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'Discover Christmas for Yourself'

The phrase is not mine. Where I got it I do not know. Yet lately, thinking ahead toward the Advent season, it has been haunting me.

In the Matthew account of the Holy Nativity there are valorous characters known as "wise men" and there is a villainous character called Herod. The differences between them were many, but one of them was this: *they* discovered Christmas for themselves and *he* was ready to settle for a secondhand account of it. "And he sent them to Bethlehem," says Matthew, "and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also" (2:8).

They went, and he didn't. They got a revelation; all he wanted was a report—and he failed to get that.

I.

Nobody can find Christ for another.

This was Herod's error: he thought he could find Christ by proxy. He delegated the quest to others.

Let it be clear that by *finding* Christ we mean, in this context, the living encounter with Christ that changes a person at the center and not merely on the surface. What our Lord meant by being "born again," what John meant by receiving "eternal life," what Paul meant by the "forgiveness of sins"—this is what now concerns us.

Henry Drummond once reported a conversation he had with a visiting university professor, who said: "I used to be concerned about religion, but religion is a great subject, and I was busy, and there was little time to settle it for myself: so I became a Catholic, and instead of dabbling any longer in religion myself, just left it to the Church to do everything for me. Once a year I go to Mass."

True, a well-instructed and disciplined Roman Catholic would boggle at a statement so pitifully shallow. Yet in practice throngs of Catholics and Protestants are giving the impression that something like this is their theological "cup of tea."

The sooner disillusionment comes the better.
No one can find Christ for another.

II.

Anybody who in fact finds Christ finds Him for himself.

"When ye have found him!" Herod was at least correct in suggesting—far more wisely than he knew—that Christmas and the Christ of Christmas *can* be found.

It may mean cutting through the eye-irritating smog of our contemporary Christmas fanfare. The repeated notices that warn of the lessening number of "shopping days" left before the Big Day are a symbol of that compressed mercantile millennium that Christmas has come to be. At the bottom of the pile of ribbons and boxes is an all-but-buried yet still findable Saviour.

Or it may mean clearing away the rank undergrowth of confused thinking. "Social salvation," for example, is one of the unhappiest phrases to gain currency in this century. It is linked with the expression "social gospel." Social reform? Yes. Social salvation? No. Societies can neither repent nor receive the forgiveness of sins. Persons can do both. This is no plea for an arid individualism. It is a plea for a renewed biblical emphasis upon persons who, to be sure, develop their full personhood only in community.

So it is that anybody who finds Christ—who authentically discovers Christmas—finds Him for himself.

III.

Everybody who finds Christ for himself wants others to make the same discovery.

For a reason undisclosed, the wise men were guided not to go back to Herod and tell the story of their discovery of the Christ Child. In this particular their example may be said to be other than typical. If we want a glimpse of the normal outcome of finding Christ, we should turn to Luke: "And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child" (2:17).

Johannes Blauw concludes his book on *The Missionary Nature of the Church* with these words:

"So long as there are in this world men in darkness, without God and without mercy, so long will the task of mission of the Christian Church endure. But she can complete this only when she remains powerfully conscious that she herself shared in the same darkness and alienation, and that out of this she is called to proclaim to others the marvellous deeds of the God of light, fellowship, and mercy. There is no other 'theology of mission,' no other oracle, than this."

If in this Advent season there should come to masses of us a discovery of Christmas in this simple yet profound personal dimension of which we have been speaking, the difference it would make in our churches would be nothing less than revolutionary.

And, of course, all that we have been saying about our *finding Him* presupposes the prime fact that *He has found us*. If we miss this truth, we miss the whole theology of the Incarnation.

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The everlasting wonder of the Light of Christmas is captured in the eyes of the child on the cover this month. As the Christmas star is reflected in her eyes, so Jesus Christ must be reflected in our lives so that the "Light of the world" may shine out from us into the lives of those who live in darkness.

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NEXT MONTH

Using an autobiography—long out of print—as a basis for his article, Leslie Lyall next month will tell the exciting story of the invincible pioneer missionary, "Daniel McGilvary—Apostle to the Lao." In another reaction to Don Hillis' article in the June magazine ["Is the Great Commission a Lost Cause?"], Dr. Hugo H. Culpepper will refute some of Dr. Hillis' statements with figures gathered from a poll of 56 seminaries. In "The Emerging Shape of Our Mission," Dr. Harold N. Englund will discuss the trend from primitivism to industrialism in the mission field and from missionary to fraternal worker in those who are sent. George M. Cowan, president of Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., will cite God's program for the use of Scriptures in the mission of the Church, backing his statements with real-life illustrations. A new venture in South India to make the Church realize its relevancy to the world it lives in will be reported by the Rev. Dr. Eugene Ten-Brink, a Reformed Church missionary in the Church of South India.

Remarks by Ruark

In the first week of October hard-hitting syndicated columnist, Robert C. Ruark, paid his respects to most of the lately formed nations of Africa. He fumed:

"The naked, not to say stupid, arrogance of the majority of the freshly emerged African nations at this moment would make the parable of the little red hen and the wheat seed sound like a profundity from the lips of Bernie Baruch."

These mild and measured words were to be followed by something less temperate when he referred to some official in the new government of Kenya who allegedly suggested that Great Britain, if she persisted in sending armed aid to South Africa, might have to be expelled from the Commonwealth. Insisting that this was a piece of nonsense so arrant as to beggar language, Ruark stormed: "A simile is hard to come by here. It is, more or less, comparable to a bunch of gorillas putting bananas off-limits, or the automobile industry deciding to outlaw petroleum."

To be sure, allowance must be made for the fact that Ruark has built his journalistic reputation on his flair for extravagance and for the use of what might be called the verbal bludgeon. In this case, however, Ruark's intemperance of speech will be swallowed whole by some of his readers simply because they know that he has traveled extensively in Africa and has written at length, both fictionally and non-fictionally, about various aspects of the African scene.

Let me now quote from a man who is one of the most perceptive and articulate of our leaders in the whole field of Christian missions in this generation. I refer to Dr. Max Warren who, until recently, was the general secretary of the Church Missionary Society. The book, entitled *Challenge and Response*, consists of a series of addresses that Dr. Warren gave in Washington, D.C., after he had returned from extensive travels in Africa. Offhand I cannot think of a finer antidote to Mr. Ruark's intemperate outburst than the chapter by Warren called "What is Happening in Africa?"

After speaking informatively about the remarkable industrial, political, and educational developments in contemporary Africa, Dr. Warren observes:

"But it is all too easy to travel in Africa, to walk the streets of its cities and towns, to read its newspapers, and never to realize that below these surface phenomena there are deep forces at work, without some understanding of which Africa will remain an unknown continent with an unenviable capacity for providing unexpected developments of an unpleasant kind."

What are these sub-surface forces? Warren names three: (1) "the great revulsion against the white man," (2) "the urge on the part of the African for psychic security," and (3) the African's felt "need for self-affirmation."

It is recalled that in Alan Paton's *Cry the Beloved Country* the African priest in Sophiatown is made to

say: "I have one great fear in my heart, that one day when *they* (the Europeans) are turned to loving, they will find that *we* (the Africans) are turned to hating."

With respect to the search for "psychic security," a discerning South African of Huguenot descent has said: "The conflict in Africa is at heart a battle about being and not being; about having a soul of one's own or not having a soul at all."

On the matter of "self-affirmation," Africans are moving, however uncertainly and, at times, erratically, with unstoppable resolution. This movement takes religious as well as political and sociological forms. For example, it is scarcely a full account of the case to say that Islam is in places winning converts far faster than Christianity because the Prophet makes milder moral demands than does Jesus. It is necessary also to recognize that Mohammedanism has been "able to pose in Africa as a black man's religion in contrast to a Christianity brought by the white man."

"Self-affirmation" in its religious aspect may be seen also in the fresh outcroppings of witchcraft—a kind of madly inverted attempt to preserve its own cultural soul.

Even in distinctly Christian circles it may be seen in the actions of those "break-away sects" who want nothing to do with the Christian missionaries or with the traditional denominations of the West. The extravagances of some of these movements must be seen as a violent reaction against Western-dominated churches in which the leadership of the nationals has been so difficult to achieve.

If all of this sounds negative or appears as an attempt to justify all of the immaturities and excesses that we are encountering in so many areas of life in Africa, it must be remembered that our purpose at the moment is limited. It is limited to saying that Ruark's angry outburst at what he calls "African arrogance" does a grave disservice to the cause of international relationships and of Christian missions.

Africans need the Gospel, just as all men do. But of many Africans it must be said that *they* will not be prepared to listen to the story of the Gospel unless *we* are prepared to come to them with understanding and with a meaningful patience that springs from that understanding.

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The Substitute

Along a street of a million gilded gimmicks, with Christmas buying at the flood, I passed a liquor store. What was for sale in the window bore the luring sign: "For Men of Good Cheer." It's a parable of our times. We have substituted "good cheer," artificially produced, for "good will," genuinely experienced through that holy love which is the gift of God in Jesus Christ.

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You Can be a Missionary in the Middle East

*A Missionary
long on
experience
with Muslims
tells how.*

By J. Christy Wilson, Jr.

Today many are appreciating the truth of the "missionaryhood" of the believers, just as the Reformation emphasized a renewed realization of the "priesthood" of the believers. The Scriptures speak not only of him who has "made us kings and priests unto God" (Rev. 1:6), but also record how he commanded us to go "into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Each one who believes in Christ is to witness for his Lord wherever possible. And missions in the Middle East today illustrate how every Christian is a missionary.

East Meeting West

Rudyard Kipling not too long ago wrote that East and West would not meet until they met at God's judgment seat. But now Pan American World Airways has regular flights between Tehran and Philadelphia. And Daniel's prophecy of the end time that "many shall run to and fro" (Dan. 12:4) is certainly coming true today.

East and West are meeting more than ever before. And with this goes the unprecedented opportunity of witness as we recognize the fact that we all are missionaries for Christ.

Tehran is knocking at the door of the churches in Philadelphia. And the Middle East, as well as the rest of the world, walks past on the sidewalk in front of your home.

A Mission Field at Our Doorstep

"Let's clean off our own doorstep first before we bother about others in foreign countries" used to be

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one great objection to missions. But Christians cannot hide behind this false excuse any longer. God has brought "men out of every nation under heaven" right to our doorsteps. North America has become the Mecca of modern education. The cream of the youth of the nations is now in our institutions of learning. Oh, that a modern Pentecost may break upon us, that we, like the disciples of old, may witness to Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to these "internationals" and that they may return to their own countries on fire for him!

Returning Home Commissioned

A Middle Eastern student was taking a medical course in the States when he was befriended by Christians and led to the Lord. Since returning to his country, he has led many others to put their faith in his Saviour. And he has not had to learn the language, culture and customs. He was already naturally oriented.

These international students have built-in antennas and know the wave lengths of their own people. This is why it is so wonderful that God has raised up such instruments as Campus Crusade for Christ, Christian homes, the Christian Medical Society, Churches, Focus, the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the Navigators, and World Vision, which are working with these friends from other countries. But I have also met Middle Eastern students who have been won by Communist cells working in our universities.

What are you doing to befriend these students and to introduce them to your best Friend? "The stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you and thou shalt love him as thyself" (Lev. 19:33).

Missionaries Still Needed

The task of evangelizing the Middle East is so great, however, that full-time missionaries are also desperately needed.

These Bible lands, where our Lord lived and died on the cross for our sins and rose again and gave the great commission, are probably the most neglected and the most difficult mission fields in the world. They are the center of Islam and Judaism. Of 45 Christian short-

wave radio stations operating around the world, none is located in the Middle East—the closest being at Addis Ababa to the southwest and in Manila, which is thousands of miles to the east. Dr. Bob Pierce and Dr. Paul S. Rees have stood ready to sponsor pastors' conferences in the Middle East, but the fact that local ministers are so few and far between has made it difficult.

The Ubiquitous Church

The great fact for which we must give praise to God is that churches exist in every land of Islam. In Saudi Arabia and in Afghanistan regular Christian services are being held among people from other countries serving there. (This was not true 20 years ago.)

