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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Over the next twelve months, certain changes are to be made in the style and purpose of this magazine, the EVANGEL. We want to share some of these with you now for your prayer fellowship.

Many have felt the need of more devotional and Bible study material for the help of our growing number of indigenous churches and many individual Christians who are able to appreciate and use this type of material.

We have been thrilled and encouraged by the growth of LETTERSTICK for the new literates, but have come to recognise the needs of our more advanced people also. LETTERSTICK now has a circulation of over 7,000 and covers probably more than a quarter of all the aboriginal population of Australia.

At the same time, the EVANGEL has been trying to serve as the news magazine for our prayer supporters and in trying to cover both fields, the Editor has been faced with an almost impossible task.

We hope that shortly the EVANGEL will be printed at M.P.A. at La Perouse and that within the next twelve months it will increasingly become what it originally was — a paper for our coloured and native people throughout Australia.

For those subscribers who are paid ahead, we will continue to send the EVANGEL for the unexpired term of your subscription together with a new smaller paper which will be published later giving news and prayer notes for the Mission itself. We will be in touch with each of you later on regarding these matters.

Please do pray much for these moves. They are in line with what we believe to be the will of God for the whole of the work, particularly for M.P.A. whose original concept was to supply suitable literature for every section of our coloured and native population. It is very encouraging also to know that most of our M.P.A. literature is finding wide acceptance not only among our own people, but throughout the South Pacific and in other areas across the world also. We covet your prayer support for all of this.

(Rev.) EGERTON C. LONG, Director.

FRONT COVER: The smiling young man on our cover this month is Geoffrey O'Neill of Mareeba, Queensland.

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"We sit around a table in the centre of the compound. One or two come with their own Bibles . . . There is a real class atmosphere of eager students," writes Mr. R. M. Living, A.I.M. Missionary, and Gaol Chaplain in the Brisbane area.

Life in a prison in one respect is similar to that in the Army; the daily routine is made up of instructions and orders which must be rigorously carried out. There is no choice as to what each man would like to do. However, there is one exception and that is under the heading of "religion." Prisoners are under no compulsion to attend religious services or have interviews with the Prison Chaplains. Religion is free!!

My ministry at both the Brisbane Prison and the Wacol Prison Farm is resolved into Bible Classes — two at Brisbane, and one at Wacol.

LET me take you to my class at No. 2 Division, Brisbane!

The nine members are regular attendants. One is sometimes absent because of the need to complete an urgent job in his workshop.

We sit around a table under the Rotunda in the centre of the compound. There is a real class atmosphere of eager students.

After exchanging greetings as each man comes from his workshop, the New Testaments are handed around. One or two come with their own Bibles which have been given them.

I usually open the meeting in prayer and then each man repeats by memory the verse of Scripture learnt. This also gives opportunity to comment on the verse recited. Usually only one verse is learnt, but lately there have been some happy surprises!

I mention two such occasions. "Well, Jim, what is your verse", I asked. "John 14; verses 1 to 4 and verse 27", came the reply. I expressed surprise, but sure enough, all the verses had been memorized!

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THE BIBLE BEHIND BARS

THE VALLEY

The Hand of the Lord was upon me,
In the Spirit it carried me hence,
Right down in the Valley it set me,
The way was so dark and dense.

Then up in the Valley came sunshine,
Radiant with new life as the day;
No longer I staggered and faltered,
I listened, "What did He say?"

"This is the Valley of Contentment,
My word will become sweet as your guide
By faith in rich blessed communion,
I'll ever be at your side.

My life will surge through you each moment,
Other lives will be blest to confide,
With such radiant joy and purpose,
Your Lord will be glorified."

E.W.L.

My dear Friends, What is Heaven

No doubt most of us have seen the body of a dead person buried — perhaps a member of our family or a friend. There with breaking hearts and a sense of loneliness and emptiness, we have wondered what the future would hold.

But we may have forgotten a verse of Scripture. In His high priestly prayer, our Lord Jesus Christ prayed, "Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory" (John 17:24).

The Lord Jesus has prayed for those who are His own, that they might be taken to be with Him.

Where is He? We read in Acts 1:11 that when the disciples saw Jesus taken up from them they stood gazing into heaven, and two men stood by them in white clothes, saying, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

WRONG IDEAS

It is very easy to have mistaken ideas of Heaven. One error or misconception is to make Heaven too much like this world. This of course is the error of Islam. The Muslim looks for a heaven which will give

him all the desires and the delights that he wanted in this world.

On the other hand, some people have an idea of Heaven that is too different from the needs of our souls. The Buddhists believe in a constant transmigration of souls through one existence after another until a person has no desires and reaches nothingness. We cannot think of ourselves as a drop of water going back into an

by
Harold J. Ockenga
Ph.D.

ocean and have any sort of desire for this, except as a removal of all the problems that exist within this world.

