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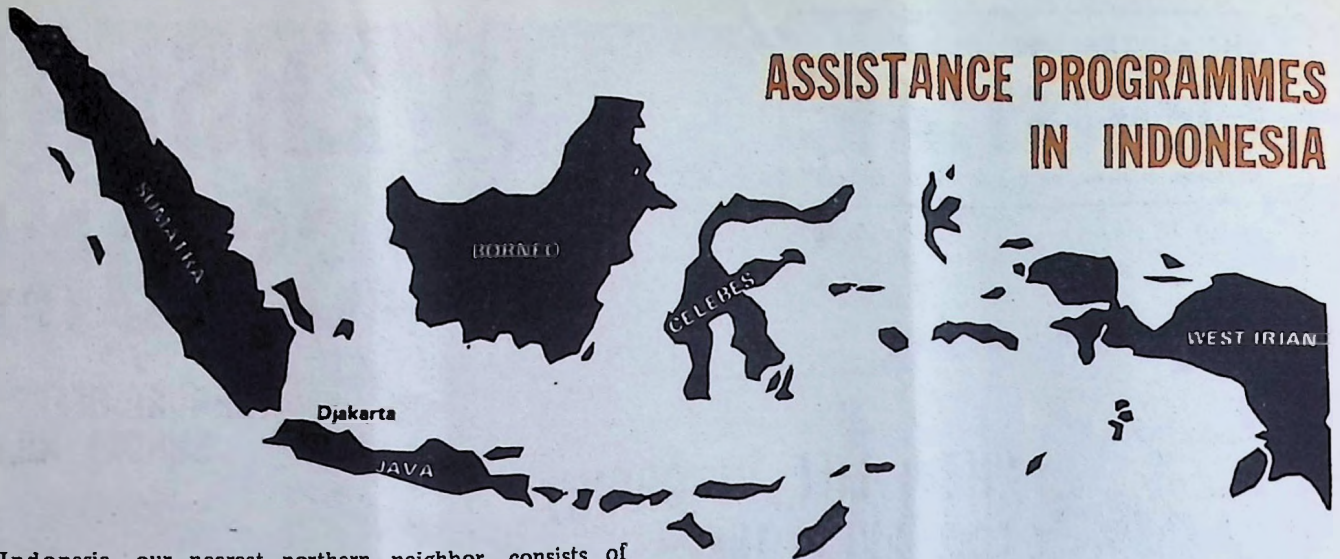
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**"NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
FOR EVERYONE
. EVERYWHERE"**



**EXPLAINING
THE
SCRIPTURES
IN
INDONESIA**

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES IN INDONESIA



Indonesia, our nearest northern neighbor, consists of hundreds of islands with a total area of 735,900 square miles. The population is approximately 122 million, and it is the sixth most populous nation in the world. The population density is about 210 persons per square mile, but it is unevenly distributed, as 65% live on Java.

There is a complete religious freedom under the Indonesian Constitution. Muslims predominate, and about 10% of the population are Christian. Since the mid-1960's there has been a major increase in conversions to Christianity. The large number of people coming into many churches has increased the need for trained church leaders.

Australian Churches of Christ have assisted in leadership training programs by providing financial assistance for the training of pastors and lay people to become effective Bible Reading Note writers, and the training of people to become Bible Reading instructors and promoters in their own churches. The programs are conducted by the Institut Oikimene Indonesia, a body established by the Indonesian Council of Churches which serves as the Central Training Centre for Indonesia, the Indonesian Scripture Union, and the National Bible Society.

The aim of the Bible Reading Promotion Program is to encourage Indonesian Christians to be a Bible reading and Biblical rooted people. Concerning the need for Bible Reading Instructors and Promoters, D. R. Maitimoe, Programme Director of the Institut Oikimene Indonesia and Chairman of the Indonesian Scripture Union, writes, "I would lay stress on the need for thousands of men and women to serve as Bible Reading instructors and promoters. These men and women from out of the grass root level of Church Life are functional leaders in Church and society life. They have a very important share in keeping the church growing, numerically as well as qualitatively. To train these people in short term workshops or courses, we have developed in Indonesia an extension method, using programmed instruction materials written by myself. I have done experiments with this kind of educational technique with groups varying from 10 to 180 people: housewives, doctors, University students, teachers, bus drivers, businessmen, army personnel, teenagers and the like.

"Because these men and women have daily contacts with their fellowmen on their level of living and society or church life, they can reach them more effectively than any pastor or evangelist can do. By this way especially, non-Christians can be reached, and converted by God's Word.

"It is not necessary that the Bible Reading movement adapt itself to the Anglo-Saxon situation as has been developed in Europe or Australia. It should be an indigenous autonomous organisation with its own constitution and rules to develop its own working program and activities co-operating with the churches and other christian bodies.

"Our aim in Indonesia is to reach 12 million Christians, to motivate and to educate them to become consistent Bible readers and distributors in their own circles and to men of other religions so that at least 12 million Christians in Indonesia can have the opportunity to testify why they read God's Word and want to encourage others to do likewise."

Churches of Christ are privileged to share a small part in the total programme of Christian witness in Indonesia. It is but a small part, but in answer to prayer it is a significant one and has been greatly appreciated by our Indonesian brethren.

Warm appreciation has been expressed by the Institut Oikumene Indonesia for finance provided by Churches of Christ for a Bible Reading Note Writer's Workshop which was held last March, and promised support for training workshops for new writers which will be held in July and October.

In addition to sharing in the training of teachers for Bible Reading Promotion Programs, there is the need for assistance in other leadership training such as intensive training courses for lay teachers. One such course will be held from July 1 to August 16, this year at Sukabumi, a cool town in the hills 150 km south of Jakarta. Concerning this course, Mr. Maitimoe writes, "Some Church and Christian Organisations in West Germany which are interested to support these very important leadership training courses have decided to give financial assistance, but they are only able to support 65% of the whole budget. Please talk about our needs with your fellow Christians."

ASSOCIATED WORKERS IN INDONESIA

There are four Churches of Christ Associated Workers in Indonesia. Associated Workers are members of Churches of Christ who have been accepted and sponsored as full time workers by any other approved church or missionary society, and are desirous of retaining Churches of Christ affiliations and membership. An Associated Worker is accepted by the Overseas Mission Board, but is not responsible to, nor the responsibility of, the Board.

While the Board is not responsible to support financially Associated Workers, assistance is given at various times for special needs.

Those serving in Indonesia are, Sisters Aileen Dallimore and Dorothy Manning, who serve with the Leprosy Mission at Medan in North Sumatra, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Truscott, who work with Mr. and Mrs. C. Winegarner of the U.S.A. Christian Churches (Independent) at Bandung.

John and Shirley Truscott were accepted by the Overseas Mission Board as Associated Workers at the Annual Meeting of the Board held last March. They left for Indonesia in February, and will co-operate with Mr. and Mrs. Winegarner in setting up a studio to produce audio-visual material for evangelism and leadership training. They are supported by their own personal finances, as well as by individuals who have offered to assist.

Please pray for our Associated Workers in Indonesia and other parts of the world.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

SIXTY TO BE BAPTIZED

By R.S.A. McLEAN



"On March 23 there is to be a baptismal service at Pakingabu, approximately sixty people will be baptized." This thrilling news was conveyed to me in a letter written by Judy Simpson on March 2. This was not the first time that wonderful news such as this had been received from our Missionaries in Papua New Guinea.

A few weeks earlier, Bill Buli, our New Hebridean missionary in Papua New Guinea reported, "On December 22 sixty-one people followed their Lord through the waters of baptism". Similar reports were received from other centres during 1974 making a total of approximately 300 people baptised on our Papua New Guinea field in a fifteen month period. Church membership at the end of March was approximately 1000, with 18 Churches established. Total membership in 1971 was 360.

We praise God for this growth. The Lord has blessed the efforts of our missionaries and their national co-workers in the gospel who have poured themselves out in evangelism. We are indeed working in fields ripe unto harvest, but the labourers are few. Experienced missionaries, after long years of dedicated service, are leaving the field. The need for new workers to be involved directly in evangelism, is urgent. The young churches need to be established in the faith, and new areas such as the Grass Country, where 6000 people live without Christian witness, wait to be entered.

The Overseas Mission Board recognizes that there are other areas throughout the world of great missionary challenge, but we dare not neglect our God given task in Papua New Guinea where responsive people directly appeal to us as a Brotherhood to assist them in their physical and spiritual need.

It is sometimes asked whether the people in Papua New Guinea respond to the gospel because of a misunderstanding of what Christianity would do for them. It is true that in some situations the people are interested and appear to be responsive because they believe that by becoming Christians the secret of how to receive 'cargo' will be revealed. However this is not true of all, and many respond because they want to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Dr. Donald McGavran, in reply to a question about people in New Guinea responding because of misunderstanding, said, "When you go to the New Testament, our Lord's disciples had a misunderstanding as to His mission. They thought He was going to drive the Romans into the sea, and for three years while they were with Him, that belief animated them, and they were disappointed when He did not do that.

"Judas was so disappointed that he betrayed Him. Our Lord did not turn them away saying, 'Look you don't really understand what I am about, and you can't be my disciples.' He just took them and loved them and demonstrated before them, and died for them, and in due time they did understand, and they became apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ."

A strong virile church is being established in the area where we are working in Papua New Guinea. The Overseas Mission Board appeals to the Brotherhood for full support as we concentrate on these responsive people.

We appeal to graduates of our Bible Colleges to consider prayerfully a ministry in Papua New Guinea. We appeal to double certificated nurses to serve as permanent, short term or voluntary workers in this area where people depend on us for medical care. We appeal to every member to prayerfully consider giving more sacrificially and praying more earnestly.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

The theme for our Overseas Missions Annual Offering is 'New Life in Christ for everyone, everywhere.'

The Overseas Mission Board expresses sincere appreciation to all members of Churches of Christ who during the past year have supported our missionaries and their co-workers in the gospel as they revealed to others how they can have new life in Christ. As you prayed and gave, you shared in this ministry.

The Annual Offering for Overseas Missions is for the General fund which supports our overseas ministries. It is from this fund that all the day-to-day expenses of the work are paid. These include missionaries and National workers, allowances, travel, freight, petrol, station budgets, M.A.F. charter flights, shipping, customs, etc. In brief the general fund is used to keep the wheels of the mission turning. There is no value in having large sums of money ear-marked for projects and special purposes if general funds are depleted. There is no fear of money being 'lost' in general funds, for with rising costs and a growing work, it is spent almost as soon as it is received.

At the Annual Meeting of the Overseas Mission Board, missionaries allowances and field budgets were increased, and it is expected that \$202,350 will be required from the churches for general operational expenses during the 1975/76 financial year. This is an increase of \$30,350 above the estimate for 1974/75. To make this possible, will you prayerfully consider increasing your giving to Overseas Missions this year?

ANNUAL OFFERING

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RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL

By JOHN BOLTON

"Why are you confusing the people?" This was the accusation made to me one day by someone who did not understand our work. It was an opportunity to point out that it is the people who have asked us to come to their village and explain what God has to say to them.

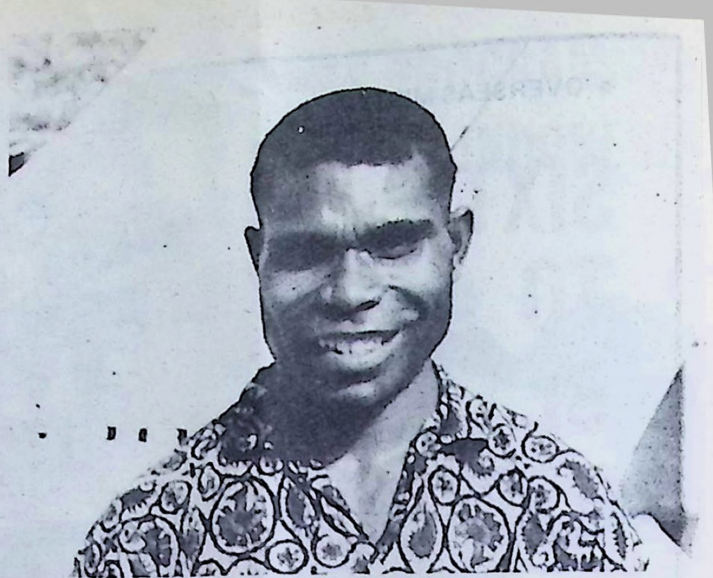
Why do people ask us to open God's Word to them and also help them in other ways? There are several reasons. Among them is the fact that the society and traditions around them are being changed so fast that it is difficult for them to understand all that is happening. While in this position of insecurity, they seek something that is stable and unchanging. This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These people are very spiritual people with everything they do from birth to death being associated with belief in some spirit being. The changing society has also affected these beliefs in many of these traditions, as education proves many of their myths to be fake. So it is that they seek a stable spiritual life that has a historical background and covers all time from Creation to Eternity. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is that Spiritual life.

