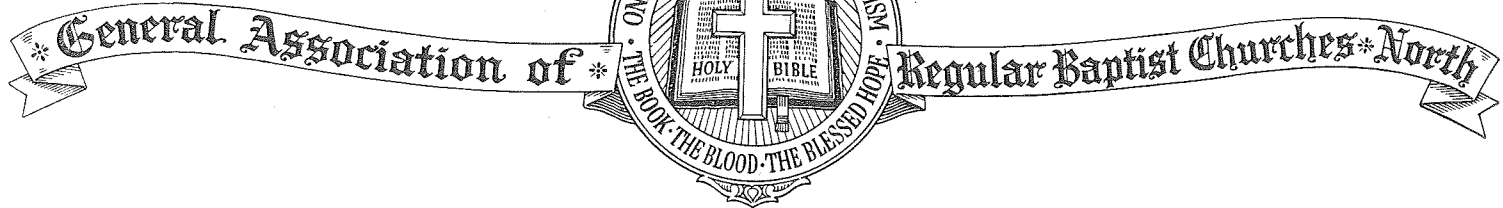


# The Baptist Bulletin



## GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

By REV. J. C. KASTELEIN

As you begin to read the words which will make up this message, will you fix your mind for a little while upon the subject, "God's Christmas Gift to you"? At this season of the year, a great multitude of people are busily engaged in purchasing gifts for each other. These gifts are to be exchanged on Christmas day. If one could see the vast sum of money which is spent each year for Christmas gifts, I suppose, he would be amazed.

Millions of people partake in the celebration of Christmas without knowing what they are celebrating.

Children are told about Santa Claus and every other scheme which the devil has invented to deceive poor souls of the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas trees have taken the place of the Christmas Christ.

The world itself does not recognize this day to be Christmas because of the term used, "Xmas".

The world celebrates "Xmas", instead of "Christmas".

I know, "Xmas" is the abbreviated term for Christmas, but nevertheless Christ is left out of the picture by the term thus used.

This, you will say, has been done for the sake of convenience. Yes, that is what you say; but I want you to know that it is the work of Satan. Whenever he can erase Christ from the minds of the people, he will do so.

One can never celebrate Christmas without Christ being the object of this celebration. You may celebrate "Xmas" all you want, or dance around your Christmas trees, and drink yourself drunken, this is not the true spirit of Christmas.

You may ask, perhaps, "What is the true meaning of Christmas?" I will answer you. The true meaning of Christmas is Jesus Christ, and His Holy birth into a world of sin.

There are literally millions of dear boys, and girls who look forward to Christmas as to the coming of Santa Claus. They have never been told that the blessed Son of God came to this world to redeem the human race from sin.

The great Prophet of God, Isaiah by name, prophesied about the coming of Jesus Christ

about 750 years before Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.

Let us see what this great Prophet had to say about Christ.

In Isaiah 9:6-7 we read the following, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a *Son* is given: and the government shall be upon *His* shoulder: and *His Name* shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Let us look into these two verses of Holy Scripture in contrast with the New Testament revelation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. In verse 6 of Isaiah 9 is revealed the two-fold nature of our blessed Lord.

Notice the verse again, "For unto us a *child* is born." The word *child* in this verse makes it very clear that He possessed a human nature. Secondly, "Unto us a *Son* was given." The word *Son* implies His Deity.

The *Son* had to be given first from God the Father before the *child* could be born. The blessed Lord Jesus Christ existed from eternity. He spoke of His Pre-existence in the Glory in His intercessory Prayer.

In John 17:4-5, Christ speaks about the glory He had with the Father before the world was. He said, "I have glorified Thee on the earth. I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."

These two marvelous verses reveal the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ was not only a human being, but He was very God Himself. (Isaiah 9:6).

Therefore, Isaiah the Prophet calls Him, "Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

What a real Christmas gift He is to the world.

Do you know of any other person in this  
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# THE CAPITAL PARADE IN THE LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY

By DAN GILBERT

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As we pointed out last month, the leadership of neither Great Britain nor the United States seems willing to regard Soviet Russia as an enemy, despite the fact that Stalin has played a consistent role of "partner in plunder" with Hitler. In London and in Washington, D. C., extraordinary efforts are incessantly under way to arrive at some basis for appeasing the insatiable Russian Bear.

A U. S.-U. S. S. R. alliance was openly championed in a recent address before the United States House of Representatives by Congressman Adolph J. Sabath, ardent New Dealer, oldest member of the House in point of service, and Chairman of the important House Rules Committee. Congressman Sabath said, "My query has been, and still is today, Why should not the United States try to cultivate the good will of the Soviet Republics? It is realized now in many quarters that Great Britain made a serious if not well-nigh fatal mistake by not concluding and cementing friendly relations with Russia ahead of Germany. Should we repeat that error? . . .

"I know there are critics of Russia and its policies. Investigation will reveal, I sincerely believe, that a whole lot of the criticism of Russia is due to Nazi and Fascist propaganda. That is one of the subtle tricks of the leaders of these two 'isms'. They conduct all kinds of subversive activities and then try to escape detection and blame by pointing their fingers at the Communists. . . ."

Congressman Sabath continued, "And regardless of what the Nazi, Fascist, or capitalist groups in the United States may say about Russia, I reiterate that the best interest of the United States will be served not by criticizing and assailing Russia but by taking just the opposite course and seeking her friendly co-operation. The latter course will insure the benefit of America, and it is the welfare and safety of America that in these critical days should be our sole objective."

The Communist magazine, *New Masses*, seized upon the Congressman's pro-Soviet pronouncement and started an energetic propa-

ganda in favor of that position. Among other things, the *New Masses* asked a number of Senators for their reaction to the proposed Soviet-American concord. Senator Bennet Champ Clark of Missouri minced no words in his courageous reply. In a letter to the Editor of the *New Masses*, the Senator said: "You have asked me for my reaction to the remarks of Congressman Sabath looking toward throwing the United States into the arms of Communist Russia.

"My reaction is that I am in favor of peace with all nations unless they attack us or unless we have competent evidence that they are about to attack us—either externally or internally.

"I think that all ideas of dictatorship are equally abhorrent to American institutions and American ideals, no matter by what name they may be called. From our standpoint, I see no difference between Hitler and Stalin and Mussolini, all of whom are bloody-handed murderers and all of whom have committed unspeakable crimes against humanity.

"I see no merit in the proposition that we should regard Mussolini and Hitler as our natural and inevitable enemies and fold to our breasts the ruthless aggressor in the brutal and unspeakable rape of Finland.

"I cannot understand the claims to sincerity of Americans who only a few months ago professed to be indignant about the wanton invasion of Finland and who now advocate the appeasement of the Russian bear—with its claws still dripping from patriotic Finnish blood—by turning over to it \$5,000,000 worth of machine tools now imperatively needed for the defense of the United States."

Senator Clark, of course, was referring to the action of the President, who denounced the Finnish invasion before the American Youth Congress, but recently ordered the transfer to Russia of machine tools for use in the armament business. Clark belongs to the numerically small group of senators who have been stigmatized as "isolationists" because they have consistently opposed the intermeddling of America in European and Asiatic affairs.

On all sides, the question is asked, Does the reelection of President Roosevelt mean war? No one who knows the inside Washington situation can answer that question positively and dogmatically. Much talk has been vented on both sides—affirmatively and negatively. The best informed opinion supports this conclusion: While there may be no "secret agreement" of any specific kind, the New Deal Administration is definitely committed to seeing to it that Britain does not lose.

Now, if the integrity of the British Empire can be preserved by our sending arms and ammunition to England, then that will be the extent of our help; we will not send men. But suppose the British find it impossible to win, impossible to stave off defeat, without additional help? Then, the New Deal Administration is committed to giving additional help—yes, all the additional help which may be needed. If planes and destroyers are not enough; then battleships and men will eventually be contributed.

The Administration is, doubtless, sincere in stating that there is no intention to send our men abroad. American military experts think Britain will win without our actual participation in the war. A recent poll conducted by the United States News showed that our outstanding Army and Navy officials declared, by a majority of about 2 to 1, their "official opinion" that Britain will be able to win without man power being supplied by the United States. However, the same "experts", a year ago, were overwhelmingly of the opinion that the Maginot line could never be cracked.

Britain has succeeded in staving off, and perhaps permanently precluding, Nazi invasion of the Isles. But victory cannot be attained by a mere defense, however courageous. To win the war, Britain must invade Continental Europe. In other words, a victory for either side depends upon outright invasion. To defeat Britain, Germany would have to cross the English channel and land troops on British soil and subdue the British army. This she has been unable to accomplish. A British victory could be won only in the same

manner: Britain would need to cross the channel, land troops on Continental Europe, and then smash the German army. This seems like an almost impossible assignment. Britain had her best troops in France; she had the French army as an ally. Yet, the combined allied forces were overwhelmed, the Maginot line was pulverized, and the British troops barely escaped back across the channel to England. The difficulties confronting a British attempt to land troops on the Continent are at least equal to the well-nigh insurmountable obstacles facing a German attempt to land troops on the British Isles.

It is absolutely true that Britain does not want an American expeditionary force at the present time. She would have difficulty feeding them in inactivity on the British Isles. She has several million of her own soldiers being kept in immobility there now. Britain is obviously in no position to try a large-scale invasion of the Continent at this time. But she is strengthening herself for such an endeavor. When the time comes—in six months or a year—for her to strike; or, perhaps, after she has launched a grand-scale offensive—the full pressure to force American participation will be exerted.

Meanwhile, the theater of battle seems clearly to be shifting to Africa. Hitler has put on cold-storage the idea of invading England. That has been indefinitely postponed. His next move will be to bring Africa—the whole of it—under the dominion of the Rome-Berlin Axis. German fifth columnists have been “planted” in the British and French colonies in a far more thoroughgoing manner than they were infiltrated throughout Norway and Holland before those nations were subdued. Apparently, Italy’s attack on Greece is to “clear the Grecian flank” for a German invasion of Turkey. Franco appears to be “fighting shy”, but eventually he will doubtless “co-operate” in the Axis drive against Gibraltar and the African continent.

The invasion of Africa may not be the best of strategy from the Nazi military standpoint. But it is necessary if the British blockade is to be broken. British military experts rather welcome the opening up of Africa as a battlefield. If the Nazis are obliged to stretch out their armed forces over two continents, opening an ever-widening front, their army will be pretty well thinned out. This is what the British

hope for. Britain will have full freedom of movement in the seas along the African coast. They may enable the British to out-maneuver the Axis powers. In the end, the British would hope to cut a path right back up to the heart of Germany by following, in reverse, the route taken by the Nazis in cutting into Africa, across the Dardenelles and Gibraltar.

But a battle line stretched over two continents would need men to man it. The combined Italian-German armies are twice as big as the British-Canadian-Australian, plus whatever armed forces can be mustered from other parts of the Empire. The Nazi-Fascist forces would be well thinned out; but the British would be still thinner. When confronted with such a situation, Britain would have no choice but to shout an S. O. S. to Uncle Sam. If the situation were really desperate and critical, the New Deal is committed to respond.

We may grant that the Administration sincerely wants to keep us out of war. But the whole Hull policy of internationalism regards the possible fall of Britain as the greatest of all possible calamities. Every honest effort might be made to avoid war. But if British victory required our participation, the Administration would not hesitate to order it. Naturally, this was not openly declared by the Administration before election. Yet, the fact of this commitment was never, even by inference, denied. In fact, one does not need to read between the lines of the statements by the President and the Secretary of State. It is all quite self-evident and implicit from a fair interpretation of those statements, let alone a candid recognition of what is commonly accepted to be indubitably true in all informed Capitol circles.

Russia’s policy seems, at present, to be designed to force American participation in the war. Stalin is tipping the “balance of power” in favor of the Axis, so as to weaken the British position to whatever extent may be necessary to cause Uncle Sam to stampede “to the rescue of embattled Britain.” A month ago, there seemed some possibility that Russia might “go over to the British side”. This seems very unlikely now. Russia wants the rest of the world embroiled in war. She can best accomplish this by stringing along with Hitler.

