

# Our Aim

"To give light to them that sit in darkness"

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## How Could I Face the Future?

ALMA HOELLEIN

How could I face the future  
Were Christ not real to me,  
With stormy clouds appearing  
On land, in air and sea?  
Though I know not the meaning  
Of all mine eyes can see,  
I know God's ways eternal  
Are always best for me.

The darkness may grow darker,  
But I shall know no fear,  
For Christ my Lord is with me,  
His presence is so near.  
My heart shall not be troubled  
With all the stress and strife,  
For God has oft' assured me,  
In Him is all my life.

The foe would have me frightened  
With what may soon take place;  
But I shall hide in Jesus,  
And trust His saving grace.  
And so through all the journey,  
My hope in Him is stayed;  
My heart will not be troubled,  
Nor will it be afraid.

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Are You Listening to . . .

## **"MIRACLES AND MELODIES"**

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4VL—Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

4SB—Sunday, 3.45 p.m.

2AD—Wednesday, 4.30 p.m.

2DU—Monday, 9.15 a.m.

8DN—Darwin, Tuesday, 5.45 p.m.

PRAY FOR . . .

1. THE MINISTRY OF THE SESSION.
2. THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SESSION.
3. THE EXTENSION OF THE SESSION.

# EDITORIAL



## THE GRACE OF GIVING

Our hearts are often touched by the loving sacrificial gifts of the Lord's people. Some letters which reach us remind us over and over again that the Lord's money is very precious.

Some months ago, a nurseryman in Sydney developed two new and beautiful carnations. Although he and his wife are already generous supporters of the work, they decided to give the entire proceeds of these two carnations to the A.I.M. So far in a little more than three months they have rejoiced to bring to us over £75.

They are not well off, nor do they own a home. They simply believe they are stewards of the Lord's bounty and know something of the grace of giving.

So much of the Lord's work is supported by older servants of Christ. What are our young people doing with the big wages many are earning today? Have we omitted to teach them the grace of giving?

Young people respond to a challenge. Here is the only challenge found in the Word of God, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10).

And would you pray also that the Lord will lay on the hearts of His people the need of the work among our aboriginal people in this first month of 1960 and throughout the months which follow?

## THE NEED OF OFFICE SECRETARIES

What is the hardest task a Mission Executive has to do? There are many problems which Christian workers would gladly leave for someone else to do, and a missionary society has its share along with every other organisation.

We had to write a letter recently which was most difficult — to ask a lady missionary to leave the Field and go to a capital city to take the oversight of our office and deputation work there.

It is only temporary and she herself has faced the matter before the Lord and is quite willing to accede to our request and is looking

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# BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

## Graduation Service

The Graduation Service held on the 5th December will long be remembered by not only the four graduates, but by all of the group of over two hundred that the Lord gathered for the occasion. Some of those attending came as far as from Port Augusta, S.A. Several folk also attended from Melbourne and when they left they assured us that it was well worthwhile coming all that way for the service. We had a very happy time of fellowship and praise the Lord for the spirit of the meeting.

The service was held again this

year in the Whittingham Hall. Mr. Howard Miles led the praise service which began at 7.45 p.m. and then turned the meeting over to Rev. E. Walsham who chaired it. Mrs. Lloyd led the choir in singing two numbers. Mr. Bowen presented the four graduates with their diplomas and awards.

Mr. Graham Paulson won the Gwendolin Gawthrop Memorial prize for being dux of the class for 1960. Each of the graduates was presented with a copy of Hally's Bible Handbook from the Hilda Curry Memorial.

Misses Clarice Ivey and Dorothy Lennon from Port Augusta, S.A.,

### The Four Graduates

Graham Paulson

Dorothy Lennon

Kathleen Naden

Clarice Ivey



and Kathellen Naden from Balladoran, N.S.W. were graduates from the third year course. Mr. Graham Paulson from Fingal Head, N.S.W. was graduated from the two year course. Graham intends to return in 1962 to take the third year studies. He will be leaving for Darwin in January to help with the building of the Retta Dixon Children's Home. Each of those graduating gave testimonies as to the faithfulness of the Lord during their school year.

Rev. R. Farquhar, Pastor of the Earlwood Baptist Church and a member of the Federal Advisory Council brought the Lord's message to us from the 4th chapter of 11 Timothy. It was a tremendous challenge to the hearts of all.

The students left for their homes during the two days following the Graduation Service. Pray

that their ministry at home will be blessed of the Lord.