There are also other motives, many of these are materialistic and make it more difficult to bring them to an understanding of God's claims upon them, but even though it is difficult, it has opened the way for the Gospel to be presented.

It is asked 'Have the people responded to the Gospel and found the answer to their needs?' My thoughts go to Dukie, a man who came from Buten to be trained at Bunam to be a teacher in our Pidgin Literacy Program. While he was at Bunam, he learnt a lot concerning the Scriptures. After graduation he went out to one of our schools. During his first year, he faced a number of difficulties which made him consider the teaching he had received. His second year as teacher was at the Yar Village school. During that year the Church was established at Yar, and Dukie and his wife Margaret gave their lives to Christ. This year Dukie is back in his home village of Buten. Each morning and evening he calls the people together and they have a short devotional time. This witness which has come after four years of steady evangelism by our missionaries has resulted in 47 people now receiving instruction in preparation for baptism.

This is not an isolated case, but a story that has been repeated many times. Yes, of course, there have been the failures and disappointments, but the Church has steadily spread over an ever-growing area. This spread is a matter for rejoicing, but also a concern, for as we have spread further, it is costing more to reach these places and to continue teaching them till they become a mature Church and are able to have one of their own people trained as a pastor. It is necessary to

Village Evangelism, August Ben teaching people at Sori, a Keram River village.



Ermot, New Guinea Christian leader. He trained at Christian Leaders Training College, at Banz.

open new centres in areas that are too far from our present stations. These are costing a lot in finance, but the return is Life Eternal for an ever growing number of people. We ask you to carefully consider your responsibility in this work.

YUAT RIVER

By ROBERT WHAN

One of the newest areas of outreach most recently patrolled in the exciting period of expansion presently being experienced in P.N.G., is the Yuat River Area, or as it is known in pidgin English the 'Wara Biwat' located in the Sepik River area.

Four or five patrols have been made into this area in the last two years with the emphasis given to National leadership, the local churches of Bunam and Mui being actively involved in sending Christians on patrol into the area.

The reception of visiting teams by the local people has been most warm and enthusiastic, the people obviously hungry for the Word of God. On one occasion at patrol's end, the Yuat River people said, 'You must stay here and teach us until we allow you to go.' Currently the Church Mission Council is looking into the possibility of placing a New Guinean Christian worker in the area to help satisfy this need.

On one of the latest patrols Abukun who has been serving as pastor to the Tamo people relatively close to the Yuat, returned from an outreach patrol into that area, with a most interesting story.

The team had been using a little booklet as a tool of evangelism entitled 'Wanpela Bris Tasol' (Only one Bridge), presenting Christ as the one way to God. Part of the message of the booklet is that God is Holy and Pure and we are separated from Him by our sins which have erected a barrier between ourselves and God.

On a subsequent visit the team was surprised to find a beautifully erected chapel, the workmanship of which surpassed by far the usual New Guinean building standards. Abukun asked the headman how it was that they had managed to have everything so straight and square and received this reply, "When you last came you told us the story of that little book and in that book it tells us that God is Holy and pure and clean and cannot look upon sin. So when we decided to build a house for Him we all wanted to do our very best work so that everything in the building would be straight and true like the God we want to worship now."

Well, perhaps it is not Solomon's Temple, but here we have a largely illiterate people quickly getting the message that God is Holy, and translating that concept into practical everyday living. May they go on from strength to strength as they continue to learn of God and His Ways.

VISIT TO REMOTE OUTSTATION

By GRAHAM WARNE

On a recent trip to Santo, I was able to visit one of our more remote villages in a new area, deep in the Santo bush.

LOVATKAR has rather difficult access, and requires a 70 km drive in a taxi, along a very narrow country road, followed by an hour's 'drive' over rough bush tracks in a four-wheel drive vehicle. Finally, a half hour walk through dense tropical rain forest, along a muddy track, led us into the village.

The sight of this remote village quite surprised me. Instead of finding a dirty backward, primitive village, I was confronted by a veritable garden of Eden! The main entrance to the village was lined with gardens containing every imaginable native shrub and fruit — colorful crotons, hibiscus, paw-paw, bananas, and large leafed taros. The village had been carefully laid out with shrub-lined paths leading from one house to another.

This work had been the result of the labour of Pastor Tom, from Pentecost, who has been working in this new area. The village was completely pagan when he commenced work here five years ago. However, as he worked planting gardens, landscaping, building a chapel and school house, he gradually won the respect and confidence of the people. Last year the first baptisms were held, and we now have a small core of committed Christians worshipping here. It was my privilege to speak to them — a rather unique privilege, as this group was so fresh out of paganism.



Typical church building deep in the Santo bush.

However, perhaps the most significant happening of the day was a small gesture by one of the visiting who accompanied us. He presented the people with a handful of lemon seeds, which were carefully planted in the village garden. As this young tree grew, it would be a continued reminder of the thoughts and prayers of Christian friends from other islands.

Yet to me, it was even more symbolic — for as this young seed took root in new soil, so we would pray that the seeds of the Gospel which had been planted here would also grow to bear fruit in future years. I often think of that lemon tree, and as I do, I pray for that tender Christian community, isolated from the rest of the world, yet growing little by little in its new-found faith.

CHURCH MEETING IN HOTEL

MALCOLM & BETH HUMPHRIES

Something to really thank the Lord for is the Santo church situation. We are very happy to tell you what has transpired over the last few months and thank you for your constant prayers (which of course will need to continue), but let us give praise together now for what God has started here.

After the visit of the Solomon Island evangelists, scattered members here in town got together and decided that the Holy Spirit wanted them to at least try and hold Sunday worship and a 'New Life' prayer group on Friday nights, and although small in number — 25, or so — that was the start. Just to hear these people pray for God's guidance and the Holy Spirit's power within their lives as they endeavour to make a witness to others, is wonderful.

A meeting place known as Rueben's Hotel became available. Rueben is an old church elder and the 'hotel' was an assortment of buildings left behind after the war and used to house families who had no where else to stay. Also in its

bygone days it had a bar.

The men have got together and cleaned the largest room out, removed obstructing posts and reformed the roof, painted it out, built more forms to sit on, constructed a table and portable pulpit. Realising their responsibilities they asked for special teaching on tithing, elected a central committee from which will be drawn deacons and deaconesses after training, called a full time Pastor (Jacob), commenced outreach work to the Island of Tatuba with plans for Malo and the Palekula Fisheries, and now call themselves the Lukanville Church of Christ, Santo being the name of the island.

Work still has not started with the women, but this will come from them when they are interested enough. Please pray for this young church which has risen out of years of persecution, that the Holy Spirit will lead them from strength to strength as they find the excitement of loving our Lord. Morning services have risen to eighty-five and night fifty.

MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE

By ALLAN BAKER

New Hebrideans love music and singing. All over the group people send their record requests to radio Vila and listen eagerly for their record. With radios and cassette recorders easily available, their music is now varied including country and western, gospel and pop.

Within the church, singing very often indicates the feeling of the people, usually they have a hymn or chorus for every occasion and quite spontaneously combine together to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. At communion services choruses are sung reverently and meaningfully of our love to Jesus. Even in every day events they have a chorus to fit the mood. I'll never forget when we were in Vila for the opening of the Fellowship Hall we went down to the local wharf to see off the island people returning home, and as the ship went out to

Vila harbour the 30 people on board were singing heartedly 'With Christ in my vessel we can smile at the storm.'

At present at Ranmawat we have a renewed interest in singing, some of the local boys have electric guitars which they use off battery operated amplifiers. They are self-taught, and with much practice have become very good. They have been playing at gospel services, which has created a lot of interest. Also with the introduction of Scripture choruses, God's word is living in a new way particularly to the nurses here at Ranmawat. Nola and Helen our 'Singing Sisters' have taught them many new songs and often bring items together.

Please remember us in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will really use this ministry of music for the honour and glory of our Heavenly Father.

JOY IN LEADING HINDU COUPLE TO CHRIST

By DOROTHY GEYER



I have had the joy of leading a Hindu couple to Christ over the last few months. It has been a rather remarkable experience to have the man in particular, treat me as a kind of guru to whom he comes nearly every day for teaching and advice. He is about a 35-year-old, a Matric. pass, who has worked at a number of jobs, including a few years' teaching in a private school — intelligent, interesting and articulate.

But after losing his teaching job, when the school was shut down, and a lot of sickness which devoured his savings, and a kind of rejection by his family now that he was poor, he was just about desperate the day we met on the train.

But God had already put a kind of interest in the foreigners' religion in his heart, and he was disillusioned with Hinduism after trying it out fairly thoroughly, and it seemed as though he just drank in the gospel. And it's been the same all along.

The little wife is much less educated and articulate, but also comes to see us with their two little children, and she shared quite deliberately in the decision to be baptised.

The following is the testimony (arranged and abridged, but not altered, by myself) of Ravindra Mullay the recent convert from Hinduism to Christ. "That day life seemed just too bad. No job, no money, and therefore no friends; the whole family weak with hunger and my little boy desperately so, no faith left in any of the gods or the various ways of pleasing them, no hope that tomorrow would be better; nothing but frustration and hurt.

"Then on the train I met a foreign missionary. She gave me a little book to read and spoke of a God who loved me, and could save me. I didn't understand it all, but my storm-tossed mind was strangely quietened. The effect lasted overnight, so next morning I decided to accept her invitation to go to her house and hear more. That's three months ago . . . and now I know the Living God.

"First, I started to take His Name instead of the names of my old gods. 'Jesus', I said, and 'Father' and for the first time in my life I had a sense of real contact. This seemed true! So I learnt to make requests, and was immediately encouraged by definite answers.

"Once the family had been without food all day. Coming home empty-handed in the evening, I suddenly thought perhaps I should ask Jesus for help, and I did. At the next corner a comparative stranger asked how we are getting on, and gave me five rupees . . . Later I prayed for a regular job, and now I've got one. It's not well paid and we still find it hard to make ends meet, but I'm gradually learning not to worry, but to trust God to care for us, the way He cares for the birds. One thing is sure, my mind is more settled and peaceful than it ever was before, even in prosperous times.

"I like that part about God caring for the birds, and also the thought that Jesus himself was poor. I've read quite a lot of the New Testament now, and I don't think there's any other book like it. I'm sure there's nothing in the Hindu Scriptures like the story of Jesus' birth, or of His suffering, so much for us. And it gives such good guidance for living too. For instance, I'm determined to speak only the truth from now on, though I belong to the tailoring caste and we're famous as liars! I want to be less fiery too, and I think I've improved a bit.

"But let me tell you about our home. My wife and I never got on very well. We spent half our life bickering. But since the very first time we prayed to Jesus together, there's been a new love and peace between us. The whole atmosphere of the home has changed and the two little children are ever so much healthier and happier.

"We were baptised last Sunday, and it was the happiest day in our life — happier than our wedding day. Everyone soon knew about it, my work mates as well as our neighbors. But that's what I wanted. There was some criticism, but I told them it was a matter for my own conscience to decide, and I don't think there'll be any more trouble. Our landlord's wife says she wants to be a Christian too."



