

THE PROSPECTUS

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PROSPECTUS FIELD BULLETIN

The "Prospectus" is published by the Department of Home Missions of the Church of God, 7th Day, Denver, Colorado. It will be sent out as a service to those engaged in home field activities, and interested, witnessing lay-members who may request to be placed on regular mailing.

This is a s-a-m-p-l-e copy to acquaint you with present activities. The "Prospectus" will not be published more than twice a year at present, as news, reports, developments in home missionary activities warrant keeping in touch with the field workers, witnesses and ministry.

"The Old Prospector"

See the "old Prospector" up there at the top of this page? He's panning for gold." He represents every "born-again Christian" who is eager to win another precious soul to Christ. He represents the one who concentrates on how to win souls. He represents our missionaries, field workers, personal witnesses everywhere. Does he represent you too?

He was created on the drawing board especially for us by an artist of Christian conviction, some months ago. Mr. Duane Paige, the artist, is an employee of a well-known company, but he enjoys doing this kind of work in his free hours, especially for a church. He has done other work for us.

We are sure that you will want the "old Prospector" to visit you again from the pages of:

THE PROSPECTUS

SEARCHLIGHT BIBLE COURSES

Now Rolling From
The Printing Press



30,000 copies of lesson sheets must fill our stock-room shelves immediately; there will be many more required before long. Add to this the printing of 30 - 90,000 envelopes during this first year, not to mention other details, and you have a glimpse of the work involved in the S.B.C. school.

We are busy developing solid ground upon which to stand, so that this work can become a far-reaching, gospel activity.

"I Was In Prison, and ye came..."

Among the enrollments to the S.B. School are a number of persons in several prisons across the country, from whom we have received contacts.

We would like to share with you a testimony from one of them:



"My faith has been strengthened, and my personal experience with Christ has become more real as a result of these 'Heaven-sent' Bible Course lessons.

"This study is proving to be my great single adventure in God's Word

as I have always longed to know how to worship God in Spirit and in truth. I have found the help I need through the Searchlight School." (H.M.)

T H E M E M B E R S H I P (M I C) C O U R S E
-CHRISTIAN LIVING AND DAILY WITNESSING-

FOR: The new convert - The new church member - for All lay-members

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FACING FACTS: The answer has come through an honest facing of facts. We must recognize that the Bible also emphasizes proper spiritual development of the convert, as much as it does soul-winning!

THE ANSWER OF THE CHURCH OF GOD: Your church, like many others, has sought answers to these problems. One of those answers is found in the development and proper use of the MEMBERSHIP (M.I.C.) INSTRUCTION COURSE. It is based on good research. We have eliminated anything complicated and retained the simplicity of presenting the Christian Way of life. Here is our answer, "Unless we too help our new converts to Christ become assimilated into the church fellowship, guided in spiritual matters; unless they begin to bear fruit in the crucial months following conversion, we either lose them or they become a liability to the church -- inactive and not fruitful nor spiritual. The very purpose of the church is thus lost. Let us not fail!"

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ANSWER: This is a worthy question which we are glad to answer. While these members have been loyal through the years, yet there is a growing spiritual movement among our people, which we must recognize. Each individual Christian is TODAY more than ever anxious to be a part of the soul-winning activities in his daily life. We must make the new soul-winning methods and instruction courses available to them. The M.I.C. will also serve in another way to them -- it will provide uplifting Christian study material to accompany daily devotions. There is much in it besides instructions for witnessing. It covers general Christian living problems.

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*(Arrange your church budget to allow for a supply on hand)
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3. Make arrangements with the Home Missions whereby your local church may do the grading of tests and issuing of the Discipleship certificate.
4. Make a gift of the attractively bound M.I.C. course to the new member for keeping in his home for continued reference and study.

*(Note: \$15 to \$30 would be all that would probably be necessary out of the local church budget for MIC's ordered through pastors, at 15% discount.) yearly

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THE CHRISTIAN WORKER TRAINING COURSE



For:

- + The Personal Worker
- + Lay-member volunteers
- + Isolated witnesses
- + Pastors, evangelists
- + Local church leaders
- + ALL missionaries

PREREQUISITE: It is required that the enrollee to this Course shall have completed the M.I.C. Course (See page 2), or an accepted equivalent study.

