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SUDAN

— BACK TO THE STONE AGE !

PEACE IS AT last a reality for the people of Sudan. After 17 years of bitter conflict, which divided north against south and disrupted the lives of thousands of people, former enemies embrace one another and the country can begin to plan for the future.

BY PETER WHITTLE

The years of war have brought a depressing harvest. Indeed, Clement Mboro, the director of the government's Resettlement Commission, has claimed that "the south is back in the Stone Age." The Sudan as a whole and the south in particular, is one of the poorest areas of the world.

Natural resources are almost non-existent. Schools, hospitals and houses have been destroyed during the war. The roads have been badly scarred by explosions. Communications and transport problems assume gigantic proportions for the newly appointed ministers of the southern region.

Kajo Kaji is a microcosm of the problems in southern Sudan. It was once a thriving village community on the border with Uganda. An undulating and open landscape is in contrast to the bush areas a few miles away. Before the war intensified, a new school was under construction. Today the roof stands firm on the iron supports but there are no walls. The school has been like that for eight years.

An army camp overlooks the settlement. The soldiers who were once enemies are now almost regarded as friends. The lieutenant in charge has been helpful to the villagers and has given support to the Sudan Council of Churches personnel who have come to Kajo Kaji to start rebuilding work.

In Kajo Kaji the churches are engaged in what is described as a "growth village" programme. In the period since the peace, about 30,000 people have come back. Most of those are people who took refuge in the bush but about 2,000 are returned refugees from Uganda. Their first priority has been to build their houses—simple buildings made from wood, mud and whittle with a grass thatch roof.

At the request of the government, the Sudan Council of Churches has also moved in to repair and rebuild the community facilities—a health centre and two schools.

Some 6,000 patients a month are treated at the centre for some of the most common diseases in the south—malaria, hookworm and dysentery, debilitating diseases which sap the strength of the body. Malnutrition is also found but mercifully it is not a serious problem.

Peace has created many expectations. Not surprisingly after 17 years of war people want to move ahead. The problem is compounded by the fact that the 200,000 refugees who fled to neighboring countries have had substantial assistance from international agencies, including the churches. Children have received scholarships. Families have been settled. Uprooted now from their countries of refuge they want similar facilities when they return home.

The reality, of course, is somewhat different and it doesn't take long for frustration to set in. When 11,000 secondary school students came back from Uganda and found no schools open and no teachers to hold classes, they rioted. The government quickly decided that reopening schools and other institutions was an absolute priority and they appealed to the churches to help.

Kajo Kaji is just one of the nine growth centres the Sudan Council of Churches is working on in the three southern provinces, together with the construction of some of the rural health centres and reception centres for returnees. The work is slow, but gives employment to more than 1,000 Sudanese labourers in the process. Money starts to flow again and economic activity picks up.

The Sudan Council of Churches, with support from the World Council of Churches (which together with the All Africa Conference of Churches was instrumental in bringing peace to the Sudan) has a \$2m. relief and rehabilitation programme.

—BRITISH WEEKLY

INNER SPRINGS

INTO WHOSE HANDS ?



In a letter acknowledging my thank you note for his part in repairing my Bible, a young man added this delightful touch. "I hope you will have cause to wear your Bible out again".

Only time can answer that, but I shall know to whom I can go. And this is something never to be overlooked. The importance of placing our repairs in the right hands. It means the difference between renewal and rejection. How often a broken article, placed in unskilled hands, becomes fit only for the rubbish heap. We would never dream of sending for the plumber to repair the television, yet in the most important area of our lives we constantly employ this foolish method.

When we reach the point of spiritual exhaustion, when our resources seem drained to the last drop, and life has swamped us with its sorrows, to whom do we go? Seeking distraction, escape or good advice we go everywhere but to the Father of our Spirits. "Come unto Me", He said, "all ye that labour and are heavy-laden". Who else can be entrusted with the precious care of our spirit's welfare? Into whose hands? From one who knew deepest anguish and suffering comes the answer. "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit".

That God is timeless my heart knows;
Yet I count summer by the rose,
April by a daffodil,
And winter by a snowbound hill.
And when my heart seems season
bound

I count love by the daily round
Of little services designed
To make life beautiful and kind.
I have no measurement to be
A gauge of God's eternity:
But this my heart can understand,
My times are in His timeless hands.

Our Father, grant us the wisdom to seek Thee in our time of need. Remind us that in Thy Presence is healing and rest, and the strength to take up our task and go our way joyfully.

Matthew 11: 28-30

Amen.
FLORENCE ROSIER

THE BIBLE IS BACK —AS NEWS!

The Bible is back as news!! That is the way it started.

The Bible is great literature. Poets and other writers have used its themes and its language. It is studied in schools and universities for its philosophy and as a literary work of art in its own right. Painters and sculptors have been inspired to create some of our world's greatest art treasures through the inspiration of its ideas and ideals, and the stories of the pilgrimage of man's spirit.

But the Bible started out as news. It began as a newspaper giving the facts about important happenings and it related those facts to man's continuing experience. Today, the Bible is back as news.

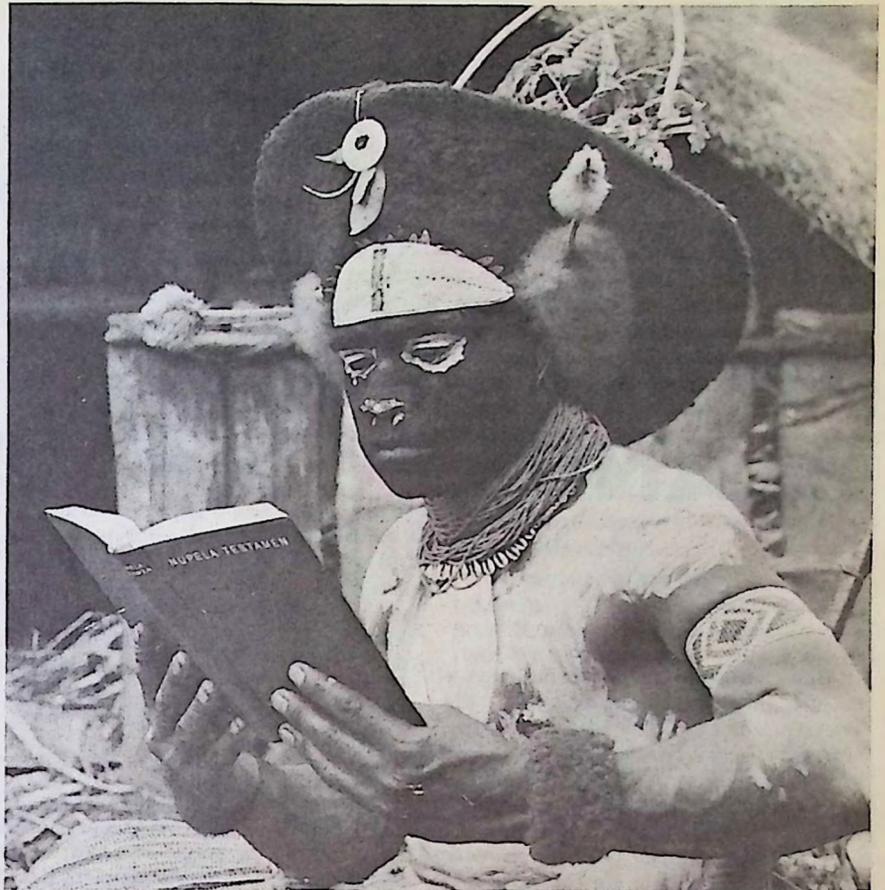
The Bible has always been a best-seller, but not even those who are used to its regular large sale were quite prepared for the phenomenal success of "Good News for Modern Man" (Today's English Version). The T.E.V. had an important part in bringing the Bible back to ordinary men and women. It is more and more common to find people reading it in buses, trams, and trains. One man left his copy in a plane and phoned up anxiously the next day to recover it.

The cheap paperback version, however, makes its loss less of a financial problem than it used to be.

The Book for Youth

In England's past, the rare and costly Bible was chained to the pulpit. Now it has been set free. It is not only the orthodox churchmen who read it today. It is read avidly by many folk who would not even enter a traditional church.

These include many members of the "Jesus Revolution." This is a Bible revolution and its members carry the Book, read it in public and in private, quote it in their witnessing, and reprint huge slabs of it in their give away revolutionary newspapers.



—PILGRIM FILMS.

Some members of the traditional churches may be a little shy about carrying or using their Bible in public, but the young people who have found God's word to be the most exciting news of the day for their generation proudly carry it and enthusiastically discuss it with anybody, anywhere, at any time. This Bible is no longer a Book for church only, it is a book for life.

The Bible Society is well aware of the changes that are taking place in society and is presenting the Bible in a variety of new ways to cater for every need.

The Bible comes as one complete volume, as Testaments, or as books or portions. The printing is modern, the format is up-to-date, and the illustrations are contemporary. Well bound, or in attractive paperbacks or in booklet form, it sells at a price that makes it still the world's best reading bargain.

The World Vision

The British & Foreign Bible Society was founded in 1804 with the express purpose of translating the Gospels into the languages of those countries which still lacked it. It was established in Australia in 1817. The Philadelphia Bible Society was founded in 1808. This and other Bible Societies in the U.S.A. amalgamated to form the American Bible Society.

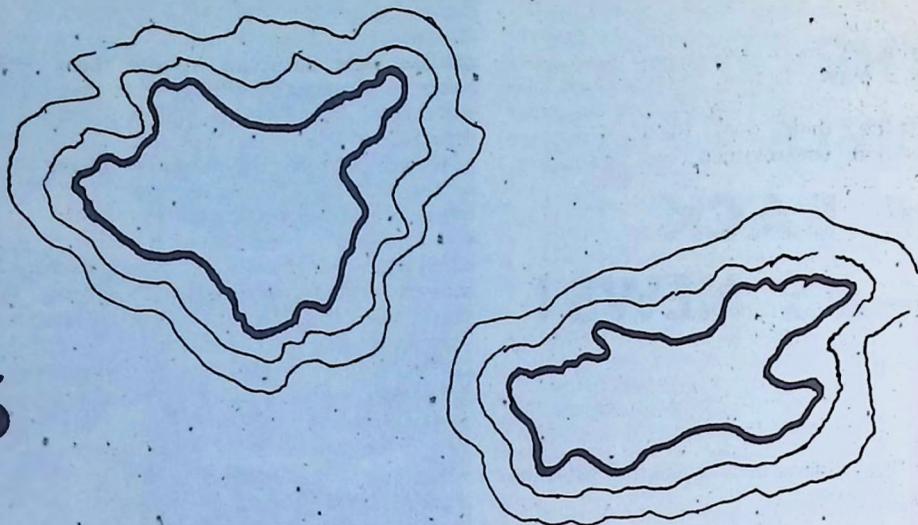
Today, the United Bible Societies is a world organisation of 50 national Bible societies with headquarters in London. The Bible Society in Australia is an active co-operating member. There are local projects for each national society, but the Bible Societies work together in international programmes, sharing their translating skills, their printing presses, their financial resources, and above all their faith in the world of God.