PRAY FOR CHRISTIANS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH PLEADS HAZEL SKUCE

As I glanced through my register, checking up on a few names, my eyes fell on the name of Seneh, an 18-year-old Christian girl from Arunachal Pradesh in North India. My first thought was, 'How did any of our Bible Correspondence Course Cards find their way up into that area?' I felt ashamed as I looked at Seneh's name and realised that I hadn't been faithful in praying for her and for the Christians of Arunachal Pradesh.

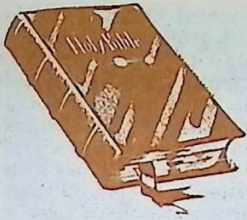
I wondered where Seneh's father was, and under what conditions they were living. Was he one of the many hundreds who had to flee and were now living in the jungles? Homes and properties have been destroyed, churches burnt down, and Christians put to untold sufferings. How much these Christians need the prayers and encouragement of all of God's children!

Only a few pages over, a couple of other names came into

focus. Chandran and Hozeto of the same area, but not Christians. Chandran, a young man of twenty years of age, and Hozeto twenty-one years of age. As I sat and looked at these names, I wondered what had given these two young men the desire to study the Word of God. Was it because of the witness that the Christians gave in their sufferings that had made such an impression on their lives, that they wanted to know more of the One who gave the Christians, in the face of untold suffering, such peace and courage? I realised that not only Seneh, but also Chandran and Hozeto would need my prayers and letters of encouragement from time to time.

Will you be one who will pledge to pray daily for the Christians of Arunachal Pradesh and for those who have a desire to study the Word of God?

(Christians in Arunachal Pradesh, a state in North India, because of strong Hindu opposition have been persecuted since 1972. Nagum Rakhi, president of the Nissi Baptist Christian Association made this statement at the Evangelical Fellowship of India Conference at Assam, "We have come here from the jungle" he said, "thinking how to rid ourselves of these persecutions. After January 28, we will not be able to enter our country again if we do not go back now. During this Christmas, two more persons were captured. The serious persecution started in 1972, and since April 1974, we have been homeless. Today we meet you here, and we have great hope in our minds. You represent the whole of India. We beg you to help us. We went to New Delhi recently and the authorities assured us they would do something, but so far they have taken no action").



WORD TALK

No 119

Themes in John

AUTHORITY

IN THE STUDY: Both in the OT and NT, God is the source of all authority. (Dan 2:37ff; John 19:11; Rom 13:1ff). God's authority was behind all of his messengers: God sent Moses to Pharaoh (Exo. 3:9); Ezekiel to Israel (Ezek.2:3); Jesus to the world as Messiah (John 3:16; Lk 4:43). The early Christians recognised the authority of God in Jesus (Matt 7:29; Jn 5:27).

Christ was the revelation of the authority of God. This claim was questioned by the Jews because Jesus was not a graduate of a Rabbinic school. (Jn.7:14-18). Many commentators and translators believe this passage was misplaced in John's Gospel, and that it reads better after John 5:47.

This criticism that Jesus taught without having been through the Rabbinic school was also made of Peter and John (Acts 4:13). Their authority was recognised through their allegiance to Jesus.

The authority of Jesus was further questioned because he did not conform to the pattern of quoting other Rabbis as the source of his authority. Most Rabbis commenced their teaching with quotes from previous Rabbis as a precedent for their teaching. Jesus did not claim the authority of either past Rabbis or of himself. He was neither Rabbinic taught nor self-taught. His teaching came from God and His authority was from God. (John 12:49; 14:10).

The NT authors saw the authority of Christ existing beyond that of all human authority (Eph 1:21; 1 Pet. 3:22; 1 Cor 15:24). His authority will be obvious at the end of the age.

Where the scriptures are the primary witness to Christ, they carry his authority. Where the disciples knew Jesus personally, were witnesses to His resurrection and received his teaching, their writings, or that of their amanuenses, e.g. Peter's writer

Mark, were accepted into the canon of the NT. Luke's special historical study (Luke 1:1-4) and his closeness to Paul (1 Cor 15:3-11) also entitled his writings to be accepted as under the inspiration and authority of the Holy Spirit.

Martin Luther argued against the authority of the church, claiming that the authority for the Christian is found solely in the Scriptures alone as interpreted within each individual's conscience by the light of the Holy Spirit.

FROM THE PULPIT

So many people question the authority of Jesus over their lives. The Christian by faith accepts it, then discovers it. We only discover the authority of the Lord when we submit to it through faith. "None but his loved ones know" — but they do know.

People have theories and scientific theorems, but they never become understood as laws until they have been proved in experience. Our certainty concerning the authority of Jesus comes from our commitment in following him.

Jesus said to the Jews in effect: "You only understand the authority of God when you obey His will." This involvement is the key to discovery. The Christian life is always one of experiential discovery.

One cannot be a Christian by living on the testimonies of others. Personal commitment alone leads to certainty. (1 John 5:11-20).

AMONG THE PEOPLE

No-one can ever argue about the certainty of personal experience. The man who can say "Once I was blind; now I can see" can never be defeated. In a recent court case the magistrate adjourned a case because he was not satisfied with the evidence that the accused was a changed man. What evidence could you produce that Christ has changed your life? Only a life lived under the authority of Christ demonstrates to the world the reality of your faith and commitment.

GORDON MOYES.

TAIWAN BIBLES SEIZED

The World Council of Churches appealed to the government of the Republic of China for the release of Bibles confiscated last January. The Rev. Alan A. Brash, acting general secretary, in a cable to Premier Chiang Chin-kuo expressed deep concern about the seizures and said the WCC "considers the action a serious infringement of religious freedom".

Officers of the Taipei garrison command entered the Bible Society's offices on Jan. 16 and confiscated 1,638 copies of a new Taiwanese translation of the New Testament, in roman type, a joint Roman Catholic/Protestant venture. Also seized were 655 copies of the standard, also in roman type, Bible (Old and New Testaments) used by the Presbyterian Church for the last 100 years. The value of the books is estimated at US\$9,000.

Three days later police interrupted services at a Tayal (tribal) church and confiscated 20 copies of their recently published phonetic New Testament. On Feb. 20 police in the town of Wufeng raided the printing depository of the Tayal New Testament.

At issue is a 1958 policy of the Nationalist Government on Taiwan which, purporting to "unify the language and culture on the island", banned the Taiwanese Bible. When the Presbyterian Assembly protested this as a violation of the religious freedom guaranteed by the constitution, the ban was not implemented but remained in force.

There are 350,000 Roman Catholics and 300,000 Protestants on Taiwan. More than half of the Protestants are Presbyterians (175,000 members in 880 congregations).

News of the confiscations was withheld from the public while the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan and the Ecumenical Co-operative Council tried to persuade the government to rescind the ban on the Bible. Information from Taiwan now is to the effect that the government does not intend to reverse the action, and the Taiwan *Presbyterian Weekly* and the interdenominational *Christian Tribune* have informed readers of the government's seizure.

The translation in question is a romanized rendition of Amoy Chinese spoken by more than 80 per cent of the

island's population. When the Government of the Republic of China was transferred to Taipei from the mainland in 1949, Mandarin Chinese or kuei-hwa and traditional Chinese character writing became official. Until this year, however, no action was taken to stamp out the use of the Taiwanese Bible.

International and national bodies protesting the action of the Taiwan government, include the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the National Council of Churches (USA). The World Alliance cabled Premier Chiang on behalf of 142 member churches. The National Council requested "immediate rectification of the situation".

BACK FROM NORSEMAN (Bordertown, R. C. Combridge) Frank and Joy Kiches are home after serving as volunteers for a month at Norseman . . . Church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Gwen Lawson . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gare are on a world tour . . . Children gave items and a handicraft exhibition when Hall's Gap Camp Reunion was held . . . Mrs. Eliza Scown, 95, is oldest member.

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 150 words.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

To Federal Conference Secretary,
I write in response to your letter to the Prime Minister. He has asked me to reply on his behalf. In your letter you conveyed the text of a resolution adopted by the 35th Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia on the question of political prisoners and the upholding of the rights of individuals as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Australian Government is very conscious of issues relating to human rights and of the continuing need for government and inter-government action to protect them. It is, therefore, naturally concerned about the imprisonment of persons because of their political beliefs. The Government has expressed this concern in regard to cases pertaining to quite a number of countries, including — and I mention only a selection — Chile, Indonesia, Viet-Nam, South Africa, the USSR and Uganda.

In the case of Indonesia, to which the resolution made special reference, the Prime Minister has raised the question of political detainees with President Soeharto on several occasions. He first raised the matter when he met President Soeharto in Central Java in September last year, and he did so again during the informal visit President Soeharto recently made to Townsville. The Prime Minister has explained our position fully, expressing the hope that Indonesia could accelerate the processes of bringing those still under detention to trial. While acknowledging that the matter was one which fell within the domestic jurisdiction of Indonesia, the Prime Minister has indicated that, because of the public concern felt in Australia, the question of detainees necessarily has to be taken into account as one element in relations between Australia and Indonesia. President Soeharto has assured Mr. Whitlam that, in principle, all the detainees will be brought to fair and open trial.

In addition to the Prime Minister's approach, I have also raised the matter with Indonesian Ministers. Our Embassy in Jakarta has also been active on the question. Indeed, it is probably fair to say that Australia has been more active on the matter of detainees in Indonesia than any other country.

You may rest assured that the Government remains concerned about the issue and will continue to encourage Indonesia to bring those still detained to trial.

D. R. WILLESEE,
Senator, Minister for
Foreign Affairs.

NEW HYMN BOOK

To the Editor,

With reference to the letter of J. A. Riches in "A.C." June 14, years of queries on delays are now followed by suggestions that we should have waited longer and then used the hymnal of the uniting church. Over three years ago, we reported our regret that wide differences in usage made this quite impracticable.

Long delays came through the legal necessity of obtaining copyrights—we had contradictory identification of holders, holders not traced after many inquiries, firms which had moved or ceased to exist, delaying tactics even after repeated

inquiries, protracted negotiations on terms, even a flat denial that a large bank draft (later shown to have been banked and cleared promptly) had been received.

Our printers gave a firm date for delivery and months later the necessary paper was still on overseas wharves.

The suggestion of so few of our hymns having been written in the last 30 years is groundless. Further, we have over the years examined hundreds of such, but have always kept "lasting qualities" as a criterion—hymns "indispensable" today might well be greeted tomorrow, especially by youth groups, with an "Aw, that!"

We believe presidents' difficulties in selecting hymns could be solved by trying some of the excellent new ones—which will very soon become "old favorites". But we remain grateful for many helpful and constructive comments.

Frank J. Funston, Vic., (Hon. Sec. Federal Hymn-Book Committee)

SERVICE TO REFUGEES

On July 2, Miss Elsie Needham retires as Eastern Region Director of the Australian Council of Churches' Resettlement Department after 23 years of service.

Miss Needham previously was a member of the British Red Cross and one of the first group of Red Cross Officers to go into Belsen Camp a few days after its liberation by Allied Forces before the end of World War II. She came to Australia to begin the Resettlement work at the invitation of the late Archbishop, most Rev. Dr. H. W. K. Mowll, Primate of Australia and President of the A.C.C.

The A.C.C. Resettlement Department has assisted refugees from many parts of the world — displaced persons from camps in Europe, stateless refugees from the Middle East, Assyrians from Lebanon,

persons from behind the "Iron Curtain", and the largest group of all, over 11,000 "White" Russians from China who fled the 1917 Russian revolution. More recently, the Department has assisted Asians exiled from Uganda and refugees from Vietnam.

Perhaps the most famous refugee that the A.C.C. has assisted, is Ms. Tania Verstak, a Russian from China, who in 1962 was crowned Miss World.

Over the past 25 years of operation, Australian Churches have participated in this program which has loaned over \$17 million to assist over 80,000 refugees and migrants to come to Australia. More than \$15 million has subsequently been collected in loan repayments.

A.C.C.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

NO SMOKING!

To the Editor,

We've just finished renovating the church hall. It used to be the old chapel. We even obliterated the old bannered text above where the baptistry was. It used to say, "Whosoever will may come." Now in its place against the stark satin plastic we have another sign, "No Smoking." Three strokes of a paint roller and grace has given place to law!