CONTENTS

- How to talk to people
- Where and when to begin
- The art of soul-winning
- Gaining Decisions for Christ
- Teams of two and four
- House-to-house canvass
- Visitation Evangelism
- Personal Witnessing
- Giving Bible studies
- Rules of literature distribution
- Conducting home prayer meetings
- Conducting cottage meetings
- Perplexing Bible questions
- Dealing with agnostics, athiests
- Follow-up work
- Gospel MISSION work

COST OF C-W COURSE - Complete, \$7.50

The "Christian Worker Training Course," in its newest edition is one of the most thorough and complete courses which we have seen of this type.

A part of the work done on this Course was by one of our graduates from the Moody Bible Institute (Chicago), and the other parts of the Course were compiled from extensive research and experienced background.

You would pay much more to get such a Course elsewhere. It will become a "must" for every student minister; but it is also designed especially with the lay-member volunteer witnesses in mind.

The cost of \$7.50 covers two valuable text books (one from our own press) and supplemental material, grading and test sheets. All material becomes the property of the enrollee. Apply through Home Missions, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, Colorado.

"Every missionary impulse on earth is from the heart of Christ."



DEAR PASTOR:

We now have available to you three valuable "fellow-workers" which will permit enlarged opportunities. We are sure you have been praying for them to come your way. Here they are:

1. SEARCHLIGHT Bible Correspondence Course (page 4) - a 30-lesson series of Bible truth with which to win others to Christ & truth.
2. M.I.C. membership instruction Course (page 2) to aid you in guiding new converts, new members in real Christian living, and on into becoming fruitful branches.
3. C-W, Christian Worker Training Course in Personal Witnessing and lay-member evangelism. The thing that every pastor yearns for is a group of trained laymen who will aid him in soul-winning work in the Church. The C-W Course furnishes complete training. Everyone who has it will find things in it for which he would not take many treasures.

Note: Besides the three courses for three different phases of the work, why not check page 14 as to further helps available. For information write to H.M. Dept., Denver.

"ICE-BREAKERS"

4-Lesson Home Studies

To aid those who are witnessing for Christ in the homes, we are preparing to print four simplified, interesting home studies.

These are called "Ice-breakers" for the simple reason that they are designed to do just that -- help you to gain a welcome in a home, and win the confidence and interest of the people as a prelude to further personal work, or to gain enrollment to the Searchlight Bible Corres. School where they may continue in full gospel truth.

Write at once for sample copies, as we are holding our press run until we learn what the demand will be.

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So far the response from the beginning prospect enrollment has been very good. The first test sheets coming in show real interest; a good indication of it is that enrollees are sending more names of interested persons to have us write and send them the Course also.

After several weeks experience with this beginning enrollment, and with our staff fully organized, we will be in position to send out the main publicity to the several thousand names in the files.

Nevertheless, we are able even now to visualize the task before us because of the enrollments now coming in daily with our very nominal publicity. As people see the Bible lessons they then want to send us other names which we must accept and process.

Members of the Church are being enrolled gradually, as we are able financially to do this. A waiting list is being kept to eventually absorb all members interested in having the new 30-lesson Bible Study Course in their possession.

We also have a list of over a hundred home missionaries in training, who are being given the opportunity for immediate enrollment, because they will be using the Bible Courses in their missionary field efforts. They are the

beginning VOLUNTEER army of the Lord in the Church of God. They sent us 700 names of field prospects on our first call a year ago. Now we will plan to write all those prospects for enrollment to the new Bible Course.

