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REPORT OF THE 64TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH

July 22, 1999

The 64th Annual Conference of the God's Missionary Church, Inc. convened at 9 AM on Thursday, July 22, 1999 by the General Supt. Rev. Harry F. Plank. After words of greeting, he gathered the conference body around the altar for a season of prayer. Following a congregational song led by Rev. Tim Cooley, a devotional was given by the Asst. Supt. Rev. A. L. Kratz from Acts 20:26-28. Further comments were given by the Gen. Supt. after which Bro. Plank and Bro. Kratz served the Conference ministers, wives, and delegates at the Lord's table. This is always a sacred time in the presence of the Lord. The General Supt. Rev. Harry F. Plank then preached from I Thess. 2:1,2 on *The Duties, Dangers, and Delights of Preaching the Gospel*. It was a good message.

The afternoon session began at 1:30 PM wherein the elections were begun. There were 73 voting and this year brought to our Conference some important changes, they being:

NEW CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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The elections were concluded at 9 PM. All further unfinished business was referred to the General Board. Six conference ministers were ordained on Sunday, August 1, 1999. See page 4 for Church News to read about this special event.

— ALK

WHERE ARE THE "TWO" AND "THREES"?

Matthew 18:20

"Away in foreign lands they wondered how
Their simple words had power!

At home the Christians, two or three, had met
To pray an hour!"

God, in all ages, has carried on revival ministries in the assemblies of His saints through an undefeatable praying minority. The praying "twos and threes" again and again have prevailed with God and thus reversed what otherwise were hopeless situations. Numerous examples of this fact are found in both Testaments. These intercessors "stood in the gap" and turned the tide in favor of the people of God.

Thus did Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Through prayer they "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, ...stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire." Outnumbered seven million to one, the godly remnant prevailed. Undreamed-of blessing descended upon the people of God through their utter dependence upon the God of all grace.

Isaiah, Hezekiah, and their praying companions succeeded in the face of overwhelming odds. In answer to their deliverance, one hundred eighty-five thousand of Senacherib's army fell in a night under a stroke of God. Thus God interposed when all hope seemed lost.

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THE MORNING WATCH

by Oswald J. Smith

For over forty years now I have observed the Morning Watch. I begin by reading the Word of God, remembering the words, "As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). Then in obedience to Psalm 5:3, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up", I turn to prayer.

When I was saved I was asked for my Bible by a personal worker who wrote on the flyleaf "This Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book." And I have found it to be true. The two cannot go together.

The reason so many do not enjoy the Bible is that they do not know the Author. It is one thing to meet Jesus Christ at the time of conversion; it is quite another to become acquainted with Him by spending time in His presence.

DAILY READING

The Bible should be read daily just as the manna was gathered daily. We would not dream of taking only one meal a day, much less one a week, since our bodies need to be nourished. Yet some of us, I am afraid, neglect the spiritual food that is even more essential. I have read the Word of God for over forty years, 365 days in the year, and I expect to read it every day until I see my Lord face to face.

I read the Word of God as I would read a letter, or as I would eat fish. When I get a letter, I start at the beginning and read to the end. That is the way to study the Word. Start with the first chapter of Genesis and read to the last word of Revelation, reading two or three chapters a day; and then do it again. I do not know how many times I have read the Bible through. If I come to a verse that I cannot understand I do not cast the book aside any more than I would throw away my plate of fish because of a bone. I simply lay it aside and go on reading, as I would go on eating. Then when I read it again, some of the statements that I thought were bones I am able to digest.

ENEMIES OF PRAYER LIFE

I have found three enemies to the prayer life:

First, *interruptions*. I discovered that I had to have a time and place for prayer. My time is in the morning. I would never dream of going to my work before first meeting God. My place for prayer is in

my study, when I am at home. We have time for everything else; we must take time for prayer.

Second, *wandering thoughts*. I used to have all kinds of thoughts, plans and programs come in upon me when I was praying, and I found myself thinking. How did I get rid of these wandering thoughts? By praying aloud, by putting my petitions into words. I always pray aloud, and have done so for the last forty years of my life.

Third, *drowsiness*. I used to become sleepy when I wanted to pray. That was because I knelt down and closed my eyes, and put my head on my arms. Years ago I formed the habit of walking when praying. By walking up and down the room I never become drowsy. I am able to keep wide awake.

I discovered that when I knelt down and prayed silently, ten minutes seemed a long time, but when I prayed out loud and walked, the time went by quickly. By following these methods, I have been able to spend hours in prayer, and have found the morning watch my strength and my stay. The problems are solved before I meet them. God hears and answers. Instead of letting my circumstances get on top of me and sending me to a sanitarium with a nervous breakdown, I am able to keep on top of my circumstances. I know of no greater thrill than the thrill of the Morning Watch.

God hears
and answers
Prayer!

