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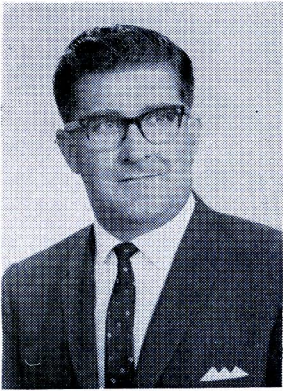


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THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

This Christmas many will see beyond the Christmas decorations, lights, music, trees and gifts to catch a glimpse again of the Lord Jesus Christ!

And this is how it should be. The Glory of Christmas is a Person, and not just an event!

Entering into the Glory of Christmas is possible as we accept the simple Bible truths, and by faith appropriate them for our selves.

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," Luke 2:11.

Think of the angels, the shepherds, the wise men, the Mother and the Child—meditate upon the events of that historic occasion and again feel something of the tremendous awe of this most dramatic event in the history of our universe.

Christmas can mean much to our spiritual growth—it can be a time of rededication, as through the glitter and worldliness of today's commercialized festivities, we see the Christ Child again.

Wesley R Caddy

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Christmas Greetings

May Christmas joy
and Christmas peace
Which once the shepherds knew,
Be yours this Christmas season
And last the New Year through!



BORN THIS DAY . . .



“The Angel said unto them, Fear not for behold I bring you GOOD TIDINGS of GREAT JOY, which shall be to all people, for unto you is BORN THIS DAY in the City of David a SAVIOUR, which is Christ the Lord.”

(Luke 2.10-11).

by
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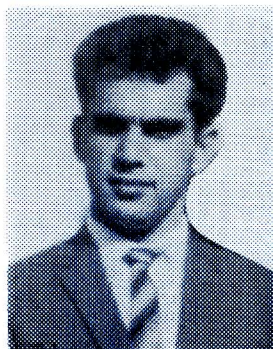
BORN THIS DAY? WHO? listen! A SAVIOUR — If that is true, and there are a thousand reasons for believing it, then it is the grandest news the world ever heard proclaimed.

Yes a Saviour was born on THIS DAY!

The world needs a Saviour — you need a Saviour — and I need a Saviour — and that great necessity has been met in the one who is called “CHRIST THE LORD”.

The Birth of any Child is wonderful, but there was the most marvelous birth of all. Wonders cluster about it! This birth was predicted vividly by Isaiah Isa. 7.14. The Angel Hosts burst the barriers of Heaven, to declare it.

Yes, Heaven Proclaimed Christ's Birth. One would have thought when Heaven displayed such an interest in



His birth that He would have been born with corresponding earthly splendours!

But here we see the contrast. The scriptures reveal that there was no ROOMS for earthly splendours. There was no room for Him in the Inn, therefore he was laid in the manger. The Lord of Glory with His lowly Cradle among the beasts. Truly He was born in great Humility.

But why was He Born?

The answer is also found in our verses. BORN this day "A SAVIOUR", We must always link the Incarnation with the Cross, this little Babe, for whom there was no room in the hearts of men.

He came to His own His own received Him not. Capernaum had no room for Him — Samaria had no room for him — Judaea had no room for Him. In life he had no where to lay his head then came death, when he was lifted up on a Cross despised and rejected of men.

But it was here on the Cross that Christ is found making ROOM for us.

We made no room for Him but in spite of this He endures the Cross despises its shame. WHY? Because here the One Born on this Day (Christmas Day) is viewed as the Saviour of the World. Here he takes upon Himself your sin and mine.

Have you thanked him for doing this? Is he your Saviour, personally?

You can make room for Him now, the Babe who was cardled in the Manger and became the Christ of the Cross. There is room in heaven for you if you'd only make room in your heart for Him today. "Born this Day" Blessed day, blessed Birth! Let us join the Heavenly Hosts in praising God for sending His son to us in the fullness of time. This may be our last Christmas. Soon He will appear the second time without Sin unto Salvation.

CHURCHES GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

A report from the honorary secretary,
Mr. Cecil Grant.

We would like to thank all who have given prayer support and help since the Churches Guidance Committee came into being in May of this year.

Recently welcomed into this fellowship are the A.I.M. Churches at Darwin (The A.I.M. Community Church), Newcastle Waters and Elliott, all in the Northern Territory. The full list of Churches now in membership are:— Narrandera, Griffith and Fingal of N.S.W., Cherbourg, Woorabinda and Mareeba of Queensland, and Borroloola, Darwin, Newcastle Waters and Elliott of the Northern Territory.

The next Committee meeting of the C.G.C. will be held on Tuesday, December 28, at the Convention site, in Griffith, N.S.W. It is hoped that churches will send delegates or at least suggestions for the meetings. The latter should be in the hands of the Secretary (Mr. C. Grant, 16, Tristania Street, LEETON, N.S.W.) before December 20.

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Smiles from Murrin Bridge. Anne Kirby and Raylene Johnson pose for the camera.