CHRIST AROSE

What happened to our Lord Jesus? He arose from the dead in the body in which He died. He waited for 40 days upon the earth, proving to His disciples that He was alive. We find that He ascended into Heaven in that same body, and it is promised that He will return again from Heaven in the same body. The disciples were very surprised to see Jesus in the body. He showed Himself alive by continually appearing before them, until they did not know when He would appear or where they would meet Him next.

It was essential that there should be an end to those resurrection appearances. His body could only be in one place at one time, and if His work was to continue throughout the whole world it was necessary that He go away, for if He did not go away, the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Comforter, could not come. But He said, "If I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:7, 8). And it is through the inspiration and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, that the work of Christ goes on.

So His disciples saw Him ascend from them. He went up. Now that immediately causes trouble with some people, who ask where He went. The Scripture speaks of a heaven of the birds, of a heaven of the stars, and of a heaven which is called the third heaven, which is the living place of the spirits of just men made perfect and of the angels and of the Father.

Some people think we have a universe that is like a three-storied house — a heaven above, and then the lower storey of the earth, and then below that the storey of hell. The Bible may speak in what we call the language of its day, but most Christians do not think of Heaven in such a limited three-storied way.

What the Bible says is that Christ

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like . . .

ascended — He went into a higher area. I think of this as a higher existence than that of the physical world at the present time. There is no reason for us to believe for a single moment that this is not co-existent with the present world in which we live, but it is of a different structure, of a different order, of a different kind of existence — which is spiritual.

THE PLACE CALLED HEAVEN

The Bible is very clear to distinguish the place called Heaven from the condition called heavenly. There is no question about the fact that we have a heavenly state now. It may be entered by regeneration, whereby we become the sons and daughters

of God; we are adopted into His family and live within His Kingdom.

The Scriptures speak of our sitting in heavenly places, of our being a colony from heaven, of our having access to the great store of heavenly blessings. These simply describe this life of contentment, satisfaction, security, and peace; a life delivered from the anxiety, fear, and trouble of this world. There is a heavenly state which we can enjoy here and now.

But Heaven is not merely a heavenly state. It is a place where Jesus went. He had a body. He had a true incarnation. He assumed human nature. And our Lord Jesus remains God and man in one Person forever. He has a body, not now in a state of humiliation, but now in the state of exaltation since His resurrection, ascension, and glorification. Nevertheless, it is a body. And it must be somewhere. That is why He could pray in His high priestly prayer that those whom the Father had given Him might be with Him, where He was, that they might behold His glory.

It makes very little difference to us where that place is. You can think of it as you please, but most certainly there is a place called Heaven. If it is co-existent with this present

world, those whom you have loved and lost are not far away. They may very well be round about us.

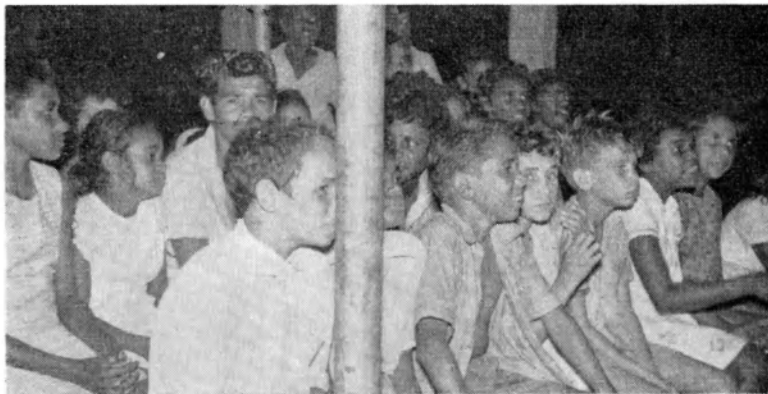
When the Lord opened the eyes of Stephen as he was dying, and he saw the heavens opened, with Jesus standing on the right hand of God, he simply saw into a world that is closed to us at the present time. I think Paul also had that experience when he was caught up into the third heaven and heard things which human beings could not talk about.



The Bible tells us there will be no sin in Heaven. There will be no tears or pain there, and no sorrow. You will never have the kind of separation there that brings sorrow here. You will never have the frustrations there that bring disappointment here. You will never have the heartache there that brings tears here. Jesus will wipe away all tears.

There will be no death there. Neither will there be the sun, and there will be no night there. For we will be adjusted to a different kind of existence in which we will not be dependent upon a rising sun or upon a physical light. We will be turned to the light which is God. The Book of Revelation in the Bible says that God is the light of Heaven. Moreover, there will be no physical temple there because we will all be part of that spiritual temple inhabited by the Holy Spirit. We will be, as it were, the temple of God.