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Ezra and his praying companions at the river Ahava secured God's special favor for the whole nation. Their boast in God was amply sustained. God gave them more protection than a regiment of royal soldiers would have assured. They abundantly approved the assertion made to the king, viz: "THE HAND OF OUR GOD IS UPON ALL THEM FOR GOOD THAT SEEK HIM; BUT HIS POWER

AND HIS WRATH IS AGAINST ALL THEM THAT FORSAKE HIM" (Ezra 8:22).

Postexilic saints under the leadership of Haggai and Zechariah by their prayerful devotion to God obtained the completion of the second temple and the revival of the nation. In answer to their united supplications, "The Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel...and the spirit of Joshua...and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God." (Haggai 1:14).

The New Testament abounds with numerous examples of how PRAYING MINORITIES repeatedly called down blessing from God, turned defeats into victories, and barrenness into astounding fruitfulness. The disciples at Pentecost obtained blessings for a sin-hardened nation. Had we taken the religious census of Judah and Jerusalem we would have reported as follows: "Modernists, 3,000,000; Fundamentalists, approximately 500." (1 Cor. 15:6). Yet the PRAYING MINORITY in one day wrested 3,000 precious souls from the domination of false religious leaders. Later, thousands more believed. Paul and his friends by prayer opened cities and countries to the Gospel.

God is the same today. Praying Minorities count upon God's faithfulness even when conditions seem desperate and hope is at the lowest ebb! Moses secured God's favor on a "peradventure" (Ex. 32:30). Jonathan and his armorbearer prevailed on an "it may be" (1 Sam. 14:6). The king of Nineveh turned God's wrath from his people on an "Who can tell?" (Jonah 3:8-10). The great triumphs are all trophies of prayer.

Our ever faithful God still loves to honor intercession. Pray for a revival. "Stand in the gap!" Plead! Plead the victory of the cross, the blood of Christ, the unfailing promises, the name of the Lord Jesus. By spiritual weapons pull down the strongholds of Satan, bring about the confession and forsaking of sin, renewal of faith, and the removal of worldliness. Back of the "professing church" is the mighty power of the risen Lord. Pray, and get others to pray with you for revival. THE REVIVAL OF THE CHURCH always has been by PRAYER. EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD must be by PRAYER. The PRAYING MINORITY through the power of the Holy Spirit is undefeatable.

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CHURCH NEWS

1999 ORDINATION SERVICE

On Sunday, August 1, 1999 at 2:30 PM six Conference ministers were ordained into Christian ministry. They were: Revs. Philip Brenizer, James Cooper Jr., Gordon Kincaid, John Manley, James Susan, and Nathan Walter. General Supt. Rev. Harry F. Plank was in charge of the service in the Straub Memorial Tabernacle. Rev. J. Steven Manley, director of EFM as well as father of Rev. John Manley preached the ordination message on the theme - *Vision*. It proved to be a sacred time in God's presence. General Board Members who were present for the laying on of hands were: Gen. Supt. Rev. Harry F. Plank, Asst. Supt. Rev. Arlan L. Kratz, John W. Zechman, Don Hughes, Barry Arnold, and Timothy Cooley. Many relatives and friends were present for the special occasion as well as the annual camp-meeting crowd.

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"Shut-In" of the Month

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for I am Holy"

I Peter 1:12

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Heritage and Hope
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Sunday 8:00 A.M.
Rev. James Plank

Missionary Echoes
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Sunday 1:15 P.M.
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Rev. Barry Arnold

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WLYZ—1050 AM
Sunday 8:45 A.M.
Rev. Gabriel Morley

TO THE CONFERENCE FAMILY . . .

General Superintendent Reverend Harry F. Plank



I greet you as the summer is coming to an end. This summer will be remembered as closing out the 1990's with record temperatures in the 90's. It has been Hot!

June 28: Attended the Hanover Camp for the P.M. service with evangelist Marshall Smart preaching and the Fultz Family singing. God's presence was felt in the service.

June 29: Traveled to the Morris Tabernacle Camp Meeting on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Camp President Richard Holiday welcomed us to the service with the Matthews Family singing and Rev. Dale Hallaway preaching.

June 30-July 4: Visited Mount of Blessing Camp. This camp was well attended and God moved in revival. The preaching of Rev. Archie Atwell and Rev. James Brewer was anointed and used of God. A good number sought for Holiness and experienced their own Pentecost. Praise the Lord!

July 3: Visited Russell and Helena Buchanan at their new residence; Roadsmere retirement home, Lewisburg, PA. Bro. Buchanan was my "boss" at the City Rescue Mission in Binghamton, N.Y. when I started in the ministry. We had a good visit and they reminded me that I am young, they are ages 92 and 95!

July 7: Attended the funeral of Milton Henry. Rev. Henry pastored the Wayside Bible Church in Middleburg and had a great influence in our community. I preached Revival for Wayside in the spring.

Tonight attended Sunbury G.M.C. with Rev. Jacob Martin and people. PVBI student, Fred Baker preached a fine message. Fred is doing a required internship at this church.