Karl H. Von Wiegand, a veteran reporter of ten wars, has summed it

up this way: “Soviet Russia and Joseph Stalin will be the real winners of both the war in Europe between England, Germany and Italy, and the war in Asia between Japan and China, no matter what the outcome of each may be. That is, if America’s and Britain’s policies continue on their present course.

“Soviet Russia and Joseph Stalin have kept out of Anglo-German conflict in Europe with great profit to Russia and have no intention of being drawn into the war in Asia.

“At the feet of the Soviet Government within the great wall of the Kremlin in Moscow, bringing gifts of admiration and affection are England, America, Germany, Turkey, Japan and Italy.

“Joseph Stalin selected Adolph Hitler as his partner. He is sticking to him, despite his coquettish flirtations with others. . . . Hitler has done well by Stalin and the latter knows and appreciates it. In recent years, more especially since the beginning of the present war, Soviet Russia has achieved every diplomatic, political and military objective set by Stalin.

“Stalin is not likely to break with Adolph Hitler at the height of Germany’s military power. Hitler has close to 5,000,000 soldiers under arms and no front, excepting the air war against England.”

(Von Wiegand does not consider what Stalin might do after Hitler’s forces are spread out over the African front.)

Von Wiegand goes on, “Hitler has helped to great prestige. England can offer Moscow little. Washington can offer still less.

“If President Roosevelt plunges America into a war that is not ours. . . . Soviet Russia would be the one remaining great power at peace.

“What a world-wide propaganda advertisement that would be for Communism and for Communist Russia!

“Soviet Russia, thanks to its astute moves, is the one country to whom war has brought great gain. Prolongation of the war would bring it still more.”

There are other possibilities worth exploring, of course. But Stalin’s most recent and prospective moves and maneuvers strongly suggest that he aims to prolong the war by accomplishing American involvement. Evidence seems to indicate that Russia is withdrawing aid from

China, and is subtly strengthening the hand of Japan. Emboldening Japan is the surest and quickest way to cause her to challenge the American position in the Orient, just as the strengthening of Hitler's hand is the surest and quickest way to create a "crisis in the battle of Britain" that would cause the Administration to fulfill its commitment "not to let Britain down", not to let Britain

lose, no matter what the cost might be in munitions—or in men.

Soviet Russia was given a tremendous advantage when the Administration let it be widely understood that, whether written or not, whether formally made or not, such a commitment to such a course will be rigidly followed. Uncle Sam, in effect, is handcuffed; is committed in advance to a certain course of action.

He thus loses his influence in world affairs, while Russia is left free to plot and plan to create, by cunning and conspiracy, the very condition which—automatically—will thrust us into war in obedience to a preconceived course which was well, but not wisely, thought out by an Administration which arrives at decisions without consulting Congress or securing its consent.

## WHAT ABOUT MID-AFRICA MISSIONARIES NOW?

By PAUL METZLER, Field Counsellor

Since my return to the U. S. A. many questions have been asked me concerning the position of French Equatorial Africa at the present time. Many people have thought that we were forced to leave our field. Others have thought that there might be a possibility of the Mid-Africa missionaries having to leave the field in the near future. Still others have wondered if the missionaries would have to get along without funds. I am glad to be able to answer some of these questions which may be on your minds.

The party of missionaries which landed with me in Brooklyn August 17th did not leave the colony of French Equatorial Africa because they were forced to do so. Of course there is always a possibility of our missionaries having to come home but that possibility is more remote today than it was two months ago.

Since my return to the U. S. A. the French colonies of Tchad, Oubangui-Chari, Moyen or Middle Congo, Gabon and Cameroun have revolted from the Vichy government and have lined up along side of Great Britain. As long as Great Britain remains undefeated our missionaries will be able to carry on the work of giving out the Gospel of the Lord Jesus to the natives of French Equatorial Africa.

At the time of our return the stocks of food supplies were beginning to get quite low but since we have had word from the field that supplies are now going into F. E. A. England has agreed to buy the produce of the French colonies which have lined up with her and also to see they receive food supplies.

I am happy to say that there is no danger of not being able to get

funds to our missionaries. There are several ways by which we can get the money to them. You might pray especially for Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt at Fort Archambault for they were supported by the Baptist Church of Rue de Naples of Paris. Their support has been cut off since the occupation of France. They are doing a wonderful work among the white population of the Tchad.

There are now fifteen of the missionaries of our field home on furlough. There are five others on their way now. Next Spring nearly twenty of those now on the field are due to return home. At the present time there is no reason why we who are home can not return to the field when the time does come for us. Will you not pray that the doors may remain open and that all of us, will have all that is needed for our return when that time comes?

### "GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT"

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world who deserves the titles which are given to the Lord Jesus Christ? Notice again the five adjectives used by Isaiah the Prophet as he describes the character of the Lord Jesus.

First, the Prophet calls Him "Wonderful". There are many wonderful personages in this world, but Christ towers above them all. He is Wonderful in His character, Wonderful in His birth, Wonderful in His work of redemption, Wonderful in His Eternal Glory.

He is Wonderful as Lord, Wonderful as Saviour, Wonderful as High-priest, Wonderful as King. He is Wonderful as Lawgiver, Wonderful as Light, Wonderful as Lamb. He is Wonderful as Maker, Wonderful as Man, Wonderful as Mediator, Wonderful as Messiah, Wonderful as Mighty God, Wonderful as Morning Star.

He is Wonderful as Captain, Won-

derful as Cornerstone, Wonderful as Counsellor. I could go on, and on in trying to describe to you this *Wonderful Person*, but words are only inadequate symbols on paper.

He is also called, "The Prince of Peace." He was born into this world for the purpose of bringing peace. He came to set men at peace with God by delivering them from their sin.

I want to bring to your hearts another proof of the incarnation of God the *Son*.

You remember, that in Isaiah 9:6 we read, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a *Son* is given." The verb "is" is in the present tense. The Prophecies of God's Word are very often put into present tense, as though the things prophesied were already fulfilled, and in God's sight they are.

Now, I want to compare *Isaiah* 9:6 with a New Testament passage of Scripture, and let us observe the wonderful fulfillment of this Old

Testament prophecy.

In Matthew 1:22-23 we read, "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with *child*, and shall bring forth a *son*, and they shall call His Name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Compare *Isaiah* 7:14).

The Prophet is *Isaiah* through whom the Lord spoke, and the things he spoke find their fulfillment in the New Testament.

You will notice that Matthew 1:23 mentions the same things as *Isaiah* 9:6, "*Child*, and *Son*." There are no contradictions in God's Precious, Infallible Word. Whatsoever has been prophesied in the Word of God, finds its fulfillment in the Word of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ had a miraculous birth. He had to have a miraculous birth, in order to be a miraculous Person.

The virgin birth of Jesus Christ is being denied today by many. The

fact that it is denied by many, does not change the Truth of God's Holy Word.

God does not argue with anybody, whether or not he is willing to believe the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

God simply states in His Word that Jesus Christ His Son was born of a virgin, and He expects man to believe what He says about Him.

Notice the simple statement made in a few words in Matthew 1:18, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His Mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with *child* of the Holy Ghost." This is the only place in Scripture where you will find God explaining the miraculous birth of His Son in so few words.

There has been, and there still is, and I suppose always will be in this world, much controversy over the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. There need be no controversy at all, if people would simply believe what God says in His Holy Word.

The same thing is true of Genesis 1:1. God says, "In the beginning God created the Heaven, and the earth." God simply makes a statement of fact, and man is constantly arguing about this fact of creation. They have not only argued about it, but denied the fact, and have manufactured their man made, hell born evolutionary theory.

My friend, God wants us to believe Him. He expects us to believe His Word, and the record it gives us of His Virgin born Son.

Take the miraculous out of the Bible and you will have nothing left but a myth. If the Lord Jesus had not been born of the Holy Spirit, He too would have had a sinful nature. But He was conceived by the Holy Spirit of God, and therefore without sin. He knew no sin, because He was God. He came to bring the peace of God into a dark, and sin stricken world.

What would this world be without Christianity? It is in a bad shape now. I'll grant you that, but I'll tell you why. It is because men have forsaken the true religion, and have brought in "damnable heresies". They have changed the religion of the cross of Jesus Christ into man made philosophies. At this season of the year everybody gets religious. People who never otherwise darken the church doors will come to church during the Christmas season. They go to see the Christmas tree, and hear the choir sing their Christ-

mas music, and listen to the preacher preach about Santa Claus. Oh, my friend, if that is what you go to church for, I'm afraid that you have never yet learned the true significance of Christmas.

I believe, if the Lord Jesus Himself would come to earth this Christmas, He would ask, "What are the people celebrating?"

If He should go to some of the churches, all He would see, would be Christmas trees, and painted faces. All He would hear in the average church today, would be about Santa Claus, instead of Christ. Oh, how sad that the significance of Christmas has lost its reality.

We are living in a world which is filled with war and unrest. But, again Christmas comes with its message of peace, and glad tidings because of the Saviour's birth.

In Luke 2:8-14 we read, "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

What a wonderful message of peace, this, which the angel brought to earth. 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'

This is a wonderful message for the day in which we live, is it not?

"Fear not". These two words are found about 365 times in the Bible. There is a "Fear not" for each day in the year.

The opposite is true today. Men's hearts are filled with fear, and their "hearts are failing them for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." (Luke 21:26).

This message of good will, and Salvation is rejected by men today. "They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. (Hosea 8:7).

This is also true of individuals.

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They will reap what they have sown.

God's Word says, "Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Galatians 6:7-8).

What have you sown during the year 1940? Have you been sowing good seed, or bad seed? You will reap accordingly, my friend. I do trust you have been sowing to the Spirit, and you shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Hearken to the message of Christmas as it comes to you again.

Listen to the glad tidings as the angel of the Lord announces this joyful message, "For unto *you* is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

This, my dear friend, is God's Christmas gift to you. This is the greatest of all gifts which you could ever receive. You may receive many other gifts, but if you have

never yet received God's Christmas gift of His Son to you, then you have not as yet learned the real significance of Christmas.

"Behold, I bring *you* good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." (Luke 2:10).

Do you have real Christmas joy in your heart? Have you received the glad tidings of salvation, which Christ came to bring into the world?

"Unto *you* is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Notice, the verse says, "Unto *you* is born a Saviour." Will you not make this Christmas a real Christmas for yourself by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour?

Permit Him to be born into your heart, my friend, and you will really be able to celebrate Christmas, not "Xmas".

When Christ was born, He was born in a stable, "because there was no room for Him in the inn." (Luke 2:7).

I wonder, if you will not empty your heart of other things, my friend, and make room for *Him* in your heart.

You have lived so many years without Him, but will you not start 1941 with Christ in your life?

Never mind making resolutions for the new year. Resolutions can't save your soul. You need Redemption. You need restitution, and not all kinds of resolutions.

Hark, I pray you, to the message of the angel again, "For unto *you* is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

O, let not this angelic message to you be in vain, but hearken to the voice of God's Spirit, and make room in your heart for Him, and His peace will invade your being.

May God grant you to see, and to experience the reality of Christmas.

"For unto *you* is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11) AMEN.

