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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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GREETINGS FROM JERUSALEM



Editor Reports On Bible Lands Tour

By H. C. Vanderpool

I was privileged to make my fourth tour of Bible Lands November 8-17, 1976. Pictured above is our tour group in front of St. George Hotel in Jerusalem. They are, front row, left to right, Mrs. V. L. Harris,

Elder V. L. Harris, H. T. Wright, Glen B. McCurry, Mrs. H. T. Wright, Miss Vickey Reed, Mrs. Vera Bunch, Mrs. Cornelia Reed, Miss Rebecca McDonald, Marty Meador, Mrs. Juanita Curtis, Mrs. Truman Pendarvis, Truman Pendarvis, Mrs. Dannis Evetts and Dannis Evetts. Back row, left to right, R. H. "Pop" Nesbitt, Mrs. William Woodard, Mrs. Juanita Taylor, Elder Howard G. Taylor, Mrs. Eva Tucker, Mrs. Marie Meador, Mrs. Clarice Speight, Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Mrs.

Daniel Meador, Daniel Meador, Elder Doug Curtis, E. G. Crowley, Sr., and Mrs. E. G. Crowley.

We left the airport in Nashville on Monday afternoon Nov. 8, and flew to New York. There we checked our baggage through to Tel Aviv, and later we boarded our overseas flight (KLM-644) for Amsterdam, Holland. Flying east, we had a short night that included two meals, a late

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MISSIONARY REPORT FROM JAPAN

Hiroshima Nishi P. O. Box 62
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January 4, 1977

Dear Elder & Mrs. H. C. Vanderpool, and
Readers

We are sending you our christian
greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ from Japan.

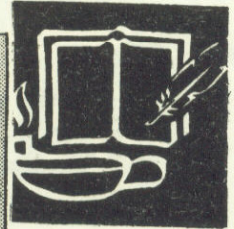
We were happy to get your pretty
Christmas Card and it's message, for
which we were thankful. We enjoyed it.
Last Christmas season, we had many of
pretty Christmas Card and letter from
dear friends in America. That was very
something wonderful and precious to me
and to my family. Surely we have good
friends in you all. We now sincerely hope
each of you have Lord's blessings through-
out this new year, and so we pray for you
from time to time for this end.

Many of our friends and churches in
States wrote us to come and visit them
again, and we appreciated their kind
words very much. Lord wants us stay in
our field and do the work to give glory to
Him. We may come and see you when Lord
gives us a proper time, Lord's willing. At
this time we would like for you to pray for
us that we may get more busier in the
Lord's work and concentrate our effort in
our mission field of Japan. Third week of
this month I'll be in Wakkanai, Hokkaido,
to preach and to take care of that small
flock of Baptist which has no preacher and

Management Expert Warns . . .

NATIONAL
ENQUIRER

Today's Students Will Make
Such Poor Business Leaders
Our Economy Is in Danger



By LEONARD SANDLER

America's upcoming gen-
eration of business leaders
is "lousy — and the situa-
tion is going to get worse,"
warns a leading expert.

"Soon-to-be corporate lead-
ers show such poor managerial
potential that they could under-
mine this nation's entire eco-
nomic system," declared John
B. Miner, research professor
of management at Georgia
Stat University.

"College students today show
a sharp shift toward antiau-
thoritarian views, a decreased
desire to compete, a lessening
degree of assertiveness and a
drift from responsibility.

"The full impact of this de-
cline will probably be felt be-
fore the end of this decade."

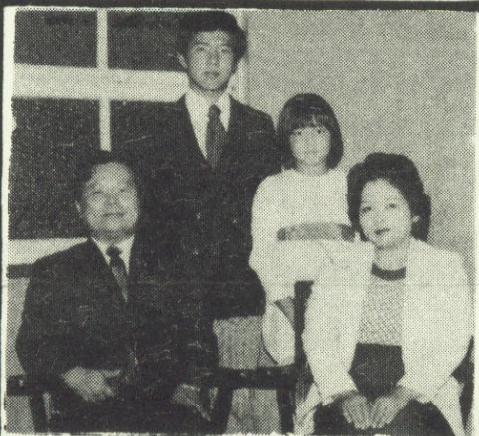
Miner tested 376 students to
determine their motivational
levels and attitudes toward big
business. "Their motivation to
manage is weak," he said.
"Only about 10 percent of them
scored as well as an older gen-
eration of managerial people.