July 8: Conducted a General Board Meeting in the Conference room at PVBI.

July 11: Attended Etters Camp. Rev. Robert England preached the message and the Vernons did the singing. This was a very good service and a excellent meal in the camp dining hall followed.

Travelled to Beulah Camp for the 6:00 P.M. service. This service was the testimony of Dr. Dan Gordeuk's healing of cancer. We were reminded that God can still perform miracles!

July 13: Work day at Penns Creek Camp! A great turn-out helped us get the Tabernacle in order and do a lot of work on the grounds. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED!

July 14: Took part in a service at Lebanon G.M.C. to honor Pastor Arnold for his 40 years of ministry and 22 years pastoring at Lebanon. It was also a celebration of his birthday. This was a surprise to him and a very interesting service as friends and family shared their remembrances.

July 17: Attended the wedding of our nephew Joseph DeWolfe to Diana Jones in Grafton, WV.

July 18: We enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Ledford and the singing of the Sheridans at the Evangelical Methodist Camp Meeting, Oakland Mills, PA.

July 19: Chaired a Penn View Bible Institute board meeting. This was also one of many days of preparation for conference and camp meeting. Thank the Lord for those who came day after day to help.

July 21: Conference wide day of fasting and prayer.

July 22: 64th annual conference

of God's Missionary Church held in the George I. Straub Memorial Tabernacle at Penns Creek, PA. This is the first year that conference was held on a Thursday. We welcome your comments concerning this change.

July 23-August 1: Penns Creek Camp Meeting. The camp evangelists this year were Rev. Albert Barr and Rev. Mark Cravens. Singers, Marc and Melody Sankey; youth workers, Victory Trio; and V.B.S. by Brian and Cheri Spangler. We appreciate those who were dorm deans to our young people: Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCoy and Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Walter.

Aug. 1: The closing day of Penns Creek Camp Meeting in the 2:30 P.M. service was a very sacred time with the ordination of six ministers: Philip Brenizer, James Cooper Jr., Gordon Kincaid, John Manley, James Susan, and Nathan Walter. The ordination message by Rev. Steven Manley was very timely.

Thank the Lord for His blessing on the 1999 Penns Creek Camp meeting. We were thrilled with so many who were at Penns Creek Camp Meeting for the first time. May God bless the wonderful group of children and young people who were there and the parents that brought them. Thank the Lord for the senior citizens who stuck by the camp meeting through the 90 degree plus temperatures. May this new conference year be one of great victory in Jesus as we enter a new century!

Sincerely,

—Rev. Harry Plank

General Superintendent

THE PASTOR'S WIFE

by Mrs. H. L. Fuller

In thinking of the pastor's wife, this Scripture comes to my mind: "Be thou an example of the believers" (I Timothy 4:12).

The pastor's wife, as well as the pastor, should be called to the ministry. She should feel the importance and responsibility of the position of working with her husband.

When a new pastor is called to a church (if he is married and has a family), these are the questions that are heard: What is his wife like? Is she old fashioned? Is she spiritual? Does she have a modest dress standard? Is she friendly? She can either "make or break" her husband in the church and in the community. Therefore, she should be an example in her conduct.

First of all, she should be an example of spirituality. She should recognize her need of daily devotions and of keeping prayer up. She must be able to help those in need and to say the right word to encourage them along the Narrow Way.

She should be an example of sacrifice. Many times she will have to sacrifice her plans to help someone or to go calling with her husband if an emergency arises. She must be willing to sacrifice financially as well. This means being thrifty and not wasteful. Many times she will have to operate on a small budget; but if she is wise, she will be able to serve good meals for her husband and family.

The pastor's wife should be an example of modesty. This is so *very important* in the church today because our women and young girls are so very immodest in their dress. To have modest clothing for herself and her daughters, the pastor's wife should know how to sew. Her dress should be a modest length so that when she sits down she is "well covered." This is the real test because many times the dress is long enough while standing, but when sitting it does not cover the knees. The length of sleeves should be modest too. I remember when I was a student at God's Bible School, Sister Shelhammer mentioned in one of her "talks to the girls" that we should be examples in our dress. If we as leaders wear our sleeves to the wrist, the ladies in the congregation will wear theirs three quarter length. If we

wear ours three-quarter length, they will wear theirs just below the elbow. So as a pastor's wife, we are an *example* in the church before our people; and we can't be too careful along the dress line.

The pastor's wife should be an example of service. She should be willing and ready to fill any position in the church — whether it be teaching a Sunday school class or playing the piano (if no one else is available). If she just *sits*, she can *shine*, Amen!

The pastor's wife should be an example of cleanliness and neatness. The parsonage — her domain — should be kept as clean as possible. She should have the living room or front room ready for guests. When unexpected company comes, she should be the "gracious hostess." She should be an example of friendliness. "A smile is contagious," and a genuine smile and hearty hand shake go a long way in cheering another soul. As an example in *word* and *conversation*, she should not be a talker or gossip or an information bureau. She should be careful not to let the telephone conversation become too lengthy. Sometimes the less said, the better.