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CHICAGO—Beverly Grace Baptist Church  
Rev. C. E. Davis  
CHICAGO—First Roseland Baptist Church  
Rev. Henry W. Dahl  
CHICAGO—Riis Park Baptist Church  
Rev. Dale R. Harris  
CUSTER PARK—Custer Park Baptist Church  
Rev. Everett E. Sterling  
DECATUR—Riverside Baptist Church  
Rev. J. M. Carlson  
FAIRBURY—Fairbury Baptist Church  
Rev. Wm' A. Wood  
HARVEY—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Melvin Hansen  
LASALLE—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Robt. Cook

PANA—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Ray F. Hamilton  
PLAINFIELD—First Baptist Church  
Rev. A. G. Annette  
PONTIAC—Fundamental Baptist Tab.  
Rev. Paul J. Knook  
ROXANA—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Denzel L. Osburn  
WESTERN SPRINGS—Emmanuel Baptist Church.  
Rev. F. L. Prestidge  
INDIANA  
BEECH GROVE—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Roy C. Carlson  
BOONEVILLE — Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. Paul Hall  
CRAWFORDSVILLE — First Baptist Church  
Rev. W. A. Gidener  
ELKHART—First Baptist Church  
Rev. David E. Gillespie  
GARY—Central Baptist Church  
Rev. Wm. Headley  
GARY—Brunswick Baptist Church  
Rev. P. R. Halvorsen  
HOBART—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Harold Cole  
INDIANAPOLIS — Grace Baptist Church  
Rev. H. B. McClanahan  
INDIANAPOLIS—Thirty-first St. Baptist Church  
Rev. Robert D. McCarthy

- LEBANON—Walnut Street Baptist Church  
Rev. Harry Hybarger
- MENTONE—First Baptist Church
- MICHIGAN CITY—Poplar St. Baptist Church  
Rev. Carl W. Brown
- PRINCETON—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Orville Yeager
- IOWA
- CORWITH—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Albert Rust
- ELDORA—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Gus H. Dahlberg
- FLORIS—Bible Baptist Church  
Rev. Harold Day
- FOREST CITY—First American Bap. Church  
Rev. Loyal Marx
- GRUNDY CENTER — First Baptist Church  
Rev. David Alexander
- HORTON—Horton Baptist Church  
Rev. Judson McClure
- MONROE—First Baptist Church  
Rev. C. E. Sharer
- MUSCATINE—Lincoln Blvd. Baptist Church  
Rev. L. F. Church
- NEW HARTFORD — First Baptist Church  
Rev. Loyd Holm
- WATERLOO — Hagerman Baptist Church  
Rev. Maynard Rogers
- WATERLOO—Burton Ave. Baptist Church  
Rev. Wm. Harvey Taylor
- WATERLOO—Walnut Street Baptist Church  
Rev. R. T. Ketcham
- WAVERLY—First Baptist Church  
Rev. V. C. Oltrogge
- YARMOUTH—First Baptist Church  
Rev. John Kastelein
- MASSACHUSETTS
- BRAINTREE — Storrs Ave. Baptist Church  
Rev. D. W. Moffatt
- LYNN — Fundamental Baptist Church  
Rev. Clayton H. Gray
- MEDFORD—South Medford Baptist Church  
Rev. Richard E. Purchase
- MERRIMAC—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Francis K. Steeves
- MICHIGAN
- ALASKA—Alaska Baptist Church  
Rev. C. E. Garvin
- ALLEGAN—First Baptist Church  
Rev. E. R. Hill
- CALUMET—First Baptist Church  
Rev. L. A. Kennedy
- CEDAR SPRINGS — First Baptist Church  
Rev. Griffith C. Rice
- DOLLAR BAY — Bethany Baptist Church  
Rev. G. J. Flokstra
- EAST GRAND RAPIDS—Lake Drive Baptist Church  
Rev. Gerard Knol
- FLINT—Riverdale Baptist Church  
Rev. Merle T. Huffmaster
- FLINT—South Baptist Church  
Rev. Oscar M. Smith
- GRAND RAPIDS—Berean Bap. Church  
Rev. Howard Keithley
- GRAND RAPIDS — Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. Robert Ryerse
- GRAND RAPIDS — Second Baptist Church
- GRAND RAPIDS—Wealthy St. Baptist Temple  
Rev. David Otis Fuller, D. D.
- HAZEL PARK — Tabernacle Baptist Church  
Rev. Harvey F. Morrison
- HASTINGS—First Baptist Church  
Rev. N. J. Adcock
- HOLLAND—First Orthodox Baptist Church  
Rev. VanderWeide
- HOWARD CITY—First Baptist Church  
Rev. B. P. Rowe
- IONIA — Ionia Orthodox Baptist Church  
Rev. Kenneth Romig
- KENT CITY—First Baptist Church  
Rev. C. Allan Taff
- LAPEER—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Walter Davis
- LOWELL—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Robert Gentz
- MARNE—Berlin Baptist Church  
Rev. Peter VanderWall
- MIDDLEVILLE—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Sheldon B. Quincer
- OTTAWA COUNTY—North Chester Baptist Church
- PORT HURON—Court St. Baptist Church  
Rev. C. E. Vasbinder
- REED CITY—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Louis Arkema
- ST. CLAIR—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Hiram A. Pegg
- WILLIAMSTON—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Harold T. Reese
- MINNESOTA
- AUSTIN—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Leo Sandgren
- BEMIDJI—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Albin E. Berglund
- BROWNSDALE—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Roy H. Boldt.
- CANBY—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Worth Sauser
- KASSON—Kasson Baptist Church  
Rev. Frank P. Pederson
- MORRISTOWN—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Arlin Halverson
- OWATONNA—Calvary Bap. Church  
H. H. Friesen
- WINONA—Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. Arlo Twist
- MISSOURI
- KANSAS CITY—First Regular Baptist Church  
Rev. O. W. Stanbrough
- ST. LOUIS—Jennings Baptist Church  
Rev. Paul Smith
- NEW JERSEY
- ATLANTIC CITY—Chelsea Baptist Church  
Rev. Clarence E. Mason, Jr.
- ATLANTIC CITY—First Bap. Church  
Rev. Coulson Shepherd
- FLORENCE—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Robert Hayden
- HACKENSACK—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Harry C. Leach
- NORTH PLAINFIELD—Hydewood Park Baptist Church  
Rev. Ralph W. Carr
- PORT NORRIS—Port Norris Baptist Church  
Rev. Kenneth D. Bouton
- NEW YORK
- BINGHAMTON—Grade Bap. Church  
Rev. Fred R. Hawley
- BINGHAMTON — Park Ave. Baptist Church  
Rev. Arthur F. Williams
- BUFFALO—First Baptist Church  
Rev. H. G. Hamilton, D. D.
- CORNWALL—Cornwall Bap. Church  
Rev. F. D. Banta
- ENDICOTT—First Baptist Church  
Rev. W. Hull
- ITALY HILL—First Baptist Church
- ITHACA—Tabernacle Baptist Church  
Rev. Joseph Stowell
- JOHNSON CITY—First Bap. Church  
Rev. Kenneth R. Kinney
- KILLAWOG—Killawog Bap. Church  
Rev. Eugene Kintner
- MARATHON—First Baptist Church  
Joel Wade
- NORWICH—Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. Reginald L. Matthews
- NEWARK VALLEY — First Baptist Church  
Rev. Douglas Burt
- OTEGO—Otego Baptist Church  
Rev. Carey Moser
- PRATTSBURG VILLAGE—Bap. Church
- TOTTENVILLE, S. I.—South Baptist Church  
Rev. James M. Grier
- VENICE CENTER — Venice Baptist Church  
Rev. F. T. Perry
- WATERVILLE—First Baptist Church  
Rev. Howard J. Davenport
- WYOMING—First Baptist Church  
Rev. John D. Tyler
- BUFFALO—Grace Baptist Church  
Rev. Milton Arnold

NIOBE—Niobe Baptist Church  
 Rev. Donald Beightol  
 NORTH TONAWANDA—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. C. B. Hayden  
 PAVILION—Pavilion Baptist Church  
 OHIO  
 COLUMBUS—Immanuel Bap. Church  
 Rev. Wesley Dissette  
 DAYTON—Haynes St. Bap. Church  
 Rev. Wm. E. Taylor  
 ELYRIA—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. J. Irving Reese  
 FINDLAY—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. Wm. H. Schweinfurth  
 KIPTON—Camden Center Baptist Church  
 Rev. Melvin O. Welch  
 LAGRANGE—LaGrange Bap. Church  
 Rev. Henry Cruver  
 PORTSMOUTH—Temple Bap. Church  
 Rev. H. O. Van Gilder  
 TOLEDO—Emmanuel Baptist Church  
 Rev. James T. Jeremiah  
 PENNSYLVANIA  
 CORRY—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. James C. Eelman  
 ERIE—Bethel Baptist Church  
 Rev. S. Franklin Logsdon  
 HALLSTEAD—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. Joseph B. Harrison  
 LOCK HAVEN—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. Howard Young  
 SPARTANSBURG—First Bap. Church  
 Rev. J. Allen Waugaman  
 UNION CITY—Juva Free Baptist Church  
 Rev. Donald Miller  
 WISCONSIN  
 MERTON—Merton Baptist Church  
 Rev. Milton Dowden  
 RACINE—Grove Ave. Baptist Church  
 Rev. Walter H. Carvin  
 VERONA—Memorial Baptist Church  
 Rev. T. J. Gibson  
 WASHINGTON  
 TACOMA—Temple Baptist Church  
 Dr. R. L. Powell  
 WEST VIRGINIA  
 CHARLESTON—Randolph St. Baptist Church  
 Rev. R. T. Nordlund  
 CLENDENIN—Calvary Baptist Church  
 Rev. E. V. Howell  
 MANNINGTON—Calvary Bap. Church  
 Rev. Gerald V. Smelser  
 HAWAII  
 HONOLULU—Calvary Baptist Church  
 Rev. E. M. Shipman

#### ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OF ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

CERES, CALIFORNIA—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. N. L. Freeman  
 Rev. Peter Jorgensen

Rev. T. D. Quick  
 Rev. Fred Bach  
 Rev. Sheldon Helsley  
 ROXANA, ILLINOIS — First Baptist Church  
 Rev. & Mrs. Henry Digby (Missionary)  
 Miss Marie Dowding (Missionary)  
 Rev. George Peak  
 Mr. Arvis Fields (Licensed)  
 GARY, INDIANA — Central Baptist Church  
 Rev. V. F. Anderson  
 Rev. Raymond Coon  
 Rev. Leslie Hautin  
 Rev. W. A. Ross (Missionary)  
 Rev. G. Dibble  
 Rev. A. Donald Moffat (Missionary)  
 Rev. Glynn Evans  
 HOBART, INDIANA — First Baptist Church  
 Mr. Myland Amundson (Missionary)  
 Mr. Lewis W. Scott (Licensed)  
 ELDORA, IOWA—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. Dewey Lampracht  
 Mr. Arthur Allan (Licensed)  
 WATERLOO, IOWA—Hagermann Baptist Church  
 Rev. Winston R. Rogers  
 WATERLOO, IOWA — Walnut Street Baptist Church  
 Rev. W. E. Kuhnle  
 Rev. Harold Street  
 ELYRIA—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. Ralph Neighbour  
 Rev. B. Davidson  
 Rev. R. E. Neighbour  
 BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. Garnet Trimble (Missionary)  
 Miss Caroline Campbell (Missionary)  
 Miss Elsie Parks (Missionary)  
 Miss Ruth Campbell (Missionary)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Howland (Missionary)  
 Mr. Edward Clay (Licensed)  
 KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — First Regular Baptist Church  
 Rev. Howard H. Planck  
 Rev. H. W. Blake  
 Mr. & Mrs. George O'Dell (Missionaries)  
 ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. George C. Schroeder  
 Rev. William Ross  
 Rev. Walter Rogers  
 ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Chelsea Baptist Church  
 Rev. David D. Allen  
 Rev. William Garrison Hunter  
 Rev. Douglas Risher  
 Mr. George K. Francis (Licensed)  
 PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Hydewood Park Baptist Church  
 Rev. John Carrara

PORT NORRIS, N. J.—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. & Mrs. James Ryan (Missionary)  
 ITHACA, N. Y.—Tabernacle Baptist Church  
 Rev. Harvey Boda (Missionary)  
 Rev. Wade Pinckney  
 Mr. Austin H. Russell (Licensed)  
 JOHNSON CITY, N. Y.—First Baptist Church  
 Rev. Bernard Bancroft  
 Rev. E. H. Bancroft  
 Rev. Harold T. Commons  
 Rev. Lynn Einfeldt  
 Rev. Earl Griffith  
 Rev. John F. Harrison  
 Rev. O. J. May  
 Rev. Charles Morrison  
 Rev. William Peck  
 Rev. Frank Smith  
 Rev. Harold Strathearn  
 Rev. Richard Teachout  
 Rev. Earl Whitney

### ORDINATIONS

#### A. DONALD MOFFAT AND GLYNN EVANS

In response to an invitation of the Central Baptist Church of Gary, Ind., a council composed of thirty members met Thursday afternoon, November 7th, to examine A. Donald Moffat and Glynn Evans for ordination to the Gospel ministry. The council expressed itself unanimously in favor of their ordination and the service was held the same evening. The editor of the Baptist Bulletin preached the ordination sermon.

