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“For I decided to know
him among you
I accepted Jesus Christ
and him crucified.”
I Cor. 2:2

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Serving Latin American People



Rev. and Mrs. John S. Savoia and children Deborah 10, John 8, Timothy 4 and Ruth 3.

The Board of Missions believes the Lord has called and led the Savoias in a wonderful way for Gospel service among people of a Spanish cultural background. Born of Italian parentage, Brother Savoia was converted and attended Nyack Missionary College in New York. While serving the Lord in southern Texas, the Savoias were led to enter our conference work among the Latin American people and became members of our Pre-mont M. B. Church where they are still members. Following five years

of conference missionary service in southern Texas, the Savoias attended Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary for two years to prepare themselves for further service and to become more fully acquainted with the Mennonite Brethren Church. While attending the Seminary, they began a work among Latin American people in Selma, California, which is now being continued by H. F. Thomases. Brother Savoia was born in Piermont, New York, and Sister Savoia is a native of York County, Pennsylvania.

The Navajos Are in Need



James and Betty Thomas

The urgency of getting the message of the gospel to the Navajos is great. They have readily accepted the white man's vices, but have been slower to respond to the message of the gospel.

Many of the people still occupy their hogans and tents, speak no English and go on appeasing the evil spirits under the direction of the medicine man.

The past decade has wrought great changes in the lives of the Navajo Indian people of southwestern United States. Employment has become more available to them. The resulting increase in money together with the legalized sale of liquor to the Navajo has brought about a serious condition.

The Navajos are the largest tribe of Indians in the United States, numbering over 80,000. They are the fastest growing minority group in our country, increasing at the rate of more than 1,000 a year, according to Navajo Missions.

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Christmas Greetings from the India M. B. Church

Dear Friends of the M. B. Church in North America,

Christmas and New Year's greetings from the M. B. Church in In-

dia with Isa. 9:6. Our fellowship in Christ Jesus has been greatly increased; my visit to you has drawn us all closer to one another. May this bond of sweet fellowship and sincere love in Christ Jesus abundantly increase between you and us, is my sincere prayer and wish.

May I be privileged to greet everyone of you through the conference periodicals and ask you to accept this as a personal wish to every individual brother and sister in the Lord. We, the M. B. Church of India, wish you all a holy, happy Christmastide and a New Year full with mercies from above.

We wish to add a word as to our brethren A. E. Janzen and J. B. Toews, M. B. Board of Missions representatives. We praise God for having brought them safely into our midst. We have discussed with them various matters as to M. B.

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The Ethnic Press of Canada

The Ethnic Press of Canada is comprised of 97 papers published in 29 languages to serve residents of Canada whose mother tongue is other than English or French. Six of them are dailies, the rest weekly or monthly newspapers.

A two-day conference of ethnic press editors, called by the federal Government took place on December 4 and 5 in Ottawa. More than 70 editors, from Vancouver to Newfoundland, were supplied with a fat dossier of government speeches, publications and literature.

The purposes of the conference were:

1. Promotion of good citizenship, language classes, applications for naturalization and other steps by which newcomers to Canada are

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Educational Building Dedicated



The Virgil M. B. Church Educational Building dedicated on November 5



Cutting the ribbon. From left to right: Mr. A. Willms, Chairman of the Building Committee; Rev. J. Baerg, our pastor; Mr. G. Rempel, builder; Mr. F. Wiens, assistant pastor.

EDITORIAL

The Exemplary Prayer-Life

The exhortation is contained in the Scriptures to always remember Jesus Christ (II Tim. 2:8). At this pre-Christmas season it is not only the believer who is reminded of Jesus in a special way, but also those who have not accepted Him as their Saviour.

True Christians delight in the thought of Jesus and the more they think of Him, the more they rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through Him.

As we are reminded of Jesus now, we want to consider His prayer-life. It is evident from Scripture statements that Jesus was a Man of Prayer (I John 11:14).

The writer of the Gospel of Luke states, "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12). From this verse we learn several things about the prayers of Christ. First, we see that the element of concentration is involved in it. The One to Whom He prayed was not an idol; it was God, His Father. To make a thorough concentration possible, He chose a place of solitude, the mountain, and He selected an opportune time for it, the night. No one disturbed Him at that time and at that place. Then, we notice, that He continued long in prayer, all night. Having continued thus through all the hours of the night, He chose His disciples, which means, that, when something special was to take place, He consulted with God about it and prepared Himself for the great task.

But why did Christ pray at all, since He was the Son of God? When we pray, we thereby declare our dependence on God, our helplessness and our need of things. Were those also the reasons of Christ's prayers? Yes, but they were not the only ones. The note of praise and exaltation toward God and the intercession for man characterized the prayer of Christ. But could Christ not have taken the things He needed of His own accord and give to men liberally as it pleased Him without asking the Father? In reply to this question we want to remind ourselves of the fact that Christ was not only God; He was also man, and as such He had needs. As such He was also dependent on the Father.

The Pre-incarnate Christ lived also in Old Testament times. He is from all eternity, but we never read in the Holy Scriptures that He offered a prayer to the Father prior to His incarnation. The fact of His humanity has evidently made it necessary for Him to pray (Psalm 22:10). Gladly and willingly He subjected Himself to such a condition, because we never notice of Christ that He found prayer burdensome; rather we see that His prayers lifted the burdens of His heart. The three prayers offered up to God in Gethsemane were no doubt a preparation for Him to carry the heavy burden during the passion week, or else He would not have devoted His time for it.

Jesus did not only pray Himself; He also taught others to do it. Thus His disciples learned to pray from their Master and they in turn were to teach others, "to observe all things which He had commanded them" (Matt. 28:19,20).

Let us follow the example of Christ and pray as it is pleasing to God. Let us make known our desires as well as the requests of others with thanksgiving, and He shall bring things to pass.

G. D. H.

DEVOTIONAL

The Holy Remnant of the Church in the End-Time

(Continued from previous issue)

(By the late Dr. A. H. Unruh, published by his permission. Translated by the Rev. A. P. Dirks, North Kildonan, Man.)

Rev. 3:20

"I will sup with him." These words remind us of the hour when the Lord instituted His Supper. On that occasion He said, "I will not drink henceforth of this fruit

of the vine until the day when I drink it new in my Father's kingdom." The church always remembers Christ's wonderful words when it partakes of the Lord's Supper and looks forward to that hour when it will sup with Him visibly. In our text that hour has come at last. He who has overcome and kept faith is now with the Lord at the Holy Supper. Rev. 19:9 stresses the blessing and the rejoicing of

those who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. The communion at the Lord's Supper is a great blessing on this earth, but the climax will be reached when we shall sup together with the glorified Lord. Jesus has promised that He will serve us. The Supper is the beginning of a new era in the church.

Not only the faithful believer enjoys the blessing, but also the Lord Himself. According to the Scriptures, it is the Saviour Who enjoys the Supper with the multitude, which is now united with Him; it has the same mind with Him and the time of self-judgment is past.

In the parable of the prodigal son we observe the Father's joy as well as that of the son. There was also great joy when after His resurrection the Lord appeared to His disciples on the shore of Genezareth. When the disciples brought of the fish they had caught, they found some on the shore provided for them by the Lord. Both were giving; but what the disciples gave they had received from the Lord. It will be like this at the marriage supper; the redeemed will rejoice on account of His bestowed grace.

When the Lord's Supper was instituted, the disciples had no understanding for the death of Jesus. They realized its significance some time later. During their entire life they grew in that understanding. All disciples on earth experience a growth of that kind. At the last Supper of the Lord they will receive the complete understanding of Christ's substitutionary death. Then they will know Him as they are known of Him and will worship Him because He has redeemed them unto God with His precious blood.

What position will the holy remnant occupy in eternity? The Lord gives the answer: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in His throne." This prophecy contains the authority for those who will rule with Christ in the future. A man can receive nothing unless it be given him from heaven, in particular if it concerns his position in eternity. The Lord grants believers to sit in His throne. No one will sit there at his own will. What a wonderful promise to all overcomers to be granted a place of honor in heaven; it will be assigned by the Father. When the sons of Zebedee asked for seats of honor in glory on the left and right hand of Jesus, He replied that it was up to the Father to make such assignments. We leave the question of placement in heaven to the Lord, but make every effort to be overcomers. In consideration of the fact that we shall be judges in the future, we fully submit to the law of the Spirit.

How can we expect to reign and judge there, if we are involved in

injustice down here? Paul's statement that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God stands for all eternity. He made that statement with reference to those who were deceiving their neighbours. Only those persons who have striven to live according to the divine principles with all their hearts can expect that position in heaven.

The exaltation of the holy remnant takes place before the severe judgments in this world begin. It is noteworthy that the report about the latter day judgments is introduced with the words: "Come up hither, and I will show these things which must be hereafter." The word "hereafter" has reference to the churches which were admonished. The judgments will ensue after the rapture of the church.