As an example of humility and piety, the pastor's wife should have the respect of persons in the church... Sometimes there are people in the church who are more thoughtful of the pastor and his family than other members of the congregation are. The pastor and his wife are grateful for such but they must be careful not to visit these members more than others.

She and her children should be *examples* in their conduct during the preaching of the Word. While the pastor is preaching his heart out, Johnnie is *not* reading the Sunday school paper and Mary is *not* cleaning her fingernails. But they are sitting up and are listening to the *message*. Amen! The people of the church are looking at the preacher's children and judging the conduct of their children accordingly.

Last, but not least, she should have a heart filled with divine love: for "love covers a multitude of sins" (or faults and mistakes). The Lord bless the pastor's wife!

My quiet time ...

1. Get alone in a room where you will not be disturbed. Have your Bible available. Set a specific time and place. Arrange the rest of the day **around** it. LUKE 6:12

2. **PRAY THIS PRAYER:** "Father, turn the searchlight of the Holy Spirit on my heart and show me what is in my life that displeases Thee. PSALM 139:23

3. When God brings something to your mind, **admit it as sin. Don't excuse it!** Repent of it and put it under the blood of Jesus Christ. I JOHN 1:7b

Continue this until everything has been confessed and repented of completely. I JOHN 1:9

4. **Jot down** anything God reveals that needs to be made right in complete restitution with others so you **do not** forget. ACTS 24:16

5. Give God your **entire body** — feet, hand, mouth, etc. ROMANS 6:13, 12:1; I CORINTHIANS 6:19

6. Give God your **will**—including your mind, emotions, ambitions, desires, etc. ROMANS 12:2; COLOSSIANS 3:2

7. Ask the **Holy Spirit** to do three things.
a. Fill you full of Himself, EPHESIANS 5:18

b. Give you a fuller love for Jesus Christ. JOHN 17:26b

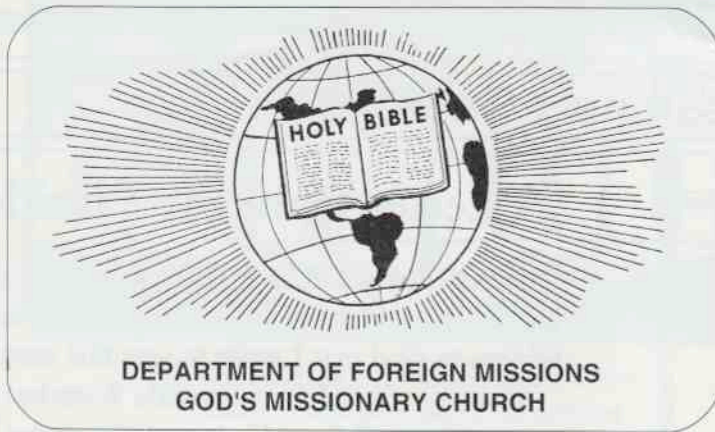
c. Give you a greater burden for some lost soul. PSALM 126:6

8. Make sure God gives you **the name** of that person or people. Pray specifically **before** you leave the room. Ask God to lead your steps in regards to that burden. ROMANS 9:1-5

9. Get into the habit of **thanking God in everything!** Thank Him for what He is doing in your life! Give Him all the praise for allowing your life to be a vessel through which **He can work!** Thank Him in every trying circumstance of life that is sent to conform your life to His! Prayer must be seasoned in thanksgiving." ROMANS 6:17-18; PHILIPPIANS 4:6

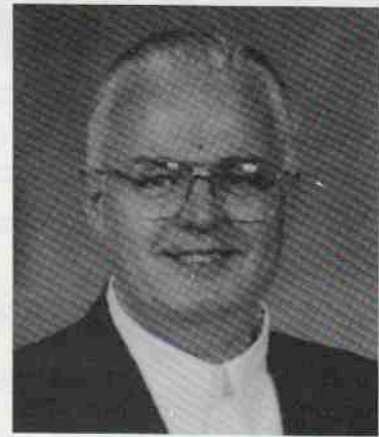
—A. W. TOZER

"Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to PRAY?"



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THE BATTLE RAGES ON

I noticed something red and blue peeking out from under the pillow on the hospital bed. The colors were of the brightest and deepest hues and I knew what they represented. But as I finished entering the room, the Mother of the sick girl poked the cloths back under the pillow so they would be hidden from my view. But it was too late, I had seen them. I walked directly to the bed and pulled the bright cloths out from underneath the pillow. "Why are these here, you cannot mix the power of the Lord and the power of Satan together; if you do this I cannot help you." My voice was firm and I prayed within my heart that the Mother, who was a former witch doctor, would realize that I meant what I said. The mother quickly denied that the symbols of the devil's medicine were being displayed and tried to convince me that she was willing to trust the Lord to touch her very ill daughter.

