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INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT FROM JAPAN



Dear Elder H. C. Vanderpool,

We send you our warmest Christian greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Hiroshima, Japan.

We hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and we do hope and pray that many blessings from the Lord be yours throughout this year. We remember you in our prayer here in Japan that your ministry will be blessed.

Lord has been real good to us, for which we are so much thankful. Last Sunday we observed Lord's Supper remembering His death on the cross of Calvary after examining ourselves. We will be faithful to the Saviour all through our life like first Baptist was.

This afternoon we had a phone call from our son in Waterville, Minnesota that a baby boy was born to him and Sylvia, with which we were filled deep emotion. It was when I was 17 years old Lord saved me from sin and paganism, and I was kicked out of my family because I was a Christian. My wife Michiko was cut all the relationship with her family and kin last summer because she did go to worship her dead father's soul at a Buddhist temple as we had work to do the Lord's

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ELDER H. B. EATON THANKS FRIENDS FOR HELP

To the Baptist Banner:

I would like to thank all the churches and everyone else who sent money to me when I was having a financial burden when my wife was ill. She passed away last August 8. May God's richest blessings rest upon you is my prayer.

Yours in Christ,
Elder H. B. Eason

PROGRESS SEEN IN MOVEMENT FOR BAPTIST FACILITIES

The second meeting of Baptist ministers, deacons and laymembers interested in the purchase of property, construction of buildings, etc. for a permanent Baptist school, TV studios, library, etc., met as scheduled on Monday night, Feb. 6, at 7:00 P.M. at Long View Missionary Baptist Church, Spencer and Elleta Sts., Gallatin, Tenn.

A number of things were discussed, and progress is being manifested. Long View Church has voted for the meetings to be held in their building as needed. This is appreciated. A committee of three was appointed to investigate further into land that is available in the Gallatin area, building codes, purchase arrangements and other related matters. The Gallatin area has been selected as the site for the above named facilities, and the way that such an institution should be authorized and operated was very well settled in this meeting. An offer has been made by a brother in the building business to help. We are very much encouraged. The next meeting is to be at Long View Baptist Church on Monday night, March 5, at 7:00 P.M. All Baptist ministers, deacons, missionaries and laymembers are invited to attend.

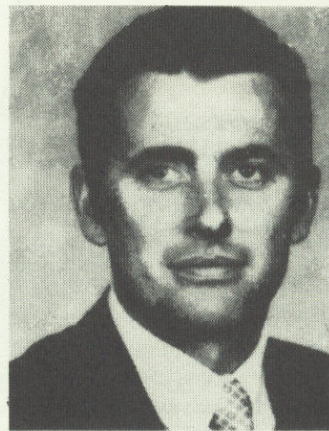
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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

By
Elder Jerry A. Reynolds
Davisville, W. VA.



PART 3 - PAUL'S EXAMPLE OF SELF-SUPPORT EXAMINED

Did the Apostle Paul really teach against ministerial support? Certainly not! This doctrine had no stronger advocate than Paul. Why, then, did he not

practice it? He did so, in part. It was the carnal-minded Greek church that Paul would not be chargeable to. Why would he not require the Corinthian church to support him? He had the authority to do so from God. "Have we not power (authority) to eat and to drink...or I only and Barnabas, have we not power to forbear working?" (1st Corinthians 9:4 & 6) and "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" (1st Corinthians 9:11)

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BIBLE LANDS TOUR**PART THREE**

By H. C. Vanderpool

Reporting for Bus Number One

(NOTE: This is my third and final report of our Bible Lands Tour last fall. Bro. Harold Carver has been reporting for Bus Number Two, as we toured in two busses. There were 93 of us. At the end of the tour Bro. Carver and I are reporting on, a group of 28 composed from the two busses, then took an extended tour to Greece. Another reporter will report on that trip next month. - Editor)

Sunday, October 30, 1983

On this beautiful Lord's day morning we arose and began to stir around as usual, all excited and happy. Breakfast was enjoyed and shared in Christian fellowship in the large dining room of the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem. All 93 of us were together at night, having our evening and morning meals together, and sharing all the exciting experiences of the past day. As you will note in Bro. Carver's report, their bus headed for the Mt. of Olives while our bus travelled through Bethany, down to Jericho, then south along the western shore of the Dead Sea to Massada.