I wondered how some outsider would feel coming to one of our fellowship gatherings designed to evangelise him and seeing a sign like that. If he were a smoker I can imagine his shaking hand as he sat there dying for a fag and wondering if he could dare to slip out for a quick puff, and get in again unnoticed. Serve him right of course for getting hooked on the weed. And of course we do have our fire insurance to think of. But the old text did say, "Whosoever will may come!"

So it doesn't look as though we will have many of the lung cancer brigade influenced for Christ in our bright new hall. As they are still in the majority in the community (especially among the kids), we'll have to find other ways of evangelising them. Then when they become Christians, if they come to anything in the hall, God will no doubt give them the strength to hang out for an hour to save them from offending the sensitive noses and fire insurance policies of the saints.

TERTIUS.



GRAEME CHAPMAN FOR DAWSON ST. BALLARAT VIC.

The Dawson Street and Mt. Clear churches at Ballarat announce the appointment of Graeme L. Chapman as minister to the two churches from January 1976, in succession to Frank C. Hunting who has been called to Grote Street, Adelaide.

Mr. Chapman is well-known by Australian Churches of Christ as an excellent preacher, a very fine teacher of the Word, senior lecturer at Woolwich Bible College, and for his articles in the Australian Christian, and thesis on the Australian Churches of Christ.

A young man in his 30's Mr. Chapman grew up in Bexley North church, N.S.W., where he attended the Sunday School, subsequently entering the Woolwich Bible College for training. In 1964 he began a ministry at Kedron, Qld., where he served for four years. He served at Hurstville from 1968-70, until his appointment at Woolwich in 1971.

Mr. Chapman holds a B.A. from the University of New England, M.A. from the Macquarie University, L.Th. from Melbourne College of Divinity, and will complete his B.D. with the University of New England and the Melbourne College

of Divinity, prior to commencing at Dawson Street.

Mrs. Chapman is a grand-daughter of the late A. R. Main, (Principal for many years of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and the first Principal of Woolwich). Before her marriage, she was a teacher at the East Sydney Technical College, and is at present President of the N.S.W. Ministers' Wives Association of Churches of Christ.

The Chapmans have three daughters, Rebecca 9, Liesl 6, and Virginia 2.

The congregation is looking forward with enthusiasm to the future under the leadership of Mr. Chapman, very conscious of God's guidance in bringing him to us. We thank and praise God for the very wonderful ministerial leadership Dawson Street have had the privilege to have in the past.

O.A.C. CAMPAIGN

(Richmond, Vic.). The church here held a month's mission recently with Open Air Campaigners. The mission included lunch-time meetings in the Richmond Technical College and Richmond High School.

In the May school holidays there were six Adventure Time programs for Primary School children in halls made available by the Congregational and Anglican Churches, the Salvation Army and Church of Christ in Richmond and Burnley. Meetings in the Elizabeth St. high-rise flats had an average of 90 at each session.

Overall attendances were 300 for each day. A number of young people indicated their interest in following Christ and these are being followed up.

Family Nights were held at each of the venues for Adventure Time and enabled parents to see the activities in which their children had been involved. There were also 8 home meetings where Christians could invite friends and relatives.

The film "World of Illusion" was screened at our church. Associated with music, the evening was attended by 50 from Richmond who came as a result of a leaflet drop.

A day of practical training for Christian workers was held.

A team from Melbourne Bible Institute co-operated in visitation. The O.A.C. team consisted of Bryan Greenwood, Robert Coyle, and Philip Edwards. Wally Gibney is Richmond's minister.

Desire for Mid-East peace

(Geneva)—The desire for peace was given equally strong expression on both sides of the Middle Eastern conflict to a World Council of Churches delegation in two weeks of discussion with church and political leaders in Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

"The tragedy of the situation seems to be that each side believes the other is not committed to peace", said Dr. John B. Taylor, a member of the delegation. He quoted an Arab politician who spoke of "the inevitability of peace" and said that this phrase conveyed best the "deepest aspirations" felt by all.

Despite widespread fear of continuing war and violence and a sense of the growing isolation of the State of Israel, the team members found in most people they met a genuine desire for peace based on a just settlement with the Palestinians and based on mutual recognition of Israeli and Palestinian "peoplehood and statehood".

In summarizing the trip, Dr. Leopoldo Nilus said the surprising fact was that positions on both sides were found to coincide more often than not in

discussions on the national rights of Palestinians, Arab-Jewish co-existence, the Jerusalem question, Jews in the Arab world, and Christian-Moslem-Jewish dialogue.

—E.P.S.

BISCUITS AND TCYS (Mandurah, D. J. Sonsee) Young people held a biscuit drive for funds to make toys for aboriginals . . . Mr. and Mrs. Moss have moved here and fellowship with church . . . Bill Schurmann is very ill in hospital. Mr. Green is entering hospital for surgery . . . Matron Helen Maiden spoke to the C.W.F. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick.

NEW W.A. HOMES ADMINISTRATOR

Irwin Wilson formerly of Roelands Homes in W.A., has been appointed as Administrator at the Aged Persons Homes Board Elanora Villas, Bunbury, W.A.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Irwin were members of the church at Blackburn, Vic., before going to the west. They were at Roelands Homes for about 10 years, and during the past five years Irwin was Superintendent. Their decision to move was occasioned by health problems suffered by Mrs. Wilson.

In his new office as Administrator at Elanora Villas Mr. Irwin will have charge of 109 people, 47 of whom are in the nursing home. The Board hopes to tender early in September for the final stage on the 7½ acre property which will include 35 home units and 22 hostel rooms and supporting amenities.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Morris, at Elanora from May 1973 to April 1975, have felt the call back to the pastoral ministry. They are now in residence at Wembley Downs where Mr. Morris has accepted a part-time ministry with the church.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST SOUTH-EAST ASIA TOUR

Nineteen Western Australians and three Victorians left Perth in May for twenty days of sightseeing and fellowship in five South East Asian countries.

Led by Miss Merle Peacock, Administrative Secretary of the W.A. Christian Centre, the group journeyed to the islands of Bali, Singapore and Hong Kong and also spent time in the cities of Malacca, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Penang.

As well as the usual tourist attractions it was also a privilege to meet and share with Christians living in South East Asia. In Bali, Dr. Mastra of the Protestant Christian Church, took the group to visit a Christian secondary school in Denpasar and then to a Christian church in a small rural village. The First Baptist Church of Petaling Jaya, a satellite city of Kuala Lumpur, entertained the group royally.

The inspiring services of worship were very much appreciated by the touring party and then several hours of fellowship in the home of the minister, Mr. de Run, and a Chinese luncheon and Malayan supper really made the K.L. visit a memorable experience. In Hong Kong we visited the Holland Hostel, one of the

institutions run by the Rennies Mill Student Aid Project, and in Bangkok, the friendliness of the Calvary Baptist Church helped the group to appreciate what it means to be a part of the world-wide Church. Meeting up with Harold Gross, Associate Missionary in Thailand, was an added pleasure.

All tour members, ranging in age from 10 to 74, completed a questionnaire at the conclusion of the tour and were unanimous in their praise of this holiday experience.

WEEK OF MISSION (Murray Bridge, D. Kuhl) Students from the Bible College of S.A. and one lecturer shared in week of evangelism. Features included vacation B.S., Coffee Shop, and Dialogue Evangelism in homes. There have been three recent baptisms. For May attendance was a.m. 114; p.m. 92. Offering \$291 per week . . . Recent speakers were Peter DeWildt for our 62nd anniversary. David Althorpe from C.O.B., and Mr. Altus, Leprosy Mission . . . Sympathy is offered to family of Herb. Jacobs who died at the age of 91. Elder Eric Lang has celebrated his 70th birthday.

INNER SPRINGS

A mistake isn't always



The article should have read "He giveth His beloved sleep", but somehow in the reprinting it had undergone a slight change and emerged as "He giveth His beloved sheep". The offending letter was blocked out and the mistake corrected for the final printing. But was it a mistake? After all, isn't this exactly what God does?

In the early morning by the lakeside, a disciple kneels at the feet of Christ. Following his threefold betrayal with his threefold affirmation of loyalty, Peter has been restored to a new position of love and trust. Now he is given a new commandment: "Feed my lambs", he said, "Feed my sheep!" And that command was not for Peter alone, but for you and me, God asks that we be shepherds, caring for each other, and all those who touch our lives but briefly, and at the most inopportune times.

Loving our neighbour means that person whom we find ourselves next to at any given moment. "Men are so made", says a writer of long ago, "that they have a hunger for human sympathy, a need for someone to heal the bruised spirit, or where the injury is deep, bind up the broken heart." And behind a smile or a frown often lies a sense of despair that needs our tender touch to strengthen stumbling feet. One of the loveliest of all Bible passages referring to Jesus as the Good Shepherd is found in Isaiah chapter 40:11. "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."

How shall he do it? There is only one answer. Through you and me, if we care enough. There is no mistaking His meaning!

PRAYER:

We thank Thee O God, for the One who went about doing good, Save us from just going about. Quicken in us His spirit of caring in all our relationships.

Amen.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

THREE SOLDIERS (3)

He said of himself, "I have soldiers under me." Jesus said of him "I have not found such great faith, not in Israel." Though a Roman, he was good to the Jews and built a synagogue for the local congregation. The elders of the synagogue valued this and when this soldier was in trouble, they asked Jesus to help him. Who was he? (We don't know his name, but you can identify him by remembering the story about him. (See page 18).

Big About It

Forgiving our enemies
Is the right thing to do,
But let's stretch a point
And forgive our friends, too!
—THOMAS USK

Mother: "Now children, why do you want me to play with you?"

Twins: "We're playing zoo, Mum, and we need somebody to play the lady who comes and feeds all the animals candy and peanuts."

And then there was the penny pincher who ordered asparagus and left the waiter a tip.

Judge: How could you swindle people who trusted you so much?

Con Man: Your Honor, it's almost impossible to swindle people who don't trust you.



"Take my word for it, lady—I'm the best buy in the place."

YEAR OF THE HUNGRY

World Vision of Australia—the Christian humanitarian organisation—is undertaking a major nationwide project under the title “The Year of the Hungry”.

Countless thousands are facing death from starvation—particularly in Africa. The problem is highlighted by the Sahara Desert creeping further south placing nomadic people, who normally live off the land, in a refugee situation. Poor seasons are adding to the problem. World Vision has many practical programmes under way in Upper Volta, Niger and Ethiopia. This includes dam building, well digging and instruction in agricultural methods.

World Vision’s “Year of the Hungry” programme is planned to raise additional funds for both immediate relief and long term rehabilitation programmes.

The programme will have two major thrusts. One will be a two state Hunger Appeal in N.S.W. and Victoria. This will be supported by a letter box drop in July to approximately 3,500,000 homes in

both states and later throughout Australia. This will be supported by a special TV programme filmed on location in Ethiopia by Pilgrim Films of Sydney, and hosted by Australian journalist Anne Deveson, Press, Radio and TV

The evangelization campaign undertaken in the capital, Kinshasa, by the Church of Christ in Zaire has already borne fruit. Some 330 persons have been converted since the start of the drive which was authorized by the Third National Synod of the church.

Pastor Makanzu Mavumilusa, national evangelist and director of the Department of Evangelism and Life of the church, said the campaign is well on the way to attaining its objectives: to make Christians aware of their responsibilities to each other, to society and the nation; to reawaken “their first love in God” in

Advertising, and a major public education programme on hunger and famine affected areas.

The second major thrust will be a planned “40 Hour Famine” hopefully involving at least 35,000 people who will attempt to do without food for a set number of hours.

EVANGELIZATION IN ZAIRE

those who have lost it; and to gain new converts to Jesus Christ.

The Church of Christ in Zaire is planning in the next two years nine regional evangelization campaigns together with seminars for pastors and laity. In the course of the present four-month campaign, each of the 200 places of worship in Kinshasa will be involved in a variety of meetings and rallies. Pastor Makanzu has characterized responses in the parishes as very encouraging. He plans to extend now the campaign to Bandundu Province, some 300 km east of the capital.

