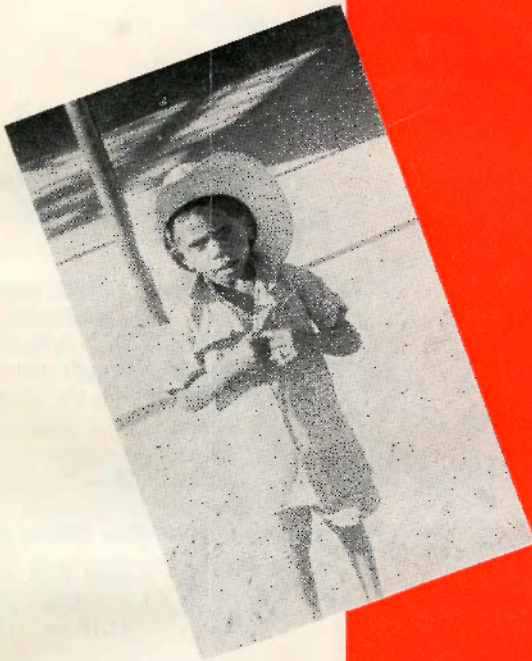


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CHANGES!

This article is being written at Condobolin, a typical N.S.W. western town which is situated about half-way down the winding Lachlan River.

This centre has long been a focal point on the A.I.M. map.

I have come here to introduce Mr. G. Smith to the people in this area. Mr. Smith has been loaned to the local A.I.M. Church for a period of six months.

There has been a notable change here since I last visited the work.

Today many of the Aboriginal families are living in modern, well-kept homes in the town area (more homes will be built for the people this year).

So the centre of A.I.M. work, which for so long has been in the church building on the Reserve, is no longer the hub of activities. To meet the need of the people services will need to be held in town if the work is to be as effective as possible.

Remember Mr. Smith in his new situation and also the members of the Church in this new situation.

This is but one instance of changes that are coming across the field today.

Wesley R Caddy

The Littlest Cowboy — Stephen is the youngest 'cowboy' in Newcastle Waters, N.T.

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What's in a name!

by

Wesley R. Caddy

What is the difference between a missionary, native missionary, associate missionary, associate worker, and staff worker?

Confused! Then let's talk it over a little.

A MISSIONARY is one who makes formal application to the Federal Council of the Mission to work in a full-time capacity. He or she is usually Bible College trained and has had experience in Christian service. He must be willing to trust the Lord for all his financial and temporal needs as there is no guarantee of any financial help from mission funds. After his acceptance and completion of his probationary period, he becomes a fully accredited missionary.

A NATIVE MISSIONARY is a man or woman of Aboriginal blood who feels called to full time service among his own people. The application is made to the Field Council and the candidate, after acceptance, either works full-time or part-time with the Mission. He too, must live on faith lines, but does usually receive a small allowance from the Australian Aborigines Missionary Movement each month (The A.A.-M.M. is supported by the Aboriginal churches across the Field.)

Those who wish for some reason or another, to serve as a missionary for a stated time only, may apply to the Field Council to become an ASSOCIATE MISSIONARY. He or she is appointed to a centre and works full time but does not have voting powers nor does he benefit in any

way from the funds of the Mission.

ASSOCIATE WORKERS are those who live locally and follow their own daily occupation, but wish to bring Christ to the Aborigines in their area. They either work with the missionary, or as in most areas where there are no missionaries, work under the Area Superintendent. They too, are appointed by the Field Council.

The term STAFF WORKER refers to the men and women who are

house mothers and fathers in the Retta Dixon Homes, Darwin, N.T. These are appointed to the Homes only and work full time there. A financial arrangement is made with the Superintendent who allocates allowances from Home funds.

**SO THAT'S WHAT WE ARE!!!
MISSIONARY, OR STAFF WORKER,
OR WHATEVER, WE ALL
NEED YOUR PRAYER SUPPORT
IN REACHING TODAY'S GENERATION
TODAY!!**

GOD'S UNCHANGING WORD

For feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God,
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever;
For, though all things shall pass away,
His Word shall stand forever.

—MARTIN LUTHER.



RUSH FOR BIBLES IN JAPAN

More and more people are buying Bibles in Japan, states the Japan Bible Society. Although there are only 800,000 Christians in Japan, over three million Scriptures were sold in one year.

VIETNAM

Pocket Testament League Foreign Secretary, Glenn W. Wagner, and Dr. Andrew Ben Loo are now in Saigon where there is unprecedented opportunity. Two hundred thousand Vietnamese Gospels are being printed and they are looking to the Lord to provide for the printing of at least one million copies.



A happy family from Delissaville, N.T. Minnie and Roy Bigfoot and their smiling children.