On our way to Massada we passed near EnGedi, the place where David hid from King Saul, I Samuel 24:1-22. Massada is a mountain-top rock fortress. It is one-half mile long, 220 yards wide and rises to 2,000 ft. above the level of the Dead Sea. It is two and one-half miles from the western shore of the Dead Sea. Alexander Jannai, the High Priest, was the first to build a fortress on Massada in the middle of the second century B.C. Herod the Great built a huge, magnificent fortress on the top of Massada in the year 40 B.C. to protect himself from the Jews who might wish to depose him.

While entire books are written on this mountain in Israel, we must content ourselves here with this very brief reference and pass on to other points of information. Josephus records for us how 960 Jewish patriots, led by Eleazar Ben Yair, fought from this fortress against the Romans in 70 A.D. after the Romans had destroyed Jerusalem, Matthew 24:1-2.

We took the cable car up to almost the top of Massada and then climbed winding stairs the rest of the way. Some time was spent touring this outstanding historical mountain. The skies were blue overhead, the sun was warm, almost hot, with our tour members wearing light clothing,

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MINISTERIAL**SUPPORT**

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are thought-provoking questions Paul asked the Corinthian church regarding his right to be supported by them. He then added, "Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ." (1st Corinthians 9:12) Paul believed the doctrine of ministerial support but he would not demand it of the Corinthians. Yet he shamed them by writing, "I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service." (2nd Corinthians 11:8) He proceeded to tell them that he received assistance from the Macedonian church while in Corinth. Paul richly praised the Macedonian (Philippian) church for supporting him, writing to them, "Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing unto God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:14-19) So Paul praised the Philippians for their generosity in support of the gospel and rebuked the Corinthians for their selfishness and insensitivity. Here we can see clearly the Spirituality of the Philippian church contrasted with the carnality of the Corinthian church. The Philippians supported Paul in Philippi, in Thessalonica, and in Corinth while it never seemed to occur to the Corinthians to help him even while he dwelled with them. Paul again commended the

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**Wailing Wall**

Missionary Report From Japan

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business first. We are happy that Lord gave us a Bible-believing and missionary Baptist family. Now we have third generation out of Michiko and I. Isn't that wonderful? Lord has been real and true to His faithful children. We praise the Lord for His mighty protection over us for many years since we got saved. We will keep on the work in seasons and out of seasons in this land of paganism to give glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Following is the report of donations received for the fourth quarter of 1983. We really appreciate those who go with us carrying out the gospel of Christ in our missionary field.

OCTOBER: Calvary Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$50 & \$50; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$227.41 & 127.57; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, IN, \$280; Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$438; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, TN, \$225; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, \$104.91; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Collins, Bowling Green, KY, \$75; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$137.30. TOTAL \$1,765.19.

NOVEMBER: Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$428.71; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, \$95.49; Elder & Mrs. James Henry Smith, Nashville, TN, \$50; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$50; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$147.45; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, TN, \$75; Young Adult Class of South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$100. TOTAL \$946.65.

DECEMBER: Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$526.06; Elder & Mrs. John R. Blalock, Portland, Oregon, \$30; East Side Baptist, Franklin, KY, \$214; Pleasant Hill Baptist, Portland, TN, \$200; Elder & Mrs. Walter V. Dewese, Franklin, KY, \$400; Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Sanders, Brush Creek, TN, \$10; Faith Baptist, Nashville, TN, \$103.70; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Smith County, TN, \$95.30; Mr. & Mrs. Terry Adamson, Plainfield, IN, \$25; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, IN, \$200; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$309.26; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$145; Mr. & Mrs. H. R. Culbreath, Jr., Carthage, TN, \$20; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Petty, Carthage, TN, \$25; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Smith, Carthage, TN, \$25; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, TN, \$50; Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Denton, Carthage, TN, \$10; Mr. & Mrs. Wilburn Trammel, Franklin, KY, \$20; Mr. & Mrs. Pete Branstetter, Summer Shade, KY, \$10. TOTAL \$2,418.32.

To Koi Baptist Church:

OCTOBER: Lyons Baptist, Louisville, KY, \$200; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, KY, \$563.90; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, TN, \$157.32. TOTAL \$921.22.