#### Future Plans for the Institute

Ten young people have been accepted for training in the new term. Two young men from the Northern Territory, two from New South Wales, and six young women from New South Wales. We will have twelve students returning for their second year of study, making a total of twenty-two. Would you pray with us for these young people that the Lord will provide for their needs and bring all those He has called?

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen have been granted furlough from the 1st February for three months. Pray for them and for Miss Argerakis who will be coming to help out in their absence.

J. M. LLOYD, PRINCIPAL

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### NEED OF OFFICE SECRETARIES (Continued)—

forward to the work and fellowship of that city.

But is it right? Should a missionary have to leave her work on the Field to carry on work at the Home Base? Yes, the Home Base must be maintained. It is so in any military force and sometimes the most valuable and talented must be kept back from the front line so that the movement of forces can be planned and maintained.

But is it true that we cannot find anyone else to do this particular task? So far that is true. We have advertised and prayed for an office secretary for Sydney for example, but except for temporary help have not been able to find the right person. Surely in the capital cities of Sydney and Melbourne there are Christian women who are equipped and trained for office-work and who would be willing to see in this an opportunity for service for Christ. If you believe, our dear Christian Sister, if you could help in this "behind-the-scenes" service, would you write to us today? Or call in at our office in either Melbourne or Sydney and let us talk over this field of service with you.

# NATIVE MISSIONARY VISITS

## VICTORIA AND MURRAY VALLEY

This has been one of the most thrilling trips I have ever undertaken, writes Mr. David Kirk. "I have been challenged and encouraged a fresh, and am more determined to reach my people with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The entire trip covered some 3,000 miles.

It began with deputation meetings in Melbourne with Mr. Caddy. Churches, schools and Youth Fellowships were visited in the city and suburbs.

From Melbourne Mr. Kirk went to Drouin, Gippsland, where a number of coloured folk reside.

Three days of visiting and meetings with Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, Associate Workers, were enjoyed in this centre.

Concerning his time in the Murray Valley, Mr. Kirk writes,

I went by bus to Deniliquin, where I stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Page. The meetings on the Moonah Cullah reserve, some 25 miles N.W. of that town, were truly blessed of the Lord.

The fellowship of the Christians will never be forgotten. The Lord has done great things on Moonah Cullah and I believe His work is not finished yet.

After a week in this area, Mr



Four young men from Dareton, Mildura, Victoria, where our Associate Workers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins, are seeing much blessing.

Page drove me to Balranald. On the way over, we stopped at Moulamein, and had a meeting with our people in the Presbyterian Church. White people attended this service also.

We were reluctant to leave these folk, who seemed so appreciative of our visit, but had to go on to Balranald where a meeting was held in the A.I.M. Church at night.

I stayed 4 days here and had the joy of seeing souls make their decision for Christ. Fellowship and hospitality was enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon from Nyah West, Vic., came across for my last meeting and I went home with them that night, in order to

catch the bus to Mildura the next day.

The week in Mildura with Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins and family was a very enjoyable one indeed. At night we had meetings with the folk on the camp and during the day I was able to speak in R.I. classes, on the local radio station, etc. This was a very full week and a rich time of opportunity and blessing.

Now came the time to retrace my steps to Deniliquin. Each centre was revisited and fellowship enjoyed with those who had come into blessing on the previous visit.

I thank you all for your prayer support during this time. Please continue to pray for this area."

DAVID F. KIRK

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## "GOD USED AN ILLNESS . . ."

Here is a testimony from one of our native men, who has recently returned to the Lord after a long time "in the far country." Pray for him as you read.

In 1935 I turned from being a drunkard and a fighter and went on for two years with the Lord witnessing for Him amongst my own people. Then, one day I decided to leave Balranald, but I only got as far as the town, where the Tempter was lying in wait for me. I became so drunk that instead of leaving Balranald I returned home again in a very violent mood, breaking things in my home and abusing my wife.

But worst of all I committed an act which I never fail to think of without the deepest remorse—I even abused God's Word! Seizing it I threw it into the fire, and when my wife attempted to save it I further desecrated it by snatching it from her and tearing off the cover and also some of its holy pages. I had certainly sunk just about as low as a man could go and I was heartbroken and ashamed of what I had done.

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# ABORIGINES INLAND MISSION OF AUSTRALIA

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements  
Year ended 30th September, 1960.