Bibles for Ghana

An urgent order for 500,000 Bibles recently arrived at the British and Foreign Bible Society from Ghana. The order was placed by Ghana's government-sponsored book-supplying agency, which said that half the copies should be in the King James Version, the other half in several tribal dialects.

The Bibles will be distributed in schools throughout the country, which has a population of about seven million.

Christian Life.

GOOD NEWS

Be not afraid of their faces; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Jer. 1.8.

CHINA

The Far East Broadcasting Company asks prayer for the Christians on the China mainland. Recent reports indicate effectiveness of the radio ministry in helping Christians to maintain their sanity and testimony under difficult circumstances.

HONG KONG

The Oriental Boat Mission reports that thousands of the boat people have been removed from the waterways in Hong Kong to government homes on land making it necessary for their workers to move with them to continue the ministry. At the same time their boat stations continue their operations among the larger boats allowed to remain in the harbors.

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A.I.M. CHURCH TO BE REFORMED IN DUBBO, N.S.W.

On Sunday, February 20, coloured Christians from Wellington, Gilgandra, Balladoran and Dubbo, met to discuss the possibilities of reforming the Dubbo A.I.M. Church.

Real interest in this forward move was evident and it is hoped this may come into being, early this month.

Area Superintendent, Mr. W. R. Caddy was present for this meeting which had been called by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Naden, Associate Workers, of Gilgandra.

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NEW WORKERS FOR PALM ISLAND

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lymburn, who are candidates for overseas missionary work, have gone to Palm Island for 12 months to help in the A.I.M. work there. Miss M. Spohn will now be free to return to the R.D. Homes in Darwin, N.T.

NATIVE MISSIONARY MARRIES

The marriage of Miss Kathleen Naden, native missionary, and Mr. Ben Bird, student of the Bible Training Institute, Singleton, N.S.W., was celebrated in the Church of Christ, Gilgandra, N.S.W., by Mr. W. R. Caddy, on Saturday, January 15. Mr. N. Flint, pastor of the Church, assisted in the ceremony.

Miss Naden, who has been in full-time service for over four years has served at Condobolin, Darwin, Palm Island and Redfern. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Naden, Associate Workers of Gilgandra, and the grand-daughter of the late Pastor W. B. Naden and of Mrs. S. Naden of Balladoran.

Mr. Bird too, has had long association with the A.I.M. and has just completed two years study at the Institute.

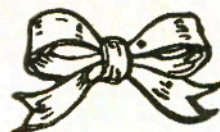
The bride was dressed in lace and tulle, with a short veil held in place with a satin and pearl coronet. She was attended by her sister, Phyllis (also a native Missionary) and Misses B. Caddy and D. Lennon. The groom's attendants were his brother, Peter, nephew Noel, and Mr. John Towney Jnr.

Among guests ushered into the church by Mr. C. Grant, Jnr., included Mr. and Mrs. F. Krause, of Palm Island, Q., Miss M. Stevens of Brisbane, Q., Mr. and Mrs. M. Winson and Mrs. W. R. Caddy of Sydney, Mr. and Mrs. C. Grant, Snr., of Leeton, N.S.W., Miss E. Walker of Griffith, N.S.W. and the 'groom's brother and his wife, Pastor and Mrs. W. Bird of Moree, N.S.W.

The reception was held in the Presbyterian Hall when friends and relatives gathered to rejoice with the happy young couple. Congratulatory telegrams were received from right across the Field and personal friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird will take up residence at the Bible Institute, Singleton, to enable Mr. Bird to continue his studies for another year.

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RIDING ON HIGH PLACES

by

V. M. Sullivan

Deuteronomy 32:9, 12-14

In this passage simile is heaped upon simile to bring home the tenderness of God's love.

THE LORD'S PEOPLE

What a lovely name for them, "The Lord's portion"! They are "His inheritance" (Eph. 1:18) "His own", (John 13:1), His special possession and very precious to Him. But if they were His portion, He was also theirs (Ps. 119:57) because He purchased and redeemed them.

FOUND BY HIM

Notice the singular, "He found him (Israel) in the desert". The size of God's family does not affect the preciousness of the individual soul. The flock is made up of individual sheep and, although the Shepherd had one hundred sheep, He yearned over the lost one (Luke 15:4, 5). The word "found" implies that Israel was lost and that He, the Good Shepherd, had been seeking them. He also sought us at great cost.

"And none of the ransomed ever knew

How deep were the waters crossed,
Nor how dark was the night that
the Lord passed through,

Ere he found His sheep that was
lost".

