

## God Has Wonderfully Prepared the Way

By CLYDE O. FRANZ

"In these days of travel, the opportunities for coming in contact with men and women of all classes and of many nationalities, are much greater than in the days of Israel. The thoroughfares of travel have multiplied a thousand-fold. **God has wonderfully prepared the way.** The agency of the printing press, with its manifold facilities, is at our command. Bibles and publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at our hand, and can be swiftly carried to every part of the world."

The above words, from the pen of Ellen G. White, appeared in the **Review and Herald** of January 25, 1906. What would Sister White say if she were living today and could see the changes in communications, in travel, in the preparation and distribution of literature, that have come about in the fifty-one years since she wrote those words? Remember that it was in the year 1906 that she spoke of "these days of travel" and the "thoroughfares of travel (that) have multiplied a thousand-fold". How much stronger would be her testimony today! Would she not exclaim with even greater emphasis, "God has wonderfully prepared the way!"

The year 1958 is a year of evangelism in Inter-America. In every union field we see evidences of this. God's people are using these marvelous opportunities that He has placed at their disposal. God has indeed prepared the way, and His people are marching forward.

In Panama, in Jamaica, in the Dominican Republic and in Puerto Rico, in Mexico, in Trinidad, and in hundreds of other places, our evangelists are holding or soon will be engaged in public evangelistic efforts. Their tents are pitched at the crossroads of travel. Their halls are located in the population centers of our large cities. These faithful evangelists, with their many associates, are finding that God has indeed prepared the way for them. Thousands of persons will hear the gospel message from their lips.

The voice of youth is being heard in Inter-America more and more in 1958. The watchword of Adventist youth in Inter-America is "Outpost Evangelism". And who can better work for the youth than the young people themselves? They speak the language of youth. They are interested in the things

that interest their fellow youth. And through the Voice of Youth program they too have found that God has prepared the way for them to engage, actively, enthusiastically, in evangelism in this year of evangelism. From all parts of the Division we hear reports of what these consecrated young people are doing for God.

What an important part of our evangelistic program is the work of our consecrated and faithful lay-evangelists! During the day they work as carpenters or masons or cobblers or clerks, as doctors or nurses or teachers. But when evening comes they become evangelists, the faithful lay-preachers of Inter-America. And as they search the highways and the byways for those who will listen to the word of truth they also find that God has wonderfully prepared the way for them!

Nor shall we forget the literature evangelists with their goal of 1,000 colporteurs and their million-dollar delivery goal for 1958. As they knock at thousands of doors during this year they find that God has prepared the way for them too! They are fearless. They enter doors that are closed to other evangelists. And the books and magazines that they leave in the homes and offices do win souls!

There are still many other ways in which God's faithful church members can help evangelize Inter-America during this year of evangelism. There is the Sabbath school department with its rich opportunities for soul-saving work. There is the welfare department which helps bring relief to those who suffer. The public relations department of the church needs willing workers to tell the world what we are doing. In fact, every department of the church is an open door to service. And every one of them is a way that God has prepared for you and for me.

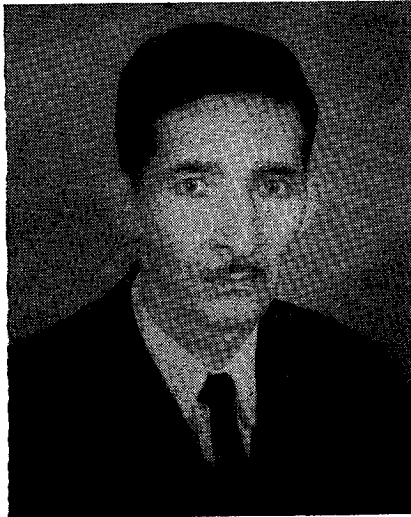
As you have read these lines have you asked yourself the question, Where do I fit into this picture? Have you found a place, prepared for you by God, where you can labor effectively during this year of evangelism? If you have not yet answered the call personally, will you not ask God to show you His way for you, where you can best work for Him and help finish His work?

# Evangelism

## IN THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

### MODERN HEROES

On reviewing the list of humble laymen serving faithfully the cause of God with all their might, we find the name of Juan Campos whom we present to the great family of Adventists as one of the champion



Juan Campos of Bucaramanga, Colombia

laymen in the Colombia-Venezuela Union with the sincere wish that his story may be an inspiration to awaken in many others an ardent missionary zeal.

Juan Campos is a barber by profession, but his clients never find him in his shop on Friday, Sabbath or Sunday. Those are the days he uses to visit interested groups out in the country. Many hours of lost sleep, many hard roads traveled, endless nights without shelter, moments of indescribable anguish before threatening mobs—all this and

much more is found in the missionary record of Juan Campos. He is not an extraordinary person; he is like all the other church members. But he has given himself entirely to God to be used by Him and God has used him in an extraordinary way. From the reports received we can say that for the last quarter of 1956 he brought 26 persons to be baptized in the church, during the first quarter of 1957 there were 35 and for the second quarter he had won 45.

We thank God for this army of missionary laymen that He has awakened in all our churches. It is they who will finish the preaching of the gospel message. With singular courage they face every kind of hardship and establish the work of God in isolated places, difficult of access, but places that must be reached in the program of evangelization. Our appreciation goes to Brother Campos and also to all the other modern heroes in the ranks of the Lord.

—Luis Florez

### "CHRIST IS COMING"

With these words as their motto the laymen in the Dominican Mission are holding many evangelistic meetings in public.