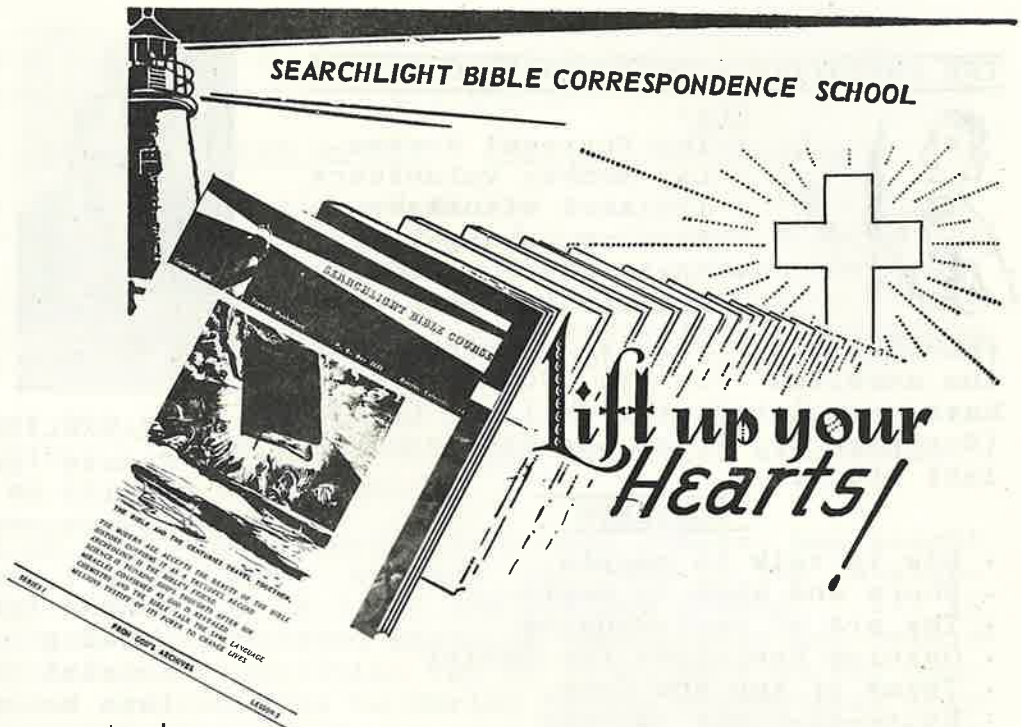
ENROLLMENT TO THE SEARCHLIGHT BIBLE SCHOOL IS FREE

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This is not a new thing. In all types of evangelistic contact, those who already know Christ carry the expense of getting the gospel before the world. Only after we have won the prospect's interest and attention can we expect his heart to open and join us in carrying the good news of truth onward.

We turn no one away. We will accept ALL the prospect names which are turned in to the school. This is a work of faith. Our provision comes through the continual support of our Christian friends. A number of them who have sent us names to enroll have also included offerings to cover enrollment costs. That has been greatly appreciated. But send those prospect names in regardless of whether it is convenient to send an offering. This is as the Lord provides, and HE WILL if it is conducted pleasing to Him.

SUPPORT THE UNITED FUND - - EVERY MONTH - - AND YOU ALSO SUPPORT US!



BIBLE COURSE KITS (Demonstration)

Field Kits are now available to ministers, workers and lay-member witnesses. These attractive kits contain several sample lessons, nicely mounted under transparent protective sheets, and include enrollment blanks and return envelopes for the immediate enrollment of your field prospect contacts.

There is a nominal (cost plus postage) charge on the complete KIT as follows:

Tophide binding, extra heavy, latex, (state color: dark green or maroon) \$1.50

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A GROWING WORKING CHURCH

425 Laconia Blvd.

Los Angeles, California

"It has been my observation that the needed thing to get people to witness for Christ is not so much the burden for souls and the need of salvation as the need in teaching them how to witness to those about them. This knowledge breeds its own zeal.

"The membership of the Church of God should not only have a vague idea of how to lead souls to the divine Master, but each member should be an authority on this subject, both in theory and practice. Our Home Missions Department is furnishing this information with the prayer that it will be received with the same burden by which it is presented.

"In the Los Angeles Church we have but slightly followed the program of Visitation Evangelism, but with this taste we are made to realize that by it glorious blessings will be ours as we deny ourselves and follow fully this program initiated by our loving Master and then so evidently led by the Holy Spirit during the courageous and productive days of the Early Church."

