



THE ELEVENTH HOUR

By E. F. HACKMAN, President, Inter-American Division

In the twentieth chapter of Matthew is recorded the parable of the householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. The "vineyard" represents the world field with its millions of human beings who have "no hope," and are "without God in the world." The "Householder" is Jesus Christ, who voluntarily took upon Himself our guilt and paid with His life the penalty for our sins. The "laborers" are those who have been called and chosen to carry the good news of salvation through Christ to all the world. The "third hour," the "sixth hour," the "ninth hour" and the "eleventh hour" all represent the various periods of time during the gospel dispensation, when special emphasis was given to the gospel invitation.

We are living in the time when the "eleventh hour" invitation is going to the world. Today this part of the parable takes on new significance. For years Seventh-day Adventists knew we were living in the "eleventh hour." Both history and Bible prophecy clearly attested to that fact. But now every one who thinks at all recognizes that we have come to a climactic hour in the history of the world. Men no longer believe that the world is going on and on to a glorious Utopia. The invention of the atomic bomb has changed all that.

Consequently, in its program to carry the "everlasting gospel" to all the world, the church faces its greatest opportunity since the days of Pentecost. While we recognize that the "eleventh hour" is truly the last period of history, when "time shall be no longer," we must also see that the "eleventh hour" is the last remnant of time in

the program of God to save a lost world. With the sands of time running out, and probation's door about to close forever, the church must now exert itself to the utmost to carry out her appointed task. The present crisis demands an all-out effort on the part of all who have a knowledge of the truth for this time.

The Chinese have a most significant way of expressing the meaning of the word "crisis." They use two Chinese characters for this word instead of one. The first character means "danger," and the other, "opportunity." Thus to them the word "crisis" means a dangerous opportunity.

Think for just a moment of the opportunities that face the remnant church in this "eleventh hour." The Voice of Prophecy broadcasts, and the Bible Correspondence School give us new and unprecedented opportunities to give this message. Years ago the servant of the Lord told us that the day would come when people would take down our literature from the shelves and read it. Today we witness the greatest distribution of literature in our history, and our publishing houses are working day and night to supply the needs of the field.

New and startling issues, such as the Calendar Reform, Sunday-Law Enforcement, and World Union of Protestant Churches, are bound to bring us into prominence. As the cup of Babylon's iniquity fills up, thousands of professed Christians will soon turn to us for spiritual guidance. As the world grows more intemperate, and lasciviousness and immorality are prevalent, Christians will look to us as the clean church. Everything that is now happening in this "eleventh hour"

is calculated to bring our message to the forefront.

"Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice; but a change will come. The Christian world is now making movements which will necessarily bring commandment-keeping people into prominence." —*Christian Service*, p. 155.

The paramount question before us is: What does God expect of the church in this "eleventh hour?" First of all, the church needs a spiritual revival and reformation. It cannot do what should be done in this "eleventh hour" without new power from above. The servant of the Lord has said: "I see a crisis before us, and the Lord calls for His laborers to come into line. Every soul should now stand in a position of deeper, truer consecration to God than during the years that have passed." —*General Conference Bulletin*, May 19, 1913, p. 34.

Secondly, the call of God is for the entire church to move into the "vineyard," in the "eleventh hour." "In these final hours of probation for the sons of men, when the fate of every soul is so soon to be decided forever, the Lord of heaven and earth expects His church to arouse to action as never before." —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 716.

In the last days ministers and laity will unite to speedily carry the message to all. "In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part." —*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 116.

And again we read: "At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the

Sabbath more fully."—E. W., p. 85.

Every leader should now be laying his largest plans for evangelism. Dear Fellow Workers, if we believe that we are living in the "eleventh hour," then we will carry out the "eleventh hour" program. We will not fold our hands in complacency and do nothing, but every worker will be studying ways and means whereby he may extend the message of God in his district.

God says to us: "The ministers are asleep; the lay members are asleep; and the world is perishing in sin. May God help His people to *arouse*, and *walk*, and *work* as men and women on the borders of the eternal world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 37.

This is a terrible indictment, and may it not be said of any worker in the Inter-American Division. Where we are is of no moment, but only what we are doing there. If we are faithfully doing our part as God's chosen "watchmen," in this "eleventh hour," the divine "Householder" will give to

every man his reward. This is the teaching of the parable. That payment is according to fidelity to opportunity. That covers the whole ground. That is the plain meaning of the parable.