Do we belong to the holy remnant? Does God's message awaken us from indolence? The ministers' task of today should be to call on the church: "Behold, the bridegroom is coming!" Blessed are those servants who were faithful in their work.

The following incident took place in a hospital when a patient was at the verge of death. The physician, who was convinced of the nearness of death, silently left the room and whispered something to a nurse. When the patient asked the nurse what the doctor had said she answered, "You have only one half hour to live, that's what he said." Then the patient said in a soft voice, "If that is so, then come and help me out of bed to get down on my knees. I want to use the rest of my time to pray to God that salvation may come to a lost world." Thus, while praying, the spirit of the patient was lifted from this earthly house into the heavenly abode of God, the Father.

Should not the present day church consider it its greatest responsibility to intercede for a lost world as the end of this age approaches? Let us combine the struggle for existence with the work of missions in such a way that our labor for a lost world will be of supreme importance! Amen!

The End

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CHURCH NEWS

Numerous Activities in Our Church

Herbert, Sask. — On September 17, the Herbert M. B. Church had the joy of receiving three new members into its fellowship by baptism. They were Mrs. Lawrence Schulz, Vernon Redekop, and Gerald Sapinsky. Mr. D. Epp, pastor of the Main Centre M. B. Church, was the speaker at this occasion. Brother Epp spoke on, "The Meaning, Importance and Blessings of Baptism."

From October 22 to November 5 evangelistic services, sponsored by the "Inter-Church Fellowship" of the evangelical churches of Herbert and surrounding community, were held in the M. B. auditorium. Rev. H. H. Epp proclaimed the gospel in "demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (I Cor. 2:4). The attendance at the meetings was good, and although not very many public commitments were made, many hearts were touched. During the second week of the campaign, Brother Epp conducted Bible studies on Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. By chapter, we saw Christ as: 1) Our very Life, 1:21; 2) The pattern of our life, 2:5-8; 3) The goal of our life, 3:13,14; 4) The sufficiency of our life, 4:13, 19. Judging by personal comments, these services were a great blessing to all who attended.

On November 11, the members of our church assembled for the annual business meeting to regulate matters pertaining to the organization of our local church and its various activities.

The first service of a Peace Conference was held in the evening of November 11. The Mennonite churches of Herbert and district participated. The guest speaker, Rev. I. H. Tiessen of Chilliwack, B.C., discussed the topics, "This Way," "The Better Way," and "The Way of the Cross." Rev. John Siemens of the General Conference Church, Rev. Jacob Schmidt, pastor of the Kelstern M. B. Church, and Rev. Neufeld of Swift Current served with inspiring introductory messages at the three sessions.

On Tuesday evening, November 14, the brethren, Gerhard Reimer and George Reimer, reported on the work of the Saskatchewan M. B. Missions. We were challenged and again made to realize that there are many opportunities for a gospel outreach at our very door. On Wednesday the sisters of our Senior Ladies' Aid had their annual mission sale. Together with the proceeds from the lunch, \$616.00 was realized, which will be used for various missionary projects.

November 18 and 19 were the dates for the annual Sunday School Convention of the M. B. churches

of Southern Saskatchewan. The theme of the convention was, "Evaluating Our Sunday School." Mr. P. J. Harder of Saskatoon was the visiting speaker. Besides special lectures, workshops were conducted and helpful discussions were held. A male quartet from the Regina M. B. Church served with special numbers.

November 29 being the wedding day of our missionary sister, Miss Viola Janz in India, the sisters of our two Ladies' Aids had arranged for an "open house" at the parsonage. Sister Viola is the only daughter of our pastor, Rev. N. Janz, and his wife. Many friends called at their home during the afternoon and evening to congratulate Brother and Sister Janz on their new son-in-law and to wish them and their children God's richest blessings. All who dropped in were served with a delicious lunch by the ladies.

With the Christmas season fast approaching, Sunday school teachers, choir leaders and others are busy arranging for practices and other preparations. May all of us who are God's children and are thankful for God's unspeakable Gift, really be concerned that all our activities during the Christmas season be to the honor and glory of our precious Lord and Saviour.

Mrs. B. F. Redekop

Ministered by God's Servant

Foam Lake, Sask. — It was our privilege to have Rev. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon in our church for a morning and afternoon service recently. Basing his message on John 1:11-13; 3:3-8, he said, "Salvation is not hereditary, it cannot be passed to our children. It is not a family claim ("not of blood"), neither is it of the will of the flesh." We cannot save ourselves. We can reform ourselves, but God transforms us; He does not improve this flesh, He makes us new creatures; it is not of the "will of man," but of God.

Even great evangelists cannot save man, they can but preach the Word. The new life is of the Holy Spirit or of God. It is as mysterious as the wind (John 3:8). True conversion acknowledges sin before God and receives salvation in faith through Christ's death on Calvary's cross. Are we sure we are born again; or are we like the five foolish virgins who thought they were ready and were left behind? Our Lord's return is near. We are approaching a day of surprise for many who are depending on everything else but Christ for their salvation. Christ gives many surprises along the way to those who walk

with Him, always more than we expect. We have many experiences of joy, but also of disappointment as well as sorrows, but He goes with us through the deep waters and through sunshine.

In the afternoon service we had the Lord's Supper and a message on Christ's words from the cross of Calvary. This sacrament is to remind us of all that Christ suffered for us and He is greatly honored when we assemble for the Lord's Supper. It is a feast for the soul and we are blessed in partaking of the bread and wine in remembrance of Him.

Mrs. A. Dell

Carman News

Last week, the local M. B. Church was privileged to have Rev. H. Lenzmann of Winkler Bible Institute deliver a series of six messages on, "The Church, the Visible Body of Jesus Christ on Earth." Throughout the messages, Rev. Lenzmann stressed the importance of "the growth of the church." He stated that it is important for members of the Church of Jesus Christ to "continue steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine, in fellowship, in breaking of bread and in prayers," as did the believers when the church was first established (Acts 2:42).

Mr. Lenzmann favored the boys and girls with a story or object lesson during each service.

On November 12, the Grossweide Young People rendered a program on the theme, "Jesus, the Fountain of Living Waters" (Jer. 2:13). Rev. John Wiebe brought the message. Other items were songs by the choir, songs by a duet, a trio, a mixed quartet, as well as two recitations and an item for the children.

On November 5, the monthly Christian Endeavor program was held. Mr. Henry Klassen of Mordeau spoke on "Abiding in Christ" (John 15).

Thanksgiving services took place on October 1. Lovely weather prevailed and services conducted by Rev. P. Martens of Horndean and Rev. H. Lenzmann of Winkler were well attended, as was the noon meal in the church basement.

A day that will be long remembered by the children was Sunday School Promotion Day. Mr. O. Larson, our Sunday school superintendent, gave out the certificates and for the first time in the history of the Sunday school was also able to give prizes to two students for perfect attendance. They were Charles Worms and Carol Peters. Rev. Aikenhead of the Canadian Sunday School Mission spoke briefly to the boys and girls, reminding them to "hide the Word of God in their hearts" as did the Psalmist David.

A short course in Sunday school work was given in the local church by Miss Nettie Kroeker of Winni-

peg, from November 4 to 6. Due to the limited time, the course dealt mainly with, "Teaching the Primary Student."

Mabel Friesen

Main Centre and District News

The Peter Friesens had the misfortune of having their car damaged extensively when it recently left the road and turned over into the ditch. The driver and passengers miraculously escaped serious injury.

Visiting at the Henry H. Rempel home over the week-end were their niece and nephew, Dorothy and Rudy Rempel, and the Misses Beth Hemkey, and Karey Davidson, all of Salmon Arm, B.C., and Miss Doris Kidd of Prince George, B.C. These young people are all attending the Miller Memorial Bible School at Pembrun, Sask.

Recent visitors at the John Klippenstein and Henry Derksen homes were Mr. and Mrs. Abe Derksen and family of Alexander, Manitoba.

Mrs. Wiebe of Vineland, Ontario is at present visiting at her daughter and son-in-laws home, the David Ungers.

At the last meeting of the Ladies Aid Auxiliary, the annual elections took place, with Mrs. Elizabeth Wiebe elected as the new president, and Mrs. Margaret Schroeder taking the office as secretary-treasurer.

The teachers of the Main Centre school put on a social on November 8. The evening was spent in playing various games after which the lady teachers served a delicious lunch. The proceeds are to go towards the purchase of an electric kettle.

