

The Work of God Continues To Grow in Canada

From a small insignificant beginning over four years ago the Work of God in Canada has grown at a fantastic rate.

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IN FEBRUARY, 1961, the Canadian work had progressed to the point that we were on three Canadian stations covering an area as large as the continental United States with a population of around 19 million people. The mailing list had grown to approximately 5,000 as the result of U. S. stations that could be heard in Canada and the three Canadian stations.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong decided in February, 1961, that it was time to open an office in Canada to serve the Canadian people. Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong journeyed north to Vancouver, British Columbia and located suitable office space in the beautiful new United Kingdom Building in the heart of Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Prather were sent to Vancouver to manage the small conservative two-room office space that had been leased. In the summer of that same year Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pinelli were added to the office staff to assist in the growing work.

The Vision of Growth

The work continued its small but yet insignificant growth on into 1962. In March, 1962, Mr. Ted Armstrong wrote to Mr. Prather, "Have you thought at all about obtaining additional office space—about the future need of it—or analyzed the rate of growth so as to have any idea whatsoever about the time when we MIGHT need additional floor space in that building? I know that the present volume would certainly look as if such expansion would perhaps *never* be needed—but bear in mind that we still have virtually *no* radio outlets in that area!"

Since that letter was written the office space requirements have grown from those small two rooms to cover

over 38,000 square feet and almost half of one entire floor of the United Kingdom Building. The office staff has grown from three full-time employees to nine full-time employees. The mailing list has grown from around 5,000 to well over 20,000.

God has also opened the door of radio to the booming voice of *The WORLD TOMORROW* program. The Canadian work has grown from three stations to the point, as of the time of the writing of this article, *The WORLD TOMORROW* can be heard daily on 26 of Canada's finest stations located from Vancouver Island in the extreme West to Newfoundland in the extreme East.

The First Canadian Church

Along with progress and growth of the office mailing list and the radio broadcasting came the small but usual calling out of this world by God of some Canadian people. At first this was handled by means of the summer baptismal tours sent out from Ambassador College. In February, 1961, Mr. Jimmy Friddle started a small Bible study in Vancouver, British Columbia. By June, 1962, it had progressed to the point that there were around 40 in attendance at that Bible study.

It was decided that my family and I should move to Vancouver in June of 1962 to manage the growing office and to begin the first Church of God in Canada. So June 18, 1962, Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, who was visiting the Pacific Northwest at the time, officially began the church in Vancouver.

Since June, 1962, God has continued to call more and more of the Canadian people into His Church. An outstanding example of the growth is demon-

strated in the recent Feast of Unleavened Bread. The first Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread was held in Canada in 1963 with 72 taking the Passover and 121 attending the Feast. In 1965, 477 took the Passover in Canada in three locations and almost 1,000 observed the Holy Days. God is continuing to add to and bless His Work all across this tremendous expanse of space here in Canada.

From that small church of 40 in Vancouver in June, 1962, God has allowed to be raised up two more churches—Edmonton, Alberta and Toronto, Ontario—and three Bible studies—Victoria, B.C., Kelowna, B.C. and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan—with a combined attendance of around 950 regularly.

The Growth Continues

The demand for more churches and Bible studies is becoming evident with every passing week. For example: Mr. Richard Wilding and I are taking the baptismal tours in Western Canada this year and in the process are holding Bible studies for the scattered members in various areas. The same thing was done last year and in a small town by the name of Moosomin, Saskatchewan, 70 zealous members of God's Church attended the Bible study, and in a city of one-half million people, Winnipeg, Manitoba, another 70 attended a Bible study in 1964. This year, 1965, 94 assembled in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, for a similar study and a fantastic total of 222 attended a Bible study in Winnipeg. The demand for churches and Bible studies in Canada is accelerating to the point that at the present, if we had

the ministers, at least five new churches could be established immediately with an undetermined number of bimonthly Bible studies in various areas.

