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OUR WONDERFUL CHRIST

Elder Carl Stacy



It is sometimes our privilege to meet some person who is outstanding in his profession or in kindly deeds. We hear others say of such, "He or she is a wonderful person." There are times when we speak of a certain child of God in a similiar manner. "He or she is a wonderful Christian."

The term, "wonderful Christian" means that the person is sincere, consecrated and has the love of Christ for others. Yet, when I think of the word, "wonderful," I find no one that compares with Jesus.

Isaiah prophesied that His name (Jesus) should be called, "Wonderful." Jesus was wonderful at His birth. The very angels of heaven appeared to the shepherds in message and in song. There was a special star shining over the stables of Bethlehem.

Jesus was wonderful in His life. Twice a voice from heaven spoke approvingly of His life. "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." He took Peter, John, and James up into a mountain, a place of prayer. There He allowed them to see Him in His glory. "...his face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light." Matthew 17:2.

Language fails us in trying to express what He meant to the sick, the crippled, and to the common people. The teachings of this lone Nazarene has withstood persecution by fire and sword. He amazed the wise of His time and in all the ages that have since transpired, the words of Jesus

have been a source of hope, inspiration, and comfort.

Jesus was wonderful in His death. Long before Calvary, He told His disciples that He would die. He told them who would be responsible for His death, how long He would be in the grave, and when He would rise again. He told his disciples that if He went away that He would come again to receive them unto Himself. He arranged it so that they could watch Him ascend from the mount of Olives. There were two angels that stood with the disciples while they watched Jesus go away. The angels promised them that the same Jesus would return.

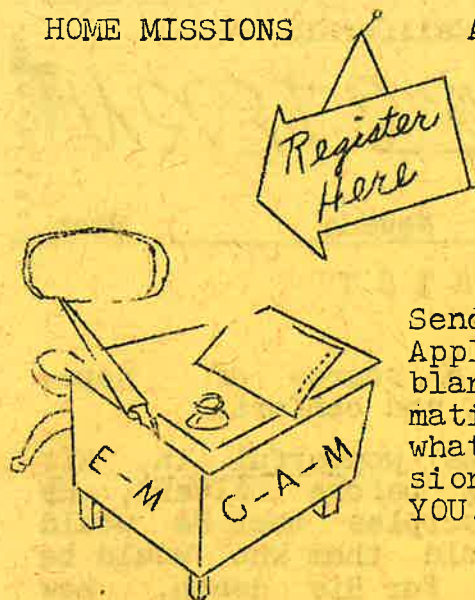
Yes, Jesus was wonderful at birth, wonderful in life, wonderful in death. But the wonders of Christ did not stop there. He was wonderful in His resurrection. And every child of God is looking forward to His wonderful return.

Jesus will come as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will come to receive us, just as He promised long ago. He will change us to immortality. He will give us a place in His kingdom. All this is because He is Wonderful. Yet, He will be wonderful in judgment. No one will bribe Him. He will refuse the ones that refused Him.

It is wonderful to work for Him and to live for Him. Yet, the hope of living forever with Him surpasses all the ambitions of life. Jesus was, is and shall be Wonderful to all that serve Him now.

HOME MISSIONS

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Send for your Application blank or information as to what Home Missions offers YOU.

Friends, there IS something for everyone to do in God's vineyard. Unless we are fruitful branches we will have no reward eternally.

For a long time there has been a desire by God's people to have in their hands study helps, Bible Courses, and missionary guidance. This is exactly what Home Missions is offering.

The Lord cautions us to use wisdom in all our endeavors, and to seek this gift. After much research, we were delighted to find that the most successful method of personal soul-winning is based upon Biblical instructions throughout.

Now every member can help in some way. Once you have studied either of the two courses offered you will say, "Well, there is indeed a way that I too can win a soul to Christ."

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If you are fortunate enough to have several hours per week to devote to missionary work, and are able-bodied, you will wish to enroll in the "Worker-- Training Course."

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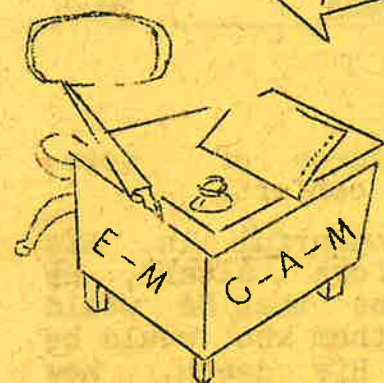
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WRITE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS today, P.O. Box 2370, Denver, Colorado, or to our branch office at P. O. Box 17751, Los Angeles 34, California for full information.