In most of the countries of the Middle East there is much gain toward a greater freedom of religion. Protestant missions have also been the great pioneers of education and medical work in these lands. Now governments are taking over a great deal of this, as must be. Missions, therefore, are freer to reach un-reached areas.

Also, new frontiers in translation work, literacy, literature, radio and television afford added opportunities of witness. More emphasis can be placed upon direct evangelistic effort, distribution of the Scriptures, Christian schools and dispensaries operated in connection with the indigenous churches, the training of Christian leaders, and the upbuilding of the Church.

A Christian businessman working in one of these lands has just written, "In many ways, this country is no more Muslim than the U.S. is truly Christian. In both cases, our fight is against atheism, agnosticism, worldliness, and even religion. . . . Our friends, the young people in 'Operation Mobilization,' and the local Christians working with them, are really going after the literature and Bible selling and distribution."

Eastern Missionaries to the West

It was indeed thrilling recently to hear a new convert from Islam witnessing in the Middle East to a wealthy tourist from Canada who had just offered him a cigarette which he had politely declined.

"Even though you visit every country in the world," he said, "you will never find peace until you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. I was beset by terrible habits, sins and unrest. But now that I have repented and put my trust in Christ, he has completely cleansed me by his blood and has given me power over my temptations."

As I listened, I suddenly realized that here was a Middle Eastern missionary witnessing to his Lord "unto the uttermost." And the wealthy Westerner could not but be impressed. The words were spoken with a power and peace which the world cannot give.

Recently two young Britishers found the Lord while touring Asia. This took place through the witness of local Christians there. These two are now on their way back to England for Bible school training to prepare them for full-time Christian service.

How humbling and yet how wonderful is this give-and-take of witness between East and West today.

Self-Supporting Missionaries

Another amazing development in regard to our witnessing to the Lord today is that several million persons from North America are engaged in regular work abroad. This offers opportunities for Christians to apply for positions as skilled workers, engineers, teachers, doctors, nurses, agriculturalists, secretaries, diplomats and businessmen in other lands. They can be self-supporting missionaries.

This is in the great tradition of our Lord who was a carpenter and of Paul who was a tentmaker. As the missionary apostle said, "These hands have ministered unto my necessities and to them that were with me" (Acts 20:31).

William Carey also supported his mission and his Bible publication work in India by operating an indigo factory.

Thus today, alongside the full-time missionaries in the Middle East, Christians are working with oil concerns, U.N. agencies, embassies, aid programs, Medico, the Peace Corps, construction companies, and other private enterprises.

'Tentmakers' Problems

Of course, there are problems to be faced by every witness. First; the agency under which they may work may seek to curtail their testimony and limit their religious freedom. But such difficulties also have to be faced at home.

A second problem is that with a regular job it is hard to find time to master the local language, even though some Christians in such positions have done fairly well at this. But with English more widely known and spoken than any other language and with the hunger all over the world to acquire it, this often affords an effective medium of witness.

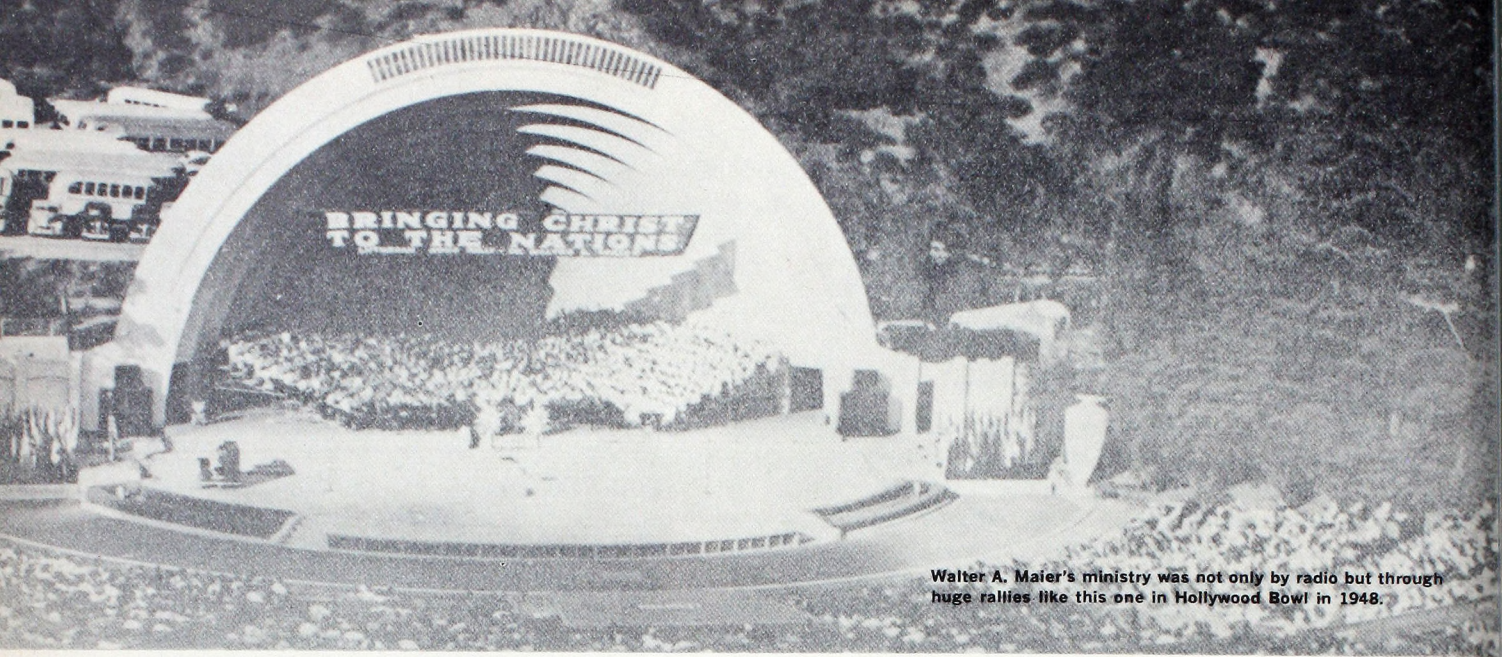
A third difficulty is that these positions are usually for a limited time, and when the contract is over the person has to go home. However, some who have served on a secular contract abroad have fallen in love with the work and have returned as regular missionaries.

A fourth problem is that the self-supporting position may be so demanding that it may not afford time to witness. But this is the layman's problem everywhere. On the other hand, it does give opportunities to witness while you work.

Rendering Unto Both

Some have argued that it is not ethical to pose as a person filling a secular position while your main purpose is spiritual—to witness for Christ. They say you have a "double motive." But what is wrong with serving both God and your country, or whatever agency it may be? If Christians don't take these jobs, others will. And their lesser motives can be money,

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Walter A. Maier's ministry was not only by radio but through huge rallies like this one in Hollywood Bowl in 1948.

Born with radio, he pioneered at the mike and became . . .

Walter A. Maier World Missionary

By Robert G. Rubom

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St. Augustine prayed, "Give what you command, O God, and then command what you will." This was also the probable reaction of Christ's disciples to what, at the time, must have seemed the most impossible divine command of all: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15 RSV). But along with his final missionary briefing, Christ also provided the means to fulfill it—means which have improved dramatically since the days of the Great Commission.

To carry missionaries to the ends of the earth, the jet has supplanted the camel and the sail; to enable a universal reading of the Good News, printing has replaced handwriting; to convey Christian charity in the face of desperate need, such a magnificent international outreach as World Vision has expedited the plodding, precarious conveyance of a St. Paul who brought the famine offering to Jerusalem; to expand word-of-mouth communication, broadcasting has wafted the message literally to every corner of the globe.

Pioneer at the Mike

The first of the modern missionaries who almost

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literally preached the Gospel "to the whole creation" through radio was Dr. Walter A. Maier, founder-speaker of The Lutheran Hour, or "Bringing Christ to the Nations," as the program is known overseas. Though he died in 1950, the remarkable full story of Dr. Maier's ministry is only now being appreciated through his recently published biography, *A Man Spoke, a World Listened* (McGraw-Hill), written by a son, Paul L. Maier, who is a professor of history at Western Michigan University. After reading *A Man Spoke*, Dr. Billy Graham commented: "Walter Maier was the greatest combination of preacher and scholar that America has thus far produced in this century."

10 Talents and Limitless Vision

An extraordinary tribute, this, but Walter A. Maier was an extraordinary man. Concurrently, he was magazine editor, professor of Old Testament at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, author of 31 books, and worldwide radio speaker.

By 1950, he had preached to more people than any other person in history. But the reason for Dr. Maier's importance in church history is simply this: Like Dr. Bob Pierce and his associates, Walter Maier also had a "world vision," a burning compelling sense of obligation to bring the Gospel to as many people as he could possibly reach. He read the Great Commission and believed he could fulfill it if God provided the means.

The means and the opportunity confronted Walter Maier in the early 1920's. Radio was then only a crystal-

set-and-cat's-whisker affair, but the young Old Testament professor was intrigued by its possibilities. Donning earphones, he recognized in radio a special gift of God for communicating the Gospel, and he applied to broadcasting the Old Testament Scripture, "Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14 RSV).

'Lone Ranger' Coaches

Professor Maier began broadcasting from a St. Louis attic. Then, with Lutheran Laymen's League sponsorship, he founded the Lutheran Hour in 1930. The program had a very difficult start. CBS almost cancelled its premier sermon in Cleveland, because it thought a full-length sermon was inappropriate for the Thursday evening "amusement hours" during which the Hour was first aired. After a Depression-enforced interruption from 1931 to 1934, the Hour was resumed in Detroit where radio's "Lone Ranger" (Brace Beemer) served as announcer—and oratorical coach to Professor Maier!

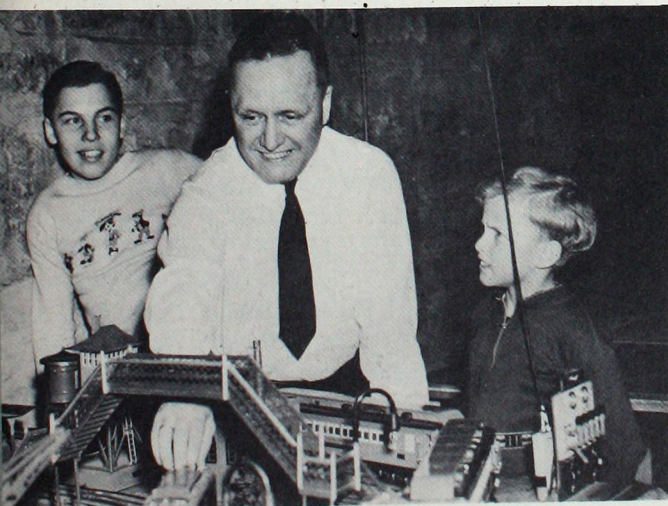
20 Million Listened

From then on, the Lutheran Hour, resumed in St. Louis, developed into a coast-to-coast and finally a worldwide spiritual crusade. It embraced the largest broadcast—religious or secular—in the history of radio. Literally a Sunday radio institution in the Depression thirties and wartime forties, Walter A. Maier was heard each week in 120 nations, over some 1,200 stations broadcasting from 55 countries in 36 languages by the time of his death at mid-century. His weekly audience was estimated at 20,000,000 people.

Born with the Radio

Before radio changed Dr. Maier's career, he had spent a fascinating youth. He was born (in the same year radio was invented) of German immigrant parents who were almost shipwrecked on their voyage to America. His father, Emil Maier, was a piano and organ builder

Despite a busy schedule, the late Dr. Walter A. Maier always had time for his sons, Walter, Jr., left, and Paul, right. Paul is now professor of history at Western Michigan University and biographer of his father's life.



who accompanied the great Paderewski on one of his American tours to see that his Steinway was always tuned properly.

While attending Harvard University on a graduate fellowship, Maier sued his Alma Mater! He had been awarded the Billings Prize for oratory, but before the \$100 award was given him, someone remembered that the terms of his scholarship precluded his receiving financial assistance from any other source while at Harvard, so the prize money was withheld. Whereupon Walter brought a friendly suit against the University, and the courts decided in his favor. The case of *Maier vs. Harvard* set a precedent for such instances.