One man to whom the whole church owes a debt for developing a world consciousness of the significance of the Bible was Dr. Olivier Benguin, General Secretary of the United Bible Societies since 1947. He died in April, 1972. When Ulrich Fick succeeded him, he became General Secretary of an organisation that in the last year alone was responsible for the dissemination of over 171 million copies of God's word and was involved in 540 translation projects.

"GOOD NEWS UNLIMITED"

"The Australian Christian" gladly associates itself with the supplement to this issue which feature the Bible Society's publications and ways of using them. The Society is helping all of the churches to their job, and showing individuals that the Bible is in the news again. —A.E.W.

THE TWO ISLANDS



Uncle Malachi and Uncle Samuel became missionaries rather late in life. They were both in their forties. But there is nothing very unusual about that. Most of my family have been late starters. But their missionary service was unusual, just the same.

They both joined the church when they were young, but Grandfather probably pushed them on a bit.

Grandfather was a very religious man and a bit over-ambitious. He preached occasionally in the local church when we were without a minister and, when his first child was on the way, he announced his desire to have eleven children, like Jacob in the Old Testament. Every one of his sons would be a prophet, said Grandfather, and they will build a new people for the Lord.

Grandma was at church that morning, of course, and afterwards she had words with him. We never learned what she actually said but she probably made it fairly plain that she was not going to be Rachel and Leah, even if Grandfather fancied himself as a Jacob. And as Grandfather had only one wife, he had better keep his hopes to himself. He never talked again about his grand design.

However, when Malachi and Samuel joined the church, Grandfather thought he could see some fulfillment of his dreams.

But the boys' conversions didn't last. In their teen years they drifted away from the church and in their twenties they drifted away from the farm. "Drifted" is perhaps too slow a word for the haste with which they got away from the country once they made up their minds.

Malachi got a job with a big store in Sydney and eventually did very well for himself in the debt collecting section of the store's finance office.

Samuel was interested in acting. He had a few small parts on radio and later appeared on the stage. But he found his real niche in theatre management. But the Lord was working on him. The contacts Samuel had with people on both sides of the footlights convinced him of the emptiness of life without Christ. He began to think of his own conversion and the satisfactions he had known in his few years in the church. Now, the needs of the men and women of the entertainment world, needs of which they were unconscious, so troubled him that almost before he was aware of what he was doing he enrolled in a correspondence course on John's Gospel and became an evangelist.

He had quick success, too, and there were some notable conversions from his personal witnessing. He took to preaching, and his successes continued, and he was soon in demand for preaching missions and big occasion speaking at conferences and conventions.

Meanwhile, Malachi was becoming more and more depressed by his job. He went into home after home chasing the repayment of debts and the more he saw of the people the more he was convinced that the debtors were not criminals but victims of a society that did not care enough to give the help that was available.

The hopelessness of the poor troubled him more and more. He wondered what he could do. He thought of his own Christian upbringing and the way Christians helped each other, and how everyone he knew from his country past had been helped by the Christian church to lives of usefulness and dignity.

He went to the Bible and the Gospel of Luke took such a hold on him that he read it through at one sitting and at the end of it he was a Christian activist.

He started in his spare time, revisiting as a friend at night, those he had called on as a debt collector in the day. The demands of his caring for people became so great and the satisfaction of helping so uplifting to his own spirit as he helped troubled young marrieds, debt ridden families, and the old and forgotten poor, that he joined the Brotherhood of the Helping Hand and was soon launched in an exciting Christian career.

It was then that Malachi called on him with a proposition.

"Sam," said Malachi, "there are two islands off the coast of Chile. They are isolated from the mainland, and cut off from each other, but they need us. I believe the Lord is sending us to minister to them."

"Why there?" asked Samuel, "The Lord has plenty for me to do here."

"You don't know how the Lord is pressing me," replied Malachi. "These islands are most remarkable and they seem to be calling out for our different ministries in which Christ has made us proficient. On one island, every person old enough to make a decision is a Christian. They all worship the Lord. But they are so poor that there is a concentration of misery that is without parallel even in the rest of South America. That's where the Lord is calling me."

"And the other island?" asked Samuel.

"That's your island for the Lord," responded Malachi. "There is no poverty there. A more fertile land you could never expect to find. The people are fully self supporting. They need nothing from outside their own island. They are well-fed, well clothed, and well-housed. But their lives! I am told that for selfishness, lying, cheating, double-dealing, and empty pleasure seeking lives, you will not find its equal this side of Babylon! That's the place for you. The Lord has given you the gift of preaching. Use it on the Island of Plenty!"

The brothers talked about it, and prayed about it, until Samuel caught Malachi's vision. Together they set off for the two islands.

Then something went wrong. It is not at all clear how it happened, although our family is noted for a built-in capacity for plans to go away just when all appears to be set for the best.

Malachi and Samuel were put ashore on the wrong islands!

When Samuel the evangelist was dropped at the first island, with no

chance of getting off for at least six months, he discovered that all of the islanders were Christian. No one there needed his preaching. But the poverty was even worse than Malachi had described.

Malachi was left on the other island with a head full of ideas on how to lift the people out of the despair of poverty, but he found there a standard of living which was simple but higher than he had known anywhere. But he soon learned that their sinfulness had been understated.

Well, there they were. Each an expert in his own field, but each in the wrong field-or on the wrong island!

But Samuel and Malachi had too great a sense of Christian responsibility to sit around for six months until they could chance islands. Even in the wrong places they were resolved to the best they could. Malachi prayed, read the Gospel of John, cleared his throat and began preaching in the street.

Samuel prayed, read the Gospel of Luke, rolled up his sleeves and took a header into the hovels of the Island of Misery.

And the Lord blessed their work and multiplied it.

When the first six months were up, the boat called and there was a chance to change over, but neither was prepared to leave his island or his people. They were even beginning to believe that there never was a mistake, but that the Lord had planned it this way all the time.

They have been out there six years and, last week, united for a few hours on the half-yearly ship, Samuel called me by phone to share their good news. Malachi, the activist turned evangelist, had just baptised the last family which had been holding out against the gospel. Samuel, the evangelist turned activist, told of new crops, drained swamps, victory over diseases, and new-homes.

There had been a complete victory for Christ on both islands:

I wondered what they were going to do, now. "If the non-Christian affluent have all been converted, and the Christian poor are out of their need, whatever will you do?"

"Do?" asked Samuel. "Do?" (And the phone crackled with static-or enthusiasm! "Do? Why we shall just love God and enjoy him forever!" —A.E.W.

CHURCHES WILL ASSIST UGANDANS

The refugee resettlement department of the Australian Council of Churches is to act as a "clearing house" for Ugandan refugees migrating to Australia.

The department will co-ordinate the work of immigration staff of all churches in the reception and initial settlement of the refugees.

Arrangements for reception of the migrants were worked out at a meeting between the staff of five church bodies responsible for immigration work and officials of the Department of Immigration.

Church representatives will meet incoming refugees at the airport and assist, when necessary, with resettlement problems such as employment, education, health and social welfare. The refugees will be accommodated either with relatives resident in Australia or in migrant accommodation centres.

Assistance with resettlement will be necessary because refugees are only permitted to take clothing and the equivalent of \$A110 per family unit out of Uganda.

A number of offers of assistance for the Ugandan refugees have already been received by the churches from the community. Announcing the arrangements recently, A.C.C. General Secretary, the Rev. F. G. Engel, said: "We are faced by a situation of human need.

Australia could take many more refugees without any challenge to the existing immigration policy. It may mean a higher intake of non-European migrants this year than is usual, but that is reasonable and desirable with the present refugee crisis in Uganda."

Mr. Engel urged Australian people to write to the Minister for Immigration to back up a request made by a recent deputation representing 13 churches that at least 3,000 refugees should be accepted by Australia.

MEMBERS PASSES (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard) Mrs. S. Abbot, one of our oldest members, died on Christmas Day, aged 86 . . . Swan Hill's popularity as a tourist centre brought many visitors to services over holidays . . . Mrs. Nilma Henson has been farewelled on leaving for Shepparton . . . First C.M.F. dinner guest speaker had subject of Education and Morality.

STEWARTS GO SOUTH (Traralgon) The Steward family were farewelled after a fruitful four year ministry and have moved to Hobart . . . Roger Hollard conducted services in January and on February 4, the Director of H. M. & Evang., D. H. Smith, conducted the induction service for Warren Hamilton.



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OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 250 words.

RANDOM TESTING

To the Editor,

Why is it that Mr. Moxon, Gen. Sec., V.T.A., supports "Random Testing" for over .05% alcohol level ("A.C." Jan. 27).

We all know that alcohol in any quantity or form is a drug, and drugs affect and kill brain cells, self-control and judgement being affected even with the first glass.

The road toll will not lessen or be improved unless we find some way to separate drinking and driving. Therefore, all concerned should be all out against drinking alcoholic liquors combined with driving. If people must drink we cannot stop them, but we should have a say in our safety on the roads.

We should enforce laws that make it impossible to drink and drive at the same time.

Posters showing the effect of alcohol on the body and brain should be displayed in hotels, motels, schools, universities—any place where young and old can learn the facts.

(Mrs.) Millie Evans,
Supt. Churches of Christ
Temperance Sub-Committee.

NB. This letter was referred to the Rev. B. J. Moxon for comment and he replied as follows: "Random testing is supported as a positive step towards separation of drinking and driving. Prohibition of Drinking Driving will lead to excessive snide abuse compared with the present open abuse of civil liberty as it applies in our community.

"It is agreed that any measurable amount of alcoholic liquor in the blood-stream affects performance and we have for the past two years advocated a total ban on all non-residential parking at hotels, clubs, and all "consumed-on-site" licensed premises.

"There is no law in Vic. that makes it illegal to drink and drive at the same time. We lead the world with our .05% law and are ever seeking ways and means to improve our application of this law for the protection of the innocent and remedial therapy for the offender."

INVITATION TO BENDIGO

To the Editor,

There is a School of Nursing, a Teachers' Training College, and an Institute of Technology in Bendigo and many of the young people from our church homes around the country find themselves stationed here for quite a time.

We would appreciate the names and addresses of any such young people who will be here during 1973.

We shall gladly invite them to the fellowship of the church and to the hospitality of our manse.

Betty & Maurice Keatch,
6 Burr St., Bendigo, Vic.

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"A. B." MASTON

To the Editor,

Mr. Maston may have preferred his initials "A.B." to his first names "Aaron Burr", ("A.C." Jan. 27).

Aaron Burr (1756-1836) was a U.S. Senator who almost became President of the U.S.A. He became instead Vice-President to Thomas Jefferson. Alexander Hamilton, who worked against Burr for the Presidency, also contributed to his defeat for the governorship of New York. Burr challenged Hamilton to a duel and killed him, also killing his own political career.

He was involved in some kind of scheme to develop the South-West of America and Jefferson had him charged with treason. Although acquitted in the U.S. Circuit Court of "overt treason," public opinion condemned him and he never overcame the stigma of the incident.

Some people, however, regarded Burr as innocent. Perhaps A.B. Maston's parents were among them. If so, good luck to them! But it was not fair to give their son a name which at the best could do him little good, and at the worst was constant invitation to an argument.