RECEIPTS	£	£	DISBURSEMENTS	£	£
For General Purpose	10,021		Headquarters		
" Special Purpose	2,956		General & Phones	1,826	
" Property	663		Prayer Letter,		
" Transport	1,033		Postage, Sta-		
" Literature	89		tionery	600	
" Xmas Cheer	38				2,426
" Publicity Dept.	74		Field		
		14,874	see also separate statement		
BANK INTEREST		72	Rents and Allow-		
PERIODICALS			ances	4,983	
Our Aim	316		Transport & Trav.	2,312	
Evangel	546		Literature and		
		862	Radio	398	
			Property		
			New & Repairs	2,844	
			Rates & Ins.	150	
			Postage and		
			Stationary	68	
			Cheer & Sundries	13	
					10,768
			Periodicals		
			Our Aim	757	
			Evangel	697	1,454
			Mission Publications of Aus-		
			tralia		1,028
Total Receipts		15,808	Total Expenditure		15,676
Balance Brought Forward			Balance Carried Forward		
30/9/59		3,596	30/9/60		3,728
		£19,404			£19,404

I have examined the books and vouchers of THE ABORIGINES INLAND MISSION OF AUSTRALIA for the year ended 30th September, 1960.

In my opinion, based on such examination, the above Statement of Receipts and Disbursements is set out so as to present a true account of the movement of cash for the period, except that



(a) Cash movement for BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE, Singleton and RETTA DIXON HOME, Darwin, N.T. has been included above only in respect to amounts passing through Head Office, and

(b) Cash Movement re Interstate Advisory Councils has been included only in so far as monies have been received a Head Office.

F. ATKINSON, A.A.S.A.  
FEDERAL TREASURER  
3rd December, 1960.

WILFRED DAVIES,  
A.A.S.A., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.A.  
Hon. Auditor.

## ADDITIONAL FIELD STATISTICS

We thank God also for the figures given below and in the right-hand column. In addition to the amounts forwarded to the Field as shown in the above audited statement, a total of over £17,000 was received direct by our missionaries and over £2,000 was given in offerings by our native Churches and Sunday Schools. The details are as follows:

### SUPPORT RECEIVED DIRECT ON THE FIELD BY A.I.M. MISSIONARIES

1/10/59 to 30/9/60.

Cash received for personal support .....	£12,452
Cash received for the work on the Field .....	1,369
Value of gifts other than cash	
(a) For the workers	326
(b) For the work .....	2,997
	£17,144

Note: This amount does not include funds received by the Bible Training Institute, Singleton or the Retta Dixon Home, Darwin.

### OFFERINGS FROM A.I.M. CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

1/10/59 to 30/9/60.

#### RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Church Offerings .....	1,271	0	2
Sunday School and C.E. Offerings .....	385	15	1
For Building Funds	243	1	6
For the A.A.M.M.	145	11	9
For the Evangel .....	22	10	7
	£2,067	19	1

#### EXPENSES

	£	s.	d.
For local church expenses .....	478	1	4
For local Sunday School expenses	265	8	0
Sent to A.A.M.M. Treasurer .....	473	13	4
For building purposes .....	102	5	5
Sent to the Evangel	56	1	0
Gifts to Missionaries and other Missions, etc. ....	386	13	0
	£1,762	2	1

## ENCOURAGEMENT AT MOREE

One recent Monday night one of the Christian ladies called on us and asked if we would hold a special meeting in a home where the angel of death had struck. After hurried preparation the missionary was ready to go on his errand to preach a Living Christ to a group of coloured folk who normally would not be found under the sound of the Gospel.

The training classes being held for the Christians have proved to be a real blessing. It is very encouraging to the missionaries to be able to sit back in the Sunday morning service and listen to the people conducting the meeting.

Mr. Hallett has been able to visit Mungindi, a distance of 72 miles, on two occasions. This town situated on the Queensland border, is one of our outstations. The people here do not receive much spiritual help and Mr. Hallett was glad to have the opportunity of conducting several good meetings for them.

Again this month we were able to share fellowship with Mr. Jepson, Baptist minister from Gunedah. His films shown in the open air at the Top Camp, drew about 100 children and adults.

This month the swimming pool was opened on the Government station. We give praise to the Lord for the co-operation of the Manager, who keeps the pool closed during Sunday School.

It was my joy and privilege recently to conduct my first baptismal service here. Two of our sisters, Mesdames, Dillon and Draper were baptised on Sunday, October 23rd, in the river about five miles from town. With the help of Mr. Walker, Welfare Officer for Aborigines, we were able to transport a small company of folk to witness this event.