"These students totally re-
ject 'the system.' They com-
pletely oppose all forms of
control. They want to make
money, but as 'specialists,' not
managers.

"And that leaves a tremen-
dous void — there's no one to
replace men who are now in
their 50s and 60s."

Pollster George Gallup, who
recently surveyed over 1,000
students at 57 colleges, agreed
with Miner's conclusions.

"A strong antibusiness mood
prevails in our colleges and
universities," Gallup declared.
"Lack of knowledge and un-
derstanding of the free enter-
prise system is widespread.
And it's really frightening."



Eld. Koji Tajima & Family

leader. According to the weather report of
the day, they have -26 F. of tempera-
ture and snow blizzard there in Wakkanai.
We would like for you to pray for us.

I now make a report of donations we
received with so much thanks for the
fourth quarter of 1976.

October — Plunketts Creek, Carthage,
Tenn., 242.41; South Carthage, Carthage,
Tenn., 66.28; Parkwood, Nashville, Tenn.,
150.00; Calvary, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00;
Beckwith, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 30.00. Total
\$538.69.

November Plunketts Creek, Car-
thage, Tenn., 250.00; North Carthage,
Carthage, Tenn., 474.51; Bro. Larry
Hagen, New Ulm, Minn., 75.00; Beckwith,
Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 30.00; South Carthage,
Carthage, Tenn., 76.30; Faith, Nashville,
Tenn., 24.95 and 43.09. Total \$974.37.

December — Kokomo, Kokomo, Ind.,
192.50; East Carthage, Carthage, Tenn.,
85.83; Calvary, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00;
Young Adult class of South Carthage,
Carthage, Tenn., 75.00; Plunketts Creek,
Carthage, Tenn., 232.57; Mr. and Mrs.
Ernest Hughes, Carthage, Tenn., 55.00;
Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Smith, Carthage,
Tenn., 25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn
Trammel, Franklin, Ky., 16.00; Summer
Shade, Summer Shade, Ky., 50.00; Beck-
with, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 30.00; East Side,
Franklin, Ky., 368.00; Mr. & Mrs. Darmon
Grubbs, Hermitage, Tenn. 10.00; Bro.
Larry Hagen, New Ulm, Minn., 75.00;
Harmony, Nashville, Tenn., 100.00; Mt.
Tabor, Riddleton, Tenn., 81.28; Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Palmer, Jr., Bowling Green,
Ky. 10.00; Mrs. Dossie Jones, Gallatin,
Tenn., 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petty,
Carthage, Tenn., 50.00. Total \$1,511.18.

To Koi Baptist: Oct. — McFerrin,
Nashville, Tenn., 51.77; Lyons, Louisville,
Ky., 150.00. Nov. — McFerrin, Nashville,
Tenn., 40.37. Dec. — Mr. and Mrs. J. P.
Jacobs, Nashville, Tenn., \$25.00; Summer

Shade, Summer Shade, Ky., 50.00; Mc-
Ferrin, Nashville, Tenn., 66.62. To
Yamaguchi Baptist: Dec. — Summer
Shade, Summer Shade, Ky., 50.00.

We will continue to pray for you all. We
would like for you to pray for us.

May God richly bless you. Yours humbly
in Christ.

Koji Tajima and Family

BOUNTIFUL DELIVERANCE

DAVID'S TESTIMONY OF DELIVERANCE SHOWS WHAT WE CAN EXPERIENCE

By ROSCO BRONG
Dean, Lexington Baptist College

"Return unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling." (Ps. 116:7, 8.)

Details of our individual lives may vary, but in a general sense human beings are of similar nature, have similar needs and desires, and can enjoy a similar experience of God's salvation—or, lacking this salvation, will suffer similar ruin and punishment forever. In our text David tells us something of the common experience of divine deliverance in the lives of all who put their trust in God. This experience can and ought to be far richer than is generally supposed. David was moved to thanksgiving when he recounted God's bountiful dealings with him. Let us imitate his example.

DELIVERANCE FROM DEATH

"Thou hast delivered my soul from death." It is possible for the soul to be dead while the body lives (I Tim. 5:6), and it is possible for the soul to live after the body is dead (II Cor. 5:8). Sometimes the word "soul" is used figuratively of the whole person, or with no intention to distinguish parts or divisions of personality, and possibly this is the ultimate and fullest meaning here.

In the strictest and primary meaning of the word, however, David declared as an accomplished fact the deliverance of his soul from death. For every child of God this deliverance comes complete, once for all and forever. "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me," said Jesus, "shall never die." (Jn. 11:26.)