NEWS

N.Z. Missionary in India sees "Gods" made "While You Wait"

Oriental Missionary Society's New Zealand worker in India, Mr. Graham Houghton, of Palmerston North, writes describing the futility of a recent Hindu festival he witnessed in Bangalore.

Thousands of people thronged the streets, and tragically many were sincerely seeking help, he says, from gods that can give no help at all.

"I watched while on the street they were making clay gods for buyers 'while you wait'. Just ordinary clay in a heap on the street, a lump of it is taken and beaten into a mould, turned over, and we have a brand new clay god. An Indian pays 1/- for the god and takes it home for the day of worship.

"Later that night we saw them throwing the gods into the lake."

Mr. Houghton will be leaving Bangalore (where the present war has necessitated blackout drills at night) to work in Madras.

THEY HAVE NO BIBLE

● One-half of the Christian homes in the world have no Bible of their own, and seven out of eight Christians do not possess a New Testament. This is the estimate of the American Bible Society which has carried out a worldwide survey on Bible distribution.

Translators Institute in Congo

In spite of setbacks in two years of planning the first Translators Institute to be held in the Congo took place recently in the new Bible House in Leopoldville, under the British and Foreign Bible Society.

In the months previous to the Institute large parts of Congo had been

GOOD NEWS

... and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6.

cut off by rebel activity in spite of which 30 missionary and Congolese participants, Protestant and Roman Catholic, attended the sessions.

Seven languages — Congo, Swahili, Gipende, Kituba, Lingala, Luba Katanga, Luund, and Tchiluba — were represented.



RETTA DIXON HOMES FAMILY. Pictured here are Mr. and Mrs. D. Barnes, their three children and the children they care for in their particular R.D.H. cottage. There are over 70 children in the Homes just now.

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OUTREACH FROM TENNANT CREEK, N.T.



by Charles Main

The outreach from Tennant Creek is at present limited to those stations which can be reached along the Darwin/Alice Springs bitumen and the Mt. Isa bitumen which comes out 16 miles north of Tennant Creek.

On the western boundary of the Tableland, Banka Banka presents a good opportunity, as here there is a school which the children from Helen Springs also attend, and Religious Instruction is given once a month. The camp huts are visited in the afternoon, when Picture Rolls are shown, and the people come together in the evening, after supper, for a meeting in the camp on the side of a hill. No projector has been available for evening meetings, but God

blesses the open word of testimony and teaching.

The next station is a small private one, visited in the mid-mornings, when the people are contacted, and Picture Rolls and Flannelgraph lessons are briefly given. There are six people at this place. The next to be visited on this monthly round is Helen Springs, where the people gather in their camp kitchen, and the illumination of visual aids is afforded by hurricane lamp and torchlights. There are 13 women who regularly attend, and the number of men varies (four to six), as men are still out on the run at stock camps and at bores.

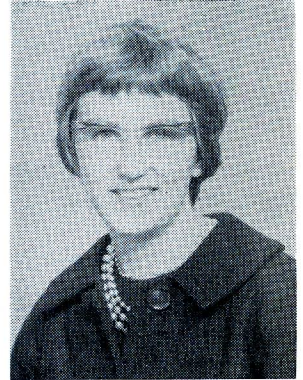
Avon Downs station, 258 miles from Tennant Creek and within 40 miles of the Queensland border at Camooweal, is as far as we go at present.

There is today the need of a regular visit being made to the stations which in former days were covered in the occasional itinerary journey made. The people everywhere have heard the Word, and there is the need of following this up with the teaching which can only be given as they are 'shepherded.' The tracks and 'beef' roads are not in the best of form as the Dry Season comes to a close, due to the heavy transports and road trains used for carrying cattle, and in many parts are either badly corrugated or pounded to bull-dust.

The 1954 Holden Panel Van has done good service on the bitumen roads and around the town areas of Katherine and Tennant Creek, but it would be unwise to lose this mobility, by venturing further afield.

Prayer is sought to the end that a 4-wheel drive vehicle may become available in the future, and to be really objective, one is needed for the next race meeting at the Brunette Downs station when surrounding properties on the Tableland can be visited. This fixture is always in the third week of June.

New Missionary Testifies



Miss E. Mackintosh

My Heavenly Father is continually reminding me that "His way is perfect." (Ps. 18.30).

I came to know Christ when I was eleven years of age. He kept me right through my school years.

When God revealed that the next step was for me to become a teacher, I was almost unwilling but He gave me strength to trust Him in this.

Later I was challenged by God again! Was I willing to serve Him anywhere? I responded to His call and then came the challenge of the Australian Aborigines. I knew this to be His Will for me.

After two years in the Melbourne Bible Institute, I applied to the A.I.M. and was accepted as a missionary on probation.

As for the future, I know God will continue to "gird me with strength and make my way perfect." (Ps. 18. 32.)



continues to expand!

An experienced offset printer and an additional typist are urgently needed by Mission Publications of Australia because of its phenomenal growth in the production and distribution of Christian literature.

