

Our Aim

"To give light to them that sit in darkness"

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DISAPPOINTMENT — HIS APPOINTMENT

"Disappointment — His appointment,"
Change one letter, then I see
That the thwarting of my purpose
Is God's better choice for me.
His appointment must be blessing,
Though it may come in disguise,
For the end from the beginning
Open to His wisdom lies.

"Disappointment — His appointment,"
Whose? The Lord, who loves me best
Understands and knows me fully,
Who my faith and love would test:
For, like loving earthly parent,
He rejoices when He knows
That His child accepts, UNQUESTIONED,
All that from His wisdom flows.

"Disappointment — His appointment,"
Lord, I take it, then, as such,
Like the clay in hands of potter,
Yielding wholly to Thy touch.
All my life's plan is Thy moulding,
Not one single choice be mine,
Let me answer, unrepining —
Father, "Not my will, but Thine."

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QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING

FRIDAY, 10th MARCH, 1961, 7.45 p.m.

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(Up from David Jones')

Farewell to . . .

Mr. and Mrs. J. BRIDGES

Mr. and Mrs. E. TREZISE

Welcome to new candidates . . .

Mr. and Mrs. E. BRIDGE

ALL WELCOME

EDITORIAL



THE NEED OF THE HOUR

By Trevor M. Morris.

(This is the first part of an article printed recently in the "New Zealand Challenge.")

In recent days I have been forcibly confronted with the question, "What is the need of the hour?" In our constant travels we have heard many answers to this vital question.

It has been suggested that the urgent need is MORE WORKERS, but we have been reminded of what our Lord accomplished through twelve men, and later the 120, for it was said of these men they "turned the world upside down."

There are some who say we need BETTER FACILITIES, newer and more modern equipment, but no one believes that facilities and equipment had anything to do with the response at Pentecost!

Many Christian workers are telling us that the clamant need of the hour is LITERATURE. When this suggestion was made, a Christian leader, DAWSON TROTMAN, replied by asking, "What literature did Christ's disciples have?" They did not then even possess a New Testament!

In every church and country that we visit we gain the impression that many believe that the supreme need of the hour in our work of world evangelisation is MORE MONEY. Once again the Scriptures remind us "the disciples were sent out without money and without scrip."

In reading the life of the late Dawson Trotman I was impressed with his point that our Lord commissioned His disciples at a time when conditions were so bad that a worse one could never arise. They had no printing presses, no motor cars, no radio or television, no telephones, no colleges, no planes, no massive buildings and organisations, and not one church. All they had was the might power of their Omnipotent Lord and their faith to believe His word that they would see the "greater works" even as He had promised. It was these ordinary men who "believed God" and were filled with the Holy Spirit who spread the Gospel throughout their world in the first century. How did the message go? Someone has said, "Not by telephone or television, but by tell-a-person." It was as simple as that! Everyone was to tell someone else. The words of the Apostle, "I cannot help but speak the things which I have seen and heard," was their impelling force. Surely this is the need of the hour. Men filled with the Holy Spirit of God who are so completely yielded and dedicated that they will be soul winners, and in turn, by life and lip, will teach others to win souls too.

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The article from which the above was taken greatly challenged us as we read this old truth presented in a new way. It found a warm re-echo in our heart.

The great need of the A.I.M. Field to-day is for men and women who are personal witnesses to the saving power of Jesus Christ. We long for more of our native people to be living witnesses in their homes and on the settlements. We pray constantly that our missionaries, and ourselves may be daily filled with the Spirit of God for the daily telling of the old, old story.

WILL YOU JOIN US IN PRAYER TO THIS END?



NEW EDITOR APPOINTED

Mr. W. R. Caddy has recently accepted the position as editor of this paper, "Our Aim." Mr. Caddy is now residing in Sydney.

It is over fifty-three years since the paper first made its appearance and in that time there have been only two other editors, although many have helped in various ways to maintain the publication month by month.