Edgar Brown, Vic.

Religious Persecution: Myth or Reality?

Religious persecution in the Soviet Union is a myth, according to the Soviet review Science and Religion. Religious communities that are loyal to the State are guaranteed the freedom to fulfill their function. If action is taken against certain "extremists", it is because they defy existing laws and not because of their religious convictions. Meanwhile, a recent article in Pravda indicated that "a large number of party members take part in religious ceremonies"; this is why it is important, the newspaper states, to renew efforts to "eliminate faith". It is a question of "showing our new society the hostile nature of religion, one of the most obstinate survivals from the past".—E.P.S.

Fixed Date for Easter.

The British Council of Churches has expressed the view that Easter Day should always fall on the Sunday following the second Saturday in April. It asked the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches to enter formal consultations with the Roman Catholic Church to gain acceptance of that date by all churches following the Gregorian calendar in the hope that other churches will accept the date in due course.—E.P.S.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE?"

To the Editor,

I was off colour on Sunday morning. (Probably a bit of morbus sabbaticus!) So I stayed home and worshipped on TV. The minister's text was from somewhere in Micah. It was something about the Lord requiring of us that we do justice and love mercy and walk humbly with God. I'd heard the text before, but this time I was struck by the order of the things that the Lord requires of us. Justice first, then compassion, and then personal piety. I've always grown up thinking it was the other way round. Personal piety, soul culture and worship first, and then if we have time we can indulge in a little compassion, especially by way of donations which are quick and conscience-easing. Naturally we will never get round to justice. This is probably a good thing because justice often means activism and politicking and pressure grouping. This involves mixing with all sorts of odd types and getting a bad name, and there's something about being "unspotted by the world." So this text shook me up!

By the time the wife was home from church I had it sorted out. Let Micah say what he will; we Christians aren't under the Old Testament, but under the New. We are not saved by being just and compassionate, but by grace. I said as much to the wife when I discussed it all with her. As usual she didn't help. "Has it ever occurred to you," she said, "That some one who is walking humbly with God and is saved by grace, will automatically live a life of compassion and working for justice?"

You can't win!

Hoping you are the same.
TERTIUS.

MISSION TO RHODESIA

Doug. Willis, Qld. evangelist, went last year with the Reggie Thomas team to Rhodesia. 380 services were conducted, mainly in African communities. Six missions were held in European churches.

There were 3,800 recorded decisions, but the evangelists were cautious in claiming that all were significant. At times younger children came because others did and at mission schools some thought of the act of commitment as part of their education. But when local preachers followed up with the young people, it was found that only a few did not understand what they were doing.

The team is convinced that the great majority came with varying degrees of knowledge in simple faith and true repentance.

Doug. Willis writes: "Many stories could be told of individual conversions. Many teenagers responded including some Muslim boys in the coloured community. One boy, the son of Moslem minister, expects to be disinherited and possibly

disowned. An alcoholic in the European community. A head man in the African Tribal Trust Area. Two wives of another African. The family of a European District Officer. One African preacher has baptized an additional 20 people after the conclusion of our meeting . . . 11 in another place. And so through the planting of the seed we are already hearing of growth and harvest. Nurses steeped in denominational error repented and were baptized after personal counselling . . . and in another district a school teacher responded.

"Sometimes we would stop on a street corner to sing and invite people to the meetings. Within a minute we could have 100 gathered round. Sometimes we walked several miles visiting villages inviting people out to services. Some meetings were rowdy, others were disturbed by drunks and some by religious antagonists. But through it all God's Spirit moved, convicted and drew souls to Christ. Many Christians were also more firmly established in the faith."

A.W.D. IN SYDNEY

Following the Action for World Development programme in July, 1972, an exhibition is being organised for Sydney Lower Town Hall, March 14-16, 1973.

The theme is "Development is for People" and will feature displays showing cultural and developmental achievements relating to Australia and neighbouring countries.

To promote the venture one group is considering hauling a rickshaw by relays of people from Parramatta to Sydney.

Other groups of young people who would like to involve themselves or anybody with publicity ideas is invited to leave particulars with The Action for World Development Office, 401A Pitt St., Sydney, phone 26-1126.

STOLEN BELL

Someone stole the one-ton bell from the belfry of St. Jarlath R.C. Church, Chicago, on Halloween night. An astounded wrecking company, which had been earlier commissioned to remove the bell, estimated that a crane with a 125 foot boom would have been needed to perform the feat. They could offer no explanation as to how the thieves did it.

WORD TALK No. 66

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

Baptism is one of two sacraments of the Protestant Church and of the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches. It applies to the rite of initiation into the church. As the words "baptism" and "baptize" have no intrinsic English meaning they can only be understood from their original uses.

In Classical Greek baptize means to dip, sink, soak, dye, and I found it once used to translate "head over ears in debt"! In Koine Greek it was used of a boat that had sunk, of ceremonial washings and of overwhelming calamity. In N.T. Greek it was used of the rich man who urged Lazarus to dip his finger in water (Lk 16:24), of washing cups (Mk 7:4) of the suffering of the cross (Mk 10:38) but mostly it was used of the rite of water baptism. Paul's teachings of our incorporation into Christ was detailed in many passages including 1 Cor. 12: 12-13; Gal.3:26-29; Rom.6:1-4; and Col. 2:9-13.

Baptism is used with -

(a) a mechanical sense applying to the mode of the word meaning immersion or burial. There are 15 N.T. references to this action. Immersion was the only method of baptism in the early church and the common method of baptism for most of church history. In 1155 Thomas Aquinas calls it "the common custom", and in 1643 the Westminster Assembly admitted sprinkling as an alternative form of baptism only by the casting vote of the chairman.

(b) a ceremonial use concerned the washing away of sin (Acts 22:16). It was used of the cleansing of Proselytes who were baptised in dedication to the God of Israel. John the Baptist practised immersion for the repentance of sin and the church (Acts 2:38-41; 8:12; 16:14-15; etc.) from Pentecost used baptism as the initiation into membership.

BAPTISM

(c) a metaphorical sense where baptism was used to describe the overwhelming suffering and death of Jesus (Mk 10:38-39; Lk 12:50).

DICTIONARY: Baptism describes the rite of initiation into the Church of a believer in Christ who is obedient to His command.

FOR TODAY.

Contemporary theologians have evened the argument that has now died down concerning infant sprinkling. Barth and Brunner weigh against Cullmann and Jeremias in their interpretation of the evidence concerning infant sprinkling in the early centuries of the church. It is important that the child does not get hurt in the theological wrestling. There is a place for the child in the church, for thanksgiving following childbirth and for the dedication of the parents to the task of the Christian nurture of the child. But this is not baptism.

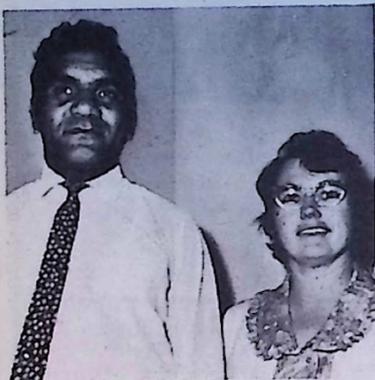
It is essential that the meaning and requirements of baptism are stressed. No one is brought to baptism - one comes in believing response to the Saviour. For them baptism is an act of obedient faith, the mark of the true ownership of his life, the sign of his devotion to holy living, his witness to the facts of the gospel in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, the seal of salvation and the symbol of his admission into the church. Associated with his baptism is the gift of the Holy Spirit and Christ's cleansing of his sin. No other act of the church so richly portrays the essence of the Christian faith.

GORDON MOYES.



THE CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK

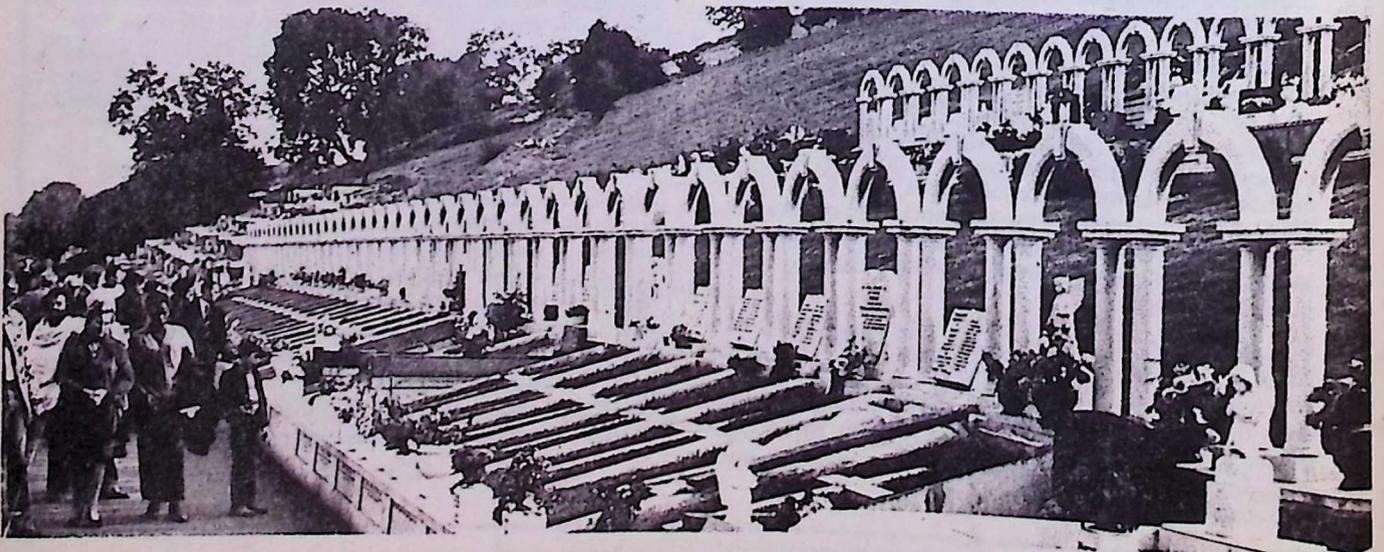
YOU SENT THEM HELP! Things are much better now in New Guinea but towards the end of last year drought had brought great hardship. The Australian Council of Churches sent aid promptly, and food supplies were ferried into the famine area. Here, children in the Kandap area, one of the worst affected by famine, watch as relief supplies are unloaded.



MR and MRS. SONNY GRAHAM. Mr. Graham, minister of the Norseman church, is now Superintendent of the Norseman Mission and will spearhead the Churches of Christ Aborigines work in the W.A. Goldfields.

THE REV. RUSSELL SELF, a Canadian who has trained over 15,000 Asians to distribute Scriptures, is visiting Australia as guest of the Bible Society. His itinerary is N.S.W. Feb. 11-15; Vic. Feb. 17-19; S.A. Feb. 21-22; Qld. Feb. 24-26; A.C.T. Feb. 27-28.

PILGRIMAGE TO ABERFAN. Row upon row of children's graves at Aberfan, are stark reminder of Welsh mining disaster in which industrial waste brought violent death to 141 persons. During the consultation on "Violence, Non-violence, and the Struggle for Social Justice", participants visited the graveyard and the site of the schoolhouse swept away by an avalanche of shifting slag. — E.P.S.



