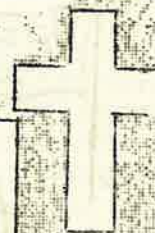




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Department of  
Foreign Missions  
Bulletin



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spread the gospel to them who do not have the blessings of hearing it over radio. In many of the fields overseas the people do not have radio, hence they cannot hear the message with the same opportunity as the people in the home territory. The gospel must be taken to them in person, and it being so new to them, it has to be made as plain to them as possible.

But in spite of this fact, we have had great success in these fields because most of the people are such as would yearn for something better than they have at the time being. Their lot is very difficult, indeed.

Many people in this country are likely to say that such people in these foreign lands have never had any better living and that our ministers native to those lands can make out very well on the small amount we are able to send them, but although in some of these countries there is plenty of food, this food is produced on lands controlled by their oppressors.

I found the lot of many natives in the West Indies to be worse than slavery, for slaves are better off because their masters used to care for them and supply food, etc., because they could get more work out of them when they were well fed.

Our work in foreign lands are therefore unable to support the ministers needed to take care of it, and financial support is very

necessary if it is to survive.

Unfortunately, these foreign territories are so far away that very few people have had the chance to see the actual condition of the people, hence they cannot judge the situation as they can with conditions right around them.

But the picture is not all bad. In spite of a difficult situation all over our foreign fields, there are many things in which they could show us here in the States a good example.

Not one of our foreign workers is being supplied with an expense account. They do not get "mileage" when they travel as do workers here in the States, but they go, anyway.

**IT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW** that Christian Education was begun in one of our foreign fields, even before our academy at Owosso was begun. That might seem strange, but it is true, and today Nigeria leads in Christian education, so far as our church organization is concerned.

In the school at Aba, a late report gives an enrollment of 326 students. In the one at the Ahoada school there are now 146 students enrolled. This makes a total number of 472 students getting a Christian education in our own schools in one of these foreign fields. There are nineteen teachers employed to take care of these schools, but in order to meet government require-

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ments Elder Tikile has had to hire men who are not members of the Church of God. This is not too desirable, but cannot be helped without we pay all the bills. As it is now, we control the school while the government pays most of the expenses.

Bible classes are conducted all along in these schools and these are being taught by our own workers.

In this way our missionary work is being done with growing children. Children are being taught the things which we teach in our churches here in the States and from these children we have recruits for service in the missionary fields round about them.

But these people need help. They need teachers from our own ranks to join them, and we need someone from the States to assist in the development of organized efforts in evangelism in these parts.

At first, we heard complaints from our own people that we were supporting a work of which we knew nothing, and it was urged that we make some investigation so that we might have first hand knowledge of this work and the workers.

This was good advice, and we have proceeded to learn what we can about the men whom we have been supporting through the years that we have had a foreign work. This was an easy matter in the case of Mexico, and we have been most delighted with what

progress they have made in their country in so short a time. Right now we have something like 130 congregations in Mexico. Several of these are right in the heart of Mexico City, and they have some of the nicest buildings that the body can boast anywhere.

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But it was sometime before that that I made a personal visit to Trinidad and Jamaica, in the British West Indies. In those islands we found the work being carried on under the leadership of Elder Charles Ellis, in Jamaica, and Elder Hubert Weekes in Trinidad. Each of these men showed their capabilities as leaders, and in these fields we still have these same leaders, struggling along, trying to build a work with very little help from the States---that is, compared to their needs for the work.

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forward in both of these places, and Trinidad has started some foreign work of its own. Some time ago a minister was sent from there to Tobago to answer a call, with Trinidad paying the bills. Now we have news that the people in St. Vincent Island called for help and Elder John Raybourne has gone there in answer to their plea. We can learn a lesson from the people of Trinidad, for they have laid off workers in their own home country to send a missionary to each of these places.

I wonder what some of the brethren here in the States would think about that. Would they cut off a man in their own territory to send the message to them who had not yet heard it? or would they cut off the workers in foreign fields and put on extra men in their own district?

Now, don't blame the home men too much for doing the latter, for in most instances people will take care of their own before they make any donations for others. That is the natural bent of mankind; but with our Savior it was not so. He told His disciples what to do and the commission is still in effect. If the Church at home denies help to these foreign countries just because they don't have all the men at work in their districts they can use, when millions overseas haven't even had a chance to hear the gospel, what do you think the Savior will say when He comes back to reckon with His stewards?

It is the same way with many in their own homes. If they have anything to spare after they have all they want for themselves, they will give it to the work of the Master

and then feel that they have made a real sacrifice when they do it.