*A report on
Mission Publications
of Australia*

by

A.I.M. Director,

Rev. E. C. Long

Based at La Perouse, a suburb of Sydney, N.S.W., Mission Publications of Australia is the joint-literature department of the Aborigines Inland Mission of Australia and the United Aborigines Mission. It is managed by Mr. Howard Miles of the A.I.M. and there is a total staff at present of seven, plus a host of voluntary workers.

Almost 190,000 Sunday School Lesson Books have been printed and distributed throughout Australia and overseas during the past twelve months. At the present rate of increase, the quarterly total will be over 60,000 very shortly.

These lesson books, which are entirely written and produced at M.P.A., are well illustrated and the books for the pupils from beginners through to seniors are extremely well received, not only by missionaries of both parent Missions, but also by churches of different denominations.

The lesson books are regularly sent overseas to New Zealand, New Hebrides, New Guinea, Papua, New Britain, Borneo, India, Malaysia, Ethiopia, Taiwan, Hong Kong and British Solomon Islands.

These books are not only used for Sunday School, but in Religious Instruction classes in public schools throughout Australia. Ministers in the

Cairns area are duplicating sections of the work books for use throughout the school system in that area.

At the same time a Sunday School Examination is held each year and in 1965 almost 4,000 sat for this annual review.

But the Sunday School Lesson Books, while a major part of the work of M.P.A., are only one aspect of its varied work. Practically all of the remaining publications are printed and distributed free of charge. For example, LETTERSTICK a four page spread for semi-literate people has grown enormously in its circulation this past year. One very encouraging order was recently received from the Baiyer River Baptist Mission, New Guinea for 380 copies of each issue. Family Magazine which obviously is for everyone again is growing and more than 5,800 copies were printed this past year.

Four tracts in simple English were reprinted and more than 10,000 were distributed free of charge. These same tracts were reproduced in eight different languages, mostly for Aboriginal people, plus a special tract on gambling and approximately 20,000 of these have been printed.

6,000 copies of another booklet in simple English, "Some Things About God" was also printed and sent out.

The same booklet was printed in language for the Baptist Mission in New Guinea, about 1,000 copies. Four primers for U.A.M. Stations in Western Australia and two simple English reading books for their use also have been printed this year.

To encourage Bible reading among the coloured and native people, two Scripture Union Cards were printed for free distribution and these totalled over 9,000.

Equipment. To keep up with this great volume of work an additional Rota-print Offset Machine was purchased recently and this allowed the previous machine to be rebuilt. Immediately this was done both machines were pressed into operation and have continued in constant use ever since. Other equipment has been purchased or is being planned to help save the time of the hard-pressed staff. For example, a collating machine is under review and it is hoped that it can be purchased shortly.

Extensions to Buildings. Also during the past two or three months a 23ft. square extension to the main printshop has been commenced and is half-way to completion. This additional space both upstairs and downstairs will help tremendously with the present extremely crowded conditions. It will include additional office space, a drawing room and a new dark room and an extension to the printshop.

All of this remarkable growth has been clear evidence of God's good hand on the work and of the growing need of suitable literature for the coloured and native people of Australia, as well as being a strong indication of the need of simple Bible based evangelical material suitable for use in churches of all denominations here in Australia.

The Manager, Mr. Howard Miles, stated recently that the urgent need at the present time is for an experienced offset printer who could take over the responsibility of the

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ANNUAL M.P.A. DEMONSTRATION DAY

The fifth Annual Demonstration Day will be held at Mission Publications of Australia on Monday, January 31st. The programme includes the dedication of the new print shop and office extensions. There will also be a demonstration of printing machines and other equipment.

Visitors will be able to meet the staff, and see "behind the scenes" in this important part of our missionary programme for the Aborigines.

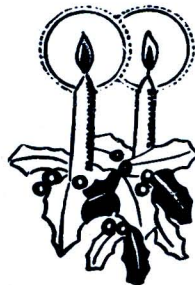
If you live in the Sydney area, make a date to join us at M.P.A. on the Australia Day holiday. Afternoon session commences at 3.00, evening rally at 7.30.

MISSION PUBLICATIONS OF AUSTRALIA

ADINA AVENUE, LA PEROUSE

printshop. Mr. and Mrs. Les Granfield of the U.A.M., together with three young women from the Ummerwarra Mission Station in South Australia, are doing a remarkable job, but there is an urgent pressing need of a printer as has been mentioned.

Miss Anne Pittman and others are also helping in the office work, but again the volume of work of every kind demands additional help in this direction. Mr. Miles asks for constant prayer that these needs may be met in the very near future.



—★— Later Than You Think

Two small boys had taken a clock apart to see what "made it tick." After examining each part, they put it back together.

During the night, their father was awakened when the clock began striking. It struck 117 times without stopping. "Cindy," he said to his wife, excitedly, "you'd better git up! It's later than I ever knowed it to be!"