The late Mrs. Retta Long was the first editor, commencing with a column in the "Maitland Mercury" from which monthly reprints were obtained. Mrs. Long continued to develop the paper until failing health made her lay it down in 1955. In the later years of this period her daughter, Miss Olive Long, helped tremendously in the preparation of the material for publication and in the whole of the work of the paper. Mrs. E. A. Collins also helped on many occasions.

The present director, then took over the editor's position, and has continued until now.

Mr. Caddy has been deputationist for the A.I.M. for Southern Australia for three years and now has been appointed Superintendent for the Field in Eastern Australia. We commend Mr. Caddy to your prayerful support in these new spheres of service for Christ.



SUPERVISION OF THE FIELD

PEN PORTRAIT OF THE PERSONNEL

In last month's copy of OUR AIM, the Director, the Rev. E. C. Long announced the appointment of Field Superintendents.

This month we give you a "pen portrait" of these men and ask that you pray especially for them.

Twenty-three years of missionary activity, leadership and administrative experience ably fit **Mr. E. Arthur Collins** for the position of **Field Superintendent**.

His first appointment as missionary was to Darlington Point in S.W. New South Wales. Later, he and his wife founded the Native Workers Training College at Dalwood, N.S.W. Serving as Principal during those difficult years, he remained on until after the college, now known as the Bible Training Institute, was established at Singleton.

Now, as General Secretary for over ten years, Mr. Collins has maintained a close contact with the field and workers.

Remember him in prayer as he takes up this important position and acts, pro temp. as **Superintendent for the Northern Area**.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins plan to spend some months in Darwin during this year.

Mr. Mervyn Pattemore, Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Area, comes from a real missionary family. Several of the family are in full-time service.

This background has fitted him for the rigors of the pioneering work he and his wife **have been engaged in**.

After service in N.S.W. and itinerary work in the N.T., Mr. Pattemore and his wife settled at Borrooloola.

The Lord has seen fit to bless their ministry in a unique manner. Today, Christian native men and women are to be found on cattle stations in many places as a result of this ministry.

Mr. Pattemore will appreciate your prayer support as he serves the Lord as **Assistant Superintendent**.

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HOME ON PRAYER

and a rubber band

BY S. and C. ELDRIDGE.

During the war years we were acquainted with the song, "Coming Home on a Wing and a Prayer." Many aircrews believed that it was answered prayer that winged them back safely to their bases. I thought of this song as we journeyed through the centre of our continent back to Darwin. Truly, we travelled on prayer, not on a wing but a rubber band. Incidentally they have more uses than wrapping up parcels or holding in position "pony tails" of young women!

On Boxing Day we left Darwin, facing a 6,000 mile drive to attend the general conference in Sydney. How wonderfully God provided and met the need as we travelled. On the down trip we were delayed with two broken axles. The first breakdown was 330 miles south of Alice Springs. Here God made the impossible possible, a cattle station 10 miles north provided the necessary hub puller needed for the job.

Our nephew, John Eldridge and John White enjoyed the long trip through. John White comes from Bagot Reserve and is now a student at the Singleton College. He is an expert billy tea maker.

We did enjoy the fellowship with all the workers, and the devotional sessions at the conference. It was good to see relatives and many friends in Sydney.

What a transformation. The return trip revealed that the "Dead Heart" had come to life. God had watered the thirsty land, billabongs and water holes were partly filled, the barren wastes were carpeted with green foliage. Isaiah 35:1 came to our mind, "The desert shall blossom as the rose."

"Stop, stop quick!" There were sighs as each one grabbed for something on which to hold. We careered from one side of the track to the other. On investigation, we found a tie rod dragging on the road. It had worn through. So here we again exercised faith in prayer plus a "rubber band." From an old tube we cut a large band, pushing the disconnected front wheel into position then connecting the tie rod we stretched the rubber band over and over till the connection was tight. Prayer and a rubber band brought us safely 1,100 miles to our journey's end.

How thankful to return home to Brian, Margaret and Daphne, who had held the fort during our absence. Isaiah 65:24, "And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer: and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

WHY
M.P.A.