During the month of September we had revival meetings in different districts in our territory. At this time we organized the churches for the big campaign. In four weeks 400 active laymen were trained and organized in 106 groups scattered over this mission. These brave soldiers of Christ set

a goal of 120 souls to be won. This evangelistic campaign lasts nine weeks, from the 14th of October to the 16th of December. The 400 laymen organized in six groups will present the heavenly message with enthusiasm to the public. Twice a week their voices will be heard in the 106 groups on the same day, at the same hour, on the same subject, which means that 1,600 sermons will be heard in two months. Surely there is joy in heaven on seeing this great event for the light of the gospel will shine twice a week in 106 places.

Enthusiasm reigns everywhere. God is blessing the willingness of our laymen and as a proof of this we have the beautiful experiences that the leader in one of the largest churches sends us:

"A sister who had never spoken in public outside the church was given the opportunity one evening and, inspired by the Holy Spirit, gave a wonderful study. She is so happy now and full of courage for she had never before had an experience like it in her life of service for those seeking the bread of life.

"Another lady, after hearing the study concerning the soon coming of Jesus, stated that for her it was impossible to believe such a doctrine and that she would not be persuaded. After the second study she was the first to exclaim in a voice of sincere conviction, 'It is the truth; now I believe that Christ is coming.'"

—Max Grunzeug

### World Evangelism and Mission Advance Offering - - May 3, 1958.

1958 is a year of evangelism in Inter-America. One of the very vital ways in which you may support this great evangelistic program is through the special offering for World Evangelism and Missions Advance that will be received on Sabbath, May 3. Goals have been set for the Division, for each union, mission, conference, and church in Inter-America. We urge each member to give sacrificially.

Church pastors, elders, and treasurers will please note that the usual offering for Disaster and Famine Relief, which was scheduled to have been received May 10, 1958, will not be received this year.

Let us concentrate on the World Evangelism and Missions Advance Offering, which is to be received on May 3, in an effort to make this the largest special offering ever received in Inter-America.

# Messages

## TO THE CHURCH

### STRENGTHENING THE INNER MAN

By LOUIS K. DICKSON

As the crisis sharpens and the evils that threaten to thwart our work become more formidable, one possibility remains — the divine possibility of a large-scale reconversion on the part of the people of God in answer to His call for this sobering hour.

Some great questions are now facing us: Are we yet stirred enough by the meaning of the world-shattering events around us to be ready for the great changes now taking place that will involve all our past routines and upset all our easy complacent habits? Can we sufficiently recover faith to restore the primitive principles of godliness and holiness that were possessed by the church in apostolic times? Are we as individuals and as a church ready to turn some sharp corners and make straight for the kingdom of heaven?

Our greatest problem today is to develop and strengthen the inner side of our Christian lives, to bring before men a more real, substantial type of Christianity, one that will better manifest the power of God in this present evil world.

How clearly the messenger of the Lord brought out God's counsel for the church and its ministry in this hour when she wrote: "We must now by the Holy Spirit's power proclaim the great truths for these last days. It will not be long before everyone will have heard the warning and made his decision. Then shall the end come." —*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 24.

This is the hour of our visitation, and we must now have the gift of the Holy Spirit in latter-rain fullness, that our lives and ministry may find new spiritual power in order to scale for God the highest peaks of final achievement. We must not now allow any considerations pointed out by those who know not the truth to command our first attention. God has clearly marked out the pathway for His church to follow, and until we

give His voice first importance in all our service and planning, we will fall far short of His purposes.

Our chief emphasis must be on the fact that God is calling for men and women of commanding faith, unsullied holiness, marked spiritual vigor, and consuming zeal and sacrifice. Such individuals have adorned the history of the church in all ages. They must now be greatly multiplied, for a mighty task is yet before us that none but these can accomplish, and the time is very short.

#### Time for Great Decisions

Nothing is clearer than that we are standing, each one of us, at the parting of the ways. We must make some great decisions. We are about to take a course that will lead us upward into a truer spiritual life of service, or one that will lead downward into permanent defeat. This crisis is wholly unprecedented in the history of this movement. At present the only thing that is lacking in the perfect fulfillment of God's great plan is the part that relates to the inner life of every child of God.

The devil is trying to force us into a program of false activity that substitutes rush for communion and busyness for piety and devotion. Mere acceleration may be killing and devastating. Activity alone without commensurate spirituality is out of place and deadly in effect in the believer's life. To merely drum up enthusiasm and rush is using strange fire on the altar. We cannot substitute perspiration for power and expect success and God's presence.

"The only reason for our lack of power with God is to be found in ourselves. If the inner life of many who profess the truth were presented before them, they would not claim to be Christians. They are not growing in grace. A hurried prayer is offered now and then, but there is no real commun-

ion with God." —*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 24.

God's people must now make it clear that the church can still provide an inspiring faith with which to meet every present emergency. Adventism is now called to demonstrate that it is heir to all the spiritual treasurers of apostolic Christianity and is the keeper of the eternal flame that all the greatest and holiest have passed on from days gone by.

Let us oil the creaking wheels of our church machinery with a new spirit so that they begin to turn faster in terms of real spiritual effectiveness to meet the gigantic opportunities of this wonderful hour. "The Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

We must now gird for this new day of opportunity and difficulty. Let us ever hear the voice of God, "Thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this." Multitudes wait for our coming as those that watch for the morning.

Shall we not go into our secret chambers and there with open hearts be purified by His presence in preparation for the mighty infilling of His matchless power?

There seems to be so much done in the name of Christ that leaves the spiritual, sensitive parts of man untouched. In our working out of ways and means of doing God's work, we need to beware lest with every new facility our inventive minds turn out, we pay heavily by the loss of spiritual power.

We can easily dream that we will see God's cause miraculously changed by new methods, new materials, or policy adjustments, but at the same time be blind to the necessity of a parallel change in the inner spiritual life. The more we burn incense at the altars of our own devisings, the more ineffectual will be our ministry. So let us permit God to strengthen the inner man so that we may fulfill the purpose He has for His people in these last days.