Three weeks after Harvard awarded him a Ph.D. in 1929, the new doctor addressed what was probably the largest gathering in the history of Protestantism to that time: a crowd of some 70,000 at Soldiers Field in Chicago. This served as a prelude to many mass meetings and rallies which he addressed in the prominent stadiums, bowls, and auditoriums of America for the rest of his life.

Maier vs. a Reluctant

A year later, *A Man Spoke* discloses, Maier was challenged to debate religion with the celebrated lawyer and self-styled agnostic, Clarence Darrow, who had out-manuevered William Jennings Bryan at the famed Scopes evolution trial in Dayton, Tennessee. Maier eagerly accepted the challenge, proposing not one debate but three to be held in various cities. But the Atheist Society of Chicago, which had issued the challenge, could not get Darrow to agree.

Another challenge in Maier's life was his well-known controversy with Eleanor Roosevelt over a misinformed reference in her syndicated newspaper column. But the former First Lady later retracted her statement which called Dr. Maier "a fanatic Fundamentalist," since the statement had been based on erroneous information.

Walter Maier was also one of the chief spokesmen for orthodoxy in the theological debates of his day, and churchmen throughout the country came to regard him as a "champion of classic Christianity." He has been called one of the major heralds and instruments of the revitalized religion of the forties and fifties, in contrast to the secularized religious climate before this era.

Into Thousands of Jerusalems

But it was before his broadcast microphone that Walter Maier struck his most representative stance. When the Lutheran Hour had become a truly global enterprise, it was heard in some of the most unusual places and situations: aboard battleships of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor just minutes before the December 7th attack in 1941, in foxholes from Corregidor to Casablanca during World War II, and even within a Japanese prison camp at Singapore.

Nearly a half-million letters a year, many of them

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Last spring when the Sudan was expelling missionaries from its southern provinces, this news story was filed with the New York Times: "About 30 Christian mission youths were rounded up and held in jail for wearing an 'S.U.' lapel pin. . . . The initials stood for 'Scripture Union,' a mission society whose members had pledged to read the Bible and pray each day."

Would you have known what the initials on those lapel pins meant?

They might be found today on 1,300,000 people around the globe who comprise the membership of the Scripture Union, people who have given themselves to the memorization and teaching of God's Word among their citizenry.

It is fitting that the story of Scripture Union be added to our knowledge of successful missionary endeavors during this month in which World Bible Sunday is observed, December 12.

LIGHT on a MILLION PATHWAYS

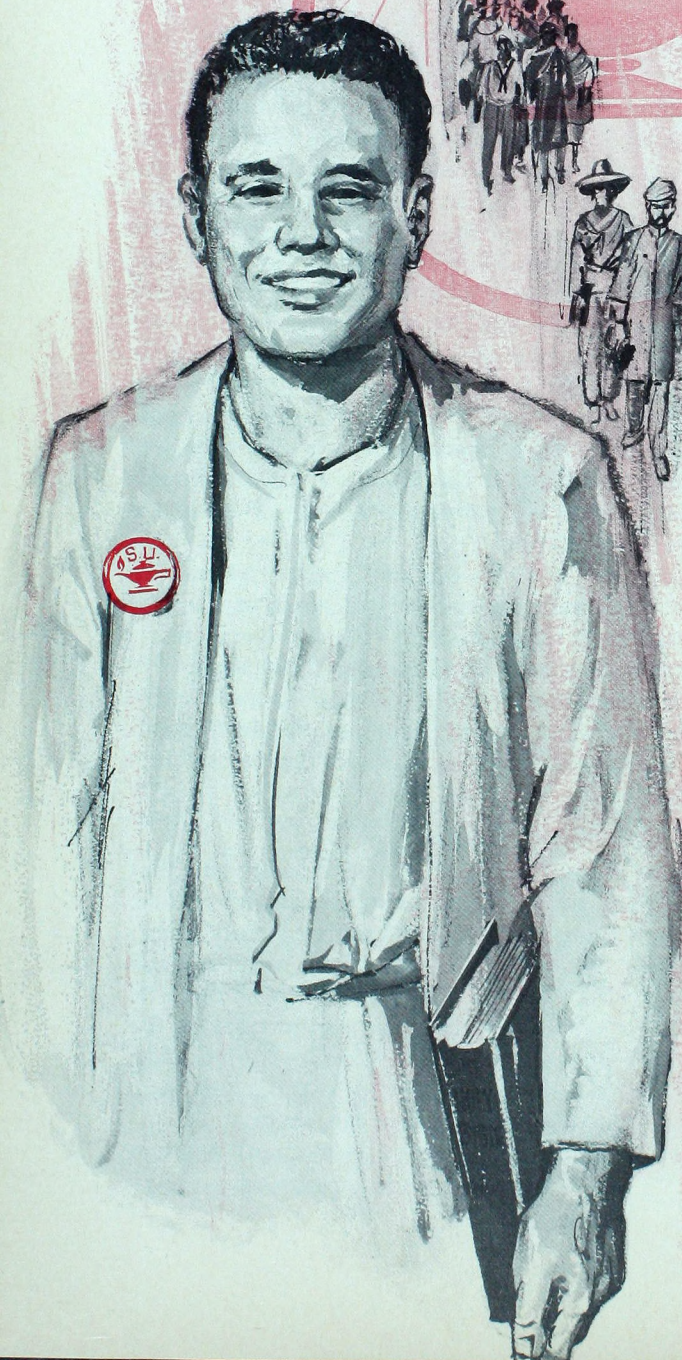
Scripture Union's
90-Year Crusade for Bible Reading

by Colin K. Becroft

THIS is the story of a worldwide missionary thrust—the chronicling of an amazing stream of influence from which several personalities emerge as pioneers.

More than a century ago, when Payson Hammond of Connecticut crossed the Atlantic for graduate studies in Scotland, he found himself propelled into public evangelistic preaching. Back home in America his popularity and success as an evangelist continued, and

Colin K. Becroft, a New Zealander by birth, has been associated with Scripture Union since the end of World War II. He has been: general secretary, Scripture Union, Children's Special Service Mission and Crusader Movement, New Zealand; director, Scripture Union, New South Wales, Australia; secretary, Australian Federal Council; and director of development of Scripture Union in East Asia. Since 1961, he has served as executive director of the newly inaugurated U.S. Scripture Union Movement which is linked fraternally with other Scripture Union Movements around the world.



Hammond became known in many great American cities.

By the mid-1860's he visited Britain once again in the course of his campaigns and initiated special services for children.

Payson Hammond loved children. He believed they could follow their Saviour if the Gospel were presented in a way they could grasp, so he arranged for children's meetings in each campaign.

This novel activity in an age of sternly disciplined children caught the imagination of young Josiah Spiers who, although so timid he barely had been persuaded to accept responsibility for teaching a kindergarten class, now led his friends in forming the "Children's Special Service Mission" (CSSM). Their aim: to lead boys and girls to Christ.

Ann Marston's Blitz

The movement, inspired by an American, was significantly shaped by an English teen-ager.

Ann Marston lived with the Rectory family at Keswick where Sunday after Sunday she exhorted a class of small girls to read the Bible. But urge as she did, and try as they might, the pupils could not stick at it. Small children who were persuaded to begin reading at Genesis 1 found it heavy going long before the end of the Pentateuch was in sight!

Ann then began listing Bible portions for the girls to read each day. She would hand these out on Sundays and answer their questions from the previous week. Meanwhile she bombarded the CSSM with the plea that they prepare and print a full series of Bible readings for children.

Josiah Spiers and his friends were too busy to heed Ann's pleas and consistently turned her down. But the day came when a letter from Secretary T. B. Bishop, who had been rethinking things while in bed with a sore throat, promised her idea a hearing before the committee.

Bible Reading Plan Takes Shape

The hard-worked committee's objections to an extra commitment melted away. A membership card was prepared April 1, 1879, which contained the scripture portion appearing on today's card—"Prayer before reading: 'Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Psalm 119:18.'" Readings are set out for a year at a time so the bearer can chart his progress. The card asks members to read the designated portion for each day and to pray for each S.U. member each Sunday morning.

Originally prepared for children, the readings subsequently have been designed for junior high pupils, older teens, adults and for advanced students. Scripture Union's 1,300,000 members today follow the readings in 120 languages.

'Seisho Domei' Is Born

In 1883, Adelaide Whitney, a 14-year-old preparatory school girl of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, traveled to

Tokyo to live with her brother, an official at the American legation.

She had become a member of the Scripture Union in London the year before, but she found that none of the other English-speaking girls in Tokyo wanted to join.

She confided this to an elderly Japanese gentleman, Sen Tseuda, who retorted: "Why don't you ask us? We're all children. The oldest Japanese Christian is only a few years old in the faith. The short readings will just suit them."

"Seisho Domei" was launched on November 10, 1883—the 400th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth.

By contrast with schoolgirl Adelaide Whitney, Leatha Humes, also from Pennsylvania, is a regular S.U. missionary today. She works in Indonesia with the China Inland Mission—Overseas Missionary Fellowship. It is she who directs *Persekutuan Penatja Alkitab*—Scripture Union in Indonesia. She helped introduce a course of instruction in the Gospel of John.

S.U. Indigenously

Teams of national Christians working with Scripture Union are at work in most of Asia from Japan to Indonesia and west to India.

Back in our own hemisphere, representative missionaries and national Christians have the same vision for Latin America. Old Robert Clegg was originally their mentor. A retired railroad engineer who loved his adopted country of Argentina, he made Buenos Aires his home and poured his scanty funds into the Spanish-language Scripture Union and allied Christian activities.

He became a sort of Christian Don Quixote, learning to live on one meal a day and giving away his resources. Clegg would tell the young Christian men who admired him: "In any Buenos Aires restaurant you can get a bowl of soup at midday; the waiter will bring you a hard roll, grated cheese and coffee—that is all you need."

Daniel Samoza, a Buenos Aires businessman, took up the torch from Mr. Clegg when he died. Today Mr. Clegg's vision reaches from Buenos Aires to all five countries on the Argentina border.

S.U. for Today

In this "digest culture," we must help every seeker and every committed Christian to be personally involved in what God says to him today through his holy Word. There is no substitute for the personal discipline of the daily appointment to wait upon the Lord through his Word and in prayer.

Payson Hammond's original spark kindled a fire that has girdled the globe and that is glowing here in his own North America. Children's missions are being held in the U.S.A. and Canada. Pastors and Christian leaders are finding that the establishment of church-related Scripture Union branches in their own congregations, with a selected branch secretary, helps toward

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"IS THE GREAT COMMISSION A LOST CAUSE?"

THE GREAT COMMISSION - STILL A GOING CAUSE!



Editor's Note: This comment by the former president of Trinity College and of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago, is one of several in response to our lead article by Dr. Hillis last June.

By H. Wilbert Norton

The main thrust of the article by Dr. Don Hillis ["Is the Great Commission a Lost Cause?" June 1964] is true. There is a lack of missionary volunteers for overseas service. But the question which concerns me is: Why should either the seminaries or the Christian colleges receive the brutal criticism which Dr. Hillis expresses from his DC-6B at 12,000 feet altitude? Neither the seminaries nor the Christian colleges have created the dilemma. The cause for the dearth of missionary candidates goes right back to the Christian family and the church itself, the so-called believers, the church members, the pastors, the church boards—all of whom are involved in the support of the Christian colleges and the seminaries. We must recognize also that the youths attending our seminaries and Christian colleges come from our churches, complete with letters of recommendation from their local pastors and the respectable laymen and the boards and congregations of these churches . . . just as Don Hillis and Will Norton did when they became college classmates!

Perhaps it is the churches which "do not believe" in the Great Commission!

The Spirit's Role

If young people are not taught at home and at church to pray for their missionaries overseas, why should they become "missionary conscious" simply because they have enrolled in a Christian college or are studying in a seminary? It was the church which produced Tyn-dale, Carey and Morrison through the mighty working of the Holy Spirit . . . the Love of God (Rom. 5:5) in personal, sacrificial submission to Him. The Great Commission is never a lost cause in the age of the Spirit of Christ.