Quite scriptural at that! Romans 13:11-12 says: "Now it is high time to wake out of sleep . . . The night is far spent, the day is at hand."

—Rural Gospel Crusader.

MOMENTS



by

E. M. Walker.

Someone reminded me that on the 30th October, there were only eight weeks to Christmas, and I remember asking "Where has the year '65 gone"?

One wonders just how much longer we have to work for the Lord! It seems less that no time since I wrote for the Christmas issue of '64.

Today as I have been reviewing over '65 the Lord's hand has been my stay.

I have been encouraged greatly by so many of you saying how some particular article has been a help. Together we thank God for His guidance. This year has been filled with joy of knowing Him for what He is — and the Power of His resurrection

for victory.

It has also been a year of a few disappointments — but always we have known that whatever experiences we might have had — or whatever circumstances we might have gotten ourselves into — the Lord has remained faithful, always the same. His love has not wavered in any way.

Christmas — **Christ** . . . for the **mass** of people today. God **sent** Jesus at Bethlehem — because He cared. God the Father **gave** Jesus at Calvary — because He **loved**.

Progress is looking ahead and moving forward to accomplish some achievement — some goal — with this determination comes self discipline. Every year we say "I am going to do better than last year."

With so many of our modern gadgets in the homes — men exploring the space world — man has made progress. But from God's point of view man has gone backwards.

If God is not at the top of your life's activities, then you have ceased to go forward and have not progressed at all.

At one of our children's meetings one little person instead of saying "The Lord is the strength of my life" said thus: "The Lord is the start of my life."

I hope this might be our determined goal for '66 — "The Lord is the start and finish of my life."

Through "Missionary Moments" I want to wish all my friends a joyous and blessed Christmas, and the New Year.

Sermon Outlines

CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR

"We preach Christ." Describe the preacher as a sign-post that points the way. Emphasize that the sinner needs a Saviour. Tell the story of Christ under the following headings . . .
CHRIST CAME TO SAVE.

"The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost." Luke 19.10. Tell the story of His birth . . . the angels announcing "a Saviour".
CHRIST WAS HANGED ON A TREE.

Describe the disappointment of the disciples. "We thought". (Luke 24.21.) Tell the story of Calvary simply . . . particularly mention how Christ cried, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me . . ." as showing that death had to come before He could save.

CHRIST INVITES SINNERS.

A complete salvation is for all. "Come unto me . . ." Mat- them 11.18. Enlarge on the invitation of God through His Son. John 3.16. Sinners, not the good, are invited.

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

Describe I Thess. 4. Tell of this wonderful hope for all believers.

HOW TO PRAY

on behalf of Missionaries

HOW TO PRAY

1. PRAY IN FAITH. John 11:40; Mark 9:23.

a. Before going to prayer read some good article. We have found the "Herald of His Coming" challenging, helpful, and faith-building.

b. Consider carefully the Scriptures given. Finding in them that it is God's will to do these various things for your missionary you may stand on His promises just as firmly as you do for your own salvation and know that God will do what you ask Him to do.

2. KEEP INFORMED. Take time to write to the missionary to inform yourself of the specific prayer targets for his field. You will never know what a letter from home will do to encourage the heart of the missionary. Take it as your responsibility from the Lord to keep in touch with your missionary, and you will receive your reward.

3. PRAY CONSISTENTLY. Once you have a prayer target before you, continue to shoot at it until the thing is taken for God. The missionary must give much time to prayer in order to take the strongholds held by Satan. God is holding His servants at home responsible to back the missionary with consistent prayer. I Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1.

4. PRAY IN THE SPIRIT. Rom. 8:26, 27. To be effective, prayer must be in the Spirit. God has promised to help us pray by His Spirit. To become a prayer warrior you must give yourself to prayer as the early Christians did. Acts 6:4. Prayer is not

something God dumps upon one, but something that must be exercised.

5. EXERCISE YOUR AUTHORITY OVER SATAN. Matt. 18:8 (and others already given). It is in prayer that the binding and loosing ministry He has given us is accomplished. Ask God to help you to enter into this most important ministry. Satan must be bound in situations, and the children of men loosed from his power.

6. PRAY WITH FASTING. Acts 13:2; Mark 9:29. We have found it works. Fasting added to prayer will break any stronghold of Satan. If you are a group coming together to pray do not spend time in idle talking (Prov. 10:19), and do not eat.

7. PRAISE HIM FOR THE ANSWERS. Someone has likened prayer and praise to the two wings of a bird. Praise is necessary if we are to soar above our circumstances. So often

TUNED IN! Amy, of Katherine, N.T. and two of her children listen to the radio.



praise is missing and that prayer life or that prayer meeting is crippled because of it. Be careful to give God the praise due to Him for answered prayer, and as you pray praise Him for the answers which are yet to come. Mark 11:24. Prayer is mighty, but prayer with praises is mightier. 2 Chron. 20:20-22.

"Prayers and praises go in pairs, They have praises who have prayers."