Better still write us and say, "Brethren, send me an application blank with full information at once. I want to be a fruitful member for my Lord."

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Our November 1 enrollment quota has been filled and we have been taking January enrollments for sometime. Soon the January quota will also be filled, and we will be unable to take more until June, 1954. Members across the country are enrolling. Don't be left out, of the front lines! Be among the first. Don't wait until the wagon has gone by! The January quota may be filled even before December, so write now.



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OUR MINISTERS REPORT

Dear Readers;

The busy months of July, August, and September have brought us many blessings. The privilege of worshipping and laboring for the Lord in Lodi, California was a blessing to us. There have been definite steps forward in the general church work this summer, which we would like to mention here.

God has been blessing the Department of Home Missions. This department's program which is now in progress deserves our support and prayers. It will give every qualified person a chance to work for the Lord. We urge every member in District Four to enroll in the Home Mission's Bible training courses.

The radio committee has not worked in vain. God is blessing this work. Elder K. H. Freeman can be heard on the West Coast every Tuesday and Thursday night. Tune your radio to 1090, radio station X-E-R-B at 8:45 (PST). Let us pray for this work and help to advertise it. You can get others to listen. You can put an ad in your local paper.

During this past quarter Elder Clayton Faubion was working in Los Angeles, Elder Israel Haeger in Sacramento, Brother Ray Straub helped in various parts of the district, and my work was mostly at Lodi.

In this present quarter Elder Haeger is working in Sacramento and helping in Fresno and Visalia. Elder Ivan Harlan will be working at Lodi and other places in north and central California. We had planned for Brother Ray Straub to be at Phoenix, Bakersfield, and Baldwin Park. However, Brother Straub is now working at the Publishing House, Stanberry, Missouri. The Lord willing, I will be at Los Angeles and other places that I can serve. I trust that God will give us finance and

some qualified worker to work in Arizona. Please remember this request before the Lord.

It was our privilege and joy to see several souls come to the altar and accept Jesus as their Saviour this past summer. I am quite sure that it can be said that the Church of God is making progress in every part of the United States. This is encouraging, but we cannot relax. Others are dying without Christ. Our ministers covet your prayers. We need your help in the services. We need your financial support. Let us work to gain someone for Christ this quarter. May God bless you in winning some soul for Christ.

Elder Carl Stacy,
(Dist. Overseer)

Dear Readers of the Bulletin,
Greetings in His name to one and all,

I am very happy to be able to come to your home by way of this paper. I would rather come in person to visit you but this is the next best.

I am glad for the work of the Lord in this part of the field. God has wonderfully blessed us in the last few weeks, for which I praise and thank Him. The interest in North Sacramento and vicinity is very good. People are waking up to the fact that we need to have a closer walk with God and many are seeking for the truth of God's word.

It is wonderful to know God's spirit is still striving with man. The Lord said, "When He the spirit of truth shall come, He will lead you into ALL TRUTH." I praise God for men and women that are of honest heart and are willing to be led by His Spirit.

We have had a number of very good services, prayer meetings and Bible studies which tend to build us up in the most Holy Faith once delivered unto the Saints. We

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FROM THE CHURCHES

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The first week of September, Lyle Schuler, Willard and Haskell Hawkins left for Midwest Seminary to continue in their studies for the ministry. These young men are doing very well. We're very thankful for them, and for their effort. May we keep praying for all of our dedicated young people.

Labor day week end Henry Reimche Jr. and family visited relatives and the church at Harrisburg, Oregon.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Bower and Mr. & Mrs. Lester Dais are here from South Dakota visiting relatives.

On October 1, Ray Straub left for Stanberry, Missouri to take up duties at the Publishing House.

We are very happy to welcome Elder & Mrs. Ivan Harlan and children to Lodi. Elder Harlan is taking up the pastoral duties here, and the work in the vicinity.

Sabbath, October 3, Brother and Sister Pahlen, and old Brother Simpson visited our church. They live in the Placerville area, where there is no church. We were very happy to have them.

Our young people have organized a Sunshine Band. Every Wednesday evening they go out to put on a program for the old folks and invalids in their homes. It is very rewarding when just a few songs and prayer bring tears to these people's eyes because they have been remembered by someone.

We have also had very well attended young people's meetings. The Lord's spirit has been moving on each one. New people have come also.

We invite anyone in our vicinity to join our meetings, get acquainted with the young people and receive these wonderful blessings God has for us if we step out for Him.

The Church address is:
Corners of Washington & Vine St.
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Luella Severson, Reporter

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Brother James Gordon has just recently left us to go back to Oklahoma. He has had a serious operation and requests the prayers of the Saints.

