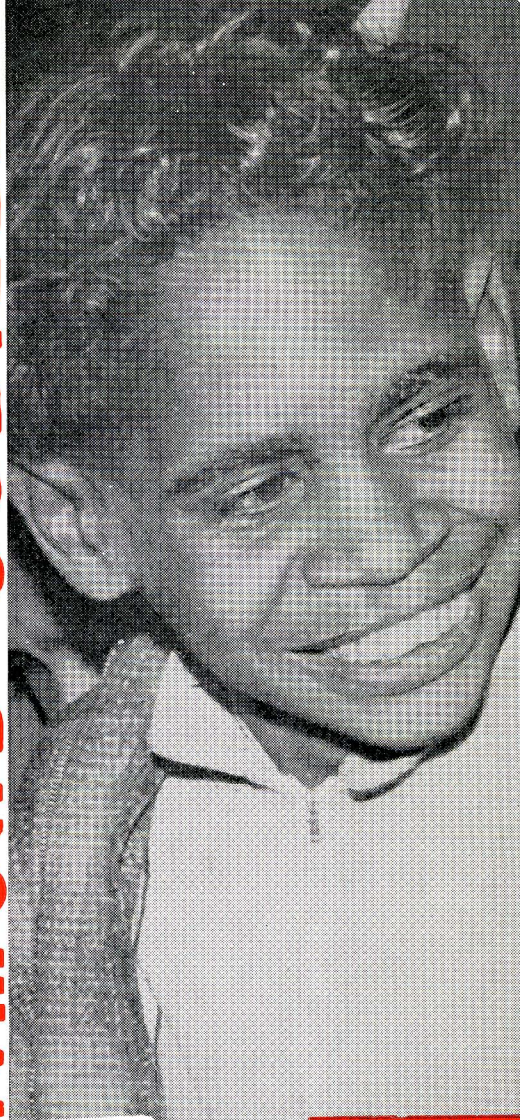




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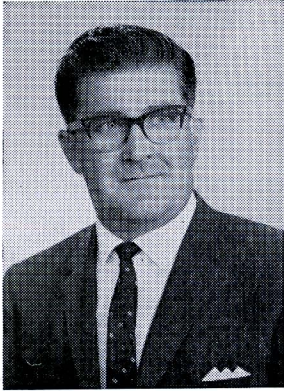
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Together we have reached, by the Grace of God, the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Aborigines Inland Mission.

We stand where we are today because of the mercy and faithfulness of our Almighty God.

The mission motto, "Our God is able" has been proved time without number over the 60 years of the existence of the Mission.

Yes, together we have reached this day—our missionaries, council members, native pastors and leaders and our prayer partners—reached this day because of His faithfulness!

Our work has always been dependent on Him—never have we been able to step out but by His Grace, for we have been on the enemy territory.

This issue of EVANGEL seeks to briefly tell something of the work over the years. It is but an inadequate record, but we send it out with the prayer that you may rejoice together with us.

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"ASK NOW OF THE DAYS THAT ARE PAST"

(Deuteronomy 4:32)

In the Old Testament praise to God is actually a recital in detail of what God had done and how wonderfully He had done it.

This special issue of the EVANGEL will tell part of the same kind of story.



*the Rev. E. C. Long,
Director.*

The record will show most of all God's faithfulness in maintaining the work and the workers.

The A.I.M. had only a small humble beginning in a day when missions to the aborigines were as despised as the people themselves. It was also part of the "offense of the Cross" and that of course, is still true in some places.

It has never been an easy work. There has been very little glamour and never large numbers to challenge, but the One Who began the work has maintained it to His glory.

He has maintained the work and expanded the work. Very soon after the commencement of the A.I.M. in New South Wales, the vision of Queensland was brought forward by the Lord. South Australia and even Western Australia were areas of work for brief periods. Later came the Northern Territory — in some ways the hardest of all to enter, no doubt

because the Enemy of souls wanted to keep his hold on it.

But the years have proved that when the Lord opens a door, no one can shut it. To Him be all the glory.

Then the Lord has been faithful in supplying the needs of the work and the workers. The years have seen many thousands of pounds come in to Headquarters and to the missionaries direct to maintain their ministry.

This does not say that there have been no shortages. How some missionaries have gone on in days of desperate shortage is a miracle of God's grace. There never has been a time when there has been even a small surplus, but God has enabled His servants to go on with strong faith, even though some times that faith has been severely tested.

There have been wonderful moments also when God has sent larger provision making possible the purchase of property, houses and vehicles and the erection of churches. To Him be all the glory.

The Lord has blessed too, the preaching of the Word. We do not know accurately the number of those whose names are in the Lamb's Book of Life. It must be many thousands from the A.I.M. field — possibly 15,000 or may be many more. "The Lord knoweth them that are His."

The human agents have been very weak vessels, but the Lord has graciously blessed the ministry through these earthen vessels. To Him be all the glory.

And we are sure of this He will be faithful in the future. How long do we have? Will Australia always be free? How long before Christ returns? Are we living as if Christ died yesterday, rose this morning and is returning tomorrow? How much of urgency is there in our work? Let us face Today's Task today.

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**The late Mrs. R. Long,
Founder**

FROM THE FOUNDER'S DIARY

August 1, 1905. This afternoon faith was low, though God was just the same El Shaddai. I felt ill and weak and tired and powerless. I asked the Lord for a message and to my intense surprise He said to me, "O woman, great is thy faith, be it unto thee as thou wilt."

In wonder and in weakness I took Him at His word and accepted this wonderful message which covered all my need.

We met at the residence of Mr. Cochrane (local C.P.S.) at 7.30 p.m. and began that never-to-be-forgotten meeting with the hymn "To the work!" followed by a season of prayer and the reading of Isaiah 60. We claimed its rich promises, especially "A little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation." We knelt and sang reverently through each verse of "Oh, 'tis sweet to follow Jesus and go with Him all the way."

We sang the last verse with up-raised hands and in that action placed ourselves at God's disposal. (I look upon that moment as the birth of the A.I.M.).