BANGLADESH

Flying in from India, it seemed that Bangladesh was a country literally fighting to keep its head above water. Later, when travelling around the country, it appeared to be more water than land.

Because of the abundant water supply, the country is very fertile. Rice, tea, jute,

BRIAN RICHARDS

(Associate Churches of Christ)
Missionary in Nepal.

pineapples, bananas, mangoes, all grow in abundance, and the rivers abound in all kinds of fish.

Despite having 75 million mouths to feed, much of the primary produce was exported to earn valuable foreign exchange. A large proportion of this was used to build industries in West Pakistan. For this reason, West Pakistan was reluctant to lose the eastern section, which resulted in the terrible struggle for independence.

With help from India, and the thousands of 'freedom fighters' of East Pakistan, the West Pakistan army was finally forced to surrender, and Bangladesh was born. This freedom was bought at a high cost in property and human lives. Most of the bridges and ferries were destroyed; hundreds of villages flattened, and thousands killed or permanently injured.

One of the big medical problems left over from the war is the rehabilitation of many who lost arms and legs in the fighting. An American orthopaedic surgeon working in India, offered to set up a surgical unit in Dacca to begin to tackle this job.

The B.M.M.F. offered to help with volunteers on a short term basis, and I went as a member of this team for two months to help in the Pharmacy and Business Office. Alongside the hospital, with the help of the Australian Govt., a

WCC SELLS

SOUTHERN AFRICA INVESTMENTS

(Geneva) — The World Council of Churches has issued a printed list of 650 corporations directly involved in investment in or trade with Southern Africa. Simultaneously it announced it had sold any holdings in corporations figuring in the list. Total market value was approximately \$1.5 million.

The action was in line with an instruction given to the Council's finance director, Frank Northam, by the policy-making Central Committee at Utrecht in August 1972. That body decided to disinvest because "the effect of foreign investments in Southern Africa is to strengthen the white minority regimes in their oppression of the majority of the people of this region." The 1968 Uppsala Assembly of the WCC had said that investments in "institutions that perpetuate racism" should be terminated.

—E.P.S.

workshop has been set up to make artificial limbs. During the time I was there, the first artificial legs were being produced, and patients were learning to walk again. This short term project will be handed over to the Govt. at the end of 12 months. But the Bible Medical Missionary Fellowship is also seeking the Lord's guidance about permanent work in this land.

Someone has said that there is an 'administrative vacuum' in the country, as the new Government slowly starts to get organised. Certainly the students are a law unto themselves, demanding money from shop-keepers and car drivers for the 'student cause' with police being conspicuous by their absence.

It is just as true that there is a 'spiritual vacuum' also. Many have been disillusioned, seeing Moslem slaughter Moslem, and there is a wide open opportunity for Christian witness. The Australian Baptists, one of the most active groups in the country, report many thousands of students doing the Bible Correspondence courses, and they are praying for twelve couples to set up student centres, to guide and counsel those doing the courses.

While the Church has been in the land for over 100 years, there are only about 10,000 Christians and a handful of missionaries to reach 75 million Bengalis with the Gospel. There is no restriction (at the moment) on the entrance of missionaries, and a tremendous job still to be done.

Pray that as a mission, we will have the Lord's clear guidance as to the part the B.M.M.F. can play in bringing the Gospel to the millions of this new land.

NEW GUINEA

CHUNGGRIBU WOMEN LEAD

By NOELA MOBBS

The church at Chungribu now has two pastors. One is Ermot, who with his wife Wenap, last year completed the course at the Christian Leaders' Training College at Banz. He is receiving a small allowance from the church and is also having some food provided. The other one is Gombil. He has been attending the classes for pastors that Frank Beale has conducted about every four months for two weeks at a time. Last year he helped Diana Catts lead the discipleship class at Grencebu and he will probably start another one soon and take more responsibility. These two men are the first pastors the church has had. They have no tradition to follow and they and the church are learning what being a pastor means.

On the first Sunday of each month, one combined service is held at either Chungribu or Grencebu. After the Communion service, discussion usually takes place about church problems or new projects. At this time the next month's services at all villages are planned. The combined service last month was taken entirely by women. I

"SEND US CHRISTIANS!"

A.I.O. WAS IN SINGAPORE LAST MONTH . . . and we heard several comments from sensitive Asian Christians.

Some of these remarks were:

— Don't send us missionaries; send us Christians.

— If the church of Jesus Christ is to reach the Asian worker today it will not be with middle class forms.

— We have a fat, flabby bourgeois Christianity and the common man is tuning us out.

— We need to develop a theology of affluence . . . and be prepared to meet the Maoist social ethic head-on.

Among those responding to Christian truth there are cell groups of Chinese Christians in Singapore who are living out a Christian life-style consonant with their deeply-held beliefs.

Establishment Christianity too often kicks against this. It's a threat. . .

These small groups of committed Christians are not so much interested in sending missionaries as they are in sending Christians out into the market place of ideas and activity.

What about China?

As doors open and cracks widen we hear talk of sending missionaries back to China. But perhaps we need to listen more carefully to our Asian friends when they say, "Don't send missionaries, send Christians!"

(WORLD VISION)

YOUTH GO WORKING

Approximately 1,600 young people gave time and labour to more than 50 projects in 25 countries between April and Dec., 1972. The projects were co-sponsored by the Ecumenical Youth Service of the W.C.C.

was preaching, which was nothing new, but Wenap presided and another two women led in prayer. Wenap is able to do this quite confidently, but I was most surprised and pleased that she had been able to find others to help her. Actually I hardly heard a word they said but the fact that they did it was quite a big step.

Wenap has started having a Bible study and prayer time in Grencebu each Saturday morning with a group of women. She said that they are keen to read the Bible for themselves and find out what it means. This is encouraging as the women, except for Wenap, have rarely shown any initiative about anything. They need to have Bibles of their own instead of just sharing their husbands. About a month ago Gombil came and bought a second Bible because he said that when he and his wife sit down together to read the Bible, it is just too difficult with only one. It is only the younger women who can read, and even then not very well, and of course the others need to be catered for. Wenap has asked me to go and help with this Saturday morning group.

C.Y.F. CONVENTION HITS CANBERRA STREETS

Members of workshop groups from the 6th National Youth Convention of Churches of Christ buttonholed young people in the streets of Canberra as part of a youth survey they were conducting.

Others interviewed professional social workers and medical representatives. A task group canvassed the areas surrounding our A.C.T. churches at Ainslie and Lyons, and the new Belconnen area, to survey attitudes to religious education and to seek new Sunday school scholars.

A Teacher Training workshop brought in children to provide practical on-the-job training.

About 260 young people and staff spent a week in January exploring the centre of the Gospel and of the national Capital. The Convention was held in the well-appointed Burton and Garran Halls of the Australian National University. The young people came from every State, New Zealand (22 of them), India, Taiwan, Papua and New Guinea.

Federal President, and chairman of the A.C.T. elders' board, Graham Gilmour, welcomed the Conventioneers to Canberra at the opening dinner. The dinner was chaired by Richard Lawton, director of the Federal Board of Christian Education, which organized the Convention. Awards were given to John Mathieson (Hawthorn, SA), the Flinders Park (SA) youth group, and Margaret Walladge (Blackwood, SA) for sending in 23, 11 and 9 registrations respectively. Betty and Brian, Showcase finalists, provided entertainment and challenge.

The South Australian Churches of Christ Youth Choir presented a Singthing concert in the Campbell High School auditorium, dramatically led worship on the opening night of the Convention, and sang in the Canberra churches on the Sunday.

The workshop sessions highlighted the week. Conventioneers spent nearly 2½ days exploring Youth Ministry, Communicating the Faith, Personal Relationships, The Bible in the 20th Century, Christian and the Arts, Society in Need, Christianity and Politics, International Outlook.

Rev. Trevor Hulme, of the House of the New World youth centre, Sydney,

conducted a Sunday night ecumenical coffee house for a packed audience.

Jim Murdoch, Sydney guitarist, and the Youth Choir, featured at the coffee house.

Kelvin Parry, W.A. DCE Director, led Bible studies on "The World, the Flesh, and the Spirit."

Sunday morning church services were addressed by Avril Chapman (NZ) and Allan C. Male (QLD). Other DCE directors spoke in Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches in Canberra.

Optional sessions were held on Use of Media, Coffee Shop Ministry, Creative Activities, and the Ministry. Conventioneers explored Canberra and surroundings by bus. A Convention barbecue was held in a hundred year-old ex-hotel at nearby Gundaroo, where the menu included barbecued spuds, ham steak, and billy tea.

Morning worship services were led by Arthur Davis (minister at Leichhardt, QLD), Gay Spencer (QLD., student at ABI), Roslyn Marsh (S.A. bookroom manageress) and Lyndsay Jacobs (leader of NZ party).

Lyndsay Jacobs led a focus on New Zealand, and taught a haka to the Conventioneers; Mrs. Chapman and Richard Lawton were interviewed about the 1975 Convention, which is to be held in New Zealand, and the New Zealanders wooed the Australians with songs especially written for the occasion.

Advocates of a new national anthem might well learn from their rendition of "God save our jolly swagman." By next day, five people had actually paid deposits for the 1975 convention.

Desley and Ron Brooker (North Balwyn, Vic.) did a magnificent job as Convention house parents, as they attended to bee stings, stomach ailments, broken hearts, and rooms in which the keys had been locked.

The Convention was brought to a close by a moving worship service, in which Conventioneers expressed decisions for Christ, for the ministry, for service, and for richer personal relationships.

Many teary eyes were evident on the final morning as Conventioneers left Canberra. The most frequently heard parting was "See you in New Zealand."

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

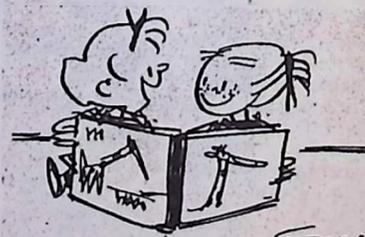
WHO AM I QUIZ

1. I set out at the age of 75, taking all my possessions, to start again in a land I had never seen before.
2. In my new home I got on well and was friendly with my neighbours although I did not approve of their ways.
3. It was foretold that my descendants would one day inherit the new land to which I went.
4. I was called the father of the faithful. (See page 18 for answer).

PERFECT DISGUISE

Some actors can disguise themselves to act a role that is hard to guess what the actor really looks like. Nature also knows the secrets of disguise. Take the Australian spider-crab. It is plentiful in northern waters. It has small spines and hooked hairs on top of its back and, with its claws, the spider attaches pieces of seaweed and other kinds of marine growth to disguise itself. The spider crab always knows exactly what sort of disguise is needed. If it is in water where a certain kind of seaweed is common, it uses that seaweed. But if you take it to a place where there are more sponges than weed, the crab immediately removes its original seaweed dressing and replaces it with sponge. The disguise is so good that it is impossible to see that it is a crab.

A 14 year old came home bubbling with excitement. She had been voted "prettiest girl in class." She was even more excited three days later. The class had voted her "the most popular girl." But when she won a third contest she was more subdued. "What were you voted this time?" asked her mother. "Most stuck-up," the girl replied.