Without attempting to analyze completely the dreadful depths of death, we may note that if we are God's children we have been delivered from the Death of Damnation, the Death of Darkness, and the Death of Decay.

The unbeliever, the lost sinner, is already under God's sentence of condemnation. The true believer in Jesus Christ is no longer under that death sentence of condemnation and will never again come under it. See Jn. 3:18; Ro. 8:1; Jn. 5:24.

As divine life is spiritual light (Jn. 1:4), so the absence of that life is spiritual darkness, and as lost sinners we were in that death of darkness. (Prov. 4:19.) But in Christ we are forever delivered from that darkness. (Jn. 12:46.)

The First Complete Hebrew Bible

The facsimile reproduction of the "Aleppo Crown" Bible produced by the Hebrew University from the original now housed in the Ben Zvi Library, should now be in bookshops. The 600-page facsimile is priced at 400 dollars.

Sin is commonly figured in the scripture as disease and corruption. Live creatures grow and develop and renew themselves in health and strength. Dead things rot. Now, according to the scripture, lost sinners are spiritually corrupt and doomed to everlasting destruction. But we have been delivered from this death of decay: spiritually speaking, we cannot be touched by the destroyer. (I Jn. 5:18.)

DELIVERANCE FROM TEARS

"Thou hast delivered . . . mine eyes from tears." As tears are naturally more temporary than life and death, so our deliverance from tears in this world is only temporary: that is, our eyes may be dried temporarily but tears may soon flow again. Even so, our Savior was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." (Isa. 53:3.)

Yet David found that when tears came his God was able to deliver his eyes from them, and we can find like comfort and deliverance. Among the tears from which God delivers us are Tears of Toil, Tears of Trouble, and Tears of Torment.

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden," said Jesus, "and I will give you rest." (Mat. 11:28.) Certainly Jesus gives rest from the labor and burden of sin, but if there are tears from the natural toil and struggle of life He can deliver from these too. Even if we must still eat our bread in the sweat of our faces, Jesus can change our tears to smiles.

Moreover, though we are not exempted from the troubles of this world, we ought to remember, if we are troubled for Christ's sake, that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." (II Cor. 4:17.) Tears of trouble are banished by the words of Jesus:

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (Jn. 16:33.)

Who has not shed tears of torment, torment of conscience, torment of sorrow, torment of anxiety, torment of pain, torment of fear? (I Jn. 4:18.) But God delivers from them all, and some day—Hallelujah!—"God shall wipe away all tears" and "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Rev. 21:4.)

DELIVERANCE FROM FALLING

"Thou hast delivered . . . my feet from falling." Yes, David fell into sin, as

God's children too often do, but God delivers our feet from falling. "A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again." (Prov. 24:16.)

We may fall on many occasions and for many reasons. We may stumble and fall because of Folly, Faintness, or Failure, but whatever the reason or reasons for our falling, God can deliver us from it.

Sad to say, we often fall without the least excuse, as the result of utter folly. We neglected to watch our steps, or we placed our feet in forbidden places without consulting God. What can we expect but a fall? Trying to live a Christian life in this world without studying the Bible, without prayer, without seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, without the fellowship and encouragement of God's people in His church, is like running around in the dark. No wonder such people get so many bumps and bruises! Yet if you are God's child, He can deliver you from fallings of folly.

On at least one occasion, disciples asked to watch with Jesus for an hour fell into sleep simply because, while the spirit was willing, the flesh was weak. (Mat. 26:36-45.) Paul admonishes us not to be weary in well doing, "for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9.) So it is possible to fall because of faintness: our strength is not sufficient for the task. Isaiah tells us the remedy:

"The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary. . . . He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." (Isa. 40:28, 29.)

Finally, we must confess that sometimes when we have tried to do our best and have earnestly sought divine guidance and help in our efforts, we still fall and fall short of being or doing what we wished and what we thought was God's will for us. We tried, and we failed, and we fell—but shall we be discouraged? No: God still delivers our feet from falling, even the fallings of failure:

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand." (Ps. 37:23, 24.)

Yes: "The Lord hath dealt bountifully" not only with David but with every soul that has ever committed himself to Christ for salvation. The fullness of this experience can be yours. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31.)

Country Parson



"One drawback in religious structure is that so many who become pillars of the church shouldn't."



Cana of Galilee — John 2:1-2

EDITOR REPORTS

(Cont. From Page 1)

supper and an early breakfast.