The Constitution was laid on the table. It had been signed by Retta Dixon, Mabel Timbury, H. Sellwood Austin, Mary Austin, B. Bartrop, A. Millard, E. M. Aitken, P. O. Davis, A. T. Cochrane, I. Worgan, G. Coughlan and L. W. Long. We linked our hands and sang the Doxology. I read our marching orders — Matthew 28:18-20 — and with bowed heads we covenanted with the Lord to fulfil His command and go forth and make disciples for Him of the Aborigines of Australia.

At 9.30 p.m. the meeting was closed in prayer by Miss Worgan. Thus our new Mission is launched. Wonderful leading of the Lord! Little did I think that Singleton would be the starting point when in February He bade me rise and depart. His way is perfect.

HE HAS BEEN FAITHFUL

by E. Arthur Collins,
General Secretary and Field Superintendent.

For sixty years our God has provided all that has been needed to support our missionaries and to maintain the work. In that period it has meant that several hundred people have had to be fed, clothed and housed. Provision has been made for travelling many millions of miles in the conduct of their work.

How? That's the question which instinctively comes to our mind when we hear what God has wrought.

Money has been given in answer to prayer — but how? In what way has the Lord worked?

This Jubilee issue will give some indication of the extent of the work today. Our God has done great things for and through the Mission during the last 60 years. The little one has become a thousand.

To grasp the full significance of what has been done it is necessary to understand the principles on which the Mission operates.

The declared method of support states:

“All spiritual, temporal and financial needs of the Mission shall be sought at the hands of the Lord by prayer.”

“They (the missionaries) shall depend entirely upon God for the supply of all their needs for any purpose whatever, believing that the Lord Jesus is both able and willing to supply every need for His own work.”

During these sixty years the Lord has displayed not only His ability but His willingness to provide “all our need.” “Your Heavenly Father knoweth.”

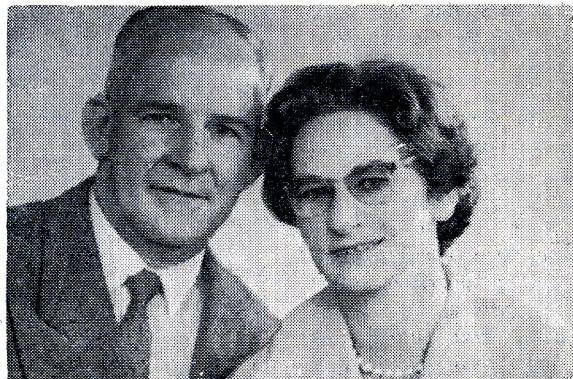
There have been two world wars. There was the depression the memory of which is still a nightmare to many people. Missionaries were called to a people despised and rejected; to a people “scattered and peeled.”

In times of crisis God has displayed His foreknowledge and demonstrated

He is never taken by surprise. “Before they call I will answer.” In answer to “Can God?” missionary after missionary has affirmed “God can!” They do this without fear of contradiction.

They have personally experienced His deliverances — in matters physical, temporal and spiritual. The provision at a moment's notice for an unexpected but urgent journey, some crisis in their own or their loved one's health; victory in spiritual con-

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Collins

(ASK NOW, continued)

Then last of all remember the greatest danger has always been that having begun in the Spirit, we should go on in the flesh. That would be the greatest tragedy that could ever happen to the Mission or to any believer.

The Lord has been faithful. Let us be faithful and let us ask Him to keep us "walking in the Spirit" until He calls "Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the World."

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(HE HAS BEEN FAITHFUL, cont.) flict in their own life and those whom they have been privileged to lead to Christ the Saviour.

During the time of the most acute housing shortage in N.S.W. when the student enrolment of the Bible Institute increased so that larger premises were essential, the Lord provided what had been claimed to be the largest private home in the Southern Hemisphere and—although wonderfully preserved — at only a fraction of its original cost.

Missionaries to the Aboriginal people can serve much more effectively if they are mobile. Just within recent days four cars have been given to missionaries serving in comparatively isolated areas so that their work of reaching out with the Gospel could be extended.

Businessmen in the city could not see any immediate end of rent control for office buildings. The Lord laid it on our hearts to seek to have the Headquarters staff in the one building. Prayer was answered and a suitable dwelling provided. After being established here at Enfield rent restrictions have been lifted and many city rents have more than doubled. How devious are His ways.

and how slow we are to realise He is working for our good always.

It has been in the small details that we have seen His love. Nothing is too small to escape His attention.

"Omnipotence hath servants everywhere." Whether it be the needs of the Mission and the Council were seeking His provision — or the needs of individual missionaries and they are petitioning the Father — or the people in their various Church groups praying for blessing on their work and witness it has always been the same testimony — "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord our God spake."

He who has displayed the diversity of His power in nature does it in another way in giving answers to prayer. Answers given seldom take the same form.

Sometimes it has been regular prayer partners who have been His source of supply; at others it has been some one absolutely unknown to us but known to Him and yet at other times it has been the people to whom He has called us to minister who have been used.

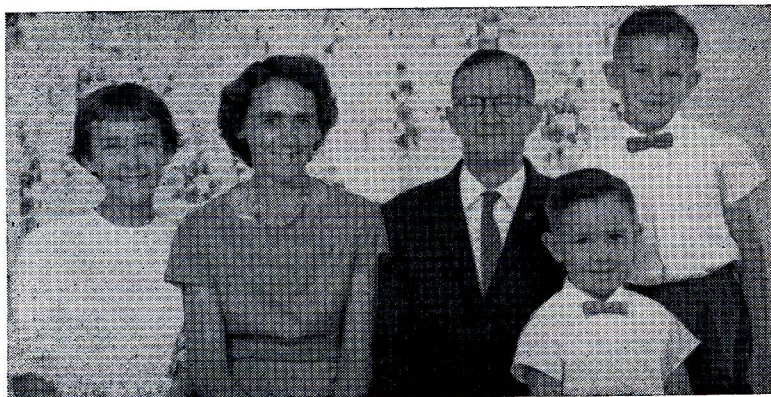
It has been the Lord who has provided and we publicly acknowledge this and declare again "He is a great God and greatly to be praised."