- Elder Ray Straub, Pastor, Los Angeles



The group at the left are members of the "Gospel Heralders" (young adult) group in Denver, Colorado. They are presently studying the H.M. Instruction courses, and are most anxious to be witnessing for Christ. More about them in a future bulletin, with better pictures. Elder B. F. Marrs is Pastor.



The above street scene represents the vast opportunities in our cities for witnessing. The gentlemen on the left is Harold Sweeney, Sr., a member of the Los Angeles church, and choir director. His son is directly in front of him, and here they have opportunity to witness with tracts to the unidentified persons on the street. They are members of the witnessing groups and anxious to tell the story of Jesus.

TESTIMONIES



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We were pleased to receive the certificate denoting completion of the CHRISTIAN WORKER COURSE. They are very attractive and we surely feel proud to be entitled to each receive one. Our prayer now is that we may prove daily to those with whom we mingle that the training has made a worthwhile impression upon our hearts. The gift booklet is nice and we know very timely for us. Many thanks for these things as well as the "Fishermen's Club Card."

We can truly say we have enjoyed our Christian Worker Course and feel the teaching contained in it would be a blessing to anyone who desires to be able to tell others of their Saviour and his love and mercy to all. We desire to be of service to those about us, and it is our humble and sincere prayer that we may grow spiritually and be given strength for whatever tasks may be ours. A consecrated study of the Christian Worker Course will surely strengthen the spiritual life of anyone. - Lawrence and Lottie Burrell (Okla.)

(Note: Mr. Burrell has recently been appointed the new treasurer of the) (Bible Sabbath Association -- a non-denominational Sabbath research society) (Mrs. Burrell is serving as the new Secretary.)



I am happy for the progress of the work in the Church of God. Working with Home Mission has been a pleasure. It has been my privilege to work with the Training and Bible (Searchlight) Courses and they have proven a great blessing to me. Many times my heart has been encouraged and tears flow freely as I read with deep feeling the inspiration of the writers, and the determination and desires of the ones taking the Home Missions Training Courses (MIC & C-W). These courses are a means to better unify our people and teach us progressive ways of reaching souls for Christ, which is our greatest mission in life. - Mrs. Carl Stacy (Ore.)

(Sister Stacy, with a background of teaching experience, has been occupied) (in the grading of the Training Course work, and is now helping to super-) (vise the new project, the "Searchlight Bible School," We shall not for-) (get the help and encouragement rendered by Sister Stacy and her husband(dec).)

"Husband Converted"

I indeed feel grateful to God for such inspirational information as the H. M. Training course has provided. The C-W Course has not only stimulated my interest in witnessing for God, but has increased my faith in God as well.

I do not feel that my testimony would be complete without making mention of my husband's conversion since I have enrolled in the Home Missions Course. I praise God for the privilege of witnessing for Christ in my home and everywhere possible. Truly I do not think that the H. M. courses could be stressed too much, and I sincerely urge all Church of God members to cooperate all possible with the field of Home Missions.

- Juanita Batchelor (Ark.)

(Note: It will truly be wonderful as more of God's laymen say, as did Sister Batchelor recently, "I will work in my home vicinity." She has been (busy witnessing and sending enrollments to the Searchlight Bible School.

Sister Ruffin is another C-W field witness who has completed the H. M. training Course and has her Worker Certificate. She is a faithful witness, having sent us seventeen names of prospect enrollments to the Searchlight Bible Correspondence School. Of a young marine, to whom she witnessed, she writes, "I...received a short note in which he(the



marine) stated that he would endeavor to keep the Sabbath. Please help me to pray for him."

- Mrs. J. E. Ruffin (Ark).

I hope that all who have been receiving the H.M. Instruction Courses have enjoyed them as much as I have. Now that some of us are completing these studies, let us raise our voices together in thanksgiving, praying that God will lead and guide.

I am looking forward to the opening of the Searchlight Bible Correspondence School, and I trust that all who are in search of truth will take advantage of it. Brothers and sisters in the Lord, let us stand UNITED with our prayers for the Lord's work everywhere.

- Mrs. Lillian Smith (Ark).

We have been praying for something like the Searchlight Bible Correspondence School...in the Church of God, and our prayers are being answered. Showers of blessing are falling in many places.