The Role of the Churches

A rational, soul-searching inquiry on the part of every believer into the basic motives, calls and pur-

poses under God in the light of his Word needs to be made. Colleges and seminaries are neither monasteries nor mission schools. Habits are developed early in the lives of our boys and girls. When our local churches face the basic issues of soul-winning among their own youths, providing them with the values and inspiring them with the motives of sacrifice and yieldedness to God in all things, the student foreign missions thermometer on seminary and college campuses will rise, and the burden of world missions will rest heavy on their spiritually warmed hearts.

Mission Board under Scrutiny

It seems reasonable to include the mission boards in the suggested scrutiny. Great meetings, big offerings, dynamic public relations, emotion-packed magazine articles replete with dramatic photography may not always be the way to convince Christian students of the opportunities to serve Christ overseas—even though such publicity methods do bring in funds.

College and seminary students need to be recruited for overseas service. Many of us in student days were recruited by the personal contact of missionary personnel interested in Christian students, missionary personnel who had won the respect of the students and who communicated with them by speaking their language adequately through missionary methodology.

Conferences Have Their Place

There are a number of qualified missionaries at work in this area. Witness the successful student missionary conferences which have been held on Christian college campuses in various parts of our land, especially in the Southeast and the Midwest over the years. Nor must we minimize the great Inter-Varsity Missionary Conventions which have been held regularly, at first every fourth year, now every third year, since 1946. The 1964 convention at the University of Illinois

is expected to attract 6,000 students and missionaries. Thirty years ago such evangelical missionary conventions were unknown.

Nor has Dr. Hillis hesitated long enough in his condemnation of seminaries and Christian colleges to record and evaluate what God *is* doing in missions on the non-Christian campuses of America. Especially witness the work of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Campus Crusade and International Students. All of the overseas missionaries are not directly associated with mission boards. Many have volunteered through professional agencies and are effectively witnessing to the Saviour in universities, hospitals and in their respective professions.

Those Who Try Harder

A further statement needs to be made relative to the current Christian college in missionary activity. Author Hillis should be aware of the fact that at least 42 college presidents want to do something to make overseas missions more meaningful to their faculty as well as to their students. This has resulted in the creation of CAMEO—the Committee to Assist Missionary Education Overseas. The objective of this joint venture of the International Foreign Missions Association (IFMA) and the Evangelical Foreign Mission Association (EFMA) is to effect a better understanding of the needs in the development of educational programs of the missions and the growing churches on the mission fields and to assist higher education in the United States in meeting these needs.

A number of Christian college and seminary faculty members have found a great stimulus in participating in missionary work and satisfaction in ministering for short-term sessions during the summer on overseas mission fields. More such opportunities would broaden the impact of the need upon our faculties in Christian higher education and, through them, upon the students in their classes. Mission boards need to be aware of the desire of these college and seminary presidents who want to be of more help to overseas Christian missions but whose services have not been requested directly. Therefore they are now asserting their own concern, desiring to make campuses aware of needs and opportunities.

God *is* at work. This *is* the age of the Holy Spirit. Let us encourage that which He *is* doing by prayerfully showing the leadership of Christian higher

education in America how it may serve missions more effectively on the campuses and on the field overseas, and by giving public support and personnel and funds to maintain the kind of academic programs which will make the will of God "good, acceptable and perfect" for every student on every Christian college and seminary campus.

The Great Commission is still a going cause!

WALTER A. MAIER

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from masses of converts, demonstrated that the Maier messages were heard. Listeners ranged from the Boston boot-black, who regularly sent the Hour part of his tips, to General of the Mexican Army, Jose Gonzales Cantu.

Voice of the Departed

After the war, the Hour penetrated the Soviet satellite nations and even Russia itself. In Poland, for example, several radio monitors—Communist functionaries who were Christians in secret—dialed Dr. Maier's Polish-language program each week, and entire villages listened since their central radios controlled dozens of loudspeakers placed around the communities to blast out the party line! And in Red China, Walter Maier continued preaching for two years after his own death via transcriptions which were monitored by a missionary who sat in a Shanghai radio station and occasionally jumped the tone-arm across record grooves in which Maier had come out against Communism!

An Arm of Missions

Most importantly, *A Man Spoke, a World Listened* demonstrates that Walter Maier gained an almost universal religious hearing, despite the denominational name of his program. The Lutheran Hour is still heard today all over the world with Dr. Oswald Hoffmann as its speaker, and it continues as radio's number one missionary enterprise. Dr. Paul S. Rees reports that the broadcast "is regarded by missionaries and Christian nationals as an outstanding arm of missions." Sponsor of the broadcast is the Lutheran Laymen's League, an organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Some foreign programming is now indigenous—produced by Christians in their respective areas. In the Far East, the Japanese Lutheran Hour has proved a tremendous missionary gateway into that land. Iron and bamboo-curtain penetration has continued as well.

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MISSIONS in MEMORY / DECEMBER

December recalls the birth-dates of people whose names are carved indelibly in the annals of missionary history, the launching of a hitherto undreamed-of endeavor through missions communications, and the martyrdom of a young American couple at the hands of the Chinese Communists. Also, written into contemporary history, in a world seething with racial turmoil and rising nationalism, was the newly acquired independence of two African nations whose birthdays fall within this month.

1795

This is the birth-date of Robert Moffat, the famous Scot who helped pioneer the South African work of the London Missionary Society. Moffat left school at an early age to earn his living as a gardener. At 21, the LMS sent him to Africa where he and his dedicated wife were mightily used of God. In 1829 they had the joy of seeing the first Christian church take root in Kuruman, Bechuanaland. Another first for Moffat was his translation of the Bible into Bechuana language. It was printed in 1857. His life is linked with that of David Livingstone, the famous missionary-explorer, through Livingstone's marriage to Moffat's daughter, Mary.

1848

Mary Slessor, another Scot, missionary to Calabar, Africa, began work at the age of 11 as a weaver. Work in a factory precluded the formal education she needed, but she began to devote every spare minute to the reading of good books. Finally, at the age of 28, she arrived at Calabar to serve under the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

For 39 years she pioneered among the people of Nigeria without furlough, endeavoring herself to all who knew her as *Ma Akamba* (The Great White Mother).

Mary Slessor's story is a saga of faith. A line from one of her letters could well be her epitaph: "We have not more than will be our breakfast today,

but I know we shall be fed, for *God answers prayer.*"

1870

Dr. Ida Scudder, born in this month in 1870, grew up in India, the daughter of the famed American, Dr. John Scudder. Early in life she came to understand and sympathize with the heart-rending problems of India's women.

She studied medicine in America and returned to India to open a training school for women at Vellore, using an old, deserted shed for her first class. Eighteen students gathered wide-eyed around her for the first lesson on anatomy. Of these, 14 became the first graduates of the Vellore Medical College, thus ushering in a new era of hope for women in a society where they were regarded as chattels.

In 1950, Dr. Scudder celebrated her golden anniversary of service at Vellore. She died May 24, 1960, at the age of 90.

1870

Born the same year as Dr. Ida Scudder was the inimitable Dan Crawford who gave the Christian world the delightful book, "Thinking Black." As a young man, Crawford was converted in a small gospel hall in Scotland.

At 19, with little preparatory training, he became one of a little band of "faith" missionaries willing to "go into all the world," trusting God alone for support. His field was the now wealthy Katanga province of today's Congo. Perhaps his greatest gift to his beloved "blacks" was the entire Bible in the Luba-Sanga dialect. It was published in 1929, the year of his death.

1901

A Canadian missionary with a more recent background was Isobel Kuhn (née Miller), who was born December 17, 1901, in Vancouver, British Columbia, the daughter of Christian parents. Following a period of skepticism during her university days, she became the profound lover of the Lord Jesus Christ her writings reveal so movingly.

Isobel sailed for the Orient in 1929 with other China Inland Mission workers. There she met and married John Kuhn, and together they served for many years among the remote Lisu tribespeople on the Sino-Burmese border. She died at the age of 54.

1931

On Christmas Day, a new era in world missions communications began with the inauguration of radio station HCJB, the "Voice of the Andes." The station's founder was Dr. Clarence Jones. HCJB broadcasts worldwide in a dozen languages, including Russian, and conducts radio-correspondence Bible courses which enroll thousands in Latin America and Spain.

1934

December 8 recalls the martyrdom of John and Betty Stam, young American missionaries who served with the China Inland Mission. Without warning, Chinese Communists had stormed the walls of Tsingteh in South Anhwei Province where the Stams had recently located with their three-month-old daughter, Priscilla. The missionaries were seized and marched 12 miles over the mountains to Miaosheo, where they were both beheaded. Providentially, a Chinese serving woman was able to hide their child and smuggle her to safety. Today, at the age of 30, Priscilla Stam is also serving as a missionary.

1961

Tanganyika, situated in eastern Africa, became fully independent within the British Commonwealth on December 9 of this year. The first Protestant missionaries came to this part of Africa as a result of David Livingstone's visit to Oxford and Cambridge in 1857. They served with the Universities' Mission to Central Africa.

1963

Kenya, a neighboring country to Tanganyika, acquired its independence from Britain on December 12. Kenya was the area in which the Africa Inland Mission began its work. Peter Cameron Scott, a pioneer missionary in West Africa, went to Kenya with a party of seven others in August 1895. By the end of 1896, four mission stations had been established. Scott died in this month in 1896. Many other mission societies have worked and are working in Kenya, beginning with the Church Missionary Society of England in 1844.

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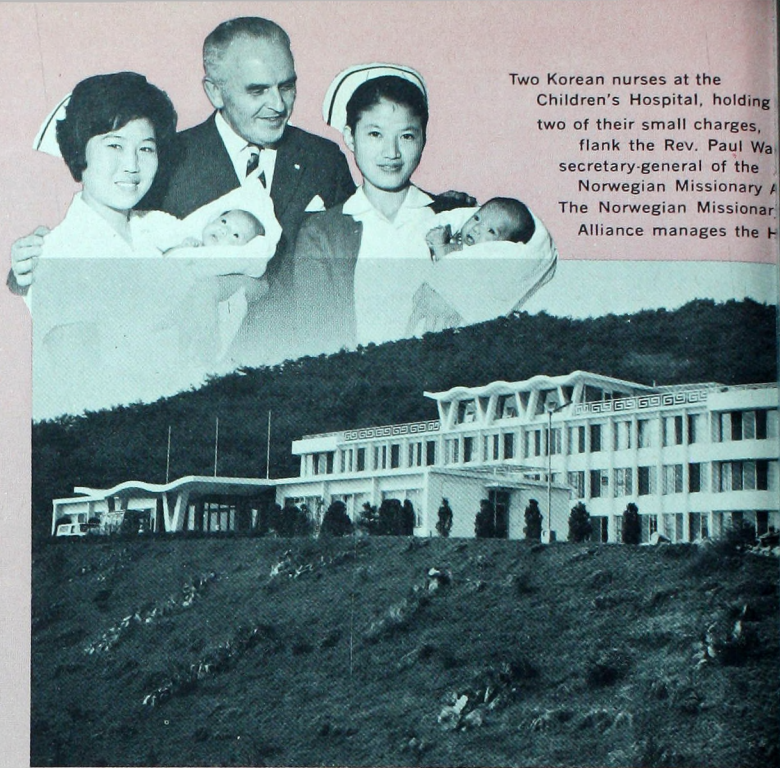
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If ever you're going to do something for missions, do it now.—Bob Pierce

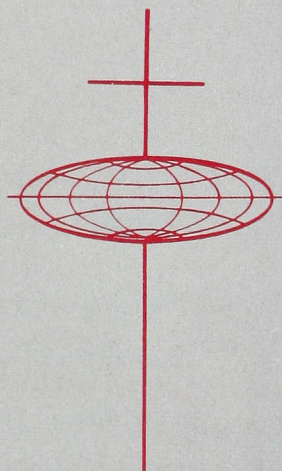


Korean President Park Chung Hee pins his country's Cultural Merit National Medal on the lapel of Dr. Bob Pierce's suit during ceremonies in Seoul, Korea. The medal was given to Dr. Pierce in appreciation for his humanitarian work among the Koreans and for his introducing Korean culture abroad through the tours of the Korean orphans' choir.



Two Korean nurses at the Children's Hospital, holding two of their small charges, flank the Rev. Paul Walstad, secretary-general of the Norwegian Missionary Alliance. The Norwegian Missionary Alliance manages the hospital.