Running right through the story of God's provision through the years to make the harvest possible there is also the story of loss. In nature there is all the glory and beauty of the spring blossoms, then the green leaf, but these are taken away. Why? That the harvest of fruit may be reaped.

We see this principle in God's greatest work — the work of redemption. God gave His Son — He took Him away (to His right hand) and it has been an eternal blessing to the world.

Missionaries have laboured giving their time and strength without stint just as so many of the Lord's people on the home front have given sacrificially and bathed those gifts in prayer. To the world this would be foolishness and a loss of time, strength and resources.

We believe the Lord of the harvest will gather in a rich harvest redounding to His praise and glory as a result of the praying, giving and going.



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. H. Klienschmidt, of Townsville, Q., who are in charge of this comparatively new work in the north.

Our Mission motto "Our God is able" is true today as it was 60 years ago. At our recent Jubilee Conference, when most of our missionaries were present, we praised the Lord for His faithfulness over the years of activity.

Today, as I look back to the time I commenced to serve the Lord, my heart rejoices in His faithfulness towards me. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." (1st Thess. 5.24).

Our missionaries on Palm Island were Mr. and Mrs. Buckley and it was under their ministry that I learned from God's Word that I was a sinner, and that Christ had died for me. He then became my personal Saviour.

I joined the Junior C.E. group and

took an active part in other church activities.

Many visitors came to the Island. One who came and who was a particular blessing to me was the Rev. J. G. Ridley. As a result of his visit and my surrender to the Lord my whole life was changed from that time. My life was fully given over to the Lord.

From time to time the Bible Training Institute was brought before me and the opportunity of training for full-time service. But I did not seem to be ready for this — yet, hadn't I given my life wholly to Him? Yes, I had, but family ties seemed too much just then. But in time the loving Lord soon revealed Himself to me afresh and I found myself at the Institute.

Institute training was not easy. I felt I had enough 'head knowledge' but now I found I had much more to learn!

I had to learn above all to be dependent on Him. Phil. 4.19 became a blessing to me as well as other verses.

Daily I looked to the Lord to supply my every need. It was not easy. At home I always had my father to help in time of need. Now I was too proud to write home to him for had I not testified that the Lord would supply! The Lord wonderfully undertook.

After graduation from the Institute, I was posted to Fingal to do my probation. And so time has gone on.

As I wrote these lines it seems such a long while since it all began. But He has been faithful right through and I praise Him for what the Aborigines Inland Mission has meant to me and so many of my people throughout Australia.

All the way my Saviour leads me,

What have I to ask beside,
Can I doubt His tender mercy

Who through life has been my
guide.

WHAT THE A.I.M. HAS MEANT TO ME



by

*E. M. Walker,
Native Missionary.*

CHURCHES GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

*A brief article
on the
newly formed
Committee
by
the President,
David F. Kirk.*

Here's a new phase within our Mission, that must be understood and prayed much for — "The Churches Guidance Committee" (C.G.C.)

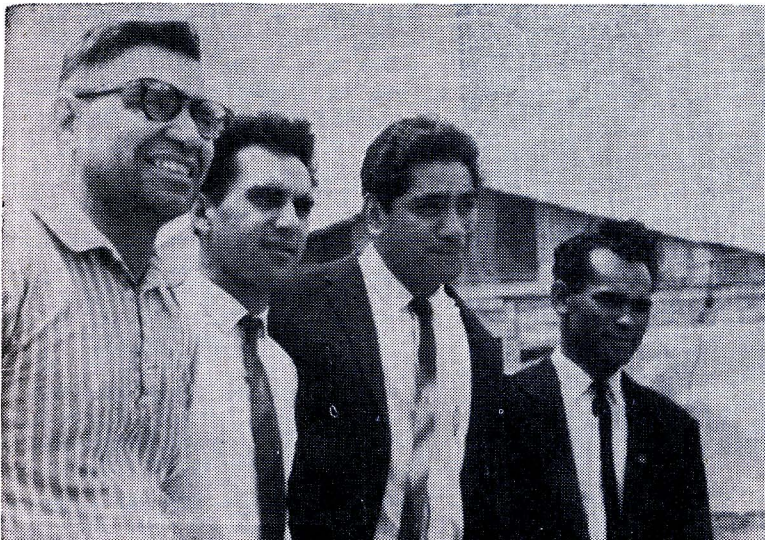
Twelve months prior to our Jubilee Conference in Brisbane, there was a temporary Committee formed called the Pastoral Advisory Committee. This came into being to aid our young Churches in the calling of pastors.

Perhaps to many of our readers and some of our missionaries the purpose, aims, etc., and the fact that it was a temporary set-up, was not fully understood.

This new Committee will replace the previous one and will do more than just help the newly formed churches across the field with the calling of pastors, etc. It will fully care for all matters concerning the future development of these Churches.

It was felt deeply by the Mission and all local Church representatives at the Conference that a Committee of some nature had to come into existence to guide the growing churches within the framework of the Mission.

To have such a recognised Committee functioning to do this work.





NEW CENTRES ENTERED IN THIS DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR

Victoria River Downs, the Cattle Station of historic and literary fame is the newest centre on the A.I.M. map!

In June Mr. and Mrs. M. Field, who had been working at Katherine, N.T., for some time moved out to this area in their Landrover and Caravan.

In a remarkable manner, the Lord gave them a wonderful entrance to this Station and today they are seeking to serve Him among the good number of Aborigines who reside and visit this centre.

Normanton, in the Gulf Country of North Queensland, we trust will become another centre before this Jubilee year ends.

Some of our readers will remember when we had missionaries in this town. Today there is again a good Aboriginal population and many family groups living in reasonable access to the town.

Miss M. Fairfax, who has already visited Normanton, has a real burden for this area and D.V. will go across again within months.

ABOVE: The Church at work. LOWER LEFT: Messrs. W. Naden, D. Kirk (writer of the article), B. Kingi and V. Shaw.