NOVEMBER: McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, TN, \$164.44; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, KY, \$45. TOTAL \$209.44.

DECEMBER: Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, TN, \$60; Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Jacobs, Nashville, TN, \$25; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, TN, \$175.19; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, KY, \$46. TOTAL \$306.19.

I am looking forward to being with Baptist preachers at ministers school this March, which must be a remarkable time in my life also.

May God richly bless you.

Yours truly,
Koji Tajima

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TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

March 28, 29, 30, 1984

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 28, 1984

9:00 A.M. - Devotional
9:45 A.M. - H. C. Vanderpool - Honoring A Divine Call
10:30 A.M. - Intermission
10:45 A.M. - Howard Taylor - The Wrath of God
11:30 A.M. - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - J. H. Smith - Unto God Be Glory In The Church By Christ Jesus
1:45 P.M. - Intermission
2:00 P.M. - Jerry Reynolds - Calvinism And Its Relation To Baptists
2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

THURSDAY - MARCH 29, 1984

9:15 A.M. - Devotional
9:45 A.M. - Calvin Perrigo - The Body of Christ And Members In Particular
10:30 A.M. - Intermission
10:45 A.M. - Billy Moran - The Significance of The Law
11:30 A.M. - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - H. C. Vanderpool - Ministerial Education
1:45 P.M. - Intermission
2:00 P.M. - Howard Taylor - A Peculiar People
2:45 P.M. - Announcements and Benediction

FRIDAY - MARCH 30, 1984

9:15 A.M. - Devotional
9:45 A.M. - J. H. Smith - The Priesthood of Christ
10:30 A.M. - Intermission
10:45 A.M. - Jerry Reynolds - Calvinism And Its Relation To Baptists
11:30 A.M. - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - Calvin Perrigo - Music And Its Effect
1:45 P.M. - Intermission
2:00 P.M. - Billy Moran - The Basis For Fellowship and Cooperation Between Churches of Like Faith

If a minister will be attending the school for the first time, write for an Application Form, information on tuition, rooming, etc. Write to:

Old Union Baptist Ministers School
c/o Pastor Paul Bryson
Route 9, Box 52
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(502) 843-9339

ALL DAY SERVICES AT PARKWOOD BAPTIST

On Sunday, March 18, there will be all day services at Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church, 244 Ewing Lane, Nashville, Tenn. Lunch will be served at noon following the morning services. There will be singing in the afternoon with the McKameys being the featured singers. Everyone is welcome.

Whoso loves a child loves not himself but God; whoso delights a child labors with God in His workshop of the world of hearts; whoso helps a child brings the Kingdom of God; whoso saves a child from the fingers of evil sits in the seat with the builders of cities and the procurers of peace.

NORMAN DUNCAN

REPORT FROM DENVER

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

We have had a very good month. The weather has been beautiful for February. We don't have a picture this month. We haven't advanced much. Our building program will go forward as soon as the money and weather allows. Many of our members have been sick a lot this year.

Those sending financial help this month are as follows:

- Bro. Joseph Dillman, Conowingo, MD \$ 15.00
- Bro. and Sister Hilman Duncan, Nashville, TN .. 150.00
- Bro. and Sister Marvin Payne, Springfield, MO . 100.00
- Sister Christine Green, Nashville, TN 50.00
- Mt. Juliet Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, TN 50.00
- Haysville Baptist Church, Lafayette, TN 45.00

Total \$410.00

We enjoyed having Bro. and Sister Hilman Duncan in our services and hearing Bro. Hilman preach. We also had Bro. and Sister Payne with us on a Wednesday night service awhile back. Enjoyed having them visit us. Thank you for your help and everyone for the many prayers that have been prayed for our church.

Yours in Christ,
 Colorado Missionary Baptist Church
 P.O. Box 31864
 Aurora, CO 80041
 Doreen Brown, Clerk

BIBLE LANDS TOUR

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short sleeves and almost getting sun tans. And looking for miles into the Judean Desert, the Dead Sea, the mountains of Jordan, and the foothills south of Jerusalem, it seemed that heaven was not too far away! I trust the Lord will permit me to travel to this country as long as I live.