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MIRACLES AND MELODIES YOUR RADIO PROGRAMME

A programme for our own people, featuring students and singers from the Singleton Bible Training Institute and A.I.M. mission stations.

4SB Kingaroy
4.45 p.m. Sunday

8DN Darwin
5.30 p.m. Monday

4CA Cairns
5.45 p.m. Wednesday.



Field NEWS

VICTORIA RIVER DOWNS, NT.

"My times are not your times."

We are still getting to know our people little by little. We feel the Lord would still have us to take time and not rush into it. Here are some points of interest.

The king of the tribe, Brumby, was able to go to Katherine with Max when he went in to transport our piano out here. Brumby visited relations in Katherine and at Manbulloo. He was very pleased to hear the piano when some days later he was at our home.

In the store Max continues to meet the people often. He also meets those from the stock camps and out-stations.

Some of the women have come swimming with us. We are very pleased to have them with us for another reason too! They have a way of passing their fingers through the water, with the result it makes a sound that keeps crocodiles away! This is particularly welcome as we know there is a large salt water crocodile in the river. The salt water ones are dangerous.

Max has been fixing up an aerial for a recently bought wireless. Betsy, the native owner, is looking after the wireless and is keen to have it working effectively.

Some words of the language are being learnt. Lily, our house girl helps me.

Thank you again for your continued prayer.

M. and D. Field.

BORROLOOLA, N.T.

Just at this time we feel like non-playing football coaches standing on the sidelines!

Due to the ill-health of my wife, and the subsequent hospitalisation, I have had to return "south" to be with her.

Thus we are on 'the side-lines', and can only write and encourage the native 'team' in Borroloola. Pray that they may 'play the good game' for Christ in our absence.

I praise the Lord that my wife is now recovering after her operation and we look forward to the time when we return to the field. This may be some months yet.

The day of my departure from Borroloola, one of the native Christians, Pharoah said, "I'll be right Gudja-gudja (grandson); I've got my gramophone and records (Gospel Recordings)."

Many assured me of their prayers. One man offered me tinned meat and cheese to eat on my journey! At Newcastle Waters, Prentice also assured me that many were praying for my wife and requested that I write and tell them of her progress. Yes, the native Christian do love their missionaries!

It is expected that Mrs. MacDonald will soon be back in Borroloola and will be able to assist in carrying on the meetings.

Many thanks to all who have written and assured us of their prayers at this time.

G. M. Higgins.

BAGOT, N.T.

The work on Bagot Reserve has changed since the early days when the A.I.M. had complete control of the spiritual work. Over the years various changes have been made until today others are sharing the responsibility with us.

The Methodist and Baptist churches and the Church Missionary Society now have their own services, some of which are held on Bagot and others in their own churches in Darwin. The Y.M.C.A. has now commenced meetings on Bagot too.

However, some part of the work is still the full responsibility of the A.I.M. and for this, we ask special prayer. We take Scripture in the School, conduct the weekly Girls' Life Brigade and Good News Clubs for boys. And because we are the only resident workers on the Reserve, we do have real contact with the 400 Aborigines who live here.

The opportunities here are challenging. For we feel we reach, in a measure, the whole of the Northern Territory, as Bagot is a place where people from everywhere come to see Darwin, or for work, or for hospitalization.

What a challenge! Pray with us today for God has said in His Word, "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of Salvation."

M. Schenk.

CHERBOURG, Q.

October 23 was the day chosen for the Annual Sunday School picnic at Cherbourg Gate. This was held in the most glorious weather, for which we praise the Lord.

The day following our picnic, our Church invited Mr. H. Venz to give us a farewell message as he and his family are moving from our district.

EVANGEL, December, 1965

This white family have worshipped with us for over five years now and they have been very active for the Lord.

We would like you to remember us over the Christmas period when we plan special meetings. Visiting speakers will be with us and we look to the Lord for blessing.

PALM ISLAND, Q.

Over the four months since Miss K. Naden and I have been on this Island, we have had much for which we can praise the Lord. He has undertaken in a marvellous way.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingham, of Sydney, were able to spend three weeks with us during which time Mr. Ingham worked on the mission house. He was able to accomplish quite a lot of work and now the house is much more presentable on the outside and more comfortable inside. We are grateful to him and to his brother-in-law Mr. Smith, who also gave valuable help. Our people greatly enjoyed Mr. Inghams' ministry each Sunday at the Church.

Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Aitken who were on the Island for a time with their daughter, the Child Welfare Sister. Both Mr. and Mrs. Aitken spoke at our meetings and gave other help too.

Over the months the help and fellowship of Christian School Teachers has meant much to the Church here.

Perhaps the most encouraging side of our work just now are the cottage meetings. The people and missionaries love these times in the various homes.

Religious Instruction in the Schools give the opportunity of contacting large numbers of boys and girls.

Although the seas are not always as calm as we would like them to be, fortnightly visits to the Leprosar-

ium on Fantome Island are much enjoyed by the people there.