3. Secretary — Mr. Cecil Grant, 16 Tristania Avenue, Leeton, N.S.W.
4. Treasurer—Mr. W. H. Naden, 26 Bobs Street, Gilgandra, N.S.W.

In short, here are the aims of the Committee.

- (a) Give guidance when sought, to the Churches in all matters of local administration.
- (b) Assist them when calling a Pastor — e.g. give recommendations as to qualifications, etc.
- (c) To help Christians on a Centre to form themselves into a local Church.
- (d) Give suggestions as to the training of future Pastors.
- (e) Hold annually, a union of Churches Convention or Conference to consolidate the Committee and the Churches in Doctrine, Christian living and Christian service.

there must first of all be a uniting of all our individual local churches across the field.

We pray that all Churches will unite with us for Christ's sake.

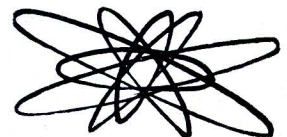
Church delegates at the Conference sanctioned the forming of the Committee, now we trust all the Churches will unite, support and co-operate with this newly formed Committee.

The first elected officers need your daily prayers as much "ground work" will have to be done. The officers of the C.G.C. are as follows:—

1. Chairman — Mr. David F. Kirk, B.T.I., Singleton, N.S.W.
2. Vice-Chairman — Mr. W. R. Caddy, 135 Wentworth Road, Enfield, N.S.W.

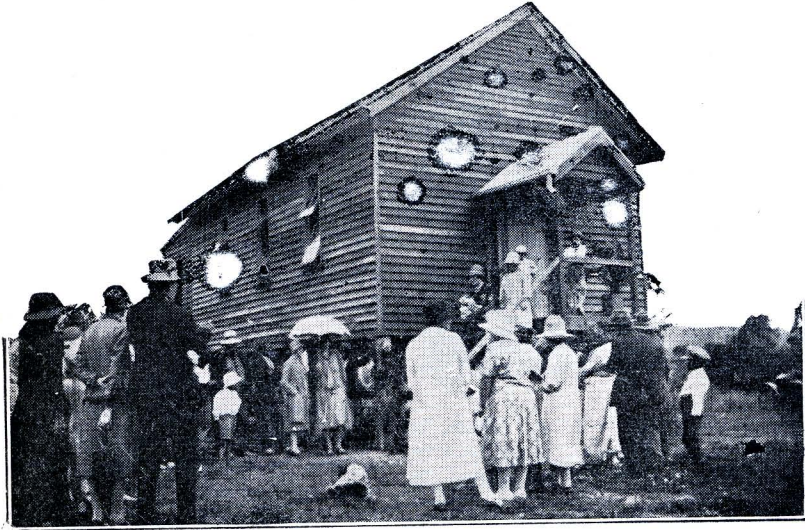
Togetherness is a **must** for us all. I believe the Lord will bless the Mission, the C.G.C. and the Churches if we are prepared to honour Him.

He promised, did He not, that if we honour Him He will honour us. His promise is sure, let's all rise to the challenge.



OUR GOD

OVER THE





THE YEARS



TO LEFT: The opening of the Gayndah, Q., A.I.M. Church on Nov. 5, 1927.
LOWER LEFT: The late Miss M. Bagnell, who was the first accepted missionary in the A.I.M.

CENTRE: The L. W. Long Memorial Van, known so well across the Field during earlier years of our activities.

ABOVE: In 1962, Miss M. Campbell, a missionary with 45 years experience, retired. Here Carol Ingram pins a spray to her coat at the farewell meeting in Narrandera, N.S.W.

FROM LEFT: A group of children who attended the last Bible Vacation School at Greta Camp (near Singleton).

BELOW: The opening of the A.I.M. Church on Woorabinda, Q., last year.

SECOND FROM RIGHT: Children at a Mission held by Miss K. Davis, at Murrin Bridge, N.S.W., in 1960.



MISSIONARIES

TESTIFY

Miss M. Acland, who joined the Mission in 1911, writes . . .

"Kept by the power of God through faith." I Peter 1.5. For fifty three years, I have proved the faithfulness of our God as I worked in the ranks of the Aborigines Inland Mission.

Over the years there have been various experiences, testings, opposition and blessing. It has been wonderful to serve Him and work with the people.

Perhaps the biggest test came when after working in the different centres in N.S.W. I was appointed to go to Taroom which is in South-western Queensland. This was in 1922.

For 10 years I had desired this opportunity and it was with joy in my heart that I went forth.

One verse which was a particular blessing at the time was, "I have set before thee an open door which no man can shut."

On arrival in the town I found that the door to service on the settlement **was shut**, but I knew the Lord had sent me, and I stayed on. A letter from the Directors at that time gave me assurance. "Hold on, and we will pray through," it read. And the Lord answered in His own time. We were able to work on this settlement until it was closed and moved across to Woorabinda.

The Lord is precious . . . and worthy to be praised!



Miss M. Acland

Miss G. Smith



Our most recently accepted Missionary, Mr. G. Smith writes

Since leaving the Bible Training Institute, Singleton, N.S.W., just a little over twelve months ago, I have proved that He is the One Who provides for His flock.

As I look back over the past twelve months I praise Him for all that He has provided.

Not only does He provide but leads, guides, keeps, loves and rebukes and chastens. He is a wonderful Saviour.

Now as I take over this work in Redfern, I know He will undertake for every step I have taken. Thus far He has provided for me.

Although the evil one has worked and is working, I can see beyond every obstacle that the way is clear.

I am looking to Him to lead and guide me while doing the work in Redfern. Truly He is able to do exceeding abundantly — "praise the Lord."



TRAINING TO SERVE

“To be a teacher of teachers, a trainer of preachers, is to effect the greatest good by the simplest means . . . in the shortest time.” Dr. Alexander Duff.