—*Review and Herald*

## "I AM GLORIFIED IN THEM"

By W. B. OCHS

"And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them" (John 17:10).

In the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel of John, Christ's high-priestly prayer is recorded. In this prayer He reveals the great burden of His heart. He also makes known His deep interest in His people, which is expressed in the words, "I pray for them" (verse 9). There is nothing so dear to His heart as His people, for "the Lord's portion is his people" (Deut. 32:9). No wonder David said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance" (Ps. 33:12).

Two key words in the chapter are "unity" and "glorified." These two words are inseparable. The more we are united, the more we glorify Christ in our lives.

According to **Webster's New World Dictionary**, glorify means "to make glorious; give glory to; to exalt and honor in worship; . . . to make, or make seem, better, larger, finer, or more beautiful than is actually the case."

Because of His love for His people and His unbounded faith in them, Christ desires through them to reveal His glory to the world. This has always been God's plan from the very beginning, for we read: "God designed that man, the crowning work of His creation, should express His thought and reveal His glory." —**Testimonies**, vol. 8, p. 264. Again, we are told: "God's glory, His character, His merciful kindness and tender love . . . was to be revealed to all mankind." —**Prophets and Kings**, p. 313. Furthermore, we are reminded that "it is the purpose of God to glorify Himself and His people before the world. He expects those who bear the name of Christ to represent Him in thought, word, and deed. Their thoughts are to be pure and their words noble and uplifting, drawing those around them nearer the Saviour. The religion of Christ is to be interwoven with all they do and say. Their every business is to be fragrant with the presence of God." —**Testimonies**, vol. 9, p. 21.

The Christian is admonished in the Word of God to do many

things — to love, to give, to be patient, to rejoice, to walk soberly, to be kind, to believe, to watch, to pray, to be strong, to be of good courage, et cetera. But we are to do something far greater than anything mentioned. We are to do that which is but the end result of all that has been suggested — to glorify Christ in our lives.

We are to glorify Christ — not a man, or a group of men, or self. The more we glorify self the less we shall glorify Christ. He can increase in us only as self decreases. When a man goes down in his own estimation, then and only then he goes up in God's. No sweeter or more significant words were ever spoken to the church than these: "I am glorified in them." How is this accomplished? The answer is found in the Word of God.

What a privilege and honor to glorify the Son of God in the lives we live. The new birth is an experience of the heart. It means "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Joseph Alleine said, "Conversion is a deep work — a heart work. It goes throughout the man, throughout the mind, throughout the members, throughout the entire life." Speaking further of conversion, he said: "Conversion is no repairing of the old building; but it takes down and erects a new structure. The sincere Christian is quite a new fabric, from the foundation to the top stone all new." —Quoted in **The New Dictionary of Thoughts**, p. 102.

When Christ is enthroned within the heart, then His glory will radiate from the life. Paul was able to say: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20). The old man of sin never has glorified, and never will glorify, the Lord. The old man is corrupt, defiled, unclean, filthy. Christ does not dwell in a den of thieves, nor does He associate with gangsters. He is not found among gamblers; neither does He dwell in a proud heart or one that glories in self. He says, "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit" (Isa. 57:15).

God has three dwelling places—the sanctuary in heaven, His church on earth, and the humble heart.

It was Colton who said, "Of all marvelous things, perhaps there is nothing the angels behold with such supreme astonishment as a proud man." Let us remember that Christ longs to dwell in our hearts by His Spirit. He wants us to give Him first place in our lives, that we might reveal His glory to the world.

We do well to heed the words of Paul, who said: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19,20). These words emphasize in another way the importance of the new birth.

When we think what it cost the Son of God to purchase us we can better understand why He wants us to glorify Him in our lives. He paid for our sins, and this makes us His property, and to this purchased possession He says, "Glorify Me." This can be accomplished when we yield our all to Him and when we say, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

Our bodies are but dust, but they can bring praise and honor to Him that formed them. Although they are dull and tuneless in themselves, God has so ordained that they can become glorious harps in His hands, on which the music of heaven can be played.

We glorify Him through the avenue of praise. The psalmist says, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Ps. 50:23). We are also to glorify Him through the avenue of influence. Jesus made this clear when He said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Another avenue through which we may glorify the Lord is the avenue of service. Christ told His disciples: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit" (John 15:8). Again we are told: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16). We do well to remember that the glorifying of the Lord consists not only in the bear-

ing of fruit but in the fact that the fruit remains. How sad it is that so many who are brought into the church lose their way and drift back into the world and are lost to the message.

Another avenue through which we glorify the Lord is the avenue of obedience. The life of Jesus revealed a perfect obedience. To glorify Him we must follow His example. He cannot be glorified in and through a disobedient life. Obedience must be the groundwork of all our religious actions.

We also glorify the Lord through the avenue of loyalty. We must be loyal to God, loyal to His truth, loyal to the church to which we belong, loyal to the leadership of the church, and loyal to one another as members of God's family.

When the Lord appears in glory He will have a church that has been sanctified and cleansed through His blood, which was shed on Calvary's cross. Of this church we read: "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5: 27).

God is counting on us. Through Peter He says: "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

At the close of His ministry Jesus was able to say, "I have glorified thee on the earth." At the close of our work on earth He wants us to be able to say, "We have glorified thee on the earth." In that glad day the prophet says that the church will "be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God" (Isa. 62:3). How wonderful it is to know that Jesus will "come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe" (11 Thess. 1:10).

If we hope to glorify Him at His coming, we must glorify Him in our lives before He appears. Let us individually determine to live from day to day so that we shall be among those of whom Christ says, "I am glorified in them."