The group here has been growing rapidly of late. We have now rented a meeting place, the Women's Clubhouse of North Sacramento until our new church building is completed.

We are having wonderful meetings which are well attended. There is a great interest here.

Brother John Sloan and his daughter were by to see us one Sabbath.

Elder Haeger and family have purchased a home here, and are making final plans to move. We are anxious to welcome them as residents of Sacramento.

Pray for us that we may do his will and be a beacon light in our community.

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earnestly covet your prayers that we might continue to labor for Him, that many souls might yet be saved in these last days.

The devil is wroth and is seeking to devour whom he may. He knows he has but a short time to finish his work. We must be on the job just as hard or even harder to save such as would be saved. May God richly bless you.

Yours in His service,
Elder Israel Haeger

Coming home is always the best part of a trip, no matter how pleasant one's travels have been. Working in the Lord's vineyard at the Denver Headquarters for the past four years was a gratifying experience, indeed; and making lasting friendships with the Denver brethren made our tenure there very happy. Nevertheless, we are glad to be back in California, where we hope we may still serve in some small way.

It is encouraging to find in this area a feeling of enthusiasm among the people. It is good to note their progress and efforts toward expansion in this locality. We are glad to join in this movement and pray the Lord's blessing on it.

We are grateful for the warm reception we have had extended to us, and pray that as we work together we may grow in the bond of love and fellowship until that time when all God's people shall be together in His Eternal Kingdom.

Elder Otto Haeber

WELCOME to Elder Ivan Harlan and family to California. He is busy taking up his new duties as Pastor of the Lodi Church, and will be of much help in the State work.

May the Lord bless their efforts not only in strengthening and building up the brethren, but in the winning of new souls for Christ.

-LISTEN-

Do you want to do a valuable service to the cause of Christ in your community. Then we suggest that you write for several copies of the radio magazine, "LISTEN" and distribute them to your friends either in person or by mail.

"LISTEN" is small, but effective in proclaiming the truth. Busy people will more likely read a concise publication. One copy will be sent free upon request; additional copies may be had for .60¢ per dozen. Send for "LISTEN" to "Faith for Our Time," P.O. Box 2525, Denver, Colorado.

ALL ISOLATED YOUNG PEOPLE

Our Young People's Department would like to get in touch with you. Even though you are isolated, you can be an active member in the young people's work. Write to Elder Roy Marrs, Box 86, Stanberry, Missouri.

REPORTS DUE - December 20

All workers and reporters of District Four are asked to kindly mail their 4th quarter reports by December 20th.

THANK YOU for your attention to this matter. It will be appreciated since it will save us much time. So please mark your calendar for December 20, and mail report to: Lois Merriam, P. O. Box 17751, Los Angeles 34, California.

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READER, ARE YOU RECEIVING THE NEW WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BULLETIN?

If not, send in your subscription (.50¢) so that you may receive the next issue of this publication. The women's work is growing fast. Learn about it from "The Bulletin."

Be a part of it.



A FRIEND HAS GONE

The Los Angeles Church was left sad this past month by the passing of Elder W.W. West, age 89. He was known on the west coast by many brethren.

As long as we have known him, he was to us just "Dad" West. This was a humble title that he liked best, and it had a special, honored meaning for us all. It was a term of endearment because he was friend of all.

"Dad" not only has been a faithful minister and soul-winner for the past 52 years, but he was a great man of prayer. One of his grand features was his constant, clean sense of humor that always kept folks smiling.

He was also adept as a cook; many brethren will remember those excellent meals served at the 1935 Camp Meeting held at Jefferson, Oregon, where he was in charge of the Cook Tent.

It was through the efforts of Elder West that the colored people (many of you know Sister Frances Clifton) were brought into the

Sabbath truth, who are yet faithful members as he was.

We could write a great deal more, but he would not want us to. Nevertheless, we felt urged to write these few lines in memory.

Sometime ago the L.A. brethren purchased a channel back chair for "Dad" to sit in at church. This helped him to continue attendance until the very time of his final illness. His chair is empty, but not our hearts, as he left us much that is priceless. We think of the words of James Whitcomb Riley (slightly readapted) at this occasion:

I cannot say and I will not
say
That he is dead—just (asleep)!
With a cheery smile and a wave
of the hand,
He (will wander) into an un-
known land.
And (leaves) us dreaming how
very fair,
It needs must be (when) he
lingers there.
And you—O you, who would
yearn
For the old-time step and the
glad return,
Think of him faring..as dear
In the love of there as the
love of here.

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