—EPS

BOOKS TO READ

VISITATION EVANGELISM FOR THE 70's

by Norm Hayward

This is a manual for Visitation Evangelism based on the author's 12 years' experience. It gives a suggested time-table of 13 steps, suggests ways of contacting folk in the district, and gives full details of the organisation required. The training sessions (five of them) are outlined in some detail. The author makes the important point that a church programme of evangelism like this will be unlikely to succeed unless members work, and pray and witness. The need for a vital church programme and continuing concern is also stressed.

YOUNG TILL WE DIE

by Doris & David Jonas (Hodder & Stoughton) \$8.80

People are living longer and retiring earlier and the kind of place the aged find in our society is increasingly under review. People have always wanted to live longer. Now that longer life has been achieved the question is, Is it worthwhile? Doris and David Jonas are trying to find affirmative answers but they don't come easily. They point out that in an agrarian society the older person represented a wealth of stored knowledge and wisdom. But the further we move into the technological era, the less significant will be the role of the aged. If the aged were to flex their political potential they could have a much larger say in the running of the democratic nations. Pressures could be brought to achieve all kinds of benefits. Lower fares and fees, better health and hospital care, and other rewards for past services could be theirs. But we may well ask if these things are the main objectives for the aged. To remain real persons, with lives of meaning and purpose is surely the prime objective. Life beyond the sixties can still be exciting. The Jonas pair quote Colonel “Kentucky Fried” Sanders. Sanders had a series of business setbacks when in his middle sixties and he used his first pension cheque of \$105 to make still another start. He had an idea and he worked on it and in 15 years became a multi-millionaire. Sanders gives this advice to older citizens: “One should not plan retirement as a deprivation of something but in the spirit of something added to life. Even if one can afford it, don't rely on loafing. Life doesn't have to be easy to be wonderful. Get up every morning wanting to do something. Seek variety, develop original ideas, go with your

whole heart, don't let the minutes rust away”. While there is some good advice to the senior citizens, the book is not so much for the individual whose score of years is mounting, but rather for those who are conscious of the needs of the aged and are trying to do something about those needs. There are more questions than answers in its pages. But the first step to finding answers in life is to ask the right questions. For social workers, ministers, and those concerned with geriatrics.

*Unless otherwise stated, books reviewed on this page may be obtained from: The Baptist Book Store, 162 Russell St. Melb. 3000; *N.S.W. Churches of Christ Book Shop, 69 Campbell St., Surry Hills, 2010.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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“Fill it with the cheapest grade — I think a Finance Committee member is tailing me!”

VISIT TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA

During the May vacation, twelve students from the College of the Bible, with the Vice-Principal, Gordon Stirling, visited South Australia. 52 churches were covered and 9 district rallies held. The student party was involved in a number of training events including two days at the Adelaide Hospital with Chaplain John Baker, a session on camping with Gerald Rose at Longwood, and a full day seminar on church programming with Kevin Harvey.

RENOVATIONS.

The building renovations are almost completed. The new office is in use and the new student lounge, warm and bright, is a helpful asset to student life. The girls in 5 Elm Road are cosier because of a gift of carpet from the C.W.F. and C.Y.F. of Brighton Gardens (S.A.) Some people are making use of the fact that gifts for the renovation costs (\$40,000) are tax deductible.

MINISTERS AND WIVES.

Victorian ministers and wives come to the College for a full day each quarter for their regular seminar. On June 2 they studied together the subjects, "The Church and its Ministry to Children" and "Women in the Church".

WORSHIP.

As well as the daily chapel worship conducted by students, each Wednesday of the middle term sees small group experiences taking place. In each group worship takes place at depth, using the Scriptures and prayer and faith sharing.

DR. AND MRS. W. MOORE

Dr. Will Moore, guest lecturer in New Testament for the first Semester of 1975,

V.C.C. AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

The Victorian Council of Churches' recent programme had placed much emphasis on community issues, said the Rev. Douglas Dargaville when delivering the mid-year Executive report to the V.C.C. Conference at Ballarat.

The programs of local councils of churches were a significant contribution to municipal life, he said. They provided an organ of local co-operation without equal in the Australian community, he said. The V.C.C. Executive was consequently glad to encourage their involvement in the regional committees of the Australian Assistance plan, he said. In some places social action groups were working as part of the overall "Mission 75" program.



STANDING L to R: K. Haythorpe, D. Althorpe, P. Cameron, E. Walladge, R. Brown, I. Cartmel, R. White, G. R. Stirling.
SEATED L to R: D. Symes, K. Denton, J. Caporn, S. Maddern, S. Sampson, S. Jones.

has completed his assignment. Dr. Moore has been generous with his time both to the College and to the churches. Mrs. Moore has been very much part of the College community and from the first took it upon herself to give valued assistance in the College kitchen. Presentations were made to the Moores at a special farewell on June 26.

"AT HOME" AT THE COLLEGE, AUGUST 1st.

On August 1, the College will be open from 8 p.m. to all young people from 5th year onwards and to all young adults and young marrieds who would like to come for the evening. This will be an opportunity to look around, meet the students and to sample something of the ongoing life of the College in study, fellowship and worship. The Vic.—Tas.

NAIROBI DELEGATES TO MEET

Four delegates to the World Council of Churches would meet with other Christians in October to discuss World issues, said the Rev. Douglas Dargaville when announcing plans for a large Melbourne gathering to brief Victorian delegates on local attitudes to the Assembly themes.

People are already beginning to take part in preparations, he said. The study book "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites" is receiving wide attention. The four Victorian delegates to the Assembly are Professor N. J. Young (Methodist), Bishop G. B. Muston (Anglican) Mrs Pamela Kerr (Presbyterian) and Miss Pamela Bowers (Churches of Christ).

GRENFELL RUBY WEDDING (Margaret St., Toowoomba, A. C. Caldicott, Nolan Head) Ted and Eileen Grenfell celebrated their Ruby Wedding with open house, and with a number of visitors from interstate . . . Recent Youth for Christ (which Margaret St., commenced) with Thomases from Pittsburgh, saw 800 present with 21 various decisions . . . Nolan Head is spear-heading an effective ministry at the Darling Downs Institute

Dept. of Christian Education are promoting the programme as part of their C.Y.F. and Young Adult work.

GOING WEST

The Principal, Dr. K. R. Bowes, and the Senior Lecturer, K. J. Clinton, will be leading a student party to Western Australia during the August Vacation. They plan to visit 40 churches, conduct two youth rallies and two Brotherhood rallies. Training sessions will be undertaken in "Church Administration" and "Christian Welfare" by experts in our W.A. Churches.

COMING TO COLLEGE IN 1976?

Persons desiring to enter the College of the Bible in 1976 are invited to write for Handbooks and Application Forms from the Principal, at 7 Elm Road, Glen Iris, (Vic.) 3146.

—G. R. STIRLING.

which now has an enrolment of 2000, with a projected enrolment of 6000 by 1985 . . . Operation door-knock with film strip teaching ministry continues to be very effective . . . Recent a.m. services have reached as high as 210, p.m. 120.

CHURCH OF CHRIST DANDENONG

5 p.m. Family Services will be held on the last Sundays of June, July, & August, 1975
All Welcome

TYPIST - CLERK VICTORIAN TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE

130 LT. COLLINS ST., MELBOURNE.
Requires the services of an experienced person for the above vacancy.
Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. or by negotiation.
Apply in writing by July 7, to the General Secretary

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

“W.R.H.”

If the very close friends of Will Hibburt happen to read this, we have news for you! Your name is legion! He had the capacity for making crowds of us feel that we were part of a very small circle of choice friendship.

On June 14, 1975, 'W.R.' began his final adventure.

It would be hard to imagine any change that was not accepted by him as a new adventure for and with God. He set high targets and to his friends he seemed to achieve most of them, but for him every pinnacle gained was simply a vantage point to see new goals.

He was born in New Zealand six months after his father died but he found the fullness of family love in his mother. He felt an early responsibility for her well-being and to assist the family finances sold newspapers, collected bones, bottles, and old books, grew vegetables and remodelled home furniture.

From the first he felt that he was in partnership with God and his simple, child-like faith grew into a mature confidence that God's word was truth which carried its own authority. W. R. Hibburt would yield to no other.

His dream of entering the ministry gathered substance from a visit by A. R. Main to New Zealand and he began at Glen Iris in 1912. Called to Western Australia as pastor to a church he was soon involved in the wider work of all of the churches as State Organizer. Elizabeth Niven, born in Scotland, but resident in Victoria, went to join him in marriage and in ministry. His special kind of ministry which included evangelism, youth work, social service, and the burden of organising the State's work and witness, required a special kind of partner and Will never doubted that God had chosen Elizabeth to join in the work God had called Will to do.

His heart was in pastoral concern and when he had near exhausted himself in W.A. he moved to Wellington, N.Z., again to serve a local church. As in the West, this was just one of God's stepping stones to new adventures, this time in the field of youth. He found the Dominion lagging in its service to youth and was instrumental in forming a Young People's Department. Before long he was pressured by the churches to become the first Director of Religious Education, with an emphasis upon district youth fellowship and Dominion-wide youth camps.

It is, perhaps, as a youth leader that he is best remembered and he touched the lives of countless young men and women. Many of the best of our local church and national leaders were shaped in part by Will Hibburt.

He was greatly rewarded when his son, David, followed him into the College of the Bible and the ministry. David Hibburt subsequently gave distinguished service as a Chaplain with the Council for Christian Education in Schools, and is currently lecturing at a Victorian teachers' college.

In 1943 "W.R." returned to Victoria as youth leader. It was then that I came to know him and to value his mind-stretching and life-lifting appreciation of the Christian faith. We often shared together a small verse by Edwin Markham:

"He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!"

These few lines became an inspiration for every time of



Will and Elizabeth Hibburt

difficulty and an answer to every need. Whether the problems were material, personal, or spiritual, they had to be "outwitted" by love. The conviction was shared that no obstacle could withstand the wit of a man of faith motivated by love in Christ.

The word "outwit" became a kind of shorthand symbol for overcoming any hindrance to fulfilment. One such hindrance for Will was the toll being taken of his health. He recognised his own weakness for committing his total resources to his immediate tasks, but "in so doing I borrowed tomorrow's energy and strength."

On three occasions it was through health problems that he had to resign from successful ventures and, after six years, he left the Victorian D.C.E.

But new enterprises were awaiting at a time when many men think about retiring. He lectured at the College of the Bible, and was involved in the preparation of lesson material. The latter brought him into close contact with the Austral Printing and Publishing Co., and following the death of D. E. Pittman, he was appointed manager for three years. For a time he was Acting-Editor of "The Christian".

When Mr. and Mrs. Hibburt entered the Christian Guest Home in 1961, typically, Will found yet another outlet in service. As once he had injected enthusiasm in young people at camps he now encouraged the other guests at Oakleigh to keep active in mind and body and to look forward yet to greater fulfillment. The director of youth had become the zestful chaplain to the aged!

In his continuing ministries he was a great encourager. For the editor this meant an occasional letter to help "outwit" the slings and arrows that sometimes stung. Surprisingly, those letters often followed hard upon other correspondence that was negative and down-putting. "W.R." was uplifting. He would take a copy of the "A.C.", explore its pages, point out the values in this or that section, appreciate the hard work in even routine editing activities, find inspiration in its articles, and friendship in its church news items, and generally restore one to a feeling of being a partner in something worth while. Scores of fellows in difficult tasks were on the receiving end of this ministry of encouragement.

He wrote a great deal. His best known book is "The Altar of Love" now in its 11th edition. Many ministers

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

The church at Morwell, Vic., realised that it didn't know enough about their neighbours in Winifred Street. So they organised an opportunity for folk to meet each other.

A personal letter was sent by Don Thomas, the minister, to all of the

residents in the street, as well as other folk such as Bible School and youth club parents. The letter was followed up by a visit and a personal invitation by a church member.

One of the residents in Winifred St., is Joe Franssen. He is the leader of the Morwell Male Choir and he offered to bring his choir to the neighbourly meeting.

The local papers also took a keen interest in the project and a lot of valuable publicity was gained.

The church was packed for the programme which began with favourite hymn singing. The male choir sang and there were duets by Mrs. Franssen and Mrs. Jones. Don Thomas gave a message on neighbourliness.