He found him . . . in the great, howling wilderness. The word "wilderness" suggests a vacuum, a life being wasted, having no set purpose, no proper goal, living only for the temporal. "Howling" suggests danger and fear, a fear of the unknown or perhaps of the roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

LED BY HIM

"He led him about" (v.10). In this connection the word means "turned, to bring round about". Israel had been going his own way, in the wrong direction, and before the Lord could lead him, he had first to turn, to be brought to repentance. The life has to be re-directed, given new aims, a new goal, new desires and a new purpose. After the Lord turned him, then He led him forth and guided his every step. We thank God for the fellowship we have one with another along life's journey but sometimes we have to walk with the Lord alone. "The Lord alone did lead him" (v.12). When the hill is steep and rough and the path narrow, it is safer to walk

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alone with Him, when we see "no man save Jesus only".

Perhaps we have parted from a dear one and we find the Lord is leading us along a rugged path when we feel absolutely bereft, but, the Lord is with us, "He alone" and always He leads by the right way. "There was no strange God with him", He was not a stranger but One Who had led and guided all the way through.

When we reach the glory land, how glad we shall be of the dark day when Christ took us climbing the narrow steep, leaning on Him alone, indeed it can be a blessed experience to us here and now.

He was instructed by Him (v.10). It is the work of the Holy Spirit to cause us to understand spiritual things. He chooses the lessons we need to learn (Psalm 25:12), and uses the best methods when teaching them. He is the great Teacher (John 14:26) and we need to depend utterly upon Him.

KEPT BY HIM

"He kept him as the apple of His eye" (v.10). The apple of the eye, the pupil, is the tenderest and most essential part. The eye is protected more than any other portion of the body; it has a bony structure, eye-

lids and lashes to guard it from injury. In this way does God keep us (Zech. 2:8). We cannot keep ourselves but we are kept by the power of God. He Who finds us, keeps us. The Lord Himself is the Keeper, He does not commit this work to another. The keeping is described in the words, "in perfect peace" (Isaiah 26:3), inward and outward peace. He keeps him whose mind (imagination) is stayed on Him. "Peace, peace", is the revised version as though the soul dwelt within double doors.

MADE TO RIDE ON HIGH PLACES

High places are not easy, they are steep and difficult, but while living there circumstances will not get us down, rather we shall be above them, looking at them "from the top", from God's standpoint. When everything is going smoothly with them, many people say, "I am on top of the world", but when difficulties arise, they are down in the depths. The victorious Christian, is riding on high places, regardless of the circumstances. Let us claim the promise, "Thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath". (Deut. 28:13). Paul was able to say, "God, which always causeth us o triumph in Christ."

FED BY HIM

In the high places there is every kind of wholesome food to strengthen and sustain (v.14), butter and milk, the sincere milk of the Word and strong meat for strong men, with wine that makes glad the heart, so that here we have sustenance and joy.

HONEY OUT OF THE ROCK

Not only was the ordinary increase of the field provided but that which was uncommon, honey out of the rock (v.13), the most unlikely place. So honey is to be obtained from the rock of hard circumstances. God provides the honey of comfort in sor-

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row, of peace in trouble, a forgiving spirit when injured, encouragement when depressed, patience when tired and peace when anxious. Many can look back and thank God for the hard rocks where they found the honey.

But some do not find the honey, the hard circumstances is only hard rock to them. Referring to his supposed loss of Joseph, of Simeon and the impending loss of Benjamin, Jacob said, "all these things are against me". He failed to extract honey from the rock. Yet God was going to turn all these circumstances into blessing for Jacob.

OIL OUT OF THE FLINTY ROCK

Oil is the symbol of joy (Heb. 1:9) Paul extracted oil from the flinty rock when he was joyful in tribulation (2 Cor. 7:4). There can be the joy of the Lord even in our mourning. (Isaiah 61:3). Oil is also a symbol of comfort and nourishment. How refreshing is oil for tired feet after a long, wearisome journey. Of Asher, it was said, "Let him dip his foot in oil." The ointment or oil with which Mary of Bethany anointed the feet of our Lord refreshed Him in body and spirit. When weary and perhaps discouraged, let us extract oil from the flinty rock.

Oil is also a symbol of the Holy Spirit and it is through Him that we receive all these blessings. Oil is used for lubrication and makes for smooth running, removing friction. How we need the oil when we have to deal with difficult people! The Holy Spirit can enable us to "keep the unity of the Spirit".

So let us seek to extract oil from the flinty rock.

CHURCHES GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

by
Cecil Grant

At our last meeting of the Committee it was decided that we should go ahead with plans to organize an intensive evangelistic itinerary for Maori evangelist, Mr. Bob Kingi.

God willing, Mr. Kingi will commence with us on May 14 of this year. His first visit will be to the Mildura district where meetings have been arranged by our Associate Workers, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, for Dareton. We then plan for him to visit the Northern Territory and later, Queensland.

Miss J. Phillips, our missionary in Brisbane has arranged a campaign in September when Mr. Kingi and Miss E. Walker will be the speakers.