We descended the mountain by the walk and then the cable car back to the valley below. And were we ready for a good mid-day meal at the nearby restaurant! After eating we travelled back north where we had a stop near EnGedi, and we went down to the Dead Sea. This body of water is called the Salt Sea in the Bible, Genesis 14:3; Sea of the Plain, Deuteronomy 3:17; the East Sea, Joel 2:20. This is the lowest place on earth. It is 1290 ft. below sea level. It occupies a geologic fault that extends from Syria through the Red Sea into Africa. It is approximately 47 miles long and 10 miles wide, covering an area of about 300 sq. mi. The water is 1300 ft. deep in some areas of the sea. Salt concentration reaches 25%, four times that of ocean water. Magnesium bromide prevents organic life; the climate is arid and the heat extreme.

After a relaxing period of time here and at the refreshment stands near the highway, we boarded our bus and drove to Qumran to the north where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. If we had the space to give more details of these wonderful places, show pictures, etc., I'd be much happier, but I must condense such information for the sake of space. The Lord willing, I plan to have a Pictorial Atlas and Bible Lands History some day in addition to my already published, "Travel With Me Through Bible Lands" and maybe you can read more about all this then.

We left Qumran and went back by Jericho, the Mt. of Temptation, Elisha's Spring and then to Bethany and back into Jerusalem for the night. Again the two groups joined for supper, fellowship, and a good night's rest.

Monday, October 31, 1983

Today is to be our final day of touring as we leave tomorrow for home. We toured the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Wailing Wall (Western Wall), Stephen's Gate, the Chapel of Flagellation, the Temple Mount where Solomon's Temple stood, Dome of the Rock, the El Aqsa Mosque and Pilate's Judgment Hall. (Read Bro. Carver's report on all these places, and I'll not duplicate the information. He did a splendid job of reporting.)

We visited the many shops where we enjoyed so much the opportunity to purchase items that will be found in our libraries and study rooms when we have crossed on over to the presence of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Often I pick them up, study them, and rejoice again for the knowledge of having been where Jesus was.

The crowded streets, crowded shops, the children begging you either for money, or to purchase some of their merchandise, the elderly who are stooped with age, pushing their carts, leading a donkey with a heavy load, the odor of an unpleasant market, the chatter among the local citizens (which no one understands), the laughter of a happy tour group, the faces of our people streaked with tears when walking on holy ground are a few of the memories that are valuable and shall never be forgotten. Oh, what joy and Christian fellowship. It is the land where the Prophets, the Apostles and our Lord lived and walked.

We had lunch in the Old City and then continued our happy journey. Our two busses had unloaded and met on Mt. Moriah earlier for the photo of our entire group. We travelled to the Holy Land Hotel where we saw, and had explained to us in a marvelous way, the model of Jerusalem in the time of Herod. Our next stop was to be, probably, at the most interesting place of the entire pilgrimage, because we came to Calvary. It was here that John 3:16 was fulfilled. All of you who are using our Sunday School literature have the picture of Calvary on this quarter's cover. (An error was made in the cover information.) For a better understanding of this place, see Matthew 27:26-50; Mark 15:15-34; Luke 23:24-47; John 19:1-30.

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SINGING SCHOOL AND SPECIAL SINGING



Don Xavier Hines

There is to be a two-week Singing School conducted at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. on the dates marked below. On the Sunday nights, March 4 and 11, the services will begin at 6:00 P.M. On the Wednesday nights, March 7 and 14, and on the Friday nights, March 9 and 16, the services will begin at 7:00 P.M.

On Sunday, March 18, a special singing will be held with those attending the school, teacher and everyone who can attend. A special invitation is extended to all the various county singers, song directors, etc. to come. Time: 2:00 P.M.

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Bro. Don Xavier Hines of Hendersonville, Tenn. will be the teacher for the school. He is a well known and well qualified teacher. All sister churches and individuals are welcome, and ARE INVITED to come and be with us on these dates.