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light through literature

BY H. R. MILES

"Should so much time, money, and effort be spent to establish mission publications? Are we guilty of wasting them all on an unimportant, unnecessary "extra"? Most certainly not! Writing, typing, drawing and printing are mundane non-spiritual things. But that does not mean that they are outside the scope of the activity of our two missions. Countless thousands have been won to Christ by means of the printed page in other parts of the world. Now that our native people are fast becoming literate, this can be true of them too.

Let me assure you that we do not feel that missionaries are out-of-date. We do not aim to replace them. Rather, we want to help to equip them, and make them more effective in their work for Christ. A soldier is more or less useless without his weapons. A workman is handicapped without his tools. Why should soldiers of the cross be hindered through lack of equipment?

Our vision goes beyond the people around us here at La Perouse. We are thinking and planning and praying on an Australia-wide scale. How the task of evangelism would be speeded up if missionaries could mail the printed message to places that they cannot reach personally; if they had suitable visualised Bible stories and tracts to reach the people in their area; if they had simple Christian literature which they could leave on their periodical visits to isolated stations!

Of course, the big need is for SUITABLE literature. Very little on the shelves of our Christian book stores is suitable in either style or language for our people. The only way that we can meet this need in an economical way, is to print the material ourselves.

We thank the Lord for the machinery He has provided. The Multilith press will enable us to produce good quality literature both economically and quickly. As far as the future is concerned, the ministry of M.P.A. will only be limited according to the limit of our prayerful interest and support.

DEDICATION OF PRINTING PRESS

On Monday, 29th January, at 3 p.m., interested friends of the A.I.M. and U.A.M. met in the newly-constructed Print Shop for the dedication of the Multilith Printing Press.

Mr. A. Stacey of the U.A.M. chaired the meeting and Mr. I. A. Davidson gave a challenging message on Faith.

ASSIMILATION

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how does it effect
the A.I.M.?

BY EGERTON C. LONG.

Assimilation is the present policy of all the various government departments attending to the welfare of the aborigines of Australia. It has largely come into prominence only in the last ten or fifteen years, after at least half a century of segregation.

Assimilation has had varying success, depending on a great many factors. In some places it has progressed more swiftly than was anticipated a few years ago. In other places, it appears to have made no progress at all, or to have come to a certain stage and then remained completely stagnant.

Assimilation Defined

Assimilation means the absorbing of all the coloured and native people into our white communities or into our national economy so that they have equal opportunities on every level and no difference is made on the ground of colour. Assimilation may include inter-marriage, but this is not essential for the success of the policy.

Preparation for assimilation must include training procedures so that these people may take their place among us without shame, embarrassment or feeling. Part of this training must obviously be on the side of the white communities also.

The Retta Dixon Children's Home, Darwin, is one splendid ex-

ample of training being given to part-coloured young people to take their place as Christian citizens in the community.

The Position of the A.I.M.

Assimilation means the end of all segregation. It would naturally bring about the closing of all settlements and reserves, and the abolition of special government departments, catering for the needs of the coloured and aboriginal people.

What then is the future of the A.I.M. if and when assimilation is final and complete? If the native people will be attending public schools, living in our streets, working in the usual places of employment, why wouldn't they worship in our established churches? If the local churches can cater for them, will there be any need for a separate missionary society to the aborigines?

This question was vigorously discussed at the recent A.I.M. General Conference and we believe the Lord led us all in the final answers given.

To begin with, the day of final and complete assimilation is still a long way off. It is encouraging to see how far this policy has progressed in many ways and in various places, but most Government officials and missionaries agree that it may yet take at least two or more generations before final assimilation is realised for the vast majority of our native people.

We will need to be prepared to change as circumstances change, and as the Lord leads, but our work is far from finished yet. It may still go on for another fifty years if the Lord tarries.

Secondly, we have no proof that all the native people will want to attend our established churches. Granted that they will be welcomed by evangelical churches at least, it may be that many of the people will still prefer to have their own services.

