

Our Aim

"To give light to them that sit in darkness"

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THIS CHRISTMAS DAY

Thou holy Child, beloved by all
Whose hearts are born anew,
We love Thee both for what Thou art
And what Thou hast in view.

Dost Thou yet know, O little Prince,
Whose head was formed to bear
The kingly crown of Israel must
A crown of thorns first wear;

Thy tiny hand outstretched in love
And light to all mankind
Shall one day in the darkest hour
A cruel nail find?

If there were any other life
That God could justly take,
I'd knowing, love to spare Thee—
Even die for Thy dear sake.

But since Thou earnest down, dear Child,
In love to die for me,
This Christmas day, I'll gladly yield
In love my life to Thee.

SARAH BESS GEIBEL

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"THE THINGS GOD HAS DONE"

(C.F. ACTS 15.4)

55TH ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. E. C. Long, Director

The theme of the first Church Council held in Jerusalem was "Recent Converts." It must have been thrilling to hear Missionary Evangelists like Paul, Barnabas, Peter and others declaring how God had visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His Name. The secondary theme of that great gathering was, "All the things God had done for them." This must have almost been as soul-stirring as the primary story.

The record of the last twelve months (the 55th year of the A.I.M.) must centre around these two themes—first the story of conversions and secondly "All the things God has done for us." There have been many instances of souls won for Christ this year and at the same time, the soul refreshing evidences of the faithfulness of God.

RECENT CONVERTS

Souls have been won for Christ this year in places where Missionaries have faithfully ministered for long dry years without those visible signs of fruit for which we have longed and unceasingly prayed.

This has been particularly true along the Murray Valley where our Associate Workers have seen remarkable blessing. At Moonah Cullah in the Deniliquin area, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Page claimed the souls of the people for Christ. More than forty decisions have been recorded.



We Extend Seasonal Greetings
To All Our Readers
May His Blessing Be Your Portion



Sunday School children at Cowra, N.S.W. At extreme right is Mr. Gallacher, Associate Worker. God has used many Associate Workers to bring great blessing to the people this year.

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At Balranald, Miss Ayling served faithfully for many, many years and came away without seeing much fruit of her labours. Since then the Lord has granted a gracious time of reaping, through the visits of Associate Workers and others and more than eighteen souls have been won. Among the backsliders restored also is one whose wife has prayed for him for many years and whose restoration from a life of drunkenness and sin has been a modern miracle of saving grace. At Mildura also Associate Workers have seen much blessing.

In the New England area, God again has used Associate Workers, but here as in other places too there has been a constant battle with the forces of darkness.

BLESSINGS IN OTHER WAYS

At Palm Island, visitors including the Rev. H. J. Whitney and A.I.E. Team members were used of the Lord to harvest souls.

The special efforts of children's meeting especially those held by Miss K. Davis at many centres have also been the means of bringing salvation into many young hearts.

At Newcastle Waters, N. T. many Missionaries have faithfully served in past years. Now under the blessing of God and the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges, there has been a gracious harvest of souls, a number whom have been baptised and joined the local A.I.M. Church.

We cannot mention each place, but almost every station this year has seen souls saved. In some instances, it has been hand-picked fruit, in other cases a wider harvest. It has brought rejoicing to the hearts of many Missionaries to be able to write and tell of souls won for Christ, and of many witnessing for Christ in baptism. God has been visiting the aborigines under our spiritual care to take out of them a people for His Name.

THE THINGS GOD HAS DONE -

Three future objectives were listed in last year's Annual Report. They were:

1. The development of the Radio Program.
2. The establishment of a Literature Department.
3. The building of the new Retta Dixon Home

In this report we can tell of much achieved in each case.

THE RADIO PROGRAM—"MIRACLES AND MELODIES"

A year ago, the radio ministry had only just begun. Today it is on four stations, including 2DU Dubbo, one of the most powerful sta-

THOU CROWNEST THE YEAR WITH THY GOODNESS

tions in Western New South Wales. The response from those listening to this station has been most encouraging.

The cost of the program for the entire year has been £357. This has covered the preparation of the tapes at the Christian Broadcasting Association Studios, the cost of the tape, and the fee paid for the session on one station. The other three stations donate the time for the session.

We have been greatly encouraged by the A.I.M. Church at Cherbourg which has contributed over £70, towards the cost of the session on their neighbouring station 4SB.

We do not know how many we have reached during the course of the year, but it must be several thousand every week. £357, is not a big expenditure when we consider this vast number touched regularly with the Gospel in song and testimony.

Recently a semi-professional tape recorder has been purchased so that the standard of recording for testimonies taped on the various Mission Stations, can be up to broadcast standard.

OBJECTIVE NUMBER TWO—THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

How wonderfully God works!

More than twelve months ago the Field Council appointed Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miles to head up a Publications Department in the Sydney area, on their return from furlough in June, 1960. One major problem would of course be accommodation.

