actual wedding day was April 16th, Mr. and Mrs. John Sauer of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary dur-



Mr. and Mrs. John Sauer of Vancouver, British Columbia, members of the Ebenezer Church, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

ing the week preceding Easter. Their children and grandchildren planned this once in a lifetime occasion carefully and prayerfully. On the day appointed the immediate families and close friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sauer, their only son, for an anniversary dinner followed by an informal program. Rev. Philip Daum, brother of the bride, and "Best Man" on their wedding day, personally related the intimate part of their "Love Story."

This anniversary celebration, however, came to a fitting climax when members and friends of the Ebenezer Church assembled on April 17th in the lower auditorium of the church to honor Mr. and Mrs. John Sauer who are such a vital part of our church. The program was under the able leadership of Mrs. Eggert, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society. Rev. P. Daum and Rev. O. Patzia brought

messages of congratulation and well wishes to the "Golden Couple" in behalf of the church. We are grateful to God for Mr. and Mrs. Sauer and their children and grandchildren who throughout the years and to this very day have been pillars of the Ebenezer Church.

O. Patzia, Pastor

## Eastern District

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. R. Dittrich

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dittrich of Bridgeport, Connecticut, observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 12th. They were greeted at their home by members and friends of the King's Highway Church and presented with an appropriate floral bouquet and other remembrances. Friends and relatives from Brooklyn, N. Y., joined in this happy occasion. Of the more than one hundred greetings and remembrances received by the Dittrichs, one of the most beautiful and unusual was an Hawaiian bouquet sent by their granddaughter, Gretchen. The Dittrichs were married in the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on April 12, 1911. Coming to the Bridgeport church the same year of their marriage, they have actively served the Lord in many capacities over the years.

At the annual meeting of the church, Mrs. Dittrich was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a token gift, upon her retirement from the office of Church Clerk, an office which she has held and carried out with great dedication for over 30 years. She now serves as the Assistant Church Clerk. Mr. Dittrich received similar recognition a year ago when he retired from his position as Church Treasurer after more than thirty years of faithful service.

William E. Christensen, Pastor



The Refreshment Table for the Mother-Daughter Reception at Elk Grove, Calif., with Mrs. E. Schuh, president (left), and Mrs. W. Berkan, pastor's wife, behind the table.



Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and Flavius Martin, Christian national from the Cameroons, Africa, who addressed the church's Missionary Conference.

### Missionary Conference at Ebenezer Church, Detroit

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt of Detroit, Mich., have been appointed as North American Baptist missionaries to the Protestant College in the Cameroons. They will fill instruction posts in this important school connected with our Baptist missionary outreach in Africa.

Donald and Ruth Witt have grown up in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit Michigan, of which Rev. E. Arthur McAsh has been pastor for 17 years. They take with them to the field a background of spiritual growth and service in their home church. Both have given fruitful leadership in youth work, Sunday School teaching, music, and various other activities of their busy home church. Mr. Witt served outstandingly as choir director for several years. His work with various musical groups and by his violin have resulted in rich blessing. Love for the Bible as God's Word always has been given high priority in both lives of these young people. In academic preparation, Donald Witt holds a Master's Degree in Chemistry and a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering; while Ruth has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

Announcement of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt's candidacy to the Cameroons field was a fitting climax to the 10th Annual Missionary Conference of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit. Pastor E. Arthur McAsh and Associate Pastor Dr. M. A. Darroch were hosts to an intensive week of world missionary presentation and study from April 2-9.

Sessions were held each morning and evening during the week, with a banquet on the Saturday night. Attendances were very encouraging with almost 6000 by count attending all sessions. Twelve countries were represented by 18 missionaries. Fifty homes in the Ebenezer Church provided hospitality with meals and lodging to the missionary guests during the Conference. Outstanding among the speakers were Flavius Martin of the Cameroons, and Miss Helen Lohse of our Spanish American field.

E. Arthur McAsh, Pastor

### Recognition Service, Glenbard Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

On July 6, 1959, a group of Christians gathered in a home in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, to consider the possibility of organizing a Baptist witness in the area. On August 6, this group and others interested in this work, met in the Faith Lutheran Church (building has now been purchased and is known as the Glenbard Baptist Church) to organize as a Baptist church. Among procedures projected were the desire to be sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, and to affiliate with the North American Baptist General Conference.