Brethren, our prayer is that the Lord may be pleased to use this definite evangelistic thrust in a mighty way amongst our people across the Field.

ON FURLOUGH



Miss E. Webb, who has been working at Murrin Bridge, N.S.W., is at present with her mother in Sydney.

We have just concluded our third year of operation under the "Cottage System" at the Retta Dixon Home.

There has been much of the usual trial, testing and then triumph through the year.

RETTA DIXON HOMES

1965 ANNUAL REPORT

by

Mervyn V. Pattemore

We are constantly assured however that God is working His purposes out. He does, "work all things together for good to those who love Him, to them who are called according to His purpose."

The work of the Retta Dixon Home is a declared work for God and the salvation of souls! — Any wonder then that difficulties come and that at times we should encounter direct and bitter opposition. The wicked one works at times as a roaring lion and at other times as an angel of light. This fact, we all must recognise.

We do thank God that victory is in Christ Jesus, as we have brought difficulties and trials to Him, we have found He is not a disappointment.

It is distressing to find the number of children there are in such a relatively small city like Darwin, for whom a parent seeks admission. All too frequently are pleas for help with accommodation for one child or more. One of the more recent requests was for a family of eight children. This inquiry came as a result of a broken home.

Needless to say, we cannot always help as requested (the Home is usually taxed to capacity) but as figures show, there is a service of a tempor-

ary nature that meets the need of the moment.

Then at times we are in a position to advise and help in seeking to maintain the family as a unit, thus rendering a far greater service than we can ever do in admitting the children to the Home.

The number of children in residence at the Home is much the same as for the previous period of 1963-64.

Figures show a total of 72 children by average throughout the year, while the number of individual children cared for was 94. The Retta Dixon family increases when is added the 17 staff children who share the life and interests of the Home with those who, for various reasons have been accepted as our special care.

PURSUIITS:

The children have been occupied in the usual pursuits. School holiday camps have been enjoyed by all in September, Christmas and May. Bigger buildings and improved facilities have proved a real help in lightening the burden of the camp workers and adding to the comfort of all.

The Girls' Life Brigade meet regu-

larly and a good interest is maintained. Each week numbers of girls from Rapid Creek and Nightcliff (outer suburbs of Darwin) are brought to the Home to share in the benefits that the Brigade affords.

Sunday School continues in the Recreation Hall each Sunday afternoon, under the leadership of Mr. D. Henderson. Most of the children sat for the Sunday School Exam at the end of June, doing quite well.

EDUCATION

We are grateful to the Headmasters and staff of the schools for their kindly co-operation and assistance over the year, and have been pleased with some of the reports both academically and socially. Approximately 65 children attend the Nightcliff Primary School.

Five of the children attended the Darwin High School while three little ones went to the Nightcliff Pre-school.

Of the four girls who left the Home two years ago, for higher education in the South, two still remain at school.

We are glad to be able to say that these two have really done well and that they are making good use of

this splendid opportunity that is theirs.

STAFF:

The following staff movements are recorded for the year. Those having left the work are, Mrs. Reid on the occasion of her marriage, and Mrs. Bell due to ill health. Then Miss Spohn and Miss K. Naden were transferred and are actively engaged in A.I.M. work in Queensland. We are most appreciative of all the loving care and self sacrificial labour these workers have given over the years they were with us.

Valuable temporary help was given by Sister W. Miller, Miss D. Egging and Miss Ruth Karkalen.

Added to our ranks during the year were Mr. and Mrs. D. Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. E. McGuire. Both of these couples have completed and qualified at a short Child Care Course in Melbourne, prior to coming to the Home.

HEALTH:

The children have maintained a good average state of health. The usual ills of childhood have beset us at different times, measles, chicken pox and 'flu, having run their course. We are glad to report that there have been no serious accidents.

The assistance and services of the Department of Health, the friendly and valuable advice from week to week of their visiting Infant Welfare Sister has contributed much to the healthy state of our large family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

It would take too long to innumerate the many kind friends who have contributed to the work over the year.

Many are known to us only by letter but faithfully as the occasion arises, could be a birthday or Christmas or the turn of the calendar, we get a parcel, a donation with the assurance of prayer.

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Then there are groups who have "adopted" a cottage or a particular child in a cottage, who sew, give and maintain a constant interest and prayer support.

As well, we acknowledge the local help from friends at the Community Church, from local business firms who help in many ways. Gifts of fruit, vegetables, cakes and buns, sweets and milk, also good used clothing come to us from time to time and are much appreciated.

A familiar sight in the evening is the "Cake Lady". Her visit never fails to call forth the excitement of the children, which runs high over cream buns and the like.

CONCLUSION:

This past year has been a difficult year, as has been intimated earlier. Staff shortages and sickness have all added extra burdens to an already difficult task.