"I like picture books—they're almost like TV!"

F. J. STEPHENSON IS NEW SECRETARY

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

Fred. J. Stephenson has accepted nomination for the position of full-time Secretary of the N.S.W. State Conference. He succeeds Ron C. Hewitt.

A former President of the Western Australian Churches of Christ, Mr. Stephenson has also served the N.S.W. churches as committee-man, Vice-President and President-Elect. He was also N.S.W. Secretary for the 1968 Federal Conference. More recently Mr. Stephenson has been on the staff of the Australian Council of Churches Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service.

Mr. Hewitt will continue as Conference Secretary until the Annual Conference, May 2-6, and the new full-time Secretary will then assume office.

Mr. Stephenson is President-Elect but he will not now become President. Mr. Hewitt has been invited to accept nomination as President of Conference, 1973-74.

A former Conference Secretary, K. Baker, of Epping, has accepted nomination as Vice-President of Conference, 1973-74.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

An Ecumenical Service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22, 1973 at 8 p.m. in the Melbourne Cricket Ground. It is being sponsored by the 40th International Eucharistic Congress and the Victorian Council of Churches.

Those wishing to attend should obtain tickets beforehand. They may be collected from the Conference Office, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, 3000 or alternately, procured by a request accompanied by a stamped, addressed envelope.

—Stanton H. Wilson,
Conference Secretary.

FILMS TO GUIDE

1. "5-7.30 — The Cocktail Hour"
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THE CEASE-FIRE THAT WASN'T As we write this, the yearned for cease-fire documents to bring to an end the shooting war in Vietnam have been signed for 10 days. The cease-fire itself has supposedly been in operation for eight days.

But the fighting has gone on, with an alleged 990 violations of the cease-fire in the first week. Thousands have died as all sides sought last minute advantages.

The U.S. President claims that he has achieved "peace with honour." The North Vietnamese exult in their "great victory." But there is little rejoicing anywhere unless it is in Hanoi. The long agonising cancer of war has left most Vietnamese too broken, ill, and weak to feel any kind of emotion. And who knows if peace will come?

Australia was already out of the war when the documents were signed. But we were quick to offer assistance to both North and South to rebuild their shattered countries and economies. The U.S.A. will also spend heavily in the North and as well as the South in a recovery programme.

Sadly, the worst damage is irreparable and there will be a legacy of misery and loneliness for the Vietnamese for generations as they mourn for the dead, weep for the orphans, and agonise for the burned, the maimed, and the ruined.

LYNDON JOHNSON The plane on which L.B.J. took the oath of office as President of the U.S.A. was the same plane that carried him back to Texas ten years later, after a memorial service at National City Christian (Disciples) church in Washington where he loved to worship as Senator, Vice-President, and President.

His church allegiance was sometimes questioned and subject to rumours, but he obviously regarded himself as a member of our churches and on his rush visit to Australia, he took time to call Gordon Stirling, then minister of our Canberra Church, to visit him at his hotel. They spent an hour talking about church and Australian life in general.

Johnson became President only because bullets took the life of John F. Kennedy. But he was well-equipped for leadership and he had the vision of "the Great Society" of freedom and dignity for all, and the defeat of poverty and racism. He was willing to spend all of his resources of body, mind and spirit to realise these objectives but left office with much still to be accomplished.

Political observers are deeply impressed with the legislation he did inspire in the areas of civil rights, housing, education, health, conservation, and anti-poverty.

Any praise for his legislation for the Great Society was lost in the loud condemnation that was directed toward him for the worst excesses of the war in Vietnam, and for the deepest divisions caused by that war at home. We believe that he genuinely wanted peace, and he gained neither victory nor peace in Indo-China, but his withdrawal from political leadership must count as a defeat inflicted on him by the war.

The instant historians are saying that he will never be regarded as a great President, and they are probably right. However, we doubt if there ever will be another great President. The national and international problems which confront any U.S. President today are too many and too great, and the time is too short for any one man to resolve enough of them to merit being called great.

But Johnson did dream the impossible dream, and seek to right the unrightable wrongs. He would have done much better at home, but he could not beat the unbeatable foe abroad.

GEO. SMITH ON A.B.C.

Geo. Smith, Director of the Christian Welfare Centre, Perth, will take the "Religion in Life" A.B.C. National Programme on Wed., Feb. 21. His topic is "The Philosophy of Christian Social Work."

VICTORIAN MINISTERS' WIVES

(Melb.) The Victorian Ministers' Wives Association will meet on Feb. 19, for a picnic in the Alexandra Gardens, at 10.30 a.m.

If wet, the meeting will be at the Brotherhood Centre.

IN MEMORIAM

JENKIN — Linley — Cherished memories of a loving husband and father, called home February 10, 1950. — Florence, John and Pam.

STAFFORD — Vivian Charles, 23-2-1968. Cherished memories of a dearly loved husband and father. — Muriel, Jeff, Ken, Laurie, Marjory and Colin.

"In my Father's house are many mansions."

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AFTER 23 YEARS It's not time yet to measure the achievements of the new Government, in office for the first time after 23 years. But some things have happened which should not have happened and all Australians may rightly have apprehension about the future.

It was frustrating in the extreme to see the Australian Labor Party in opposition fritter away the hours of Parliament on comparatively small matters and as they ventilated the Liberal Party's differences instead of getting on with the business of running the country. It was just as frustrating to have a Liberal M.P. use question time to ask a Liberal Minister a question whose sole purpose was to air some internal Labor Party conflict.

Now that they are the Government, even before the Parliament has met in its first session, the A.L.P. has provided enough material to enable the Liberals to embarrass the new Government for weeks.

Labor Cabinet Ministers have been publicly airing their disagreements, Ministers have appointed members of their family to highly paid positions on their personal staffs, and the V.I.P. planes have been used to carry members of Ministers' families on official flights. This last is amazing when we remember the fuss made by the Labor opposition over this very thing.

These are probably not important in themselves, but they do show faulty judgment on the part of supposedly astute politicians. These men have not been suddenly and unexpectedly given high office. They and almost the whole country expected them to win the election, and most of the new Ministers have long been preparing for their new positions.

The family appointments may have been made on the grounds of capacity and fitness, but most people will see them as family favoritism, and if, as the A.L.P. claimed, it was unethical for Liberal Ministers to use V.I.P. planes for family and friends, then it is equally unethical for Labor Ministers to do it. If the new Ministers are not mature enough to see this, then they mustn't blame us if we also question some of their other judgments.

We wish the new Government well, and we want it to succeed. It is not good in a democratic system to have, as we have had, one party dominating the Government benches for so long. The measures planned by Labor for Aborigines, education, and pensioners and the initiatives being taken in our international relationships are positive and significant, some of them are even exciting. But unless the A.L.P. can find and demonstrate a unity on all of the important issues, and so to speak and act that right will not only be done but seen to be done, then the first years of the new Government could well be as unhappy as the last years of the old one.

WELCOME TO FLORENCE ROSIER On page 2 of this issue we commence a new regular devotional feature. Mrs. Rosier has been writing for her local church journal for a long time and her practical thoughts have been published in booklet form under the name of "Inner Springs." We think that her faith experiences and spiritual insights will commend themselves to a larger audience through the "Christian" and we welcome her to the team.

GOOD GRIEF!! We have all suffered from the inroads of sport on Sunday and it is not easy for us preachers to compete with local football heroes (or Sunday first-class cricket). We have often wondered what to do about it. A Virginian Methodist pastor, faced with a big Sunday professional football game, decided he couldn't beat 'em so he joined 'em, and wrote the following for his stewardship campaign promotion:

The Redskins play at "RFK" November twenty-two
But we'll have church as usual, cause they don't worry you;
We'll start in at eleven, and at twelve you all can go,
So "get you to the church on time" before the football show.

Now, come prepared to make your pledge and "up it some" this year.
Because our budget has been raised to get us in "high gear";
If you're on time to pray and pay—to worship is sublime—
I guarantee that you will get to the stadium on time!
We are sorry that we have no details on the score at the stadium, or tally at the church!

Happenings

The death occurred in Melbourne of Mrs. A. W. Connor, widow of the late A. W. Connor, a well known minister and former Federal Conference President. Mrs. Connor was aged 100 years.

Robert Bust, who has been serving as School Chaplain in Geelong with the Council for Christian Education in Schools, has been appointed as Chaplain to the Brunswick Technical School.

Norman Vincent Peale has celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ministry at Marble Collegiate Church.

Mormons say they now have 35,000 members in New Zealand—more than the Methodists.

A Japanese Buddhist sect dedicated a huge new temple at the foot of Mount Fiji. The sect claims it is the largest religious structure in the world.

San Francisco registers 532 abortions for every 1000 live births, according to Univ. of California study.

The Christian Church (Disciples) has nine of its members in the U.S. Congress following the recent elections. There are 115 Roman Catholics, 84 Methodists, and 78 Presbyterians.



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The Art Directors' Club is one of two professional bodies which makes awards in film direction. The other is the Australian Film Institute. A gold award represents work of exceptional merit, and is not always made in a given section.

Mr. Tasker received the Gold Awards for the commercials "The Church is people," "Christians joyfully affirm life now" and "All is forgiven."

He said their intention was to re-state in a form appropriate for the television and film medium the fundamental Christian concepts of the church as the Body of Christ; the Resurrection; and the forgiveness of God.

The winning radio commercial by C.T.A. was "Celebrate," created by young Melbourne writer-producer David Webster. Its aim was to promote a Christian view of Sunday, and it embodies four attitudes to Sunday observance stated by the Sunday Christian Observance Council — a day of worship, a day of rest, a day of service to others, a day of recreation.

C.T.A.V. television and radio material is supplied to 26 T.V. stations and scores of radio stations in every State. Hundreds of dollars' worth of material is supplied, at low cost, to regional areas where there is little church support. Other State C.T.A.'s also make their own T.V. material and programmes but C.T.A.V. has national distribution and has been the basic source of half-hour Sunday programmes 5 minute and 10 minute children's programmes and the award winning one minute spots.

Invitation to Burgmann College

The second academic year at Burgmann College, Canberra, has been successful and the happy atmosphere is apparent to anyone who is lucky enough to visit the College. The high pass rate again seems to have been better than the University average.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS

INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS — HONOURS LIST

New Testament Introduction: 4 passed.
Christian Mission: P. Nelson; 6 others passed.
Christian Education I: 5 passed.
Christian Education II: R. Arnold, 9 others passed.
Philosophy of Religion: R. Arnold, G. Chapman, S. Hince, W. Jenkins; 4 others passed.
New Testament Seminar: G. Chapman, W. Jenkins; 6 others passed.
Old Testament Introduction: 2 passed.
Old Testament Exegesis: 3 passed.
New Testament Exegesis II: 6 passed.
Elementary Greek: R. Allison, D. Brown, I. Corlett, J. May, A. Payne, R. White.
Old Testament Seminar: (Second Honours) R. Arnold, W. Condron, G. Chapman, S. Hince, W. Jenkins, W. Newton, K. Verge, P. Williams.
Homiletics I: R.R. Allison, D. Brown, A. Payne; 6 others passed.
Homiletics II: P. Bowers, R. Haskell, R. Risson; 7 others passed.
Homiletics III: D. Smith, G. Warren; 9 others passed.
Homiletics IV: R. Arnold, W. Jenkins; 6 others passed.
Practical Church Work I: R. Allison, D. Brown, P. Bowers, A. Payne; 6 others passed.
Practical Church Work II: P. Nelson, R. Risson; 6 others passed.
Practical Church Work III: P. Burnham, D. Cleaver, T. Giles, B. Ryall, D. Smith, J. Spiker, G. Wake, G. Warren; 6 others passed.
Practical Church Work IV: R. Arnold, G. Chapman, I. Tippett, R. Haskell; 6 others passed.
Introduction to Theology: 2 passed.
History & Witness of Churches of Christ: R. Arnold; 11 others passed.