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Young People at Mareeba, Queensland, listen to the message of Love and Hope. PRAY FOR THESE YOUNG FOLK.



World Champion Kenyan Athlete Is a Christian

Kipchoge Kieno, a new world record holder of the 5000 metres race, is also a Christian. Kieno, a Sub-Inspector at the Police Training School at Kiganjo, Kenya, recently broke the record for 3000 metres and ran the third fastest mile ever recorded.

When asked directly, "Kipchoge, are you a Christian?" he answered, "Yes, I am a Christian. I am a Protestant. I am a member of the Africa Inland Church." He had been led to the Lord by a relative.



Auca Widow to Marry Radio President

The engagement was announced recently of Mrs. Marjory Saint, widow of missionary Nate Saint, martyred by the Auca Indians, and Mr. Abe Van Der Puy, president of the World Radio Missionary Fellowship and the radio outreach H.C.J.B.

Mr. Van Der Puy, himself a widower, will marry Mrs. Saint in October in Miami, on his way to the World Congress on Evangelism.

Mrs. Saint, who visited New Zealand eight years ago with Miss Nancy Woolnough, is a member of the Voice of the Andes staff in Quito, Ecuador.

Japanese Christians

Christians in Japan number 794,586 or just over eight-tenths of one percent of the country's total population. Protestants are in the majority with Roman Catholics second. The dominant religions in Japan are Buddhism and Shintoism.

BIRTH

A telegram received at Headquarters on July 4, told of the arrival of a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. D. Barnes, of the Retta Dixon Homes, Darwin, N.T.

GOOD NEWS

Wherefor He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7.25.

SUPPORT FOR INDIA'S FIGHT AGAINST FAMINE

An interest-free loan of £71 million has been offered to India by Britain to help the country meet the danger of famine this year. India has been facing a serious food problem to the extent that rice is being rationed in some provinces. Since last year India has been stepping up her own food programmes in preparation against possible withdrawal of food imports.

JANUARY BIBLE SCHOOL

15-22

To be held at BIBLE INSTITUTE SINGLETON

PLAN NOW TO BE PRESENT



Pictured above are Pastor and Mrs. B. Clarke and their two children, Gareth and Judith. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke are working at Cherbourg, Qld.



Churches Guidance Committee

by Cecil Grant Jnr.
Hon. Secretary.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4.19.)

Accompanying our monthly prayer circular in June, we sent maps indicating the centres which would be visited by Maori Evangelist, Mr. Bob Kingi, during his 1967 itinerary. Also shown on the maps are dates of Mr. Kingi's arrival at each centre.

We have sent this information out early so as to allow each centre plenty of time to prepare.

HENCE we urge upon all concerned to begin to prepare NOW! PREPARE NOW to pray and plan for a great time of blessing and spiritual harvest! Never before in A.I.M. history has there been such a large and determined effort in evangelism. Mr. Kingi's itinerary will take him from Deniliquin in southern N.S.W. to Darwin in the N.T.

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The committee, along with Mr. Kingi, have accepted the challenge of this series of meetings because we believe it is to be the Will of the Lord.

THEREFORE brethren, we ask you to accept this planned itinerary, and to co-operate with us, not just as a duty to the C.G.C. and Mission, but as a loving response to a loving God.

We realise that with an undertaking



such as this there will be many problems to be faced and difficulties to be overcome. There will be difficulties regarding accommodation, transport and finance, but as long as there are no difficulties regarding our faith, I am sure we will see much blessing.

BEGIN NOW to pray for guidance.

BEGIN NOW to plan so that your meetings will be as effective as possible.

BEGIN NOW to prepare by visitation and advertising.

If you have any special prayer requests regarding your centre, I will be happy to have them included in our monthly prayer letter. Write me at 16 Tristania Avenue, LEETON, N.S.W.

We have appreciated those of our centres who have already written, assuring us of their co-operation. The problems mentioned have been noted for prayer.

HEAVEN (continued)

Scripture also tells us of the house of many mansions, the abode of the righteous, the treasures laid up in heaven. It says that Jesus Christ is going to prepare for us a dwelling place. Who can understand what an all powerful God will prepare for us to live in, in a redeemed, physical universe?

Then we are told Heaven will be a city — a city of infinite perfection, whose maker and builder is God. A city is a place of fellowship. Why do people live in a city instead of in the open country? Because they want fellowship. And Scripture says we will sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of God. We are going to know them, just as Peter, James, and John knew Elijah and Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration. There will be a knowledge of individuals in Heaven.

It is also described as a country—a better country, which is heavenly. The Lord Jesus said that he who had been faithful over a few things here, will be made ruler over many things there. So there is going to be a very careful kind of reward there. So we look for a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

—African Challenge.