I have been happy for the privilege of taking the C-W Course and feel that I am better instructed in the Word of God and more capable of being able to serve others and teach. I have always wanted to teach others about Jesus and of how to be saved. I did not know how to start. I feel now like anyone can do missionary work who is a Christian. If every Christian will do more home missionary work, the gospel will spread to the world. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

- Mrs. Coy Whited (Ala).

(Note: Sister Whited is a busy and effective witness for Christ. She has sent in nineteen enrollments to the Searchlight Bible School to date.

"The Darker the Night..."

I believe that many of the small, rather isolated groups could profit by taking the Home Missions Training Courses, which would help the growth of the Church. We are few in number here, but the darker the night the brighter is the light!

Everyone seems to want to take the S. Bible Courses. Tracts (missionary) are also one of the biggest helps to laymen in witnessing. One lady I know commented that she thought short ones are best read (more apt to be read through). I would like to tell the Publishing Department how thankful I am that they print the tract regarding thewithout tearing another church down. We can never win people that way. Many people believe what we are teaching. Our main problem seems to be in making our church better known.

Something we (isolated members) seldom get to hear is a testimony meeting and encouragement from other members. Why not a special column or place for written testimonies...for the "little flocks." - Mrs. Arlene Pourroy (Cal).

I so much enjoy these studies and go over them time and again; I believe every laymember of the Church would be helped very much by getting these lessons. I have been able these last few days to get out with our literature, for which I am very thankful and happy. I ask your prayers that I may so humble myself before God that He can use me as a witness for truth in this city. Literature is received here in a friendly spirit. I am praying that the good work you are doing may be blessed of God.

- Mrs. Delphia Buck (Ohio)

(Note: This work will be blessed because of your prayers and others like you, Sister Buck. This sister is an elderly lady but still does missionary work because of that divine urge to witness from a born-again experience)

Sister Alice Copeland (Bassett, Nebraska) has completed the Home Missions C-W Course, and has received her Worker Certificate. She is enthused to be a witness for Christ. By the way, have YOU seen the Worker Certificate?

They are beautifully printed and are signed by the executive officers of the Church, and will serve as recommendation for advanced church services; you will not regret earning one.

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I hope that all who have been receiving the H.M. Instruction Courses have enjoyed them as much as I have. Now that some of us are completing these studies, let us raise our voices together in thanksgiving, praying that God will lead and guide.

I am looking forward to the opening of the Searchlight Bible Correspondence School, and I trust that all who are in search of truth will take advantage of it. Brothers and sisters in the Lord, let us stand UNITED with our prayers for the Lord's work everywhere.

- Mrs. Lillian Smith (Ark).

We have been praying for something like the Searchlight Bible Correspondence School...in the Church of God, and our prayers are being answered. Showers of blessing are falling in many places.

I have been happy for the privilege of taking the C-W Course and feel that I am better instructed in the Word of God and more capable of being able to serve others and teach. I have always wanted to teach others about Jesus and of how to be saved. I did not know how to start. I feel now like anyone can do missionary work who is a Christian. If every Christian will do more home missionary work, the gospel will spread to the world. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

- Mrs. Coy Whited (Ala).



(Note: Sister Whited is a busy and effective witness for Christ. She has sent in nineteen enrollments to the Searchlight Bible School to date.

"The Darker the Night..."

I believe that many of the small, rather isolated groups could profit by taking the Home Missions Training Courses, which would help the growth of the Church. We are few in number here, but the darker the night the brighter is the light!

Everyone seems to want to take the S. Bible Courses. Tracts (missionary) are also one of the biggest helps to laymen in witnessing. One lady I know commented that she thought short ones are best read (more apt to be read through). I would like to tell the Publishing Department how thankful I am that they print the tract regarding thewithout tearing another church down. We can never win people that way. Many people believe what we are teaching. Our main problem seems to be in making our church better known.

Something we (isolated members) seldom get to hear is a testimony meeting and encouragement from other members. Why not a special column or place for written testimonies...for the "little flocks."

- Mrs. Arlene Pourroy (Cal).