On May 1, 1961, a council was invited to share the plans and hopes of the group and to evaluate the desire to be recognized as a Baptist church. The



GLENBARD BAPTIST CHURCH, GLEN ELLYN, ILL.

The newly purchased building of the Glenbard Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, at which the recognition service was held on Sunday, May 7. Rev. Connie Salios is the pastor.

potential and possibilities of the group were presented. A number from the group gave authentic beyond-conventional testimonies. A budget of \$16,000 has been adopted. In the church's membership there are 25 adults and 5 youth members. The former pastor of Bellwood, Rev. Connie Salios, is serving the church as minister.

On May 7, 1961 the recognition service was held. The unanimous vote of the council, recognizing the Glenbard Baptist Church as a duly organized New Testament church, and recommending membership in the Central Conference, was presented by Rev. Walter Schmidt. Dr. Louis Johnson, pastor of the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, spoke, stressing the emphasis of the local church as set forth in the New Testament—its purpose and Christ's promise to it. May the new church be loyal to its purpose so that the promise of Christ, the Head of the Church, be fulfilled in and through it. Fred Sonnenberg, Clerk of Council

### Dedication of Church Memorials at Norridge, Illinois

April 9, 1961 was a great Sunday for the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Illinois, who came to celebrate the first anniversary of their new church and to dedicate memorials and gifts of gratitude to God. Mr. Herman Siemund extended words of welcome. The program included two Bach numbers, an organ solo "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desire" by Mrs. Helen Bruckschen, church organist, and a choir anthem, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee," each of which was an inspiration in itself. To augment the musical part of the program we were privileged to have a guest soloist, Mr. Christian Lund. His dynamic voice pierced our innermost beings as we listened to him sing, "There Is No Death" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The dedicatory message and prayer were given by our pastor, Rev. Walter

Schmidt. His message helped us to reflect on one of the memorials given, namely, the stained glass window of Christ with outstretched hands. Words of appreciation for the many memorials was offered by Miss Anne Luedke of the Memorial Committee. Congregational singing, giving God the praise and glory, was interspersed in the program with Herbert Siemund leading. The choir had opened the Vesper Service with "Fairest Lord Jesus" and concluded with "God Is A Spirit."

Ruth J. Hess, Reporter

## Northern District

### Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathias

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathias of Southey, Sask., observed their golden wedding anniversary on April 9. They were honored by friends and relatives at a Fellowship Supper held in the basement of the church. Afterwards we gathered in the main auditorium of the church where a program was presented. Several musical numbers were rendered and words of congratulations were also extended to the couple. Then Rev. Peter Schroeder, our pastor, gave a brief message stressing the importance of basing a marriage on love—God's love. The couple was privileged to have all their children and grandchildren present at this happy occasion. Miss Doreen Hibsien, Church Clerk

### Women's Missionary Evangelism Conf. for Alberta Churches

"Key to precious treasures" was the theme of the 5th annual Women's Conference of the Alberta Association held at the McKernan Baptist Church in Edmonton, April 19-21. Wednesday evening began this conference with one of our missionary guests, Miss Tina Schmidt, bringing the challenge of the work in Africa closer to our hearts. On Friday evening she also brought an interesting series of slides. On Thursday our mission interests were directed to the Alberta Indians. Mr. and Mrs. August Grymalowski were our other missionary guests who presented the interesting phases of the work among the Indians as well as the essential needs that prevail.

Devotions, reports on various phases of our denominational work, skits, panel discussions, a film, Bible study and Prayer Time led by pastors' wives and lay women of the Association made the conference a most profitable time of spiritual enlightenment for all who attended. The newly elected officers are: president, Mrs. Oscar Fritzke; vice-president, Mrs. William Link; secretary, Mrs. Raymond Harsch; treasurer, Mrs. Daunavan Buyer; pianist, Mrs. Bernard Schalm; and assistant pianist, Mrs. Dennis Hammer.

The offering received at our evening services and part of the registration fee, totaling \$255, were divided equally and designated to the C.T.I., the Alberta Indians and the Women's Work in the Cameroons. We trust that the 120 women who registered went home with such an enthusiastic report that the number will be doubled next year.