We have not seen that settling and consolidating work to the extent which we had hoped for. Notwithstanding, we "press toward the mark", and "Run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus". However much out of context these quotes may be, the truth

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is implicit. This is a work of Faith. Faith looks to the mighty God, the God of all Power and Grace and Love. Those who trust in Him, will never be disappointed.

Thus we testify to the Lord's un-failing faithfulness in all things, for inspiration, encouragement and daily strength enabling us to engage in this great task.



don't forget to notify us of your new address . . . AND include your previous address also.



A group of children from the Retta Dixon Homes, Darwin, and other local children listen to an open air service in the Gardens.

Missionary

MOMENTS



by

E. M. Walker.

A day on the farm always brings a certain amount of excitement. You feel free from everyday routine. Farmers work very hard and their hours and days are long.

"You've no idea how we long to see and feel the rain drops", said the farmer.

"It's a wonder anything will grow in soil as dry as this", he continued. "You know it's wonderful that anything grows at all — everything is wonderful in nature."

"Plants have a wonderful reserve — comes the dry spell, they keep on longer than you think and they take a lot of drowning when it's wet."

'Pity more folks aren't like them—

there are too many of them that can't stand extremes of anything — a peck of trouble, loss in any way and over they go!"

"Likewise, a bit of good fortune—a 'step up' in the world — and they can't stand it".

And before we could say anything to farmer Lewis he said, "I reckon that it's only those who are rooted and grounded in the love of God and His Word that can stand firm in wet or dry, no matter which way fortune's wind happens to blow."

Native Missionaries Loaned to Local Churches

At the recent Field Council Meetings held at the Headquarters of the Mission, 135, Wentworth Rd., Enfield, N.S.W. It was felt that we should endeavour to help local churches who were unable to call a pastor.

With this in mind it was decided to loan Miss E. Walker to the A.I.M. Church at Griffith N.S.W. until September of this year, and Mr. G. Smith to the Church at Condobolin, N.S.W. for a period of six months.

Both Miss Walker and Mr. Smith are at these centres now.

Sermon Outlines

JOYS OF THE CHRISTIAN

Rejoice always. I Thess. 6.16.

There are three things that the Christian should do constantly; rejoice, pray and give thanks. I Thess. 5.16-18.

To 'rejoice always' is our duty and privilege.

1. Joy of sins forgiven. Ps. 32.1.
2. The Joy of communion with God. I John 1.3, Ps. 16.11. There are three methods of communion with God:
 1. Prayer.
 2. Thanksgiving.
 3. Worship.
4. The Joy of feasting on the Word. Jeremiah 15-16.
5. The Joy of suffering for Christ. Acts 5.40.
6. The Joy of the Holy Spirit. I Thess. 1.6.

PROJECTS FOR 1966—

PERSONNEL:

Men and women, surrendered to Jesus Christ as Lord, to work as **missionaries** — as **houseparents** in Retta Dixon Homes — as **office assistants** — and a **carpenter/builder** for maintenance of mission houses and churches.

PROGRAMME:

Special **evangelical and teaching** missions across the Field.

Children's missions and Bible School.

Growth and outreach of the native churches through the **Churches Guidance Committee**.

Reaching and teaching the people through a wider range of **Mission Publications of Australia** literature, and other Christian publications.

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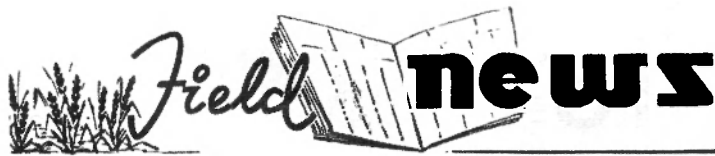
Essential extensions at **Headquarters**.

Completion of **Darwin A.I.M. Community Church** building at Nightcliff.

Church Hall at Katherine, N.T.

Transport for several of the missionaries.

Keep this in a prominent position to aid your prayer support for this year.



TENNANT CREEK, N.T.

CHRISTMAS DAY was spent among the 'shepherds' of these parts — stockmen who 'watch' over the cattle of this northern area. The Walkabout Season finds them camped by the waterholes of the creeks and rivers, and due to early rains there was good water in the Morphett Creek, eight miles south of Banka Banka station.

The year-end period is one given to their own corroboree gatherings, but an afternoon meeting with the women bore testimony to all there of the new beginning for all people everywhere, in Christ's coming.