Afterwards the neighbours all adjourned to the hall for supper, a cake and a chat.

Not only did the church members get a chance to meet their neighbours, the neighbours had the opportunity to meet each other. Folk who had been living near each other for years spoke with each other for the first time.

Other churches are invited to use this way of building bridges into the community.

Other events at Morwell included a family camp at Banksia, and a Garden Party in the church hall (!!) run by the ladies' fellowship groups. It raised \$113 towards the cost of new carpets for the manse.



BEFORE AND AFTER

Keen competition at supper. Robert Lacey, David Skerry, Geoffrey Fletcher, Darren Fletcher, Pam Jenkins.

Photos: "Latrobe Valley Express"

EIGHT BAPTISMS (York St., Ballarat, D. Gurney) There have been eight baptisms recently, four young adults on June 8 . . . After-church Youth Quake attracted 230 young folk on June 1. "New Life" singers from Geelong provided programme . . . Some ladies actively involved in Christian Women's Conventions Int . . . Ladies visited Colac

C.W.F. on June 18 . . . Men's Fellowship visited Thompson's Foundry at Castlemaine . . . Julia, daughter of Marie and Geoff Harrison, home after delicate surgery at Children's Hosp. . . . "Salt Company" prayer breakfasts attracting many teenagers . . . Church is sponsoring 9 men, 3 women, and 3 y.p. for Church Growth Seminar.

ATTEMPT TO BURN CHAPEL (Warburton, C. W. Jackel) An attempt to burn the chapel was foiled, but the R.C. church was burnt soon afterwards . . . There have been four recent baptisms . . . 20 members conducted fellowship tea, praise, and testimony at Longwarry. Slides and movies of visit to Israel were screened . . . Dr. Kimpton, O.M.F. missionary, Sth. Thailand, spoke recently. \$35 donated to mission . . . Our chapel is beside the State School at Wasburn, opposite the 44 mile post on the Warburton Highway.

ADVENTURE HOLIDAYS (Fremantle, D. J. Ryle) Minister, assisted by uni. students and others, conducted "Adventure Time" sessions during school holidays. Attendance reached 60. Contacts being followed up . . . Film, "Reach Out and Grow", screened to church . . . Austcare given \$23 after C.W.F. "open" night on June 5 to view Austcare films . . . Both men's teams successful in Basketball Lightning Carnival.

PENSIONER FRIENDSHIP (Warrawong, D. McLeod) C.W.F. Friendship Hour held monthly for pensioners . . . Church planning mission to celebrate 25th anniversary in November . . . Work on manse renovations continuing . . . 80 attended Senior Citizens Dinner.

WHITE PAPERS

"W.R.H."

make this their gift to couples they marry, knowing that in its pages are values for living that Will and thousands of others have found in Christian marriage.

He was a regular contributor to the "Christian". His series: "It Makes All The Difference . . . IF . . ." in 1965 to 1969 showed his homely, practical, everyday Christian philosophy and his ever-creative mind on the loose.

One of the last things from his pen was "It makes all the difference if . . . being a backnumber doesn't hurt!"

He wrote, "The last thing that should be offered to a backnumber is pity. They should be challenged to capitalise on new found freedoms". (He lists five typical Hibburian freedoms). "These freedoms add up to the fact that backnumbers should fortify themselves against an anonymous mood. There is magic in the human circle in which everyone is useful all the days of his life. This conviction caused friends to inscribe on Winifred Holtby's gravestone, 'Lord, give me work till my life shall end, And life till my work is done'.

The circle of usefulness is not limited to this life, and for Will Hibburt a new adventure is beginning. Love and its Author can outwit even man's last enemy and change its name from death to hope.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS
JULY 6

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHURCH WOMEN

For many centuries the Christian Church has played its part as an oppressor despite the fact that Christ came as a liberator said Dr. Sabine Willis.

Dr. Willis, a Quaker, and Executive Member of the Australian Council of Churches, was addressing the general conference of the Victorian Council of Churches in Ballarat this month. She said that this discrimination against women was made obvious by some 200 submissions made by 11 denominations at a NSW enquiry into the status of women in the Church.

At this stage in human history the struggle for liberation is taking many forms, she said. Throughout the world the poor, racial minorities, ethnic groups, women and sexual minorities such as homosexuals are calling for the right to express themselves as humans and take their place alongside their fellow humans.

Dr. Willis demonstrated how the Church had adapted itself too well to the hierarchical nature of society. She cited teachings of the early fathers which had assigned limiting roles to women. Authors such as St. John Chrysostom, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas had defined the role of woman in the male-dominated hierarchy. The elevation of patriarchal structures to the realm of belief has affected the churches, she said. They are a microcosm of the society they helped to create.

In most churches women are not ministers, they do not serve on decision-making bodies nor do they write theology, she said. They have been conditioned to serve, to be the housekeepers of the church, the childminders, the flower arrangers, the money-raisers but not the money spenders. They are as one woman wrote in her submission to the enquiry, called by the church "not to affirm life, but to the trivia of life."

50 YEARS AGO

China H.A.G. Clark and Nurse D. C. Ludbrook are shortly to proceed to West China. Their going will be a great strength to our work. Each of them is eminently qualified.

Au Kwong Hon will leave shortly for Canton to inaugurate the mission which is being started and will be supported by our Chinese churches in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and Perth.

From Hueili in Szechuan province, Will Waterman writes to say that a footing has been gained on the southern edge of a tract of unevangelized territory which, if cut into strips a mile wide, and arranged along the Equator, would circle the earth, and leave enough over to stretch from Melbourne to Sydney. There are half a dozen distinct peoples and languages.

From Hueili-chow, Dr. E. R. Killmier said that opium is bringing oppression and degraded slavery to almost every house in the city. The law says that opium may not be grown or traded but lately it is grown, sold, and smoked without shame or secrecy. The people do not want to grow it, for it displaces cereal-growing thus increasing the price of rice. But local military officers want the taxes to pay their soldiers; hence they make growing compulsory.

India Dr. G. H. Oldfield will soon leave for Dhond, India. For many years a missionary hospital has been needed on

our Indian field and Dhond is the selected site. Dr. Oldfield goes splendidly qualified for his important work. Miss Florence Cameron is working at the Lyall Memorial Orphanage with a group of girls.

(From "The Australian Christian" 1925)

UNITED WITNESS (Strathmore, S. K. Bannon) Church shared in United Service of Witness on Pentecost Sunday at Essendon Technical College . . . Family Camp was held at Eppalock on Queen's Birthday weekend . . . C.W.F. led meeting at East Keilor . . . Explorers held a parents' night . . . C.Y.F. activities included record night at church and visits to Luna Park and P.M.G. . . . S.S. raised \$5 for Bibles for Africa project . . . Mr. Bannon led teacher training classes . . . YPCE is collecting groceries to send to missionary.

RIGHT OF NON-SMOKERS

Cigarette smoke is more than an annoyance to non-smokers. It can cause physiological distress in healthy individuals as well as those with respiratory illnesses.

Most recent research indicates that the non-smoker is affected by cigarette smoke in much the same way as the smoker is damaging himself. A smoker cannot say, "If I want to smoke, and harm my body -- that is my business."

Actually his decision affects all those around him and thus his decision becomes their business. In a priority

FIRST MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

The Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. conducted its first marriage enrichment weekend at Jumbunna Lodge, Launching Place, Vic., June 6-8. Take ten married couples, add some team members and mix together in a beautiful environment. During this process, engage each person in meaningful discussion, activity and experience. The outcome of this recipe proved to be a never-to-be-forgotten experience for all present. Such was the success of this weekend that the Department feels compelled to start planning for further couples to have opportunity to share this meaningful experience — Watch for details! Some comments from the first Marriage Enrichment Weekend include . . .

* Everything programmed related to my situation in some way.

* It was over too soon!

* Can we come again?

* An opportunity to share the happiness of our marriage.

* A breath of fresh air

* Very moving

* The most creative and worthwhile sharing relationship I have ever had.

GAOL OR EXILE

Last September General Pinochet, the head of the military junta governing Chile, said all political prisoners, except those convicted of the most serious offences against the security of the state, could be released to go abroad if other countries would accept them.

Now it has become evident that those taking advantage of the offer will be subject to a death sentence if they ever return to Chile clandestinely. Understandably, the banishment offer has had few takers.

The number of political prisoners is estimated conservatively at 5,000 but some international organizations say 8,000 would be more accurate. According to latest information, wholesale arrests continue as a method of intimidation.

Most of those arrested are released after a few days but 10-20% are detained. The inter-religious National Refugee Committee has asked the government for a list of all political prisoners so that asylum can be found for them in other countries.

"One World"

classification of "rights", the non-smoker's rights would rightfully have a higher priority than the smoker's "right to smoke". This can be further justified when you realize that the non-smokers are in the majority.

The "silent majority" of non-smokers should be urged to speak up and say, "You are harming me" to their friends and colleagues who smoke. Smokers should expect to ask permission to smoke from those around them and they should be prepared to be denied that privilege.

OBITUARY

GREGORY, Mrs. Florence Maud.

Florence Maud Crouch was born at Mannim, S.A., in 1888. In 1912 at Norwood she was married by P. A. Dixon to Albert Charles Gregory. The couple moved about S.A. for a number of years and eventually settled with their daughter, Iris, at Minnipa, on the West Coast. Mrs. Gregory served in the SS at Minnipa and was often host to the Wudinna Circuit ministers. The family moved to Gawler in 1939 and immediately became involved in the church life there, Mrs. Gregory serving in the SS, Dorcas, and as Deaconess. In her later years she was faithful in attending the Prayer and Bible Study meetings, and her love for others was reflected in her interest and support of Missionary activities and children. She died on May 19, at the age of 87 years and was buried in the Willaston Cemetery. —R.V.C.

HOCKING, Bill. The call of God to Bill came very suddenly. The previous Lord's Day, in his usual bright and happy manner, Bill Hocking led the church family at Rockdale, N.S.W., in worship around the Lord's Table. His ministry was always a very meaningful one and came from a very deep, though often very tried experience, Bill knew how strong temptation could be and how strong His Saviour was to help. At the last Church Annual Business Meeting, Bill was elected as a deacon. He was always an encourager of the minister, and had a deep and real love for people. He was thirsty for the things of God and found great joy in serving the Master. Bill made his decision for Christ during the ministry of Roy Greenhalgh at Paddington. We miss him from our fellowship but rejoice in the fellowship that is his. —L.E.W.

MAXWELL Mrs. Hazel

With the death of Mrs. G. Maxwell the church family at Rockdale, N.S.W. were very conscious of the mingling of personal sorrow and deep gratitude. Of sorrow because of the cheerful and outstanding contributions she made to the church at Rockdale by her loving and gracious service in so many ways in the various departments of the church life. These lovely ministries we will miss. Her passing leaves a real gap in our fellowship. We are grateful to God that after recent years of very indifferent health she now rests from her labours and her works do follow her. Her connection with Churches of Christ went back over many years the last thirty being spent at Rockdale. To her husband, Garth, the members of the family, Janice, Mrs. Freeman, David, Keith and Bruce and to all their relatives, our loving sympathy is extended. In appreciation of her life, and in lieu of flowers, it has been possible to present our Nursing Home with a wheel chair as a constant memorial of this gracious christian lady. L.E.W.

MULLER, Mrs. Ethel Amelia.

The late Mrs. Muller was born at Collingwood in 1890 and was one of six children of whom only Ivy remains today. She became a tailoress at Foy and Gibsons. She met her husband at Westgarth and they were married in 1915. Mr. Muller died in Dec. 1973. Mrs. Muller was in the church Mission Band, and was a S.S. teacher. Mrs. Muller was baptised by Harry Swain about 54 years ago and Ron, Joyce and Irene were all born at Thornbury. They moved to Glenhuntingly where they took over a milk bar in 1937 but their membership was with Camberwell. In 1952 they moved to Wattle Park. Three and a half years ago sickness overtook both of them. Mrs. Muller was a Life Governor of the Queen Victoria Hospital as well as the Women's Hospital. She was a member of the Red Cross Auxiliary at Thornbury, a member of the C.W.A. and attended until she was 82 years of age, loved picnics with her family, enjoyed touring and helped me most generously in establishing the church at Wattle Park. After the service at

Wattle Park the funeral moved to the Pine Ridge Cemetery. To her children, Ron and Lilian Muller, Joyce and Hec Roberts and Irene and Colin Henry, the grandmother of ten and the great grandmother of nine she is "Resting where no shadows fall." L. G. Crisp.