JERUSALEM



THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

PART THREE

By Harold Carver

Buena Vista, Tennessee

Reporting For Bus Number Two

(NOTE: We appreciate, and have enjoyed very much Bro. Carver's reporting for Bus Two on our Holy Land Pilgrimage of last fall. This is the third, and final, article by him. Those on this bus who travelled on to Greece will have another reporter next month. - Editor)

Sunday, October 30, 1983

Sunday morning began with a bus ride along a winding road to the Mt. of Olives. This area offers a beautiful view of Old Jerusalem and the Temple area. It was from here that Jesus Christ looked across the Kidron Valley. "He beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes," Lu. 19:41,42. The Mt. of Olives is a very important place to the Christians. Nowhere did Jesus spend more time during his mission in Jerusalem. Here, overlooking the Temple, he taught his disciples; on its slope he was taken captive; and from its summit he ascended. At the traditional site of the ascension of Christ the group observed a reading of the scriptures followed by prayer. While here the group picture for bus number two was taken with Old Jerusalem in the background.

Bethany, the hometown of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus is located on the Mt. of Olives and it was here that we visited the tomb of Lazarus. Descending to the lower slopes of the Mt. of Olives and into the Valley of Kidron, we come to the Garden of Gethsemane. The Garden is decorated with beautiful flowers and a grove of eight ancient olive trees. The focal point of the Garden is the Rock of Agony which has been covered over by the Church of All Nations. While inside the Church our group bowed in an altar prayer followed by the singing of the hymn "In Gethsemane Alone." The Holy Spirit came in a mighty way, filled the hearts of all present, bringing tears of joy and praise from the lips of God's children.

The group next visited The Room of the Last Supper. This special room marks the site of the passover feast Jesus attended with His disciples. Here Jesus appeared before the Apostles after His resurrection (John 20:19-23,24-29) and here, too, the Holy Ghost descended upon the house at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). Moving farther down the Kidron Valley we viewed the Gihon Spring and Hezekiah's Tunnel. In ancient times this spring was Jerusalem's only natural water source. Hezekiah in 702 B.C. built a tunnel system which in effect brought the water supply within the protection of the city walls and stored the water in the Pool of Siloam. We had lunch in Jerusalem before moving to Bethlehem in the afternoon.

The afternoon tour began with a bus ride to Bethlehem. Along the way we noted that the countryside seemingly steps downward and eastward to the Judean Desert. The hills are clad with fruit-bearing olive trees. Bethlehem and the surrounding coast are so important in Biblical history. Jacob's wife Rachel died and was buried here, Gen. 35:19. Ruth found favor in the eyes of Boaz while gleaning barley in the fields of Bethlehem. And, of course, it was here that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was born, Mt. 2:1. A tour was made of The Church of the Nativity erected on the site of the manger. Descending a short distance from Bethlehem the group stopped in the Shepherd's Field where a visit was made to a manger in the natural setting similar to the one in which Christ was born. Before leaving Bethlehem the group was allowed time for shopping at The Three Arches. A multitude of items were available for souvenir hunters but mother-of-pearl, diamonds, brass, and olivewood works seemed to be the local speciality. Heading back toward Jerusalem in the darkness of early evening it seemed that another day had been whisked from our grasp. A delicious dinner was enjoyed back at the hotel and a most welcome opportunity for a good night's rest before our final day of touring.

Monday, October 31, 1983

Some of us were awake early and witnessed the sunrise over Jerusalem. A most spectacular sight indeed. The first stop on the tour would be at the Western Wall (Wailing Wall). Ever since the destruction of the Second Temple, Jews have gathered in pilgrimage and in prayer at the Western Wall. The cracks in the granite wall are filled with notes and prayers from Jews all over the world. The Jews will approach no closer to the Temple than the Wall because of fear that they might encroach upon the sacred articles of the destroyed Temple. The group next moved to The Dome of the Rock located on Mt. Moriah. The Dome is set on the actual bedrock of the highest point of the Temple Mount. This structure was built by the Moslem Caliph Abe el-Malik in the year 691 A.D. We now entered inside the Wall of Old Jerusalem and began the journey made by Christ following His arrest and subsequent trial. The El Omarieh courtyard marks the start of the Via Dolorosa. It is here we find an ancient Roman pavement of large flagstones. In this fortress Jesus was brought before Pilate for interrogation, scourged, mocked by Roman soldiers and subsequently condemned to death. The Via Dolorosa, or Way of Sorrow, marks the path upon which Jesus bore the cross from the Praetorium (Place of Judgment) to Calvary. Along the way we entered and paused in the Crusader Church and once again engaged in a moving worship service. Prayers were offered and "How Great Thou Art" sung not only by our group but all other visitors. As our voices were lifted in song, tears of joy streamed down the cheeks of many. A