BIBLE BEHIND BARS

Last week, when it came to John's turn he gave the reference to 1st Cor. 15, verses 51 to 58. With a little help he managed this portion, even including the big words! Truly, this has been encouraging for the class is learning to put into practice the advice of Psalms 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee."

Bible reading follows this exercise. Half an hour is then available for a talk on the passage. We are taking Matthew Gospel at present. Questions

are invited and we conclude with a season of prayer. Several of the men are now taking part in this.

Before the class dis-sembles, literature, including the EVANGEL, is handed out.

Many of this class are doing Bible correspondence courses.

At Wacol we are able to have singing of hymns and here I am assisted by the Assistant Baptist Chaplain, the Rev. R. Frewin who uses his violin.

The Lord is bringing much encouragement in this work and it is good to be able to report that several of those who have served long sentences, and have now been discharged, are going on with the Lord.

PLANS CHANGED

Mr. E. A. Collins who planned to visit W.A. with his wife in July went as far as Victoria only. He will visit the N.T. this month D.V.

FIELD COUNCIL MEMBERS

The election of members for the 1966 Field Council has just been held. A new member elected to this body is Mr. D. Kirk, of the Bible Training Institute staff. Mr. Kirk, and his wife are graduates of the Institute, and after some years on the Field as missionaries, and in pastoral work, were appointed to the Staff at Singleton by the Field Council last year.

The members of the Field Council are as follows: The Director, the Rev. E. C. Long, Messrs. J. Bridges, W. R. Caddy, E. A. Collins, D. J. Kirk, Mrs. S. Knight, Rev. J. M. Lloyd, Messrs. H. R. Miles, M. Pattemore and Miss E. M. Walker.

The members of the Field Council are elected by the missionaries and each counsellor serves for at least three years.



Boys from Borroloola return from a trip with their missionary. Here they are loaded with their blankets and swags.

SYDNEY
ANNUAL A.I.M. MEETINGS
Friday, August 5th, 1966

at

Stanmore Baptist Church

Sessions at 4 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

TEA PROVIDED

Missionary Speakers — Aboriginal Artists and Speakers.

ALL WELCOME

**M.P.A. Extension
Calls for Off-set
Printer**

To meet the need of the growing demand of literature at the Mission Publications of Australia, La Perouse, N.S.W., a fully trained printer familiar with the Off-set process is wanted immediately.

This situation calls for a Christian man with a vision of the effectiveness and power of the printed page in the programme of evangelism and teaching on the Aboriginal field today.

While a full-time worker is needed, a man who could give a Saturday, or one or two evenings each month, would be a wonderful help.

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M.P.A. Sunday School material orders rose to an all-time high again last term. Just on 70,000 books were printed. Indications show that this record will be broken again this term.

As mentioned in the Editorial, it is planned that this magazine the Australian Evangel, will be printed by M.P.A. in the near future.

**Sydney Boomerang
Aimers**

The Annual meeting of the Boomerang Aimers, Sydney, was held at Headquarters on June 18, prior to the monthly meeting.

Business of the meeting included the election of officers for the coming year and arrangements for meet-

ings for the next few months.

Mrs. R. Hobsen was re-elected president, with Mr. D. Collins, as vice-president, Miss H. Long, secretary, and Miss M. Reid, treasurer. Misses D Morgan and D. Lennon are the hostesses and Miss E Caddy, the prayer convenor. Mr. D. Mavay will continue as pianist and Mr. R. Hobsen as the transport officer.

The monthly meetings of this Young People's meeting is held at the A.I.M. Headquarters on the second Saturday of the month, at 7.45 p.m. All young people are welcome.



Missionary

MOMENTS



by

E. M. Walker.

"And Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the Prince of the Eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Dan. 1:8.

How important it is to make the right choice when faced with decisions. Daniel made a choice and his was a purpose to not defile himself with the habits of Babylon.

Many are about to make a career—some maybe called in the field of medicine, nursing, teaching, or maybe a preacher of the Gospel.

One day while out visiting a lady said to me, "You know, Miss Walker, every time I see and talk to you

I am reminded of the opportunity I had to be a missionary. I look back with regret and realise that that opportunity is "lost forever".

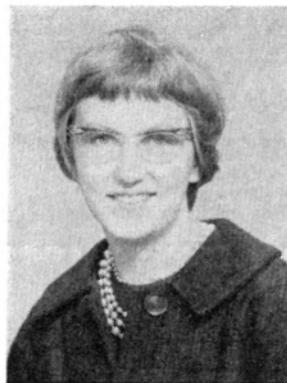
I suppose she stood once where you maybe standing 'undecided, a little bit troubled, not knowing what to do or which field to try to enter.'

Take heart, but do be careful — make sure that your relationship to God and His Son is right.

After we are sure of salvation, we must obey what Romans 12:1-2 says — "Yielding ourselves to Him for this is our reasonable service" — there is no substitute for obedience— seek daily through prayer and Bible study and find out His blessed will for your life. One dear Christian handed me a card once and on it were written these words.