ROBINSON, Don.

Don Robinson was born at Kalgoorlie in 1903 and lived with his parents at Maylands and Bassendean. He joined the railways and became a guard. In 1932 he married Dulcie Hinton. They spent 20 years in Bunbury. After a term as hospital orderly he served as Supt. of the Seamen's Mission. This work brought him into contact with a great number of seamen, many of whom were lonely. He was especially fitted to serve them. He had a warm and friendly nature and the Robinsons gave generous hospitality. Bunbury Church became a symbol of loving friendly concern and the Robinsons were at the centre and helped to set the pattern. A number of folk from Bunbury made the journey to share with Dulcie in her loss. It was typical of Don, having given his life in service to Christ should give his body to the University for purposes of research. He had been a diabetic for over 40 years and had a long battle with failing health. For the past 13 years the Robinsons were in fellowship with the East Victoria Pk. church, and for five years Don had been blind. He is survived by his wife, Dulcie, his sister, Peggy (Mrs. King), and his brother, Keith, one of our ministers. A memorial service was conducted by W. F. Thornton. —F. G.

PEARCE Lois Bessie

After attending the Golden Square Church from the age of 14, Lois Bessie Jones was baptised there by Dr. James Cook in 1921 at the age of 17. She married William Walter Pearce in 1929. After spending some time in Bendigo and Essendon, with her husband and her family, she moved to Warrnambool and entered membership in that city. She was a most regular church-goer, a deaconess, and a person greatly loved. She spent her last day involved with the things she most enjoyed—her garden, her bowling club and her church study group. The Warrnambool Chapel was filled as a final tribute to her, and we join with her family as we praise God for her constant faith in Jesus Christ, and commend her husband and family, Margaret (Glen Waverley) and Valerie (Brighton Gardens) and their families to the comfort of our Lord. —I.A.T.

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HARVEST (Oakleigh, Dr. C. J. Mackenzie). The produce of a very fine display at the Harvest Thanksgiving, June 8, was shared between C. of C. homes, C.O.B. and Burwood Boys' Home . . . Over 50 men at a tea on June 1 heard Brig. H. J. Wishart tell of his work as a prison chaplain . . . A cake stall raised \$65 toward the missionary project.

THANK YOU LETTERS (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Letters of thanks received from Laurie Finger for J.C.E. stamp collection and from Leprosy Mission for donation of \$106 . . . Russell Barker met with accident at work. Ernie Blake is ill. Recuperating are Bob Sandells, Shirley Steele, Shirley Barker, and Coralie Hughes.

RENEWAL MISSION (Warragul, R. Pritchard). Church Renewal Mission held June 6-8. "All Night of Prayer" was conducted on the preceding Thursday in preparation. The Mission was conducted by I.C.R. (Co-ordinator Ian Carter) and team of five, plus six local committees. Two made a first commitment, there was restoration and 21 people registered a decision for deeper commitment. Many have requested regular discussion groups . . . Janine Fox recently passed 7th grade in Piano and Jillian Broderick passed 5th grade with honours.

VISITORS LEAD (Swan Hill) A group of visitors from Bendigo visited here on June 15 and conducted both services . . . Church was saddened at the deaths of two elderly members, Arthur Dunstone and Roy Lawson. Both had long association with our congregation.

CALVARY ENCOUNTER (Horsham, R. Roberts) 3rd annual "Calvary Encounter" organised by One Way In Coffee Shop, June 13-16 in Horsham Youth Centre. 100 Y.P. billeted in homes. Average attendance 300. Speakers were Bryan Greenwood (O.A.C.) Ron Ellis (Campus Outreach). Morning Bible studies attracted many more this year. Largest crowd was 500 on Sunday afternoon when the musical "The King is Coming" was presented by "His People", a group of 30 singers and instrumentalists from Horsham C. of C. and Clear Lake Methodist church. The film "A Thief in the Night" was also screened. Other performers included "Shalom", Melb. singing group. Daryl Radford was at the organ. There were 30 responses over three days.

EAST KEILOR NOTICE (S. C. Downie) The chairman of the church committee announced that Mr. Downie will not be seeking a re-appointment when his term concludes in Dec. 1976 . . . Mr. Downie played a leading role in the combined churches service in the High School. 200 attended . . . G. R. Stirling was speaker at a church cabaret . . . The State School have given R.I. a grant to purchase Bibles. Four members from the church are in the school . . . Mr. Downie writes articles for local newspaper, with estimated audience of 60,000.

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DEATHS

DONOHUE, Gladys Agnes (Brown). On June 9, 1975 at hospital, formerly of Dobbs St., Wagga N.S.W., loved mother and mother-in-law of Maisie and Hector, William and Gladys, Betty and Lee, loved grandmother and great-grandmother of their children, loved sister and sister-in-law of Stewart, Roy and Florence, Alex and Ruby, Arthur (all dec.) Gordon and Elsie. "to be with Christ which is far better". (Phil. 1, 35.)

HARDING Edgar John (Jack) of Seaton, S.A. On June 16th at Q.E.H. Loved husband of the late Beatrice May; loving father and father-in-law of Kevin, Brian and Pam, Allan and Wendy, Valda and David; devoted grandpa of ten grandchildren. Reunited in the Lord.

HUMPHREYS, Agnes (formerly Mrs. R. L. Best of West Preston): On June 1 at Manly, N.S.W., loving mother of Lindy, Stan and Laurel.

PARKER, George. On June 10, suddenly at his residence, 74 Eastfield Road, Croydon South, dearly loved husband of the late Ruth, loving father of Joyce and Elsa (dec.), father-in-law of Geoff, and loved Pa Pa of Steven, Darren and Dean. In his 75th year. Forever with the Lord.
PEARCE. On June 4, Lois, 1 Gibbons Court, Warrnambool. Beloved wife of Wally. Loved mother of Margaret and Val. Fond Mother-in-law of Lindsay. Loving Nanna of Garry, Russell, David, Gregory, Richard and Kristen. "At home with the Lord".

SIMPSON On the 12th June, Amy Lewis, of 315 Pigdon St., Princes Hill. Dearly loved wife of the late Frederick Horace (Late 29th Batt. 1st A.I.F.), loving mother of Joan (Mrs. R. M. Walker) and Barbara (Mrs. B. C. Fleming), mother-in-law of Max and Brian, fond Ma of Donald, Ian, Janet and Margaret, dear grandmother of Meredith. Mother and Father reunited.

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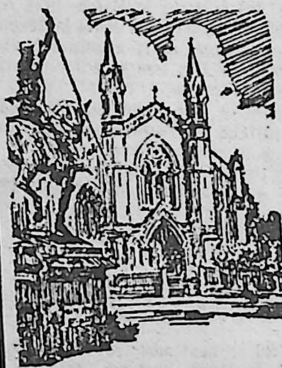
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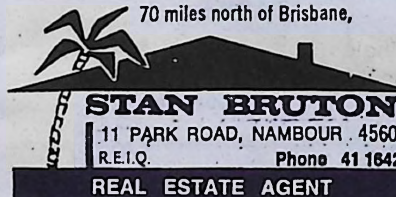
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SPEAKERS (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer) Rev. Altus spoke recently on behalf of the Leprosy Mission. Other speakers during Mr. Clymer's absence in Qld. have been Darrel Thoday, Dr. K. Crowley, John Baker (Hosp. Chaplain), E. V. Holmes, and W. N. Bartlett . . . Mrs. R. Turner is agent for the Leprosy Mission.

PORTABLE ROOM (Christies Beach, Brian Beck). A transportable room for counselling, etc., has been erected at the manse . . . New boys' club is well attended . . . A Share Group has commenced at church. Mid-week Prayer and Bible Study also recommenced . . . Miss Robyn Haskell spoke to C.W.F. on the H.M. Department. Ladies at mid week morning prayer and Bible Study heard speakers from the Child Evangelism Fellowship . . . Geoff Rogers has replaced Ern Paddick (now at Norseman) as B.S. Co-ordinator . . . Cliff Jones, Tom Parker and Rod Cunningham have been elected as elders. Ray Rawlings, Garrey Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Ian Richter were involved in a Lay Witness weekend at Whyalla.

CIRCUIT SEEKS MINISTER (Gawler, Williamstown, Kersbrook). Circuit negotiating for minister having received resignation of R. V. Chamberlain who will conclude his ministry in Jan. 1976. He will move to Croydon S.A. . . . E. Roffey (Conf. Sec.) visited Williamstown for church anniversary on May 18. Evening service featured C.O.B. students being interviewed . . . Gawler C.W.F. birthday in June featured Mrs. White's concert party. Williamstown and Kersbrook's C.W.F. catered for crowds at Expo '75, proceeds going to planned projects . . . Miss E. Busbridge elected B.S. Supt. at Gawler . . . Ladies of Kersbrook featured in choir, readings, and speaking at Mothers' Day service . . . Youth programs have featured "I've got a secret" with guest panel and a knockout 8 ball competition.

C.O.B. VISIT (Victor Harbour, J. A. Luff). Church was visited by C.O.B. team, and impressed by their depth and commitment . . . S.S. has had the help and advice of the D.C.E. over the past 3 weeks . . . K. Sinkinson is back after much sickness. A. Simonds, Mrs. H. Baggs and Karen Watkins are home from hospital . . . H. Baggs was recent speaker and C.Y.F. group spoke on the effect of "Light" Through the Ages.

"THANK YOU" AT BAPTISM (Kilburn, R. H. Sercombe) B.S. scholars sang "Thank You" at service on June 8 when one of their class was baptized . . . "Adelphos" young people held 4.30 p.m. service followed by basket tea . . . On June 1 B.S. Youth class assisted Boys' Brigade at monthly church parade . . . Church joined with Prospect congregation in Austcare collection of 573 . . . Boys' Brigade held annual Company Camp on R. Harvey's property near Williamstown.



NEW SOUTH WALES

ANNIVERSARY (Taree, R. J. H. Greenhalgh). The church's 112th Anniversary was celebrated May 31 and June 1. The work was established in Taree in June 1863 when Thomas and Jane Andrews and Henry Western met for the breaking of bread. Within 18 months they were joined by John Newby and George Saxby. K. W. Farmer, minister of the Epping church gave the messages. Among the greetings received was a letter from Dr. Yoon Kwan Chae thanking the church for financial help given to the Young Shin C. of C., Junra-do, Korea, with which Taree has a sister church relationship. The preacher and his wife are Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hyun Boo. The weekend offering was \$710.

BAPTISMS AT HAMILTON (Hamilton, W. Phillips) After parents attended B.S. open day on May 25 five young people were baptised and received into membership. Jeff Morris was soloist. On June 8 three more were baptised. Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Bannister were duetists . . . Mrs. Butts was farewelled on leaving for six months tour overseas . . . Those ill include Mrs. Menson, Mrs. Sewell and Mr. Grahame. Bill Lewis and Mrs. Gibson were recently injured in a car accident . . . Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. E. V. Fraser and Mrs. Maude Fraser in their recent sad losses and to the Tregloan family whose mother died recently at the age of 88 years.

FRIENDSHIP (Inverell, R. A. Powell) At C.W.F. "Friendship Evening", Mrs. Walker, wife of Salvation Army officer, was speaker. Ladies also provided hot luncheon for older members and friends in lieu of usual picnic . . . The film, "Reach Out . . . and Grow!" was screened. Members will attend Church Growth Seminar in Brisbane . . . Mr. and Mrs. Powell represented Indian Mission Field at Tamworth Missionary Convention and at Missionary Camp, Caloundra, Qld . . . Young People hold Prayer and Share Time, 7 a.m. each Saturday and have commenced visitation programme with older members . . . Geoff. Rowcroft, student minister at Armidale, spoke on June 8.