Mrs. Jake J. Redekop

Silver Wedding at Waldheim

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petkau recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in the Waldheim M. B. church. Peter Petkau (Jr.) was chairman of the program. Rev. John Block read Psalm 103 and led in prayer. Albert Petkau recited the poem, "I'm very glad to have You for My Mom and Dad." A musical group directed by Mr. J. Rempel played a number of selections suitable to the occasion. Little Wesley Petkau sang, "I Never Walk Alone" and Fred recited "The First Years Have Ended." A male quartet sang, "Let Him have His Way with Thee." A ladies trio sang "God Hath not Promised Skies always Blue." Betty Petkau and Ruby Schellenberg sang "How Precious are the Promises of God to Me." Rev. John Goertzen brought the English message based on Psalm 103. He stressed that God is to be praised for His leading in the past 25 years, even though His ways are sometimes hard to understand. Rev. H. S. Rempel of

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Spiritual Treasures Bestowed Upon Us

Chilliwack, B.C. — An eight-day evangelistic campaign was conducted in our church by Rev. Dan Friesen, Reedley, California, from October 25 to November 2.

In the latter four days German services were held in the morning, where Rev. Friesen was assisted by the Rev. C. N. Hiebert.

Our hearts were blessed, stirred and challenged as God spoke to us through His Word. The Lord gave grace, unsaved souls accepted Christ as their Saviour. God truly blessed us and we are thankful for it.

On Nov. 5 in our morning service Mr. L. McMahon, Van. gave his testimony. Once a Catholic, separated from his family, a man from Skid Row, found the Saviour. This was a visible evidence of God's marvellous grace. Mr. McMahon is now working for the Lord at the Grace Rescue Mission in Vancouver.

Rev. A. A. Unruh spoke in the German language, his message was based on I Peter 1:3-9.

Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt visited Chilliwack Nov. 6. Due to their

heavy schedule, this meeting was a joint effort of all the Mennonite churches in this district. In the afternoon Mrs. Schmidt spoke to the ladies and in the evening Dr. Schmidt gave an illustrated report of their work in Paraguay in connection with the MCC program.

Nov. 12 Brother Peter Funk, secretary-treasurer of the M. B. Mission Board in Hillsboro, Kansas, gave an inspiring report on our various mission fields. In the evening service Mr. Funk spoke on soul winning.

On Nov. 14-19 Brother Helmut Janzen, music director of the Bible School, Clearbrook conducted special practices with the choir. On Nov. 19 these songs were rendered. This musical program included male group singing, girls sextet, a story for the children by Mrs. Lydia Friesen and a message by Brother Janzen, pointing out the benefits and values of singing. He based his talk on 2 Chronicles 5:11-14.

K. I. (correspondent)

her give him a meal and when she complained, he shot her. He then went to the field where the rest of the family was stooking. Using a knife and rifle, he then killed the remaining four people. They were found the following day by a bachelor neighbor who came for water.

Since Reijes found very little money, he took the tractor and two wagons to a nearby town, where he

sold them as well as the rifle which also belonged to Mr. Bueckert, and with which he had killed the family.

The deceased family have a son, Peter, living in Steinbach and four other relatives on Mr. Bueckert's side living in Manitoba. These are David Bueckert, Isaak Bueckert, Cornelius Bueckert and Mrs. Peter Kaethler.

A New Church in the Choco



Colombian Brother Antonio Mosquera points to the towns along the San Juan River for which churches and believers in the Choco are spiritually responsible.

Andagoya is a small mining town on the San Juan River in the Choco of Colombia. Incidentally it is the headquarters of the American Gold Mining Company. Three years ago a few believers began congregating in regular meetings under the lay leadership of Don Reinaldo Mosquera. Under the blessing of God, this group has grown and has its own little church building. On October 15, these believers were accepted into the conference of M. B. Churches in Colombia as an organized church.

On Saturday, October 14, it rained all day, but on Sunday, October 15, a beautiful day greeted us. We began church services at 8 a.m. and shortly afterward had a baptismal service a little down river for three sisters from the Andagoya Church and two young men from our Bebedo Church. At 11 o'clock, we were back in church to continue the spiritual festivities with the reception of the newly-baptized believers and fellowship around the Lord's table.

In the afternoon we met for a special service of dedication as an organized church. Many had come from far and near and the little building was filled to overflowing. After the message on the theme, "The Divine Ministry of the local Church in the Kingdom of God," all the charter members came to the platform for the dedicatory prayers. There were 14 members. God spoke and blessed richly.

The acceptance of the Andagoya church by the conference took place

during the third regional convention of believers and churches in the Choco. "Look on the fields" (John 4:35) was the theme the nationals had selected for the convention. The theme was to prepare us for the "evangelism-in-depth" campaign which began in November.

The challenge of our responsibility was presented by a map of the San Juan River with the names of the villages for which our conference is responsible and to whom we must bring the Word of Life. The national workers, most of them (Continued on page 9-1)

Rev. J. M. Pauls †



A capacity crowd attended the funeral services of Rev. J. M. Pauls held at Winkler on November 24.

Disaster Service at Justice



Justice, Man. — A farmer in our area had an operation and could not do his fall plowing, so the members of the M. B. Church of Justice decided it would be a good opportunity to let the M.D.S. representatives exercise practical Christianity and do a good deed. The eight volunteers who took part in the carrying out of the projected plan worked 110 acres with Heavy Duty cultivators in approximately two hours.

John Pankratz

5 Murdered in Mexico Mennonite Home

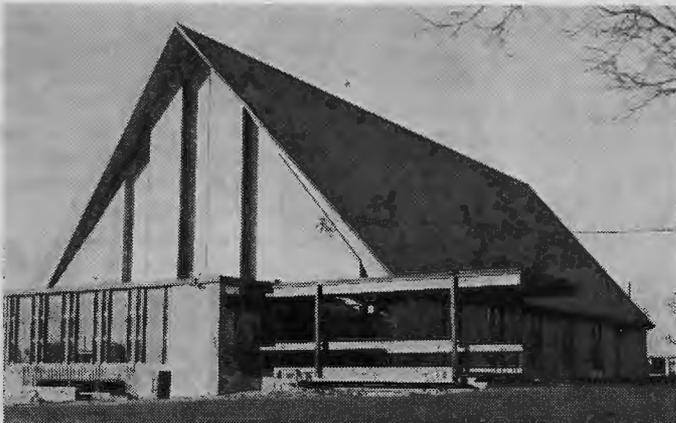
Tragedy struck in Chihuahua, Mexico, on November 14 when five members of the Johann Bueckert family were shot and killed by a Mexican ranch hand, who was employed close to where the Bueckerts were working.

Dead are Johann, 56; Mrs. Bueckert, 54; their two daughters, Katarina, 12 and Anna, 17, and one son Cornelius, 20. Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 19. About 6,000 people attended the funeral.

According to reports from Mexico, Mexican police arrested Inancio Lopez Reijes two days later by tracking him down. He confessed to the murders.

Reijes had been told that Mennonites had a lot of money so he went to the Bueckert home where he first molested Katarina, made

The New South End M. B. Church



This is the exterior of South End M. B. Church at 1420 Portage Ave., and Raglan Road, Winnipeg. The sanctuary was dedicated on Nov. 26,



The Cause of Foreign Missions

Board of Missions News

The construction of a church building by the Campa Indian Church in Peru was previously reported without an explanation of its significance. The Campa Indian believers have erected this chapel on their own initiative, which is a definite step forward in the work in Peru.

On December 13, the students at our mission high school at Curitiba, Brazil, will be graduated. The primary school and Bible school in Brazil also conclude their terms this month. Pray that the spiritual emphasis of the schools will have a lasting impact upon each student.

The evangelization of Moslem students in a government women's college in Kango, Nigeria, is the cause for intercession on Tuesday, November 12. This prayer concern was submitted by Linda Kasper, conference missionary in Nigeria under Sudan Interior Mission, who reports that she and another missionary conduct Bible classes in this school of 172 students. Most of them are Moslems. At this time the Christians, numbering 70 to 80, will present an annual program to the entire school. "What a responsibility to present Christ in such a way that the students will want to know more about Him," she writes. "Pray that as we help to prepare and present this program the Holy Spirit will guide and work in a mighty way opening their hearts to Christ."

The world's urgent need of Christ and God's will for the students will be considered at a conference of 3,500 North American college and university students, including a number from our conference, December 27 through 31. "Commission, Conflict and Commitment" is the theme of the 6th international student missionary convention sponsored by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Addressing the assembly of future evangelical leaders will be such well-known leaders as Billy Graham, Clyde Taylor, Eugene Nida, Arthur Glasser and David Adeney. Students will meet with missionaries and mission leaders for an intensive consideration of God's present-day program for missions. In addition to students from institutions of higher learning from all parts of North America, it is expected that many Christian internationals now studying on this continent will attend.

Colombia missionaries Ernest Friesens, Martha Kroeker and Alvin Voths were to conclude their Spanish language study in Costa Rica December 8 and leave for Cali December 9 and arrive the same day.