ITS PAST

The Mission has, from its very beginnings aimed not only at an indigenous church but churches formed from the people and served by a Native Ministry. There were Native Missionaries working just a few years after the Mission began in 1905. Missionaries trained, on their stations, those native Christians who showed signs of leadership and many Native Missionaries and workers so trained have made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Mission. Some of the familiar names of earlier days were Mr. Alex Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dates, Mr. and Mrs. George Cormier, Mr. Harry Ashmore, Mr. Fred Barber, Mr.

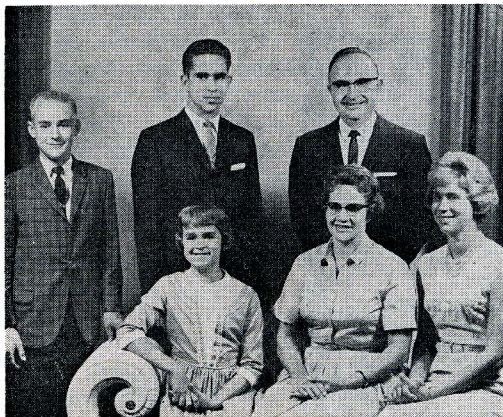
Sunny Simpson, Pastor Bobby Peters, Pastor Naden—to cite just a few.

It was felt there should be a centre where adequate and special-

ised training could be given. In 1932 the Moonah Cullah Convention of Native Christians gave a special offering to start such a centre.

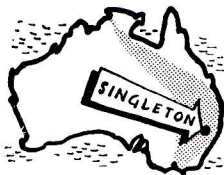
In 1938 the Native Workers' Training College was opened at Pindimar on the shores of Port Stephens, 50 miles north of Newcastle.

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**Principal J. M. Lloyd
and his family.**

During World War II a move was made, as a temporary measure, to Dalwood near Branxton and in 1945 the Lord made possible the purchase of Minimbah House at Singleton, which is the present site of the Institute. It was significant that just 40 years before the Mission began in this country town, and also that the name "Minimbah" (given long before we took over the property) should mean in the Aboriginal language "Home of the Teacher".



ITS PUPILS

Aboriginal students have come from every State of the mainland for Bible training so that in some way they can better serve their Lord among their own people. We have also accepted students from sister missions for training so they could return to their own missions for further service.

The alumni are scattered across our field. Some are serving today as Pastors of native churches, others as native missionaries and most of

the others are actively helping in the work of the church where they live.

ITS PROGRAMME

The Institute's regular Course covers a two year period with three terms in the year. The students cover the greater part of God's Word in intensive study.

Assignments at the Institute, as well as in other churches and some Mission stations help round out their practical Christian experience and service.

A third year Course is open to graduates.

The Institute's motto could well be described as "Training to serve their own."

ITS PLACE

The Institute has a very important place in the work of the Mission.

It gives opportunity for young people who come to Christ on the stations to prepare for a life of services. The goal is a complete native ministry in their own churches and amongst their own people. Should the Lord tarry it could well be that the Institute itself would be completely staffed by those who have grad-

uated or had other training to equip them for this work. It has served as the Headquarters for the A.A.M.M. (Australian Aborigines Missionary Movement); for a focal centre where Bible Schools have been organised and conducted; and the latest move has been for third year students to do at least one of the three terms of their year on a Mission station.

ITS PROSPECTS

Judson when asked 'What of the prospects?' replied 'As bright as the promises of God.'

The prospects of the work of the Institute are bright. The educational, vocational and living standards of the people have taken a great upward surge. To adequately meet their needs there is the urgent necessity to train young people to cater for the spiritual requirements of the increasing numbers of Aboriginal people in our land and to effectively present the Lord Jesus Christ as the only One under heaven by whom they (and we) can be saved.



Two graduates of the Singleton Bible Institute, Pastor and Mrs. W. Fejo of Newcastle Waters, N.T. They were married early last year.

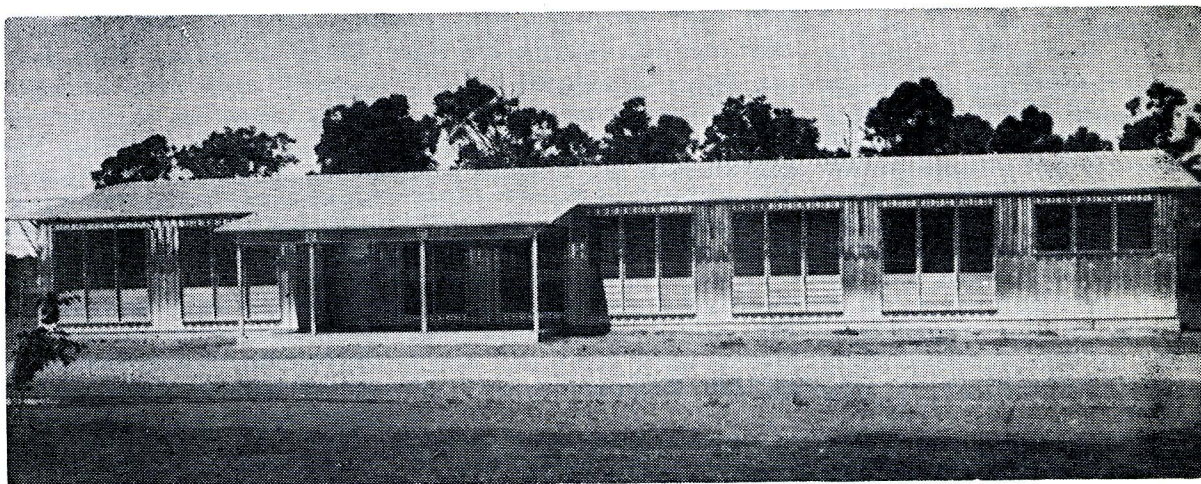
As the war neared our shores in 1940, Miss M. Shankleton, A.I.M. missionary, was asked by the Native Affairs Branch to accompany a number of part-coloured mothers and children to a safer area in the south.

She and other missionaries cared for these folk until it was safe to return to the north.

On their return Miss Shankleton organized, what became the Retta Dixon Home, in a set of Army buildings on Bagot Road, Darwin. Up to 80 children were cared for by Miss Shankleton and other missionaries at various times.