TASMANIA

NEW MINISTRY (Devonport) When the new minister and his wife Mr. and Mrs. G. Risson, and family arrived, members met them at the terminal. A family tea was held on June 14 to meet Mr. and Mrs. Risson. Ministers of other churches attended. Ladies stocked the manse larder, while men supplied a load of dry wood. On 15th Mr. and Mrs. Risson were welcomed into fellowship and began their ministry . . . Boys' Brigade held a camp at Caveside . . . The church building was venue for C.W.C.I. meetings in May, over 100 women at each of two services. Speaker was Mrs. Joan Francis.



VICTORIA

MAORI MISSION (Latrobe Tce., Geelong, N. Hodgekiss). The 5 Geelong churches are planning a week's mission with a Maori team commencing July 21 . . . Recent speakers have included D. Kernick (Wycliffe Bible Translators), Ian Schneider (home on vacation from Woolwich Bible College) and L. Barker (School Chaplain) . . . Twenty men met for training session - "How to enjoy being involved in the morning service"

TO BRISBANE (West Preston, B. F. Goldsteen). Lorraine Bertram has moved to Brisbane to teach and work for Youth for Christ . . . President Scambler spoke at a morning service . . . Good Companions shared in a worship service at Thornbury . . . Parents have been sharing in Church School sessions and a six-week teacher-training course is in progress . . . Salvation Army group shared in Youth service . . . Jeanette Gillespie and Philip Taylor attended Wycliffe Bible Translators' Camp . . .

HAPPINESS IS FAMILY CAMPING (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). At Family Camp reunion slides and commentary entitled "Happiness is Family Camping" were shown . . . Twelve ladies attended State Women's Conference. Betty Keatch elected country representative on C.W.F. executive . . . Mothers' Day morning service was conducted by ladies. Holly Thomas was speaker and Pam Steele president . . . C.W.E.F. held Mannequin Parade and raised \$187.

FREEZER (Berwick, Barry McMurtrie). C.W.F. had a freezer demonstration at their meeting a week ago . . . The youth club is holding an exercise-a-thon to raise money for the Papua N.G. sharing venture . . . B.S. has launched a special six-week drive for more scholars . . . "Israel My Son" a film documentary was screened.

REDUCTIONS (Wedderburn). Ross Hercott, part-time preacher for last 12 months, has resigned. Loca. members will continue to take the services. Transfers and death have reduced number leaving only 12 active members. Future church in doubt.

MISSION (Reservoir, K. H. Pitt). Weekly prayer sessions prepared for "Mission '75" which commenced on May 25 with Trevor Giles from H.M. Dept, speaking and Peter Sumner (Christian Blind Foundation). Speakers during the week were by Alan Webb, and Graham Smith of Y.F.C. Films were shown at Saturday Youth Rally, followed by Coffee Shop. Artists during the Mission were Fred Strong, Living Circle Quartette, Freedom, Beryl Kilmier, Pat Murray, Soul Agents and Joyce Butcher. Miss B. Bird from Geelong was pianist. . . . "Sunshine" Club for boys and girls 8-13 years, led by Mr. and Mrs. J. Whimpey . . . C.W.F. met at manse for a drink demonstration given by Mrs. Feltscheer from W.C.T.U.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EIGHT GIRLS DECIDE (Kalgoorlie, R. Taylor) Since Easter eight girls have been baptized . . . Plans for proposed new chapel are to be released this month . . . Renovations of hall are nearing completion . . . Local Girl Guides and Brownies shared in a gospel service . . . The film, "Though I walk through the Valley" has been screened . . . Mr. Taylor appears regularly on "Epilogue", a religious programme seen nightly on local T.V. . . . Bill Gaunson from Northam told the church of his experiences at the Lausanne Congress on Evangelization.

ONLY BAND (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson) The Boys' Brigade band, the only one in W.A., was invited to play at the Pioneer service at East Perth to commemorate the founding of W.A. The Fellowship Committee organised a car rally, tea, and evening of films and fellowship for Foundation Day holiday . . . Church has had fellowship with folk from Christmas Island. They gave musical items at gospel service . . . Recent speakers have been D. Butler, R. Roberts and E. Maxwell.

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12 BY TRANSFER (Inglewood, R. Cook) On June 8 church welcomed twelve new members by letters of transfer from metropolitan and country churches . . . \$3,656 was contributed in the missionary faith-giving programme for the twelve months, to support children and missionaries in India, New Guinea and the New Hebrides . . . The church is considering the outreach work in the Pilbara as a faith-giving project for 1975/76 . . . The Bible Society project to provide New Testaments and Scripture selections for Africa has been launched in the Church School . . . Men of the church shared in special teas and addresses for Christian men in the Inglewood/Maylands/Mount Lawley district.

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VICTORIA

ASSOCIATE MINISTERS MARRY (Blackburn, E. Keating) The associate ministers, Judy Drayton and Noel Mitaxa, were married on May 9 . . . Ern Baxter, church elder, was commissioned to a special task at the Community Welfare Administration Day Centre for Lonely Men . . . On May 11 the service was conducted by the women of the church in recognition of International Women's Year and Mothers' Day . . . On May 28 Barry Jones, M.L.A., and Rev. W. R. McEwen, secretary of the Bible Union, discussed "Capital Punishment, Why I Would Vote For or Against." . . . Y.A.F. conducted recent a.m. service.

NEW HALL (Parkdale, R. Hillbrich). Plans are under way for a new hall complex . . . Newly formed "Friendship Forum" meets fortnightly for fellowship, discussion and study . . . 13 members participated in local ecumenical seminar on Pentecost Sunday . . . A team helped the doorknock appeal for Austcare on June 1. The church rejoices with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Parkes in their Golden Wedding anniversary and with Mrs. Jeff Talent on her 80th birthday.

"ACCORDING TO JOHN" (North Williamstown, R. Brown). A most exciting evening meeting was held when the cast of "According to John" took the service . . . A Dress Parade held by the C.W.A.F. raised \$80 . . . Together with women of other churches in the district, C.W.F. are providing a minding and caring service for sick people.

JUMBLE DOLLARS (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders) C.W.E.F. Jumble Sale raised \$370 for the church . . . During school holidays Gary Wake held an Adventure Time each afternoon with games, craft work, and Bible stories for children from the schools . . . Mrs. G. Bisley volunteered to help wash clothes given for welfare work and the opportunity shops . . . Members assisted in the Austcare Appeal doorknock.

MESSAGE IN DANCE (Essendon C. S. Badcock) Evening Service 8 June, the Characana Christian Ballet Group of Sue Kmetko, Judy Whittaker, and Jill Morice assisted by Mike Kmetko presented 'Running Man' adapted from Tedd Smith's recording of 'Smash and Grab World'. Mike gave a personal testament of his faith . . . Mrs. Dot Murphy and Mrs. Rita Collins attending Hospital Visitation Course conducted at Brotherhood Centre . . . H. Grant at home still not well.

MINISTRY EXTENDED (Manifold Heights). A. E. Stevens has accepted the church's invitation to extend his ministry a further two years to Jan. 1979 . . . Speakers in Family Week were Laurie Barker, Technical school chaplain, and Mrs. Marj. Gadsden, social worker with Social Welfare Dept. . . . Mrs. Alma Ross, a foundation member has been confined to bed for a number of weeks but is improving . . . Mrs. Lorraine Carr is recovering in hospital after surgery . . . E. L. Williams was preacher at the Tea Table Service on June 1st. Gospel services are at 5 p.m.

TEMPLE DAY (Carnegie, Des. Stow). Past and present members attended Temple Day services. A.P.S.A. followed luncheon which was served to 145 members . . . Mrs. B. Couper presided at Mothers' Day Communion service. Other C.W.F. members took part . . . Sth.

Suburban cricket Assoc. Presentation dinner was catered for by C.W.F. . . . Entertainment program was given to Hampton Rehabilitation Hosp. by C.W.F. evening group.

MUSICAL SERVICE (Tootgarook, Paul Cameron). A special musical p.m. service was held June 8 with Neville Westmore. Wendy Truman made her decision. . . . Bruce Waters, at present doing course with Wycliffe on Bible translation, spoke on June 15 . . . Ken Lamont leading Boys Explorers, with Reg Pitcher assisting . . . Mrs. Myrtle Couchard 80 years of age, June 5 . . . Major surgery on infant granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee-Archer successful.

ADOPTION (Croydon, A. B. Clark). Church half-yearly meeting decided to "adopt" a Home Mission Church . . . Treasurer announced Thanksgiving Day aim of "Project 800" to maintain youth hall and establish new organ fund . . . Brenda McLean of Maroondah Social Health Centre spoke at C.W.F. . . . Young Marrieds' group held Family Camp at Safety Beach . . . Explorers visited Planetarium . . . C.Y.F. held mock wedding . . . Two young men decided for Christ and were baptized . . . Recent C.M.F. speaker was Alan Wookey who spoke and showed film of his visits to Opal mines in Central Australia . . . Visiting speakers included E. L. Williams, and F. R. Lovett of the Bible Society.

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QUESTING



WITH

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Our church decided not to appoint women to the church board of officers. Do you think this is justified by scripture?

We have answered a similar question in this column, but it is to be expected that in international Women's Year the subject would be raised again.

Since each local church makes its own rules for controlling its affairs, my view could not make any difference. For what it is worth, however, I believe that scripture makes it clear that all barriers are broken down. "We are no longer Jews or Greeks or slaves or free men or even merely men or women, but we are all the same — we are Christians". (Gal. 3:28). Of course, there are Jews and Greeks, and there is male and female, but people are persons and as such they take their place in a new order. And qualifications or disqualifications must be on some basis other than those of race and sex.

Some of my best friends will disagree with me, but I believe that Paul in saying that women should be silent in church, and that elders and deacons should also be husbands, (we usually overlook that one, but I knew of one church that would not even permit unmarried men to serve on the board of officers because of 1 Tim. 3:12) is recognising social practices of the day, and he does not desire the young church to be distracted from its

main task by getting involved in debate about the place of women in society. He is prepared, therefore, to postpone the application of the principle which he clearly states in Gal. 3.

Paul told the Corinthian church that he kept things back from them because they were not ready for them. And he also made it clear that he did not claim that everything he wrote was to be regarded as the irrevocable word of God.

The New Testament appears to condone slavery but the fact of slavery could not possibly live with the greater fact of the equality of all men in Christ. Equally, discrimination based on sex also had to go. And it is going!

We have at least three women ministers serving our churches. It is common now for women to take part in services as readers and helpers at the communion table.

The State Conference handbooks list 25 women as church secretaries, and this must be a clear indication that the old barriers are breaking down.

We have women of outstanding ability who have a splendid contribution to make. The local church and the wider church will be the poorer if they are prevented from serving.

In your own situation, if you will accept some advice from an equal, don't make an issue of the decision of your church not to appoint women to the church board. There are more important matters confronting the church and unity of purpose is essential. What you are seeking, an equal opportunity to serve, will come. There is no reason for you to be silent about it in the church. But it is better for it to be given to you than for it to be demanded.

If you have questions you would like considered in this column, please address them to Questing, P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041.

THE LAST WORD . . .

There is no question about the value of modern technology for enabling the fullest development of man's humanity, but technology itself could improve the spiritual quality of human life. We need therefore to give serious thought to the relation between modern technology and our own cultural values concerning the nature and purpose of man.
Canon Burgess Carr

THE WAY

Justice is the only worship
Love is the only priest,
Ignorance is the only slavery,
Happiness is the only good.
The time to be happy is now,
The place to be happy — here,
The way to be happy is to make other people happy.



All Gone

I had a wool coat, my favorite,
Some moths decided to savor it,
What they left me, the little gluttons,
Were holes and holes and a row of buttons.



Old accountants never die, they just lose their balance.



The limitations of braking were high-lighted on the truck bumper — "Drive Carefully — don't insist on your rites."



"YOUR husband must have absolute rest and quiet," the medico advised the wife, "here are some sleeping tablets."

Said she: And when do I give them to him, doctor?"

Said the doc: "You don't. You take them yourself!"

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