G. H. Jantzens, Kalkar, Germany, request prayer for Bible school students during the Christmas vacation beginning December 22. Many of the parents are not Christians. Let us pray that as the students return home, they will be real witnesses for Christ in their homes and communities.

Peter J. Funk, G. W. Peters and John C. Ratzlaff plan to meet in southern Texas the week of December 17 with our Latin American brethren to discuss the long-range program of evangelism and church building in southern Texas and Mexico.

Mrs. Wilmer Quiring's father, Ernest E. Fowler, Hartford, Connecticut, went to be with the Lord November 18 after being ill for several years. Being the only child in the family, Mrs. Quiring has temporarily returned to Hartford to assist her mother. Our sincere sympathies are herewith extended to the Quirings and Mrs. Fowler.

Brother and Sister John S. Savoia are newly-appointed missionaries of our conference anticipating gospel service in the needy country of Colombia. Their ministry will be in the field of evangelism and church building for which there is great opportunity in Colombia at this time. The Savoia family plans to depart from Texas on December 28 for Costa Rica to begin Spanish-language study January 2. The Savoias desire our intercession for a safe journey to Costa Rica and the Lord's enablement as they perfect their Spanish.

Called to Serve in Blumenau

Blumenau, Brazil. — Brother and Sister Abraham Dueck have been called to minister in the important mission center of the Mennonite Brethren Church in this city. Abraham Dueck is the son of A. J. Dueck, minister of the Witmarsum M. B. Church in Brazil. They will continue the work of Brother and Sister Hans Kasdorf who are returning to North America in January to continue his studies. The Kasdorfs have been serving with the Lord's blessings in Blumenau for the past four-and-a-half years. They have been supported in their ministry in Blumenau by the Board of General Welfare (Dienst am Evangelium). Brother Kasdorf writes that Blumenau and 19 other cities in Santa Catarina were recently visited by a flood. Water rose 40 feet above normal. Many homes were carried away by the torrent. Crops in the Itajai Valley are completely destroyed. Some areas are totally devastated. Ten

persons lost their lives. "The Lord is speaking," he continues. "Will we and our citizens hear and understand His warning signs?"

H. K. Warkentins found it necessary to terminate their evangelistic ministry in the Paraguayan Chaco because the intense heat was affecting his health. They had ministered in Menno and Neuland colonies and were to serve in Fernheim, but then returned to Curitiba for convalescing. The Warkentins were to minister at the Curitiba mission center and three interior mission stations in Brazil December 5 to 17.

J. W. Vogts will appreciate our intercession for a safe trip from Neuwied, Germany, to Kansas. They plan to be in the Neuwied Church on Sunday, December 10; sail from La Havre, France, December 13; arrive in New York December 19 and hope to be in Newton, Kansas, to spend Christmas with their children the Harold and Vernon Vogts. God has granted Brother and Sister Vogt another blessed term of service in Europe to which they returned in June 1956.

C. L. Balzers report from Neuwied, Germany, that they have arrived safely at their field of service. They write that Brother J. B. Toews is scheduled to arrive December 15 for consultations with our staff in Europe.

Brother and Sister Eugene Janzen and daughters Lynette and Susan are planning to enter Mexico this month following receipt of permanent residency. To begin their ministry in Mexico, the Janzens will be located in the city of Durango.

M. B. Board of General Welfare

Filadelfia, Fernheim, Paraguay. — The Lord has done great things in Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, recently. Rev. Gerhard Balzer, minister of the Filadelfia M. B. Church, reports that 56 individuals were baptized on November 12 following the ministry of evangelist A. G. Neufeld in Fernheim. Sponsored by the General Conference Mennonite Church of North America, the Neufelds of Margaret, Manitoba, have conducted worship and evangelistic services and visited all Mennonite families in Fernheim. According to a release from the Newton office, 300 persons are reported to have made decisions for Christ as a result of this ministry. Brother Balzer writes that this number includes conversions as well as restorations. A 60-year-old man said, "So lange bin ich ohne den Herrn gewesen; jetzt will ich den Rest meines Lebens mit Ihm leben." ("All of these years I've lived without the Lord, but the rest of my life I want Him with me.") Another baptism is planned for January, according to Brother Balzer. The Neufelds are continuing their work in Volendam and Fries-

land colonies, preaching, visiting and encouraging Christians. About the middle of January they will begin a three- or four-month ministry in Menno Colony.

The Bible Today

The preparation of a new edition of the Kuoyo Bible for Hong Kong and China has been printed in simplified form. Former editions ran the columns of ideographs up and down the complete length of the page. The new setting has the page divided across the middle and the sectional headings previously printed at the top of the page are now set on separate lines dividing the sacred page into duly titled section.

The Book of Psalms has been completed in Kuoyo Braille, to be added to the New Testament produced some years ago. A strange situation arises. In the Kuoyo script the Chinese characters themselves convey the meaning and may be pronounced differently in different dialects. Chinese Braille however, is based on sounds. Each Braille letter represents a different sound. So a Cantonese Christian can read and understand the Kuoyo Bible if he has sight, but if he is blind he cannot understand the Braille letters which represent the Kuoyo sounds. So a further Braille Testament will be needed with the Braille letters representing the Cantonese sound. The Braille Scriptures production is being done in Taiwan, where translation work in the Sediq, Paiwan, Buan, Amis and Taiyal languages for the people of the Highlands is also being done.

Why We Should Remember the Poor and the Sick

"Only they would that we remember the poor" (Gal. 2:10).

What did Jesus do and teach? What did the apostles do and teach? What did the first church do? What did our forefathers do concerning the poor and sick?

"Jesus went about, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (Matt. 4:23). Jesus preached and healed the sick.

The poor and sick should be remembered "because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts (Rom. 5:5), because "the love of Christ constraineth us" (II Cor. 5:14), and because "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love" (II Tim. 1:7).

In Phil. 2:5 we read, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." A similar statement is made in II Cor. 8:7: "Therefore as ye abound in everything in faith and utterance and knowledge and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat."

Other quotations from the Scriptures which inform us how to treat (Continued on page 8-4)

THE Young Observers

Dear Girls and Boys,

Preeta lives far, far away in India. Her home is not always happy because her family does not know Jesus. She likes to play with her friends but they often quarrel. She needs Jesus to help her love everyone.

At mealtime her father eats first, all by himself. Preeta and her mother eat afterward. They sit on the floor and eat with their fingers. Would we enjoy a meal like that?

Once Father and Mother took Preeta on a long journey. They wanted to pray to an idol to send rain. The idol was made of stone. It couldn't see or hear or help them. They went home sad and weary. No one had told them about Jesus Who hears and answers prayers.

One day in the market they saw a white man. In his hand he held a book called the Bible. "This book tells about the true and living God Who loves everybody." A lady came to speak to Preeta and her mother. She invited Preeta to come to their tent to hear about Jesus.

Every day Preeta went to hear the missionaries. She learned to sing "Jesus loves me" with all the other boys and girls. One day she gave her heart to Jesus.

Aren't you glad that some people gave money to send these missionaries out to India? Otherwise Preeta would never have learned to love Jesus.

Love, Aunt Helen

Legend of a Lovely Flower

The beautiful yellow, bronze, white and wine-coloured chrysanthemums which deck our gardens and make them look so gay, first came from Japan.

Japanese children love this beautiful feathery flower better than any other. They have heard from their parents the legend of how the chrysanthemum first came to the earth and think of the story when they admire the blossoms. You will think of it too when you look at these lovely flowers.

In Japan, long, long ago, there was a very poor mother who worked hard all day to get food and clothing for her three little girls. Their father was dead, and although she worked hard, she earned so little that there was often not enough food for the children and she had to mend the children's clothes with many patches.

One moonlight winter night the poor mother had to put her children to bed with hardly any supper. She cried bitterly as she tucked the children into bed and decided to go out and look for help. It was a frosty night, and just as she opened the door she heard a voice saying, "Help me, give me shelter. I am cold and hungry."

There stood a thinly-clad, shivering little boy. The mother's eyes filled with tears as she drew him into the little room, for she had no food to spare and the room was cold. She gave him all that was in the cupboard, knowing that she would have nothing to give her own children when they awoke in the morning. Then she wrapped him up in her own cloak and laid him

on her own bed, intending to go to the shrine to pray for help. But she was so weak from lack of food that she fainted by the door, and there she lay for hours.

When she opened her eyes she found to her amazement that the boy had vanished. She went to the door and looked out to see if he was there and found a tall plant growing where the boy had stood. It had beautiful feathery flowers. As she knelt beside the plant, the poor mother realized that it was not a poor child but an angel who had visited her. From that day onward, say the Japanese people, she knew hunger and poverty no more. The new and beautiful plant that grew at her door was worth hundreds of dollars.