You can only assimilate any people as far as they themselves desire to be assimilated and no further. Experience has shown this in many nations, including some of our own "New Australians" and there are many instances of it among our aborigines. An extreme example of this is found among some of our "Fringe-Dwellers." Many are in this Twilight Zone because they want to while still enjoying all the so-called privileges of the white way of life. It can be said of some as our Lord said, "They love darkness rather than light."

Let us firmly add, however, that some are "Fringe - Dwellers" through force of circumstances

and are held there by local prejudice and many other factors, such as lack of an adequate Government Housing Policy for coloured people.

Coming back to the main point, it must be said that even in the most progressive areas, the native people do not always feel welcome in our churches. It is true that a number have joined local churches, but the great majority would rather gather together in their own way and enjoy the fellowship thus provided. They may continue to do this even when assimilated on other levels.

What Then is Our Policy?

One of our objectives as a mission is the establishment of an indigenous New Testament Church. While the policy of assimilation appears to cut across the basic idea of an indigenous church, yet it is obvious that two factsemerge from any discussion on this subject and can be clearly stated in this definite way:

By aiming at the establishment of an indigenous church you prepare every member:

1. To take his or her place as a taught and trained member working in any church.
2. To carry on a separate indigenous native church if that is finally the wish of the people themselves.

These were the final answers given at our Conference and in the light of these points it is the expressed determination of this Mission to press on towards the attainment of its three primary objectives:

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SUPERVISION OF FIELD—Continued.

Mr. Wesley R. Caddy came into the work in 1943. He served his probation at Peak Hill, in western N.S.W.

Mr. Caddy has been stationed at many of our centres and has been able to establish district work at some. More recently he and his wife have been engaged in deputation and office work in Victoria. They now reside in Sydney.

As Superintendent of the Eastern Area he will need the continual prayer support of the A.I.M. Constituency.



A remarkable conversion during middle-age brought Mr. R. M. Living, lawyer, face to face with the claims of the mission field.

After some time it seemed clear to Mr. Living and his wife that the Lord was calling them to full-time service.

So it was that at a time in life when most people are planning for their retirement, they stepped out in faith to serve the Lord among our people.

And now after years of serving on the field and as Field Secretary, Mr. Living has been appointed as an Assistant Superintendent for the Eastern Area.

The Rev. J. M. Lloyd heard his call to the mission field during his ministry in the Mt. Pleasant Gospel Church, U.S.A.

Coming to Australia ten years ago with his wife and family, he commenced his labours on Palm Island, where he saw blessing and encouragement.

Mr. Lloyd has now been Principal of the Bible Training Institute for some years and in that capacity has learnt much regarding the needs of our people. Just on three years ago he accompanied Mr. Stretton on the itinerary in the N.T.

Ask the Lord to bless our brother as he serves as an Assistant Superintendent of the Eastern Area.



ASSIMILATION — Continued.

1. The evangelisation of the aborigines and their descendants.
2. The establishment of an indigenous church.
3. The training of a native ministry.

The final work of the A.I.M. in years to come, if the Lord tarry, may be enlarged to include a ministry to all in inland Australia regardless of colour. We are seeing a glimpse of this now in our Literature Department, Mission Publications of Australia, and also our Radio Programme, "Miracles and Meldoes" but we are quietly confident that in the Lord's time He will reveal to us any extension of our ministry, He may have for us. In the meantime, we go forward with Him.

INSPIRING MISSIONARY MEETING IN NEWCASTLE

The Maitland Road Baptist Church was the scene of a very fine missionary gathering on the night of 7th February.

The meeting was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. B. Griffith and chaired by Mr. R. Curry, a friend of long standing with the A.I.M.

Mr. Curry extended a very warm welcome to the speakers for the evening and to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hankins, of Oregon, U.S.A.

The director, the Rev. E. C. Long, was the first to address the meeting. He told briefly of the way in which the Lord had blessed the mission over the previous weeks and of the leading in his own personal life.