Early in 1960, however, the Lord brought us into fellowship with the United Aborigines Mission, which had also been considering a literature department. After several months of discussion it was agreed that Mission Publications of Australia be launched as the joint literature department of both Missions. This was officially announced in the April issue of "Our Aim" and "The Messenger".

Mr. and Mrs. Miles were asked to be the first managers of M.P.A. and to establish it in the U.A.M. house at La Perouse, a suburb of Sydney. On their return from furlough, Mr. and Mrs. Miles immediately drew up plans for the necessary alterations and then began the tremendous task of erecting a print-shop and offices on the south side of the building.



Mr. and Mrs. Miles brought back with them from U.S.A. a Multi-lith Offset Printing Press—most of the cost of which (about £1,100.) was given by interested friends and churches in that country.

The cost of the alterations and new building are being borne equally by both Missions.

Although much progress has been made on the print-shop, there still remains much to be done before the Offset Press will be turning out literature. We are very grateful to many volunteers who have helped Mr. Miles, specially Mr. G. Blackett of the A.I.M. Federal Council and many other Sydney friends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

The Bible-centred A.I.M. Sunday School Lessons have continued to be published from the Bible Training Institute at Singleton and have now reached a combined circulation of over 8,000 per quarter.

As soon as M.P.A. is actually in production, the lessons will be transferred to this new centre. Miss K. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Miles are writing and producing all the lessons and books at present.

Outstanding Events of the 55th Year

Conversions and baptisms at many centres.

Many new workers accepted and sent out.

Building of the new Retta Dixon Home commenced.

Additional native Missionaries join staff.

Between fifteen and twenty thousand Christmas gifts distributed.

Radio programme, "Miracles and Melodies" now on four stations.

Conventions held at Fingal and Moonah Cullah.

Mission House built at Bagot Darwin.

Bible School at Cherbourg and children's meetings at many centres.

Record new student enrolment at Bible Training Institute.

Joint Literature Department, Mission Publications of Australia, established and Offset Press purchased.

Memorial to Founder announced — Retta Long Memorial Hall to be built at the Bible Training Institute.

Many vehicles replaced or added.

Dry Season Itineration in the Northern Territory and itineration in Queensland by Mr. and Mrs. Pickett.

Road remade at Singleton Bible Training Institute.

Many losses by death among Council Members, Supporters and Native Christians.

Great blessing through visitors at Palm Island.

Public Address System given for Condobolin and others purchased for use on the Field.

Record number sat for Sunday School Examination.

New record number of Sunday School Lessons produced — over 8,000 quarterly.

Improvements to many Mission Houses, Churches and the Bible Training Institute.

THE THIRD OBJECTIVE—THE BUILDING OF THE NEW RETTA DIXON CHILDREN'S HOME

The third major objective was the erection of a new Home on the cottage system for the part-coloured children under our care in Darwin.

Endless negotiations delayed the commencement of this work for many months. Finally on December 15th, 1959, the Building Superintendent, Mr. Lynne Allen, sent a telegram saying that the clearing of the site had commenced.

Erected mostly by volunteers, ten buildings are now in position

including the eight children's cottages We praise God for the men who have given their time to help forward this work, under Mr. Allen's consecrated leadership. Five buildings are yet to be put in, the electrical wiring and plumbing and the whole of the painting as well as other tasks are yet to be completed and an urgent need exists for further volunteers.

This new Home is being built with the aid of a long term loan from the Commonwealth Government Hostel Scheme. It is anticipated that it may be six months yet before the new Home is occupied.

Meanwhile the care of 75 to 85 children continues in the present crowded dormitories. These buildings do not belong to the A.I.M. and are urgently needed by the Welfare Branch for their own purposes on Bagot Reserve.

The faithfulness of our lady missionaries and other workers is always a source of amazement to the onlooker and visitor. The workers do all to the glory of God constrained by the love of Christ.

NEW WORKERS ADDED

We praise God for the thirteen new workers who have come to us this 55th year. Some have met a very particular need as for example, Mr. and Mrs. Parish at Bagot Reserve, Darwin. We have prayed for several years for a married couple to help Miss Clark in this work and now they are there and being blessed.

VOLUNTARY WORKERS AT THE RETTA DIXON HOME

About seventeen workers (including married couples) have gone to Darwin to help with the building of the new Home. There still remains an urgent need for almost ten men immediately, but the Building Supervisor reports that it has been wonderful how God has met each need as it has arisen.

We praise God also for the voluntary workers who have said, "I will give six months—or three months to the work at the children's home." These have included three nursing sisters who have met a very special need this year at the Home.

There are now 75 Missionaries (including those on leave), 33 Associate Workers, and 15 other workers on the Field plus a number of local assistants chosen from among our native and coloured people.