The "laborer" who went into the vineyard at the "eleventh hour" never had a chance before. He had not been called; but when he was sent, he went in, and was paid on the basis of the fact that for one hour he was faithful. The man who went in early and served through all the burden and heat of the day was also faithful to his work. The parable does not mean that if a man has his opportunity and does not take it, and wastes the fleeting hours, he will get the same reward as the man who has toiled all the live-long day.

Look around you and you will see what opportunity God has given you. The "eleventh hour" is almost over. Soon midnight will be here. Let us work "while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

It is interesting to observe that the amount of Ingathering funds raised up to June 30, 1947, was \$91,177.29, while the total for the same time this year reached \$93,575.62. Thus we show a gain of \$2,398.33 for the first six months of this year.

May the Lord bless every Ingatherer, not only in the bringing in of funds for the cause, but in the winning of souls along the way.

"Win them, win them, one by one!"

Suggestion Corner

Why not pass on to others the good ideas that you have discovered in your work from time to time? There is really no need of suppressing any helpful suggestion that you may have; and there is certainly no good reason for withholding the wide circle of advantage that might grow from a single experiment.

Have you discovered a new method of approach in evangelistic efforts or house-to-house work? Have you tried something different in connection with this year's Ingathering campaign, and found that your plan really worked? Or have you found a way to increase the value of a mission or household dollar, by improvising, substituting or rearranging some feature of your program? Then by all means, pass on your discovery to the other workers in the Inter-American Division. You may be sure that your suggestions will be appreciated, and so far as we feel that they will be of general use, we shall be glad to pass them along through this "Suggestion Corner" of the *Inter-American Division Messenger*. By means of a little thoughtful cooperation we may accomplish much. Address your suggestions to: The Messenger, Box 228, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida.

A Million Dollars in Six Years!

By WESLEY AMUNDSEN, Secretary

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If it took us twenty-five years to reach the first million dollars of Ingathering funds in the Inter-American Division, how long will it take us to reach the second million dollars? Naturally we have to say, "if time lasts," for we have no control over the close of probation and the finishing of the work. Times and seasons are all in God's hands. It could be done in six years, or less, all things being equal.

It is encouraging to see reports come in which indicate advances all along the line in the Ingathering work. Ingathering is no small task for the

church to engage in. To go out day after day, and even at night, gathering in funds, from pennies to hundred-dollar offerings, and more, demands much effort and concentration. But somehow our people do rally to the task and get the job done. Our ministers and church leaders are to be commended for the splendid showing which we have to date.

The following report may be helpful in reviewing our standing as recorded in the books of the treasurer of the Inter-American Division as of June 30, 1948:

Field Reporting	Goal-1948	Amount Raised	To Be Raised
Antillian Union	\$25,000.00	\$28,917.86	\$3,917.86*
British West Indies	20,000.00	14,398.16	5,601.84
Caribbean Union	35,000.00	26,715.70	8,284.30
Central America	40,000.00	1,374.02	38,625.98
Colombia-Venezuela	25,000.00	11,355.86	13,644.14
Mexican Union	20,000.00	10,814.02	9,185.98
TOTALS	\$165,000.00	\$93,575.62	\$75,342.24

*The Antillian Union has already exceeded its goal for the year.

We extend congratulations to the Antillian Union for being the first field not only to reach, but to go over, its goal. That \$3,917.86 looks pretty good, doesn't it? This is a wonderful achievement, and we are encouraged to believe that the other unions will

do likewise before the season is over.

The Central American Union had not launched its campaign at the time of this report, as their campaign commenced in July, and one local field holds its campaign during the month of September.

Special Offer to Young People

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has just made a special offer to all our young people. Beginning with the January, 1949, issue, the *Youth's Instructor* will publish a monthly color issue. The copy will be made up with special thought for the interest of our young people outside of North America.

Serial stories will run through the regular and color issues, and those who

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"STAND IN THE GAP"

By W. E. MURRAY, Secretary
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We present herewith the report of baptisms in the Inter-American Division for the second quarter of 1948.

Field Reporting	Baptisms 2nd. Qtr.		Baptisms January to June	
	1947	1948	1947	1948
Antillian Union	293	334	487	696
British West Indies	584	457	827	749
Caribbean Union	276	246	403	349
Central American Union	303	181	440	383
Colombia-Venezuela	86	28	98	99
Mexican Union	178	184	357	218
TOTALS	1,720	1,430	2,612	2,494

As you look over this report you will notice that our baptisms for the second quarter of 1948 are less than for the same period of last year. Also, that the total baptized in the first six months of 1948 is less than for the first two quarters of 1947. We recognize that our field workers are always exposed to a large number of opposing influences in the soul-winning efforts they are putting forth; and sometimes we partially fail where we thought we would have a large measure of success.