#### ROMA L. TWIST

In response to an invitation of the Calvary Baptist Church of Winona, Minn., a council met to examine Mr. Roma L. Twist for ordination. His ordination was approved and carried out the same evening.

#### RAYMOND E. ROSS

The Warren Center Baptist Church, Warren Center, Pa., presented Brother Raymond E. Ross to a council September 25th. He was unanimously recommended for ordination and the service was held the same evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ross plan to leave for Bolivia, South America, as missionaries.

#### BURTON C. REED

The Faith Baptist Church of Saginaw, Mich., on the recommendation of a council called by them October 18th, proceeded to the ordination of Brother Burton C. Reed on the evening of that date.

#### MELVIN V. EFAW

In response to an invitation from Calvary Baptist Church, Manning-



ton, W. Va., a council met September 24th to examine Brother Melvin F. Efaw for ordination. He was unanimously recommended and the ordination was completed the same evening.

## NEW ENGLAND FELLOWSHIP MEETS

The New England Regular Baptist Fellowship held its monthly meeting on November 4, 1940 at 2:30 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. in the First Independent Baptist Church of Rowley, Mass. Rev. Stanley Gregory, a graduate of the Baptist Bible Seminary at Johnson City, N. Y. is the pastor of the church and is carrying on a splendid work of Gospel preaching and soul-winning.

Dr. R. C. Thomas, of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism gave a thought-provoking message on the subject, "Harnessing The Power". Reports were then received from all the visiting pastors. Rev. Richard Purchase, pastor of the South Medford Baptist Church, delivered a challenging message on "The Barrier to Service." The afternoon meeting closed with a presentation of Child Evangelism by Mr. H. L. Truesdale, New England Director of the Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Rev. C. H. Gray, pastor of The Fundamental Baptist Church of Lynn, Mass., presided at the evening service and conducted the service of praise. The orchestra of the Austin Sq. Baptist Church of Lynn, Mass., accompanied the singing and rendered a special selection. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. D. W. Moffatt of The Storrs Avenue Baptist Church of Braintree, Mass., and prayer was offered by Rev. H. L. Sthengaard of The Immanuel Baptist Church of Cambridge, Mass. A stirring evangelistic message was given by Rev. W. A. Haggai of The Brookville Baptist Church, Brookville, Mass. Brother Haggai spoke on Our Lord's dealing with Nicodemus showing how the four pillars of self-righteousness, the pride of face, place, race and grace, were all torn away, leaving Nicodemus to trust only in Christ and to be born again.

It was voted to hold the next meeting with the Portuguese Baptist Church of Cambridge, Mass. New England readers of the Bulletin wishing to know more about this fellowship may write to the president, Rev. C. H. Gray, 35 Birch St., Saugus, Mass.

## ANOTHER CHURCH ENTERS FELLOWSHIP

The First Roseland Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., voted to declare itself in fellowship with the General Association. Rev. Henry W. Dahl is the pastor of this fine and growing church. Rev. Harold Palmer, who has just sailed for the Philippine Islands as a missionary, was Mr. Dahl's immediate predecessor. We welcome this fine church with its strong testimony to the fellowship of the G. A. R. B.

## EMPTY "DAY OF ATONEMENT" FOR ISRAEL

4121 Wyoming St.  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Nov. 6, 1940

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers:

"And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood." Isa. 1:15.

These words of Isaiah give us a true picture of the present condition of Israel, and what a sad picture it is.

On the Day of Atonement, Mildred and Miss Dowding attended the service in one of the large Jewish Temples. It began at 10 o'clock and continued until 12:30. They arrived shortly before the service was due to begin and as they entered the Temple a man barred their way and said, "Tickets, please." We learned later that these tickets sold for a mere \$10.00 each. Of course they had no tickets and explained to a man, who seemed to have some authority, that they were not Jewish and had come to observe the manner in which the Jews conducted the Day of Atonement service. Upon hearing this explanation the man stepped aside and said, "Go right in, you are perfectly welcome." After they were seated inside they looked around and estimated the seating capacity of the Temple to be about 2,000 and when the service began, the place was practically filled. The service was conducted by the Rabbi, and an assistant who read in English from a prayer book, parts of which were repeated by the congregation. At the right of the platform, behind a grill, a mixed quartette sang. As the service progressed two doors, of beautiful gold mosaic framed by marble pillars, parted, disclosing three large scrolls resting on a shelf. One of these was the "Torah" (the books of Moses). The Rabbi

took this and laid it very reverently upon the pulpit desk. He then read from it in Hebrew after which he replaced it upon the shelf and the doors closed. The assistant then left the platform and after a solo by the soprano in the quartette, the Rabbi began his sermon. He spoke about the awful conditions in Europe and advised the people that the way to escape them was to have an inner sanctuary within themselves to which to flee. He suggested three ways of bringing about a remedy. 1. Get back to your real self. 2. Get back to Nature. 3. Get back to God. He told them that the heart of man was not naturally wicked, a direct contradiction to the words of the prophet Jeremiah. In all this Day of Atonement service, not one word was spoken concerning the blood atonement for sin which God demanded and about which Moses wrote in the book of Leviticus. And these are the people who tell us, as we go to them with the Gospel. "We don't need you to come and tell us what to do, we have our Rabbis." No wonder the Lord Jesus spoke concerning them, "Blind, leaders of the blind."

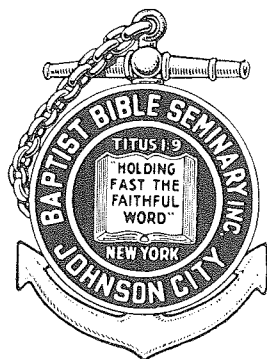
Last Friday night we had a fellowship gathering in our home and there were nine Jews present, four of them believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the others unsaved. We sang and had some testimonies and then Rev. Osburn of the First Baptist Church in Roxana, Illinois, brought a message from the book of Ephesians. It gave us a real thrill to meet with these Jewish people and to see the interest with which those who were not believers listened to the word as it was expounded. All of them enjoyed it very much and one of the men told me he had never been in a meeting like that before. It is much easier to get the Jews to come to a meeting in some one's home as they do not have the fear they have of going into a mission. We are planning to have these meetings about every month or six weeks, the Lord willing, and we would appreciate having you pray for them. A young man accepted Christ in one of these meetings, held just north of Collinsville, Illinois, in September. We cooperated in this meeting with some other missionaries to the Jews.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you;" II Thess. 3:1.

Your missionaries to Israel,  
Carl and Mildred Anderson.

## THE BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY

DR. EARLE G. GRIFFITH, Pres. DR. EMERY BANCROFT, Dean  
DONALD B. STOWELL, News Editor



"But verily God heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me."—Psa. 66:19, 20. Truly God did not turn away the prayers of the students which were uttered on the "day of prayer", Wednesday, October 30th.

Dean Bancroft led the first session. During that period the personal needs were voiced. Miss Hazel Vibbard took charge of the second ses-

sion. At that time the scope of the prayers was enlarged, reaching the home churches of the students. Miss Elizabeth Fletcher led the session which was spent in prayer for the missionaries, who are laboring for the Lord in the uttermost parts of the world.

At the afternoon session the young ladies met under the guidance of Miss Mabel Thomson; the young men under Dean Bancroft. Rev. Arthur Williams brought the young men a message on the Holy Spirit. For the closing minutes the student body united and praised God for the blessings already received from the "day of prayer".

### "FAREWELL DINNER"

The Senior Class sponsored a farewell dinner in honor of Rev. Milton D. Arnold, who has been associated with the Seminary since its inception. Raymond Poludniak, president of the Senior Class, was toast-

master. After dinner speeches were given by Mrs. Bertha Coons Bundy '38, representing the Calvary Baptist Church. Her subject was "Rev. Arnold, Our Pastor". Rev. J. N. Pfaff '41, represented the student body, speaking on "Rev. Arnold, Our Teacher". Dean Bancroft spoke for the faculty on "Rev. Arnold, Our Co-Worker". Dr. Griffith presented the honored guest a leather brief case bearing his name from all who were present at the dinner. The final speaker was Rev. Willis R. Hull. His subject was "Rev. Arnold, Our Friend". Between each speech a special musical number was given.

The Seminary will miss Rev. Arnold, but he is assured of their prayers as he begins his labors in the new field to which God has called him.

### "SPECIAL SPEAKERS"

The students have been especially blessed by inspirational messages this past month given by: Rev. Van Ostenbridge, a home mission worker, who travels across the states in his trailer; Dr. M. E. Hawkins, president of Mid-Missions; and Dr. Harvey Farmer, returned missionary from India and Africa.

## A NEW FELLOWSHIP FORMED

October 17, at the time when the Ohio Association of Independent Baptist Churches were having a large and blessed meeting at the Randolph Street church of Charleston, some messengers from six West Virginia churches and one border Ohio church met and formed a West Virginia Association of Independent Baptist Churches. Three churches have already declared themselves in fellowship with this association — the Randolph St. church, the Calvary church of Clendenin, and the Calvary church of Ceredo. Others will soon take up the matter in their regular monthly or quarterly business meetings and come in also. Those doing so before April first will be counted as charter members of the association.

A simple, Baptistic constitution was adopted, and the New Hampshire Confession of Faith. Two new paragraphs were added, however, to emphasize the absolute sovereignty of the local church and the pre-millennial return of our Lord. These are two points at issue today, and

Baptist confessions have always been living expressions of our distinctive faith, rather than hoary pronouncements of traditional authority. Our only authority is the New Testament. The paragraph on local sovereignty makes it impossible for this association to develop into an overlordship. It can never become more than a fellowship of Independent Baptist churches. Sad experience with Diotrephetical secretaries teaches us thus to curb our own ambitions before we ever are tempted to have any.

Two other provisions also safeguard the future. If we ever get paid officials in this new fellowship, they will not be allowed to vote. We want no interested block as in the N. B. C., where 500 to 700 paid workers vote as a unit every year and prevent the purging out of modernism. Then a church can leave our fellowship much more easily than it can come in. All it needs to do is to pass a church vote not to send messengers and notify the associational clerk of their action. No muss or fuss or secretarial visits to warn the leading members of the mistake of their pastor. In other words, the much advertised

"rope of sand" fellowship is at last perfected. Love alone will hold the fundamental Baptist churches of West Virginia together, and not one ounce of coercion. It is a safe fellowship to enter.

Until permanent officers are chosen in April, when a meeting will be held in Mannington, a committee will carry on the work of enrolling the churches. R. T. Nordlund, Charleston, was chosen chairman, E. V. Howell, Clendenin, vice chairman, and John Fleck (Monongah, secretary-treasurer.

Any church wishing to fellowship with this association should study the constitution and articles of faith, and then pass a resolution to ask for fellowship. The church clerk should then notify Brother Fleck of the church's action.

**DON'T  
LET  
YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION  
EXPIRE**

# GLEANNINGS

Edited by R. F. HAMILTON

## MY NEED AND THE LORD

I had a great need that I brought to the Lord,  
His grace and His mercy I humbly implored;  
He heard my heart's cry, for unceasing I prayed  
And called upon Him who alone could give aid.

I pleaded the promise He'd given so true,  
"And ye shall ask in my name, that will I do;"  
Again and again I repeated the word,  
Until I was sure that my cry had been heard.

I fretted because He the answer delayed,  
And fightings within made my heart sore afraid;  
But just at the hour when my need was so great,  
The petition was granted—He never is late.