TAKE THIS CHILD

RETTA DIXON HOMES



Miss Shankleton remained in the Home as Superintendent until 1963 when the Field Council appointed Mr. M. Pattermore so that Miss Shankleton could be relieved for other duties. Miss Shankleton remained on the staff as liaison officer.

In 1961 the children were moved from the original buildings into the new cottages which had been built by the A.I.M. These new cottages are now known as the Retta Dixon Homes, and each cottage bears the name of one of the early native missionaries.

The Lord has raised up "house-
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parents" over the years and this has released missionaries for field work.

The average number of staff has been approximately 18 persons. We recognise that this number has proved but a bare sufficiency, especially at times, as we have experienced, when workers have been laid aside or hospitalised. However, as difficulties have come the Lord has raised up help or given grace and strength for others to carry on.

It has been a pleasing feature to see how older children have responded, rising to the occasion, accepting responsibility and generally assisting

at such times.

Isn't this as it would be in a normal home?

CHILDREN

Time and effort by Cottage Parents at instruction in the home has been rewarded by seeing some backward pupils gain interest and better results in general school work.

Five little ones attend the Night-cliff Pre-school while one of the older girls is at Darwin High School.

Four children are learning music.
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they attend regular pianoforte lessons.

All regular activities of the Home maintain interest. The Girls' Life Brigade has been particularly active. 1st Darwin Company, our Home unit, won both shields for the year, that for honours at the Swimming Carnival and the Field Day Sports. Added enthusiasm has been gained through the visit of Major Langworthy from G.L.B. Headquarters, Sydney.

Two older girls travelled to Melbourne for an N.C.O. Training Camp, held last December vacation.

GENERAL

School holiday camps at Lee Point and Coomalie Creek have been much looked forward to by the children and have proved both profitable and enjoyable.

In closing last year's report it was with a note of expectancy, i.e. "the stage is set for much that will be of real value by way of adjustment, training and character building in the lives of the children".

This we have seen, and looking back over the year it is with a certain satisfaction and assurance and therefore gratitude to God for His overruling, enabling and blessing.

Pondering the future — it is with confidence and anticipation of yet greater benefits and the consolidation of those which have already been emerging in many hearts and lives at the Retta Dixon Homes.



Supt. M. Pattemore

OUR GOD IS ABLE

A Chapter from

the A.I.M. publication

PROVIDENCIAL CHANNELS

by Mrs. R. Long

"Throw us away, throw us away! O, you people, why don't you throw us away? We are no more good, me and my poor little sister. We have no one to give us a piece of bread now our poor mammie's gone. Throw us away! Why don't you throw us away?"

Such was the wild cry of a half-caste aboriginal girl of twelve years who, whilst nursing her little sister had watched her mother die.

We looked at the two motherless girls and then looked up to the Lord Who, with us, had heard that heart-breaking appeal. "Lord, what shall I do?" was all I could think of to say.

A few hours before, the mother had sent for all her people and the whole camp had gathered at the door. "I'm going to leave you fellas tonight and go away to Jesus. I want all you fellas to see me die." She spoke triumphantly.

The first missionary had only recently come with the message of salvation to this remnant of the native people, who were living on the banks of a network of creeks. Their camps were under the shadow of a lovely mountain which was the central figure of many of their tribal legends.

The Gospel had brought new light, new hope, new freedom and the people who sat in darkness had seen a heavenly light. They were no longer afraid of Death, so they heeded

the dying Bella's summons and came to sing and pray with their sister as, "washed in the blood of the Lamb," she entered the Valley of the Shadow on her way to the Eternal Glory.

Bella had joined in the singing and had given fragments of testimony, as her flickering strength allowed until she fell asleep in Christ while we sang:

"Be Thou Thyself, before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me."

Beyond the depths of that awful cry which sprang from the elder girl's lips, I heard the tender, strong command of the Son of God, "Take these children, and train them for Me."

"I will, Lord," was my trembling reply.

With an aching heart I placed the mother's body gently down on the improvised bed and putting my arms
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around the motherless girls, I said, "Never mind, dear Biddie and Lil, I will take care of you now and give you bread. Come home with me."

I took them to my home which was on the narrow platform of the little slab church.

We laid poor Bella's body to rest among the graves of a growing company of redeemed aborigines of Australia, in the "sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection."

As soon as possible I rode my bicycle to the town of Singleton.

When I told my story, Christian friends endorsed my decision to make provision for these girls and other equally destitute children.

First we would require a house. The renting of one seemed to our small company to be a very difficult proposition, as a house "to let" in this town of three thousand inhabitants had been an unusual occurrence for some years. Reminding one another that "Our God IS able," we took the matter to the Lord in prayer, asking Him in faith to do the impossible and to provide us with a house in which to carry out His command to train little dark-skinned children for Him.

The next morning we began to discover our "Providential Channel."

Standing on the verandah of the home in which I had spent the night, we saw a dray deposit a load of bricks and later another and another, on a vacant allotment of ground opposite. We resolved to watch developments.

A widow purchased them and they were being delivered to her site during my previous visit. We now saw rising before us a cottage of four rooms and a kitchen, exactly like the place we pictured that would meet our requirements.

Had God so ordered matters that
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out of these extraordinary circumstances He was building us a home? Would it be right to incur the liability of a rental when we had no human resources whatever? Was there anything in God's Word to warrant such an undertaking?

We turned to search for it. Yes, in Acts 28:30 and 31 we read, "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the Kingdom of God, and teaching those things, which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

Thus assured, I called upon the widow, who was a Christian, and placed our project before her, asking if she would let us have the cottage and at what rental.

My call on the widowed landlady was made on the very next morning after the A.I.M. had been founded on the night of August 1st, 1905. Coming as it did at that moment, the permission to rent the house was a

seal on our step of faith in beginning such a work in the Name of the Lord.