For a long time we have wanted to send out additional workers to do itineration work in the Northern Territory. Before the beginning of the 55th year, the Lord brought to us Mr. Max Field with a Land-rover and this year brought to us one of our own young men from the Retta Dixon Home, Mr. Walter Fejo. We placed one of these young men with Mr. Dick Stretton and the other with Mr. Charles Main and so two teams have been on itineration work during the last Dry Season Itinerary with many cattle stations and camps visited and many souls won for Christ.

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GOD'S BLESSING ON

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Excellent attendances marked the 55th Annual Meeting of the A.I.M. at the Central Baptist Church, Sydney, on Friday, 21st October. More than 300 people were present for the evening rally.

The afternoon chairman was Mr. Albert Stacey, N.S.W. President of the United Aborigines Mission. In welcoming Mr. Stacey, the A.I.M. Secretary, Mr. G. Blacket said that there was a very happy fellowship existing between the two missions, especially through Mission Publications of Australia.

Students from the A.I.M. Bible Training Institute brought bright testimonies and singing.

Speakers for the day were Mr. Bert Clarke, Miss Enid Williams and Mr. Howard Miles, as well as the Director, the Rev. E. C. Long, and the General Secretary, Mr. E. A. Collins.

In a brief review of the year, the Director, the Rev. E. C. Long told how God had used many different means to bring natives to Christ during the past year. No one particular method or worker saw all the blessing, but the Lord had particularly used the associate workers, especially in the Murray Valley and in the New England District of N.S.W.

Mr. Long also stated that three main objectives which had been commenced in the previous year had been greatly advanced or established in this year. One was the radio session, which is now heard on four stations.

The second objective was the establishment of a literature department and this had been done in conjunction with the U.A.M. The third point was the rebuilding of the Children's Home in Darwin.

In the interval meeting, Mr. E. A. Collins, General Secretary of the A.I.M. showed slides of various centres of the A.I.M.

Mr. Max Field spoke briefly of itinerating work in the Northern Territory and the Rev. J. M. Lloyd told of the Lord's goodness at the Bible Training Institute in recent months.

The Federal Treasurer, Mr. Frank Atkinson, told how the Lord had enabled the remittances to the field to be increased over the previous year, as well as more assistance being given for the purchase of vehicles and the erection or repair of mission properties.

TASMANIAN ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. W. Caddy, of Melbourne, Deputation Secretary for Southern Australia, was the special speaker for the Tasmanian Annual Meeting held at Hobart recently. A film on the Retta Dixon Children's Home and slides on various aspects of the work of the mission were screened.

The Secretary's report was given by Mr. W. Wolnizer, and the Treasurer's report by Mrs. Wolnizer. The President, Mr. B. Mapley led the meeting.

VICTORIAN MEETINGS

Because of the Annual Report we are unable to give a full account of the Melbourne annual meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Miles spoke most challengingly and other speakers included Mr. W. Caddy and Rev. E. C. Long. Mr. Hepburn was Chairman and the Secretary, Mr. A. Bagot, and a number of Council members also took part. It was an encouraging meeting.

TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY AT DARWIN CHILDREN'S HOME

The Retta Dixon Children's Home, Darwin presents a tremendous challenge both as regards its immediate needs and its future development.

An average of eighty part-coloured children are accommodated at the Home. Those of school age attend the Darwin Public School or High School.

At the present time new buildings are being created for the Home and it is hoped they may be ready for occupancy in about six or seven months. This will depend entirely on the labour force available.

WORKMEN URGENTLY NEEDED

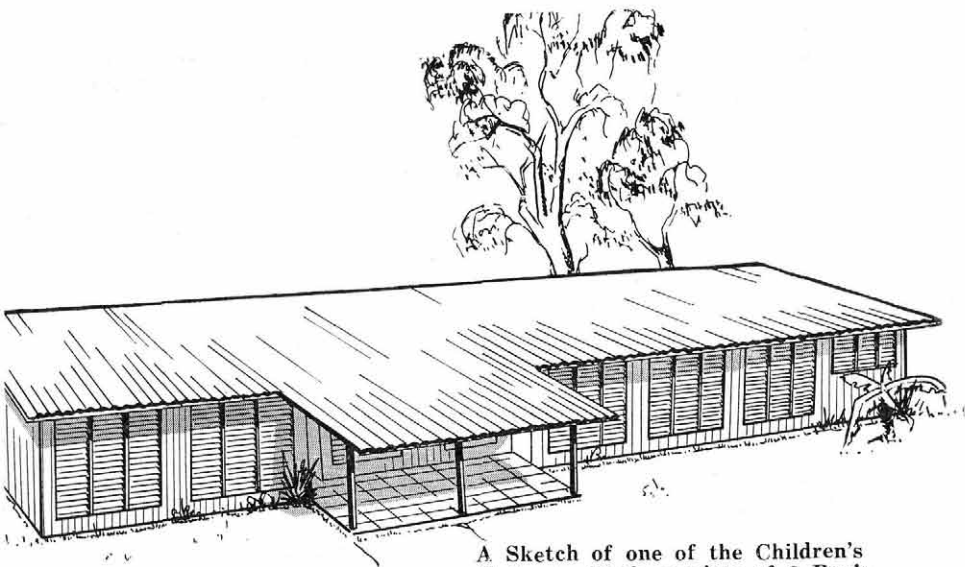
Mr. Lynne Allen, the Building Supervisor, reports good progress on the erection of the buildings.