Gertrude had been ill for some time but had not come for help. I knew that they were using the services of the witch doctor as I had known her mother for a long time and had seen her return to evil ways at a time in the past when she had had a stroke and we had prayed for Jesus to heal her. Jesus had done it and she started to church but then fell once again into the clutches of the enemy of her soul. She had not stayed under the preaching of the Word long enough for it to change her heart. But now her daughter who had a small son was near to death and our workman had come pleading with me to take her to the emergency room at the nearby hospital in Leogane.

The nurse checked her BP and found it to be 230...he immediately sent me for medication for her and told the nurses not to let her move from the position he had placed her in on the examining table in the ER. I sat on a bench nearby and prayed after I went and bought the medicine. The Dr. did not return for a long time and in that waiting period more sick and wounded ones entered that room. The nurses, forgetting what the Dr. had cautioned, led her to my side of the room and sat her on the bench beside me! A few minutes after that he came and was furious when he saw that they had moved her. He accused them of becoming guilty of her

death if she died. BUT, where had he been, I thought to myself....he was the one who should have returned swiftly to whisk her away to a room and set up the IV that she needed. It was still some time before she was taken to a ward. Then the Dr. said that he needed more medicine, so off I went once more to search for medications. The ones I needed they did not have in the hospital pharmacy, which is often the case when we need something. But the Lord helped that the first pharmacy I went to had the medicine.

The Emergency Room Dr. turned her over to another doctor who then decided that she wanted a different medication so I had to return to the pharmacy and ask them to exchange it, which they kindly agreed to do. Finally I was able to go home and explain to Miriam where I had been. We prayed for her and for her family who so desperately need God.

When I returned the next morning they had ordered a sonogram for her and said that it must be done in the capital city. I was confused because they have a sonogram there in the hospital; why take her to the city when she is so weak and so sick? Also, at the hospital it would not be expensive but in the larger labs in the city it would cost more. When I asked about it I was told that she must go. Her relatives came up with part of the money and I knew the Lord would provide the rest. We had to return to the city before the time of the appt. but arranged with the young man who works for us to come with her on the appointed day. Our hearts prayed that she would make the trip safely. When she arrived at the city station she was very weak but still willing to try so we went to the lab and Miriam left me with her at the lab since they had not yet opened for service. Wanel, the workman, went with her so she would not be alone. I sat there praying that the test would reveal nothing serious and that she would not be worse after all the traveling. The Lord answered that prayer and nothing out of the way was found in the test. Thank you Jesus!

Each time that I went into the hospital I would look all around the bed, under the pillow, and in the bags on the little table, all this to make sure that the things of the witch

doctor had not been placed there once more. I did not locate anymore of them. But the one time we found the mother sitting on the floor near the bed smoking! I saw her seek to hide it but again it was too late and we scolded her for doing such a thing the hospital where there were sick ones. Gertrude's BP was unstable still and with all the meds she was not doing well. Because it was so near the time when we would have to leave to go to the States I talked with her family and asked them what they wanted to do. I would not be there to buy the medicine and to care for her. They wanted me to take her home and do what I could and they would make sure that she took the medicine. I did not feel that I could trust the mother or any of the other relatives who serve the devil. Therefore I bought as much of the medicine as I could for the months we would be gone and told them that if the Dr. again changed the medicine they would have to buy it. I gave the medicine to a woman I felt would give her the medication and explained for her not to give it to her family.

Her small boy comes to church and is tender towards the things of God. PLEASE PRAY FOR HIM, and for the ill mother, and for all of them in that yard that is filled with voodooism and all kinds of wickedness. We pray for Gertrude and have been requesting prayer for her in the services this summer. She came to church after being released from the hospital and could not sit up, but lay on the bench to listen to the Word. PRAY that the Word will reach her heart and soul and that she shall see her heed. I believe that she would like to be delivered from sin. He sees her and with all of us praying God can do miracles. Her full name is Gertrude Louis and her little son is called Gabriel.

It is difficult for us when we leave our Haitian people behind and come to the States for services. There are not enough missionaries and so no one stays behind to care for them. We are very thankful that we can commit them to His care and pray each day for them.

Satisfied with Jesus,
Bonnie Cleaver

YOUTH CRUSADERS

God's Missionary Church



*Youth
Crusaders
Spotlight*

ANDREA BOYER

Andrea Boyer is a fine Christian young lady from our Lebanon GMC. She is a recent graduate of Red Land High School. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Boyer Sr. where she resides in York Haven, PA. She has two older brothers, David who is married and lives at Milroy, PA and Eugene who also lives at home.

It has been thrilling watching God work in Andrea's life, seeing her mature spiritually and yielding herself to Him. Andrea has just completed a short term mission's trip with TLC in Lesotho, South Africa.

Her desire is to do God's will whether at home or abroad. God has given her a special love for children and hurting people. She has truly found Proverbs 3:6, "*In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths*" to be a guide line for her life.