I oft wonder why I do not trust Him more,  
Since He upon me all His riches would pour?  
Why should I not rest in His wonderful pow'r,  
Find grace that will keep me each trying hour?

I would from this moment trust in Him alone,  
Since He does answer prayer to me has been shown;  
From doubts, questions and fears I pray to be free,  
And in danger and trial to Him I shall flee.

—J. M. Carlson, Decatur, Ill.

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## SAINTS IN WRONG PLACES

1. Elijah—discouraged under a juniper tree (I Kings 17).
2. Jonah—sleeping when men were perishing (Jonah 1).
3. Young Prophet—deceived because he was disobedient. (I Kings 13).
4. Lot—an ineffective witness because of wrong conduct. (Genesis 19).
5. David—a lazy saint falls into the Devil's trap. (II Sam. 11).
6. Peter—catches nothing when he fishes without Christ. (John 21).

7. Abraham — backslides, and tells a lie in Egypt. (Genesis 12).  
—John Brown.

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Because you prayed for me  
I found the strength I needed for my task,  
The courage I had lacked before, the faith to see  
Beyond my narrow world; new joy for pain  
I found, and zeal  
To press on forward strong of heart again—

Because you prayed.

—Clipped (Waterloo, Ia.)

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ONE THOUSAND QUARTS of foodstuffs were canned by members of the First Baptist Church of Williamston, Michigan for their missionaries in the Kentucky mountains. Each year the church unites in such an enterprise and then has someone drive down to Kentucky with their gift. What rejoicing must be in the hearts of the missionaries as they receive this love offering. Harold T. Reese is pastor of the church.

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THE ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the Regular Baptist Churches met with Pastor Wood of the Fairbury Baptist Church on October 28th and 29th. A fine time of fellowship was enjoyed by the three members of the Illinois council, brothers Wood, Ham and Osburn, and the guest member of the national council, Hamilton. J. M. Carlson of Decatur, another member of the state council was not able to be present.

Private business sessions were held by the council Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning and afternoon, at which time important matters affecting the state fellowship were discussed and ground plans laid for the next annual meeting of the Association. Public messages were given by R. F. Hamilton on Monday evening, D. L. Osburn on Tuesday afternoon, and B. G. Ham on Tuesday evening. Pastor Wood and his people rejoiced in the presence of the brethren and their messages.

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THE RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH of Decatur, Illinois called

a council of churches on November 12th for the purpose of examining Koven Smith with a view to ordination to the gospel ministry.

The church also extended a call to A. G. Annette of Plainfield, Illinois to hold evangelistic services in the church just after Thanksgiving. The church is going forward under the leadership of her aggressive pastor, J. M. Carlson. Fine attendances are indicated at all services.

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"Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or else, if he continue in sin, it will make him cease from prayer. Prayer and sin cannot live together and be active in the same heart."—Bunyan.

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A BLESSED TIME OF FELLOWSHIP was enjoyed one Tuesday in October when a group of Baptist pastors drove to Pana, Illinois to spend the day with the editor of this column. It seems that the brethren down around the St. Louis area have inaugurated a Tuesday fellowship idea when they spend that day visiting some one of the various pastors in their section. We certainly did enjoy having them with us the day they came to Pana. Nothing quite so precious as genuine Christian fellowship.

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Rev. Garrett Graham

GARRETT GRAHAM, who resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Plainfield, Illinois after a profitable four years of ministry, has been giving himself to evangelistic campaigns since his

resignation on August 25th. The Lord has given brother Graham several fine revivals recently; the last one we had report on was with brother Osburn of Roxana, Illinois. So far meetings have been booked up to the first of the year. Headquarters are being made in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 802 S. W. 29th St., where brother Graham has taken his family to live while he is out in campaigns.

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**OTHER PASTORAL CHANGES** in the state of Illinois that have come to our attention recently include the calling of Melvin S. Hanson from Iowa to be pastor of the First Baptist Church of Harvey; Everett E. Sterling is now pastor of Custer Park Baptist Church, Custer Park, Ill. succeeding Edwin Van Til; Rev. Henry W. Dahl has accepted the pastorate of the First Roseland Baptist Church of Chicago. The Central Baptist Church of Elmhurst has merged with the First Baptist of that city. William J. Richardson has been pastor for several months of the Jameson Baptist Church of Alton.

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**THE WALNUT ST. CHURCH** of Waterloo, Iowa has completed plans for a two weeks evangelistic campaign this winter, beginning Sunday, January 5th and running through Sunday January 19th. Dr. John Linton of Philadelphia has been secured as the evangelist. The services of the Carolina Male Quartet has also been secured for the last week of the meetings. This is the famous colored quartet connected with the LeTourneau Evangelistic Center of New York City.

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**TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH** of Tacoma, Washington, Dr. R. L. Powell pastor, cooperated with the Moody Bible Institute Bible Conference which was held October 20th through 25th in the same building in which Temple Baptist Church meets, namely, The Masonic Temple of Tacoma. Among the special speakers that week were Irwin A. Moon with his "Sermons from Science", and Dr. Will H. Houghton.

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#### **TACOMA BRIDGE COLLAPSES**

While we were in the midst of preparing this copy for our Gleanings column, we spotted the newspaper account of the collapse of the famous Tacoma Narrows bridge. Recently completed at a cost of \$6,400,000.00, it was reputed to be the third longest span in the world.

Completed only about five months ago, it was rated as one of the great accomplishments of engineering skill. Yet a high wind literally whipped the bridge to pieces; dropping most of the 2,800 foot center span into Puget Sound 190 feet below.

The "prince of the powers of the air" can still make havoc with the work of men's hands. If that which the best engineering minds of men can devise is not able to stand for only a few short months against the "powers of the air", what might we think of man's flimsy morality which he has tried to stretch across the great divide into eternity, hoping to ride safely upon it to heaven.

We know one bridge that spans the gulf which has withstood every test of heaven and hell, and that is the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. His body broken, His blood shed has fully met every requirement. Travel the safe way; don't try crossing any other bridge, for you will surely be dropped into the pit of eternal judgment.

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#### **PUNGENT PRONOUNCEMENTS**

Mercy is God withholding that which we deserve; Grace is God giving us that which we do not deserve.

The Bible is different than all other books. It excuses no man and condemns every man. It breaks man but man will never break it.

A person who never makes any mistakes never makes much of anything.

William Jennings Bryan: "We need to spend less time studying the ages of the rocks and more time in studying the Rock of Ages.

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

The devil would rather have you wear out the soles of your shoes than the knees of your trousers.

If a hypocrite is between you and heaven, then he's closer to heaven than you are.

The only Christ you will see here is the Christ you see in Christians.

When your knees knock kneel on them.

One should resolve to run nobody down but the devil.

It doesn't even take horse-sense to kick.

One should never long for that which God sees fit to deny.

It is a good thing to clean your fingers before you point to anyone else's spots.

Jesus Christ is not a security against storms, but He is a perfect security in storms. —Copied.

#### **BELIEVE GOD!**

God honors the faith of His people. We are told that during the days of His ministry here on earth that at one place, "He could do no mighty deeds . . . because of their unbelief." Very often believers hinder God's working by their unbelief. Long ago Jesus once said: "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long will He endure an unbelieving people? We should constantly expect to see God honor our faith by saving, gloriously saving, the lost—sinners who have been deep down in sin and self righteous who thought that they needed no Saviour. We are sure that often God does not save souls in evangelistic services because the saints don't expect souls saved. Let's believe God for the salvation of the lost. Will you?

—J. M. Carlson, Riverside Baptist Ch., Decatur, Ill.

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#### **"IF I HAD PRAYED"**

"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning."—Psalm 5:3.

Perhaps the day would not have seemed so long,

The skies would have not seemed so gray;

If on my knees in humble prayer I had begun the day.

Perhaps the fight would not have seemed so hard—

Prepared, I might have faced the fray;

If I had been alone with Him Upon my knees, to pray.

Perhaps I might have cheered a broken heart

Or helped a wand'rer on the way;

If I had asked to be a light

To some dark soul today.

I would remember just the pleasant things,

The harsh words that I meant to say,

I would forget, if I had prayed

When I began the day.

I think I could have met life's harder trials

With hopeful heart and cheerful smile,

If I had spoken with my Lord

Just for a little while.

And, if I pray, I find that all goes well,

All care at His dear feet is laid; My heart is glad—the load is light Because I first have prayed.

—M. Joyce Rader.

### A RESPECTABLE BUSINESS

During a lively discussion on the subject of temperance in an Allegheny Mountain stage, one of the company who had remained silent said, "I want you to understand that I am a liquor dealer. I keep a public house at . . . . ., but I would have you know that I have a license, and keep a decent house. I don't keep loafers and loungers around my place, and when a man has enough he can't get anymore at my bar. I sell to decent people and do a respectable business.

"Friend" replied a Quaker, "that is the most damnable part of thy business. If thee would sell to drunkards and loafers, thee would help to kill off the race and society would be rid of them, but thee takes the young, the poor, the innocent, and the unsuspecting, making drunkards and loafers of them. When their character and money are gone, thee kicks them out, and thee ensnares others and sends them on the same road to ruin."

—Young People's Broadcaster,  
Waterloo, Ia.

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FORD PORTER, now pastor of the Berean Baptist Church of Indianapolis, reports that he has recently signed a contract with radio station WIRE and will be broadcasting regularly every Sunday morning from 8 to 8:30 beginning November 17th. WIRE is a 5,000 watt station coming in on 1,400 kc. Tune in on this fine gospel broadcast if you can.

While pastor at Princeton, brother Porter carried on an extensive radio program over an Evansville station. After coming to Indianapolis, attempts were made to get on one of the weaker stations, but "the powers that be" blocked his attempt, as they did not want brother Porter broadcasting. God has opened the way, however, for a larger radio ministry than first planned by securing time on the largest station in Indianapolis. This, of course, involves greater financing, but God is able. Pray for this program and support it all that you can.

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THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH of Gary, Indiana dedicated a new pipe organ on October 30th. Mrs. Mable Fulton Weiger was the special organist for the dedication services.

A new asphalt-base floor was also laid in the basement over the old wood floor that had long been in bad shape. These improvements, to-

gether with the new electric sign which was recently installed, greatly add to the attractiveness of the building and the services.

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ORDINATION SERVICES for four members of the First Regular Baptist Church of Kansas City were conducted Sunday afternoon October 13th. The four men were N. A. L. Planck, Wm. B. Stanley, Wm. H. McElreath and Charles H. Thorla. Six other Independent Baptist churches were invited to the services. W. O. Stanbrough is pastor of the ordaining church.

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### A MID-CONTINENT FELLOWSHIP

"The first step towards a Mid-Continent Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches was taken on the evening of August 27, 1940, when twenty-one members of the First Regular Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo., met to discuss the need of a great mid-continent Baptist Mission work. The need was presented to the group by Pastor O. W. Stanbrough, Field Missionary George O'Dell, Missionaries William B. Stanley, William H. McElreath, Charles H. Thorla, and others of the missionary staff of the church.

After due deliberation and much prayer for the leading of the Holy Spirit, a fellowship was formed of those present, and this body proceeded to elect a council of fourteen for the purpose of laying the foundation of what we hope will become a great mid-continent Baptist mission for the glory of our blessed Lord.

THE PURPOSE of the mission, named The Bible Light Baptist Mission, is (1) To preach the gospel in needy fields without charge; (2) To conserve the results of the Gospel Preaching by also "Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20); (3) To foster mission group and infant churches until they become self-supporting Independent Baptist Churches; (4) To refrain from any intentional disruption of or interference with any active Baptist church or pastor, whether in or out of the Conventions; (5) To recognize and support only such fields and workers as are approved by this advisory Council of fourteen.