—Review and Herald

## STANDARDS

By R. R. FIGUHR

Who are best qualified to uphold the standards of the church? More than zeal, fervor, familiarity with the church's teachings, are necessary. Neither are dogmatic assertions, stern rebukes, and tense discussions the means best calculated to bring the wandering ones into line. An incident is recalled involving a zealous and fervent individual and her endeavor to uphold the standards. It happened to be in the matter of dress. A young girl just entering her teens came to an evening meeting with her little friends. A watchful deaconess, member of a small group pledged to uphold the standards of the church in the matter of dress, stood at the entrance of the church critically surveying each one who entered. She was there to see that all who came in were properly attired.

When this sister espied the little girl she told her in vigorous language before the entire group of companions that she was shamefully dressed and could not enter the church. The startled, confused girl went home crying. The result — a deeply wounded mother, a church divided, some siding with the girl and her family, others with the zealous deaconess. It was not a pretty picture. Was the little girl improperly dressed for church? Probably she was. Should she have been properly attired to enter the house of God? Yes, most certainly. The church has standards of dress, and they must be respected. But how is this to be most successfully accomplished?

Listen to the apostle Paul on upholding standards. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Here is the standard for upholding church standards. Working in harmony with it, little girls will never be hurt and sent home humiliated. Worried and wounded mothers will not be led to say that they never want to set foot in the church again. As surely as there is a standard of conduct, so surely is there a standard for reproving those who fall short of what is expected of them as church members.

A teen-age boy who got into trouble and brought a degree of disgrace and ill repute upon the church, felt as he met our people that they all were condemning him by their looks. Of course, it was his own accusing conscience. But it left him with a sense not only of waywardness but also of loneliness. Fortunately, he came to Sabbath school the next Sabbath, probably the good result of one of those long-established practices of attending Sabbath school. While waiting for the school to start, he sat apart by himself, looking down at the floor.

The good church elder came in and saw him. Fortunately, the elder was a spiritual and meek man. He went over to where the boy was and sat down by his side. He did not say a word. He couldn't. He began weeping. There he sat by the side of the lad who had been wayward, with tears rolling down his cheeks. There was no discussion, no word of reproof, no accusation — only tears. Soon the boy joined in weeping. They sat side by side with tears running down their cheeks until it was time for the Sabbath school to begin, with no word passing between them. Yes, the Sabbath school began a little late that Sabbath, for the superintendent, the secretary, and most of the other members were melted to tears also.

Do you ask the results? It is hardly necessary to say that the boy was completely won back. He recognized the standards of the church as right. He loved the church anew, its officers and its members. Henceforth he respected more than ever that for which the church stood. The parents too were grateful and pledged themselves to renewed faithfulness and loyalty to the church that loved their boy.

The standards of the church must be upheld, but they must be upheld by those who are spiritual and who can do so in a spirit of meekness. We need less surgery and much more sympathetic nursing.

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# Adventist Youth

*Highlights from  
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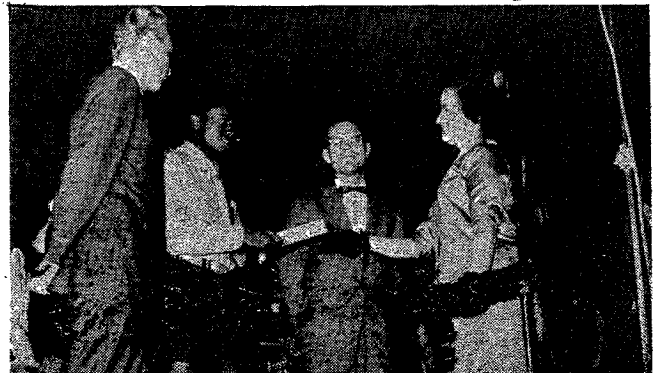
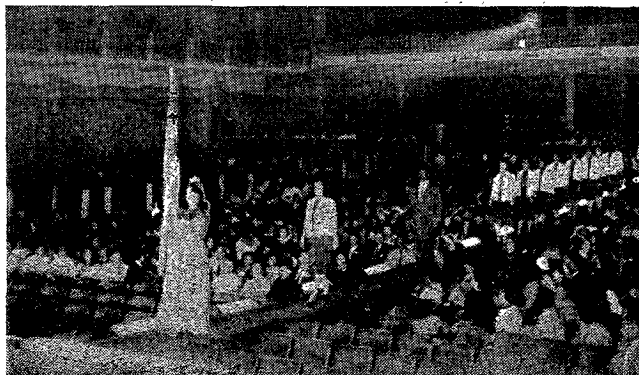
**RIGHT:** Inter-American youth leader, D. H. Baasch, presents the King's Heralds, the Voice of Prophecy Quartet. Elder D. J. Thomann is standing by ready to translate into English or Spanish.



**LEFT:** Colorful costumes are worn by a group of MV's from Mexico.

**LOWER LEFT:** The Cuban flag is carried down the aisle of the auditorium at the Blanquita Theater followed by the Havana Union Choir.

**LOWER RIGHT:** Miss Dulce Gomez, winner of the Temperance Oratorical Contest, presents her scholarship award as a gift to Raymond Lucile, a French-speaking delegate from French Guiana who had not been able to take part in the Spanish-English contest but who longed to train for the ministry that he might be the first national worker in his country.



# In Other Lands

## RADIO PROGRAMS PREPARED FOR FORMOSA

By RETHA H. ELDRIDGE

Fifty-two fifteen-minute radio programs, prepared and tape recorded in five weeks, was the task accomplished in Tokyo last summer by Milton Lee, of Formosa. Back of such herculean labor was urgent necessity.