In the course of four or five months we outgrew the accommodation of our first God-provided home and this fact, together with Mr. Long's entry into the work and our subsequent marriage, compelled us to seek larger premises. The Lord led us to a house of fourteen rooms and there we again set up our banner in the Name of the Lord. Nor did the Lord forget our first landlady's faith, for her cottage was quickly re-tenanted after our removal to the larger house.

With the progress of the work, we had much need to resort to our unchanging Lord. But it was the same God Who in our first extremity proved that His hand was not shortened nor His resources limited, for out of a destructive fire He had provided for us a comfortable dwelling place for our first orphans and a suitable centre "for preaching the Kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ."

NEW MISSION HOUSE



Over the years the Lord has enabled the Mission to acquire buildings in the various centres. This is the mission house in Townsville which is being purchased at present.

REACHING OUT THROUGH RADIO, LITERATURE and VISITATION

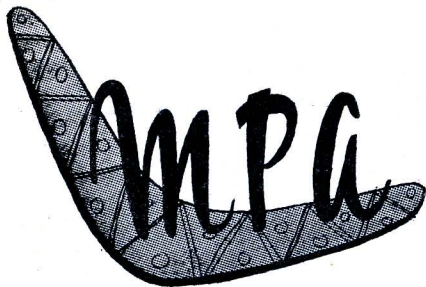
MIRACLES AND MELODIES, the A.I.M. radio programme, reaches into areas where missionaries are already working and also to places where they are not.

The A.I.M. has always sought to use every means available under the good hand of God to spread the Gospel message wherever the coloured people of Australia are found.

The theme song of this fifteen minute programme is played on the guitar accompanied by the gumleaf and bones. This immediately establishes the session as one directed to our coloured people, but at the same time to be accepted by radio stations it must be of sufficient general interest.

The programme is now heard weekly on three commercial stations, each of which is in an area where there is a large concentration of our people.

Although the cost is high, radio is actually one of the least expensive forms of evangelism.



Mission Publications is only 4½ years old — just a fraction of the age of its parent missions. But it has developed faster than anyone expected.

There has been tremendous growth in the amount of Christian literature produced. Now we are getting short

of space. The print-shop that seemed such an empty barn when it was built in 1960 now seems more like an over-crowded "cubby house." Approval has been received for a two-storey addition to the building, and work started on this at the end of June.

There has been quite a variety of literature produced too. Though the quarterly Sunday School lessons take most of our time, we have been able to print a number of tracts and booklets in simple English. Some of these have been translated into various native languages. Other language publications include a series of primers for use in W.A.

LETTERSTICK, a simple magazine for new literates is printed and distributed free of charge every couple of months.

The outreach of M.P.A. literature has been extended far beyond what anyone ever dreamed. We regularly supply lessons and tracts to mission stations in many islands of the S.W. Pacific, in S.E. Asia, and throughout Australia, as well as many churches.

Present needs are for a trained printer, extra workers qualified to assist in writing and illustrating, and a larger printing machine to keep up with the growth of our work.

TOWN WORK

With assimilation and the rapid growth and extension of some of the inland towns, our work has in some centres, moved into towns.

These towns have become centres for a larger district work. From the centres missionaries move out to the

outlying areas with the Gospel.

Other towns and cities, such as Sydney (Redfern), Brisbane and Townsville missionaries find that there is enough work for them within the confines of the town area.

We have buildings and mission houses in some centres and the missionaries are members of the Ministers' Fraternal in many places.

DRY-SEASON ITINERARY

Because of the various and isolated groups of Aborigine people scattered outside the small towns of the inland, and near the homesteads of the Cattle Stations, many of our missionaries are engaged in itineration work.

Perhaps the Northern Territory presents the greatest challenge in this regard. During each dry season missionaries, usually equipped with a four-wheel drive vehicle travel some thousands of miles for Christ and the Aborigines.

In this way a great number of the unsaved and uncared for Aborigines are ministered unto.

The call of the "regions beyond" comes strongly to the ears of the workers who have a vision of the need of dying souls.



THE TYPE

OF MISSIONARIES WE WANT!

We want men and women who are thoroughly converted and know it.

We want men and women who are fully consecrated to God, sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit, so saved from themselves that they are at leisure to work for others.

We want men and women who are burning with the love of souls and are longing to lead men and women to Christ.

We want men and women who have already begun to work for Christ and have led many souls to the Saviour. One of the first questions asked a missionary candidate is, "How many have you led to Christ since you were saved?" The best place to begin foreign missionary work is at home. A man went away from meeting the Board the other day disappointed at not being able to answer this question satisfactorily, but he was determined it should not happen again. The next Sunday God gave him three souls.

We want men and women who can live simply, endure hardship, deny themselves, put up with every discomfort, who do not want things "just so" for their wardrobe, who are willing to go to the heathen just as they are getting on at home, if necessary; who can travel with a knapsack like a soldier and sleep in their boots, and will not grumble about it either, but enjoy it for Christ's sake; who have got over the romance and novelty of travel and are going for one thing only, and that is to win souls for Christ, to please Him and hasten His coming.

We want men and women who are easy to get along with, who have died to self and self-will, who can keep sweet and can submit themselves to their superintendents until they have learned the language and become qualified to be leaders; who can keep rank as David's soldiers; who are adjustable, good-natured, ready to meet persecution and insult without getting angry, and who can live the gospel of Christ among the heathen even as the Master did.

We want men and women who are strong, vigorous, rugged, and healthy; or at least have such a hold of the Lord for their bodies that they are not afraid of climate, hard work, inclemency of the weather and physical pressure; who now are having victories in their bodies and are able to stand exposure and hardship and do real work for God.

We want men and women who know the Lord so well they can have His joy under all circumstances; who will not be afraid of loneliness nor privation; who ask no greater recompense than the privilege of serving and pleasing Him, and who go out not wanting sympathy, but rejoicing in the name of missionary and the privilege of enduring suffering and even shame for the name of Him who died for them.

We want men and women who have such a distinct call to the mission field that they cannot stay back, and that even if we do not send them they will go somehow.