MELBOURNE COLLEGE OF DIVINITY EXAMINATIONS. DIPLOMA OF DIVINITY (L.Th.) PASSED

Old Testament Introduction: R. Allison, D. Brown, R. Caudwell, I. Corlett, J. May.
New Testament Introduction: R. Allison, D. Brown, D. Buller, R. Caudwell, I. Corlett, A. Fletcher, T. Giles, K. Haythorpe, J. May, R. Risson, D. Ryle, D. Sonsee, J. Spiker, R. White.
Old Testament Exegesis I: R. Allison, D. Brown, I. Corlett, J. May, R. White.
Old Testament Exegesis II: K. Haythorpe, R. Lloyd, D. Ryle.
New Testament Exegesis I: P. Bowers, D. Buller, P. Burnham, K. Haythorpe, R. Lloyd, R. Risson, D. Ryle, J. Spiker, D. Stevens.
New Testament Exegesis II: B. Ryall, G. Warren.
New Testament Greek: P. Bowers, D. Buller, R. Haskell, K. Haythorpe, R. Lloyd, R. Risson, D. Ryle, D. Stevens, I. Tippett.

Church History: R. Allison, D. Brown, I. Corlett, A. Fletcher, R. Haskell, A. Horne, R. Lloyd, J. May, R. Risson, D. Ryle, D. Sonsee (I & II) D. Stevens.
Introduction to Theology: D. Buller, R. Caudwell, K. Haythorpe, R. Lloyd, R. Risson, D. Ryle, D. Stevens.
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ECUMENICAL SERVICE

(There have been enquiries concerning the nature of the Ecumenical Service to be held in conjunction with the 40th International Eucharistic Congress on Thursday, Feb. 22, 1973, at 8pm at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Included among those planned to take part in the service are: Cardinal Willebrands, Dr

Lucas Vischer of the World Council of Churches, N. S. Gilmore, Victorian Council of Churches, Archbishop Knox, and Archbishop Woods.

For information for our readers, we give the wording of a poster which describes the service. This is not an advertisement.) **UNITY IN CHRIST IS OUR CLAIM AND OUR HOPE**

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE BEING ASKED TO CELEBRATE THE PRESENT REALITY AND PRAY FOR THE FUTURE ON THIS NIGHT IN FEBRUARY. THE CELEBRATION IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE 40th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND THE VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL BE A WATERSHED IN ECUMENICAL RELATIONS IN VICTORIA.

WORD:

OUR MEETING will be constituted as a response to the Holy Spirit inspiring co-operation, breaking down barriers and removing misunderstandings.

OUR PRAYER will be led and directed by representatives of all Christian denominations.

OUR LISTENING will be to the Prophecy of Ezekiel, to the advice of Paul and to the Gospel according to John.

LIGHT:

All present will be asked to renew the promises we made when we received the Baptism of Christ, the Light of the world. All present will hold a lighted candle during this solemn moment.

FOOD:

We will express the fellowship of Christian love by the sign of sharing food, recalling the early Christians' custom of eating the AGAPE meal. "AGAPE" being the New Testament word for God's Love.

FOOD and MONEY for food for hungry people of the world, will be carried in procession to the dais as a symbol of the offering of the people.

Money will be collected at the entrance gates, at the same time as the people collect their candles and food for the ceremony to follow.

The money will be presented to the representatives of World Christian Action (Christmas Bowl) and Australian Catholic Relief.

WE SEEK TO CELEBRATE not only Churches coming closer together, but especially that Christian People are co-operating in Christian concern, and are already united in the **WORK** of bringing Christ's Peace, Christ's Justice and Christ's Love to the world.

TELL YOUR LOCAL POLICEMAN

(India)—The legislature in the western India state of Gujarat has passed a bill that opponents say will effectively scare away all converts to Christianity. The bill requires that a would-be convert give prior notice to local police about his intention to change his religion. The prospective convert must also prove to the satisfaction of an examining magistrate that he is acting freely without coercion and rightfully, without overriding concern for any material benefits.

Nearly all Christian churches in India have opened missions in Gujarat, which is inhabited by large numbers of tribal people who are mostly animist rather than Hindu. The "Hindu religion protection bill" as it is being called, is similar to laws passed in the states of Orissa and the Madhya Pradesh four or five years ago. The bill is being protested by Christians as well as by Buddhists and Muslims.

—World Vision

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

(Switzerland)—The Palais de Beaulieu in this city has been selected as the site of the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelization. The huge facility, with several concert-size halls, 75 smaller meeting rooms, offices and five restaurants, is considered ideal for the 3,500 Christian leaders, observers and press corps expected from around the world.

According to Dr. Billy Graham, honorary chairman, a suitable site in the so-called Third World could not be found. Plans for the Congress will now be centered here in an office set up under the leadership of Dr. Donald E. Hoke, who has been appointed co-ordinating director. Dr. Hoke is an American who has been president of the Tokyo Christian College in Tokyo, Japan since 1955. The last international congress on world evangelism took place in Berlin, Germany in 1966.

—World Vision

OBITUARY

HUNTER, William Harold.

Harold Hunter was 83 years of age when he died on Dec. 6, 1972. His farm was alongside the old Berwick church that gave relevance to everything he did. He joined that church in 1903.

In 1954 the Hunters moved to Dandenong, where Mrs. Hunter pre-deceased him in 1962. After selling his Dandenong house he lived out the final years of his life with his daughters, Lois (Mrs. Don Smith) at Doncaster until falling health caused him to be moved to the Nursing Home at Murrumbidgee.

Mr. Hunter's passing, and that of Nat. Meyer, Stanley Hillbrick, and Paul Aurisch, marks the end of an era in the Berwick church and district.

Mr. Hunter had a beautiful hand and won many competitions with his map-drawing and sketches. He was an outstanding sportsman, especially in cricket. His service to the Berwick church could not be measured. He served as deacon, treasurer, president, and reader.

The sincere sympathy of the Dandenong church is extended to friends and all members of his family, particularly his daughters, Lois and Valerie (Mrs. W. Harris), sons-in-law, Don and Warren, and his grandchildren.—Allan Avery.

O'NIELL MRS. M. R.

MRS. M.R. O'Neill died at Geelong, Vic. on Nov. 27, 1972 aged 79 years. Only the day before she had attended the Communion and Worship Service at Latrobe Terrace Church. Her passing was unexpected, although she had not enjoyed good health for some time. She had been a member at the Terrace for many years and was a lover and keen student of the Bible. She gave generously to the Lord's work and had been active in ladies' work of the church. Sincere sympathy is extended to her brother, T. Parker, and other relatives—A.W.C.

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CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS

Foreign residents in Peking joined Chinese Christians in the first Christmas services for six years.

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At Midnight Mass at Peking's Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, about 30 Chinese Catholics joined 270 foreigners in a ceremony in Latin.

About 40 people were at an earlier Protestant service—11 of them Chinese.

It was the first time since the start of the Cultural Revolution in 1966 that Christmas services had been held in Peking.

Before 1949, there were an estimated 2,500,000 Christians in China, although official figures now put the number in Peking as 4000 to 5000 Catholics and 500 Protestants.

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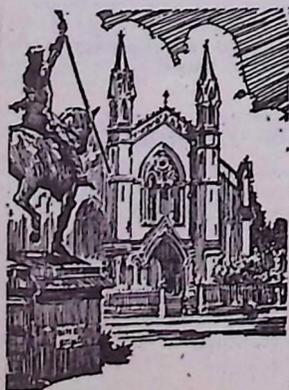
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1.15 p.m.: LUNCH

R.S.V.P. February 10, 1973

2.30 p.m.: REMINISCENCES & REFLECTIONS

Leader: A. O. S. Baker (Minister).

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DEATHS

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PURDIE, Charlotte Grace—On January 24 (suddenly), loving mother of Idris, Claude, Murray, Eric, Jean, Joy, Evelyn, Harold and Dawn. Fond mother-in-law of Laurel, Muriel, Gloria, Olive, Doreen, Keith, Hedley, Gordon and Bruce. Leaving 34 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren. Aged 92 years.

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NORRIS FAMILY FAREWELLED (Blackwood) A large crowd attended the farewell to Mr & Mrs H. Norris who were loved and esteemed throughout their eight year ministry . . . Members are concerned at the serious illness of David Coventry . . . 10 young people attended Youth Convention in Canberra . . . Dr & Mrs Taylor spoke of their planned service in New Hebrides. Blackwood church will support Mrs Taylor during her time there . . . Ray Veal of India was a recent speaker . . . Manse has been renovated prior to commencement of ministry of Mr & Mrs L. G. Cooke.

MOVE FROM PORT PIRIE Mr & Mrs Merv. Lawrie have been farewelled and R. L. Baxter will commence a ministry on February 25 . . . Three have joined the church by faith and baptism . . . Recent speakers have been T. Wellington, and J. McNicol.

BADGE FOR DAVID (Telopea, J. Bacik) At a combined Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade achievement award night, special mention was made of David Ratten who was presented with the Queen's Badge by Sir Roden Cutler . . . Three new members have been welcomed . . . Mr. Bacik was study leader at Stanwell Tops youth camp . . . J. Clelland is home from hospital after serious illness . . . Linton Kallmier, Pam Ratten, and Len Fittell attended C.S.S.M. Beach Mission at Coffs Harbour.

BUILDING ALTERATIONS (Nambour, R. McLean) Work on building alterations has progressed to the stage where the church can be used for services . . . The manse had been sold and a new place is being negotiated . . . G. Hopson has been preaching recently . . . A special Building Fund stall raised \$140.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING (Manifold Heights, A. E. Stevens) An "In-Service Teacher Training Programme" for B.S. teachers and would-be teachers is currently being held in the S.S. hall . . . The manse has been painted throughout and floors re-carpeted . . . Recent speakers have been R. A. Banks, Ross Barnes, and Ron Grazules . . . Church family picnic was held at Torquay on Australia Day . . . Mrs. T. Standen has returned from Sydney where she attended "A Camp Furthest Out."

MISSION PLANNED (Murwillumbah, D. Eagling) The church is working for a mission with Eddie Gabbert in May . . . The film "His Land" has been screened . . . Three of our young people attended a "Tweenagers" Camp at Caloundra . . . Roy Ackland, retired minister, was a recent speaker.