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST MISSION

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Elder and Mrs. M. V. Hammack

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moving time indeed! North of the Temple Mount just inside St. Stephen's Gate lies the Pool of Bethesda. We visited the ancient site recalling that during the time of Jesus this pool was thought to have curative powers. It is here that Jesus miraculously cured the impotent man who had his infirmity for thirty-eight years, Jn. 5:1-18. Boarding the bus we motored a few miles from Jerusalem to a Kibbutz for lunch. This was a most interesting and enjoyable experience and the food was some of the best of the entire tour. The afternoon was spent with a most informative and soul stirring visit to Golgotha and the Garden Tomb. This site is near the Damascus Gate and we truly believe the true site of Christ's Crucifixion, Burial, and Resurrection. A nearby rocky hill bears resemblance to a skull (Golgotha/Calvary). Near the hill we find a rockhewn tomb containing two chambers. One of these contain three burial places and here the Body of Jesus was laid. The scriptures state, "And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock," Mt. 27:59-60. After all had an opportunity to view this sacred site we moved to an appropriate area for a special service. Brother E. F. Prince brought the message along with testimonies and prayers from others. It was a soul stirring conclusion to a most dramatic during which we had once again witnessed and experienced so many great things. This being our last scheduled visit of the Holy Land we were back at the hotel in late afternoon.

A large number from our group then reboarded the bus for a visit to the Old Jerusalem Market Place. The Market scenes were unforgettable experiences to say the least. Crowded narrow streets filled with Jews, Moslems, and Christians. Elbow to elbow and toe to toe we made our way from shop to shop. Here one experiences a way of life that has not significantly changed in the past two thousand years. When we had finished shopping, we decided to walk back to the hotel, a distance of approximately two miles. After dinner we were all busy packing and getting ready to leave Jerusalem early the next morning for the trip home.

Tuesday, November 1, 1983

The wake-up call came early and we were all very busy getting breakfast, moving luggage down, and boarding our bus for the trip back to Amman, Jordan. The bus headed out of Jerusalem and down to Jericho and then south to the Jordan River, where we would pass through the check point and cross the Allenby Bridge. The transfer was mostly uneventful and we were soon on a new bus that would take us to the Alia Airport in Amman to board our plane for our trip back to America. The trip passed fast as the Jordanian guide made important comments along the way and gave last minute instructions for our departure from the airport. The W.T.I. representative met us at the airport and, as upon arriving, we found everything well organized. We had soon cleared all security check points and were comfortably aboard the giant aircraft that would wing us back home. I think it fair to say that all the group was tired and some exhausted from the busy schedule which had provided so many joyous experiences on our Pilgrimage. What a time of learning it had been. What a time of devotion and worship it had been. Wonderful fellowship, new friends, and bonds of love had been created that will span eternity. A once-in-a-lifetime experience for all. As we made the long flight to New York, my heart was filled with thanksgiving to God for this opportunity and a prayer that I might be able to return again - SOON.

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

We want to again thank each church and individual for the good donations that you have sent us this past quarter. There have been a number of churches which have begun supporting us in this last quarter. Also, we have received donations from new individuals for which we are thankful. It always has, and always will be, through mission-minded churches and individuals that the gospel will reach the lost where they can be saved.

For without the gospel being preached to them, it is impossible for them to be saved. The apostle Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth," Romans 1:16. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated. It will also help us to give our full time to the word of God and prayer that we will be better able to reach the lost that they may be saved before it is too late.

