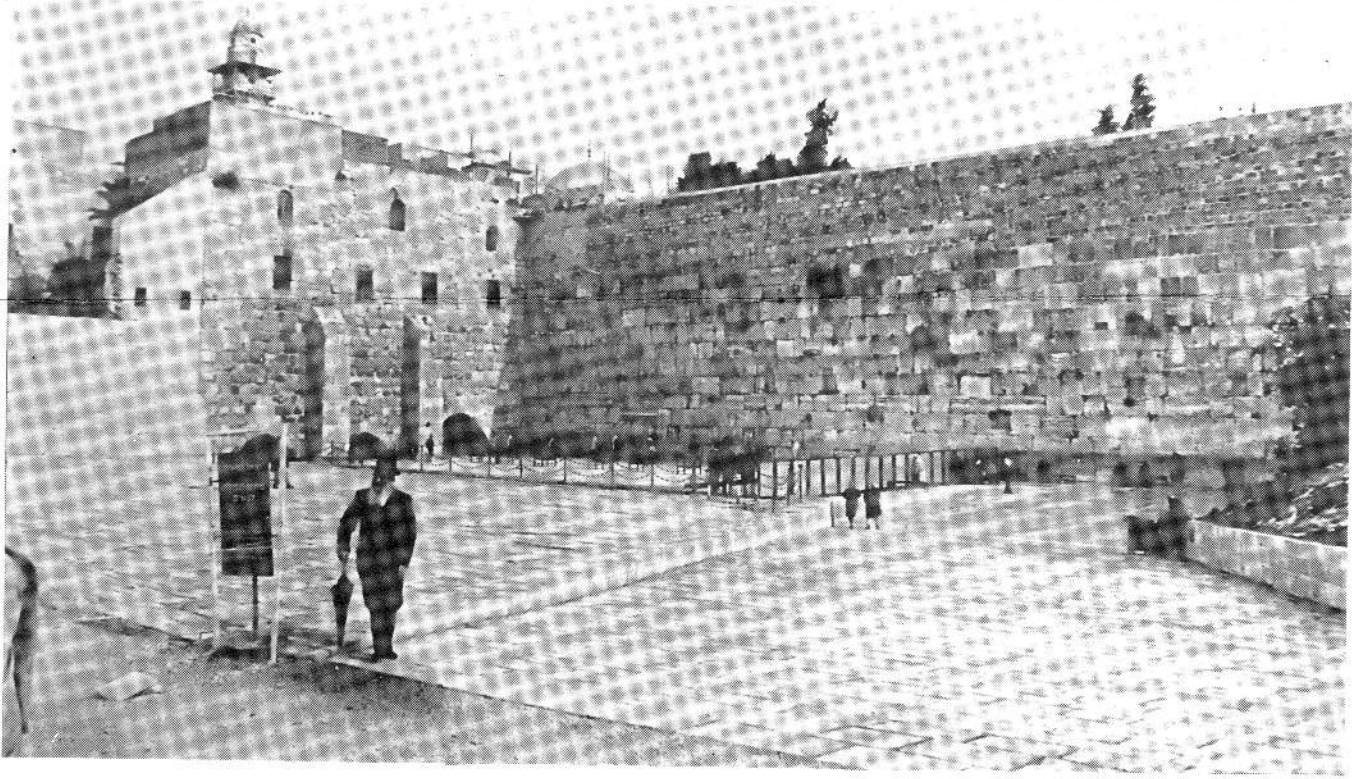


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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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THE WALLING WALL AT JERUSALEM.

Missionary Report From Japan

April 4, 1972
Hiroshima, Japan

Dear Elder Vanderpool and friends;

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

We thank you for your sending us the "Baptist Banner" monthly which we enjoy so much. It is a blessing and an encouragement to us when we read news over there in States and articles in the paper.

We had snow yesterday. Cold rains and winds last week. It seems the weather brought us back to winter again, yet Spring is near to us. Then we will get more busy. April is the beginning of new year term in Japan. Many of our Baptists had already moved to other cities and towns for schools, for jobs, or transferring their office to another city. We missed them so much. To those

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Bro. Vance Returning Home From Mexico

San Marcos, Jalisco
April 1, 1972

Dear Bro. Vanderpool,

We hope this finds you and your family well. As for us we're just so, so. We've had sickness of one sort or another most of the time since we returned to the mission field last year.

We have received the Banner now for two months and we enjoy reading it. Thank you for sending it to us. We sure would like to have heard the debate.