THE FELLOWSHIP, temporarily called The Bible Light Baptist Missionary Fellowship, shall be composed of Baptist Churches and Mission Groups not affiliated with either Convention, which shall be admitted

into the fellowship when they shall have subscribed to the Revised New Hampshire Confession of Faith, and have been approved by the Council of Fourteen. The Fellowship will meet annually in the last week in August, and will elect seven members of the Council to serve for two years. Nominations for the Council shall be furnished by the churches of the Fellowship. The purpose of the annual meeting of the Fellowship will be for Prayer, Conference, and Bible study. Business will be incidental and kept within the smallest time limit possible.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN: All gifts received will be receipted for in full and distributed as directed by the donor, who shall also receive a receipt from the field for one hundred cents on the dollar. No operating expenses shall be paid out of any funds other than those designated for expenses.

For lack of space here, we cannot give the duties of the Council, their manner of organization (which never can become a machine, or get from under the authority of the local churches), etc. We shall, however, be glad to answer questions concerning any phase of this work. We shall have prepared, in the near future, printed matter which will set forth in detailed clearness all the plans of the Fellowship and of the Mission. In the meantime, we shall be glad to receive inquiries from interested parties. Address Mrs. Ida Martin, 5904 E. 32nd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who is Secretary of The Council."

—Copied, Weekly Bible Light,  
K. C., Mo.

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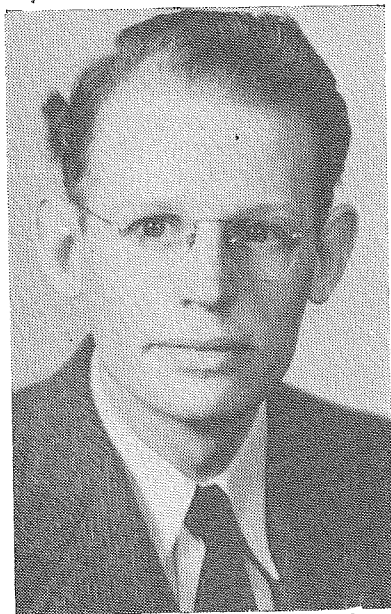
### HAGERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Hagerman Baptist Church of Waterloo, Iowa, Rev. Maynard Rogers, Pastor, had the great pleasure of dedicating the first unit of their new church building on Sunday, October 27th. Appropriate services were conducted throughout the day with the dedicatory sermon being delivered by Dr. R. T. Ketcham, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church. The Hagerman Church is an outgrowth of the Walnut Street Church, being established as a mission some years ago. The Walnut Street Church gave the mission the lot and building which it has been occupying as a chapel, and presented a check of \$550 on the new building the afternoon of the dedication.



ORVILLE YEAGER, pastor for the past year or two of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stillwater, Oklahoma, has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Princeton, Indiana. Brother Yeager is one of Indiana's native sons, having been pastor in that state for many years. Before becoming pastor at Stillwater, he was engaged in evangelistic work, and prior to that time had served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mentone, Indiana. Brother Yeager will be gladly welcomed by his Indiana brethren who have missed his presence from their gatherings.

The pastorate at Stillwater was vacated on October 20th and the new duties at Princeton assumed on October 27th. He does not come as a stranger to the Princeton church as he conducted a very successful revival in the church under Ford Porter's ministry several years ago. He follows in the wake of a man with a long and blessed ministry, but we are sure that there are many days of rich blessing ahead for both the church and pastor.



Rev. Orville Yeager

**TWO NEW MISSIONARIES** were taken on to the budget of the Berean Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Expanding an already strong missionary program, the church voted October 2nd to take on the support of Mrs. Kay Friederichsen who is now serving with her husband in the Philippines under the A. B. W. E., and also Harold Van Broekhoven, who with his wife, is going to Nicaragua, Central America under the C. A. M.

We congratulate the Berean church and pastor Keithly on these new additions to their missionary outreach. There is no missionary retrenchment with this church.

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#### A MEASURE OF CONSECRATION

"You may have noticed the editorial in the *Moody Monthly* in which we quote a letter received from an English friend who has lived through the weeks of the Nazi threat on England. In the letter he wrote:

'As one man, the whole nation has handed over all its resources to the Government. We have invested the Cabinet with the right to conscript any of us for any task, to take our goods, our money, our all. Never have the rich men set such little store by their wealth; never have we been so ready to lay down life itself, if only our cause may triumph.'

We should like to substitute the word Christ for the three words, Government, Cabinet, and cause. This is the way it would read:

'As one man, the whole nation has handed over all its resources to Christ. We have invested Christ with the right to conscript any of us for any task, to take our goods, our money, our all. Never have rich men set such little store by their wealth; never have we been so ready to lay down life itself, if only Christ may triumph.'

Oh, that we as Christians, who must live our lives in a crisis age, had this measure of consecration to Christ."

—Will H. Houghton.

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#### LOVING GIVING

Do you know that the British and Foreign Bible Society's annual receipts from gifts, for years have amounted to more than \$1.00 for every man, woman and child in England, Scotland and Wales. In 1939 it averaged \$1.09 per capita of population.

The giving here in America in that same year, for the great work of giving the Bible to the World, amounted to 19c per capita of population, or only one seventeenth as much per capita as did the English people and this in a time when there were no war shadows over our land and little want or hardships.

We boast of our English stock and heritage, many of us, would that we

could emulate them in our zeal for the spread of the Word. How much have you given this year that the World might possess this precious Holy Book?

—Chicago Bibleland News.

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**EVANGELIST W. DOUGLAS ROE**, Executive Secretary of the Montrose Bible Conference, held eleven days of evangelistic services with the Wealthy St. Baptist Temple of Grand Rapids, Mich. The meetings began October 16th and closed October 27th. We have not received a report on these meetings since they closed. We trust that they were blessed of God.

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#### OHIO INDEPENDENTS MEET IN CHARLESTON

The Ohio Association of Independent Baptist Churches met in the Randolph St. Baptist Church of Charleston, W. Va., October 15-17, and had one of their outstanding conferences. About two hundred messengers and visitors attended from thirty Ohio and six West Virginia churches. Stirring messages and sweet fellowship lifted the crowded congregations heavenward again and again. The missionary conference Thursday afternoon brought before us the great need around the world today, including the need of our own land. Dr. Harold Commons spoke of the world of the Ass'n. of Baptists for World Evangelism in the Philippines, Borneo, and Peru; Arthur Lee spoke for Mid-Missions and their world circling labors; Brother and Sister M. I. Amundson spoke of their new work in West Virginia under Mid-Missions, and Ruth Hamilton was introduced as a new worker on their field. Drs. Griffith and Bancroft were also here to speak of the work of the Baptist Bible Seminary. Two new churches were taken into the fellowship — the New Richland church, and the Haynes St. church of Dayton. Rev. C. C. Clawson of McDonald was reelected president, as was R. A. Blessing of Charleston as clerk. J. Irving Reese of Elyria was elected vice-president and Ewing Walters of Spencer, treasurer. A new constitution was also adopted which is in many respects like the constitution of the G. A. R. B.

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"I was glad when they said unto me,—Let us go into the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1.

—Copied: Chicago Bibleland News.



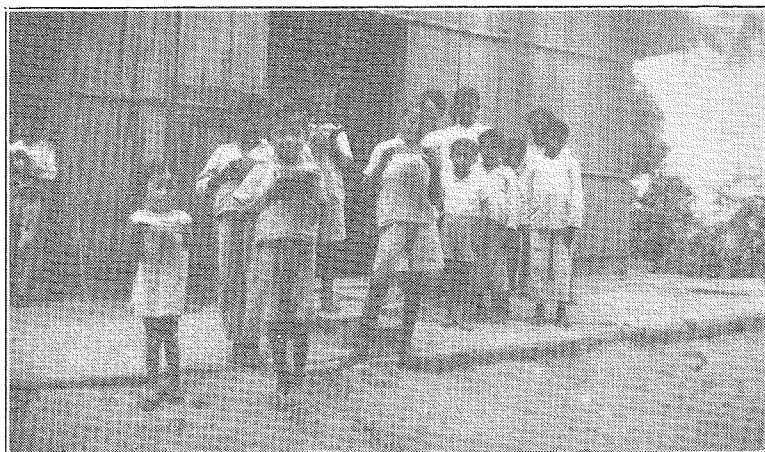
# GOD'S HIGHWAY IN BRAZIL

By GRACE HEIDT STULL

"And a highway shall be there, and a way." Isa. 35:8.

On the dates of November 1 and 2, the old adage, "all roads lead to Rome", might easily be changed to all street cars lead to the cemetery, here in Manaus. "Finados" or "All Souls' Day" was celebrated on November 2nd, and in many ways reminded one of America's Memorial Day. Booths were erected on both sides of the road the full length of the cemetery. All sorts of cold drinks and foods, which the Brazilian people like, were on sale. This part of the festa or holy day reminds one of a county fair at home. Little boys ran through the crowd selling candles, paper wreathes, and tiny packages of candy. The stores were all closed and special cars from all parts of the city carried thousands of people to the city's one burying place. Inside the cemetery every grave was decorated with real or artificial flowers, huge wooden crosses some of them standing five feet high, and always there were candles burning. Some of the more expensive tombs were lighted by electric bulbs. One of these tombs, by actual count, had 120 light bulbs besides candles burning on the sides and top of it. Many of the graves had pictures of the dead mounted in picture frames on top of the tombstones. Whole families would gather about the grave. I remember one sad picture of a widow dressed in black from shoes to hat and veil, kneeling with her rosary, a group of five children about her, and a look of utter dejection and sorrow upon her face mingled with earnest pleading as she lifted her face to the plain wooden cross.

There were two places in the cemetery for those who had loved ones dead but who were buried in a different cemetery in another city. Here we found thousands of candles burning; people would come up with two or three packages, (the packages contained about twelve candles each), and would light them and stick them into the clay beside the others. Sometimes we would see lips move in prayer, at other times it was taken rather lightly in the nature of a festive occasion. There was one shrine where a Sister who had done a great deal for the people, had many such candles about her. The wax had melted all about the monument and there were many



*Some of the school children at Iucaby.*

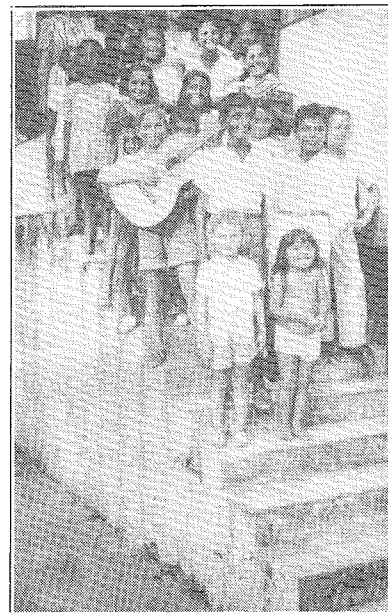
*School building and children at Iucaby.*



watching their candles at her side. Upon inquiry we found that this particular sister had the power of interceding for their loved ones.

At night the cemetery resembled a miniature city with its hundreds of thousands of candles and electric lights. As we walked along the roadway lined on both sides with lighted candles it was possible to read the tracts which we passed out. Very few of the people refused to accept the tracts which we extended to them. I was reminded again of the passage in II Timothy 3:5, "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." The Brazilian people do a great deal in memory of their dead. There are always people on the street car going back and forth from the cemetery, and yet their efforts are so useless, for they know nothing of the true salvation that is in Christ Jesus.

But along with this sad picture we have a better and more encouraging one, for God is working and in the



*Child Evangelism Class in Manaus*

past weeks we have seen many answers to prayer. The Hockings were led of the Lord to throw open their house to the many children who came seeking a glimpse of the tiny, precious bit of sweetness, Faith Rebecca. Because of the interest in the baby, they decided it would be a wonderful opportunity to give them the Gospel, so by the help of the Lord, Willard's guitar, a few choruses, a memory verse, and an object lesson given by various ones the meetings began. The results have been very encouraging for the attendance the first week was 11 and the third week 25. This work has all been done without any effort to bring the children in, just the children themselves knowing that there would be a meeting and that all were welcome. It so happens that the Hockings live right next door to the public school which furnishes a marvelous opportunity to give the Gospel to any number of children.