Mr. W. R. Caddy, Eastern Area Superintendent, praised God for the "labouring" of prayer partners and other friends in the missionary programme.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges, of Newcastle Waters, N.T. were the main speakers for the evening. Their dedication and sincerity was evident as they told of the work in the centre of our continent.

Mr. Bridges told of the Lord's provision and of the way in which He had blessed during the past three years at Newcastle Waters.

Like all workers, he has felt the impact of answered prayer, and said, "We have been very encouraged by the prayer

support and interest shown by your auxiliary and other prayer bands. It means so much to us."

Mrs. Bridges amplified her husband's remarks with the aid of coloured slides.

All present gained a very clear picture of the advancement and need of the work of the north.

The evening concluded in fellowship around the supper table.



Miss M. Fairfax has now been discharged from hospital and is staying with her sister at Gayndah, Queensland.



ARMIDALE

The vacation Bible school for the coloured children of Armidale was scheduled to begin at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The Lord had given me this verse for the meetings, "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find." As we prayed for the meetings we asked for a good number of children to come along. He answered that prayer just as He had promised, for we had good attendance every day of the school.

Our meetings were held in the East Armidale Baptist Church hall, which was graciously opened to us by the people of the church. There, we began our meetings with a good sing-song, led most of the time by Spunky, the Koala bear puppet. In between singing — the surprise box would be opened, a quiz would be given by Miss Clough, or perhaps the next instalment of the exciting serial would be told.

How wonderful it was to see the interest the teenagers showed in the whole of the meetings. They seemed especially interested in their lesson time where they would hear a Bible story, work on learning their verse for the day, and do a bit of handwork. The younger children were just as keen as the teens, but I can't help but rejoice over and over to see teenagers coming along to meetings such as these.

Friday evening was the big night for prizes, the closing chapter of the serial, and showing the parents and friends some of the things that the children had learned. Beryl Knox received the prize for obtaining the most points throughout the meetings. Many other prizes were given to various children.

You can still have a part in these meetings. How? By praying for the children who attended and heard the Word of God. The Lord said, "Ask, and ye shall receive." Let's ask Him for all of the children, that each one of them may still come to know Him as their own personal Saviour.

As you pray for them, you might remember me, too. The Lord willing, the week after May Bible School I'll be going to Darwin to begin a series of meetings. Throughout the year I am scheduled to visit the following places: Darwin and outlying parts of Darwin, Newcastle Waters, Borroloola, Palm Island, Fingal, Moree, Moonah Cullah, Wellington, Murrin Bridge and Victoria. These meetings will begin in the month of May. Pray for the arrangements of the meetings, the preparations, and the children, young people, and adults who will be attending the meetings.

K. Davis.

CONDOBOLIN

After attending the Conference of Missionaries, and a brief holiday in Sydney with relatives and friends, we set out for Condobolin; arriving here on 1st February.

We were only here half an hour when the new Salvation Army officers called and we enjoyed the fellowship with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke had cleaned the house through and placed some of the furniture in position ready for us. We were very grateful for this thoughtful service as we had visions of arriving very tired from our journey and having to sort out furniture, etc. It was a nice surprise to find so much done for us. Nevertheless, we had a busy time unpacking cartons, suitcases, etc. in between visitors calling to welcome us and calls on the phone.

The first of our A.I.M. people to call was dear Mrs. Naden, Snr., who is staying in Condobolin for a short time. We enjoyed the time spent with her and it helped us to feel at home immediately. Several of our people have called since and I have seen others in the town. All have made us feel welcome. One said, "We heard that you were coming and are glad you are here."

We have also been welcomed by the Methodist minister (Rev. J. Pocklington) who very kindly offered to drive to the reserve for me to visit the people. We are very grateful for this assistance; as we were able to visit all the people on the Mission and the Murie and to announce the Sunday services.

Although we have only been here a week today, we feel quite settled among our own people and those of other denominations.

It was good too, to meet the school master on the reserve and to arrange to give the religious instruction in the school.