Your Bro. in Christ,
Elder M. V. Hammack
766 Sidney
Batesville, AR 72501

DONATION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY NOVEMBER:

Churches:	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Franklin, KY	\$ 25.00
	Fairview Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY	151.89
	Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN	100.00
	Red Hill Baptist Church, Holland, KY	20.00
	Grace Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN	50.00
Individuals:	Mrs. Ethel Smith, Lafayette, TN	10.00
	Ruth and Charles Hicks, Detroit, MI	15.00
	Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Knight, Franklin, KY	10.00
	Mr. Marvin Payne, Springfield, MO	25.00
	November Total	\$406.89

DECEMBER:

Churches:	Kokomo Baptist Church, Kokomo, IN	\$ 55.00
	Southside Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN	50.00
	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Franklin, KY	25.00
	Red Hill Baptist Church, Holland, KY	20.00
	Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN	100.00
Individuals:	Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Knight, Franklin, KY	10.00
	Joseph and Dorothy Dillman, Conowingo, MD	40.00
	Elder James H. Smith, Nashville, TN	50.00
	Mrs. Edna L. Vantrease, Lebanon, TN	75.00
	Mrs. Ethel Smith, Lafayette, TN	10.00
	December Total	\$435.00

JANUARY:

Churches:	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Franklin, KY	\$ 25.00
	Brattontown Baptist Church, Lafayette, TN	100.00
Individuals:	Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Knight, Franklin, KY	10.00
	Joseph and Dorothy Dillman, Conowingo, MD	15.00
	Mr. and Mrs. Set Watkins, Lebanon, TN	50.00
	January Total	\$200.00



BIBLE LANDS TOUR

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Upon our departure from Calvary, we solemnly walked through a Garden which was nearby, to the Garden Tomb. If you wish to have Biblical information on this wonderful place that we visited, read John 19:38-42. This tomb was visited by us, and as a few at a time entered and returned, eyes were filled with tears, hearts with many thoughts, and Christians embraced one another in fellowship and manifestation of Christian love which had been made possible by the Tomb being emptied by Jesus almost 2,000 years ago! We will wait until next month to print the photo of Jesus' empty tomb.

As you will note in Bro. Carver's report, they were in the Garden as we were, and our service was conducted nearby. We had scripture reading, prayer, singing, rejoicing, a Christian handshake, testimonies, etc. As I type this report, I stop sometimes and dry my eyes and try to swallow the lumps in my throat. GOD BLESS ALL YOU 92 PEOPLE WHO SHARED THESE EXPERIENCES WITH ME!

After this period of Christian fellowship, we returned to the Ambassador Hotel. Again we rested, visited nearby shops, and waited for our evening meal. Sometimes other tourists would be eating with us and this sure made for a large congregation. Meeting people not on our tour, but from other states and countries just added up to making our fellowship cups run over. After supper we began packing our luggage for our return home the next day.

Tuesday, November 1, 1983

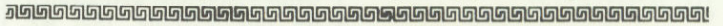
Two-thirds of our group returned home on this date. There were 28, some from Bus One and others from Bus Two, who were taking the extended tour to Athens, Greece. They would be in Jerusalem until Wednesday when they would depart for Athens.

We boarded our busses after saying goodbye to Wholesale Tours representatives, hotel clerks, waiters, room maids, fellow tour members going to Athens, etc. On our way to the Allenby Bridge we spent much of our time singing gospel songs which we had done quite often throughout the tour. Then Theo, our Christian Arab guide, said, "Would you sing one more song for me?" We sang, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." Then he said, "I want to ask you all to remember me in your prayers, and I'll promise to pray for all of you." So we went through customs and boarded our Jordanian busses. As we looked back, Theo stood crying and waving to us. Again, we had sadness mixed with joy. But I learned our Jordanian guide was Mr. Adnon Shaweesh (Eddie), whom I had had as a guide in Jordan before. This was a happy meeting for us and we were privileged to talk over former times, discuss touring, personnel, etc. We arrived at Amman, Jordan International Airport, went through customs, boarded our Royal Jordanian flight to New York via Vienna, Austria where we spent about one hour. We arrived in New York late in the afternoon, transferred to another flight to Nashville via Pittsburg. Upon our arrival at Metro Airport in Nashville we found a large "WELCOME HOME HOLY LAND TOUR GROUP" congregation. After handshakes, hugs, kisses, goodbyes and luggage pickup, we all headed to our respective homes to live and dream forever of the past few days.

P.S. Just as I finished this article I received a phone call. It was Johnny Cole, the boy from our tour group. He called to let me know he got saved during our tour. It was during the wonderful Spiritual service we had on the boat on the Sea of Galilee! His parents are members of our church, and Johnny plans to unite and be baptized. What an experience to tell when telling "the time and place of salvation." This repays me for all time and effort of touring, not counting the other million blessings.