We covet your prayers that this work may grow for we all believe here that the children and young people are the opening wedge into the hearts of older people so prejudiced by sin, superstition, and indifference.

Praise God again for answered prayer in our evangelistic meetings which are held every Tuesday night. Last night the attendance was better than it has been for several weeks. Three fourths of the audience was made up of young people, and the Spirit worked in a marvelous way. We believe and are praying that God the Holy Spirit will do a real work in the hearts of those who come to these Tuesday night services. The rains have already begun which makes it very difficult for people to come out in this part of the city but GOD IS ABLE. The past few weeks we have felt the prayers of God's people. Sometimes the burdens have been

too heavy to carry, and yet He has never failed to come and lift the heavy end. Lois Martenson and I are able now to teach Sunday School classes. Willard is preaching at least once a week and sometimes more, and Charlie Hocking is leading the services. We all praise God for the marvelous way He is helping us with the language. We are again reminded "God has chosen the weak things", for truly we are weak and can only carry on as He enables us. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have gone to relieve the Warfields who are so much in need of a rest at home. Pray with us that God will give them all journeying mercies.

And so for the blessings, the heartaches, and the testings we lift up our voices in thanksgiving to Our Glorious Lord and pray that as you hold us up before His throne we may in answer "Spend and be spent for Him" that He alone may be magnified here in Brazil.

## FLASHES FROM FOREIGN FIELDS

### MISS AYRES ABLE TO CONTINUE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Fort Sibut  
Oubangui, Chari  
F. E. A.  
August 26, 1940

Dear Mrs. Kimmel:

I have just finished a letter to Mrs. Hileman. It was such a pleasant surprise to hear from two of you of Walnut Street Church in this last mail. Yes, indeed, we do enjoy letters and especially so now when mail comes through so seldom.

One of our missionaries is going home and I want to send letters to be mailed in New York. In that way perhaps they will arrive home in a comparatively short time.

In my last general letter I mentioned that I did not know if it would be advisable for our school for missionaries' children to open after the July vacation. We are happy to say that the Lord opened the way and gave us the assurance that we should begin again. We only have seven here this term.

Due to this being the rainy season we do not always get to go out in the villages on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for meetings. In these

meetings we encourage the people in learning to read the Bible by reading with them and we also have a message for them. We have attempted to establish daily reading classes in the village through a Christian who knows how to read. We know that if these people read the Word for themselves they will grow in grace and fruit will result. It is a real thrill to pass villages and see natives in groups reading from the New Testament or the Gospels. (We have these in native languages). Pray for these classes that leaders will be raised up and that the people will have a desire to learn to read God's Word.

We have 12 students here at our station now. They have come in from villages to stay here and to learn more about the Bible in order that they may go back to give out the Gospel Story to their people in the distant villages. Special classes are given to them. It is a blessing to work with them for they are so eager to learn. I would like for you to pray for these men and also their wives. Some of their wives are not living close to the Lord and in some cases we do not know if they are saved. The men can not go out into the villages as evangelists unless their wives are a help and a true testimony.

I often think of you people of

Waterloo Church. I enjoyed my visit there so much only it was far too short. I trust that when I came home it may be possible to really become acquainted.

May the Lord richly bless your prayer groups among the women. We know our interest in Missions rejoices His heart—how His compassion must go out to those who have had so little opportunity.

Thank you for your interest and prayers.

Yours in Him,  
Catherine Ayres.

### FINE WORD FROM THE MILLERS IN LIBERIA

Dear Friends:

We are indeed happy to have a group of people back home interested in us here in Liberia. We certainly appreciate your financial help.

No doubt you know by now that we have moved into Monrovia, the capital of this Republic. It was a long hard trip but with our faith in God who never fails, we reached our destination safely. When we were coming along the way I tried to think of some way to describe these men to you back home, I mean the men carrying our load. The best description I could think of was to tell you to imagine a group of

our own boys, say from 12 to 15 years of age, trying to perform some difficult task without any supervision from an older person. Sometimes they laugh and sing then again they all stop and argue over some unimportant matter. At times they become down-right obstinate and only a good spanking will make them move on. At night after reaching the village and our camp beds "ari" set up they all gather around to receive their 2c chop money and this certainly pleases them. In one town we found that one of our pans was missing also some of our servant's clothes. We informed the men that no money would be given out that night unless the missing articles were returned. They were very much disappointed and sullenly went off to talk the "palaver". Finally they came back and begged us to please give them their money and when they reached the end of their journey if the articles were still missing the amount could be taken out of their pay. We agreed, gave them the money, and they went off in high good humors.

One is never sure what the boys will do next, just like our boys again. When coming down a long hill, more like a mountain, full of rocks and very difficult to find good footing, instead of complaining about the road they began to sing and walk so fast that I could not keep up with them. When the men reached the bottom of the hill I saw them all in a group talking and I thought that trouble was brewing. When I caught up with them one man said, "You saw how we came down the hard hill?" I answered yes, The man continued, "No loads are hurt and the babies are here safe." I said yes again wondering what was coming next. Finally the man came to the point and said, "For this we want a dash, (dash means tip). My heart sank because I knew if I would give them money this time they would always be asking for it, on the other hand if I did not give them the money they might sit right there until they got the money or at least cause us trouble before they would move on. I determined not to give in and so told them they would receive their chop money that night but that's all. I then told them to come on and walked past them. After sitting there for awhile longer I heard them get up and start on. I was much relieved.

This is the rainy season again and it certainly does rain here in Monrovia. Sometimes it comes down like

it does when we have a cloud burst at home only here it doesn't stop after a few minutes but keeps it up for days at a time. This season will end about November when the dry season starts.

Sometime ago I wrote about an uprising among our school boys, about thirteen of whom had clubs and threatened to beat us up. Well since coming to Monrovia the ring leader of that group came to us and said he was sorry for his part of it, and that he wanted us to take him back. He said that he was wrong and God had punished him by making him so hungry. We took him back and he is still with us doing our washing and ironing.

Mary is feeling much better and has put on some of her lost weight. She still gets headaches and feels weak at times but the Doctor says there is nothing serious wrong with her.

The twins are very lively and still growing. Their talk is getting plain-er all the time and I expect in a few more months they will talk a leg off us. Margaret has had a touch of fever the last few days but hope she will be better soon.

Boats come in once a month. Food is scarce and there hasn't been any flour, rice or potatoes in town for weeks. We pay \$3.50 a week for babies powdered milk.

Our refrigerator has been doubly appreciated, as Monrovia is a lot hotter than the interior.

Yours in Christian love,

Mary, Dick and Twins.

### **HAMMANS "OLD DODGE" TELLS HIS OWN STORY**

Yes, that is what the government said about me, "Too old and too much used." When trucks were needed I was taken in, along with many others, for inspection. When they found I was made in 1934 and then looked at my mileage, nearly 60,000 miles, and about 15,000 of those over bad African roads they said, "We can't use that old truck, take it home." Then my owner and chauffeur, Roy Hamman, happily jumped in behind the wheel and drove me back to the Mission. There the missionaries thanked God for me for they knew I was still good for several years of Service for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is true, I am six years old and I have done a lot of hard work but I have just recently had a complete overhauling and a

new coat of paint and I really do not look so old.

When I tell you about one day's work I recently did, you will know. I am not ready to be discarded yet. There are quite a few villages on the main road which passes by the Mission at Kyabe. About six o'clock one morning we started out to take the Gospel to the people who live in these villages. Twelve black men piled in me and were as happy as most folks would be to ride in a limousine. Mr. Hamman and Mr. Peterson got in the front and of course they had a gun along as well as a Sango New Testament. The little white boy, Donald Roy, wanted to go along but when his daddy whispered a secret in his ear he was content to stay behind and just wave good-bye. His daddy promised, "You stay home with mama and I will bring back a 'kanga'." Now a kanga is a big antelope and I have brought lots of them to the Mission. They are heavy animals and provide meat for lots of people. Soon we were on our way!

We had passed a few villages when we stopped and two men jumped off. One was an evangelist and the other an interpreter. I heard Mr. Hamman tell them to preach the Gospel in that village and then walk on to the next where we would pick them up at night. He also gave them a little money and told them to buy eggs and chickens if possible. We passed by a couple of villages and then did the same thing. Two more got off and were told the same thing.

Soon we reached a village called Yanga, near a little stream and that was supposed to be the end of our trip. Here by the water were big logs that had been cut several years before and left there to season. The administrator had given two of them to the Mission so the white men looked them over and decided on the two they wanted me to carry back to the Mission. Though they were big and heavy I knew I could carry them but how were the men to get them up on my back? Those eight natives tugged and pulled and pushed and grunted and declared it was not possible but white men do not give up so easily as black men, so they kept urging the natives on and finally the smaller log was hoisted upon me. "Whew! what a load! It made my springs go down a bit. The one left was heavier yet. Just then some Arabs came along the road. They travel much in this part of the country with loaded donkeys, exchanging cattle and grain and

other food for cloth and salt. Mister called some of them to come help lift the log. They do not like to work very well but did not dare to refuse the white man so they came. Soon that second big log was on my back, a ton and a half of wood! I gathered all my courage together and when they gave me the gas away I went without a protest.

Just a little farther on is a plain where antelope can usually be seen feeding on the grass. We drove up there and in a short time I heard the shot of the gun. The natives ran in that direction and soon came back dragging a big kanga. He too was hoisted on my back and then the natives climbed in on top and we started on our homeward journey. We held meetings in three villages and along the way picked up the evangelists. They had held six meetings so in all we reached nine villages with the Good news of Jesus Christ Who came to save from sin. We were going along at a good speed (about 25 miles per hour) trying to get back home before dark, when one of those Arab donkeys most unexpectedly moved from the side of the road right over in front of me! I didn't have time to stop before my wheel had passed over him. He was pulled out from under the truck and was able to hobble away though I fear he suffered a few broken ribs.

About 8:00 P. M. we drove in at the Mission and it was good to see the light of home. Donald Roy and his mother came out to meet us with a lantern. They were glad to see that antelope as well as the 28 eggs we had brought. Sometimes they go weeks without an egg. Everybody was tired but happy that we had been able to take the Gospel to so many people in one day.

Now will you not agree that I am still useful even though I am old? If you want to help me keep on working for Jesus here in Africa ask God to supply the gasoline to give me strength and power. It is hard to get and costs much money but I cannot run without it.

Yours in the Master's service,  
1934 Dodge ton and a half truck  
Purchased in Princeton, Indiana  
in 1937 for \$200.

By Roy G. Hamman.

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**TELL OTHERS**  
**About The Blessing**  
**To Be Found In**  
**THE BULLETIN**

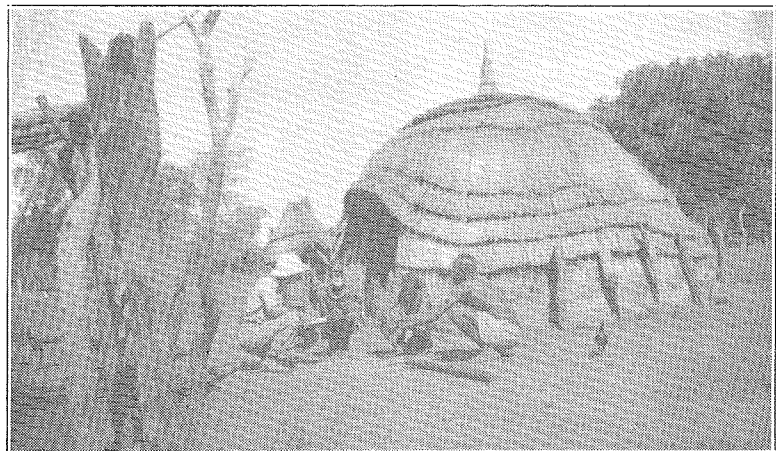
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## MRS. HAMMAN TELLS OF BULLETIN BLESSING

Kyabe via Fort Archambault,  
August 18, 1940.