NEW YEAR'S first Sunday morning gathering in the Tennant Creek camp brought a surprise in the absence of Theresa and her children. Her husband, Banjo, had been allotted a house in the town. By way of explanation let me mention that except on two occasions, once when away at the Warrabri Settlement and again when having to attend hospital, Theresa had not missed a single meeting. There were times when the family was away in town, but Theresa would not even then fail to return in time to be present at the meeting. When commencing the work at this centre it was her suggestion, at which hut, we would gather. When therefore I found that this family had moved into town I felt at a loss, but Theresa's brother, Alec Brian, had recently come up from Warrabri and he too, like his sister, had entered into blessing when at Phillip Creek, where the Government Settlement was situated in earlier days and where our missionaries had then laboured. That afternoon Theresa was awaiting my arrival to take them into the camp, and for a first time her husband was present at the meeting —and at its conclusion helped me change a deflated tyre.

'REGIONS BEYOND' an old van's reach! Many of the people from Tableland stations are in town at this time. "You will be welcome to come out to us," said one man. Others though, to me, seem to think as one woman told me at Mt. Bundy station outside Adelaide River, "I don't know you now!" so long it was since last I had been there!

Let us give ourselves earnestly to pray for the distance barriers to be overcome, in a vehicle fit to take me to these remote cattle stations, that the Good Tidings proclaimed by the angels may be echoed in other 'fields.'

"We will praise Him for what is past,
and trust Him for that which is to come."

Charles Main.

NEWCASTLE WATERS, N.T.

As the flood waters rose, children as well as older folk caught fresh water fish with flywire — mosquito nets and with sticks. Newcastle Waters river is up over the road posts and still rising.

Our Baptismal Service takes place on Sunday afternoon at 3.00 p.m. when five of the Christians testify to God's mercy and love as they go through the waters of Baptism.

Bobby and Lind have a little baby boy born this month. They attend our Church.

After a week away (short holiday), we thank the Lord for our safe travelling, especially coming over the four miles stone bridge crossing. The river is now impassable.

ELLIOTT

For the first time, the Church and nine young people from the Newcastle Waters Church went carol singing. We were thanked by the police and two families for the singing. The police took up a collection and gave the money to the Church. This was a very acceptable gift.

I know we don't usually do things like this. We told the people that our singing was to show that a Church does exist and is at work for Christ.

Two deacons, Jackson and John, looked after the two Churches for the week I was away. It has helped them to take responsibilities. I am thankful for these two.

W. and B. Fejo.

VICTORIA RIVER DOWNS, N.T.

We were thrilled a while back to have Mr. Pattemore and Mr. and Mrs. Bridges to visit us. Because of this we took the opportunity to commence our first meeting with the native people here. This was started on Friday evenings. We are still in a

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query however as to what day we should hold it. During the wet season here are a lot of Corroborrees and it is a continual one on at the moment. These are held in the evenings and some times in the afternoons.

As far as a syllabus of talks concerns, we are moving very slowly, repeating two or three times a talk in order to impress it more and teach it. We have covered the Creation so far. Thence we hope to go onto the fall, Birth and Death of Christ. This will just give an idea of progress. These people do not know anything and we have the privilege of starting from the beginning. This is a great joy.

Our three children are growing fast and well. Later they'll be able to attend a caravan school which starts next year for the native people. The school will further give opportunities to present the gospel as more children will be on V.R.D.

M. and D. Field.

KATHERINE, N.T.

The work here is very scattered and we feel one urgent need is for a larger vehicle. There are several small camps on the outskirts of the town and it seems the only way to consolidate and establish a local Church is to transport the people to the one meeting place. We are anxious to have a church building next to the mission house as soon as possible. There is every indication that a suitable building will be available to us about the middle of next year. We would value your prayers that God will guide and direct us in this matter.

We find the native folk in the town area much more sophisticated than the inland folk and it is taking us longer to get to know them all. Regular meetings are held at the C.S.I.R.O. farm and on Sunday afternoons we visit Manbulloo cattle station, eight miles out, for a service. There are about 50 natives there, a small num-

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ber of Christians. Recently two of these were baptised. You might like to pray that they will continue steadfast in the Lord and be witnesses there on the camp.

At the old pensioners' camp in nearby bush, two women have accepted Christ as their Saviour. Pray that their understanding might be deepened and that they will grow in the things of God.

Please pray too for our visitation to the various camps and to the hospital, that contacts made with the people will cause them to think about their soul's welfare.

Every Wednesday afternoon about 20 children are reached with the Word of God through religious instruction class at Katherine school. We would value prayer for this ministry amongst the girls and boys also.

A few of the women at C.S.I.R.O. farm are interested in learning to read and write and a morning class has been commenced for them. It is not easy for these women, so here is another need for your prayers.

J. and J. Bridges.

DENILQUIN, N.S.W.

We were pleased to have our student from the Bible Institute, Dennis Atkinson, home for the Christmas break. Nero Timothy was here with him. At the same time Roy Reid visited us. These three men visited Cummeragunja while they were here.

We were glad to be able to distribute toys and gifts to the Cummeragunja folk at Christmas time. These were provided by the Blacktown 2nd Company of Girl Guides.