When Voice of Prophecy broadcasting began in Formosa last year, Elder Lee was a natural choice for the program's speaker. Born and reared in China, his language is fluent and his audience appeal extensive. Nevertheless, radio work requires more than one's appearance before the microphone, and the lack of adequate studio facilities was an ever-existing problem. It was impossible to make tapes of professional quality by setting up a portable machine in the mission office in Formosa and there record after work hours, even though the building was perfectly quiet. That is why, when the Voice of Prophecy in Japan completed a

small recording studio, Brother Lee grasped the offer to come to Tokyo and here record his broadcasts.

These new programs he calls the Christ Series, for the theme is Christ. Christ-centered studies are given on salvation, the second coming, and many other doctrines. His radio broadcasts in China's national language (Mandarin) have much the same format as that of the Voice of Prophecy in America. They open in a burst of song with the King's Heralds singing the well-known theme song in Chinese, and close with an "Amen" (the latter recorded by the quartet used for our Japanese program; but since "Amen" seems to be pronounced the same in both languages, there is no problem).

In August, Brother Lee began his program preparation with the help of a Chinese secretary. This woman would take his dictated talk and prepare the manuscript from which

he would then read when recording. This plan continued for twenty-nine programs, but as he could see time slipping away too rapidly, eventually he eliminated the secretary, talking into the mike directly from English notes.

It was my privilege to see the forty-sixth program recorded. I watched in open-mouthed amazement as Hideo Kinoshita, our Japanese radio engineer, deftly used music recorded in America, announcements put on tape in Formosa, the talk being given live right then in the studio, channeling it all onto one tape, thus making that specific program, next year's No. 46. It seemed to me like a taste of Pentecost. More than that, when Brother Lee, who speaks no Japanese, and Brother Kinoshita, who knows no Chinese, talked together, they used English. But even in spite of all differences, everything went along smoothly. Now those tapes are in Formosa, awaiting broadcast to an island-wide audience and beyond.

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This story was told to me by one of our faithful lay preachers, Rahmat Masih, as we walked together on a Sabbath afternoon.

The story I wish to relate began with a question by Rahmat as we plodded along on our walk together. "Sahib, why does God allow those who try to walk the narrow way to be dragged into court maliciously?"

This was a surprising question, so I asked in reply, "What court have you been dragged into and by whom?"

"Well," was the reply, "awhile back I was asked to arrange for the marriage of the son of a friend of mine to the daughter of a man by the name of Mr. Dharma. The marriage did not turn out well, so when the girl returned home to her father he became very angry with me. Now as a result this man has put false charges against me three times in the court. The Lord has helped me in each case so

## A FAITHFUL LAY PEACHER IN INDIA

By W. H. MATTISON

that I was acquitted, but of course I have gone through a great deal of trouble. I have had to spend long hours uselessly in the court, which took a great deal of time from my work. Now, why should God allow me to be so troubled?"

The Holy Spirit prompted me with an answer that I could see brought comfort to my friend.

"Sometimes," I said, "God brings His faithful children before the public in this way so that others may hear of their integrity and be drawn to them and to their faith, as in the case of Daniel."

"I understand! I understand!" exclaimed Rahmat.

"What happened to this troublemaker after this?" I inquired.

"Oh!" he said, "That is what I started to tell you when I asked you the first question. A few days ago I was going to the railway

station with my horse and donkey, laden with leather. My two helpers were well ahead of me on this very same road we are traveling now. We were going to ship our goods. I saw Mr. Dharma coming across the fields toward my men with a **lathi** [a long bamboo stick usually with a metal knob on the end, about seven feet long, used in the Punjab for fighting]. Seeing that he was bent on trouble, I called to him not to harm my young men but to come to me.

"As he approached he began to curse me violently. I offered a prayer to God. When he came close enough to be addressed I put my hands together (in an act of humility and salutation) and said to him, 'Friend, just make your request, and you will be heard. All I ask is that you be reasonable.'

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# For all the Family

## LIVING BANKS

By ARNOLD V. WALLENKAMPF

An Irish adage says, "A child is a bank where you can deposit your most precious treasures."

For years after Mr. and Mrs. Enoch had established their home, they waited in vain for a child. Finally, when Mr. Enoch was sixty-five years old, little Methuselah was born. How happy Father and Mother were!

"After the birth of his first son, Enoch reached a higher experience; he was drawn into a closer relationship with God. He realized more fully his own obligations and responsibility as a son of God." —**Patriarchs and Prophets**, p. 84.

As Enoch practiced Christian habits each day and developed a Christian character, he deposited and perpetuated this same character in the life of his son Methuselah. During the 969-year-long life of Methuselah, which continued until the year of the Flood, everyone who saw him could see what his father, Enoch, had put into Methuselah's life by walking with God.

As parents, our habits and our characters will likewise be deposited and perpetuated in our children. That holds true for every one of us. What a responsibility, but also what a glorious opportunity, is ours for the salvation of our little ones!

As we are drawn closer to God, family worship will become a regular feature in our daily program. It will not be put aside for other activities and interruptions. We will explain our habit of family worship, even to visitors. We will not hurry and finish our family devotions in a flurry before receiving them, or hastily forget our worship, because company is coming. If we do, the younger members in our home will notice our attitude or handling of family worship, and their little souls will unconsciously absorb our outlook and practice. Instead of foregoing worship because we have company, we ought to invite visitors to come

and worship with us. Surely they know we are Christians, and it would seem strange to them if we never worshiped. Or is it possible that you and I are like Hezekiah, who forgot his God when the Babylonian emissaries arrived and only showed them his riches and splendor?

Our family worship should not be a lazy, unprepared service. When dinner-time comes, do we just go into the kitchen and find a few raw potatoes, a raw egg, and some unfried gluten? Do we then take that raw egg, crack it, and pour it into a small saucer, eating it with alternate bites of raw potato and raw gluten? No. Most of us would not be able to persuade our stomachs to accept such fare.