Mrs. Paul Siewert, Reporter



Rev. Edwin Michelson, pastor of the Melody Lane Church, Kansas, and 5 young people whom he baptized on April 2nd in the first baptismal service for this church in Wichita.

## Central District

### First Baptismal Service, Memory Lane Church, Wichita

The Memory Lane Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas, had the joy on Easter Sunday afternoon, April 2, to witness the baptism of five converts upon their confession of faith in Christ. The following were baptized and received into our church: Mrs. Barbara Storey, Kathy and Lynda Krauskopf, Nora Pshigoda, and Mark Michelson. Following the baptismal service, we held the Lord's Supper. We also received Mrs. Mary Krauskopf into our church's fellowship.

The Lord is blessing and we rejoice that we have a present membership of 29 members. Our Sunday morning services average 40 in attendance, and we are thankful for those who attend regularly and serve faithfully. Continue to pray for us as we endeavor to witness for our Lord in this challenging field and as we build a spiritual and physical temple for him in Wichita. Mrs. Verna Michelson, Church Clerk

### Southwestern Conference Ministerial Retreat at Wichita

"The Church, Its Discipline and Gospel" and "The Psychology of Man" were twin topics presented to the 9th annual meeting of the Southwestern Conference Ministerial Fellowship April 4-6 at Wichita, Kansas. The host pastor, Rev. Edwin Michelson, led his people in extending a warm welcome to the 19 pastors attending the sessions. The fellowship with the members of the Memory Lane Baptist Church made the meetings most memorable.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Sunday School Secretary for our denomination, developed the theme, "The Church." Dr. Peter Schellenberg, dean at Bethel College, Newton, Kansas, discussed "Man" as a person who has been forgotten and has been affected by and has affected the outside world in which he lives.

The newly elected officers are: Rev.

Edgar Wesner, Stafford, Kansas, president; Rev. Harry Haas, Elmo, Kansas, vice-president; and Rev. Lyle Wacker, Columbus, Nebraska, secretary. There were seven new pastors present at the sessions.

Lyle Wacker, Secretary

### Golden Wedding Anniversary, Rev. and Mrs. H. Lohr

An evening of blessed fellowship was enjoyed by relatives and friends of Rev. and Mrs. H. Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa, as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 19th at the Parkersburg Baptist Church. Friends from the Aplington Baptist Church and the Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg gathered for this occasion. Rev. and Mrs. Lohr had served both of these churches some years ago for a combined total of 22 years.

A program of songs, brief messages of congratulations and appreciation was given. The Calvary Church presented them with a gift of fifty dollars. Rev. Don Patet, representing the Aplington Baptist Church, brought words of felicitation. Mr. and Mrs. Lohr have two sons. Robert of Parkersburg spoke words of praise for and commendation of his parents for the rich spiritual heritage that is his. Their son Ronald who resides at Lake Preston, S. Dak., and who is a teacher in the local high school, was unable to be present.

We thank the Lord for such dedicated workers who, although now retired from the active ministry, have not retired from witnessing, living and working for the honor and glory of God. We wish them God's continued richest blessings and years of life here together.

R. F. Dickau, Pastor

### "Christian Family Living" Services, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

From April 30 to May 7 a real "Challenge for Better Christian Family Living" was presented in special Home Meetings at the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., with Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. Prior to this week Rev. Willis Potratz, our pastor, gave special messages on courtship, counselling and marriage. On the first evening of these special meetings, Mr. Gieseke spoke in the church sanctuary. Then during the week he spoke in different homes with co-hostesses appointed for these gatherings. A young people's banquet was held on Saturday night. The following worship service closed the series.

Points of interest in the services and messages were: "With God you can't lose; without God you can't win." "Adjustment in marriage between partners." "Taking Christ as Lord carries down into all the relationships of the home." "Man's place of leadership is to set the spiritual tone of the home."

A special part of this week was an afternoon meeting with the retired people of our church. The closing message on Sunday emphasized Joshua's stand: "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Hostesses called on all members and friends of the church to invite them to the meetings. A film, "Does Christ Live in Your Home?" was shown on Sunday evening, May 14.