We are sure that our leaders and all the other workers are making wise plans for this branch of the work, and some have written of efforts and plans which have borne much fruit, but which are not included in this report. We have confidence to believe that our faithful workers all along the line are putting their best efforts into this great movement.

This decrease in baptisms can be a

discouragement if we allow it to be such. It can weaken the weak; and can make the fearful still more fearful. But this condition of things should

be a great challenge to us all, as strong Christian workers, to throw more strength into the battle, as it were. This should awaken more trust in God within our hearts, and inspire greater consecration of our lives to Him.

In Ezekiel's time God "sought for a man... that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap." Ezekiel 22:30. To stand in the gap means to work for God in the most strategic point of the program. It means to defend the weak spot in the bulwarks. It means to have courage when we suffer some reverses. It means to strike harder when we think we have struck with all our power. God helping us, let us press forward to fill in the "gaps" in our lines of mission advance. Let us pray more to God than in the past. Let us plead for the Spirit to impress people with the seriousness and the importance of Bible truth. He will help us; and with God for us, who can be against us?

TITHES AND MISSION OFFERINGS

By LEONARD F. BOHNER, Treasurer
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Field Reporting	Tithe Receipts			Goal 22½% Sab. School % to Tithe		
	1948	1947	Gain	1948	1947	Loss
Antillian Union	\$121,198	\$108,827	\$12,371	.15	.155	.005L
British W. Indies	56,619	50,353	6,266	.15	.172	.022L
Central American Union	50,920	47,404	3,516	.205	.126	.007L
Caribbean Union	75,428	69,933	5,495	.133	.227	.022L
Colombia-Venezuela	50,546	41,670	8,876	.181	.184	.003L
Mexican Union	58,768	58,629	139	.224	.221	.003L
Division & Misc.	3,309	2,357	952			
TOTALS	\$416,788	\$379,173	\$37,615	.164	.173	.009L

We like to hear the words "well done." In looking over our financial attainments in the first half of 1948 as compared with the first half of 1947 we can use the words "well done" as regards our faithfulness in tithe paying.

In consideration of our achievements in the Ingathering campaign, we probably are entitled to the commendation "fairly well done." Let us remember that we have many needs throughout the Division and that every cent that we raise is used within our Division territory. Surely we cannot let the year 1948 end without having attained our full goal.

In the review of our Sabbath School offering goals, the situation is rather

discouraging. A loss is recorded for every Union in the Division. As regards our Sabbath school offerings, rather than the praise "well done" we will have to accept the criticism of "poorly done." Surely when we expect the homeland and the world field to help us, we should do everything possible to do our share to increase our Sabbath school giving. You will notice that last year we gave through Sabbath school offerings 17.3% of the amount of tithe, whereas this year we only gave 16.4%. The goal is 22.5%.

Surely, in these momentous times we, as leaders, must individually determine to be absolutely faithful in our tithe paying, more liberal in our offerings, and lead our membership along these same paths.

Special Offer . . .

receive the color issue only will find in them a carefully prepared synopsis of stories that have been published in the regular issue during the previous month.

The subscription price for one year, to the monthly color issues of the *Youth's Instructor* will be \$1.40. Five or more copies ordered in a club and sent to one address will be only \$1.25 per subscription.

We urge all our young people to place their orders for this splendid paper not later than December 1.

—E. F. Hackman

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Radio Activity in the Antillian Union

Writing under date of August 22, 1948, from Puerto Rico, Elder Lindbeck says:

"Elder Paul Wickman and I are having a fine time down through the Antillian Union. Elder Wild accompanied us as far as Ciudad Trujillo. We had some good radio rallies along the way, including two in Havana. The first was especially for the radio students and non-Adventists. We had a fine turn-out, and met some very fine people who are studying in our Bible school.

"Our next stop was at Santa Clara, Cuba, where we are developing talent for the Spanish Voice of Prophecy program. We were well impressed with the male quartet, which has real possibilities. We had another good rally at Camagüey, on Sunday night; and Monday morning went on to Haiti where we remained until Wednesday, and held two big rallies. Our dear people in Haiti really turn out in mass. While there we were able to arrange for the French version of the Voice of Prophecy on a fine station in Port-au-Prince. We are all pleased with the arrangements.