Dear Brother Ketcham and family:

Porters arrived from Archambault yesterday. We had been looking forward to some mail for several weeks but when they came there was not one letter from America. However, the April number of Baptist Bulletin was there so that was a good substitute. We always enjoy the missionary letters, especially from India, South America and other lands. It



*Roy Hamman preaching along the path to Disc-Lip Natives*

is great to read of the new missionaries going out to these fields. I don't suppose it would be wise to send new workers to this field at present but we do praise God that we are allowed to remain on and preach the Gospel. Thus far we have in no way been hindered by war conditions. Only God knows how long the door will be open.

The message on the Priesthood of Believers was a real blessing. It made me realize afresh what a wonderful privilege of intercession I have been missing. Our days seem to be so full of activity that the quiet waiting before God is crowded out. He would no doubt do a greater work through our prayers than through our works.

This is Sunday morning and nearly time for our service. These rainy days we meet in the workshop. There are between fifty and sixty each Sunday. This is garden season and that takes many away. All natives must plant large cotton gardens for the government as well as their own plantations of grain. We have big gardens too this year and even though it may be hard to get Euro-

pean foods we can get along very well from the produce of the country. It has been hard lately to get eggs. No one wants to sell them as they prefer to hatch little chickens. Yesterday I sent a boy to the nearby villages and instead of giving him money to pay for eggs I gave him some old clothes. He came back with nineteen eggs. They would exchange eggs for old clothes when they refused to sell them for money. Money does not mean so much to these people.

We praise God for the blessings you are having in the Walnut Street Church. The Broadcaster keeps us posted. We have heard no news

lately of Lois and her family and trust that there is steady improvement.

Roy joins in sending best greetings to you and your dear wife. Our own family is well. Richard Lee is a nice fat baby and we all enjoy him a lot.

Yours in Christ,

Fern Hamman.

Enclosed is a picture of Roy talking to a few natives along the way-side on the trip.

**GRACE BENNETT**  
**REJOICING**

Upata, Venezuela,  
October 1, 1940.

Dear Editor:

Sorry I haven't kept you better informed as to the Blessing of God upon us in this Field; we do have much for which to praise Him. Just closed another of our field council meetings. It was held here in my home in Upata. We had a great time



of fellowship and as a result of our counseling together, we hope to extend our work into other regions besides those that we already occupy.

God has truly done a marvelous thing in our midst in restoring Bessie Yeley to health. Bessie was on her way to the States, broken and seemingly unable to stand any more of the tropics. But God . . . in answer to prayer she is better physically than I have ever known her to be. She is here with me in Upata, and expects to stay on with me. Maybe this was God's way to give me a companion in His work. We are all so prone to want to go on, and after all, maybe our God would have us be at least two on a station, at any rate, it's mighty nice for me, for I always did crave fellowship. Bessie and I have been having great times together and she is taking over her full share of the responsibilities. Glory!

We have had quite a lot of sickness in our Missionary family. If the devil can't keep missionaries off the field, it seems that he bends every effort to break them down physically once they get here. Pray for Mrs. Fletcher, and others, who are suffering in their bodies. Pray for us who are well that we may keep well, and that we may be able to take those needed furloughs when due.

Yours in His faithfulness,  
G. B. Bennett.

### **MISSIONARY PROBLEMS ARE BECOMING IN- TENSE—PRAY FOR PEARSONS!**

Fort Crampel  
French Equatorial Africa

Our Dear Friends at the Home  
Base:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding". Proverbs 3:5.

We have been confident in the fact that of late we have been borne on the arms of prayer before the Throne of Grace. It is wonderful to know that intercession cannot be hindered by distance but that it is just as effective as if we were side by side.

Of late our thoughts have been taken up a good deal with the possibility of us having to leave the colony should Hitler win this fearful war. We have been praying a good deal about it and sincerely hope that he will be defeated, but undoubtedly he is one of those who is

to ripen things for the end-time. The thing that concerns us is, that should he win we would undoubtedly have to leave this work that we have learned to love and for which we have given our lives. Judging by the progress he has made so far this thought has been weighing heavily on our hearts as to what to do should he win. One thing is certain, he will never tolerate our doctrinal stand. The same will be true if Italy should get control. Many prayers have been offered regarding this matter and we are still praying about it. It is so comforting to know that we can come before God with all these problems that are so far beyond our control, and He who has full control of the future in His hands speaks peace to our hearts. It behooves us as Christians to look up and be ready for Him who is to come again one of these days.

Six Swedish missionaries whom I met last December left for their furlough last March and since then they have not been heard from. The last word received from them was to the effect that they were leaving Antwerp by boat for Sweden but since then, nothing has been heard. (It is believed that these whom Gust mentions in this paragraph are the ones who reached their destination safely, praise the Lord).

We are living in exceedingly dark days and we feel so burdened for these native Christians if we must leave. We hope and pray that we will be permitted to remain in this work 'til Jesus comes. I cannot write things as I would like to but ask that you remember us at the Throne.

Yesterday it was just ten years ago since Mrs. Pearson and I started the work here. When we look back on these ten years we can see God's faithfulness, love and kindness clearer than ever. Yesterday we thought it very fitting that we should meet for a season of prayer to thank God anew for what He has been to us during this period. It was very touching as various ones enumerated the numberless blessings which He has bestowed on us so abundantly. How good God is. What a blessing it is to be allowed to serve Him among these people. We praise Him from the depth of our hearts for it. In the evening, or rather, toward evening we went out for a picnic supper and came back home just as it was getting dark.

To those of you who have written us letters, we say 'thank you'. It is difficult to answer these days. I am

sure you understand.

On our last itinerary trip we had some blessed meetings. After one of the meetings I met a Mohammedan and I began talking to him about the Lord. I asked him if he received something in his heart when he became a Moslem, and if he knew where he would go when he died. He said 'no'. As we progressed in our conversation a good many people drew near to hear and one of them was a Moslem also. I told them as plainly and yet as lovingly as I knew how, that the road of Mohammedanism is the road to hell and eternal separation from Christ. My boy was present and later told me that after I had left they spoke very favorably about what I had told them and added that their hearts were very restless. I asked him to call them over to the mud house where we were staying. When they were gathered together I asked them if they had something to ask me regarding Christ. One of them started out by asking how many wives a man can have when he is a Christian. I had to tell him that he had begun at the wrong place, that his greatest need was to realize that he needed Christ as Saviour after which these other things would take care of themselves.

One of our Missionary couples arrived here in the night on their way to America for their furlough and this letter is being written in a hurry so as to send it with them for mailing in the U. S. or I would not have dared to write the things this letter contains. They are expecting to go home by way of South Africa for safety's sake. Shall stop now, God bless you all. Meeting you all at the Throne of Grace daily, we are as ever.

Yours in Africa,  
The Pearsons.

### **A NEW PICTURE OF MIS- SIONARY PROBLEMS**

Brazzaville,  
Fr. Equatorial Africa,  
September 26, 1940

Dear Co-workers in Christ:

"They thirsted not when He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow out of the Rock for them; He clave the Rock, also, and the waters gushed out." Isaiah 48:21. No matter where our Saviour leads us, even if it is through the desert places, we do not thirst, for He is there, and there is water gushing from the Rock.

We left Koumra the last week of

July to begin our homeward trip to America. The Sindersons had arrived at Koumra in June, and it was thought best that we take our furlough at this time instead of waiting until next year. The rainy season was already well started, and soon the roads would be closed to most traffic. Mr. Sinderson took us in his truck to Fort Archambault. Here we found heavy rains and had to wait two weeks for a truck and for suitable roads to proceed on to Bangui. If you ask how much water, how many bumps and holes there were in the road and how much shaking we received, well, you'll just have to come out here and try it yourself. But God was with us and helped us through even when the roads at times seemed impassable. The third day we arrived at Bangui and stayed at our Mission Station there until the Congo River Steamer left for Brazzaville the next week. What a memorable experience it was to sail on the mighty Congo! It was a seven day trip. Most of the time one saw only heavily wooded islands, islands so large and so long that one was puzzled to know just where the mainland began and how wide the river could be. Nils had classes in the evening with the natives who worked aboard the ship, and once there was opportunity for a meeting on shore when the boat stopped for wood. It is not possible to go by boat to Matadi, the mouth of the Congo and the coast of Africa, for the Congo is not navigable on the other side of Brazzaville, where many rapids and waterfalls are found. So there is a railroad to Matadi from Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, just the other side of the river from Brazzaville.

Here at Brazzaville we are boarding at the Swedish Mission and have been here waiting for almost five weeks. First we hoped to sail on September 17 on a Belgian boat which was going direct between Matadi and New York. But the Belgian boats have been cancelled. We surely were sorry, for the prices were quite reasonable, and it would have been a quick way to go. The next opening seemed to be to go by Lisbon, Portugal, and from there to take an American vessel to New York. But now the American government has forbidden all American citizens to go by that route, and my new passport states that I cannot travel in any country in Europe. So the only route now open is to go to Capetown, South Africa, and from there to take either an American or a Japanese boat via South America

to New York. Prices are raised, it is a long distance from here to Capetown, and it will cost us double what we had expected to pay to go home. Hence Nils is considering sending Arthur and myself on to America and he will return to Koumra to work for another year, for as yet the money is not sufficient for Nils to go, too. Pray that we may have definite guidance about this and that if God will all the money will be provided for our furlough so we can go together. Pray, too, that we may find reservations on the boats, for they are few and well-filled for months ahead. One of the native Christians at Koumra said when we left that just as God had made a way through the Red Sea for the Israelites so He would make a way for us to go home to America for furlough, even in time of war and through war zones, if necessary.

If any of you would like to write, you can address the letters to us in care of the American Consul at Capetown, South Africa. We hope to be there about the end of October, if possible. The October passenger boat by ocean to the Cape is filled, but there is a Belgian freighter leaving October 20 which may and may not take passengers. The other way is to go by river boat and by railroad, but it is twice as expensive. There is a boat leaving October 9 to go by river, but we hope we can find some other way to go. It looks as if we may not even be home for Christmas, so do not expect us soon, for travel is slow now, and the waits are long. But we are really enjoying these waits, they are a blessing to us, and we are regaining our strength. It has been said, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and his steps, too."

We are well and rejoicing in the Lord these days. Arthur is in very good health and is now nearly ten months old. He surely is a bundle of joy and seems to become happier every day. We thank God much for him.

The Swedish Mission here is situated about five miles from the city and is on a high plateau overlooking the waterfalls and rapids of the Congo side. Even in our room we hear the roar of the waterfalls. But what a panorama of beauty and majesty meets our eyes when we step outside the door! Our God is the Creator of all this.

What a joy it will be to see all of you again! We had thought by this time to be nearing America. But God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and His ways are not our

ways. He has a plan and a purpose in it all. May He shed upon you His own peace and the light and joy of His Presence in these troublous times. Thank you much for your prayers and for your gifts for our passage home. We do not yet have the names of the donors, but we hope to thank you personally when we get to the States.

Yours for Christ and Africa,  
Nils and Alta Jacobson.

Gifts may be sent to Mrs. Calvin McNutt, 615 Lakeside Avenue, Lorain, Ohio, or directly to Mid-Missions, Main Street and Mishawaka Avenue, Mishawaka, Indiana.

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

#### What My Absence Did

1—It made some question the reality of religion.

2—It made some think that I was a pretender.

3—It made many think that I regarded my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of small concern.

4—It weakened the effect of the church service.

5—It made it harder for the preacher to preach.

6—It discouraged the members present.

7—It caused others to stay away from church.

8—It made it harder for me to meet the temptations of life.

9—It gave the devil more power over lost souls.

10—It helped the non-church going habit.

#### What My Presence Did

1—It caused the people to have confidence in me.

2—It made people know that I regarded my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of great importance.

3—It had a good effect on the services.

4—It made my friends feel more welcome.

5—It encouraged the members and the ministers in their work.

6—It caused others to come to Christ and increased my influence for good.

7—It made my life stronger for next week.

8—It removed stumbling blocks from the sinner's path.

9—It pleased God and I was happy.

10—It caused others to say—He Practiced What He Preached.

—Selected.