Tuesday, Nov. 9 — As stated above, morning came early as we were flying over the Atlantic. We arrived in Amsterdam at 9:55 a. m. at 11:45 a. m. we left Amsterdam and arrived at Tel Aviv at 5:10 p. m. we went through customs and boarded our bus for Jerusalem. We arrived at the St. George Hotel where we spent the night.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 — After breakfast we boarded the bus at 7:45 a. m. and began our day in the Holy Land. Our first stop was at Mt. Scopus and the Mt. of Olives. From here we had a panoramic view of the city of Jerusalem looking westward across the Kidron Valley.

We next visited the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus went to pray the night before his crucifixion. We then left Jerusalem and drove down the Jericho road through the Judean wilderness to the Dead Sea which is 1293 ft. below sea level the lowest place on earth. We visited the Caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947.

We had lunch in Jericho at an open-air restaurant. Although it was November, we enjoyed temperatures in the 60-80 degree range during this tour. In the afternoon we visited Elisha's Spring and then traveled back to Bethany where we visited Lazarus' Tomb and then south to Bethlehem, the place of Jesus' birth and also viewed the Fields of Ruth and Boaz and the Shepherds of Jerusalem, the museum of the Shrine of the Rock.

After supper, the hotel manager allowed us a large area of the dining room for our Wednesday night Prayer Meeting. We

enjoyed the service as we read scriptures, sang, had prayer and heard requests from various ones for prayer for themselves and loved ones. We spent this third night in the Holy City.

Thursday, Nov. 11 — We were up earlier on this morning as we would travel north through Samaria into Upper Galilee, and would also spend the night in Northern Israel. We travelled over to Caesarea and were privileged to tour an Olive wood factory where many items are manufactured from this wood. Leaving here we went to Nazareth the city where Jesus lived until his appearing for baptism at the Jordan River.

After touring this Biblical city we went to Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first miracle. (John 2:1-2). We traveled to the River Jordan a place that brings joy to the hearts of God's people. After spending some time here we went up into the city of Tiberias on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. We ate lunch in Tiberias. We boarded a large boat and headed across the Sea of Galilee to the northern side. While crossing the Biblical body of water where Jesus called a number of disciples out to follow him, we held devotional services which were very much enjoyed. We came to the site of the ancient city of Capernaum and toured the ruins of this area where Jesus' ministry centered. (Matt. 4:12-25).

We drove to the Mt. of Beatitudes and from there we circled the mountain side until we reached the mountain-top city of Safed. Here we spent the night at Ron Hotel. Several of us took a walking tour of the city after eating supper and then retired for the night in the height of the mountains of Galilee. (To Be Continued)

OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL

The Fifth Annual Session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School will be held at Old Union Baptist Church, Matlock Rd., Bowling Green, Ky., on March 30, 31, and April 1, 1977.

For full information on classes, subjects, teachers, hours of study, etc. see the January issue of the BAPTIST BANNER, which also carried an application form for those desiring to register and to attend the school. Sixty-two Baptist ministers attended the 1966 session.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE COMMITTEE

At the 1976 session of the Wiseman Baptist Association, while convened with Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. a committee composed of five pastors was appointed to study the possibility and feasibility of getting writers to write literature and have same printed and distributed for use in Missionary Baptist Churches.

That committee is composed of Elders A. G. Gregory, Harold D. Linville, Charles R. Moore, Howard G. Taylor and H. C. Vanderpool. The committee held its first meeting at Gallatin, Tenn. on January 4. It was agreed that one church should sponsor this work and that sister churches assist in the financial responsibility of same. New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. was selected to be the sponsoring church. Since this issue of the BANNER goes to press before the business meeting of New Bethel, the action by them and the authorization for the printing and procedure by which the named matter will operate, will be known to the churches and also through the March issue of the Banner.

Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. has already approved such move by the committee, and has sent \$100.00 to New Bethel church to assist in the expenses of the pilot issues of the literature.

ATTENTION!

Since there are so many weekly and monthly singings, and also since changes take place so often in the schedules, singers to sing, etc. and since some announcements do not include the time of the singings, exact locations, and other needed information I am not at the present making these announcements as I cannot make them all. However, I appreciate those who desire to help with announcements and I trust in the future we can come up with a different approach to this situation.—Editor

Deadline

The editor requests of each minister, individual or church that has an article, revival announcement or other item for publication, to mail it so I will receive it by the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.