We would value your prayers as we commence our ministry in Condobolin, that we shall be given wisdom to guide these people in spiritual things, and that they shall be given receptive hearts to take in the lessons, and to receive Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

— M. E. McAulay and

D. M. Evans.



MURRIN BRIDGE

"Operation Removal" has been successfully completed from Condobolin to Lake Cargelligo. We are now in the midst of "Operation Find-things." However, we are really praising the Lord for (1) providing a house at the Lake; (2) wonderfully supplying the necessary furniture. (Only furniture for the lounge and some floor coverings remain to be supplied in His own good time). (3) For a good entering in. We have been really welcomed by the people and we look forward to providing Sunday schools at Murrin Bridge and at Euabalong.

PLEASE PRAY THAT WE WILL NOT GO AHEAD OF THE LORD, BUT THAT HE WILL GO AHEAD OF US IN THE MATTER OF STARTING NEW MEETINGS.

Pray in particular that Satan, instead of hindering will himself be hindered. This has already happened, praise the Lord! When the Seventh Day Adventists first heard of our proposed move, they started a Sunday school on Sunday, thus making it awkward for us to begin one. However, the very weekend we moved in, they changed their meeting to Saturday! Someone prayed! Praise the Lord!

HOSPITAL VISITATION will be an important part of the work here. Since arriving here, one of us has been at the hospital almost each day. We had the joy of leading Mr. Fred Biggs to the Lord about three months ago. Shortly afterwards, he was taken to Griffith for a major operation. Someone asked him if he was afraid. He replied, "Why should I be afraid; I love the Lord." He is now back in the local hospital suffering from an incurable disease, and rapidly declining. He suffers much pain, but is at peace with the Lord. Pray for him.

Eric Clarke, a lad of 17, from Murrin Bridge, was bitten by a snake whilst a couple of miles from home. He scarified the wound by putting a bullet through it! A few days later leaving hospital, his horse fell, rolling on him and breaking his leg. He will now have a longer stay in hospital. Pray that we will be used of the Lord to lead him to the Saviour.

As we seek to provide a fuller ministry of the Word to the people at Murrin Bridge and at Euabalong, and as we seek out others we have heard of at Euabalong West, and in the town of Lake Cargelligo itself, we stand in need of much **EARNEST, BE-**



During the morning service at the General Conference, the two infant children of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bird and Mr. and Mrs. D. Kirk were dedicated by the Rev. E. C. Long.

For some weeks, Mrs. E. A. Collins has been laid aside with a broken bone in her foot. Prayer is asked for the speedy recovery of this injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Hankins of Portland City, Oregon, U.S.A., parents of Mrs. E. C. Long arrived in Sydney on 18th January. They plan to stay in Australia for an indefinite period.

We thank God for the interest of the coloured people in "Miracles and Melodies." We have just received a gift of £5 from the A.I.M. Church on Cherbourg for the session.

MURRIN BRIDGE—Cont.

LIEVING PRAYER support. Hudson Taylor said, "I asked God if He would come and help me. Then I asked God if I might come to help Him. Then I ended by asking God to do His own work through me." May He work through each of us to His own glory!

B. and M Clarke.

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SIFTINGS . . .

Often when a person thinks his mind is getting broader, it is only his conscience stretching.

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.

Defeat will turn to victory if we turn to Him.

God's providence never places you where His grace cannot keep you.

Prayer is God's opportunity to do something with you.

Prayer is willingness to let God decide what is best for you in any experience,

Fear is unbelief parading in disguise.

If your all is in the Lord's hands why worry about "what they say"?

NOTES FROM SINGLETON BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

On 5th February, studies commenced with an enrolment of nineteen students, nine of whom are here for the first time.

Miss Agerakis is back again to help with the cooking. She will relieve Mrs. Bowen, who with her husband is on furlough.

Among the first visitors this term were our director, the Rev. E. C. Long, his father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hankins, of Portland City, Oregon, U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. J. Bridges of Newcastle Waters, N.T. and Mr. W. R. Caddy.

As it is always the desire of the staff that the students have the needs of the field kept before them continually, opportunity was taken to have Mr. and Mrs. Bridges tell of their work. They also showed slides.