God's Will —

**nothing more
nothing less
nothing else!**



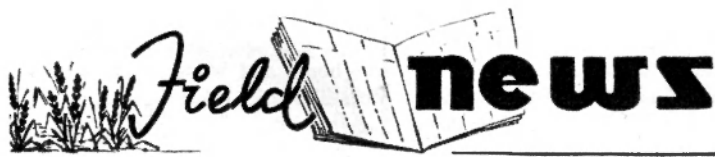
Sermon Outlines

WHAT THE LIVING CHURCH IS LIKE

The word "Church" can mean many things. In this study we refer to it as the Living Church, or the Body of Christ, "the believers in Jesus Christ". The Church is compared to:—

1. **A Building:** I Cor. 3.9.
Christ, the builder. Matt. 16.18.
Christ, the Corner-Stone. Eph. 2.19-20.
2. **A Living Body.** I Cor. 12.27.
Christ, being the Head. Col. 2.19.
3. **A Flock.** Luke 12.32.
Christ, being the Shepherd. John 10.11.
4. **A Bride.** Rev. 21.2.
Christ, being the Bridegroom. John 3.29.
5. **A Casket of Jewels.** Malachi 3.17.
6. **Branches of the Vine.** John 15.2.
7. **A Temple.** I Cor. 3.16.
Christ, being the High Priest. Heb. 4.15.

AT LEFT: Miss E. Mackintosh, who has been working at Woorabinda, will move to Normanton shortly.



VICTORIA RIVER DOWNS, N.T.

HEADLINES.

MORE Girls coming for reading.

GOSPEL RECORDS and GRAMAPHONES go out to two stations as well as here.

Large PICTURES being used at meetings.

LADIES are coming to the house.

More girls are coming for reading since we have had a change in house girls the other week. We lost one reader, Theresa, who was doing well when she returned to Humbert River Station, 60 odd miles away. Three more have commenced reading, young women with young children, on the whole. They are coming quite regularly each day except Sunday for reading and writing. That makes the number six in all. We are using some old desks that were here.

Gospel records and gramophones have gone out to Humber River (with Theresa and Snowy) and also to Moolooloo. Lily is in charge of the set that is at the compound here. Pray that they might be used and used well and that the Holy Spirit will convict and convert the soul.

Large 'Life of Christ' pictures have been purchased and are now being used at our Sunday meetings. The intention is to eventually put these on board covered with plastic and leave at the compound during the week as a silent reminder. A mid week meeting is to be commenced in the near future.

Some of the ladies are coming to the house on a Wednesday afternoon and we are having a short Word and then singing around the piano followed by a 'cuppa'. Pray that they might keep coming.

We are anticipating commencing something amongst the children. The school was to have commenced but now it will probably be next year before same starts owing to lack of teachers. We hope to then be able to conduct scripture lessons. However in the mean time we are purchasing a football to start an interest amongst them. They need something to do with themselves.

Thank you for the prayers on behalf of the work and ourselves here. God is working and will work as you and us work together.

Max continues to be busy in the store and also on the transceiver. The children are growing. Stephen trying to write, Valerie busy mothering cats and Peter has just learnt to walk!

We are workers together with Him!

Max and Doris Field.

TENNANT CREEK, N.T.

Today I am anchored out in my splendid isolation, a stoney ridge between the town's two dominant hills. The solenoid appears to be the trouble, but as one garage owner told me, when I sought some sympathetic help (kerosene and engine oil are regularly obtained there), the early models of this make are subject to this trouble. Another garage owner has as good as told me that there is no more that can be done, it must just 'fade out', and a man who had previously given much help, told me to get a bike!

As there was nothing that could be done to the van, it was left in the main street until later in the day when some of our men would be about, and two of them pushed it to a start — and so the van was brought back safely home!

By putting the van on a rise behind the hut it can be pushed off to a start, and sometimes neighbours in a nearby hut can give a hand. It is one of the advantages on 'no man's land' not to infringe others rights! Once moving I can call on Gordon in the Village to accompany me, and starting off again there is usually someone in the town who is ready to give a hand. In this way the ready help of some who never present themselves at meeting time is gladly given. Barriers dissolve this way.

June is the Month of Decision. It came about that a vehicle was offered in Darwin which would become available during the course of this month, and it is after the close of the financial year that a visit is usually made to Darwin.

June 30th is the date on which the Scripture Lesson is to be given to the Banka Banka and Helen Springs children, and marks the fourth month in which visits have been made by bus.

The work is the Lord's: in town, on stations that lie along the North-South Highway, and those which are in the regions beyond across the Tablelands. It is a work we all may be partners in together with Him.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
only what's done for Christ will
last."