I so much enjoy these studies and go over them time and again; I believe every laymember of the Church would be helped very much by getting these lessons. I have been able these last few days to get out with our literature, for which I am very thankful and happy. I ask your prayers that I may so humble myself before God that He can use me as a witness for truth in this city. Literature is received here in a friendly spirit. I am praying that the good work you are doing may be blessed of God.

- Mrs. Delphia Buck (Ohio)

(Note: This work will be blessed because of your prayers and others like you, Sister Buck. This sister is an elderly lady but still does missionary work because of that divine urge to witness from a born-again experience)

Sister Alice Copeland (Bassett, Nebraska) has completed the Home Missions C-W Course, and has received her Worker Certificate. She is enthused to be a witness for Christ. By the way, have YOU seen the Worker Certificate?

They are beautifully printed and are signed by the executive officers of the Church, and will serve as recommendation for advanced church services; you will not regret earning one.



A VISIT TO MIDWEST

During the school year of 1955-56, the Midwest Bible College introduced the Home Missions Instruction Courses as a part of the material offered in their classes in evangelism.

This is another step forward in the way of correlation between departments. Christian Education represents one of the most vital phases of the Church. It is basic

to all activities, because it begins with our youth. Those young people who have already gone through the present Church institutions (at Owosso and or Midwest) have had a leavening influence throughout the field. Home Missions is indeed happy to work with such a group. We depend upon these youth to carry out the plans being made and taught today.

We had not visited Midwest since the Home Missions Instruction Courses have been put into use there; so it seemed a necessary duty as well as a privilege to meet with the students; it was especially felt necessary since several of the students will be leaving Midwest this year to go into full-time field activities for the Lord.

A chapel service was held on Wednesday night, March 28, in which we were able to speak and illustrate the general activities of Home Missions as they are at the present time. The next morning, Eld. Roy Marrs very generously allowed us "all the time we wanted," which turned out to be a two-hour session with students and faculty. More details were explained, questions asked and answered, and other points brought out by the faculty and Home Missions.

While making the trip, we also took advantage of two other churches on our route. Elder Haskell Hawkins notified his people, and we were able to have an evening meeting at St. Joseph with about 40 of the members present.

In Kansas City, Missouri we spent a few days and found a growing, lively Church with a climbing attendance (now around 70). We were privileged to attend a baptism service and to assist at the invitation of the Pastor, Elder Ray Moldenhauer. We attended the Lord's Supper service there and enjoyed a meeting where the Holy Spirit was closely felt among all. On Monday evening a Home Missions meeting was held in Elder Moldenhauer's home, and in both these churches the spark of lay-member evangelism has been lit. We believe they will forge ahead because they were looking for help; God's people are not lacking in zeal and the call to witness for Christ.

- Eld. Floyd Merriam, H.M.D.

The Home Missions Courses, regarding personal evangelism, have been very inspiring and revealing--inspiring because many people who have not known the Saviour shall be turned towards Him through the proposed methods. They are revealing because encouragement by our administrators is being directed at each of us as members of the Church to be more useful in winning others to Christ.

Just as there is an imperative need for men and women to be "born again," so there is also an imperative need to win them to Christ through personal evangelism! By taking these Courses you will learn more about your Church, and you will gain a keen concept of how to win others to the Saviour. If you want to win others to Christ--- if you want to see the Church of God, 7th Day grow, then you will be interested in enrolling in the H.M. Educational Program.

I sincerely believe our Home Missions program is the governing factor of survival for our Church. My prayers shall always be for the work of this department and for the staff as they continue to build and labor for Christ and the Church.

- Eld. - Lyle Schueler, Student Minister (Midwest)

I plan to apply this learning to eliminate some of my mistakes. It is actually allowing me to take advantage of the experience and advice of many

workers so that I won't start out in discouragement and error. The most noteworthy trait I must have is Bible knowledge and humility. God can work with the meek. Not only do I use the Course for my own benefit, but I try to get others to take it.
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I do pray that the Bible Corres. school will not be hindered by the lack of funds at this time. I realize that it is difficult for you to make plans and not know whether you are going to have sufficient funds to carry them out.