The outside shells of eight children's cottages, the recreation hall, the store, the garage and workshop are all in position. The lining and ceiling of the cottages and the erection of the remaining buildings, however, still present a huge task and extra workmen are needed immediately.

One very urgent need is for a plumber to complete the connections inside the various buildings. Mr. Allen states that it is remarkable how the Lord has sent men just when they have been needed at each stage of the erection, and the staff is now praying that a plumber may feel led to volunteer at this time.

HOUSEPARENTS AND HOUSEMOTHERS NEEDED

The new Home is being planned on the cottage or family system,



A Sketch of one of the Children's Cottages. Each consists of 2 Boy's Bedrooms, 2 Girl's Bedrooms, Kitchen, Bathroom, Living-Dining Room,

in which each house will contain boys and girls of mixed ages under the care of house-parents or housemothers.

Already one married couple from Brisbane has been accepted for this work and a number of the present staff have volunteered also, but many more will be needed.

The advantages of the family system are obvious, especially when brothers and sisters enter the Home. The "family atmosphere" will be maintained and the tragic feeling of insecurity which is the enemy of happy childhood will be kept at a minimum. It is felt that the family system will also help to solve discipline problems which often arise under the dormitory system at the present in use at the Home.

The task of houseparents or housemothers would not be a light one, but would demand every minute of the worker's time, in the same way a mother is kept busy in her own home. It is felt, however, that surely in the Christian community of Australia there must be a number of married couples and/or single workers who would be willing to undertake this service for Christ's sake.

The training of the native and part-coloured people to take their place in our community presents a tremendous opportunity and challenge to the Christian church and especially to Missionary Societies engaged in this work. The training of the part-coloured child as undertaken at the Retta Dixon Home is given in a Christian atmosphere and the children, often unwanted by their parents, are made to feel that they are loved and cared for, for their own sake as well. Surely such a work is doubly worthwhile, when undertaken in the name of Christ.

SYDNEY CITY AREA

This verse gives me encouragement at all times, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

During the past weeks the attendance at Sunday School has improved. A family from Narrandera was living in Redfern for a time and we were pleased to have them at our meetings. Although they have moved to Newtown, some of the children continue to come.

Young John Morgan, who accepted the Lord, when Miss Davis held children's meetings here, has been very ill in the Children's Hospital at Camperdown. He is responding to treatment and hopes to come home. The hospitals visited during the month were the Randwick Hospital, The Rachel Forster, The Crown St., and the Camperdown Hospitals. It is good to have these opportunities, and the patients welcome the visits.

It was an encouragement for me to receive a letter from a man in gaol who is serving a sentence of twelve months. He wrote asking for a large print Bible and for news of his family. At one time he accepted the Lord and continued on the right path for a couple of years, then he fell a victim to his old foe, alcohol. He is now suffering bitterly the separation from his wife and family. In his letter, he said he has asked the Lord's forgiveness and he has made up his mind to live for the Lord and work for Him and help others.

Miss Cavanagh and Mr. Ken Gurney still help with the Sunday School and I am very grateful to them and to all who remember this part of the Lord's work in prayer. I thank the Lord for His enabling grace.

M. Acland.

CONTINUING THE STORY OF "THE THINGS GOD HAS DONE"

REPORTING ON THE FIELD WORK

Reference has already been made to the number of conversions in so many places this year. We want to mention also the blessing received through several conventions. One convention at Fingal and another at Moonah Cullah, both around the Christmas period brought great blessing to all who attended. Similarly the ministry of one or two native evangelists, Mr. David Kirk and Mr. Ben Mason has been used of God to challenge many lives. We rejoice that the Fingal Church has named Mr. W. Bird as its first pastor.

Many of our Missionaries have redoubled their efforts this year to reach the people of their areas for Christ. Although mentioned elsewhere, a word must be included concerning the Dry Season Itinerary. Four long journeys were made by the four Missionaries appointed to this pioneer missionary task, Mr. D. Stretton, Mr. C. Main, Mr. M. Field and Mr. W. Fejo. In two Landrovers, they covered thousands of miles on bush tracks (some of it they described as the worst they had ever seen anywhere) as well as on the main highways of the Northern Territory. In almost every place they were able to hold meetings with the native people and time and again they mentioned that many of the people contacted had first heard the Word of the Lord through hospital visitation by our Missionaries in Darwin or through the work at the Leprosarium conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge.