It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Krause, Associate Workers, will travel to Griffith, N.S.W. to represent our Church at the meetings of the Church Guidance Committee which will be held during the Convention over the Christmas and New Year period.

(Miss) M. Spohn.

REDFERN, N.S.W.

As I sit to write this report, I feel sad and discouraged as I think back over the past weeks. Poorly attended Sunday Schools and services were all I could think of. Then the words come to me, "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice." So we praise the Lord and thank Him for all the blessings received and for the opportunity to serve Him in this area.

Our missionary, Mr. G. Smith, does much visiting week by week. In this way he is able to meet the folks and get to know them.

We have a weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday night (in Epworth Press Building, Botany St., Redfern) and we are always glad to welcome visitors.

We are pleased to have the help of Mrs. Saunders, Misses F. Grant, S. Austin and Messrs. M. Winson and R. Bushby each Sunday.

(Mrs.) E. Burns.

GRIFFITH, N.S.W.

Greetings in His wonderful Name! We are glad to report that the work here is going well.

We would value prayer for the Wednesday Girls' meeting. Some of the girls are not believers but are almost at the point of decision. Do uphold them in prayer.

Pray too for the services. Remember those who are attending but have not yet seen their need of the Saviour.

We are to have the New Life Convention here over the Christmas period. Pastors W. Bird and D. Kirk and Messrs. K. O. Bowen and B. Kingi and Miss E. Walker will be the speakers. Please remember the preparations for these meetings and that the various needs will be met.

(Miss) N. Charles.

BALRANALD, N.S.W.

The mission reserve at Balranald will probably close down early in the new year.

Nine homes are being built in town and the people are to be shifted.

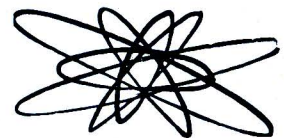
The Sunday School is coming along quite well and the children are beginning to respond to the teaching received. Mr. and Mrs. Owers are going there once a fortnight. I go once a month.

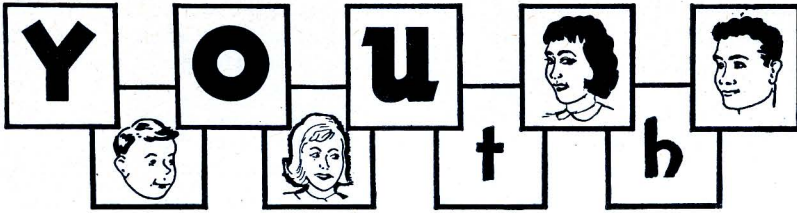
Some of the folk would like the church building to be shifted into town. One thing is important and that is that the Sunday School be maintained. We may be able to continue in a home.

We now have a building at Moulamien to be erected, God willing, in the near future. New iron for the roof has been given and in many ways His hand is evident.

The Sunday School is doing well at Moulamien. A place to hold it in is very necessary so the sooner our building is up the better.

(Mr.) L. Lanyon.





**NO WORD
for
CHRISTMAS!**

The head office of the United Aborigines Mission recently had an unexpected 'phone call. It was from a woman who worked with a card manufacturing firm.

Christmas cards, decorated with Aboriginal motifs, needed some message in Aborigine words to make them complete, she said.

It was a very surprised woman who was told that there was no word in any Aborigine language for Christmas. "For until the missionaries told them of the Christ, there was no Christmas story!" she was told.

It is sad to realise that so many people today do not know the Christmas story. Today, however, we can praise God that so many of the Aborigine people have had the opportunity to hear of the First Christmas.

There seems to only one thing worse than not knowing the Christmas story; that is to know it but not to remember the Saviour at this particular time. So many people today have fun and pleasure but never think of the One whose birthday they observe.

Christmas is a time when we should remember His coming into the world.

It is a day to praise God and to thank Him for sending His Son into this world.

It is a time when we should spend

time in worship and with all Christians everywhere, sing carols of adoration.

Let us all come in worship to our Saviour at this time of the year.

There is not better gift to give him than our hearts and lives on this His Birthday.



**MISSION PUBLICATION OF AUSTRALIA
SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAM RESULTS**

The Annual Sunday School Exam of the Mission Publications of Australia was held in June. Over 2,000 examination papers were returned to M.P.A. for marking. The following are the results in the four sections of the Pennant Competition.

MISSION SCHOOLS

Section A. (over 20 entrants per. School.)

- 1st Place: Woorabinda A.I.M. (Q.) 92%
- 2nd Place: Marabank Baptist (W.A.) 73%

Section B. (under 20 entrants)

- 1st Place: Omokora Maori Mission (N.Z.) 83%
- 2nd Place: Delissaville A.I.M. (N.T.) 81%

NON-MISSION SCHOOLS

Section A.

- 1st Place. Padstow Congregational (N.S.W.) 89%
- 2nd Place. Rainworth Gospel Mission (Q.) 87%

Section B.