"Ciudad Trujillo was the high spot in our contacts with radio stations. We were able to arrange for a year's contract for both English and Spanish programs, at excellent hours for both broadcasts, and at a very good rate, because of our contract for the combined programs.

"Thursday night we came on to Puerto Rico, and had a wonderful day on Sabbath, August 21, with Elder Folkenberg and his workers. In the afternoon we had a great rally of all churches in the Santurce area. There was an immense crowd, and hundreds stood around on the outside because of the lack of seating space inside the building. Following this meeting we held another meeting with the believers in the penitentiary, which was one of the most thrilling meetings of my life. I think you will recall that these believers are the fruitage of our efforts in various branches of mission work; and at this meeting we presented di-

plomas to twenty-six prisoner-students, upon the completion of their Bible Correspondence Course. The prison choir of Voice of Prophecy students sang two numbers during the program, and prison officials spoke most appreciatively of the work we are doing in the prison.

"More than 1800 men were present at this meeting in the penitentiary, and it was one of the most inspirational services that I have ever attended. Elder Wickman gave a wonderful talk on our world-wide work, especially in connection with the program of the Voice of Prophecy. This was received with great enthusiasm, and the prisoners applauded with such fervor that it seemed the very foundations of the old institution were caused to vibrate.

"There are several hundred Voice of Prophecy students in this institution, and it is evident that the truths of the Bible mean a great deal to them. I can assure you that this was a thrilling experience to me. I wish you might have been present with us.

"Tonight we are to have another big rally in Mayagüez, with the students who are taking the Bible Correspondence Course, and with many others of course; and tomorrow we plan to go on to the French West Indies where we hope to make further contacts. Keep praying for us as we travel in the interests of the radio work in the Antillian Union Mission."

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A Call to Prayer

The story of Jane Williams, an interested woman in Blue Hills, of the Salt Cays Mission, reveals the depths of superstition from which souls must be snatched in some parts of the Caicos Islands. Brother and Sister C. C. Nebblett report that this woman has been possessed of an evil spirit for more than twenty years. This spirit, Matilda by name, reputedly comes from Haiti for its quarterly visitations. When the spirit possesses this woman it drives her into the bushes for days at a time. It tears her clothes and abuses her most cruelly. When she is under this spell she is unconscious of what is happening around her, and in gruff masculine tones the spirit speaks

through her unmoving lips, answering the questions of curious villagers.

In her quest for deliverance from this terrible possession, Miss Williams joined a "Holiness" church. One night in this church, the spirit, in the form of a black bat, came upon her. Nine strong men attempted unsuccessfully to control her. It appeared that prayers and singing were of no avail. Thus does the enemy of all souls cling to those who have once surrendered their will to his control. Only by the grace of God can such victims find release from the power of Satan.

As Brother Nebblett spoke to this poor soul on a number of occasions, it is evident that she has been under deep conviction. She has even acknowledged the power of Christ in our day to bring her deliverance; and she asks an interest in our prayers that she may be free from this evil spirit, that she may take her stand with the people of God.

Ready for the Harvest

On one occasion, Brother Nebblett made a two weeks' tour through the atolls of the Caicos group, distributing Twentieth Century Bible Course enrollment cards. Returning from this journey Brother Nebblett wrote:

"It is very evident from my many interesting experiences on this trip that many persons in these islands are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."

"At Kew, a preacher of another protestant group said that he hoped we would open work on his island. When I asked what would be the benefit to him, he said he believes our message is true, and he would do all he could to assist us. I encouraged him to accept the truth of God, and he would be much better off. This he says he is willing to do, but it will take time. It was my privilege to preach in his church one Sunday night, and I also stayed in the home of one of the members.

"During the morning of that same day, a man came to me and acknowledged his belief in the Sabbath truth, and said he hoped to keep it one of these days. After talking to him for some minutes we bowed our heads right there in the yard where we were standing, and there he promised the Lord to start keeping the Sabbath in obedience to His commandments."

Thus the work all through the field goes forward. Not without opposition, but with increasing success. Pray for

the blessings of God upon the work in the British West Indies.

—Robert H. Pierson

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"World Temperance Leader Organizes Trinidad Units"

Elder Wesley Amundsen, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Department secretary of the Inter-American Division, also represents the Inter-American Division section of the International Temperance Association. During the month of June Elder Amundsen made a tour of the Caribbean area, and in connection with his departmental work gave special emphasis to the temperance work.