Mr. and Mrs. Hankins, who have had a vital interest in the B.T.I. for many years, were thrilled with their visit.

Said Mr. Hankins, when asked for his impressions, "This has been a wonderful day. We have heard much of this institute over the years, but today's experience has been almost overwhelming. We praise God with you for His goodness."

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has for years seen much blessing from the Hand of the Lord. Now the evil one would seek to cause trouble and bring discord among the believers. Believing prayer will again restore the blessing as we ask you to join us for this need today.

23rd Th. City work is extremely difficult. Worldliness, sin and unbelief rate high in the lives of so many of the coloured people who live in and around the city. Our faithful workers carry on in spite of much opposition. Pray especially for Miss Acland in Sydney and Mr. and Mrs. Clissold in Brisbane.

24th. Fr. Mr. and Mrs. M. Field are now at Katherine, N.T. This vital centre in the north presents a challenge. Beswick, some 60 miles from Katherine, which is visited weekly, is but one outstation. Please pray that every need will be supplied as they seek out the lost ones for Christ.

25th Sa. There has been much blessing on Cherbourg just recently. This large Aboriginal reserve with its 1,200 residents is a mission field in itself. Remember the native leaders there and Mr. and Mrs. D. Kirk who have just taken over as missionaries.

26th Su. Each May school vacation, coloured folk from all over N.S.W. make their way to the Singleton Bible Training Institute, for the Annual Vacation Bible School. This has proved to be a wonderful blessing to our work and to the many individuals who attend. Remember the Institute staff as they make plans for these meetings, and also those who will minister.

27th M. Many letters have been received from those who listen to the radio programme, "Miracles and Melody." Hearts have been touched and moved to serve Him more faithfully. This programme is filling a real need. Pray for the finance necessary to continue this

effective ministry. Remember too those who take part in the production of this session.

28th Tu. The staff of the Retta Dixon Home are under continual strain as they seek to care for the material and spiritual needs of the children who have been placed in their care. Yet they do this service lovingly for Him. Pray for them today as they labour in the oppressive tropical heat. May they see much fruit for their labour of love.

29th Wed. Prayer has been answered concerning the need of help in the Sydney office. Continue to pray for the Melbourne branch of our work. Voluntary helpers are serving here and filling a real gap. The Lord is able to undertake and we ask you to pray on for permanent assistance.

30th Th. Mrs. E. A. Collins is now preparing for the publication of the EVANGEL, the Christian paper for coloured people. Known so often as "another missionary" this paper is used of the Lord to bless His people and bring others into the knowledge of sins forgiven. Remember Mrs. Collins as she plans the publication just now.

31st F. We have been praying in faith all the month. Praying that the Lord would bless His work. Do you believe God has answered? You may never hear just how He has worked, but our suggestion is that today we thank Him for all that has been accomplished over the past month. Let us praise Him firstly, for what He is, then for His mercy and love, and finally for His faithfulness in answering prayer this month.

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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.

1st W. Mr. and Mrs. F. Pickett are stationed at Beaudesert, Southern Queensland. Mr. Pickett tells of encouragement and blessing in this centre. Remember this work today. Pray for the visitation and regular meetings with the people.

2nd Th. The recently elected Superintendents, Messrs. E. A. Collins and W. R. Caddy, commenced their duties last month. They need much grace, wisdom and understanding as they serve the Lord in this capacity. Ask God's blessing upon them for His Name's sake.

3rd. Fr. Latest news of Miss Fairfax is that she is progressing slowly. However, special prayer is asked for the complete healing of her arm. Uphold this worker before the Lord now.

4th. Sa. Misses J. Phillips and E. Walker, Native Missionaries are labouring together at Griffith. Special wisdom and vision will be needed by these young workers as they labour in this fruit-growing area. Ask the Lord to inspire them as they witness to the hundreds

of fruit-pickers now working there.

5th S. Coloured children will gather in many different places and under various conditions for Sunday School classes today. Pray earnestly for missionaries and their helpers as they take the Word to their little ones today.