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- Tu. 24th. **GENERAL FUNDS.** Prayerfully seek God's continuing provision for the financial needs of the A.I.M. that this ministry will not be hindered in any way.
- We. 25th. **CHURCH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE.** Ask the Lord's blessing upon the Council chosen to supervise the affairs of the growing Church throughout our field.
- Th. 26th. **LADIES AUXILIARIES.** Commit to God the many ladies who faithfully assist in the work of the Mission. Pray also for ladies meetings on the various Mission stations.
- Fr. 27th. **DUBBO, CONDOBOLIN and WELLINGTON (N.S.W.).** Uphold those serving as Associate workers and Christian leaders in these areas. Seek God's blessing and direction on this western area of N.S.W.
- Sa. 28th. **MIRACLES AND MELODIES** the A.I.M. radio programme is designed to reach our people with the Word of God. Pray that many will be converted, restored and strengthened through this radio ministry.
- Su. 29th. **SPECIAL MEETINGS** in Queensland. Miss E. Walker is conducting Children's Missions and Mr. and Mrs. Bowen are giving special Bible Teaching on the Mission stations of this State. Pray that they will be fruitful and result in a strengthening of the Church.
- Mo. 30th. **MISSION PUBLICATIONS OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.).** Continue to pray for the Literature ministry of the Mission remembering the Letter Stick and Evangel. Pray also for the building programme at La Perouse.
- Tu. 31st. **PRAISE GOD** for His great goodness and faithfulness throughout the past sixty years. Thank Him for His mercy, grace and provision during the past month.

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DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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

AUGUST, 1965

- Sun. 1st. **DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE A.I.M.** This month marks the 60th year of witness for Christ amongst the dark people of this land. Praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all to come.
- Mo. 2nd. **DIRECTOR, GENERAL SECRETARY AND SUPERINTENDENTS.** Uphold in prayer the leadership of Rev. E. C. Long, Messrs. Collins, Caddy and Pattemore in their important positions. Ask God to give health, strength and wisdom in their work.
- Tu. 3rd. **BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE (N.S.W.).** Prayerfully remember the staff and students, asking that all may be blessed in the Lord and that each student may know and obey God's plan for their life.
- We. 4th. **NEW ENGLAND AREA (N.S.W.).** Pray for the Christian witness at Armidale, Guyra and Walcha. Pray that many will be converted and that Christians will be steadfast.
- Th. 5th. **A.I.M. DAY OF PRAYER.** On the first Thursday in the month commit the whole work and witness of the Mission to God in definite believing prayer.
- Fr. 6th. **SYDNEY ANNUAL MEETING.** Pray that this gathering will be used by God to glorify His name and strengthen the ministry of the A.I.M. Prayerfully commend to God the preparation for Annual Meetings in other States.

- Sa. 7th. **MURRIN BRIDGE (N.S.W.).** Remember Miss Webb and Associate workers here. Pray that the Christians will be faithful and that others will be converted.
- Su. 8th. **REDFERN (N.S.W.).** Pray for Mr. George Smith and helpers seeking to reach for Christ those living in Sydney's inner suburbs. Pray particularly for a conviction of sin in lives of men and women.
- Mo. 9th. **FINGAL (N.S.W.). PASTOR AND MRS. CLARKE** have the oversight of the work at this centre. Pray that there will be a deep growth in the life and witness of the Fingal Church, uphold each member.
- Tu. 10th. **HEALTH OF MISSIONARIES** is a matter for constant prayer as many are unwell and weakened physically. Commit them to God praying that each worker will be sustained and strengthened.
- We. 11th. **MOREE (N.S.W.).** Pray for Pastor and Mrs. B. Bird, also helpers, ask God to draw many more into His Kingdom through their ministry.
- Th. 12th. **WALGETT (N.S.W.).** Mr. and Mrs. R. Hallett expect to commence their ministry at this North-Western town next month. Pray that all their needs will be supplied, specially the need of a house.
- Fr. 13th. **DRY SEASON ITINERATION.** Prayerfully uphold Mr. and Mrs. Stretton and others bringing the Word of Life to those living on the scattered Cattle Stations of the Northern Territory.
- Sa. 14th. **BOOMERANG AIMERS.** Remember these youth groups in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne actively interested in the A.I.M. Pray that many of these young people will go on to serve God in this land.
- Su. 15th. **NATIVE CHRISTIANS.** Prayerfully commit to God all those who love the Lord on our Mission field. Ask that they may be strong in His strength to stand firm and faithful.

- Mo. 16th. **GRIFFITH (N.S.W.).** Uphold Mr. and Mrs. K. Cobden in this district praying that the Church may be led and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Pray that lives may be transformed to His praise.
- Tu. 17th. **MOULAMEIN AND BALRANALD (N.S.W.).** Pray for Mr. and Mrs. L. Lanyon and helpers who regularly minister in these places on the Murray. Commend the Christians to the Lord remembering particularly the young people.
- We. 18th. **NARRANDERA AND LEETON (N.S.W.).** Commit to God the witness in this area commending those who preach and teach and praying that the Church will grow and prosper.
- Th. 19th. **DARETON AND ROBINVALE.** Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins and helpers maintain a regular witness at these places on the Murray. Commend the Christians to the Lord remembering particularly the young people.
- Fr. 20th. **DROUIN (V.).** Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and others who maintain a faithful witness as they seek to reach those in Gippsland for Christ. Pray that the native Christians in S.E. Victoria will live lives honouring to their Lord.
- Sa. 21st. **TRANSPORT.** Claim God's promised provision for every need. Ask particularly that needed new vehicles will be supplied as a number of missionaries have old and worn cars. Many cannot effectively reach their people without travelling long distances.
- Su. 22nd. **SUNDAY SCHOOLS.** Remember the many teachers and children in the Sunday Schools throughout our field. Pray that the Word of God will be received and grow in their hearts. Pray also for Christian Endeavour and other children's groups.
- Mo. 23rd. **DEPUTATION.** Prayerfully uphold those telling others of the work of the A.I.M. asking that many who hear will be led to pray and give to this cause. Pray that some will be challenged to go and serve remembering the need for more missionaries.

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