Dr. Pierce Receives Korean Medal As Hospital Is Dedicated



The World Vision Children's Hospital at Kimpo, near Seoul, Korea, was dedicated October 1 in ceremonies attended by Dr. Bob Pierce, Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, Evon Hedley and Marlin Nelson of World Vision and by Paul Walstad, secretary-general of the Norwegian Missionary Alliance.

The Korean government chose this occasion to award the country's cultural medal to Dr. Pierce for his service in introducing Korean culture abroad through the tours of the Korean orphan choir.

Dr. Engstrom, writing two days after the dedication, said: "The hospital dedication was a thrilling occasion. There were about 500 people present in and around the new chapel, many officials and interested friends. The hospital is simply beautiful, well-equipped and very well operated. I am immensely pleased. Yesterday I was with Dr. Bob as he received the cultural medal from President Park Chung Hee. It was a most gracious occasion. Also the Korean orphan choir gave us a lovely concert in a local church."

A few days after the hospital dedication, the Korean Consul in Los Angeles

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This little Korean child is learning what love is as he is cared for by this Christian nurse at the newly opened Children's Hospital near Seoul. Admiring the little child at right is Dr. Bob Pierce, whose heart has so long been burdened for the orphan, the widow, the sick — the many people of the world who still need to know that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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Here are the grounds of the Children's Hospital near Seoul, Korea, during the time some of the buildings were still under construction. The hospital, which has been in operation since June, was dedicated October 1.



contacted World Vision's Pasadena headquarters to express his congratulations.

Those attending the dedication saw a brass plaque displayed in the foyer of the hospital. On it are engraved the names of approximately 40 individuals and groups who contributed to the hospital fund.

The hospital, which was opened in June, is managed by the Norwegian Missionary Alliance, which has worked with World Vision in Korea and Formosa.

The superintendent is Dr. Jon Steen-Johnsen who received pediatric training in Norway and who has served with the United Nations forces in Egypt. His wife is a nurse. The hospital administrator is Loris Sevareid. There is a staff of nurses.

The hospital, which at first will accommodate 80 patients, specializes in treating children's diseases such as infections, diarrhea, nutritional difficulties, renal diseases, heart and lung diseases. The hospital will later be able to take care of about 150 patients.

The hospital was built by World Vision. Many of its furnishings and supplies were provided through World Vision's emergency Mission of the Month in March 1963.



The Rev. Joe Gooden, Dr. Bob Pierce, Dr. Ted Engstrom and the Rev. Marlin Nelson stand under the welcoming arch on the hospital grounds before dedication ceremonies.

Using many pairs of scissors, dignitaries at the dedication of the hospital cut the ribbons at the entrance. Left to right they are: Dr. Ted Engstrom; Oh Won Sun, Korean minister of health and social affairs; Yoon Chi Yung, mayor of Seoul; Dr. Han Kyung Chik, president of the hospital's board of directors; and Lee Hyo Sang, speaker of the Korean National Assembly.



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Bible Clubs – Growing in Korea

Francis Kinsler, who is associated with the Bible Club movement in Korea, recently acknowledged the receipt of \$1,800 which World Vision contributed to the work.

Mr. Kinsler said that he is greatly encouraged by the development of junior high level Bible clubs in many churches in Korea.

He reported that the day before writing his letter, he had been on a radio program with a young Korean legal expert in Korea's Supreme Court offices. The young man, a deacon in a Presbyterian church, was responsible for establishing a Bible club in his own church that now enrolls nearly 500 boys and girls.

On the radio, the Korean leader encouraged boys and girls to put their faith in Christ and to grow up in the four-fold life of the Bible club training program.

GOLD DIGGERS OF '64

Lying idly by in every family's jewel box are pieces of jewelry, watches, rings, etc., which can be redeemed and used to purchase a bowl of rice, a blanket or a bed for some needy child or family.

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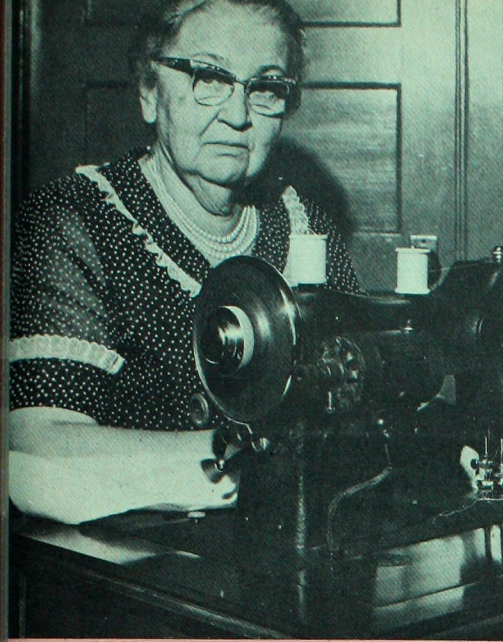
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A reader of WORLD VISION MAGAZINE who knits mittens, socks, slippers and bed socks for use on the mission field has written that she is just about out of yarn. Other readers who may have odds and ends of yarn they could donate for her handwork may send them to Mrs. Marilyn Rumsey, 99 Third St., New London, Ohio 44851.



Mrs. Mary Baker, 126 No. Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, is one of those busy people who can't bear to be idle even in her retirement years. Besides holding down a part-time job in the business world, she is continually at work in the cause of missions. To date she has made a total of 300 baby sacques and kimonos and 10 baby quilts on her electric sewing machine. World Vision and Lil Dickson's Mustard Seed work have benefited from Mrs. Baker's industrious hands. However, she refuses to take all the credit. Much of it, she feels, is due her many interested friends who keep her abundantly supplied with materials.



MONTHLY MEMO

This month's column is being written while in the Orient. Evon Hedley, our Director of Development, and I are in the midst of a survey trip visiting some of the major fields where World Vision has its principal ministries.

We are visiting missionary enterprises and national church endeavors assisted by World Vision in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia and Taiwan (Formosa). Everywhere we go we see evidence of the generous and compassionate heart of our president, Dr. Bob Pierce. We have ridden in vehicles donated by World Vision; preached in a Chinese Church in Calcutta built by World Vision funds; visited dozens of baby homes, orphanages, clinics and hospital units made possible by gifts channeled through World Vision; seen chapels and observed equipment which have been donated through World Vision.

Elsewhere in this issue you will read of the dedication of the 80-bed World Vision Children's Hospital on the outskirts of Seoul, Korea. It was a great joy for us to share with Dr. Pierce in this significant occasion. There was a grand crowd of Christian workers, Korean government officials and friends of the orphanage program who attended the ceremonies held in the newly built chapel on the hospital grounds.

The following day, I had the privilege of being a special guest of President Park Chung Hee of Korea as he presented Dr. Pierce with the Korean Cultural Medal, the highest award which can be given a civilian in Korea. It represents the government's appreciation for the love, concern and help which World Vision's president has expressed and given to Korea.

A highlight everywhere we have gone is to witness the marvelous love and care given to thousands of orphans sponsored through World Vision. We have met hundreds of them, including the nine-year-old Korean girl my daughter sponsors.

What a joy it is for us in World Vision to be your servants, for Christ's sake, in expressing love, in so many ways across a desperately needy world.

Ted W. Engstrom

TED W. ENGSTROM
Executive Vice President

STUDENTS FIND 'FRESH COURAGE'

Student after student reported that they drew "fresh courage" or "fresh faith" from this year's second annual students' conference in Seoul, Korea.

Canadian Church in Seoul, ministered to the 70 college and seminary students who are attending 39 different schools. All of the students are orphans from 35 Korean orphanages.

The theme of the conference, which ran for four days in July, was "Christ Is Our Hope!" In addition to the Rev. Cho, professor Kim Hyung Suck and the Rev. Suh Nam Dong, both of Yon Sei University; Dr. Han Chul Hal, professor at the Presbyterian Seminary; the Rev. Lee Kyu Sun, general secretary of the Bible Investigation Correspondence School; and Lee Yoon Jai (Peter Lee), general secretary of World Vision of Korea, spoke on the subject assigned to the conference. Lee Chang Sik, secretary of the YMCA, was recreation leader.

Following the conference, one student wrote: "I have tried many times to give up my life whenever I face difficulties. But now, I could draw fresh courage for my life. I decided to live a strong life physically and spiritually when I heard Rev. Cho Hyung Rok's lecture. In the closing service he told us, 'Lead your life with great desire.' I will keep this word in my heart for my life."



Pictured here are some of the 70 Korean college and seminary students who attended the second annual students' conference in Seoul, Korea. The students came from 39 different schools. They have been raised in 35 orphanages throughout South Korea.



In the Wake of Typhoon Ruby: EMM Was There

Mrs. Erwin Raetz, wife of World Vision's Hong Kong representative, stands amid the rubble that was left at the Christian Faith School in the wake of Typhoon Ruby. EMM funds were sent immediately for reconstruction of the school buildings.

The South China Sunday Post-Herald reported: "Typhoon Ruby, with hurricane winds reaching 120 knots at times, lashed the Colony (Hong Kong) with all her fury yesterday (September 5) leaving death and destruction in her wake.

"The toll was 16 people killed and 303 injured, while damage to property was estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Among the buildings badly hit by Typhoon Ruby was Christian Faith School, which houses 50 World Vision-sponsored orphans. The wind and torrential rains caused a hole in the roof, tore down walls and completely destroyed one building.

World Vision's Hong Kong representative, the Rev. Erwin

Raetz, wired: "CHRISTIAN FAITH SCHOOL SUFFERED SEVERE DAMAGE BY TYPHOON RUBY EMERGENCY NEED US DOLLARS FOR REPAIRS IMMEDIATELY"

Fortunately, the Emergency Mission of the Month gifts could be cabled to Hong Kong. Each month the members of the Emergency Mission of the Month send \$10 each which is used to help the Lord's desperately needy in some part of the world. In October, the money was used to replace the roof and rebuild the walls of this orphanage. The gift will enable children once again to sleep in dry beds, attend school and sing the praises of the Lord.

Instead of a 'Fool,' a Winner

This year's winner of the Little Shepherd Movement Scripture Memory Contest, Park Keum Chun, was afraid he couldn't win the contest which is held every year in Seoul. But he did. Here's his story of that experience:

"I was disconcerted. I felt I'd become a fool when I, a country boy, first arrived in Seoul. I left my Bible on the train, so I thought for sure I couldn't win the contest. But what a surprise it was to hear that I'm the first winner! My joy was beyond expression.

"I did my best at every contest, but when I confronted the last contest in Seoul, I felt weakness. But when they wanted to take a picture of me, I thought of my dear sponsor in the United States and my friends at Home in Kwangju. How my sponsor would be happy to see this picture! I believe that my sponsor will be rejoiced with me and would pray for me. I hope I can participate in a contest again, and I hope to become a man who is the best in everything."

Miracle of Missions + Week



February 8-14

Dr. Richard C. Halverson, acting president of World Vision, and Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, executive vice president, both with fresh encounters from many newsmaking countries of the world, will lead the sessions to be held in the beautiful Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.

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In last month's Dateline, Heini Germann-Edey made a "call for toys and tools" for the orphanages in Indonesia. In that article, donors were requested to send toys, tools and sewing materials to World Vision in Pasadena for reshipment to Indonesia.

Since then, Mr. Germann-Edey has suggested that parcels be shipped directly to him. "This would save time and double handling, and the postage for persons living away from the California area would not be significantly greater," he wrote.

Packages should be marked: GIFT PARCELS FOR OR-

PHANS. Their declared value should not exceed six dollars (\$6.00). The correct mailing address is: World Vision of Indonesia, Box 101, Malang, Java, Indonesia.

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Where Your Gifts Go

Christmas is a time for gift-giving, but from World Vision, gifts move out every month to people around the world so that the Good News of Jesus Christ can be heard by "every creature."

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in medical work or study.

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Plus: Nearly 20,000 orphans in 19 countries.

Happy Birthday, Mustard Seed

Lillian Dickson, with whom World Vision works closely in Taiwan, celebrated the 10th anniversary of the founding of The Mustard Seed, Inc. in 1964. Gifts for her schools, orphanages and other forms of mission work are channeled through World Vision. However, she worked independently among the aborigines for 30 years prior to the founding of the Mustard Seed group.