The first of September we sent Elder Adams on another exploratory trip, but right away we hear some are finding fault with so much being spent on long trips; but many say that we should settle down, establish a missionary post and put some one there for an indefinite period.

I wonder how much we could learn from history. America was not settled by the first men who came to its shores. Many exploratory trips were made before any colonization was attempted.

So far as the cost is concerned, I will match the travel expenses of Elder Adams with that of some of the district overseers measuring them according to the number of the churches contacted, and will give some "boot" to start with.

Brethren, I should not have to say such things. I should not have to stand up and defend the work of this department against its opponents and some who will make disparaging remarks about our program.

But if I don't do it, who will? I believe that you are entitled to hear the side of those who are in charge of the work. I believe that you should place more confidence in the men who supervise the work as a whole. The chairman of this department does none of these things except permission is granted by the Executive Board. This is not a one man department; but the Board is convinced that we MUST have a well balanced program for the work to prosper. We cannot put all of our work in one field if we expect

to harvest a crop all over the farm.

#### Our Foreign Policy

as set up some time ago calls for exploration of all the fields, then as we are able to do it we wish to establish mission points at such places as we feel to be most needed. It is impossible for us to do otherwise judiciously. We need to know the fields and who among the workers are dependable. Then we should continue to support such men in their work while we gather strength to establish these mission points. We need to know the circumstances and the places best suited for our work, which places need the mission points worst, and or where it would be to the best advantage in the over all picture for us to establish such missions.

In the meantime we need to be training young men for these posts in such missions. We cannot send out men who are unprepared for this work and expect best results. We need to inspire our people with a zeal for foreign work. No man can ever succeed in any work unless he is "sold" on the work at hand.

#### HELP WANTED

Brothers, there is another thing I would like to impress upon you, which I think is very important, and that is, ALL OF OUR HELP SENT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES should go through organized channels. The men at the head of any departmental work are better situated to know the needs of the people in various fields, and

where assistance is most needed.

Above all, do not send money to people in foreign fields without letting the office at Denver know about it. We are sorely pressed for funds to supply the needs of men whom we are trying to support, but if you send cash to some of them without our knowing about it, there is a possibility that some will in this way get more than is assigned to them by the Board, and because of a lack of funds in the treasury to pay allotted wages, some may not be paid what they are intended to get. Then, too, this promiscuous giving tends to encourage many others to start a campaign of letter writing. In this of five we have had as many as six letters from the same party, written to as many different people, asking for the same things. Those people are not altogether to blame for this. They have been led to believe that if they write enough letters to enough people that they will be able to secure what they want. This is not good for the morale of them nor for our own people, for a few people writing like this to our people over here will give you an idea that they are all beggars. Such is not the truth, but just a few who practice this can give you this idea of the whole country involved.

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Here are some facts you should be know concerning our work. We give here figures showing our strength in the various fields:

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Country--	workers	churches	members
Africa	39	35	1103
Jamaica	21	19	433
Philippines	9	8	202
Trinidad &			
Tobago	6	4	152
Total	75	63	1390

Note: There are several churches in India which are not listed here because of a situation which Elder Adams is trying to get straightened out. All of the workers there have been laid off until this matter is adjusted. If they were at this moment in order this list would show near 2500 members, about 34 workers

besides the two schools with an enrollment of 472 students. The above figures give only what we have accepted from places where we have been sending support. We also have the work in British Guiana where Bro. Gibbons has had two or three churches while he was apptd to pastor them, but now he is aged and having a difficult time trying to eek out a living for himself. There are also numerous isolated members scattered in Australia, New Zealand, Panama, and other countries, with possibilities of opening work in these places if we had cash.

THE PRICE OF A SOUL by DEAN G. FELKER  
"A shilling? A pound? Pray, what do you say  
Can that price be the price of a soul today?  
If that were the price, you'd be willing to pay,  
Come, follow these souls on their downward way

Here's one with a skin that is dark and black,  
And he's burdened and fettered with hunger and lack,  
He has stumbled and fallen and lives in a shack,  
Now, what would you pay to bring him back?

Here's one who is red, on a jungle trail,  
And his heart despises the face that is pale,  
But eternal night will be filled with his wail  
AND YOU HOLD THE PRICE OF HIS SOUL IF YOU FAIL.

Here's one who is brown and his life is, too,  
But his soul is a color of a deeper hue,  
To save him, kind friend, O, what will you do?  
The price of his soul, perhaps, is with you.

My friend, ask yourself what it's worth to be saved.  
Turn the light of the Cross on what you have craved.  
Then vision THE SOULS NOW LYING ENSLAVED.  
You surely will pray and give till they're saved.

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