The story of the wonderful plant was told far and wide, until even the Emperor heard about it and sent a servant to buy a stalk from the widow so that he might grow chrysanthemums also. The Emperor was so delighted with the chrysanthemums that were soon blooming in his garden that he made special provision for the widow and her family. The widow's heart was filled with joy and thanksgiving, and her happiness increased year by year as she saw her own three girls growing up to be loving and kind to all.

"... I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me... And the King shall... say unto them, Verily I say unto

you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:35,36,40).



"I Want to Find Jesus"

A friend of ours was conducting a service for children, and at the close of the meeting, when everybody had left, a boy remained seated all by himself.

The preacher went to him and said, "Well, my little man, what are you waiting for?"

He replied, "I want to find Jesus."

The preacher, wishing to test him, said, "Well, you had better go home and tell Jesus so."

But the boy said, "No, sir, I want to find Jesus here. Jesus don't live in our home. He is here, so I want Him to save me here and now."

He was saved and went to his wretched home, taking Jesus with him. The Lord Jesus says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

Surely this story should convict many who may have been brought up in Christian homes with privileges which this boy did not have, of their sins and need of a Saviour.

An Indian Boy and His Treasure

Gulab, an orphan boy living in Central India, was not a very good student at school. He was unable to cover the work after grade two, so a missionary at the school gave him employment in the garden, and he loved the work. He also carried the water for the school.

As he worked, Gulab conceived a secret plan. He began to save every anna (cent) he could from his weekly wage. The missionary lady tried to find out what the boy was going to buy with his savings, but Gulab kept his project a secret.

After some time, he asked the missionary how much he had saved. He expressed great delight when he found that it amounted to five rupees, or about a dollar in Canadian money.

When Gulab was asked what he was going to buy, he said, a Bible,

not a pair of trousers or canvas shoes, as they had expected.

Soon Gulab received his own copy of the Hindu Bible. Some time later, he was asked to read from his Bible at a special service. There was a new ring in his usually dull voice as he read from the Book bought with his own savings.

Do you value your Bible rightly?
"The Young Soldier"

Following the Lamb

A friend who had lost all his children told me that he had been in an eastern country and had seen a shepherd taking his flock across a stream. He went into the water and called them by name, but they only came to the bank and bleated, but were too afraid to follow. At last he went back, tightened his girdle about his loins, took up two little lambs and put one inside his frock and the other inside his bosom. Then he started into the water. The mother sheep looked up to the shepherd instead of into the water, to see their little ones, and readily followed. So he got the whole flock across the water and led them into the green pastures on the other side.

How often the Good Shepherd has taken a little lamb to the hill-tops of glory and then the father and mother begin to look up and follow.

—D. L. Moody

Weeds and Deeds

A naughty little weed one day Poked up its tiny head.
"Tomorrow I will pull you up, Old Mr. Weed," I said.
But I put off the doing till,
When next I passed that way,
The hateful thing had spread
abroad
And laughed to my dismay.

A naughty little thought one day Popped right into my mind.
"Oho!" I cried, "I'll put you out Tomorrow, you will find."
But once again I put it off
Till, like the little weed,
The ugly thing sprang up apace
And grew into a deed.

So, boys and girls, heed what I say
And learn it with your sums:
Don't put off till tomorrow, for
Tomorrow never comes.
Today pull up the little weeds,
The naughty thoughts subdue,
Or they may take the reins themselves
And some day master you.

Silver Wedding

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Saskatoon spoke in German using a number of Scripture references as a basis, and then led in prayer. Mr. John Block of Saskatoon read a poem which had been composed by Mr. Petkau's father who resides in Ontario. Following the program a lunch was served in the basement.

Mrs. V. Schmidt

ANTONIA

written by Jean A. Rees

(19th Installment)

"Later on, when I came here, I fell in love with someone else who didn't return my affection, and I got very bitter. Then I took to having a little drink, and gradually I took to having more and more until in the end I discovered myself to be a slave to it. I was the worst kind of drinker, really, because I always drank alone. In fact, when I was in company with others, I very rarely had a drink. I suppose I was so frightened of my secret coming out. I don't think I was ever the worse for drink, not seriously, but it did have a very detrimental effect upon my character. Did you never wonder, Margaret, about me? Surely you must have realized that I didn't behave like a normal person?" She turned to Mrs. Westbrook and said:

"I behaved very badly at that stage. I was jealous of two people in this village; they had to do with my disappointments, and I spread all kinds of rumours about, concerning them. False rumours." She turned to me and said, "That was not really the work of a normal person, Margaret."

"No," I said, "It wasn't really. I thought at the time that there was something extraordinary about it, but I put it down to the state of mind you were in."

"No, that was all part of the same thing. A drug addict or alcoholic is never quite a normal person. And then," she said, "I had a cure."

"Which worked?" said Mrs. Westbrook.

"It worked completely," said Felicity, "so completely that from the very time I had that cure I have never taken a drink since, and what is more, I have never wanted to. In fact now, I even find the smell objectionable."

"You mean to tell me the cure was as complete as that?" exclaimed Mrs. Westbrook, "did you go away to a clinic?"

"No, I was cured right here in Felscombe."

"What cured you?" asked Mrs. Westbrook.

"It wasn't what cured me," said Felicity, "it was Who cured me."

"You mean there's an expert living here?" Felicity took a deep breath:

"Yes, Mrs. Westbrook," she said, "there is an Expert living right here in Felscombe, available for anyone."

"You sound rather mysterious," said Mrs. Westbrook, "what do you mean?"

"Well, I might as well tell you

straight," said Felicity, "the Lord Jesus Christ was the Great Physician who cured me."

Mrs. Westbrook gave a petulant movement of the head.

"Oh, religion again," she said, "I come up against it every time in this place."

"Yes, but it's true," said Felicity, "I don't think anything else could have done it. You see, all these 'cures' are only cures up to a point, because they don't take away the desire for alcohol. Even these aversion methods where certain drugs produce a nausea and distaste for alcohol, only last a short time. But the amazing thing about becoming a Christian is, that Christ completely takes away desires we have and gives us a power within us to resist temptation. It's not merely making a good resolution, but it's a new power altogether. Something quite inexplicable."

"Well it's inexplicable to me, I must say," said Mrs. Westbrook, "I considered my in-laws were religious people . . ."

"But," I broke in, "there is a difference between religious people and real Christians."

"Yes," she said, "I think there must be. But, I am quite sure that this clinic where my husband is now will be able to cure him, and that a new life will open up for us when he comes back."

"I do hope so, I'm sure," I said sincerely.

And then we told Felicity about the suggestion of Tony going to work in the Gift Shop with Mrs. Westbrook, and she entered into the whole idea with enormous enthusiasm, and we were quite glad of an opportunity to change the subject. We thought we had said enough and we discussed colour schemes and plans and methods for a long time. It was arranged that Tony should start the following Monday in her new role at the gift shop.

CHAPTER VIII

ART AT THE GIFT SHOP

Tony was wildly excited about the whole plan and I took her into Wychester on Saturday to purchase some overalls.

"These must be really artistic," she said, and we were fortunate in finding an overall with a really good cut. It was something quite out of the ordinary and, if not the exact lime green that June had suggested, was a kind of dull apple green, and was just the very shade to show up Tony's colouring. Very soon we decided we would go into Wychester and get down to her

new clothes, but although she had lost weight considerably and was a very much better shape, we thought it better to wait until the diet had really done its work. I must say I became more and more proud each day of the alteration in her appearance. She was still a little gawky looking, but with her new hairstyle and some new clothes, she certainly would look a different person.

We met Susan Thornton in Wychester and she invited us both to tea at the Manse on Sunday. I said that as Jerry was coming home that night I wouldn't come, but I was sure Tony would love to, so that was arranged. Tony had a little shopping she wanted to do on her own, so I walked up the High Street with Susan.

"I really am getting very fed up with Timothy," she said, "it's high time he got married. I've just had a delightful girl staying with me, a friend of one of my sisters, the very person for Timothy, and there's just nothing doing. It was not the girl's fault—she'd have been only too willing I'm sure—she seemed quite taken with Timothy, but he just said she was not his type. I'm exasperated with him. A man of thirty-two needs to get married. He's waited far too long as it is."

"So you're a matchmaker!" I said. "Now, I suppose when you've got a girl like this coming, you say to Timothy 'I've got someone coming to stay with me who's the very girl for you'."

"Yes, of course I do, I want him to try and make a good impression."

"And so you tell him all the girl's virtues before she comes and all about her background, and say you have found the right one for him, and then you expect him to be thrilled about it."

"Well what's wrong with that?" asked Susan.

"Everything," I said, "if you want to put a young man off, you tell him that you've found the very girl for him. You forget that the instinct of the man is to be a hunter. He likes to find the girl for himself, and to tell him that you have found the very one for him is just the way to put his hackles up and put him off her completely."

"Well, I never thought of that," said Susan. "I'm always having girls to tea and to meet him and saying they are just the one for him and he never seems to take to them."