Skeletons in the Closet—

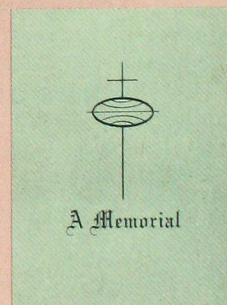
If you have a skeleton in the closet and you don't know what to do with it, perhaps World Vision can be of some help!

The Puli Hospital in Taiwan needs a skeleton (yes, you read correctly) to use in instructing national nurses in anatomy. In addition the hospital has

requested two anatomical models—one of a child, another of an adult—for use in the same classes.

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Letters to 'Box 0'

An Orphan Is a Gift

Sir: We are sincerely sorry that we have fallen behind in our commitment as Jung Ja's sponsors. We do, indeed, wish to continue, for she is our Christmas gift.

Does this sound strange? Well, please let me explain. Both Mr. Baly and I were deeply touched by the Children's Choir when it first appeared several years ago in Chicago. I asked him during the drive home if we could not, instead of exchanging material gifts for Christmas, sponsor a child in Korea. This he readily agreed to do. Jung Ja has become the most precious and beautiful gift we could have possibly received. . . .

Des Plaines, Ill. Mrs. Walter F. Baly

What a Wonderful Work!

Sir: In a few words I want to tell you what a wonderful work I feel you have done through World Vision to help so

many homeless, father and motherless children. I do pray for this work and all who help to make it a success and all who benefit by it. I do pray for Dr. Pierce's health, and I know that God will richly bless him for all he has done and is going to do. I am sending five dollars to help out where it is needed most. A very small group of us is very happy to be a sponsor of one little orphan.

East Baldwin, Maine Mrs. Guy Lewis

Remembering Dr. Bob

Sir: . . . I am so glad to know that Dr. Pierce is progressing and expects to take up active service again next year. I remember him constantly in prayer. Again, many thanks for the World Vision Magazine. I have particularly enjoyed the enlightening articles on Islam.

San Francisco, Cal. Miss Agnes Roberts

LET US PRAY

• Thank the Lord for those sponsors who have sent Christmas gifts to their orphans and for others who will help make Christmas bright and happy for destitute children. Pray that every cold and hungry orphan will be found, brought to an orphanage and provided with a sponsor.

• Doctors believe that Dr. Bob Pierce may be suffering from a staphylococcus infection which perhaps has been in his body for several years and which may have caused the many infections he has suffered. At present, Dr. Bob has a great amount of pain in one hip. He is undergoing complete diagnosis and treatment. Pray that the cause of his pain might be found and eliminated.

• Pastors' Conferences will be held in Peru, February 8-12, and in Bolivia, February 15-19. The conferences will provide a time of study, refreshing, fellowship and encouragement for national pastors in these countries as similar meetings have in other countries around the world. Pray that all arrangements may be ordered of the Lord and that the committees will function efficiently and with a good spirit.

• World Vision representative Heini Germann-Edey writes from Indonesia, "The Lord has enabled World Vision to have 36 orphanages in eight islands which care physically and spiritually for over 2,100 children. Most of the children came from Hindu homes and knew nothing of Christ until they entered the Christian orphanages.

"Since my illness, I have been unable to carry on my work as usual. The doctor's report for me is that I am suffering from physical and mental exhaustion. My wife, Agnes, has been shouldering the heavy responsibilities." Pray for the recovery of this valued Christian and for his burdened wife.

• Construction has started on the new World Vision International Center. Pray that designated gifts for the building will come in so that interest payments may be avoided as much as possible.

• In a world torn with typhoons in Hong Kong, hurricanes in Haiti and other disasters, "Emergency Mission of the Month" has a difficult time each month deciding whom to help. Pray that God will inspire the right decision and speed help to the right place.

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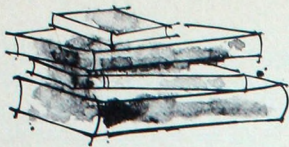
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REVIEWERS REPORT

Grist, Grit and Grave Predictions

Two Worlds Or None, by William J. Danker, (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, 311 pages, \$4.50) is reviewed by Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, author of 10 books; chairman of the board, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.; president of the board, Christianity Today; trustee of Gordon College, Beverly Farms, Mass.

William J. Danker is a minister of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church who was sent by his church to visit its various mission fields, hold conferences for missionaries, attend the World Council of Churches at New Delhi, and return recommendations to his own denomination. *Two Worlds Or None* is the record of this trip.

Dr. Danker advocates the participation by the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in the World Council of Churches. He feels that it can make a considerable contribution to this and possibly be the mediating organizational structure which could form a framework for "non-cooperating Protestantism," represented by such groups as the National Association of Evangelicals in the U.S.A., to begin having some relationship with the World Council. Dr. Danker believes that the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church will be able to maintain its doctrinal distinctness while simultaneously exercising its responsibility toward the body of Christ on earth as represented by the churches in the World Council of Churches.

As to the missionary situation, the book is filled with on-the-ground reporting of practice and principles, and with illustrations of the same. Dr. Danker places his finger upon many problems facing the missionaries today, such as the demand for indigenous leadership, the population explosion, what he calls "the cargo cult," professionalism, the involvement of the missionary activity in economic, physical and educational welfare, and the necessity of closing the gap in the level of living between the missionaries and the indigenous Christians, especially the indigenous Christian workers.

A very sound conservative and logical approach is taken to each one of these problems. The recommendations

he makes will not only be helpful to the Lutheran Church but also to all those involved in missionary enterprise. Dr. Danker sees the handwriting on the wall concerning the future of all colonialism and yet he recognizes that missions do prosper under colonial regimes even more than they do under the regimes of the new nations. He reflects the generally accepted view that the missionaries have very few years left as leaders among the indigenous churches. Yet he sounds very encouraging notes concerning the potential of leadership and support within the national churches.

The book breathes a broad spirit and understanding toward all Christian groups though it is consistently Lutheran. The recommendation of termination of provincialism among the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church is encouraging. The interest in interdenominational fellowship of the ecumenical movement suggests a breaking forth from traditions by the Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod.

The recommendations of the founding of seminaries in Asia, the sending of new missionaries to exploit open doors, the care in using American funds for long-term projects are most commendable.

This reviewer felt that Dr. Danker was a little gullible in his acceptance of and evaluation of Archbishop Nikodim and his Russian delegation at the World Council of Churches. This report gives grist for the intellectual mill of missionary statesmen.

A National Interprets Nippon

The Many Faces of Japan, by the Rev. Ross Kida (Nazarene Publishing House, Kansas City, Mo., 1964, 147 pages, paper, \$1.50) is reviewed by Dorothy C. Haskin, staff writer for *World Vision*.

This excellent book gives an interest-

ing and comprehensive picture of the Christian Church in general and especially of the growth of the Nazarene church in Japan.

The Rev. Ross Kida is superintendent of the Nazarene Church in Japan and has often served as interpreter for missionaries and visiting evangelists. His book, written in fluid and readable style, gives a brief but informative history of the Japanese nation. Japan, long known for the density of its population, was for centuries a feudal, introverted country, which, since 1853, has become a leading industrial nation. This picture of changing Japan, from jirikishas to Cedrics (the largest and most luxurious car Japan produces) helps give the reader an understanding of modern Japan.

Kida's native land is described as a non-Christian country, with only one-half of one per cent of the people professing faith in Christ. The government has twice rejected Christianity. Once, in 1587, when officials were afraid that the Catholic missionaries were fore-runners of political aggression, they murdered hundreds of Christians. Again, during World War II, hundreds of Christians were imprisoned. During this period the writer was sent to the Celebes to act as liaison between the nationals and the Japanese. His wife and two older children lived through the bombing of Tokyo, their home having been burned to the ground.

The book is delightfully illustrated with true stories about Japanese Christians. One sees the response of the Japanese as hearts change under the preaching of the Gospel.

Hindrances to the spread of the Gospel in Japan, such as the new Buddhist religions, the heretical doctrines of Christian Science and Jehovah's Witnesses and secularism, are freely discussed. The Rev. Kida also points out the needs of the Christian Church in Japan, such as developing literature, finding "heroes" for the young people after whom to pattern their lives, and proving that Christianity is a faith for all men, not to be dismissed as one more import from the West.

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A Japanese Kurisumasu

By Thomas W. Klewin

What is a Japanese Christmas like? It seems almost incongruous to speak of Christmas in a land where less than one per cent of the population professes to be Christian. If Christmas is primarily a celebration for those who worship Christ, then only 800,000 Japanese should have cause to celebrate. Yet today Christmas has become one of Japan's traditional holidays.

The Japanese observance of Christmas has gained momentum since the close of World War II as the nation has intensified its process of westernization. Most of Japan's post-war changes in culture have been patterned after the image reflected by the United States. In the process of the assimilation of things American, the Japanese have discovered Christmas. They have learned that the Christmas season seems to be the most happy time of the year for most Americans. It also seems to be a time for the American family and the children, and the Japanese have always treasured both family ties and children's festivals.

Pragmatic Yuletide

Perhaps the Japanese have reasoned that if Christmas fills the average American with a greater love for his children, more good will toward his fellowman, and a sense of merriment, it can do no harm to Japan or its people. Consequently the Japanese have adopted Christmas as their own and observe it as they feel we do here in America.

Serviceman Klewin, with the 42nd Combat Support Group, Loring Air Force Base, Maine, has made his observations in Japan's larger cities. What he describes is true there, but not necessarily of rural and urban Nippon elsewhere.

*Christmas

A Japanese Christmas celebration is therefore a reflection of America's own Christmas customs and habits. It is as if a movie camera and tape recorder were replaying in Japan what had been captured of a typical American holiday.

Homogenized Hymns

If you listen closely you can hear the sounds of Christmas throughout Japan. Christmas music, both secular and sacred, fills the air. Yet in Japan there is no differentiation between the sacred and the secular, for if it is "Christmas music" it can be used for any and all occasions during the holidays. This creates the strange distortion of chorus girls in night clubs dancing to the strains of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

As you listen to the strange intermingling of Christmas music, you begin to realize the Japanese have failed to hear the "sacredness" in the songs announcing God's good news to men. Somehow the miracle of God's love did not record on their westernization machine as they recorded an American Christmas.

Good Deeds Deserve Copying

The Japanese have also discovered that we Americans are filled with good will during the Christmas season. Every paper published in the United States seems to be conducting a special campaign during this time of the year. Most often it is to help needy families, orphans, or children who will have no gifts without help from someone else. The warm glow of self-satisfaction which comes to every American who does a good deed at Christmas time has not escaped the notice of the observant Japanese.

If the giving of gifts creates that

warm, good feeling, then it must be something to be copied. Consequently most major Japanese newspapers also conduct their special Christmas drives to take care of the less fortunate and the readers do contribute.

But somehow the warm feeling created by that first gift given on that first Christmas has never registered on the Japanese Christmas-detector. Christ as God's gift to man has completely escaped the notice of most of the Japanese as they have appropriated our American custom of gift-giving and showing good will to others.

Pop-Eyed Youngsters

Then there are the children. Japanese department stores have taken a page from the American business world and made toyland a fairyland. Just as children do in America, the children of Japan walk through the stores with eyes full of wonder and happiness because of the magic created for a child's world.

Yet the entire process of gift-giving to children has never caught the magic of the Christmas story and its impact on children. God's gift of love to little children has never recorded on the Japanese recording machine, and the magic of the Star of Bethlehem, angels singing to the Christ-child, Wise Men kneeling at the manger, have never reached many of the children of Japan.

I've often wondered at this seeming distortion of our American Christmas. And I've asked myself why so few Japanese have found Christ in our Christmas celebrations. It is as if the birth of the Saviour had no significance in

A Japanese boy contemplates what jacket he wants for Christmas while his mother and baby brother look on. Above them in the Chubu Department Store, Tokyo, are Christmas decorations that could be a part of the decorations in any U.S. store during the holiday season. But is the spirit of Christmas there?



the celebration which bears His name.

Perhaps the reason is that we in America have failed to reflect the true meaning and purpose of Christmas. If we would have the world catch a vision of the glories of the birth of the Saviour, stars must shine in our eyes. Everything we do as Christians must revolve about the fact of God's love in sending the infant of Bethlehem. This will automatically reflect the difference in the songs of Christmas and make evident God's good will to men in our good will to others.