Charles Main.

NEWCASTLE WATERS, N.T.

On June 19, Scripture Union was the theme for our centre here at Newcastle Waters. Elliot and Beet-aloo. We have encouraged the children, and the few adults who can read, to use the daily portion suggested by the S.U. We have appreciated the help given us by the S.U. secretary in Darwin.

Most of the older school children from Newcastle Waters visited Cam-ooweal for a sports day recently. Terry received a trophy for the best performer of the day.

B. and W. Fejo.

BAMYILI, N.T.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

We have been exercised in heart over the past months in that many who love to sing the songs of the Lord, do not appear to be following Him, when faced with the temptations of worldly pleasures. This has been particularly noticeable in the falling off in the attendance of the Sunday morning Bible class.

We praise the Lord for the 'little lambs' who come along, and for the few 'older sheep' who are not ashamed to own there Lord. The evening meetings remain fairly well attended.

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We took 40 of the older children for a holiday camp during the school holidays. This year we went to Katherine Gorge. The children enjoyed the change and a happy time was enjoyed by all.

The Camp Warden allotted us an ideal site on a flat sandy area near the water. It was well shaded by the tall paper-back trees, and by the high river bank behind us.

The water was cold but swimming was enjoyed during the middle of the day. Some of the older girls had good success in fishing.

Ball games were played on the flat above the bank and almost continuously Gospel Recordings were played by little groups sitting under the trees. At night the tree-tops rang with the lusty singing of hymns and choruses.

All our needs were provided by the Welfare Department. This was greatly appreciated and thus the catering was easy. This included a boat cruise up the beautiful Katherine river.

We would value prayer for the deepening work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and in the hearts of those who profess to know the Lord. We praise Him that some of the girls have been willing to help with the leading of the meetings song services, and for two young men who read the Scriptures and teach a chorus.

R. and R. Stretton.

NORMANTON, Q.

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." It is a wonderful experience to know that you are in the place where the Lord has led you

to, and although there are many things that are so very different to our home and work at Mareeba, yet we still rejoice, because this is where He has led.

The Mission House has become much more home like, with the addition of curtains, etc., and we are able to welcome the children and adults from time to time.

When 40 odd children try and crowd into a smallish room, we wonder about the floor, but its good that we can tell them of a Living Saviour. S.S. is also held at 8.30 a.m. and again at night a service is held. when quite a number come. The adults are beginning to find that the welcome is genuine. we trust more will come also.

The small church near the Camp has been given a "Face lift" inside. and the light coloured walls and ceiling, certainly make things brighter for the Services. The numbers here at S.S. at 9.45 very somewhat, but it has been good to see some of the older Christians attending the Morning Service. Pray that more will have a greater desire to worship the Lord.

A visit to Croydon, 96 miles away has been made, and quite a number of folk contacted. One family had met me at one of the beaches near Cairns over two years ago. Three meetings were held at the Camp and town. Literature was in great demand at this town. We would be glad to receive anything suitable for distribution.

'Race Week' is held in August. this means a great influx of visitors, and a much greater responsibility to reach them with the Gospel.

Satan does not lightly give up his possessions, but we rejoice that, he was overthrown on Calvary. so press on confident that the Victory is already won by Faith. Pray without ceasing.

(Miss) M. Fairfax.

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MAREEBA, Q.

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

We are having very windy and cloudy weather up here these last few days. However, we are still having good meetings, especially on Sunday. We also have Bible Study in one of the homes. We are studying Hebrews at present.

Mrs. Bye has been sick but is well again, for which we praise the Lord.

We do need your prayers and support for the Lord's work here as there are so many of my people who walk in darkness — they know not the Saviour. As the time is drawing close to the Lord's return, let us all who love the Lord tell others about Jesus.

(Mrs.) A. Mitchell.

PALM ISLAND, Q.

As we look out from the mission house, beyond the gentle slopes of Fantome Island, we see the peaks of Hitchinbrook, rising in sharp contrast to the low slope of the horizon. So, rising above the general routine of everyday life here on Palm Island, has been the reopening of the old church building, on June 19th.

With the church packed for both the morning and evening service, and 90 attending the Fellowship Tea, numbers were well above the average. There was a real sense of the Lord's presence, and several have spoken of the way the Lord challenged them through the morning message.

A highlight of the morning service was the dedication of a new pulpit, in memory to Mr. Neville Krause, and donated by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Krause. In the evening Mr. Fred Fulford testified to the Lord's goodness over the years, and challenged us all to fresh faith in the Lord, and a renewal of the vows

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once made to serve Him.

It is our earnest prayer that the renovated, repainted building, and its re-use will serve only as the challenge to each member to restore their lives and renew their love to the Lord.