"No wonder," I said. "I remember when we were kids, Mother thought we ought to have some nice friends, and some people came to the district with a girl and a boy. Mother kept telling my brother and me that she wanted us to be friends with these two. They were just the sort of friends she wanted us to have and she went on about their virtues—how good they

were at school and how clever and how splendid it would be for us to have friends of our own age—and what a good thing it would be. The consequence was that when these two came we loathed them at sight and, incidentally, their parents had been saying the same thing to them. It took us a long time before we discovered they were exactly the kind of kids we wanted to be friendly with, and we got on splendidly in the end."

"Well, what should your parents have done?"

"What they should have done," I said, "was to have told us: 'Now we are inviting the girl and boy to tea with you. We're afraid they are rather lively types, but we may be able to have them again provided you behave yourselves properly and do not get into mischief together, but we don't want to lead them astray.' That would have made us feel that it was up to us to get on with each other or we wouldn't be allowed to see them again. If they'd done that, we would have been buddies immediately."

"I see, so I ought to have some girl to tea and say to Timothy, 'If you don't behave nicely to her I won't let you see her again?'" I laughed:

"No, I think what you must do about Timothy is just to leave him do it. Let him find his own wife. I don't think sisters can really do much about it."

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It was wonderful to have Jerry home again. He greeted Tony by saying, "Well, how's the great work going?" and she looked so embarrassed and awkward that I said:

"We'll tell you all about that later, Jerry."

"Something gone wrong?"

"Well, not exactly wrong," I said and hurried him upstairs before he could embarrass Tony any further, where I explained the whole situation to him and told him I had found an excellent Typing Agency who would do the whole job for him without any trouble. He heaved a great sigh of relief and said:

"My dear, I had an instinct the girls wouldn't be any use, only I daren't tell you so."

I felt as if he'd been away for three months instead of just a few days. How I ever lived without him all those years I often wonder. I'm afraid I watch him rather like a hen with one chick, although you could hardly call Jerry a chick. I saw him put his hand to his side and draw his breath in as if it hurt him. I said:

"Jerry, what's the matter? Is something wrong with you?"

"Nothing, my dear, just a little stitch in my side."

"You're sure there's nothing wrong?" I asked.

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MCC News & Notes

A Day at Friedheim

Following is a description of a typical working day at the Friedheim Pax project near Salzburg. The Paxmen are helping to build a new settlement of six houses and a chapel for a group of Nazarene (Apostolic Christian) refugees. The project began in April, 1961. There are eleven paxmen on the project now. Some of these are: John Drieger, Leamington, Ontario; Corney Klassen, Vineland, Ontario, and nine from the USA.

Salzburg, Austria — The early morning peacefulness is rudely shattered by the loud voice coming through the paper-thin walls from the neighbor's radio. Several sleepy fellows roll over and pull the covers up over their ears and sleep on. Before long the alarm goes off and silent, groggy fellows slowly sit up and realize that another day has begun and that there are only two or three minutes before 6:30 and time for breakfast. The early morning cold hits with a blow as we step outside and hurry down to the kitchen.

After devotions the two "dish beaters" for the week have to walk down to the bakery and get milk and bread for the day. By 7:15 everyone is ready; the fellows and the food are in the kombi and off we go to Toxach and the project.

As we pull on our work clothes, Gil Friesen, our work foreman, gives us the schedule for the day: "Merle and Ervie work on that chimney on Number Five. You should get that finished today. Corney and Lowell work on these inside walls upstairs in Number Five. We want to finish up back there today so we can move the

elevator up front and lay filler block on the church tomorrow. Biti, Ron, and Allan keep the men supplied with "spice" and "stein." John and Lester work on that form for the front entrance of Number Two. Moose (Erwin Klaassen) "stemm" for the electricians."

Thus everyone has his responsibility for the day and the place is soon bustling with activity, talking and laughing. The day progresses smoothly and fast with the only break being 30 minutes off for soup and fried pork at 12:00. Then too everyone might be startled by a roar from the house where Moose is "stemming." His hammer missed the chisel again and hit his hand on the same place it did the day before yesterday. And so goes a typical day at our project. We are all ready for a good meal by 5:30.

It is getting pretty cold to work outside—to lay blocks—but we are trying hard to get the roof on the church yet this fall. Several days last week it didn't thaw out at all. We hope to pour the top floor this week or next and then the rafters can be put up. After that we will work inside.

Merle Brenneman

Three Begin Work in Crete

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — First reports from the new MCC unit on the island of Crete indicate that the three workers there are beginning their pioneer work with enthusiasm. The three—Orpha Zimmerly, Orrville, Ohio; Richard Kauffman, Middlebury, Ind.; and Klaus Froese, a German Menno-

nite volunteer—went to Crete in October.

Orpha Zimmerly will be assisting in a new girls' vocational school in Kastelli, to which girls come for training in housekeeping, sewing, cooking and child care. Most of the girls are of high school age and come from large, poor families in surrounding villages. The school had begun its first term before Miss Zimmerly's arrival.

Kauffman and Froese are starting a technical school for boys in Kastelli, where boys will receive training in basic mechanical and electrical skills. In October and early November the two men set up their combination shop and school and bought additional equipment. The school opened November 20. More than 100 boys applied for the "Klaus and Richard School," but they cannot take more than ten students each at present.

MCC was invited to Crete by Bishop Ireneaus of the Greek Orthodox Church, who became interested after hearing about the Pax program in northern Greece. The bishop supervises the program of both the domestic and the technical schools.

Kastelli is the chief city in the Diocese of Kissamos and Selinon, which comprises the western tip of the island. The area is inhabited by shepherds and farmers living in approximately 350 villages and cultivating small orchards of olive trees and some vineyards.

Second Team Scheduled to Leave for British Honduras

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — A second team of men is being recruited by Mennonite Disaster Service to help with cleanup and reconstruction work in Belize, British Honduras, under administration of MCC foreign relief and services. The volunteers will leave for Belize on about December 15 and will stay a minimum of 60 days.

The team will consist of sixteen men drawn from MDS units in the Kansas-Nebraska-Oklahoma area, Canada, and the Pennsylvania-Maryland-Delaware area. Twelve men from the eastern states made up the first disaster team sent to British Honduras on November 17.

Recommendation for the sixteen additional men came from Orrie O. Miller, who visited Belize during his current Central American trip for the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities.

Half of the group now in British Honduras is helping to construct barracks 16 miles from the city as temporary living quarters for persons made homeless by the hurricane. Others are doing reconstruction work in the city, mainly replacing roofs on houses. They have also replaced the roof of a church in Belize.

Remember the Poor and the Sick

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the poor and the sick are: "And when James, Cephas and John perceived the grace that was given to us they gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship that we should go unto the heathen, only they would that we should remember the poor" (Gal 2:9). "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2:15,16). Wherefore, brethren, look ye out from among you seven men whom we may appoint over this business" (Acts 6:3). "Then the disciples every man according to his ability determined to send relief unto the brethren that dwelt in Judaea" (Acts 11:29).

In post-apostolic times the church cared for the poor and the sick. According to the book, "Der Kampf um das Christentum" (The Battle for Christianity) the believers after the time of the apostles deemed it just as important to take care of the destitute as to preach the gospel, because through this kind of practical service the heathen became receptive to the Word of God.

What is it that inspired our brethren in Canada and the United States at the time when we suffered in Russia? Conference minutes show that the churches here planned, prayed and sacrificed to extend us their help. Our brethren did not give because they had plenty, they gave sacrificially in our behalf because the love of God constrained them to do it. Now we are in this peaceful country enjoying our lovely homes. Have we forgotten the love of God and the love of our brethren? Let the deeds of our brethren challenge us to likewise show forth the love of God. It is up to us to look around and help those who are in need of our kindness.

We in the province of Saskatchewan see our needy, poor and sick and have agreed to build a home for the mentally retarded, but we still need \$7,000 before we can start building. We want to give our churches the opportunity of assisting in the work and sharing in the blessings by helping our sick and needy. Brother A. K. Klassen, Herschel, Sask., our treasurer, is ready to accept all gifts and to issue receipts for donations received.

May the Word of God challenge us and the love of the Lord constrain us to see the whitened harvest field and may we become willing to help the poor and sick.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

Isaac H. Block



Wilmer Weaver, Ervie Glick and Merle Brenneman pouring a concrete floor. Paxmen working in Austria (Salzburg). Weaver Glick and Brenneman are from Hartville, Ohio, Minot, N.D., and Kalona, Ia.

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welcomed into full membership in the family of Canadian citizens.

2. Exchanges of views with those Departments of the Government of Canada which come most directly into contact with the daily lives and activities of newcomers to Canada.

The Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, Canada's Prime Minister, addressed the gathering in his stirring and appealing way and presented the editors with illuminated copies of the Bill of Rights. The Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, presided and was assisted by the Hon. Wm. Hamilton, Postmaster-General. Speeches by other Ministers of the Crown (Labor, Health and Welfare, and others) and by their deputy ministers and by department heads (Agriculture, Trade and Commerce, Taxation and Customs, Transport, The Queen's Printer and others).

It was an excellent synopsis of many activities and services of our federal government.

The discussion periods were made good use of, but the program was too crowded to allow enough time for thorough airing of opinions and even grievances. The ministers and high officials mingled freely with the multi-lingual crowd of editors (some of them linguists of high calibre) and missed no opportunities to prove their sincere goodwill toward all ethnic groups in Canada. (Could there be an election in the offing?)

Aside from all other aspects of such a conference, there is a great need for encouragement and assistance to new Canadians. Some suffer unduly from inferiority complexes, others do not make enough efforts to become adjusted to the positive side of Canadian life. Conferences like these can serve the very good purpose to enlighten, instruct and guide the readership of the so-called ethnic newspapers.

H. F. K.

A New Church in the Choco

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students from our Bible school on vacation, did a wonderful work of teaching personal evangelism and child education classes.

On the nights of the convention Mr. Anibal Aguirre of the Alliance Church held evangelistic meetings, during which time a number accepted the Lord. The little chapel was packed and many peered through windows and doors. The night of the showing of the Billy Graham film more than 250 were present. After the service we noticed that our signs outside had been torn down.

Mr. Aguirre also had short campaigns in two other villages where

a total of 29 made decisions. The "Chocanos" know the gospel is best and want to follow the Lord, but to surrender all to Him is so hard and that is why so few enter church membership. Please pray for them.

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The Universal Week of Prayer 1962

Again the call comes to Christian people in all parts of the world to unite in prayer and intercession at the beginning of another year fraught with the gravest significance for the church and the world. Christians everywhere can most effectively express their spiritual unity by earnest united prayer.

The need for prayer could hardly be greater. The uncertainty in world affairs causes great concern. Across the world the Christian Church is assailed by the forces of materialism and secularism. In the so-called Christian countries we are face to face with blatant irreligion. In some areas of the world there are militant political forces operating against all forms of religion. In the face of this challenge the Christian Church appears to be woefully ineffective. The need for a spiritual revival is everywhere apparent.

The great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost had its origin on the human side in a united gathering for prayer. A handful of disciples "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." Every true revival from that day to this has had its earthly origin in prayer. There is no reason to think that prayer today need be any less effective than it has been in times past. But the kind of prayer which issues in blessing, is earnest, persistent, and believing:

First Day

"ONE GOD"

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 67; Romans 3:9-20; Isaiah 35

Thanksgiving

For the knowledge of God's holiness, revealed in His Word, and manifested in His hatred of sin. Isa. 6:1-3; Rom. 3:20; Rom. 1:18.

For the wonder of God's grace shown toward sinful men. Titus 2:11.

For the gift of God's love, His only begotten Son, Who came into the world to save sinners. John 3:16-17; I Tim. 1:15.

Confession

Of our forgetfulness of God and indifference to His demands. Isa. 53:6a.

Of our contempt for God's law and disobedience to His commands. Neh. 9:26.

Of our hardness of heart and lack of response to God's love in Christ. Rom. 2:4-5.

Petition

That God's great and holy Name may be revered. Matt. 6:9b
That men may recognize that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Prov. 9:10.

That God's laws may be heeded and obeyed. Heb. 2:1-3.

That God's kingdom may be extended on earth. Matt. 28:19.

Second Day

"ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST"

Scripture Readings:

Isa. 9:2, 6-7; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:54-62

Thanksgiving

For God's unspeakable gift—a Saviour. II Cor. 9:15.

For the Life, Teaching, and Example of our Lord. I Peter 2:21-23.

For the atoning death, resurrection, and promised return of Christ. Heb. 9:24-28.

Confession

Of our failure to walk as He walked. I John 2:6.

Of the lukewarmness of our love for Him. Rev. 2:4.

Of our half-heartedness in serving Him. Heb. 12:12-13.

Petition

That Christ may be all in all in the lives of His people. Col. 1:18b.

That the Name of Christ may be honored as the Gospel is preached to the ends of the earth. II Thess. 3:1.

That Christians may wear the likeness of Christ. Col. 3:9-10.

That the hope of Christ's return may promote purity of life among believers. I John 3:2-3.

Third Day

"THE HOLY GHOST, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE"

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:1-4; Acts 19:1-6; Ezekiel 37:1-14

Thanksgiving

For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Acts 2:4.

For the enabling power of the Holy Spirit in individual lives. Col. 1:6.

For the convicting power of the Holy Spirit in the world. John 16:7-11.

Confession

Of failure to appropriate the Spirit's power. I Cor. 4:19-20.

Of failure to exercise the gifts of the Spirit. I Cor. 12:7, 31.

Of failure to rely upon the Spirit in evangelism. Zech. 4:6.

Petition

That the Holy Spirit may revive the Church. Isa. 44:3.

That the Gospel may be preached in the power of the Holy Spirit. Eph. 6:18-19.

That the fruit of the Spirit may be seen in the lives of Christians. John 15:16; Gal. 5:22-23.

Fourth Day

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 133; I Cor. 3:1-6; Eph. 4:1-7.

Thanksgiving

For the spiritual unity existing among all true believers in Christ. I Cor. 12:13.

For the expansion of the Christian Church throughout the world. Col. 1:6,9.

For increased co-operation among Christians in many areas. Acts 11:28-30.

Confession

Of our lack of brotherly love and true Christian fellowship. John 15:12-14.

Of our failure to recognize that "the field is the world." Matt. 13:38; John 17:18.

Of the sins of pride and exclusiveness which keep Christians apart. Rom. 12:3; I Cor. 12:21-22.

Petition

That Christians may "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3.

That the Church may recognize that true unity must be based upon truth. John 4:23-24.

That through our spiritual unity the world may believe. John 17:21.

Fifth Day

"THE GREAT COMMISSION"

Scripture Readings:

I Chron. 16:23-34; Matt. 10:16-22; Acts 1:1-8.

Thanksgiving

For the Gospel which is ours to proclaim. I Cor. 4:6-7; Rom. 1:16.

For those who have taken Christ's commission seriously. I Thess. 1:6-8.

For the growth of the Church in many lands. Rom. 15:18-19.

Confession

Of the indifference of many Christians to Christ's command. Acts 26:19.

Of failure in personal witness. Acts 1:8.

Of lack of concern for those who are without Christ and without hope. Rom. 9:1-3.

Petition

That the witness of the Church throughout the world may be effective. Col. 4:3-4.

That those outside the Church in so-called Christian lands may be reached. Rom. 15:20.

That Christians may realize their special responsibilities for the evangelization of the Jews. Psalm 122:6; Rom. 10:1.

Sixth Day

"HOME AND NATION"

Scripture Readings:

Deut. 6:1-7; II Tim. 3:1-5; Rom. 13:1-10

Thanksgiving

For Christian homes and for family life. II Tim. 3:14-15.

For Christian education at all levels. Ezra 8:2,7-8.

For liberty to preach the Gospel. Acts 28:30-31.

Confession

Of the decline in family life and in the reading of the Word of God. Col. 3:16.

Of the weakening of the ties of marriage. Mark 10:7-9.

Of moral laxity and juvenile delinquency. I Tim. 4:1; II Peter 3:3.

Of indifference to spiritual values. Col. 3:2; II Tim. 3:5.

Petition

That the family altar may be restored in the homes of all of God's people. Deut. 6:6-7; 11:19.

That children may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6.

That our Christian schools may be spiritually effective in their work. II Tim. 2:2.

For all in authority, that they may recognize their responsibility before God. I Tim. 2:1-2.

EDUCATION SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

Activities at the M. B. Bible Institute

Clearbrook, B.C. — At the provincial M. B. Conference it was decided by majority vote to buy a dormitory for the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute. The proposed dormitory will house approximately 80 students and is to be moved to the MBBI grounds soon.

In the last month, the Lord has imparted many spiritual blessings to the MBBI family. On November 16, we had a missionary conference with Mr. John C. Ratzlaff, returned missionary from the Congo, and Mr. Roland Wiens, missionary in Japan, as guest speakers.

Following the Foreign Missions conference, we had a Home Missions Conference. Mrs. John Goertz from Port Edwards spoke on the topic, "How I support my Husband in his Work." Other speakers were Mr. John Esau, Prince George; Mr. Irvin Klassen, Fort St. John; Mr. John Klassen, Oliver; Mr. Tom Loewen, Ocean Falls. Mr. Jake Neufeld, pastor of the Otter Road Gospel Chapel, served with special numbers in song.