Exporting the Good News

But most important of all, we must export to the world the good news of Christmas. There are far too many stories being disseminated in Japan which speak only of "good will to men" and too few which record God's good will to men. In our modern era of mass communications and the wonders of the printing press, we have the tools to relay the true meaning of the wonderful news the angels first proclaimed to the shepherds. Then others, including the Japanese, will come and see that which has come to pass, which God has made known to all men, and will understand the true reason for Christmas.

LIGHT ON A MILLION PATHWAYS

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the spiritual depth in pastoral and evangelistic outreach.

Dr. Arthur Glasser of the China Inland Mission — Overseas Missionary Fellowship says, "Scripture Union guards against aimless Bible reading, breaks the psychological barrier for those to whom the concept is completely new, helps them to start Bible reading in an orderly way, and puts them in helpful contact with Christians around the world."

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QUOTE UNQUOTE



Not from Man's Heart

The missionary enterprise is no human conception or undertaking, no mere philanthropy even of the finest kind. It did not originate in the brain or heart of any man, not even William Carey, or the Apostle Paul. Its source was the heart of God Himself. And Jesus Christ, God's great Missionary to a lost world, was the supreme revelation of His heart and expression of His love.—*Robert Hall Glover, The Bible Basis of Missions, 1946, Bible House of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.*

No Reason to Stay Home

"This command (go ye into all the world) seems to me to be strictly a missionary injunction, and, as far as I can see, those to whom it was first delivered regarded it in that light, so that, apart altogether from choice and other lower reasons, my going forth is a matter of obedience to a plain command; and in place of seeking to assign a reason for going abroad, I would prefer to say that I have failed to discover any reason why I should stay at home."—*James Gilmour of Mongolia as quoted by Harold Lindsell in Missionary Principles and Practice, 1955, Fleming H. Revell Co., Westwood, N.J.*

Not Far Enough?

Soon after his arrival in China, J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, adopted Chinese dress, lived in a Chinese-style house, and sought by every means to live close to the people to whom God had sent him. Thus the pattern was established to adopt, as far as possible, the standard of living of the local high school teacher. "Minimize the differences between yourselves and the people to whom God sends you; eliminate all that is unnecessary." Key phrases such as these became watchwords. Many a missionary embraced them heartily and sacrificially. And yet did we live simply enough? Were we really close to the people, mentally as well as materially? Were we really friendly enough, accessible enough, and sufficiently fluent in language and culture to bridge the gulf

between East and West? True, the problem isn't one of location as much as spirit, and yet many an ex-China missionary now wishes he had lived more like his Chinese or tribal colleagues in the work of the Lord. The call to Western missionaries to live in simplicity has never been so loudly sounded as it is today.—*Eric S. Fife and Arthur Glasser, Missions In Crisis, 1961, Inter-Varsity Press, Chicago, Illinois.*

Explaining An Explaining

Missions has always been an activity of the church. This was particularly true during the first century of church history. Consequently, it is striking that a scientific approach to missions has been so late in developing. The church preached the gospel for many centuries before it gave profound consideration to the character of its commission.

This is not really so surprising; such a procedure is quite usual in actual life. A person is motivated to action by strong impulses, and it is only when he later encounters obstacles, runs into problems which improvising cannot solve, or begins to doubt the propriety of his acts, that he begins to reflect in a more or less systematic way on the nature of the task. Science in general is in many ways an outgrowth and function of life, by which it is ever stimulated. Such has been the case with the science of missions. The ancient church conducted missionary work as though it were self-explanatory; it never asked: Why do we have missions? And it never subjected its methods to criticism. Its testimony was so spontaneous and natural that it had no need of a carefully thought out basis. Since God's Word had itself commanded the work, it would have been regarded as folly to theorize about it further. It was only when questions of concern to the further progress of missions arose that the church felt the need of justifying its course of action.—*J. H. Bavineck, translated by David Hugh Freeman, An Introduction to the Science of Missions, 1960, The Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Penna.*

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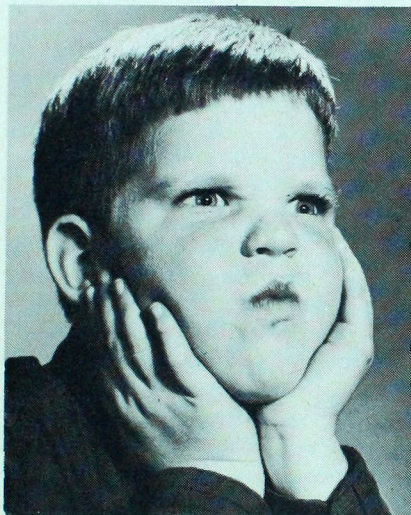
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The word "Gospel" means "good news." But news can be news only to those who have not already heard it, and news can be good news only to those who hear it in time to secure its benefit. — Robert Hall Glover, The Bible Basis of Missions.

Missions education is not simply the development of a sort of "fan club" for missionaries. It is an enlistment program to bring every believer face to face with his responsibilities relative to the distant outreach of the Gospel.

—Noel Perkin and John Garlock,
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Where Did Compassion Go?

Jesus told a story about a king who made ready a marriage feast for his son. He sent out his servants to call them to the wedding. The servants went out, and the invited made excuses, and some even slew the servants. The king punished the murderers and sent his servants out again. This time they went to the highways to find as many as they could to come to the wedding.

In those days the invited made excuses, and in these days the servants don't go. The servants don't go, for one must go to his farm, another must go to his business, and another makes light of it and the job doesn't get done.
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WALTER MAIER

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Of special interest to readers of *World Vision Magazine* is the fact that Walter Maier did more than merely preach to millions here and abroad. As in the case of Dr. Pierce, sensitivity to distress became a major motif in the Maier ministry, which triggered many charitable and relief activities. As a youth, Walter had spent much time assisting prisoners of war and displaced persons in Boston during the First World War. After that conflict, he supervised the dispatching of countless tons of relief shipments to Europe. During World War II, Dr. Maier exerted special efforts to brace the spiritual morale of the American fighting forces. And following the war, he championed European and Asian relief efforts by means of his broadcast. These activities were saluted by the American and German governments, including an outstanding tribute from the late Ernst Reuter, mayor of Berlin.

A Cause Beyond Reason

In summing up the Maier career, his biographer states: "By the time of his death in 1950, Walter Arthur Maier had preached to more people than any other person in history. He was the first person heard round the world on a regular basis... the first to receive daily masses of correspondence from 120 lands, and probably the first American churchman whose published works exceed 15,000 printed pages."

But such "firsts" are actually peripheral to the Walter A. Maier story. The core of his career rather concerns what Christian faith can do when it "serves the cause beyond reason without sacrificing intellect in the process," and when it "rests in God, but is restless for humanity."






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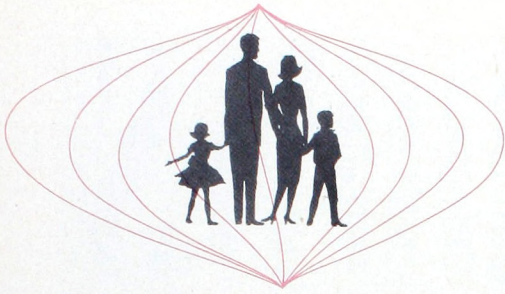


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Combined Action Aids Congolese Youth

Christians of all traditions, Jews, and Muslims are combining their efforts to assist the youth population of the burgeoning capital city of Leopoldville, Congo.

The unique program, which also has the support of the city's major industrial and business firms, is the product of an initiative taken by the Youth Department of Congo Protestant Council.

Within the past four years the population of Leopoldville has more than quadrupled — from a figure of 425,000 at the time of independence in 1960 to a present total estimated between 1,200,000 and 1,500,000.

Unskilled, and the majority with only a minimum of schooling, youth have become a glut on the city's labor market. An estimated 105,000 youth between 14 and 21 are unemployed in the city alone, and the pattern is repeated to a corresponding degree in outlying areas.

Jordan Bans Open-Air Evangelism

Interior Minister Muhammad Nazal al-Armouti of Jordan has banned all open-air missionary activities in his predominantly Muslim country.

His decree stressed that full freedom of worship existed for non-Muslims inside churches and other houses of prayer, but that no outside preaching would be permitted.

Ask Revision of Liturgy

Revision of public worship by placing new emphasis in the liturgy on "the changes and challenges of the world" was urged in a study report issued by 40 Western European churchmen meeting recently in Esslingen, Germany.

CHICAGO — A total of 187 new mission fields were entered in 1963 by the three major Lutheran bodies in the U. S. The figure was announced at the first of eight regional study meetings arranged by the Division of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council.

NEW YORK — Jewish populations in the United States, the Soviet Union and Israel account for more than 75 per cent of the world's Jews, according to the 1964 American Jewish Year Book

published here. Total world Jewish population at the end of 1963 is estimated at 13,121,000. There are 5,600,000 Jews in the United States, of whom 2,381,000 live in the New York City metropolitan area.

LATACUNGA — The radio station HCUE 6 and Hospital Runatacuyac operated by the Gospel Missionary Union were inaugurated recently in Ecuador. The station will broadcast three hours each evening.

Their report stated that the absolutism, the confession of faith, the sermon and intercession should stress "the missionary message and the meaning of the serving presence of the church" and take into account "the concrete situations of the contemporary world..." The report went on to suggest that the benediction should not be "the end of the liturgical celebration but the sending out of the servants in mission."

Cites Loss of Concern

Anglican Bishop John C. Vockler of Polynesia declared at a diocesan synod in Suva, Fiji Islands, that "a loss of missionary concern in the older, former 'sending' churches" is a key threat to "our whole Christian missionary enterprise."

The bishop, in a call for "deep self-examination" throughout the Church, said mission efforts are facing a variety of challenges.

These, he said, include "nationalism, resurgent non-Christian religions, the reassertion of local cultures against Europeanization and by those who seek to combine what is 'good' in all religions..."

Bible Most Translated Book

The Bible is still the most translated book in the world, according to the American Bible Society.

ABS' statement is based upon latest figures issued by UNESCO in its 15th volume of the Index Translationum. Seventy nations are covered in the latest available report for 1962.

There were 251 Bible translations during the 12-month period. Next in frequency, were 206 books about Nikita Khrushchev and 182 about Vladimir Lenin whose translations have steadily decreased by 50 per cent since 1955.

Translations about Khrushchev have also shown a drop since 1959 with a slight recovery in 1962. Bible translations dipped slightly in 1961.

WBT Plane Is Gift to Colombia

Aviatrix Jerrie Cobb flew the "Spirit of Indiana" from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Colombia where the new plane was received by the Minister of Government of Colombia.

The single-engine Helio Courier is a gift from Christian citizens of Indianapolis for the work of the Summer Institute of Linguistics and the Wycliffe Bible Translators with Colombia's indigenous tribes. The plane is one of a fleet of planes given by 12 U. S. cities to the SIL.

Belief in God Held Citizenship Test

A Dutch-born husband and wife have been denied Canadian citizenship on two occasions by a county court judge in Ottawa, Ontario, because the couple say they do not believe in God.

As a result, Canada's Department of Justice has been asked to rule whether it is necessary to believe in God to become a Canadian citizen. The country's Immigration Act states that foreign-born residents wishing to become citizens must take an oath of allegiance which ends in the affirmation, "So help me, God."

The couple refused to take the oath of allegiance because of its reference to God.

Personnel Shortage Closes Clinic

The eight-year-old Southern Baptist medical clinic in Taiybeh, Jordan, is closed because of lack of medical personnel.

"The closing... withdraws our most effective witness from the Muslim village," says Dr. L. August Lovegren who

LONDON—The 90-year-old Mission to Lepers has dropped "lepers" from its name because of the "stigma" attached to the word. MTL is now called the Christian Leprosy Mission. The officers noted that India has banned use of the word "leper" in official documents and communications.

OSAKA—The Rev. Moritada Murayama of Japan has become the first Christian missionary from his country to serve in an African nation. He will work for the

next four years in Cairo, Egypt, at the request of the Coptic Evangelical Church to help develop a program of occupational evangelism.