We praise the Lord for the keen fellowship at Cummera with Mesdames M. Atkinson, F. Walker, S. Briggs and Mr. L. Briggs. Mesdames Atkinson and Walker continue to keep the Sunday School going.

On another occasion we had a

visit from Mr. and Mrs. C. Grant of Leeton, N.S.W. and a meeting was held on the lawn of Mr. H. Day's home. Singing, and testimonies and a message by Mr. Grant were enjoyed that night. Slides of our recent trip to Andamooka Opal Fields in S.A. were screened at this meeting also.

V. and J. Page.

MURRIN BRIDGE, N.S.W.

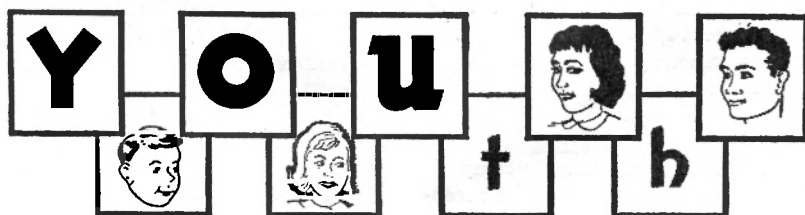
The seed of the Word of hope that has been faithfully sown in this place over the past years has started to bear fruit, when Mr. and Mrs. M. Winson and helpers, Misses L. Werry and L. Stone and Mr. G. Winson have had the opportunity to minister to the souls at Murrin Bridge after taking over from Miss Webb on January 3rd.

In addition to Sunday School, Sunday evening Gospel Service and the weekly Teen-Club meetings, Mrs. Winson, with the help of Misses L. Werry and L. Stone, conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School over two weeks. As a result twelve young people, aged ranging from six years to 12 years have invited the Lord Jesus into their hearts and want to follow Him. In addition, after the evening service on January 23rd a young married couple accepted Christ as their Saviour and Lord. It was a thrill to see these two at the start of their marriage, placing their future in His capable hands.

Should there be an empty mission post in the A.I.M. field today when so many Aboriginal folk have graduated from Singleton B.T.I.? May the Lord constrain these trained young men and women and others to come back and minister to their own needy folk. The verse, Deut. 8:19 sends forth great warnings in this new year of opportunity.

M. H. & Y. E. Winson.

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THE BROKEN TYPEWRITER

by

G. M. Higgins

Onx of thx lxttxrs on my typx-writxr is not working!

As you can sxx it only nxxds onx lxttxr of your typxwritxr to bx not working to spoil vxxyrthing. It is a shamx, as it is going to spoil thx wholx story. Yxs, it only nxxds onx missing lxttxr to spoil a story.

In this way pxoplx arx a lot likx typxwritxrs. Whxn I was a boy I didn't think it mattxrd to skip Sunday School just onx Sunday to go fishing.

But it doxs mattxr. It mattxrs to God if onx boy or onx girl is missing.

It is just the samx with thx prayxr mxxtng. Folks somxtimxs think, 'I just fxxl too tixrd to go along to thx prayxr mxxtng tonight. It will not mattxr if I am missing'. Howxrxr it doxs mattxr to God.

Thx Biblx txlls that thxrx is a vxry important book callxd THX LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFX. Somx folk don't think it rxally mattxrs whxthx thxy follow thx Lord or not. Howxvvr, thosx who do not follow thx Saviour do not havx thxir namxs writtxn in thx Lamb's Book of Lifx, in which God has all thx namxs of thosx who arx savxd.

In Rxxvlation 20:15 wx rxad somx

vxry important words, "And whoso-xvvr was not found writtxn in thx book of lifx was cast in thx lakx of firx".

It doxs mattxr if your namx is not writtxn down in thx book. If you arx missing from this book you will nxxvr livx in thx wondxrful placx that Jxsus has gonx to prxparx for thosx that lovx Him.

My old typxwritxr has a vxry important lxsson to txach.

Don't bx missing from that sxrvicx, that businxxs mxxtng, that Sunday School, or that opxn air mxxtng.

Abovx all makx surx you will not bx missing whxn thx list of thosx who arx savxd is rxad out on judg-mxnt day!

Makx up your mind to follow thx Saviour all of thx way.

The Subject some are Afraid to Mention

We read the other day about missionaries who were in Peking, China, years ago. They faced a certain need. One of the missionaries was describing this need to a friend.

"There is only one perplexing question", she said. "Where can we get the money?"

"Money," answered the friend warmly.