Under date of June 17, 1948, the *Trinidad Guardian* reported briefly on the work of Adventists, and publicity was given to various phases of our temperance program. Considerable space was given to photographs, and quite a comprehensive write-up in the public press was devoted to our work. We quote a few statements from the *Guardian*, as follows:

"Mr. Amundsen has already given lectures in various parts of the island, including the Maracas Valley Training College, San Juan, and Sangre Grande. He also addressed the girls of Osmond High School yesterday morning and will speak to the boys at nine o'clock this morning.

"Trinidad will be the headquarters in the Caribbean area, Mr. Amundsen stated, and Dr. R. F. Dunlop, who recently came from England, has been appointed temperance secretary of this area. Mr. Amundsen came to the Caribbean for the purpose of organizing temperance units for the particular benefit of the youth."

The writer of this report quotes from the lectures on temperance, and from Elder Amundsen, still further:

"Educational: 'Our attitude is one of educational purpose and a very positive kind of education, because the proof is self-evident that smoking and intoxicating liquors do no good to anybody except the ones who manufacture and sell these products. Tests at Harvard University have shown that non-smoking students are ahead of smoking students. Some 200 students

who smoked, and a similar number who did not smoke, were observed over a period of time, and in the final examination 79 of those who smoked failed, while only two of those who did not smoke failed.'

"Mr. Amundsen has already visited several countries in his Division and will leave tomorrow for Cayenne, Paramaribo, Georgetown, and other Caribbean colonies. He is being assisted in his mission here in Trinidad by Mr. P. W. Manuel, Educational and Young People's secretary of the Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists.

"The outstanding interest of these lectures, is the health of young people everywhere. Dr. R. F. Dunlop, who is in charge of the Seventh-day Adventist Clinic in the city of Port-of-Spain, was named by the Temperance Association as Regional Temperance Director in this area, and will be assisted by Mr. P. W. Manuel. The Association intends later to announce by means of bulletins and magazines, the establishment of Temperance Societies here."

Further Progress in the Caribbean Area

The Ingathering campaign is making progress. British Guiana and Surinam have reached their goals, and the South Caribbean Mission is within \$1,000.00 of its \$19,000.00 objective. It has been a real source of encouragement to see the enthusiastic way in which the believers participate in this work. In spite of the fact that their individual contributions are very small, they press on untiringly.

Much of the territory, here in Trinidad, at least, has been quite thoroughly covered at least twice. In British Guiana I heard of one church group that started out at midnight on Saturday night to walk to their territory. As they were nearing their territory, just about daylight, the rains which have plagued them for weeks, started in again, but the believers took shelter under a crude thatched hut for a little time and held a prayer meeting. The Lord honored their faith and courage and soon they were able to begin their solicitation. After having successfully covered the territory, they again had to walk nearly twenty miles back to their homes.

In another village the singing band leader arose at 3:30 o'clock in the morning and went from home to home arousing the band members. Soon after

4:00 o'clock they began singing, and while the people in these villages arise very early, many of them were awakened by the music; but they took it cheerfully, and contributed their offerings to this good work. These are just two outstanding examples of faithfulness which have brought courage to our hearts. —Percy W. Manuel

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Salvadorean Trail Blazers

The pen of Inspiration has painted a delightful word picture of the gospel workers who venture forth to spread the glad tidings of salvation through hills and valleys, over mountains and plains, and along the highways and byways of this old world. In the fifty-second chapter of the book of Isaiah we read:

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isaiah 52: 7.

Although El Salvador is hardly noticeable on the map, it has nearly two million judgment-bound inhabitants; and in this little country there are many feet that are carrying the message-filled books to every portion of the republic. Fifteen colporteurs recently attended the institute held for them in San Salvador, the capital city. Elder F. W. Steeves, who for fourteen years has regularly attended institutes in El Salvador, as Publishing Department secretary of the Central American Union, was again the principal instructor at this year's institute. Associated with him were the local field missionary secretary, Brother Carlos de la Roca, Elder Orley Ford, superintendent of the Salvador Mission, and other workers. The institute was well organized and proved to be a profitable gathering.