I Asked God

I asked God for strength that I might achieve.
 I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
 I asked for help that I might do greater things.
 I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
 I asked for riches that I might be happy.
 I was given poverty that I might be wise.
 I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.
 But I was given life that I might enjoy all things.



Mount of Olives



OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR FINANCIAL REPORT 12-30-83

CONTRIBUTIONS		EXPENSES	
October	\$2132.35	October	\$1955.15
November	825.82	November	1385.85
December	1884.03	December	1628.90
Balance in the bank as of 9-30-83		\$3791.28	
EXPENSES ITEMIZED:			
Carthage-Hartsville Cable T.V.		390.00	
C.A.T. - TV-9		552.50	
Century Televue - Mailing Tapes		10.00	
Consolidated Media - Tapes		357.61	
Harold Dunn - Reimbursement for having yard mowed		15.00	
Paul Gross - Painting Sign		20.00	
Group W Cable - Mailing Tapes		4.35	
Hartsville Vidette - Advertising		79.24	
Interstate Press - Mailing Labels		49.95	
Middle Tennessee Electric M.C. - Electricity		55.76	
Billy Pack - Payment on Recorder in Manchester, TN		19.00	
Bob Pitt - Expenses - Mileage, Mailing Tapes, etc.		361.51	
Powell & Meadows Ins. Agcy. - Insurance for Equipment		254.00	
Sainte Broadcasting Corp. #19		1190.00	
Sainte Broadcasting Corp. #35		748.00	
Tennessee Telephone Co.		510.81	
U.C.G. Energy - Gas and Tank Rental		288.85	
U.S. Postmaster - Stamps		43.64	
West Wilson Water District		19.68	
			Total Expenses \$4969.90

All bills are paid to date.
 Ending Checkbook Balance: \$3663.58

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

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Philippians' generosity to the Corinthians, writing to them, "we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much intreaty that we should receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints." (2nd Corinthians 8:1-4.) We can see that the poverty of this church did not prevent their giving "beyond their power" to the Lord's work.

Whereas the Macedonians respected Paul in the manner which was due him, the Corinthians did not. They rather behaved toward him as a spoiled child toward his overly-generous parent. In response to the wholly undeserved lack of respect returned to himself by the Corinthian church, Paul asked, "For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you?", and he added "Forgive me this wrong." (2nd Corinthians 12:13.) Yet he would not charge them after all, lest some should say the gospel was not free.

Paul, also in Thessalonica, laid aside his authority to be chargeable unto them. He was assisted while there by the Macedonian churches and by the work of his own hands. He wrote to them later, "For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God." (1st Thessalonians 2:9.) This he did, in part, to set an example of industriousness before the people. He again wrote to them, "Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us." (2nd Thessalonians 3:8-9.) The example Paul was setting was in-

BIBLE VERSE



ROMANS 15:4

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

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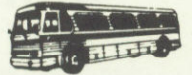
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tended for the church members themselves, not for their preachers, for it seems that there were some among them with an inclination to be "working not at all" but were "busybodies" causing disorder in the church. (2nd Thessalonians 3:11.) Even so, Paul left a good example for God's preachers to follow. He was willing to "spend and be spent" as much as he was able for the sake of those to whom he ministered. Yet Paul did not hesitate to commend the generous and rebuke the selfish among God's people with the plainest words found in the Holy Scriptures. He taught them all that, although he did not demand support from them, the word of Truth demanded that they support him, and that where they had not obeyed God in this matter it was to their shame and to their fruitlessness.

(Continued next month)

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" applies to vacation Sundays as well as the rest of the year.



BIBLE LANDS TOUR

DEPARTURE: OCTOBER 30, 1984

Our 1984 Bible Lands Tour will begin on the above date to Jordan and Israel. For those who wish to travel into other Bible Lands there will be Extensions to Greece and Egypt.

H. C. VANDERPOOL, HOST-ADVISOR

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- TIME FOR REFLECTION — On the importance of Biblical events and their relevance to modern day living.
- TIME FOR RELAXATION — Shopping in the Bazaars and making new friends.
- TIME FOR EMPOWERMENT — Commissioned to be dynamic disciples beginning in Jerusalem and continuing to the ends of the earth.

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