THANKSGIVING DINNER (Murray Bridge, A. H. Coleman) At church thanksgiving dinner, I. Roberts reported

on planned giving and increased offerings. G. Bywaters was speaker . . . The church entered a float in the parade with the theme "Put Christ into Your Christmas" . . . Mr. & Mrs. Webster (nee Val Schutz) visited parents prior to going to live in Scotland . . . The church presented Marlene Harper with a Bible for her leaving on Canberra . . . Beryl Lehmann is home after 12 months abroad . . . Gwynne Phillips passed final university exams with credits . . . Elder W. Harper celebrated his 80th birthday . . . G. & P. Thompson attended Canberra C.Y.F. Convention.

MISSION '73 (Bordertown, R. Combridge) A mission is planned with Kevin Berston for March and April. The church meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturdays, and the circuit meets every third week for prayer . . . John Tabi spent his last Sunday in Aust. with us before returning to the Islands . . . Colin Leggett is back at church after sickness. Also at home after long stay in hospital are Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. J. McDonald. . . . Robyn Milne has returned after 12 months in Japan as a Rotary exchange student . . . Sandra and Yvonne Bonney have been farewelled on leaving for Adelaide . . .

TWO MINISTERS FAREWELLED (Thomson) K. Caulton completed his two years' part-time ministry on Jan. 21. At close of morning service, D. Westbury, chairman of the Board, presented him with a gift, and at night at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Stonehouse, opportunity was given to say goodbye to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas of Belmont as well as Mr. Caulton . . . Women are now taking part as readers at morning services.

SITE DEVELOPMENT (Burwood, N.S.W. M.H.A. Pieper) An application for site re-development has been approved by the local Council. This will enable the church to carry out major alterations to the chapel providing for overflow seating into the kindergarten hall. Alterations will also be made to the manse to increase the size of the kitchen and living room area. Ross Burton, a second year student at Woolwich College, has been appointed as student assistant.

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The Handasydes came from Victoria six years ago where they were members at Glen Waverley church, and now reside at Mt. Barker, W.A., about 50 miles from Albany.

Both boys were Christians and Ian was a teacher at the Forest Hill Sunday School (undenominational). They were returning from Perth after delivering strawberries to the markets. Their friend, Alan Drage (18), was also killed.

OPPRESSION IN URUGUAY

A letter has been sent to the Hon. Juan Ma. Bordaberry, the President of Uruguay, from the World Council of Churches asking that the individual rights guaranteed by the country's constitution be restored to citizens.

It was pointed out that Uruguay had "enthusiastically signed the universal Declaration of Human Rights at the U.N., and has a long and respected tradition of democratic freedom." Yet a W.C.C. team had visited Uruguay, talked with well known personalities and relatives of visitors and reported that "there is impressive evidence that as part of the violation of human rights, both physical and psychological torture is practised on political prisoners."

The letter to President Bordaberry expressed the prayer "that God will give you wisdom and strength finally to abolish the abuses that today darken so many homes and cloud the future of Uruguay."

3RD WOMEN'S WEEKEND CONVENTION

(Vic.) The Third State Women's Weekend Convention will be held in the Convention Auditorium, March 16-18, with the theme: "The Real Truth".

Introductory speakers will be: Mrs. Frieda Brown M.A. (Oxon.) and Mrs. Jean Rees, a well known British speaker and author of over 30 devotional books and novels.

C.W.C.I. is interdenominational and invites all women to join in the Convention. The cost for those living-in for the week-end is \$11.00.

Special buses will run on Saturday, Marsh 17 from metropolitan areas to take women to and from the Convention. For all information, brochures, etc, phone Mrs. C. Inches, 87-1302 (Melb.)

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

NEW MISSIONARIES — AND OTHERS

Rodney Feldhahn from Queensland, leaves for Wewak on Feb. 7, and will serve as a teacher at the Pidgin English Teachers' Training School at Bunam on the Keram River, New Guinea. As time permits, he will do linguistic work.

Mr. Feldhahn is a graduate of Kenmore Christian College and for twelve months was a field officer for the D.C.E. in Qld. His membership is at Mt. Walker Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Humphries from Victoria, will leave for the New Hebrides next June.

They will establish a business office for the mission on Santo and will be available to help the New Hebridean churches in their outreach work on Santo and adjacent islands.

Mr. Humphries is a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and is a qualified accountant. He has had wide experience in the business world. Since graduating from Glen Iris, he has been an Ansvar Insurance representative in Geelong and honorary associate minister at the Norlane Church of Christ.

Mrs. Humphries has had wide experience in secretarial work, and has been actively involved in local church work.

Dr. and Mrs. Trevor Taylor, from Elizabeth, S.A., have been appointed as short term workers to the New Hebrides and will serve for approximately twelve months from Feb. 5.

Dr. Taylor graduated from the Adelaide University M.B.B.S. in 1961 and spent three years gaining experience in various hospitals before going into general practice in 1965.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Taylor have been actively involved in Christian service in the homeland. Their present membership is at the Elizabeth church.

They have three children, David, Carolyn and Julia.

Dr. and Mrs. Don Hemer, from South Australia, have been appointed as missionaries to the New Hebrides and will leave for the field toward the end of 1973.

Dr. Hemer graduated from the Adelaide University M.B.B.S. in 1970 and since then has been gaining experience in various hospitals. Mrs. Hemer is a stenographer and both she and Dr. Hemer have been actively participating in youth work and other avenues of Christian service. Their present membership is with the Croydon church.

Please remember in prayer all of these new workers as they serve their Lord overseas.

RESIGNATION OF

Dr. and Mrs. DAVID COULTER

The Overseas Mission Board has received with regret the resignation of Dr. and Mrs. David Coulter, who have served in the New Hebrides for over twelve years. The Coulter family leave for New Zealand in February.

Dr. Coulter was the first doctor to be appointed to the New Hebrides by the Churches of Christ. Prior to his appointment the medical work was pioneered by nursing sisters and Dr. Coulter, building on this foundation, has developed the medical work in a remarkable way. The medical service provided by our mission in the New Hebrides is of an exceptionally high standard and has been highly commended by visiting medical specialists who are familiar with medical services provided in similar situations throughout the world.

On behalf of the Australian Churches of Christ, the Overseas Mission Board expresses sincere appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Coulter for their years of dedicated service and pray for the Lord's richest blessing as they serve in N.Z.

VISITOR FROM

NEW GUINEA MISSION

John Fasi, a member of Churches of Christ in New Guinea, visited Australia to attend the I.V.F. Conference in Hobart.

John is President of the I.V.F. at the Madang Teachers' College. He first attended our mission school at Pir where he was taught by Rex Chamberlain. He and another schoolboy were the first in the Pir area to be baptized. After completing Standard 5 at Pir, John went to the Christian Mission for Many Lands at Anguganak to complete his primary school education.

He then studied at Awaba High School where he gained matriculation. At Awaba, in Papua, John was actively involved in Christian work. He was appointed a deacon in the Awaba English Church and was a leader in Christian Endeavour.

During 1972 John has been studying at the Madang Teachers' College.

John Fasi is the first member of the Churches of Christ in New Guinea to visit Australia, and we congratulate him on being appointed President of the I.V.F. at Madang Teachers' College and for being chosen to attend the Hobart Conference. We give thanks to God for this young man who will be one of the future leaders of the work in New Guinea.



VICTORIA

MINISTRY CHANGE (Sunshine) A presentation was made to Mr and Mrs Bradley on their departure for Sydney. N. Carter commenced his ministry here in January. Mrs Carter will be Superintendent of the S.S. . . . The Temple Day offering was \$200 . . . Many toys were received at the church Christmas social and given to A.W.C. Candy, the Hospital Chaplain, for distribution.

STEWARTS GO SOUTH (Traralgon) The Stewart family were farwelled after a fruitful four year ministry and have moved to Hobart . . . Roger Hollard conducted services in January and on February 4, the Director of H. M. & Evang., D. H. Smith, conducted the induction service for Warren Hamilton.

COLLINGWOOD MANSE (S. C. Downie) The church is excited about the purchase of a Manse at 196 Nicholson St., a few streets from the church. The Properties Corporation assisted with loan . . . 200 attended an outreach programme into the Housing Commission park. Films were shown and there were subsequent good attendances each Sunday evening after church.

MEMBERS PASSES (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard) Mrs S. Abbot, one of our oldest members, died on Christmas Day, aged 86 . . . Swan Hill's popularity as a tourist centre brought many visitors to services over holidays . . . Mrs Nilma Henson has been farewelled on leaving for Shepparton . . . First C.M.F. dinner guest speaker had subject of Education and Morality.

CHURCH SADDENED (Peel St. Ballarat, W. Miles) The church mourns the sudden death of Mrs. M. Groves . . . Bruce Harmer was a member of the C.S.S.M. team at Torquay . . . The Christmas Bowl offering was \$43 . . . Darryl McLeod commences training at Woolwich College in February.

SET APART FOR SERVICE (Bentleigh) On Jan. 28 there was a special meeting to set apart Mr and Mrs B. Heyworth prior to their leaving for Singapore for an orientation period before going to Thailand. R. Roberts, Home Director of O.M.F., gave the address. At night Mrs. N. Carter made a presentation to Mrs. Heyworth from the C.W.F., and at after-church supper the church made a gift to Mr and Mrs Heyworth. . . . R. Robotham, A. Cowan, and N. McDonald have had serious illnesses.

TASSIE TREK (Box Hill, G. A. Grainger) Some Boys' Explorers participated in Tassie Trek whilst others went on a 250 miles canoe trip along the River Murray . . . Visitors from all States and N.Z. helped to maintain holiday congregations . . . Juniors were featured in January evening programmes . . . Robt. Kirkwood and family were farewelled on appointment at Smithton, Tas., . . . Dianne Steele is recovering after illness and Mrs. Sandells after surgery.

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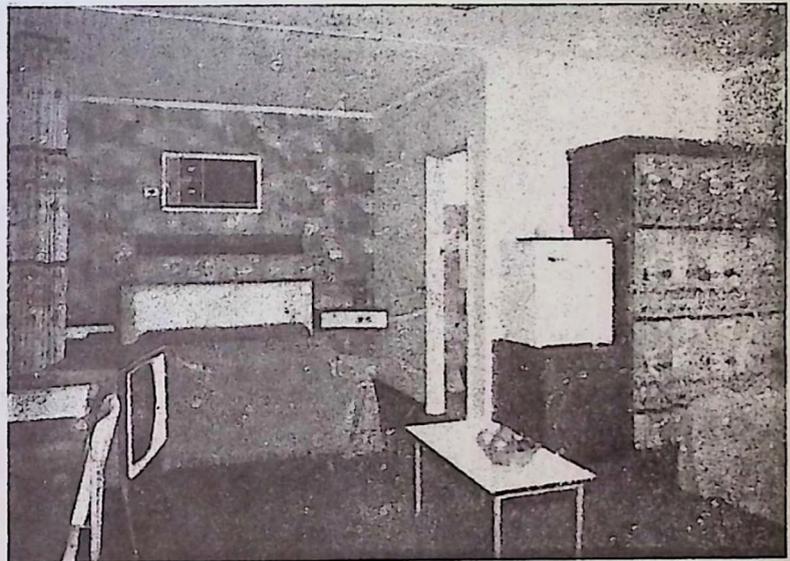
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The answer to your first question is No!, it does not necessarily indicate some failure in faith or life if a person suffers a breakdown—whether he is a minister, elder, deacon, or fringe member.