- 1st Place: White Oak S.S. (Q.) 92%
- 2nd Place: Rosewood Church of Christ (Q.) 86%
- Surrey Hills Congregational Mission
(N.S.W.) 86%

NEWS OF WORKERS

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Collins arrived back at Headquarters on October 29th after being in Tasmania and Victoria on deputation. They reported having good meetings everywhere. Mrs. Collins spoke at the Melbourne Ladies Annual Luncheon on the day before they returned to N.S.W.

Miss E. Webb of Lake Cargelligo, N.S.W. has been granted furlough from late December and will be spending it in Sydney with her mother. Miss Webb is rejoicing in the provision of a car which she is now driving.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Kirk, who have been at the Bible Training Institute, Singleton, N.S.W., since May, have now been appointed permanently to the staff. Mr. Kirk was in Sydney early in November when he drove some of the students down for a weekend of meetings with Mr. G. Smith in Redfern.

Rev. J. M. Lloyd and Miss E. Walker travelled to Sydney for the Field Council Meetings on November 8. Miss Walker has since gone to Mildura where she will visit and hold meetings at Dareton and Robinvale.

Miss E. Mackintosh, newly accepted missionary is at Singleton, where she is doing the Candidates Course. It is expected that she will return to Victoria before she takes up a field appointment early next year.

After many years in other Christian service, Miss J. Proctor has felt led to return to our work for a period. Feeling the need of help on the staff, Miss Proctor offered her services to the Mission. She has spent some weeks at La Perouse and is now on Palm Island with Miss M. Spohn.

Miss K. Naden plans to leave Palm Island late in November to return to her home in Gilgandra, N.S.W. Miss Naden will marry Mr. Ben Bird,

a student at the B.T.I., Singleton, on January 15. After their marriage they will return to the Institute, to enable Mr. Bird to complete his studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen have been encouraged with the work at Cherbourg, Q. Mrs. Bowen has been in Brisbane for a period as their daughter, Ruth, has been under medical treatment there.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Higgins, of Borrooloola, N.T., are in Victoria following the surgery which Mrs. Higgins underwent in October. Mr. Higgins came away from Borrooloola to be with his wife at this time. Mrs. Higgins is recovering but it will be some time before they will be able to return to their work in the north.

In Sydney for the wedding of their son, Brien, are Mr. and Mrs. S. Eldridge. They were able to travel down with their son, and now have returned with friends to their work in Darwin.

The Director, the Rev. E. C. Long and his wife and two children will visit America to see Mrs. Long's family this Christmas. Mrs. Long, Helen and John planned to leave Sydney on November 24th and Mr. Long will follow on December 20. They will be away until April of next year.

Messrs. K. O. Bowen, W. Bird and D. F. Kirk will be speakers at the Convention to be held at Griffith over the Christmas period. Mr. B. Kingi, the Maori Evangelist, will also be a speaker.

As there will not be a January issue of EVANGEL, we suggest the December Prayer Calendar be used again for that month.



● The remarkable provision God has made to sustain His creation is a further indication of His greatness and wisdom.

● Harboured secret sin will eventuate in open defeat and ruin.

● Duties are ours; events are God's.

● The Lord takes notice, not only of what we give, but what we have left.

● In the morning, praise God for the opportunity, but make some use of it before the morning goes!

STOP PRESS ! !

On Saturday, November 13th, the panel van in which our Mareeba (Q.) missionaries, Misses M. Fairfax and G. Dinham were travelling rolled over. Miss Fairfax suffered a broken collar-bone and Miss Dinham was admitted to hospital for observation. We will value prayer for their complete recovery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. G. Higgins wish to acknowledge gifts of £1 and £4.

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We. 22nd. Continue in prayer seeking God's will regarding the establishment of a permanent work in Normanton (Q.). Pray for a suitable house as a centre for Missionary outreach.

Th. 23rd. Pray for the work of Associate workers and helpers at DROUIN (VIC.) and areas along the Murray River. Pray God's blessing upon their service remembering the need of the people at these places is primarily a Spiritual need.

Fr. 24th. Gather in prayer the whole A.I.M. family of Missionaries throughout the Eastern States and Northern Territory praying that they will be filled with joy and gladness at this Christmas period. Remember particularly those known personally.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Thank God for the wonderful gift of His Son; praise God that the dark people of our land are included in His great love and plan of Salvation. Uphold all Native Christians this day.

Su. 26th. Pray for the Second New Life Convention at GRIFFITH (N.S.W.) commencing today and continuing until January 2nd. Prayerfully commit to God the ministry of each of the speakers, specially Miss E. Walker and the children's meeting.

Mo. 27th. Pray for permission to establish a definite permanent work on BESWICK Settlement near Katherine (N.T.) asking God to undertake in every need. Uphold Mr. and Mrs. R. Stretton living at Marranboy and regularly visiting Beswick.

Tu. 28th. **CHURCHES GUIDANCE COMMITTEE.** Pray for each member of this group, particularly those meeting at Griffith Convention.