In general the work shows small evidences of the Lord at work. One lady has recently professed faith in Christ; another has been seeking the Lord's help in giving up a besetting sin; and yet another testifies to the way the Lord has challenged her to new faith in a time of doubting. Two men have expressed desire to return to the Lord, but alas, they count the cost too great.

Several families have left the island, but numbers continue as usual. We can praise the Lord for His faithful work, and look to Him for the refreshing wind of His blessing in days to come.

L. and I. Lymburn.

MURRIN BRIDGE, N.S.W.

Following two Scripture classes at Murrin Bridge Settlement I visited one of the young mothers who has asked me to dedicate her baby son next Sunday. Later I left for Euabalong West, 24 miles from Lake Cargelligo.

After visiting four of the families in this town I had lunch then went on to Mount Hope with the local B.P. agent. Mount Hope is a small mining town 35 miles further west where only a few families live. I was able to visit the only native family and pass on some tracts and magazines.

Back to Euabalong West and onto Euabalong six miles along the homeward road! We have a Sunday School there each week but few have been attending recently so I was keen to visit some of the families and invite the children to S.S.

I have been to Condobolin three times during June, staying two or three days each time. This enabled me to visit all the people living at the Murri, the Reserve, and in the town and have a meeting in the Church.

I was able to repaint the kitchen at the Mission house. Two of the local young men have worked on the garden and helped in the house. We expect to make another visit before the new Missionary arrives.

R. Treloar.

GRIFFITH, N.S.W.

Psalm 31-19 says, "How great is thy goodness." And we too say likewise, for the Lord has been good to us. In our Bible study meeting on Saturday night we have learned again, that the Lord is good, and merciful.

Then too, we rejoice in His goodness in bringing back Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson to us. Mr. Johnson is the pastor in the U.A.M. Church at Halls Creek, W.A. They are home no further.

Recently we were blessed as the Salvation Army joined with us for a musical evening.

Some of our Christians went across to the Dubbo Church Anniversary services in June. They enjoyed the fellowship with the Lord's people in that area.

We are planning to have a baptismal service here soon and will value prayer for this.

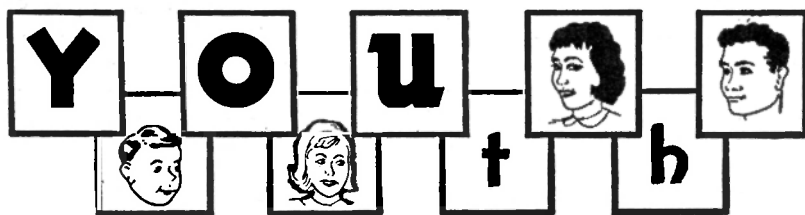
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REDFERN, N.S.W.

We praise the Lord for the blessings bestowed on our work in the Sydney inner-suburbs area.

Better attendances at the Sunday night services have been encouraging.

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THE CASE OF THE 16 SOLDIERS

Two missionaries in Malay had to go to the nearest town which was a considerable distance away across rough country, to collect money which had come through to a bank there for them.

They set off on foot early one morning hoping to return the same day. Having arrived at the town and collected the money, they set off again on their trek across the wild and lonely country, only to find that they were too tired and too far away to reach their station that night. Committing themselves to God, they camped there on the hillside and soon fell asleep weary with the long day.

Morning came and they, surprised that they had not been disturbed by bandits or beasts, went their way and arrived safely at their mission station.

Some weeks later, a man came into the hospital for treatment. He stared at the missionary who attended him, and said: "I have seen you before." "No," replied the missionary, "I don't think we have met." "Oh, yes we have," said the man. "You were camping out on the hillside at such and such a place a few weeks back."

"Yes, we were," said the missionary. "How did you know? We didn't see anyone." "I followed you with

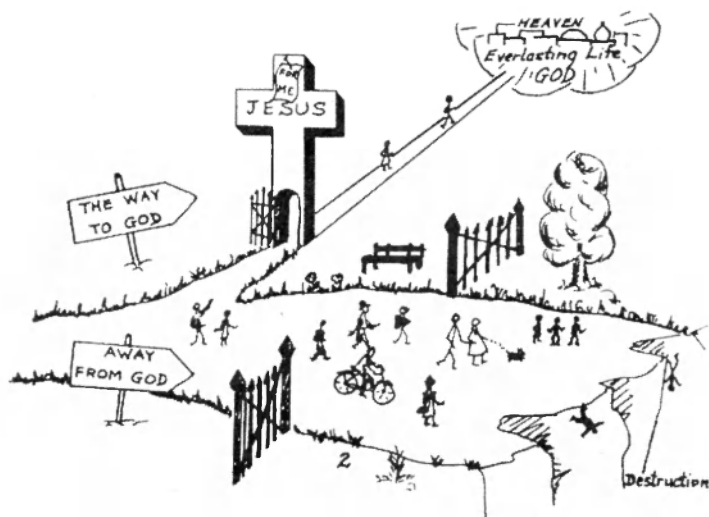
some of my companions from the town — we had seen you go to the bank and knew you had money on you. We waited till dark to creep upon you and rob you, but when we found you we dared not attack because of the soldiers."