But this is exactly how many of us serve our spiritual food to our families. No wonder our boys and girls do not enjoy it. Besides, even grownups are barely able to keep spiritually alive on it, while many discontinue eating such unpalatable spiritual food entirely, and die spiritually.

As men and women and fathers and mothers to whom God has given good sense, we should not try to eat spiritual food like that. Nor should we try to serve such a revolting spiritual menu to our children. You know how we mash and strain physical food for our babies, even getting it just right in temperature before we serve it.

We will be kind in word, as well as in the tone of the voice, even when we are tired. We cannot be fretful and peevish at home and expect to save our boys and girls. The expression of the eyes and the voice and our moods are of equal importance with the family worship. Even well-prepared worships will do no good if we are unkind and fretful. We only make our religion appear hypocritical to our boys and girls; we will remind them of the Pharisees of old.

. . . . A boy's concept of God is molded by his home environ-

ment. If a boy has a stern, angry father, he will think of God as being stern and angry. If the parents, on the other hand, are kind, the children will conceive of God as kind and loving.

As we draw close to God there will be unity in our homes. If there is no unity between father and mother, a child's outlook on life will be ruined. Any punishment to be administered, father and mother must agree upon, and there is still need for the old hickory stick. . . . When we punish, we should be sure that we are not in a rage. If we punish our children while we are angry, it is worse than nothing. Unfortunately, many people never punish their children in any other mood. Hence, no good results from the punishment administered. . . .

As parents we should be courteous in our homes. . . . Someone has said, "Some Christians have been washed but not ironed." As Seventh-day Adventists we are surely grateful that Jesus can remove the spots on our characters. But Jesus also desires to remove the roughness and the wrinkles that mar us. . . .

And parents should be cheerful. How children love cheerful and happy people! And as they live with happy, cheerful people, small children also learn to be cheerful and happy.

If we are kind, if we come close one to another, and live in unity and harmony and peace, if we are courteous, if we are cheerful, if we worship God in spirit and truth, our children will acquire these same traits of character.

Whatever we have — money, bonds, or valuables — we may deposit in a bank. We cannot deposit, however, what we have not. May God help us as parents daily to remember that "a child is a bank where you can deposit your most precious treasures," and that "what the parents are, that, to a great extent, the children will be." —**The Ministry of Healing**, p. 371.

—Review and Herald



# With the Departments

## Education

### Taught More Than Just The Letters

Among Adventists the quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy is well known which says, "True education . . . is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers." —**Education**, page 13. As I travel through the Dominican Mission I hear the same thing but in different words — and those who say it are not Adventists.

On reaching Isabela some non-Adventist parents came to beg me not to take away the teacher because she teaches "more than just the letters."

In Miches, while visiting the parents of the students, many told me, "If you Adventists want to have a new school, come to me and I'll give you money, cement, nails or whatever you need, because your schools are different from the rest, and although we have to pay we are willing to keep on paying."

In a well-known town in Cabao I was called to help in the opening of a new school. I expected to find a small school, but what was my surprise to find 49 students ready to attend the classes from the first grade through the eighth, and the best is that only three of them are not children from Adventist homes — although I am sure that by this time there are more than three non-Adventists attending, for because of being forbidden to attend the "Protestant school" many came to know about it and have gone to the teacher saying, "We want to put our children in this school in spite of the orders we have received."

Truly the Lord is doing great things through our teachers. At the end of the first month of classes we have 603 enrolled and attending classes regularly. Three new schools have been added to the 15 we already had. This fills us with joy for we know that these youthful lives are protected in the forts of Zion. —**Domingo Mena**

## Temperance

### A President Signs A Pledge

On the front page of the best newspaper in Guatemala, "El Imparcial," recently appeared this surprising announcement entitled, "Acting President Signs Pledge not To Drink Liquor on Official Occasions":

"Yesterday afternoon the president of the republic, Colonel Guillermo Flores Avendano, signed an agreement with the International Temperance Association which pledges that during his brief period in office no liquors will be served at official receptions and social occasions.

"The president received the representative of the Temperance Association, Mr. Efrain Murillo, in his office and signed the pledge in accordance with the present economical policy of the administration . . . Through the president's secretary the other official offices will

## Home Missions

### Help Wanted

When Martin Luther set out on the work which shook the world, his friend Myconius expressed good wishes. "But," he said, "I can best help where I am. I will remain and pray while you toil."

Myconius prayed day by day, but as he prayed he began to feel uncomfortable. One night he had a dream in which he saw the Saviour who showed him His hands and feet. He saw the fountain in which he had been cleansed from sin. Then, looking earnestly into his eyes the Saviour said, "Follow Me." The Lord took him to a lofty mountain and pointed eastward. Looking in that direction Myconius saw a plain stretching away to the horizon. It was dotted with white sheep — thousands and thousands of them. One man was trying to shepherd them all. The man was

The president of Guatemala and Pastor Efrain Murillo.



be informed that as far as possible they are to conform to the 'dry law' in all their official socials — which will be very surprising to government officials in the midst of Christmas festivities."

Pastor Murillo writes that "This act of the president was publicized over television throughout the country and has been very well accepted by the Guatemalan people. The broadcasting stations have also made favorable comments regarding the attitude of the president."

—**B. W.**

Luther. The Saviour pointed westward. Myconius saw a great field of standing corn. One reaper was trying to harvest it all. The lonely laborer was spent and exhausted. Myconius recognized in the solitary reaper his old friend Luther. "It is not enough," said Myconius when he awakened, "that I should pray. The sheep must be shepherded; the fields must be reaped. Here am I; send me." He went out and shared his old friend's labors.

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# Around THE UNIONS

## Antillian

### The Voice of Hope

Our radio program is truly a loving voice and even our opponents recognize and admire the sweet voice of the Saviour through the Voice of Hope. We have a fine number of students enrolled in the Bible correspondence course in the Dominican Mission and many letters coming in that express gratitude and joy.