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THE TASK AHEAD

F.B. Merriam, Chairman Home Missions



One of the most impressive mottoes which we learn in our home missionary training is this: "The task ahead of you is never as great as the Power behind you!"

As I sit here at my desk, it is snowing outside. It is a wet April snow here in Denver, with large, fluffy flakes falling down so silently and gently.

As I look at it I am reminded that each snowflake has its own design, and that it is said no two of them are alike. What power and mystery of God!

Friends, that is the "power behind you." Whatever task is ahead, whatever trial, whatever calling to service, that power is behind you! Please remember that, won't you?

In Luke 2:49 we read, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" If we have accepted God as our Father, through Jesus Christ, are we in business with God? Are we about His business or ours?

The greatest joy that comes to me in this work is to see people witnessing who before felt that they could not do it. Christ alone can bring about this ability. That is what is taught in the Home Missions Instruction Courses.

Now we read also that "The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits." We who labor and teach home missionary work must be partakers.

The Home Missions staff, the committee members, local leaders and all who engage in these activities are anxious to go into the fields with you. My wife and I are privileged to work with a lovely group of young adults here in Denver, and we are more than anxious to go with them house-to-house. We know what a joy it is to witness.

One of our key texts in this work is found in Philippians 4:13:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Surely, we have been living short of many blessings in our lives by failing to fully believe this text.

Whole groups of us have said these words of Scripture together until they have sunk into our hearts and affected our actions. We can witness for Jesus. We will, God helping us.

The greatest joy we can have is when we witness for Christ. Each one of you can become a soul-winner by, (1) studying how to do it; (2) by full consecration of one's life to God. May we pray that every disciple of Christ shall become a soul-winner and witness and confirm to himself that he has "been with Christ."

We have the tools for witnessing and the instructions for using them. Will you try?

GO FORTH TO WITNESS

Lois Merriam



It has been the great privilege of my husband and me to have been associated with the sacred work of Home Missions the past three years.

It has not been smooth sailing all the time, and with the other growing departments, we have been through troubled waters; but we remember that our Lord had no place to lay His head.

The powers of darkness do not want to see the development of Christian Education, soul-winning literature or active home missionaries.

However, if God be for us, who can stop this work? The prayers of God's people, and their help has accomplished far more than many realize. Without you what could a few have done?

By way of encouragement to those who go forth to witness for Christ, remember to always say, "Lord, I do this unto you."

Remember that you are not going out to do a personal favor for anyone, but for Jesus Christ. "As unto the Lord..." we labor.

If you will make every effort for God sacred, you will rejoice in new experiences. The Lord will come and join everything you do for Him; He will bless you and those to whom you witness.

If you have not yet won a soul to Christ, try His way.

"He who does God's work get's God's pay" is an axiom matched by Psalm 126:6, I believe.

May God love you as you do this work for Him is my prayer.

FOLLOWING UP OUR PRAYERS

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Are you willing to work under even depressing and unrewarding circumstances in an adventure to find that sphere of greater usefulness?

Until we can face all of these facts, we have no right to criticize the church, other workers or laymen for what is or is not being done to move God's work forward.

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"The Church is Always Asking For Money!"

It would not be right for the laborers on the front lines to keep back information regarding the needs of God's work. We are together in this work. Sometimes one hears an expression among the world. "The churches are always asking for money!"

As Christians we notice that our food store requires quite a sum from us each week. Our service stations require money for the gas to run our cars each week. No Christian will allow himself to really feel as the world feels about the Church.

The Church must go on month after month with God's work. We must not let up nor back up until the coming of our Lord, who cautioned us to remain faithful to the end.

It is a growing, expanding Church which does need continuing help, because that it is never ceasing the battle to forge ahead. Only a stagnant, inactive body would not be asking for help.

This is a holy calling to all of us. Those who are in full time service prefer to give as much of their time and attention as is possible in getting the work done.

We believe there should be such an outpouring of God's Spirit that the needs will be felt and provision flow into those things which no earthly man or power can take away.

Many of our people have just faced Income Tax payments and many other spring expenses. It is a difficult period for you. It is also felt in the work of the Lord. We wish to commend those who have wonderfully supported it.