HARRY KLEINSCHMIDT

### **"DON'T FORGET TO COME BACK!"**

"Don't forget to come back!" was the cry of the boys and girls, as I left Pilliga to return to Moree.

Around Moree are many outstations and over the past month or so the Lord has opened up the way for me to visit some of them. Let me tell of my recent visit to the outstations of Pilliga.

## ARMIDALE



Mr. Roy Hallett, whose itinerary to Mungindi and Pilliga is described in the reports on these two pages.

It was about 5 o'clock when I arrived, but by 7.30 that night the people were assembled together for a Gospel meeting. This was the first of the three meetings I was able to hold in the short time I was there.

The next afternoon after school about 4.15 the children came together for their meeting, but they didn't want to go home at 6 o'clock, they would have stayed longer.

That evening I gathered the adults together for another meeting, and as I prepared to leave it was the children's voices ringing in my ears, "Don't forget to come back!"

Will you join me in prayer that it will be made possible for workers to visit these outstations around Moree regularly?

ROY HALLETT

During the summer months the Lord has led us out more among the people instead of meetings in the homes. The results have been encouraging as the Lord answered our cry of, "Where and how do we win souls for Thee!"

A nice group meet for Sunday School in the morning and at night the fire is lit and they begin to come together, approximately 50 gather, about 30 children and young people.

The young ones are the keenest and most responsive and four signified their desire to accept Jesus as their Saviour on Sunday night last. Quite a number of these children come from Catholic homes and we give this challenge to those who will pray with us, that the Lord will save and keep them.

The great need of a building to meet in faces us each time we go out, with cold wind and the rain and we are looking to the Lord for this too.

We thank God for encouragements in the work, those who help with transport and help in any way possible. With the news of new homes for our people in Armidale, we look to the Lord for the new life in Christ which alone can change these true Australians and this is our earnest prayer, and "Our God is Able."

MR. AND MRS. N. BELL

**IMPORTANT  
PRAYER  
REQUESTS  
ON PAGES  
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# Activities on Woorabinda

If you were to visit Woorabinda on a Friday night you would wonder may be, just what IS going on at the A.I.M. Church! From all over the Settlement you can hear the noise!

It's "Games Night" and the children from 4 to 17 sometimes divided into 2 age groups, play anything from tunnall ball (with a stuffed ball) or bean bag (a bag of sand) to nursery rhymes, or fruit salad — in a small room. We certainly reach quite a group of the children.

On Tuesday afternoon we hold the Ladies Sewing Meeting when a group of 8 attend, some very regularly — and make small garments for the children. Afternoon tea is served and a short devotional service is held each week. At the breaking up meeting of the year the sewing was left and some quiet games and competitions were held for the amusement and enlightenment of all. The proceeds

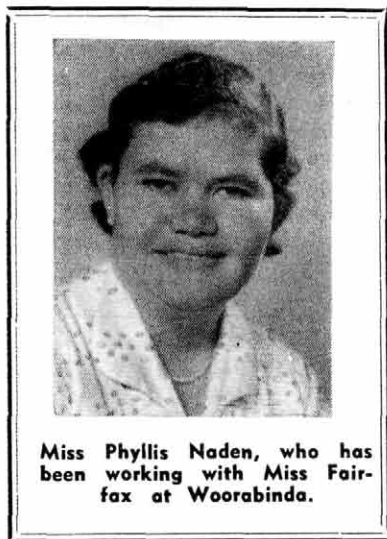
of the sale of clothes is for equipment for our new church.

Philip Booth (for whom I have been asking prayer) has decided that the Intermediate C. E. would be more workable on a Monday evening (although this means every night out for him) and so the past 3 months he has been building up this Society and now he reports about 20 on the roll. He seems to have caught the interest of the teenagers and runs this Society all on his own. Pray for him he is very young and the only very keen and capable young man on Woorabinda, and for that reason Satan would desire to have him.

On Tuesday night a Christmas Play was held. "The characters of Christmas meet Christ" — in which about 40 tinies to teenage children took part. Miss Aland assisted as the Reader, and she invited about 8 of the Officials to attend. One item that attracted much attention was a Christmas carol set to Brahms's Lullaby sung by two seven-year-olds. The play finished with the 4 characters of Christmas appearing — The Wise Man — The Shepherd — The King — The Innkeeper and one of the Christians finishing with "AND YOU — WHAT WILL YOU DO?"

We would value prayer and real interest in the work here.

M. FAIRFAX



Miss Phyllis Naden, who has been working with Miss Fairfax at Woorabinda.