Andrea, thanks for allowing God to use you in His kingdom.

*"Remember now thy
CREATOR
in the days of thy youth"
Ecc. 12:1*

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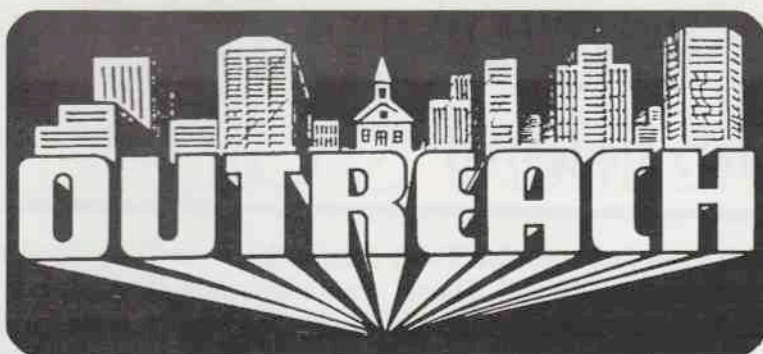
CHRISTIAN GREETINGS to each one of our youth! It is with a deep sense of gratitude and thankfulness to God that I write to you this month.

As many of you know, Bro Eric Watts has resigned as president of the Missionary Crusader's. Bro. Watts has done a tremendous job of leading our department and serving on this board for 9 years. I can't begin to express my appreciation to Bro. Watts for his dedication in service and spiritual leadership for our youth. He has done a great job! Thank you, Bro. Watts! I would also like to thank Bro. John Manley for his years of service as secretary on this board. He has been a good board member. Thanks Bro. Manley! As the newly elected President, it is my privilege to introduce to you our two newest board members. Our new secretary is Bro. Steve Davis, pastor of the Milesburg God's Missionary Church. Bro. Davis joined our conference last year, making him new to many young people, but I believe you will find out that Bro. Davis has a heart for young people. The other new board member is Bro. Aaron McCarty, assistant pastor of the God's Missionary Church of Beavertown. Bro. McCarty loves young people and enjoys working with them. Welcome to our board Bro. Davis and Bro. McCarty. We all are looking forward to working with both of you. The rest of the Youth Board consists of Bro. Gabriel Morley, Vice-President; Bro. Nathan Walter, treasurer; and Bro. John Mark Fisher, advisory member. I can speak in behalf of the board and say that we are here to serve the young people of our conference. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact any of us.

In closing, I would like to remind each one of you to support the endeavors of the Crusaders. This year we will again bring a lot of exciting and hopefully beneficial rallies to each zone. Be sure to get to yours every month. They are provided for you! Keep listening and watching for the up coming events.

Thanks again for your support and keep praying. God wants to bless the youth of our day.

Yours for Youth,
Dan Durkee



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Dear Home Missionary Family,

So quickly another month has gone by and it is time for us to meet together again by means of the GOD'S MISSIONARY STANDARD. Our summer camp meetings have quickly come and gone and with them our special Home Missionary services. I am sure you enjoyed hearing from our department pastors in these services. I urge each one of you to continue on your monthly special support for these pastors. It has been a great help to them. To have it cut off now would cause some of them to suffer a hardship which we want to avoid. So I ask each one of you who so faithfully joined our monthly pastor support program to continue on this year again.

The Home Missionary Department has asked me to give more of my time to the Home Missionary work. So we have altered our evangelistic slate as to do this. We will be visiting not only all our churches to inform you of the department's work, but also spending more time at our Home Missionary churches. We will be conducting not only special services when we visit them, but meeting with the pastors and people for times of open discussion as well. This way we will be able to offer more assistance and guidance to each church as well as to the Pastor. Pray for us as we enlarge our duties in the Home Missionary Department. If you have any suggestions please write to us and we will take them under consideration.

We also are hoping to start at least one or two new Home Missionary works this year. If any of you have any information where there would be any people interested in us coming to consider a church in their area please send that information to me right away. Every inquirer will be discussed by the board.

We also are going to plan for next spring a date and place to be decided on, for a one day Home Missionary Conference. This would be a full day of meetings, and a final rally to close the day. Several years ago we had such a Home Missionary day but it has been discontinued for some time. Those of us who

attended these rallies remember the great times we had at them.

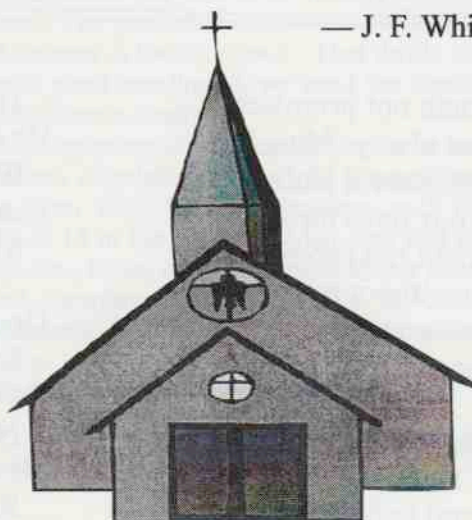
We also are planning to send to each pastor and church a full report of the operations in our department once every three months which would be four times in the year. Pray for us as we plan to expand our Home Missionary outreach this conference year. We want to thank each one of you for your prayers, and your monthly support.