Beginning on November 21, we had a week of special meetings for all the students, when the Lord sent us a real revival through the Holy Spirit. Rev. Waldo Wiebe from Reedley, Calif., conducted four morning chapel periods. God spoke and blessed.

The MBBI radio chorus has set up a busy schedule of radio broadcasts. Every week it records a 30-minute broadcast for station CH-WK, Chilliwack, and two 15-minute broadcasts for station KARI, Blaine, Wash. A ladies' trio consisting of Dora Klassen, Doris Muller, and Kathy Klassen, and a men's quartet, the members of which are Henry Janzen, John Janzen, Vic Thiessen and John Haak, also serve on the radio. Mr. G. Konrad, principal, is the commentator.

Beside the broadcasts, the radio chorus has set up an itinerary to visit approximately 20 churches in the Fraser Valley during the course of the year. At the end of May, the choir is planning a tour of all the stations of the West Coast Children's Mission, going as far as Fort St. John in Northern B.C.

On December 12, the MBBI Oratorio Choir is planning to perform the oratorio, "Christ and His Soldiers," by John Farmer. Soloists from MBBI are Dora Klassen, Janet Pauls, soprano; Kathy Klassen, Dora Kliever, contralto; Henry Janzen, tenor; Vic Thiessen, baritone; and Nick Pauls, bass. Guest soloist will be John Thiessen, tenor, and organist will be Mrs. Ed

Janzen. Conductor is Mr. Helmut T. Janzen.

November 30 was a day of prayer and fasting at MBBI. It was a day set aside, when we as a student family and as individuals wished to draw nearer to God.

Doris Muller

Mennonite Collegiate Institute Visits CMBC

On Saturday, November 26, fifty students and four teachers from the Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Gretna visited the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

The visitors attended the morning chapel service and joined the CMBC students in classes. Two classes were taught: Peter and Jude, a lower level Bible course, and "Devotional Life," an elective course. After the noon meal, the registrar gave a talk about the course of studies and a panel of students discussed extra-curricular activities at Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in competitive sports. Both boys and girls played volleyball and basketball. The MCI teams won all games except the girls' basketball game.

In the evening, the students of both schools participated in a prayer service in the college chapel.

On the same weekend two CMBC students attended the Young People's Union Council Meetings in Chicago. Abè Wiebe represented the Manitoba Youth Organization and Rudy Regehr represented the CMBC students.

Several of the faculty are attending the General Conference Council of Boards meetings in Newton, Kans., this week.

New Tabor College Building Constructed

Hillsboro, Kan. — Builders have been making steady progress on completion of the new student center and auditorium-gymnasium now under construction on the Tabor College campus.

It is estimated that the student center will be completed by the end of February and the auditorium-gymnasium 30 to 60 days later.

Both units will soon be entirely enclosed. Exterior brick work is practically completed and roof work is now under way.

Financing of the \$126,000 student center is now complete, according to the college business office. It is estimated that \$28,560 is needed to complete the gymnasium, on which the estimated cost is \$178,500. Hillsboro business and professional people as well as non-

business residents have contributed a large part of the gymnasium fund.

MBCI Presents Carol Program

Winnipeg, Man. — The festive season had a successful beginning at the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute auditorium on December 2, when the high school students presented a Carol Program.

Stars, Christmas trees, candlelight and an impressive processional set the mood for an evening of traditional and contemporary Christmas songs.

The program began with a group of songs by the Senior Girls Choir, conducted by Mr. J. M. Thiessen. Their sensitive yet mature treatment and delicate contrasts in "Maria's Lobgesang" made for especially enjoyable listening.

Individual musicians starred in the second group of songs. A girls' octet sang "Angels from the Realms of Glory" in well blended harmony. Eileen Dyck sang "O Holy Night" with good timbre and enunciation. "Three Kings of Bethlehem" by Cesar Franck was beautifully sung by Raymond Martens, Paul Rischer and Gerald Klassen. Albert Redekopp, Wally Kroeker and Kurt Guenther played "Trompeters Three," by G. J. Abbott, with sound musicianship. Wanda Konrad, accompanied by Marjorie Wiens, played "Violin Concerto in D Major, First Movement" by Mozart—a highly polished performance by a highly accomplished young artist.

The Junior Girls' Choir, conducted by Henry Konrad, had a clear, fresh tone. They sang perennial favorites, such as, "Star of the East" and "Kling, Glockchen, kling". "Carol of the Bells" was very well done.

The String section of the Collegiate orchestra played a group of simple, melodious carols. Conducted by Mr. Thiessen, the strings performed with rhythm and unity.

The Senior Choir and orchestra combined to present the Christmas

story in song. The entire program was an example of what our young people can accomplish, and was a warm and sincere introduction to the Christmas season.

—Marlyce Kroeker

Get-Acquainted Evening

Steinbach, Man. — Wednesday, November 22, found the students and students' wives, the faculty and staff members entering the S.B.I. auditorium for a fellowship or "get-acquainted" evening. After an informal program, the faculty served the guests with a delightful lunch.

The dormitory girls—some 48—have moved from their rooms in the main building to the much appreciated new dormitory. They are thankful to reside within a more roomy and a better facilitated abode.

Another highlight recently has been the music program, organized by the music committee and presented on Saturday, November 25. Arresting thoughts on the ministry of music in the home, in the church, and in Christian education were given. School talent rendered selections by Bach, Schubert, and Franck as well as various arrangements of hymns.

There have been openings to serve in the high schools in this community. One group visited the Inter-School Christian Fellowship at Grunthal, and another group is planning to bring a program in the Niverville high school on December 12.

Visiting speakers this last week here have been the Rev. Anderson of the Ceylon and India Mission and the Rev. Ed. Stoesz and John D. Friesen of Saskatoon.

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Two Special Invitations

The Christmas program of the Winkler Bible School will, the Lord willing, be held on Sunday December 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Winkler M. B. church.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend.

J. H. Goossen

The Oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers" by John Farmer will be presented by the M. B. Bible Institute Oratorio Choir in the Mennonite Educational Institute auditorium in Clearbrook on December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Correction

The heading for the Fourth Day of Prayer should be "The One Universal and Apostolic Church." See page 10-2.

What Our Readers Say

"We enjoy reading the articles which are published in the Mennonite Observer."

A lady from the USA writes: "Thank you so much for the Mennonite Observer, how we look forward to it each week!"

A man from British Columbia states: "I have been receiving the Mennonite Observer for quite some time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for it and

tell you it is greatly appreciated and read with great interest."

ON THE HORIZON

Dec. 12. — The Oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers" by John Farmer to be presented at MEI, Clearbrook, by MBBI Oratorio Choir, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

December 14. — Christmas Carol Program at the M. B. Bible College auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 17. — Christmas Program of the Winkler Bible School in Winkler M. B. church at 2:00 p.m.

January 14-26. — Bible Emphasis at Eden Christian College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

Future Subscribers

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harrison of Kayville, Sask., announce the birth of their daughter, Donna May. Donna was born November 16, 1961.

the son of J. K. Thomases and a member of the Fairview M. B. Church. The Thomases are serving at Chinle under the sacrificial financial arrangements of the Christian Service Program.

Christmas Greetings

(Continued from page 1-3) Church work in India and we highly appreciate their suggestions and advice for the future of the Church in India. We are glad for their visit, though it was only for a while. May God bless their ministry for His glory and upbuilding of His kingdom. We pray for their dear families in the United States.

In closing let me greet you all once again on behalf of the M. B. Church and the mission field in India with I Tim. 1:15. We preach Christ incarnate, crucified, buried, resurrected and ascended. May this be the Christ-centred message to the whole world now and till Jesus comes in His glory. Amen.

Kindly continue to pray for my pastorate in the Calvary M. B. Church, Mahbubnagar.

Wishing you God's richest blessings in your ministry and thanking you for your continued fellowship with us in the gospel.

Yours in His happy service,
M. B. John, co-worker and brother in His vineyard



Navajo Indian boys attending a reservation school

Navajos Are in Need

(Continued from page 1)

The Navajo Reservation is in a semi-arid desert country of southwestern United States. The Indians do not live in villages but are widely scattered, moving about in semi-nomadic fashion with their flocks and herds across the rough desert country.

The great spiritual need and our Christian responsibility to help the Navajos are confirmed by recent reports from Christian Service workers Mr. and Mrs. James C. Thomas. Since this past July James and Betty have been serving under

our Conference Service Program among the Navajo Indians at Chinle Boarding School in Arizona.

James is responsible for counseling in a dormitory of approximately 250 boys. On Sunday it is his responsibility to gather the boys of his dormitory into groups to attend church.

Betty is also challenged by the spiritual nature of her work. She has a class of 32 fourth grade students. She estimates that 50 per cent of her students are Catholic, the rest are Protestant, Lutheran, Mormon and even one Mennonite.

The Thomases were graduated from Tabor College last spring with degrees in teaching. James is

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