In western New South Wales, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clarke have found such a need in the Murrin Bridge area, 60 miles from Con-dobolin, that the Field and Federal Councils have decided to purchase a house at Lake Cargelligo and to transfer these workers there. A public address system, given by Christian friends at Parkes has been a great help and blessing in the work in this area.

Only a few of our stations can be mentioned by name. The story of the faithful work of so many of our Missionaries must be left untold, simply because of lack of space in this magazine. Thank God the records of heaven are unlimited.

THE BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

Our A.I.M. Bible Training Institute at Singleton has continued its splendid and varied service. A record enrolment of new students,

**The Bible Training Institute,
Singleton. Ten new students
have been accepted to com-
mence studies in 1961.**



fourteen in all, commenced the new school year in February, 1960. Some found the way too hard, others would not submit to discipline, but those who have remained have shown real growth in grace and have been an encouragement to the staff. One new student this year comes from our outpost station, Borroloola. She is well-known to the A.I.M. Fellowship by the name of Tiny, but since coming south has asked to be called Ruth, and is doing very well in her studies. This latter is proof of the good training given to her both in schooling and in the things of God by our Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Pattemore.

Other activities of the Institute have included the May Bible School, with again a very large enrolment, the production of the Sunday School lessons, and the provision of accommodation for the new workers of the Mission undertaking their Candidates' Course. We thank God for the helpfulness of the whole Institute programme now being felt across our wide Field.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

We have continued to place before the Lord the financial needs of the Mission and the Missionaries, and again we record with deep gratitude God's unfailing goodness. There have been a few large donations or legacies, but most of our income is still in small amounts, mostly from older friends who sacrificially give that the work may be maintained.

An audited accurate statement by our General Treasurer, Mr. F. Atkinson. A.A.S.A. will be published next month, but we can report now that over £5,600 was received this year for the General Fund alone, besides designated gifts for the support of workers or for buildings or special projects.

In addition to this amount, approximately £17,000 was received personally and direct from donors by the Missionaries on the Field, for themselves or for their work, either in cash or in other gifts. This does not include the amounts received at the Bible Training Institute for its general upkeep or by the Retta Dixon Children's home. The accounts of both of these are also audited annually.

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37TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AT PALM ISLAND

One would think by our position on the map that we would see very few visitors but on the contrary, there has been a steady flow of them to us this year, as you will have noticed from earlier copies of "Our Aim." Not least of these was the visit on the 15th and 16th October of Mr. Des Walter of Open Air Campaigners (Townsville) and Mr. Tom Venables from Ingham on the occasion of our church's 37th anniversary.

Much preparation went in to the weekend with decorating the church, training a choir and the ladies cooking for the Welcome Tea which commenced the weekend's activities on Saturday night.

The tea proved a great success as 40 adults and 35 children joined in the C. A. White Memorial Hall to welcome our guests. Welcome speeches were made by Mrs. Eva Geia, our organist and Mr. Charlie Palmer then all enjoyed Mr. Walter's items on his accordion and sang heartily when Mr. Venables conducted chorus-time. The highlight of the evening was a second film strip, shown TV style, by the use of a TV cabinet and screen. This created great interest and curiosity as well as holding the children spellbound.

MEETINGS ON SUNDAY

Sunday morning our two friends visited the Sunday Schools and spoke briefly to the pupils.

At the 11 a.m. Worship Service Mr. Walter brought a very

challenging message on "Temptation." The choir sang two numbers and Mr. Walter played a medley on the accordeon.

The church was packed at the 7.30 p.m. service for the screening of the Billy Graham film, "The Heart is a Rebel." This was made possible through the kindness of Mr. Venables who brought his complete film equipment across for the occasion and the generosity of our two friends who bore the cost of hiring the film for us. This was appreciated very much.

Items in the evening included two numbers by the choir, a solo by Mr. Venables, an instrumental item by eight of our people, assisted by Mr. Walter and a visitor, Miss S. Hopkins.

I feel that a real impact is being made on our people through such visits as this and would appreciate your continued prayers for the firm establishment of His church here on our Island.

Eric Trezise.

PRAYER ANSWERED AT THE

BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

The new stove was installed in the Institute's kitchen a fortnight ago and we are now enjoying the use of it.

We prayed much that we might know the Lord's will in respect to the stove and up until last month we seemed to have no real indication of what would be best for the Institute. From the very first we had been looking at slow combustion stoves and could find nothing suitable because of our unusual position of cooking for thirty or forty all year and for 150 for the Bible School week in May. Any stove large enough to cook for 150 was uneconomical for our regular group. We did not know what to do.

Mrs. Lloyd and I made a special trip to Sydney to see if we could find something suitable and came back still not having any clear indication of the Lord's will. While enquiring about the cost of coke at the local gas company, I enquired about Porta-gas for commercial use. installed and realized that

We learned that a range large enough to cook for 150 was available. I had the opportunity of seeing some of these that are installed and realized that this was the answer to our need. We can use as little as one burner or as many as nine and only have to provide fuel for the exact amount needed. This is what we now have installed in our kitchen. It is not yet in its permanent position for we have to finish the old stove recess before placing the new stove in it. We need a builder to do this for us.