To climax the week's work the services on the last Sabbath were largely dedicated to the colporteurs. The Sabbath school was entirely turned over to them, and our literature workers served as superintendent, secretary, and teachers, on this occasion. The preaching service that followed was a consecrational meeting, which closed with a special prayer in behalf of these men and women who are going back to the

highways and byways to continue their important work. In the afternoon another very inspirational service was conducted, during which these faithful colporteurs told the church members some of their adventures, trials and successes. I jotted down a note or two on some of these experiences. One runs as follows:

"I walked along a pathway lined with crosses. These crosses marked the places where people had been murdered. I was told later that this road is a very dangerous road to travel, especially at night; but I followed on during the eventide, and finally found out that I had taken the wrong road. Instead of going to the next town, which lay at the foot of the volcano, I had taken the road that led to the top of the volcano.

"It soon became dark, for night had quickly pulled its black curtains clear around the peak of the mountain, and all I could do was to rush around quickly and gather some dry grass to make myself a nest for the night. By this time a black cloud had settled over the volcano. I lay me down to sleep,—alone with God. Although I had not been able to eat any breakfast, and could find no house where I could get dinner that day, and now, at the close of the day, found myself near the crater of a volcano, with still no food in sight, I was thankful to God for the part that I had in His great work.

"I slept like a child, although at times I shivered when the cold dampness of the clouds gripped too tightly about my weary and exposed body. But I was happy, and God gave me the rest that I needed. The birds served as an alarm clock, for their early songs filled the air with praises to God for all His 'wonderful works to the children of men.'

"As I raised my head to greet the light of another day, I found that my scant covering was wet with the heavy dew of the early morning. Soon I was on my way again, and as I started down the mountain on the other side of the volcano, the overhanging foliage of trees and shrubs rained down upon me their good-

morning greetings. About nine o'clock in the morning I reached the town that I had missed the afternoon before.

"After thanking God for bringing me safely to the place, I started to work. I found the people friendly. The blessing of the Lord now came in showers upon my work. Success in God's work cheers the heart, and warms the body. Let us always go forward with courage!"

The same spirit of courage and dedication to the Master's service was manifest all through the institute; and one after another these faithful trail blazers testified to the goodness of God in their individual experiences. Especially was this true during the hour when goals were set for souls and for literature sales as well. Each colporteur wanted to sell his message-filled literature, but especially was his courage high when he set his goal for the winning of souls. This small group of fifteen humble ministers of the printed page set a combined goal of fifty souls as their objective for 1948. We thank the Lord for such self-sacrificing workers, and ask Him to raise up twenty, where now there is but one,—not only in the Salvador Mission but throughout the entire territory of the large and promising field of the Central American Union.

—J. L. Brown



The Rolling Dispensary — Venezuela Mission

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The Rolling Dispensary Project

You have doubtless heard of our Rolling Dispensary here in the Venezuela Mission. Its work is carried on after the fashion of the medical-launch work on the Amazon and Magdalena Rivers of South America, but is housed in two small railway cars that were in a dilapidated condition, and had been abandoned. We obtained permission to use them, and rebuilt them, one car serving as living quarters for the dispensary staff, and the other to be used for medical missionary work. May I say in passing, that the small home in the first car is as nice as the house trailers in the United States. It is equipped with the usual built-in features, including folding bed and table, a closet, a book-nook; a bath, with running water, shower and medicine closet; and a chemical toilet. It also has a tiny kitchen that is equipped with running water, a sink, and a portable gasoline stove, as well as a 700 watt automatic electric plant.

The other car is equipped as the dispensary proper. It contains a dental chair, a sterilizer, running water, cabinets for instruments and supplies, and other necessary features. The accompanying pictures give a glimpse of the "Rolling Dispensary" as it appears at one of the sidings along its route of operations.



Patients Awaiting Medical Service Outside the Dispensary Car

This ambulatory medical unit is operated by a young Venezuelan who learned the art of tooth-pulling under Elder A. R. Sherman in our Caracas Dispensary. He is also very apt in giving simple treatments and administering first aid. Injections are also given for various types of illness. This enthusiastic young medical missionary, with his institution on wheels, serves a section of the interior extending for about two hundred miles of railroad.

The railway company rents us the cars, even though we have rebuilt them, and charges a nominal fee for transportation. The dispensary stops on all the sidings for a day or two, and for several days in the larger towns along its route. Although this is a very young project as yet, we believe it is destined to become a real and lasting medical missionary enterprise.

Brother Carlos Munos, who operates this novel clinic, will use literature and a film-roll projector to give the message as he relieves the suffering, from day to day, and from night to night. Already one young woman is preparing for baptism, as the result of the work of this new enterprise. Her first contact with our worker was in connection with some dental extractions, and first aid assistance for a severe cut on her hand.