You can only help as God provides. We do not ask that you give beyond your ability. We can only present the need and point out that the Lord's work moves ahead in relation to provision.

By reading about the challenging new activities presented in this bulletin, we feel sure you can observe that help is seriously needed.

"I am interested in all of the activities -- the schools, the publishing work, the radio, the home missions, the foreign work -- but how can I send to all of them?"

Here is an easy and simple way to do it. Send one offering in the amount you are able at this time. You may send direct to:

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VISITATION AND PERSONAL EVANGELISM

(The following is selected from the March, 1955 issue of Herald of Holiness, Church of the Nazarene publication; it is typical of what all fundamental churches face.)

Mr. Horace F. Dean, president of the National Spiritual Awakening Movement, after more than ten years of experience in the field of evangelism throughout our nation, makes this significant statement about visitation and personal evangelism:

"Our observation, as a result of this broad ministry, leads us to the conclusion that the greatest need before the church today is the adequate training and thorough preparation of believers in all our evangelical churches in the matter of personal evangelism and soul-winning.

"We are convinced that any church which will pursue a consistent and continuous program of neighborhood visitation and personal evangelism will constantly grow and also enjoy a continuing spirit of revival.

"While we thank God for the great united campaigns of recent years, there still remains in every city and community a large area of unsaved and unreached people. It is obvious that the only way to reach these persons is through concerted, house-to-house, soul-winning work which only the local church can undertake. This New Testament program persisted in will build any congregation, regardless of location or other circumstances."

I am sure that Dr. Roy F. Smee and all members of the Crusade for Souls Commission (a division of Nazarene Home Missions), would say, "Amen" to this declaration. The purpose of the Crusade for Souls Now is to promote evangelism of every type, with special emphasis upon visitation and personal evangelism.

The Church of the Nazarene does not exclude any type of evangelism;

we must use every possible means to reach those who are unsaved and unsanctified. However, we, along with other Christians, are realizing more than ever today that all evangelism, of whatever type it may be, is to some extent dependent upon visitation and personal evangelism.

Already our church has felt the impact of the Crusade for Souls Now (A Home Missions program of personal evangelism). We thank God for all that has been accomplished through it; but as important as that is which has been accomplished, we are only BEGINNING in this field!

We must get into action more than ever in the "Crusade for Souls Now," and this means that we must take visitation and personal evangelism more seriously than ever before.

I am as confident of one thing as I am that I am living, that is, that ANY CHURCH...which has sincerely practiced or engaged in visitation and personal evangelism is ready to testify to the value of the results which have been achieved.

No church within our denomination can afford to ignore the Crusade for Souls Now. There is no excuse which gives you any right to longer pass it by. Souls are at stake, and we must get busy for the Master at once, and there is no way to better work for Him than through visitation and personal evangelism.

Do we need more prayer? Of course we do, and every church I go into where the prayer life is being emphasized, I am happy about it. But that's NOT ENOUGH!

Coupled with an increased prayer program there must be the visitation and personal evangelism program. The two work well together and inevitably will bring results.

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"I have found a
peace from God
in my heart..."



"Maybe that's
what I need!"

The above testimony took place just a few weeks ago. We learned of it from a letter coming through this office, telling of the glorious news that this young farmer had experienced a closer walk with God which has brought new joy into his Christian life. It was from this experience that he received the urge to witness for his Lord.

He needed a well drilled and so called in a well-driller, instructing him to drill in a creek bed. No one expects to get water from a creek bed because of silt and sand instead of the gravel and rock which is the requirement of a good flowing well.

The well-driller reminded him of this and suggested he get a "water-witch" to find a water vein.

"I have something better than that; I prayed about this, and would like you to drill here," the young man answered.

They proceeded with the drilling and the result was a well of flowing water. The well-driller was amazed, while the young farmer took the opportunity to witness.

"I am happy for this flowing well, but I am happier because of something better. I have peace from living waters..."

The well-driller did not laugh in scorn. His heart was touched; he had glimpsed the work of God that day. His own thoughts were turned toward His Creator, to whom we all should look. You have read his answer above, "Maybe that's what I need."

"SEEK THE LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." - Isaiah 51:1.

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