Mrs. Chester Faul, Reporter



## MARCH OF EVENTS

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000 volumes the previous all-time high set in 1959. New publications during the year brought to 1,165 the total number of languages in which at least one complete book of the Bible is known to have been published—an increase of 14 over the number reported at the end of 1959. Complete Bibles were published for the first time in Lamba and Congo Swahili, both for the Congo. The Congo, Cuba and Korea—all lands of mounting political tensions—were the three overseas areas where the distribution of Scriptures increased by the greatest percentages.

### ALABASTER BOXES

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness all sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness! Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled by them.

Henry Ward Beecher

● WASHINGTON (BPA) — Howard E. Butt, Jr., of Corpus Christi, Texas, has been named to serve on President Kennedy's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. Butt, a prominent Baptist and lay evangelist, is one of 14 non-governmental appointees on the committee. He is vice president of the H. E. B. Grocery Co., one of the largest grocery chains in Texas. The President's committee, headed by Vice President Lyndon Johnson, is charged with the responsibility of eliminating discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin in employment with the Federal Government and on Government contracts. In issuing his order establishing the Equal Employment Committee, President Kennedy said that discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, creed or national origin "is contrary to the Constitutional principles and policies of the United States."

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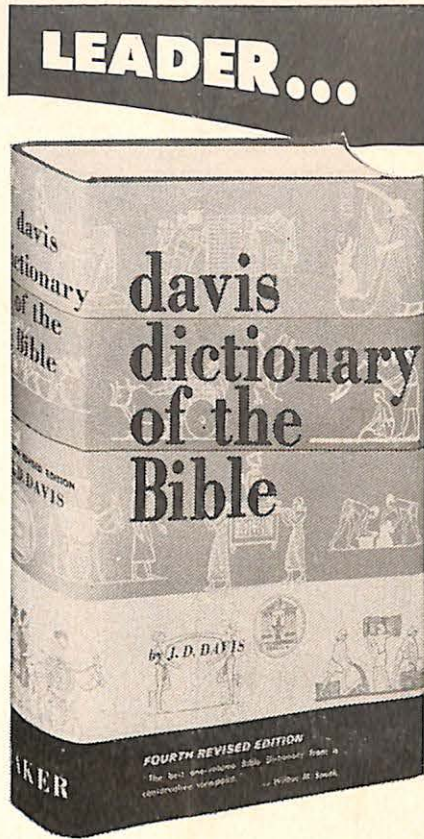
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Conferences	April, 1961	April, 1960	April, 1959
Atlantic	\$ 3,642.55	\$ 2,513.67	\$ 3,831.05
Central	13,772.96	15,479.46	36,676.63
Dakota	9,066.77	8,066.75	12,266.60
Eastern	3,601.67	3,462.74	5,440.24
Northern	12,461.68	4,978.25	9,076.87
Northwestern	8,126.95	9,986.92	7,165.85
Pacific	16,880.50	11,373.14	16,766.06
Southern	1,557.69	887.42	1,648.16
Southwestern	2,862.86	6,595.41	8,461.12
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 71,973.63</b>	<b>\$ 63,343.76</b>	<b>\$101,332.58</b>

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of April, 1961	\$ 60,563.54	\$ 1,773.96	\$ 9,636.13	\$ 71,973.63
For the month of April, 1960	54,990.91	4,289.51	4,063.34	63,343.76
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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church has made in its building facilities. Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, and Rev. E. Wolff, Eastern District secretary, were guest speakers on two Sundays in May. Mr. Mikolan has served the church as its pastor since May 1951. On Sunday, June 11, a baptismal service was held in the sanctuary of the South Hills Baptist Church of Erie.

● The German Men's Fellowship of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., held its 38th anniversary program on Sunday afternoon, May 14, with 175 people in attendance. Musical numbers were rendered by the Male Chorus directed by Mr. Harold B. Johns, the German Mixed Choir of the Forest Park Church directed by Mr. Hermann Holz, the choir of the German Mission Church of Chicago, the Schneider family of Milwaukee, Wis., and an accordion solo by Horst Schmaland. Mr. Albert Renz brought a dramatic reading. The anniversary message was given by Rev. Elvin Schuelke of the German Mission Church. Officers of the Men's Fellowship are Mr. William C. Hoyer, president; Mr. Werner Burghoff, vice president; Mr. Otto Vogt, secretary; and Mr. Albert Renz, treasurer.

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