The cost was much less than the slow combustion would have

been and we have sufficient on hand to pay for it. We have already praised the Lord and would like to thank each of you who prayed for this project and gave to make it possible.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Because we do not need to spend so much time getting wood, we have been able to get more done around the grounds and building. We are still painting the exterior of the building as the Lord provides the paint. The lecture room has needed attention for some time and while the young men have been working with me more, we have been able to get the first coat on it. It looks nice already and we are looking forward to getting the final coat on it.

THE LORD'S PROTECTION

The hand of the Lord was upon us the other night when we had a very severe hail storm. It hailed so heavily that the ice piled up on the lawn, verandahs and filled the gutters. Many of the folk around us lost windows and suffered other damage. Our nearest neighbour lost over twenty windows yet the Lord kept us from losing one. Our flowers were cut to pieces but no damage was done to the building and again we lifted up our hearts in thanks to our Heavenly Father.

J. M. Lloyd,
Principal.

TEACHING SCHOOL AT BORROLOOLA

"Here they come." It is 8.30 a.m. and the first of the school children are arriving for lessons, with the ball or to sit quietly but first there is time for a game and read a library book.

At the blast of the whistle and a chorus of "hooray" from the children they leave off to wash their face and hands and comb their hair before going into school.

Every morning begins with a time of devotion — a story from the Bible, a chorus and a word of prayer.

The children, twenty-five of them, are seated at the new desks, supplied by Welfare to be used in our school, and all ready for work, or are they? "Is that Dan looking out the window?"

Arithmetic first and most of the children find this subject rather difficult. Violet and Larry are showing real progress.

Now it is time for compositions. Perhaps you would be interested to read one of them. It is called —

BORROLOOLA NEWS

By Violet.

Borroloola is a little town. We live near the Gulf of Carpentaria. We've got a big river, called the Macarthur River after Captain John MacArthur of the wool industry. I like to go hunting in the bush with my Mother and my Auntie.

We always hunt for goanna, blue-tongue lizards and turtles.

Some of the men go in their canoes down to the sea to catch Dugong.

We always go to have our breakfast up at the Welfare kit-

chen. After breakfast we have our shower and change into our school clothes. After that we go to school.

On Thursday we went for a picnic with Mr. and Mrs. Pattermore and had good fun in the bush. All the girls went hunting for "sugar bag" (native bees nest) in the trees. After a while Mr. Pattermore blew the whistle for dinner and Mrs. Pattermore gave us a piece of beef and we cooked the beef in the coals. And we had lollywater and cake and scones. We had a good dinner. After we had our swim with Mrs. Pattermore, Mr. Pattermore went hunting for kangaroos. Some of the girls caught some fish. We saw some crayfish holes in the bank and we dug in the hole for crayfish. Norma caught three, Mavis caught four and I caught six. Again Mr. Pattermore blew the whistle and we gathered behind the van and Mr. Pattermore gave us peanuts. We jumped into the back of the van and we came back from Bathern Creek. On the way back we sang hymns and choruses and we got home at sundown."

Remember how we asked for prayer for the school work and for the children? Following this request it seemed to us a real attack of Satan, through human channels, that a number of the school children were sent away to where they would have no schooling and we were told that in a few weeks there would be no children here for school. They were all to be moved. It was that week that you prayed and God answered your prayers. Not only are all the children back again in the school, but three others as well. So pray on for God hears and He answers prayer.

Lelean Pattermore.

EVIDENCE OF REAL BLESSING AT NEWCASTLE WATERS, N.T.

It is just on three years since we arrived to take up the work at Newcastle Waters and our hearts are full of praise and thanks to God for all the blessings that have been ours. It has been a real privilege to minister here in His Name to these dear native people and to have the joy of seeing many come to know Christ as their own personal Saviour and to witness their growth in spiritual things. We just feel we are part of the Jingali family now and will miss them all very much when we go on furlough.

Ten more have just been added to the church membership and it is lovely to hear them all taking some part in the services and at the business meetings. They are all so sincere and keen to help in whatever way they can. It is lovely also to see the growing friendships between recent converts and the older established Christians, some of whom have been very faithful over a long period.

Recently one old couple came down and emptied a small purse

before us saying, "For the church." Thirteen shillings is quite a big gift for these old folk to make, on top of regular offerings, but such is their love for the Lord. We know His own wonderful reward will be their portion.

The women's meeting has been going along very well. Once again the women are getting a lot of joy making Christmas cards for relatives and friends at the East Arm Leprosarium

Last Sunday we had another lovely service in a perfect setting down at the creek. All who could (about 50) gathered to witness the baptism of eight more of our people. Five of these were from Elliott and we praise God for this further evidence of His Spirit's working in hearts and lives there. During the service three of the young school children sang, "All the Way to Calvary." This was no small thing for them to do but they sang up very well indeed.