—Charles R. Beeler

"No line is to be drawn between the genuine medical missionary work and the gospel ministry. These two must blend. They are not to stand apart as separate lines of work. They are to be joined in an inseparable union, even as the hand is joined to the body."—*Medical Ministry*, page 250.

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In Fond Memory

Patricia Gail Butka was born April 25, 1946, in Pomona, California, and died at Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, on April 21, 1948. Her parents are well known as Hazel Nancy Meyer Butka and Dr. Hersel Eugene Butka, of Montemorelos Hospital and Sanitarium.

When Patty was six months old the family moved to Mexico. She was always a happy child, and we shall long remember her smiling face and her friendly ways. Children of all ages enjoyed her company. At home and in Sabbath school she learned of Jesus, and greatly enjoyed singing in Spanish.

On April 21, at about 9:30 in the morning, in some unknown manner she succeeded in getting out of the fenced yard, fell into the irrigation ditch near by, and was quickly carried down stream. No one saw the accident, but as soon as she was missed from her home, students and faculty members of the Mexican Union Training School joined the nurses and other employees of the hospital in a hurried and thorough search for the little traveler. In about three quarters of an hour her body was found a quarter of a mile down stream. Everything possible was done to restore her.

Patricia Gail was laid to rest in a small plot in the Montemorelos Cemetery, where she sleeps under Mexican skies, awaiting the coming of the Life-Giver. With the devoted parents we humbly submit to an overruling Providence, knowing that "He doeth all things well," and from our hearts we say of the departed little one:

"Sweet be thy rest, and peaceful thy sleeping,
God's way is best, thou art in His keeping."

—H. A. Habenicht

The Advent Movement Illustrated.—I saw a number of companies that seemed to be bound together by cords. Many in these companies were in total darkness; their eyes were directed downward to the earth, and there seemed to be no connection between them and Jesus. But scattered through these different companies were persons whose countenances looked light, and whose eyes were raised to heaven. Beams of light from Jesus, like rays from the sun, were imparted to them. An angel bade me look carefully, and I saw an angel watching over every one of those who had a ray of light, while evil angels surrounded those who were in darkness. I heard the voice of an angel cry, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come."
—*Early Writings*, p. 240.

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Evangelism On The West Coast

A recent letter from Elder H. J. Westphal, the union president of our Adventist work in the great Republic of Mexico, gives some interesting news regarding one of their evangelistic efforts on the west coast of the territory. Brother Westphal states that Elder Cleofas Valenzuela, one of the ministers of the Pacific Mission, has recently begun an effort in Eldorado, Sinaloa. There was a special interest in present truth, and it was necessary for Brother Valenzuela to advertise his meetings but once. Crowds came from the surrounding country in carts, on horseback, on burros, and on bicycles, to hear the preaching of the Word. As a result of just this short effort, twenty-four persons have been baptized, and there are thirty more preparing for church membership.

Among those who have been won to the Lord Jesus Christ is a certain Mr. Quintero, who has been a leader in the agrarian movement in Mexico. When Mr. Quintero accepted the truth it was a great surprise to his fellow agrarians. Brother Valenzuela thinks that this gentleman is going to be a very faithful and important witness for the Lord because he has already begun to work with his companions.

Brother Westphal states that it is the plan to take Brother Valenzuela to Guadalajara, where he will begin another evangelistic effort within a short time. He asked us especially to remember this brother in our prayers as he opens these series of meetings, and from night to night presents the great truths for these particular times.

We are indeed glad that our men in the field have caught the vision of evangelism, and are going from city to city announcing the message for these times, even in the face of difficulties and opposition. I appeal to all the readers of the *Messenger* to pray in a special way for Elder Valenzuela as he takes up his work of evangelism in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico.

W. E. Murray

People, Places, and Projects

✱ A new church building was dedicated in Tampico, Mexico, on May 24, 1948, which is counted among our most representative church homes within the Division. It is the second largest of our church buildings in the Republic of Mexico, and is a delight to our believers in that city, for it comes as the fulfilment of long-deferred hope, and fills a very special need.

✱ Elder Paul Wickman, of the General Conference Radio Department, was a recent visitor at the Division office as he passed through Miami en route to Cuba on the first part of a six-weeks' tour in Inter-America in the interests of the Voice of Prophecy program.