"Soldiers?" The missionary laughed. "There were no soldiers with us, my friend." The bandit was adamant. "There were — we counted them. There were sixteen, and they had swords." The missionary humour-

ed the man and dismissed it as an hallucination.

When he came on furlough to England some time later, he was telling the incident at a gathering in his home town. After the meeting, a man came up to him. "What date was it that you camped on the hillside?" "I can soon tell you that." The missionary turned to his diary. "It was such and such a night."

His questioner turned up his diary too. "That night," he said, "we had our weekly meeting for prayer — your name was brought forward by someone in prayer, and," he added, "there were SIXTEEN of us at the meeting that night."



NEWS OF WORKERS

Miss E. Webb, who has been engaged in deputation work in Victoria for several months has now returned to the field. She is at Condobolin, N.S.W. Miss C. Williams, a newly accepted missionary, will begin her probation with Miss Webb. Miss Williams is a member of the A.I.M. Community Church, Cherbourg, Q., and a graduate of the Bible Training Institute, Singleton, N.S.W. Their address is A.I.M., Cunningham Street, CONDOBOLIN, N.S.W.

Misses J. Phillips and P. Naden are rejoicing in the commencement of a Sunday night service for coloured people in the Brisbane area. It is some while now since a regular A.I.M. service has been held in Brisbane.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Schenk, plan to return to Darwin shortly. It is expected that Mr. Schenk will drive through accompanied by Mr. G. Smith, who has been appointed to the Darwin area. They plan to leave Sydney on August 6. Mrs. Schenk and the three children will leave by plane later in the month. Mrs. Schenk has made a remarkable recovery after her surgery in June.

Miss J. Fergusson, of the Retta Dixon Homes, Darwin, N.T., is in Sydney on furlough at present.

Miss J. Procter, Associate Missionary who has given valuable help to the work on Palm Island for some time has been asked to go across to the Northern Territory to Borroloola. At Borroloola Miss Procter will work with Mrs. E. MacDonald, who has been living at this centre for some time. It is expected that Mr. M. Pattemore, Superintendent for the Northern Area, will be at Borroloola when Miss Procter arrives.

The speakers at the Annual Luncheon of the Townsville A.I.M. Ladies Auxiliary, held early in July, were

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Mr. and Mrs. I. Lymburn of Palm Island.

The manager of Mission Publications of Australia, Mr. H. Miles is in Western Australia visiting U.A.M. station and other centres in connection with literature needs. He will return to Sydney early in August.

Miss Esther Mackintosh, who has been working with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knight, at Woorabinda, Q., will be transferred to Normanton shortly. Miss Mackintosh will complete her probation with Miss Fairfax at this recently re-opened centre. Mrs. Elms, who has been helping Miss Fairfax will return to her home in Brisbane later.

FIELD NEWS (continued)

Prior to the gospel service each Sunday we have a Tea when up to 30 young men direct from the nearby football field, sit down with us. Most of these teenagers, if not all, are unsaved and we take the opportunity to present the Way of Salvation to them. Rarely do these young fellows stay to the service, but we appreciate the contact and opportunity of presenting Christ to them. Pray especially for this part of our work.

Recently the Lord has provided a van for use in this work. This will enable us to transport folk to other meetings, especially of a Saturday night. It will be invaluable in building up the work generally.

During the service on Sunday, June 27, Mr. W. Caddy dedicated the van to the Lord's service.



● When God is to lead a soul into great faith, He for a time leaves prayer unanswered.

● God deals with men and women according to their own outlook.

● Prayer will either make a man leave off sin, or sin will make him leave off praying.

● We must stoop before God that we may conquer amongst men.

● Don't give up your work upon every trifling ailment. John Calvin laboured with a complication of 49 diseases, yet what a great and grand work he did! John Owen buried 10 children, then his wife, yet he carried on!

FINGAL, N.S.W.

Some time ago, our pastor, Mr. Bowen spoke on the Blood of Christ and at the close of this message, a man came to the Lord. We praise the Lord for this decision.

Those who have been taking our services recently include Messrs. Graham Paulson, Lyle Browning and Miss Betty Murray, an accepted candidate of the U.F.M. has also taken part in our services. Miss Murray also showed slides of the area in New Guinea where D.V., she will work.

We have been happy to have fellowship with Mrs. Maude Phillips of Cherbourg, Q., and Mr. and Mrs. F. Ferguson, of Collarenebri, N.S.W. Mrs. Phillips was staying with Mrs. Long.

(Miss) R. G. Browning.

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