From San Cristobal we received a telegram saying, "I would greatly appreciate your sending me the lessons for the regular course."

This week a friend of our program visited us and gave us a donation of 20 dollars as a voluntary offering.

A young man writes: "The lessons for the Youth Course have made me understand that the Bible is THE book, wonderful and inspired by God. I recently acquired one and it has made me realize, as I open its pages, that truly in it is found all the greatness and

love of our Heavenly Father for us. In the correspondence lessons I have learned things about the Holy Book that otherwise I would never have understood."

So the Voice of Hope unites its powerful influence with the other departments in its struggle to spread the glorious message of the third angel. —Max Grunzeug

## Central American

### A \$1,250 Dollar Order For The CENTINELA

After making two visits to the presidential palace in El Salvador we emerged as if bathed in perfume for not only may we dream of the immense possibilities that the department of publications offers, but also carry out the plans and obtain the results.

Certainly an order and delivery of 5,000 copies of the **Centinela** magazine is a record as far as magazine sales made by one person is concerned. That is the order I was able to take on the 18th of

December from his excellency, Colonel Jose Maria Lemus, president of El Salvador.

I believe it was an excellent form of missionary activity on the part of the president and of his private secretary, Cristobal Iglesias, to make a personal gift to our magazine at Christmas time to the most outstanding men among the government officials.

I also believe there are no limits to what may be done to circulate our **Centinela** magazine and I am convinced that if our leaders would organize the latent forces among our laymen we would sell thousands of copies of **El Centinela**.

—Jorge Escandon

### Important Meetings In Central America

The annual union committee meetings for the Central American Union territory were held in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the first week of December. Representatives from all the local fields were present at these important committee meetings. The two union institutions, the Central American Vocational College and the Nicaragua Clinic were also represented. L. K. Dickson, vice-president of the General Conference, conducted the morning devotional services, bringing messages of great inspiration and spiritual value to the assembled workers. J. C. Culpepper and Clyde O. Franz were present to represent the Division.

A spirit of unity and complete harmony characterized these meetings. A report of progress was brought to the committee by Elder Fernon Retzer, newly appointed president of the Union. The financial report, rendered by K. W. Whitney, treasurer of the Union, indicated growth and also that the finances of the union have been very carefully managed during the period under survey. The departmental secretaries, Elders Escandon, Henriquez, and Prenier, reported remarkable progress in their respective departments.

Following these committee meetings the union officers, accompan-



The building bought by the Havana, Cuba churches for a Welfare Center. Mrs. Alberta Jacobs, Districts Federation president, is on the steps with Elder and Mrs. Tulio and Elder C. R. Chavez.

ied by Elders Dickson and Franz, attended the Panama Conference biennial session in Panama City, and regional meetings in Cristobal and Concepcion, Panama. In each of these meetings a real spirit of enthusiasm and dedication to the finishing of the work in Panama was much in evidence. Many times the expression was heard, "A new day has dawned in Panama!"

Under the direction of the officers of the conference, R. R. Drachenberg and G. D. Williams, a program of strong evangelism has been initiated in Panama. At the beginning of the year 1957 the conference set a baptismal goal of 250. It was reported at the regional meeting in Concepcion that the conference had already baptized 449 to that date and the hope was expressed that the 1957 goal might be doubled before the year closed. In connection with the regional meeting in Cristobal, Oscar Santa Cruz was ordained to the gospel ministry. —Clyde O. Franz

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## Colombia - Venezuela

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### Along Caribbean Shores

I recently made a long trip through the large Atlantic Mission of Colombia. During 41 days of continuous traveling 46 sermons and lectures were given. Eighty-two agents for the Bible correspondence school remain to take a special interest in those enrolled in the courses.

Among the many visits made to the churches a few are outstanding. . . . Along the Gulf of Uraba we used the beach for a highway. Late in the afternoon we reached Samaria where we had meetings morning and evening for three days. It was a real inspiration to see the brethren and the visitors who had come in from great distances defying the winter weather and the flooded rivers. The church members there have souls won to the kingdom as their trophies. Constantly they are answering calls where there is some interest many leagues away where they go to organize new Sabbath schools. The Bible correspondence courses are the baptismal classes that prepare the believers and make them into

fervent missionaries. Never can we forget that night when it began to rain after the close of the meeting and rained until two o'clock in the morning. The stream that we had to cross was so swollen that we were obliged to wait another two hours before we could make our way to the inn. The return from Samaria was most difficult, not only because of the great rivers but also because of the enormous swamps. Our *alpargatas* (canvas shoes) were worn out and our feet skinned and bleeding, but our hearts were overflowing with joy as we saw the missionary zeal on the part of our brethren.

Traveling by launch along a waterway to the beautiful Zarate Lagoon, the hum of the motor awakened the enormous alligators from their siesta and they quickly went under water with a noisy splash. Suddenly a flock of herons and other water birds, some white, others pink, gray or blue adorned the sky, casting their reflection on the quiet waters that flow to the meadows where fine cattle are at pasture. The Sabbath we spent in Zarate was one of continuous memories for we had not been with these friends for 21 years. The town has less than a thousand inhabitants. Our church rises majestically on the highest piece of ground in the village. It is the only concrete building. Except for the homes of a few Adventist families it is the only building that has electricity and fluorescent lighting and is well furnished. Late Sabbath afternoon the MV society held a meeting by the shore of the lake. As we looked at the sunset we seemed to be beside the lake of Gennesaret listening as Jesus unfolded the great plan of salvation. In the evening we had a social for the young people where their wholesome and captivating laughter rang out as they played games right in the street.