6th M. In several of our cities we have Advisory Councils. The men and women on these councils have a real responsibility upon their shoulders. Pray that the Lord will guide them and increase their faith as they deal with the matters of business which come before them month by month.

7th Tu. *MOREE, N.S.W.* The Lord has supplied suitable transport for Mr. and Mrs. Klien-schmidt in this centre and now the missionaries plan regular visits to the out-stations. Pray fervently for this work. Let us pray that some of the blessing experienced in Moree itself will spread to the various out-stations as the visits are maintained.

8th Wed. *BOGGABILLA*, on the Queensland border comes before us today. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Associate Workers have laboured here for many years. Blessing has been experienced but now the evil One is contending for the souls of men. Pray that His Name be glorified and His work extended.

9th Th. Building programmes and accommodation claim our interests today. The mission house at Murgon (Cherbourg) has been partly reconstructed. At Woorabinda, the need for builders to care for the house and church is urgent. Permanent accommodation for Mr. and Mrs. Caddy and their family in Sydney is still a need as we go to press. Gather these requests before the Lord as you pray today.

10th Fr. The first Quarterly Rally for the year will be held in Sydney tonight. Several missionaries who are on furlough will speak. Will you pray that the Lord will bless all who

gather to hear something of the triumphs of the Gospel.

11th Sa. The Retta Dixon Home Building programme is slowly going ahead. Voluntary helpers from the south have been a wonderful help. Yet there is need for more skilled and unskilled help. Ask the Lord to undertake that the project will be completed as planned.

12th Su. The Darwin Leprosarium worship service will be held this afternoon. We praise the Lord for the unique blessing that has attended this work. Remember these needy people today. Pray too, for those who are discharged and return to their inland homes to live and witness for Christ.

13th M. Pastor Bill Bird and his wife labour faithfully for the Lord at Fingal. Over the years this centre has regularly supported the Native Missionaries in their service. Pray for the believers here that they will continue this ministry as well as partly support their own pastor.

14th Tu. Prayer is always needed for the General Fund of the mission. He who "owns the cattle on the thousand hills" is mindful of this need. Pray with us that every need will be supplied to maintain the work and enable us to step out in new ventures as we are led.

15th W. The students at the Singleton Bible Training Institute have settled down to the routine and study of His Word. The staff are burdened with the responsibility of training these young lives. Do remember them lovingly today. Pray too, that the ministry of students and staff in the Singleton district will be a blessing.

16th Th. Out in the far eastern corner of the Northern Territory is the isolated outpost of Borraloola. Mr. and Mrs. M. Pattermore and their family are serving here. Just now so many full-blood people will be about because

of the inactivity due to the wet season. Ask for a deep work of the Spirit in the lives of these needy folk. Pray also for the school work which the missionaries engage in.

17th Fr. Many centres on the field are at present without regular witness. This need lays heavily upon us. Pray for labourers, who called and fitted for service, could maintain an effective witness in these places. Both part-time and full-time workers can be used.

18th Sa. Many of our missionaries give Religious Instruction in Reserve schools, and sometimes in public schools where our coloured children attend. This excellent opportunity of service needs the backing of your prayer support. It often is the only contact with the Gospel some of the children have.

19th Su. The director of the A.I.M., the Rev. E. C. Long recently commenced his ministry at the Stanmore Baptist Church. Pray that the Lord will bless Mr. Long as he ministers to this very missionary-minded church. Remember him too, as he continues the oversight of the mission.

20th M. Hospital visitation is a wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel message and our missionaries take full advantage of the opening. Ask the Lord to bless the word of comfort so often spoken and for the literature and testimony left by our workers. Remember especially Miss Clark who specializes in this ministry in the Darwin area.

21st Tu. Every Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge travel the 90 miles from Darwin to Delissaville. This station has been without regular ministry for some time now and the folk at Darwin have endeavoured to visit weekly. Remember the Eldridges as they minister today. Pray that the Word will go out with power resulting in the salvation of souls.

22nd Wed. Woorabinda in central Queensland