✱ "One of the greatest needs of Aruba is an elementary school for the children of our believers. We trust that God will also provide for us in this respect." —R. L. Klingbiel

✱ The new Clinic in the city of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, is reported to be full to capacity, and is creating a most favorable approach to the hearts of its patrons. Dr. R. F. Dunlop is the officer in charge, and it is reported that during the first month's operations more than 400 patients were examined and treated at the clinic. We understand that when the Pan American guest house at Mucurapo has been properly equipped, and has undergone necessary repairs, so as to be used for a larger clinical program, many more patients can be taken care of.

✱ Take a good look at the tables of figures to be found in this issue of the *Messenger*. They represent important phases of our work for the first half of 1948; and will indicate to our large constituency something of the task ahead, if we reach our voluntary goals by the close of the year. Perhaps the Sabbath school offerings in particular should receive the promotional support of our workers all through the field.

✱ Writing from Mexico City recently, our Division treasurer sends in the following inspirational news item: "We certainly found the Montemorelos Hospital busy beyond our fondest expectations. The Sunday before I arrived they saw 116 outpatients. Thursday of last week 73 went through the Clinic. They are building up a good name for excellent service, and although the institution is only about a year and a half old, they already are receiving patients from hundreds of miles away. It is thrilling to think of reputation being established in such a short period of time."—L. F. Bohner

COMING EVENTS

October 2 Colporteur Rally Day
October 9 Voice of Prophecy Day
October 23 Famine Relief Offering
November 6 Home Missionary Day
November 13-20 ... Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
November 20 Week of Sacrifice Offering
December 4 Home Missionary Day
December 25 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

✱ Elder Max Fuss, director of the work in the Pacific Mission, Mexico, writes: "It is my plan to be in the field for about two months helping in our Ingathering campaign. We have this year a big goal and I like to be with the workers and members in such an effort. We hope to have success. Don't forget us in your prayers."

✱ We now have "The Voice of Hope" broadcasts under way in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. These are transmitted under the French title, *La Voix de L'Espérance*, and are being very well received by the public. Elder Veuthey, the Mission superintendent, reports that daily the office is receiving requests for written copies of the broadcasts.

✱ One of the joys in mission service is to meet and to greet fellow missionaries as they come and go from their posts of service in the cause of God. Recent visitors at the Division headquarters office in Miami, Florida, include the following:

Dr. Clifford R. Anderson and his family, passing through Miami on vacation to the United States.

Gordon Prenier, of the Turk Islands; V. A. Sauza, evangelist from Havana, Cuba; Brother and Sister R. Fito, en route to Venezuela, S. A.; Elder and

Mrs. G. C. Nickle, on furlough; Professor and Mrs. E. L. Gardner from Mandeville, Jamaica; Mrs. E. T. Gackenhimer and children, en route to Southern Missionary College; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powers, a brother and his wife, of Prof. C. L. Powers, director of the Colombian Training School; Mrs. W. R. Wild, on her way to Forest Lake Academy; Mr. and Mrs. Andres Riffel, returning to Antillian Junior College; and Mrs. A. P. Christiansen, of Camagüey, Cuba, en route to Texas to visit her daughters.

✱ The young people of the church in Oranjestad, Aruba, have purchased a movie projector and are preparing to show the evils of intemperance by means of moving pictures illustrating the results of the use of alcoholic beverages.

✱ The Famine Relief Offering is perhaps our most pressing appeal to receive attention during the month of October. Nevertheless, let us not overlook our purposeful planning to make a liberal offering on October 9, to assist in the support of the Voice of Prophecy work. Both of these worthy projects demand our very best; and eternity alone will reveal the results of each sacrifice made to promote large offerings on October 9 and October 23, respectively.

✱ The Annual Division Council has now been definitely set for December 7 to 21 at the Antillian Junior College, Santa Clara, Cuba.

✱ On June 6, 1948, the members of the Panama City church and many visitors witnessed the baptism of thirty new members. These were received into church fellowship in six churches in the city and its suburbs. Elders A. A. Grizzle and A. V. Larson officiated at this service; and at the close of the baptismal ceremony, when a call was made, thirty more persons responded and were enrolled in the baptismal class.

✱ The Bahamas Mission program is in the forefront these days. The new school, our medical project under the directorship of Dr. Raymond Turner, and the Ingathering work are all on what our Division President would term "the up and up!" We hope to report more fully on these items separately, in the near future. E. A. J.