URBANA—Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship this month holds its seventh missionary convention on the campus of the University of Illinois, December 27-31. Some 6,000 students from all parts of the world are expected at the gathering which has met triennially since 1946.

AUX CAYES—Twenty churches associated with the West Indies Mission in Haiti were damaged when Hurricane Cleo struck in late summer. Five of the churches had also been hit by Flora 10 months earlier.

LEOPOLDVILLE—Fourteen British Protestant missionary families were liberated by advancing Congolese troops at Lulumba, North Katanga. They had been held since June when rebel forces took control of the area.

serves in Ajloun, 45 miles from Taiybeh. "It also leaves the 2,600 people of Taiybeh and the surrounding smaller villages without medical care except for the two-hour-a-week visit of a government doctor."

Miss Saint Completes Gospel Translation

Rachel Saint, sister of one of the 1956 martyrs in the Amazon jungles by Auca Indians, has just completed the translation of the Gospel of Mark in the Auca language.

Miss Saint, of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and her language helper, Dayuma, have been living in the Auca village of Tiwaeno among the men who killed her brother. Now all five of the men who shared in the act have become Christians.

'Language' of Churches Seen Behind the Times

Most Protestant churches today are speaking a language that is 400 years behind the times, a Southern Baptist minister told Princeton Theological Seminary's annual Alumni Conference.

Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of Myers Park Baptist church, Charlotte, N. C., said that reliance on the Elizabethan type of prose found in most Protestant churches today would lead to intellectual stagnation of the pastor and decay of the church.

Most religious language today is irrelevant and static, he declared. As a result, he added, church has become a place where men go to hide, not to be seen, where men put on a mask, not take it off.

Dr. Marney advised the ministers to learn to listen to others as the first step in learning how to speak in meaningful terms.

Four Celebrate Anniversaries

Four important missionary anniversaries were celebrated in 1964. These were the 50th anniversaries of the Assemblies of God and Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, and the 20th anniversaries of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society and Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

Assemblies' Golden Anniversary

In 1914 the Assemblies of God was organized. Joining it at the first General Council were 15 missionaries serving in 10 different fields as varied as Argentina, Ceylon and Africa. When the organization reached a high-point of 830 missionaries during 1963, the Assemblies of God was considered one of the major Protestant missions organizations in the world.

Its anniversary year finds 808 missionaries serving in 73 countries. They preach in more than 150 languages, maintain 74 Bible schools, operate 20 publishing houses and cooperate with 12,917 workers.

W.E.C. Jubilee

In 1914, Worldwide Evangelization Crusade had one man serving in one field—C. T. Studd in the Congo. In 1964, W.E.C. has had 1,000 Crusaders serving in 40 countries.

During these 50 years, 400 churches with more than 50,000 believers have been established in chaotic Congo. The most recent area W.E.C. workers have entered is the Arabian peninsula, entering this year. The four workers there hope to reach the three million people in the Trucial-Oman States who have been without the Gospel for approximately 1,300 years.

This fellowship seeks to preach the Gospel by direct evangelism, establish-

ing churches, radio and correspondence courses.

20 Years of Missions

The 20th anniversary year of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society has been observed this year also. Its first missionaries were the Rev. and Mrs. Eric Frykenberg in India. Now 418 serve in 18 countries. Two million dollars is needed each year to maintain the CBFMS missionary program.

In the main, the missionaries follow the usual methods of evangelization and establishing churches. However, in Taiwan, missionary Ralph Covell translated the New Testament for 10,000 Sediq aborigines, and CBFMS is the only group publishing Christian literature in the Senari language of the Ivory Coast.

Score of Years of Service

In December of 1944 Betty Greene set up a desk in the Navigator's office, and, for practical purposes, that was the beginning of Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

MAF's first plane was assigned to Mexico. It took missionaries off the mule and out of the dugout canoe, saving untold hours of labor. It provided fresh food for improved health and permitted missionaries to visit remote stations more frequently. Also, aerial ambulance saved countless lives.

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Camden, N.J. Albert H. Stradling

Recordings for Eskimos

Sir: We have been slow to comment on the very effective publication ["5 Million in 25 Years"] carried in *World Vision Magazine* this month [September] and written so ably by Dorothy C. Haskin. We are very grateful for the insight and personal interest she took in compiling this and having it published.

You will be interested to know that a response has come from Salem, Oregon—from a woman who has "caught the vision" although her work is among the blind and would like to play Eskimo records to her little sightless children. She goes on to explain that a phonette, as a reward to certain ones who complete their memory work, would be taken back to Alaska when these little people go home on vacation. . . .

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Sir: . . . I appreciate your new format. The newsiness and forthright approach to the subject of missions make your magazine a delight to read.

Calgary, Alberta, Canada J. L. Arnold

Ahmadiyya Convert Concurs

Sir: I happened to go through the April and May editions of *World Vision Magazine*. . . . You will be pleased to know that I am from the village of Qadian, center of the Ahmadiyya movement [as diagnosed by Dr. J. T. Seamands in the issues noted], and I was the first and last convert to Christianity from this village. It was next to impossible that anybody could be converted to Christianity in particular. So

I had to leave my hometown for good. And now, after the Partition of the country in 1947, the Ahmadiyya shifted headquarters to Rabwah in Sargodha District, West Pakistan, where I went during the last week.

My reply to these articles is to relate why Africans (or colored peoples or Easterners) are not converted to Christianity. My observations and my own personal experiences are that Western white missionaries do not rise above the line of color prejudice. This can be illustrated by the factual happenings taking place right in the United States these days against the colored people or black Americans. In practice, Islam gives equality and has no color distinction. Christianity preaches against these evils, but, in practice, white people do not act the way they should. People do not want only preaching. They want to see these ideals practically working in the lives of those who preach Christianity.

So, this is not the weakness of Christianity, but it is the weakness of white missionaries. Let these missionaries discard these two elements and then see what miracles will happen in the field of evangelism and religion all over the world. . . .

Lahore, West Pakistan Rev. D. F. Dean

U.S. Not U.N.

Sir: We have just received the October issue of *World Vision Magazine* in which my article on Cuba was published ["Hear the Groans of the Prisoners in Cuba"]. I am glad to see that you gave such a prominent place for it in the magazine.

There was an error in it—very small but deplorable: In the conclusion is found this phrase: ". . . and there, through prayers, move the hearts and minds of the U.N. Security Council to take action . . ." Instead of "U.N. Security Council" I have in my manuscript written "U.S. Security Council." I doubt it would be possible, as the United Nations is organized, to expect that it would liberate Cuba from Russia as long as that country is a ruling element

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in that world organization. . . I believe that liberation of Cuba must come from the United States, with cooperation of the other American republics.

Brooklyn, N.Y. Olav Eikland

Editor's Note: Mr. Eikland's manuscript did read "U.S. Security Council." We printed "U.N. Security Council," not realizing that he was referring instead to what is commonly called the "National Security Council."

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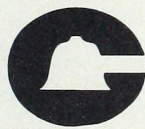
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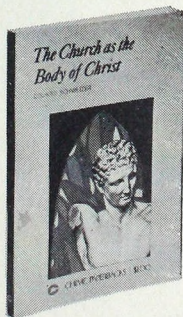
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high adventure, the taking of hardship posts for promotion, or an escape from "the mess back home."

A Muslim called on his secular American neighbor in a Middle Eastern country and told him he had become a Christian. "I have become a Christian—so this means I can drink whiskey now, too. Would you kindly give me some?"

Such people often are just as much missionaries for the gospel of secularism as Christians are for the Lord Jesus Christ.

If they only realized it, Middle Eastern countries need Christ more than anything else. A high official there recently said, "Our youth are giving up the former restraints of Islam, and they have a spiritual vacuum in their lives. Assistance programs are helping us materially, technically and educationally, but they offer nothing for this spiritual

void. I am afraid that in order to satisfy this craving, our youth will turn to communism."

Nothing can help these developing countries more than the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He not only satisfies the deepest needs spiritually, but makes sweeter and augments secondary blessings of an economically, politically and socially stable citizenry. True nationalism, patriotism and altruism should seek to exalt Christ.

Advantages of Self-Support

One advantage self-supporting missionaries have is this: They can go to places where the Gospel has not reached and where missionaries still are not allowed, such as Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and the unevangelized states of Swat and Hunza in northern Pakistan. Career men have already entered these and have done much to facilitate further Christian witness.

This is a very significant develop-

ment in completing our Lord's commission. Also full-time missionaries are being put out of certain areas today whereas "tentmakers" are allowed to remain.

A second consideration is that, marvelous as is most of the work regular missionaries are doing with limited personnel, they need all assistance possible in the tremendous task of evangelizing the world.

This short-term type of service in professional positions also means that Christians at home who cannot give their whole lives as full-time missionaries can serve the Lord abroad for a shorter time. For example, one Christian tourist in the Middle East was able to lead his Muslim guide to Christ.

A third advantage is financial. Self-supporting missionaries do not draw on limited funds for missions given by the churches. One Christian family working abroad gave half of their salary to the Lord's work, which enabled them to support a missionary family and work in an unevangelized area themselves. Income for positions abroad is usually higher than at home, as well as probably tax exempt, and therefore affords an added opportunity of stewardship for the Lord.

A fourth benefit is that by working in regular positions they can join local congregations as ordinary believers and thereby can be true "fraternal workers."

Thus the answer to evangelization in the Middle East, as well as in the world today, is, that along with the national Christians in the indigenous churches, both full-time missionaries and consecrated "tentmakers" work and witness together wherever possible. In this way the command and promise of our Lord that every nation and people will hear can be fulfilled.

Prayer is the greatest power God has put onto our hands for service—praying is harder than doing, at least I find it so, but the dynamic lies that way to advance the Kingdom. —Mary Slessor

Here am I, send me; send me to the ends of the earth; send me to the rough, the savage pagans of the wilderness; send me from all that is called comfort on earth; send me even to death itself, if it be but in Thy service, and to promote Thy kingdom. —David Brainerd

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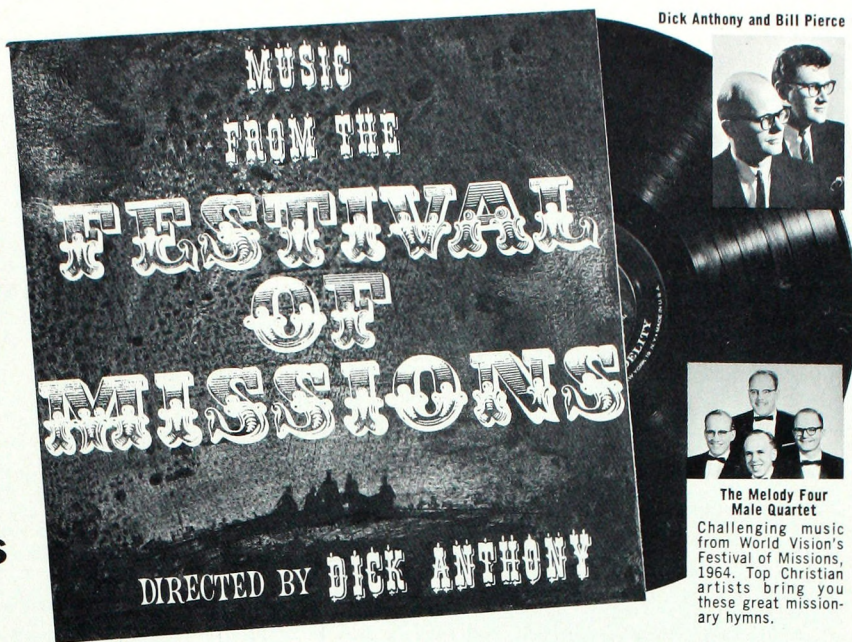
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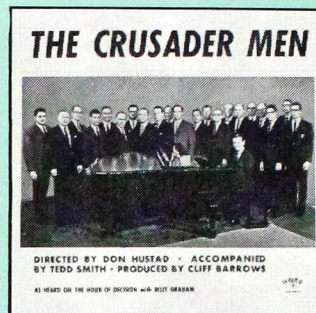
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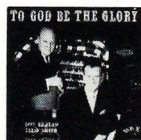
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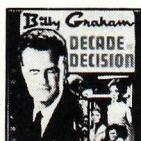
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