In the prosperous city of Valledupar, our chapel, like a mute witness, is closed because of existing laws. A few yards away is the minister's home and under the shade of spreading mango trees, brightly lighted, hymns of praise were raised in gratitude to the Lord of lords who delights in the adoration of His children who have no fear of human orders.

In San Jose de Oriente, the church also is closed with a double seal across the door according to a man-made decree. But that does not stop them from meeting together. A few minutes' walk into the country under some avocado trees where the murmur of the singing brook gives a constant accompaniment, the believers, neatly dressed and happy, show their happiness in belonging to the chosen people.

Everywhere we visited there remained a spark burning brightly among the ministers and laymen for greater evangelism through the Bible correspondence courses in the promising Atlantic Mission of Colombia along the shores of the Caribbean. —Tirso Escandon

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## Mexican

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### The Gospel Reaches A Family Village

Elder Antonio Torres, formerly the pastor of the San Luis Potosi district in Mexico, writes of a beautiful mountain village called Potrero de Pinedas where the inhabitants are all related and have the same family name — Pineda. Lorenzo Pineda, the judge and magistrate, learned about the Bible truths in an interesting way. "In 1940 I had a discussion that lasted about six hours," he writes, "in which a man, whose name I do not even remember, argued with me about my religion. I didn't like to have him tell me that I and my people were wrong. I remembered that someone on my ranch in the country had a Bible, and the next year I went to the owner of the book and asked to see it. When he showed it to me I assured him the book was mostly lies, but as I talked about it with others I was filled with a desire to borrow the book and study it for myself instead of just taking what others told me. So for seven years I studied the Bible.

"One Sabbath afternoon in July, 1948 I went to visit my brother Eusebio, and as we were talking about the great Bible truths, he said, 'I have a letter that I just received telling about studying the Bible in a correspondence school called the  
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# Inter-American Brevities

☆ As this issue of the **Messenger** goes to press the Division officers and departmental secretaries are visiting various parts of Inter-America.

Elders Arthur Roth and L. L. Reile are in the Mexican Union giving help and counsel there.

The MV secretary, Elder D. H. Baasch, accompanied by Elder E. L. Minchin, associate secretary of Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, is holding youth meetings in the seven unions that make up the Inter-American Division.

Elder Henry J. Westphal is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in Ciudad Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

The treasurers, Brethren Bohner and Caldwell, are busy auditing in the various union offices.

Publishing Secretary J. C. Culpepper is attending colporteur institutes in Trinidad and the French West Indies.

Elder V. E. Berry, accompanied by E. E. Cossentine, educational secretary of the General Conference, is conducting surveys in the colleges of the Division.

Elder C. O. Franz is attending the board meetings at the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

## The Gospel Reaches A Family Village

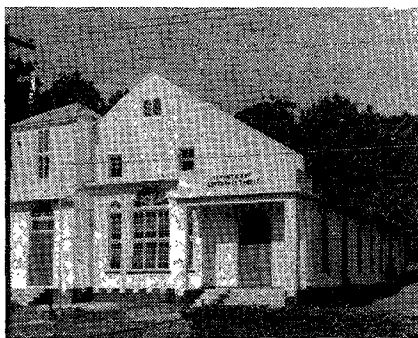
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**Radiomundial.** I borrowed the letter and wrote to the school enquiring what it would cost me to take the 26 lessons. I enrolled in the free course called 'The Voice of Hope' and found it to be a torch of truth amid the darkness. For four years I continued to study.

"In 1952 a friend told me that he was acquainted with some Adventists in Cerritos. I had longed to become acquainted with some believers for four years, so I invited them to come to our village and study with our people. At this time I was having much difficulty with opposition and persecution from my friends, but as they studied with the brethren from Cerritos, they were convinced and accepted

the truths. Now most of us are preparing for baptism."

When Elder Torres knew of this interest he went to visit in Potrero de Pineda and held meetings there baptizing 21 persons before leaving, while others continued to prepare for a later baptism. Lorenzo Pineda became a lay worker and has raised up a group of believers in Guaje de los Garcia. In Potrero de Pineda the believers have built a neat school building and now have a church school with 60 children attending. —B. W.



Readers of the **Messenger** will rejoice with our brethren of Port Antonio, Jamaica, over the completion of their church home. The lovely church building shown in the picture was dedicated for the worship of God on Sunday, December 8, 1957. Elder C. L. Torrey, treasurer of the General Conference, preached the dedicatory sermon. B. A. Woodburn is pastor of the district in which the church is located. Port Antonio is one of more than one hundred and twenty Seventh-day Adventist churches in the East Jamaica Conference.

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## Help Wanted

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God does not intend that the harvest of the world shall be reaped by a great reformer or by conference workers. He calls you as His disciples to "come work today in My vineyard." Our Master is in a hurry to finish His work. He is waiting for you. Grasp the opportunity for aggressive Christian service. The best days of soul winning are before us. Respond to God's "Help Wanted" by saying "Yes!"

—J. Ernest Edwards

## A Faithful Lay Preacher

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"At this he became still more angry and raised the stick to strike me on the head. As the stick descended I raised my hands for protection and the heavy stick miraculously came within the grasp of both my hands. I wrenched it from my opponent's grasp and flung it away. Then again I put my hands together and pleaded, 'Dharma, please speak sensibly, and whatever you say will be accepted.' With this Dharma began to curse himself in a worse fashion than he had cursed me.

"In answer to my prayer and by God's power, Dharma was now completely undone. To my surprise he began to shake from head to foot, muttering apologies hardly understandable. He quickly begged my leave and departed. From that day to this there has been no trouble with him.

"I went on my way rejoicing in the promises of God to give a man a new heart, because all through this ordeal God had helped me to keep my tongue and my temper from breaking. From this experience I have come to know more fully what the greatness of the power of Jesus' salvation and love is."

It was a beautiful but simple story of God's power working in a common man's life.

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