As the result of this fantastic growth, the scriptures in Matthew 9:36-38 take on a much more deep and significant meaning to those of us in the Canadian work. God's people in Canada truly are fainting and are scattered abroad, as sheep without a shepherd. The need for shepherds is crying out in Canada as it never has before. The harvest is truly plenteous, in fact it is running over. God is blessing the Canadian work with unprecedented growth in every field and area and God lays a responsibility upon you as God's people to, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

MARTINIQUE

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VENIR, as I was speaking about the *Millennium*.

The Truth hit Mr. Jubert right between the eyes. After carefully checking in the Bible what he had just heard—and studying the booklets we sent him—Mr. Jubert resigned from his church and turned to God's Church. "I surrender *unconditionally* to God," he wrote me, over four years ago. "I have been so very wrong and so very deceived. May God forgive me for having misled others into darkness."

That was the beginning of a *true and sincere* REPENTANCE which led him to his ordination on August 7, 1965. At the time, Mr. Jubert's sudden resignation from his former post caused a split in the Adventist Church in Martinique. A group of some thirty to thirty-five adults followed him and have been keeping faithfully, ever since, GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

For over four years now, Mr. Jubert has been receiving instructions from Headquarters and faithfully following them.

The Church in Martinique now assembles in a hall which, until last year, was Mr. Jubert's own workshop. But today it is completely transformed and converted into a very *attractive hall*. Mr. Jubert, who is a carpenter by pro-

fession, has worked hard, together with some others in the group, to transform his old workshop into such a nice assembly hall, now holding between 60 to 70 persons.

On this Sabbath day, having previously obtained Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's approval for ordaining Mr. Jubert, Mr. Kelly and I watched him carefully, surveying nearly every move he made. We noticed that he holds the deep *respect* of every member of the Church. We saw him clean and dust the hall between morning and afternoon services. We heard his sermonette about the *purpose of life*. We observed the way he *rules* his family.

We had *no doubts* that Mr. Jubert was called by GOD *to be ordained*.

How can we ever forget the awe-inspiring silence that followed the ordination announcement I made before the whole congregation? How can we

forget the surprised but joyful expression on all their faces? How can we ever forget Mr. Jubert's almost unbelieving look?

"Who, me—ordained?" he whispered to me in a broken voice. "That is the *last thing* I would have expected in my life."

It probably was. In fact, that is one more reason why Jesus Christ has called him to *serve* in His ministry.

And now, brethren, whenever you pray for GOD'S CHURCHES *around the world*, remember the small group in Martinique who now have an *ordained* LOCAL ELDER whose name is Louis Jubert!

Remember MARTINIQUE, a small island in the Caribbean Sea, where a handful of "chosen" people assemble every Sabbath to worship the *true* God, to pray for His Work, *for you and for me*—and for God's KINGDOM to come!

The Bible Answers Your Questions

Please address any questions YOU would like answered in this column to the Editor.

I have a problem—I can't memorize scriptures. It's laborious for me to sit down and try to learn all those figures. Can you help me?

Learning and memorizing certain basic scriptures *has* been a problem to some in God's Church—but *needlessly so!* There are *definite steps* we can take in order to make the study and memorization of God's Word easier.

Anyone who has a problem memorizing scriptures which he ought to know should first of all *examine his attitude* to see if he really, joyfully WANTS to learn from God's Word enough to memorize it. Then he can work from there.

We CAN memorize those basic scriptures we ought to know. God says so! In Phil. 4:13 He inspired Paul to write, "I can do *all things* through Christ which strengtheneth me." It is possible through God's help to do those things required of us, to learn

His Word—yes, even to memorize exactly where the *basic* scriptures are found. We must come to deeply know and believe *it CAN be done!*

But *after* obtaining the right attitude and approach to God's Word, what then? How should you actually go about memorizing?

Too many have made the mistake of trying to memorize *too many* scriptures all at once. You should start *little*—start with only a few basic scriptures and learn those. Set a *small goal* for yourself (say, five scriptures) and memorize them.

Write them down. Read the context around the scripture—know first of all the *BOOK* where it's found, *then* the chapter, *then* the verse. Start general—*then* get specific.

Remember the *point* of the scripture—not necessarily all the quaint phraseology of the King James language—don't be a modern Pharisee.

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