We remind you of the great need for your support for the Camp Hill project. Your special gifts to help us secure a much needed place for the pastor there to live in will help much. Pray about it and send in as large of a gift as you can to our Home Missionary Treasurer: Rev. Paul Clough, 4240 E. Landis St., Coopersburg, PA 18036. Mark it for the Camp Hill project.

Since you have heard from our home Missionary churches at the camps this past month, we will not be adding any more to their reports at this time. We will keep you informed of the progress at each church in future issues of the Standard.

God be with you all until next time.

— J. F. White



HOLY MODELS

by Gary Daugherty

Paul said, "Follow me, as I follow Christ." This is a command to the Church. There are those that I have seen and heard, whose very appearance commanded me how I should dress. The deliverance of their messages demanded my attention and commanded me how I should live. The very presence of some commanded reverence.

It is not just what people told me in counsel ;that kept me going and encouraged, but it was what I saw and felt from God's "models." Oh, how vital is the fact of old-fashioned holiness model preachers!

They taught me how to dress—when I went to camp meeting I knew I would see one preacher in his charcoal gray suit with matching tie and pure white shirt. There was a witness in my heart that holy, sanctified men are to dress conservatively. No, I am not saying we must all wear charcoal gray suits and a black tie, but I insist that the models of holy dress are imperative. We must have them. When I saw this brother in the tabernacle leading the service he always wore a tie that looked neat and tidy with the rest of his attire. Every time I went to the tabernacle, that suit of clothes was there, and in fact, they

still echo as I pen these words, "Follow me, as I follow Christ." Those clothes commanded my attention. I don't know what brand they were entirely, but they seem to speak in such a way that I cannot consider holy models unimportant.

Even to this day, when I see a preacher calling not dressed up, I'm reminded of holy models and would like to say, "Soldier, remember you're on duty," or "Officer, you're out of uniform." I consider myself privileged to have been providentially placed by the Holy Ghost in a conservative holiness Bible School and then in a conservative holiness church. Friends, we need old-fashioned, Holy Ghost-filled models. I am thankful for the role these have played in my life.

They taught me how to preach—One "model" though less than average height, seemed he was 6 feet tall as he preached about "The Heavenslies." Something in me wanted heaven and earth to come together. I'm not sure if it was his distinctive voice or the way he said his God could keep a man "365 days a year from sin," or if it was seeing that little elastic thread that was holding three pages of notes, with some sen-

tences typed carefully in red and others deliberately typed in black, or if it was the way he held his Bible as he walked back and forth across the platform. Whatever it was, it seemed to say to me, "Follow me, as I follow Christ."

I remember those who were kind, considerate, and very careful to be Christian gentlemen. Some were so careful to speak to, as well as listen to, children, as though they realized the children were looking for heroes and models and needed the time of someone they considered important. It seems there is a still, small voice coming from God's holy models saying, "Follow me, as I follow Christ."

There have been many whom I have heard and seen that spoke to my heart. Just by their enthusiasm and pressing forward, more than by their emphasis, there is something about their spirit, that says to me, "Follow me, as I follow Christ."

God help us to be real Christian gentlemen and ladies, Holy Ghost-filled examples in every area of our lives, models of holiness. If we can remember things about others, what do others remember about us?

—Convention Herald



GOD'S KIND CARE



God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways,
All our lives thro';
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

God hath not promised
We shall not know
Toil and temptation,

Trouble and woe;
He hath not told us
We shall not bear
Many a burden,
Many a care.

God hath not promised
Smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel,
Needing no guide;
Never a mountain,
Rocky and steep,

Never a river
Turbid and deep:

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

—ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT



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Pres. Rev. John Zechman



Greetings from the Hilltop!

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done." Truly God's blessing exceeds anything this world attempts to offer. It is wonderful serving the Lord who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

In our most recent article I stated that we were hoping to occupy the new dormitory in time for Penns Creek Camp. Well, I have good news!! On Friday, July 23, 1999, the very first day of Penns Creek Camp, we were able to have occupants in the dormitory for the first time. PRAISE THE LORD!!! God is so good!!! Let me tell you the story.