Mental disturbance, by whatever name we call it, is a hazard of life. It seems to be increasing, but there are some who argue that it has always been with us in roughly the same proportions as today, but we are better able to diagnose it and treat it now.

Ministers, as well as members of their congregations suffer from over-anxiety, schizophrenia, acute stress, or even overwork.

We don't always know why it happens to some people and not to others. We do live in a world of risk. Pre-natal problems can result in defective children. Unhappy childhood, some kind of physical illness, family conflict, and almost unbearable pressures, may each have a part to play in a life that becomes disturbed to such a degree that folk cannot handle the problems of life.

Ministers share these hazards with everyone else. I have always been careful in this column not to suggest that the minister works harder and longer and under greater strain than others

in the church. Many church members work hard and long and late and are often deeply involved with the needs of others.

I do not suggest that ministers are more vulnerable than others, but they are at risk. Many of them are very much overworked, and they must be ready for additional crisis calls at any time, no matter how run down they feel. It is not surprising that some of them bend beneath the load they carry—some physically, some mentally, and, it must be acknowledged, some spiritually. The minister faces an additional stress in that he feels a pastoral responsibility for others. He cannot always talk about the problems shared with by others, the confidences given to him must be kept. He cannot talk them over with his colleagues, as sometimes doctors and lawyers are able to do. He is aware that the well-being of members of his congregation is sometimes in his hands and this responsibility does not make sleep come easily or comfortably. He can pray, of course, and this is a great help. But ministers need the support of the church—not as an institution, but broken down into personal, therapeutic relationships.

The loneliness that threatens a church member may also threaten a minister. There are many churches today which have elders, under-shepherds, counselling groups, and others engaged in caring for troubled people, but too often these folk are called upon, as the minister is, to deal with cases, with cures rather than prevention.

Ministers are people too. Once they reach the point of break-down they also must have assistance. They will not be helped much by having their sins counted and faith questioned. A "tonic text" won't do much for them either. They are disturbed by a breakdown of their resources and, like the members of the congregations, they may have experienced a failure in human relationships and are upset by loneliness, fears or resentments.

What will help ministers and congregation alike is the development of a true Koinonia fellowship where Christians find in small first name groups a community of "sharing, caring, and bearing." In such a group, a person will be accepted, helped to share his concerns, and find a love and acceptance which are themselves resources for the healing ministry of Christ.

THE LAST WORD...

REFLECTION

I tried
To do my part
And yet at evening sun
It seemed that there was something left
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--Geo. Ehrman.



Learning without love inflates one; love
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--Bernaud of Clairvaux



It can't be denied,
When my hands are both full.
I'll be on the side
Of the door that reads: PULL.

--Stephen Schlitzer.



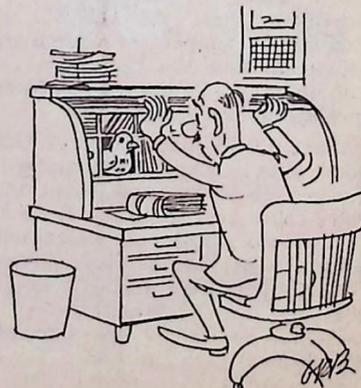
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New Testaments

Another most effective aspect of "Good News Unlimited" will be in the area of New Testament distribution.

Churches in Australia have already held campaigns from door to door, selling the Today's English Version New Testament.

The Bible Society has found again and again that people will read something for which they have paid a price, no matter how small the price.

Church members offer "Good News for Modern Man" to householders for "whatever you can afford", and find the responses phenomenal.

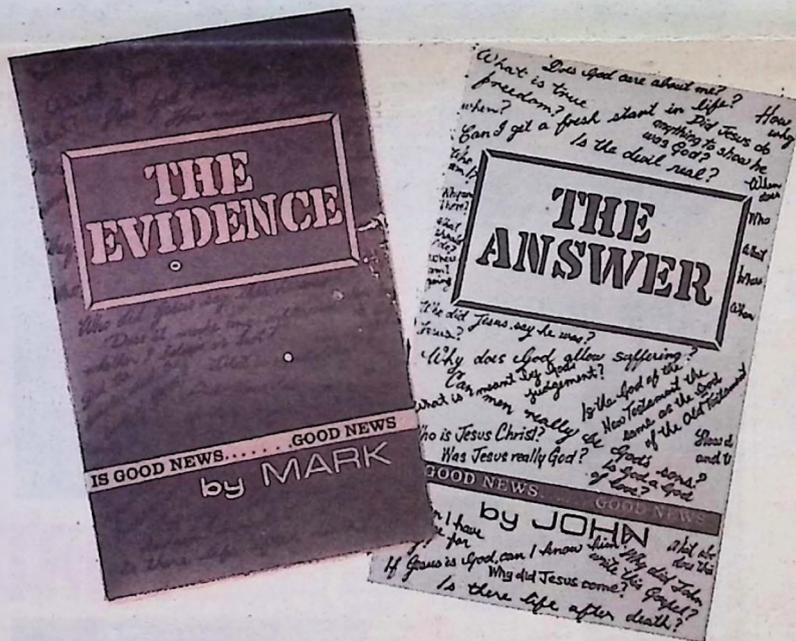
Those who do not buy could still be given a free selection.

A good follow-up programme will bring the church back to the door a few weeks later to see if the customer is understanding the Book.

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

SUGGESTED WAYS

- * Door to door
- * Letter box drops
- * Youth clubs and camps
- * Aged people's homes
- * Pastoral visitation
- * Shopping centres
- * Factories and offices
- * Pocket and handbag
- * Doctors waiting rooms
- * Hospital visitation
- * Gifts
- * Open air outreach



TO REACH

- * Neighbours — your street
- * Every community
- * Young people
- * Senior citizens
- * Fringe church attenders
- * Shoppers
- * Workmates
- * Fellow travellers
- * The sick
- * Patients and nurses
- * Relations, friends
- * Holiday makers, etc.

ACT NOW

None of the ideas we have suggested, however, will amount to anything unless YOU do something to put them into action.

A united, community-wide saturation programme with good follow-up is the most effective means of outreach with the Scriptures.

But someone will have to suggest the idea and take the initiative in organising this programme.

Perhaps you can do this.

Do all that you can to pass on your enthusiasm for scripture distribution to others.

But, whether or not you are able to enthuse them, take some definite steps yourself toward becoming a part of "Good News Unlimited", so that 1973 can definitely be a year of GOOD NEWS for all.

In an effort to encourage churches in co-ordinated mass distribution campaigns, the Bible Society is printing two special gospel booklets for use during 1973.

They are being offered to churches and departments of evangelism on a "two for the price of one" basis.

The booklets, "The Evidence" by Mark, and "The Answer" by John, are illustrated and in the Today's English Version.

These subsidised gospels will not be available for normal purchase from Bible shops or any other source. Orders and payments should be made to the Bible Society. Supplies will be forwarded direct from our warehouse.

The object, of course, is to encourage Christians to give these gospels away free to neighbours in the district where they live.

The Bible Society is anxious that individuals who are interested in such a campaign will do everything possible to co-ordinate their activities with others in their community with the same vision, so that every single family may be reached.

Christians requiring supplies of these special gospels should order them through their church.

Remember, \$12.00 will supply 200 families with the Good News about Jesus Christ. Don't limit the Good News by failing to act in your local area.

Make 1973 a year of "GOOD NEWS for everyone!"

REMEMBER

Jesus prayed....."Dedicate them to yourself, by means of the truth; your word is truth".

John 17:17 T.E.V.

Jesus said, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples;.....And remember! I will be with you always, to the end of the age".

Matthew 28:18-20 T.E.V.

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SELECTIONS

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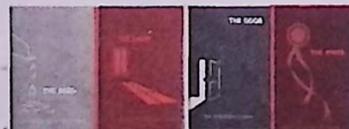
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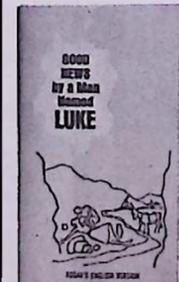


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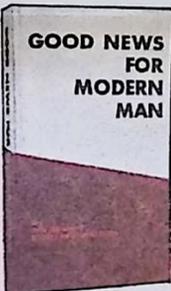
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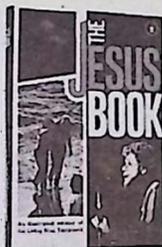


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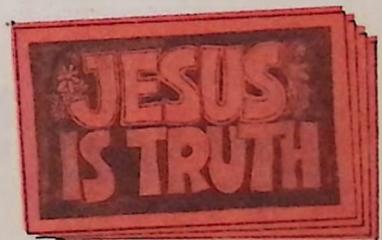


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SOW THE SEED

"Perseverance will sell anything; but perseverance coupled with a truly great Product will revolutionise the world."

A non-Christian religion recently released statistics which indicate that its members spend an average of 10,000 hours to make one permanent convert.

And yet this organisation is one of the fastest growing religions in the world today. Why?

Because they are not looking at the 9,999 hours that were fruitless; they are looking at the one hour that resulted in a convert.

If Christians who have discovered the life-changing forgiveness of Jesus Christ would also spend 10,000 hours distributing the Good News about the Son of God, what kind of results could we expect?

Perseverance will sell anything; but perseverance coupled with a truly great Product will revolutionise the world.

No farmer can plant a crop without losing a few seeds.

But no farmer can harvest a crop without first sowing the seed either.

Remember this: the man who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop.

— II Corinthians 9:6

In Jesus Christ we have the answers to the problems of the world.

But how will the world ever hear the Good News if we who have experienced it sit back and wait for them to come to us.

All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good men sit idle and do nothing.

DON'T GIVE FLOWERS...



GIVE SEEDS



As one gets older, one becomes more conscious of how quickly life and temporal things fade away.

The world needs food, medicine, shelter, and social concern. But all of these needs and more can be met by individuals who have been changed by the Word of God.

When you make out your will, remember to give something that will grow.

For information on how to leave a legacy to The British and Foreign Bible Society, write to "Legacy" c/o the Bible House in your State (see previous page).



Are you praying for a harvest?
Get a plough!
Start to run some even furrows here and now;
Sow the seed with lavish hand;
Cast it on the waiting land;
Some rich grain will take its stand —
God knows how!
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But he asks that you keep busy day by day.
Yours to bear the stress and strain;
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To produce the golden grain — 'tis God's way.

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THE SEED IS THE WORD

The motto of the Bible Society in Australia is "The Seed is the Word; the Field is the World."

This comes from the story of the Sower, in the eighth chapter of Luke, the thirteenth chapter of Matthew, and the fourth chapter of Mark.

The Bible Society is one of the oldest

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Its mission: To provide the Scriptures to everyone in the world in a language he can understand and at a price he can afford.

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Every year the Bible Society in Australia, together with over 50 other Bible Societies around the world, prints parts of the Bible in about 50 new languages.

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