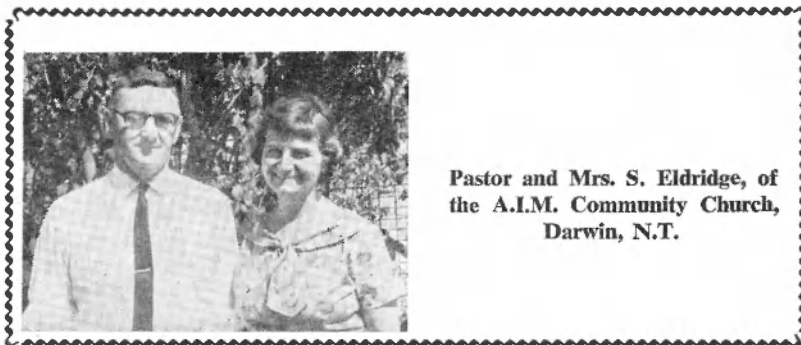
"THERE IS PLENTY OF IT IN THIS WORLD, AND NONE OF IT WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE NEXT — SO WE'LL NOT STOP FOR THAT!"

They didn't stop. The need was met, because they realised there was plenty of money in this world, and none of it will be needed in the next!

There never was so much money in this world as there is today. Multiplied millions are spent each year for destructive purposes. Other billions for luxuries — for the passing pleasures of time instead of treasures for eternity. What if these billions were invested in literature evangelism? The whole world could be evangelised quickly and effectively.

Remember, "plenty of money in this world; none needed in the next!" Let us give generously—NOW!

—James H. Hunter.



Pastor and Mrs. S. Eldridge, of the A.I.M. Community Church, Darwin, N.T.

NEWS OF WORKERS

The Director, the Rev. E. C. Long and his wife and family continue to be busily engaged in meetings in the U.S.A. During the first week of February, Mr. Long spoke twice at the Moody Founder's Week Conference in Chicago.

Miss M. Fairfax left Mareeba for her furlough on February 3. She will be visiting Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne during her time off the field. Mr. and Mrs. R. Bye, who are in Mareeba after a time off the field, arrived there several days before Miss Fairfax left.

Pastor and Mrs. B. Clarke entered into the work on Cherbourg on January 23. They will be inducted into the pastorate by the Area Superintendent, Mr. W. R. Caddy when he visits Queensland during March.

Pastor and Mrs. W. Bird of Moree, N.S.W., were in Sydney for their holidays in January. They also journeyed to Gilgandra to be at the wedding of Mr. Bird's brother, Ben to Miss K. Naden.

Miss J. Phillips, who is working in the Brisbane area amongst her people has been in hospital for surgery. Miss P. Naden, who has been working with Miss Phillips will carry on the work.

During January Pastor and Mrs. W. Fejo of Newcastle Waters, N.T., spent a short holiday in Darwin.

Miss E. Danger, Associate Missionary, who was appointed to Mission Publications of Australia, La Perouse, arrived there on January 27 to take up duties.

Mr. M. Field, of Victoria River Downs, has been in Darwin for medical treatment. He is to have surgery in the Darwin Hospital.

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DARETON, N.S.W.

We were recently privileged at our Dareton A.I.M. church with a visit for a week from Miss Evelyn Walker. As well as the regular church meeting on Sunday afternoon and Tuesday night, Miss Walker took children's meetings each afternoon after school. This week proved to be a real blessing for the people from our church. At one of Miss Walker's meetings several young girls made decisions for Christ. The devil has been working in the hearts of these young people and making it hard for them to stand firm in their faith.

On Christmas Day eighteen of us set off, the 320 miles, for the Convention at Griffith. We stayed for the first three days, and at this time were the largest visiting group.

This was an unforgettable experience and we are now looking forward to next year's Convention. We were very thankful for the wonderful help given to us by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Grant, and others from the church at Griffith.

It was disappointing that there were not more people at the Convention, as I am sure they would have benefited greatly from the meetings and fellowship with fellow Christians.

I feel that we all returned home from the Convention spiritually revived. I pray that we shall remain spiritually revived throughout the year and not be, as Mr. David Kirk put it, "only Convention Christians".
(Miss) S. Preisig.

FINGAL, N.S.W.

On January 18 we had a farewell for our pastor and his wife and family. After a time of singing, Mrs. C. Redman rendered a solo. During the evening other items were also given.

Gifts were presented to the pastor and his wife by Mr. and Mrs. Red-



● When duty calls some people are never home.

● You won't have to institute a lawsuit to collect the wages of sin!

● If you want to be miserable, look within; distracted, look around; peaceful, look up.

● Duties are ours; events are God's.

● To realize the worth of an anchor, we need to feel the storm.

man, Messrs. J. Paulson, Mrs. E. Rotomah (church secretary) and Mr. Stewart, on behalf of the Fingal people.

Two days later a farewell dinner was given by the Church members when several visitors from the surrounding district were present.

We thank the Lord for the ministry of Mr. Clarke, for the wonderful Bible studies and prayer leadership. We were blessed in so many ways during his stay with us.

(Miss) R. G. Browning.

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