As we approached the last week before camp it was looking doubtful that we were going to be able to house camp evangelists in the dormitory, which was our desire. So many people had made reservations for camp that we were running out of space. The question was asked, what do we do if we can't occupy. As I looked the situation over, my faith told me we can make it. Many long hours were put in, by several people. I hired a contractor to complete the texturing and painting, and a friend to do other work. I made arrangements with the gas company to do the installation of the propane tank and lines for the water heaters. Bro. Reese, just days before the start of camp turned water into the building. We were concerned will all the water joints hold. Praise the Lord, only a few minor problems had to be repaired. When he told me that water was running throughout the building I nearly had a shouting spell. While doors were being hung during the daytime, carpet was being installed at night. Lights were hung, vanities and sinks were set, doorhandles were put in place. Everyone had their job. It reminded me of the workers on the wall with Nehemiah. In chapter three of Nehemiah, the Word gives recognition to those who builded and the specific work they did. The Scripture says, "And next unto them", and again, "And next unto them" and so forth throughout that chapter. They stood united each doing their job. Also, Nehemiah said of his workers, "For the people had a mind to work". Everyone was working together to complete the job. While men were doing their work, ladies were cleaning and moving boxes, etc., to make room for the evangelists.

While all the above was happening, there were those setting in brand new furniture which was provided by interested people in furnishing the new dormitory. The rooms look beautiful!!

On the last day that we had to get everything ready, it seemed that everything fell into place. Every appliance that was started for the first time worked just as it was supposed to. As we continued to clear all the hurdles my heart gave praise to God each time.

I had made arrangements for the building inspector to be on site that Friday to do a final inspection whether or not we could occupy. He looked at everything and gave me the OK to occupy. My heart again said, "Glory to God".

By the time the first evangelist arrived his room was ready for him to move into. As each of the other camp workers

arrived on campus their rooms were ready for them. God so graciously helped us to accomplish the task that we set out to complete. To Him be all the glory, for great things He has done.

We are now making plans to use the entire first floor when school begins which will be August 23, 1999. There is some work to be done in order to accomplish this feat, but mainly installing furniture and cleaning.

Working is continuing to be done on the exterior, such as the laying of the brick, and the grading around the building. We will shift our work to the second floor so we can get ready for students as soon as possible. Would you please pray that God will continue to help us complete this work in a timely fashion. From there we will complete the Social Dean's apartment.

God has helped us also in raising the money to pay all the bills we incurred to get it ready for Penns Creek Camp. During the School Service at Camp, we presented the need of approximately \$27,000 dollars. When the cash and pledges were all counted, the total reached \$30,000 dollars. Praise the Lord! God is still on the throne.

At the time of this writing we have had enough people to pledge the \$1,500 dollars needed to furnish all the bedrooms on the first floor. Praise God!!! We will need 12 more people or organizations to provide the furniture for the second floor. If you are interested, please contact me at the School by calling 570-837-1855, or by writing us at P.O. Box 970, Penns Creek, PA 17862, I know God will supply every need. He has and He will continue to do so.

God has been so gracious. At present we have not had to borrow any money on this project. We are totally debt free. Praise the Lord!

In our next article we will be printing more pictures of the building. So watch for that article in the God's Missionary Standard.

Would you please pray for us as we start another brand new school year. The projected enrollment in both the Institute and the Academy is looking good. That thrills our heart, but more than a good enrollment, we need the blessing of God. That is our ultimate desire.

With the beginning of another school term some special events that are scheduled. The Child Evangelism Workshop (formerly Penn View Visuals Workshop) will be held September 17 & 18 in the Chapel. Also, one that many of you enjoy attending is the Annual Harvest Home Service. It will be held on Saturday, October 2, 1999, at 7:00 P.M. in the Straub Memorial Tabernacle. Please do your best to attend these events.

May God bless you.

—Rev. John W. Zechman
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THOUGHTS ON REVIVAL

by Missionary John Knight, HONG KONG

The bringing to light of conscience, hidden sins and questionable activities with a spirit of contrition, confession and repentance that settles down upon the heart, causing changes in action, thought and habits.

When the most odious sins are those of hypocrisy, spiritual pride and bigotry.

When pretense, hypocrisy and fear are cast out by the spirit of truth, simplicity and love. When blessings are prayed down instead of worked up.

When man's plans and ideas become as chaff and are blown away by the spirit of God. When man's rules and regulations go out the window as God's Spirit comes down to rule over all. When the Spirit of God is no longer found knocking on the outside of the church door but instead is working on the inside of the church.

When time is suspended by the intervention of eternity and the Holy Spirit is sweetly acknowledged and tenderly obeyed.

A return to the childhood of our first love, when prayers are answered and miracles are experienced and when restitutions are made, apologies are numerous and squabbles are squashed.

When church attendance, Bible reading, prayer and prayer meetings are the most exciting and important things in one's life.

When God can clearly, through the Holy Spirit, call out His Sauls and Barnabases for the mission and task He has for them to do.

When testimonies are fresh, fluent, fervent and forceful.

When the laity sees and fulfills its responsibility to be a witness for Christ.

A digging back down to the Solid Rock. A casting off of the cobwebs and killing the spiders of distracting and useless practices.

When many eyes and feet are lifted up and moved by God's Spirit toward the whitened harvest field of an unbelieving world.