JOHN and JOCELYN BRIDGES

Remember to pray for . . .

THE A.I.M. GENERAL CONFERENCE

January 9 to 15, Thornleigh Conference Centre

For missionaries, associate workers, council members,
auxiliary representatives.

Evening sessions at 7.15 open to all.

Speakers include Mr. J. O. Sanders, Rev. H. J. Rowe,
Rev. J. Curtis, Pastor V. Ham.

ANNUAL REPORT—Continued.

The giving by our native churches has also reached a record this year. Over £2,067 was given in the churches or Sunday Schools or C.E. Societies and of this, approximately £850 was sent to the A.A.M.M. Treasurer for the support of native Missionaries, or was given direct to Missionaries or visiting speakers, often Missionaries from other Societies. £740 was spent on local expenses.

The Treasurer of the Australian Aborigines Missionary Movement handled £628 for the support of Native Missionaries and other expenses, including a small part in the Australian Evangel.

We would thank all those who have so sacrificially and consistently supported the work by prayer and service and in gifts through another year. Beyond them, we would praise our faithful Lord Who has heard prayer and prompted His own people by His Spirit to meet the needs of His workers among the aborigines.

THE YEAR AHEAD

Early in January, 1961, the General Conference of the A.I.M. will take place. Its theme, "In times like these" has a very deep meaning for us just now. Assimilation is making rapid progress in many parts of Australia, yet it brings with it many new problems. Some of these must be faced now or in the very near future, and perhaps major changes made in our present programme.

We look forward to greater development of projects already begun, such as the radio and literature, but above all else we desire to see souls saved from among our native and coloured people. We thank God that the harvest is not the end of an annual report, it will go on until the end of the age. But there is so much more to do even on our Field. So many aborigines still lie in the hands of the wicked one and it is so easy for them as they come into our way of life, to simply take the pleasures of this world to themselves, instead of finding true satisfaction in Christ.

To us has been committed the charge "to open the eyes of the blind and to turn them from darkness to light, and from Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sin and an inheritance among them that are sanctified." Will you pray that we may faithfully carry out this charge.

Egerton C. Long, Director.

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NOTES FROM THE LADIES' AUXILIARIES' REPORTS

Mrs. E. A. McWilliams of the Sydney meeting writes . . . At our October meeting we had twenty-three ladies present. Mrs. White reads extracts from letters received from missionaries and Mrs. Long brought prayer requests from the field.

Miss Enid Williams, native missionary from Darwin was our speaker for the afternoon.

The Adelaide secretary, Mrs. Tate, writes . . . At our meeting we were stirred with the notes of thanksgiving and also for the need of prayer in many centres.

Gifts for the Christmas parcels were brought and we look forward to the packing of them next month.



Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

Revival is the springtide of grace.

You cannot kindle a fire in any other heart until it is burning within your own.

God's great grace and power are both at our disposal in Christ Jesus — grace for living like Christ — power in working for Him.

A life marked by daily prayer is proof of true abiding in Christ.

Prayer is the acknowledgment of faith. Worry is a denial of it.

From Melbourne, Mrs. W. R. Caddy writes . . . Our annual luncheon was a blessing. One hundred women were present. Mrs. Bob Stokes spoke convincingly of our responsibility as Christian women.

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21st W. We continue to ask prayer for the need of a Missionary or Volunteer carpenter for Woorabinda. Please make this a daily request until the Lord is allowed to reach the ear and heart of a suitable servant.

22nd Th. In *WESTERN N.S.W.* and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clarke and Miss E. Walker are faithfully ministering to a large area including Condobolin, Euabalong and Murrin Bridge. Will you ask the Lord to provide their every need and to use them greatly for His glory.

23rd Fr. Most of the Christmas trees will have been held this last week and even earlier. Will you pray that each gift received may in some way be used of the Lord to remind each person of Jesus Christ?

24th Sa. A Christian Convention is being held this week at *MOONAH CULLAH* near Deniliquin, N.S.W. Please pray that there may be a deep work of the Spirit in these few brief days of special meetings.

25th Su. On this Special Day let us ask God to impress every heart that the Christ of Bethlehem is also the Christ of the Cross, and that someday all must stand before Him.

26th M. Let us pray today for our Bible Training Institute Students at home during this vacation period. There will be many opportunities for service, but there will also be many temptations. Let us ask God to keep them true and use them to bring many to the Saviour.

27th Tu. Many of our Missionaries will soon be getting ready to leave for the General Conference. Will you ask God to supply the extra

amounts needed for travelling expenses for each worker at this time?

28th W. We would like to ask you to pray for our magazine *OUR AIM*. Many more subscriptions are needed to meet the monthly cost. Pray also for its ministry of spreading information concerning the work of the A.I.M.

29th Th. Please pray for all the camps held this next month from the Retta Dixon Home. These can be times of great fun for the children and also times of real fellowship with them. Pray for safe-keeping for everyone also.