# Australian Aborigines'

## Missionary Movement

The support of the native missionaries is largely the responsibility of the native churches. This support is handled through the A.A.M.M., the Australian Aborigines Missionaries Movement which has its headquarters at the Bible Training Institute, Singleton. Here is the statement for the last twelve months.

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward 1/10/59	2	4	6		
Received from churches and friends	628	5	9		
	<u>630</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>		
			Allowances to Native Missionaries	540	0 0
			Designated gift	5	0 0
			Travel allowances	25	0 0
			Evangel and postages	57	10 3
			Bal. on hand 30/9/60	3	0 0
				<u>630</u>	<u>10 3</u>

Listed below is detailed account of gifts received for the

NAME	A.A.M.M.	AMOUNT
		£ s. d.
Armidale	.....	14 0 0
Balranald	.....	8 16 0
Bible Training Institute	.....	122 5 0
Brisbane	.....	18 1 8
Cherbourg	.....	15 17 0
Condobolin	.....	27 18 3
Darlington Point	.....	9 0 0
Dubbo	.....	5 0 0
Fingal	.....	91 3 11
Griffith	.....	13 8 9
Moree	.....	10 10 0
Palm Island	.....	106 6 5
Redfern	.....	9 0 0
Stuart Park	.....	19 1 6
U.S.A.	.....	71 6 6
Winnellie	.....	5 0 0
Woorabinda	.....	23 10 0
Other gifts	.....	58 0 0

## TESTIMONY—(Continued from Page 7)—

How I had fallen, and yet during the two years I had walked with the Lord my faith in Him was great and He had faithfully supplied all our needs. How powerful are the ways of the Devil, but our God is even more powerful and He can restore us again. When I first tried to come back to Him I could not seem to find Him, but I can now say that I have proved His wonderful saving power, and I know that He is "able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that Day." I have certainly been kept by His power.

God used an illness to bring me back again to Him and to make me aware of my unclean and sinful state, and now I know He will always help me to fight a battle against the Evil One and win.

I am glad to be able to say that we have services here twice a week and I have started a Prayer Meeting. I am very happy to be taking an active part in the Lord's work again. Truly He has created in me a clean heart and renewed a right spirit within me also.

I have been very much helped recently by the presence of Mr. David Kirk, and it is at his request that I write this testimony, hoping that someone else will be helped in a very real way.

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

SAM KIRBY,

BALRANALD, N.S.W.

### NEEDED URGENTLY

**Accommodation in Sydney for . . .**

**MISSIONARY FAMILY**

FROM EARLY JANUARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. Caddy and family have been transferred to Sydney to assist in the work there. Accommodation, preferably a rented part-furnished house is urgently needed.

Please contact . . .

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## **FORMER MISSIONARY CALLED HOME**

Miss M. Tatlock Brown, one of the early pioneer missionaries of the A.I.M., was called Home to see the Lord face to face recently. At the time of her homecall Miss Brown was living in Perth. She was 85 years of age.

Miss Brown joined the A.I.M. in June, 1909 and served first at the Kooriewahl Girls' Home at Singleton. From the very beginning she showed strong initiative and an indomitable pioneer spirit. Much of the A.I.M. in Western New South Wales was opened up by Miss Brown beginning in 1916, often under extreme hardship and even danger. One of the most thrilling stories of those days was the rescue of Miss Brown by one of the dark men during a disastrous flood.

Then in June, 1923, amid great interest and promised prayer sup-



God never uses anyone to a great degree, until He has broken that one all to pieces.

God has ordained that nothing in this world will satisfy the human heart.

—HARRY A. IRONSIDE

The servants of God are not promised immunity from periods of despondency if they violate natural and spiritual laws.

While the learned are fumbling to find the latch, the simple and poor have entered into the kingdom of God.

—ST. AUGUSTINE

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port, Miss Brown became the first missionary of the A.I.M. to the needy natives on the Transcontinental Railway Line and God richly blessed her pioneer efforts. This section of the A.I.M. Field was relinquished when the U.A.M. took up the work on the Trans Line.

For a number of years Miss Brown was associated with various Missions and Mission Stations throughout Australia, and in recent years again helped in the work of the A.I.M.

We will miss our sister. She will always be remembered by all who knew her. We sometimes wonder if we who remain to carry on have quite that same restless drive which is energized by the compassion and love of Christ, and which was such a notable characteristic of the early missionaries.

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Founder of the A.I.M.

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