We. 29th. Remember children from RETTA DIXON HOMES, DARWIN, as they gather for holiday camps praying that more of these children will become keen Christians. Uphold those in charge of the camps.

Th. 30th. Pray for lasting results from the Convention at Griffith. Continue to pray for a true spiritual revival throughout our Mission field.

Fr. 31st. "Bless the Lord . . . bless His holy Name and forget not all His benefits". Thank and praise God for His hand in blessing upon this Mission during the past year. Praise Him for His continuing faithfulness and goodness.

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DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

Place this Prayer Calendar in your Bible and use it every day. Start with the day you receive it, and continue until the next Calendar arrives.

DECEMBER, 1965

We. 1st. Sydney Headquarters Staff. Prayerfully uphold REV. AND MRS. E. C. LONG, MR. AND MRS. E. A. COLLINS and MR. AND MRS. W. R. CADDY in their responsible positions asking for a clear knowledge of God's will in all their decisions. Pray for Mr. Long and family as they go to the United States later this month.

Th. 2nd. A.I.M. DAY OF PRAYER. Particularly remember the Christmas season with gifts and parties on various stations. Pray for all preparation for special Christmas services and meetings.

Fr. 3rd. BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE graduation service tonight, pray for all staff and students at Singleton (N.S.W.) specially praying that each one will be blessed and kept throughout the holiday period. Pray for new students for next year.

Sa. 4th. Pray for Associate workers and Christians at Condobolin and Dubbo in Central West N.S.W. Ask God's guidance in their work and witness praying for the development of strong virile Churches.

Su. 5th. **MURRIN BRIDGE,** Central Western N.S.W. Seek God's blessing upon Sunday School and services here today remembering Miss E. Webb and Associate workers as they seek to bring many to a deep and living faith in Christ.

Mo. 6th. **LITERATURE AND RADIO,** prayerfully support these two avenues of presenting the Way of Salvation and Eternal Life to the people in Northern Australia. Commend to God all responsible in any way for these forms of ministry within the Mission.

Tu. 7th. Pray for those who are ill or convalescing that they may be restored and strengthened. Ask God to sustain those in areas where the climate is difficult because of seasonal humidity or extreme heat. Remember children of Missionaries too.

We. 8th. Continue in prayer for the Christians at COWRA, WELLINGTON AND GILGANDRA (N.S.W.) that they may grow in knowledge and faith being strengthened and established to the glory of God.

Th. 9th. New England district of N.S.W. Prayerfully commend to God Associate workers and Christians at ARMIDALE, GUYRA and CAROONA. Pray that many more in this area will respond to the preaching of the Word of God and the witness of Christians.

Fr. 10th. MR. AND MRS. R. HALLETT working at Walgett in the North West of N.S.W. value prayer that there will be a ready response to the preaching and teaching of God's Message and the growth of a strong Church in this town.

Sa. 11th. Mr. and Mrs. L. Lanyon with helpers regularly visit MOULAMEIN (N.S.W.). Pray for the establishing of a Church, praise God for the provision of a building and ask that His work may flourish.

Su. 12th. MOREE, N.S.W. Uphold by prayer the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. B. Bird seeking definite results evident in changed lives and a growing Church. Prayerfully commit the local Christians to God.

Mo. 13th. Remember today the GENERAL FUNDS of the Mission and every financial and material need asking God to provide all costs and expenses that the work may be maintained and expand to His glory.

Tu. 14th. MR. AND MRS. V. PAGE, Associate workers at Deniliquin (N.S.W.) regularly visit CUMERAGUNJA settlement on the Murray River. Pray for those they contact in this area.

We. 15th. MR. AND MRS. C. KNIGHT at Woorebinda (Q.) value prayer for the conversion of many at this Government Settlement. Pray that the Christians will witness faithfully and that the Church will increase in numbers and in strength.

Th. 16th. BRISBANE. Remember hospital and home visitation as well as deputation meetings and the ministry amongst both men and women in prison. Uphold Missionaries and Associate workers in prayer.

Fr. 17th. Continue to ask God to meet the travelling expenses and transport needs of all Missionaries. Pray for safety in travel and bring before God the need for new vehicles for a number of workers.

Sa. 18th. Prayerfully support the Mission work and witness at PALM ISLAND Settlement near Townsville (Q.). Ask God to keep the Christians faithful and steadfast and to restore those who have backslidden.

Su. 19th. MAREEBA (Q.). Miss M. Fairfax and Miss G. Dinham with helpers are seeing a growing response to their ministry. Pray for the conversion of many who have heard but not responded, also seek the blessing of God on all meetings today.

Mo. 20th. TOWNSVILLE (Q.). Pray for Mr. and Mrs. H. Kleinschmidt and helpers in this northern city as they conduct Sunday schools, visit the gaol, and by all possible means seek to win to Christ those living in this area.

Tu. 21st. CHERBOURG (Q.). Seek God's rich blessing upon the Church members that they will grow in grace and in the knowledge of God that by their faithful witness others will be saved or restored.