30th Fr. Pray today and every day in the next two weeks for the *GENERAL CONFERENCE*, January 9th to 15th, that God will meet with us in mighty power—even times of revival.

31st Sa. Let us give thanks today for the faithfulness of God as seen in these last twelve months. Surely He is a great God and greatly to be praised.

DECEMBER, 1960

ABORIGINES INLAND MISSION
OF AUSTRALIA

DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

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

1st Th. At *BAGOT RESERVE DARWIN*, Miss Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Parish are seeking to reach the native people by every means possible. They ask prayer for, 1. The meetings, 2. Youth work, 3. Hospital visitation and 4. Out-station work. Let us pray for these and also for strength for the workers.

2nd. Fr. *DECEMBER* is the month of Christmas. Each year we send 15,000 to 20,000 gifts to our stations. Will you ask the Lord to meet the remaining needs in these next two weeks and to bless every gift?

3rd. Sa. Mr. Main is now at *NEWCASTLE WATERS* while Mr. and Mrs. Bridges are on furlough. Pray for his ministry to the wonderful growing band of Christians there, and pray for all the native people there also.

4th Su. Let us pray today for *WOORABINDA* where Miss Fairfax and Miss Naden will be

meeting with the native people. The urgent need here is for a Missionary Carpenter. This is such a desperate need just now that we are mentioning it three times in this prayer calendar. Will you ask God to send us the man of his choice to rebuild both the church and mission house?

5th M. Tonight is Graduation night at the *A.I.M. BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE* at Singleton. Pray for the graduates, for a good attendance and blessing at the meeting, then pray for the students as they go home again.

6th Tu. The Christmas issue of the *EVANGEL* is now in the hands of its readers. Will you ask God to use the messages it contains to stir many hearts to think more of Christ this year.

7th W. Additional volunteers (particularly a plumber) are urgently needed for the building of the new Retta Dixon Children's Home in Darwin. Will you ask God to lay this need on the hearts of His children? Do you know anyone who could go and help?

8th Th. At *LA PEROUSE* Mr. Miles is still battling to get the building finished so as to start producing with the offset press for Mission Publications of Australia. Please ask the Lord to bring these plans to a speedy fruition for the furtherance of the Gospel.

9th Fr. Mr. and Mrs. Trezise will be leaving *PALM ISLAND* shortly for furlough. Pray for them as they go south and pray for those who will be carrying on the work. Remember the native church and Sunday School also.

10th Sa. Today *Mr. R. TRELOAR and MISS C. SOUTH* are to be married in Darwin. Mr. Eldridge will be performing the ceremony. Let us pray for this young couple that God's hand of blessing may be on them. Pray also for the need of a car for them.

11th Su. Will you pray today for *CHERBOURG, Qld.*, where there are no missionaries at the present time. The services are being maintained by the people or by friends from Murgon. Remember also the need of workers for this centre.

12th M. This morning the *RADIO SESSION*, "Miracles and Melodies" will be heard over 2DU Dubbo. Pray for the ministry of this program and for the other three sessions this week on various stations. We rejoice to hear of much blessing being received through this program.

13th Tu. Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge have been visiting *DELISSAVILLE* (180 miles by road round trip) every Tuesday for many months. Let us pray for them again today for the Christmas Tree there and for the appointment of resident missionaries, D.V. early next year.

14th W. Let us remember again today the need at *WOORABINDA* for a Missionary Carpenter to help rebuilding the Mission House and Church. Let us continually lay hold of God for this urgent request.

15th Th. The *SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS* will be in the mail this week. About 8,500 have been produced and will be used in scores of Sunday Schools besides our own A.I.M. Sta-

tions. Shall we ask the Lord to use His Word as given in these Bible centred lessons.

16th Fr. At *KATHERINE, N.T.* Mr. Dick Stretton and Mr. Walter Fejo are finding many openings for service among the native and coloured people. They also regularly visit Beswick Settlement and it is our plan and hope to place resident missionaries there during 1961. Will you remember this area in prayer today?

17th Sa. In the Sydney area, Miss Acland faithfully visits the various hospitals bringing spiritual help to many coloured patients. Will you pray for this ministry and for the Sunday School and other meetings in Redfern.

18th Su. This morning at *BORROLOOLA* Mr. and Mrs. Pattenmore will cross the river and join the camp people in their service in the church. Other meetings will also be held there this afternoon. Shall we ask God to bless His servants today and also to lead the people on in the truths of His Word? Pray for the school also.

19th M. The *GENERAL FUND* of the Mission is the main stay of the work, but there is always a very real need of prayer every month for the £400, necessary for the minimum requirements of the work. Will you share this prayer burden with us today?

20th Tu. Remember in prayer today Mr. and Mrs. Bird and their work at *FINGAL*. The Christians are a real encouragement, but need to be continually surrounded in prayer.