We're making plans to come home the first of May for an indefinite time. Would you put a small note in the next issue of the Banner to inform the churches that any correspondence sent to us after the

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Editor Reports On Second Tour

By H. C. Vanderpool

(Reports and pictures of my second tour of Bible Lands which was Nov. 29-Dec. 8, 1971, are being printed in the BANNER. Previous reports have been up until Sat. night, Dec. 4, and of Cyprus, Turkey, Labanon, Syria and some of Israel. This article begins with the seventh day of travel. - Editor).

Sunday, Dec. 5, 1971 - With all the joy, excitement and inspiration that we were receiving on this tour, as life goes, there was some sorrow. About 5:15 A. M. on this Sunday morning, - we had spent the night at the Ritz Hotel - Bro. W. E. Massey's wife knocked on our door asking me to come to their room. She said Bro. Massey was sick. My wife and I had been up only a few minutes. I went to Bro. and Sister Massey's room and found him to be very sick. I went back to the phone and called the front desk of

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From Japan

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people we witnessed Christ. We prayed for them. We got them saved. We baptized them and taught them what our Lord commanded us to do. And what we do now is to keep on our missionary work.

Two Sundays ago, an old lady, Mrs. Sakoda, came to our service from Toyohira, a small village in Chugoku mountains, as she has no chance to hear the message there. She took a bus for three hours and came down to Hiroshima. We may have a mission point in that village and carry out the gospel of Christ around its area. I would like for you to pray that God may open the way for us to go, as there also are souls to be saved.

83-years-old woman, Tama Ozaki, a Shintoist, lived next to our house with her family, died some days ago. She heard me a number of times, but never trusted Christ, and died without Saviour. She followed her religion of the house which was handed down for hundreds of years. By chance I could see how she was made one of goddess by a priest the night she died. A priest came and made an altar, and offered some vegetables, some fishes, and some canned foods and others to the gods and goddess of the world. He put all the lights off. With strange and awful shivering voice he transferred the spirit of the dead from the body to the group of gods. He declared it and accepted money from the family. I was disgusted at it, and my spirit stirred in me.

Surely Satan works hard in this land.

Satan works overtime in seeking to stumble and destroy the faith of ones

who profess through untold means in the culture and style of life in this land. It is a constant battle — instability, lack of spiritual maturity and unreliability is something, it seems, we are constantly combating. I still believe this land has much hope and if we, as Baptists, don't survive and continue on, then there is little hope for the future of those who follow us. So we must prod on and though the results are not what we wish them to be, faith believes in what cannot be seen and confides in the Almighty and His power to do the impossible. If any land needs and requires this kind of faith, it is Japan. We must brave on. God rewards the overcomer who endures unto the end, not the one who fails to endure. We must keep on. With this confidence, we believe that great things lie ahead for us.

Since I got Japanese translation copyright, I tried to put a small book, "The Trail of Blood" by J. M. Carroll, into Japanese. And I did it though. I know this book will help Japanese Baptists know the history of the church that Jesus founded. I will contact with printer of this matter. Another book, "Why Be A Baptist" by Boyce Taylor, my translation, is now in printed. There are few Baptist books in Japan. If you are interested in that book, I will send you a copy of it, though it is printed in Japanese.

Following is the offering received for the first quarter of 1972 with so much thanks.

JAN.: Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 102.32; Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., 150.00; Mr. Joseph Rock, Hardyville, Ky., 20.00; S. S. Class of Grace Baptist Church, Fisher's, Ind., 11.25; Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., 80.94; Total, \$364.51.

FEB.: Mr. D. R. Perrigo, Gallatin, Tenn., 10.00; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 96.54; Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., 70.74; North Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 37.76; Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 25.00; Mr. T. D. Dickerson, Madison, Ala., 50.00; Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 128.77; Total, \$418.81.

MARCH: East Side Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., 102.00; North Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 2.04; Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 83.06; Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Total, \$277.10.

From McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., to Koi Baptist Church, Jan., 69.10; Feb., 100.00; March, 216.59, and to Yamaguchi Baptist Church, Feb., 100.00.

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

May God richly bless you.

Your brother in Christ
Koji Tajima

Bro. Vance Returning Home

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20th of April should be sent to our stateside address. Also send our copy of the Banner to P. O. Box 57, Gordonsville, Tenn., 38563. Any mail arriving here after we leave would be lost. Remember us in your prayers and we'll be praying for you.

Your Brother in Christ
James Vance

Life Is Eternal

I am standing upon the seashore.
A ship at my side spreads her
white sails to the morning breeze
and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and
strength and I stand and watch her
until at length she hangs like a
speck of white cloud just where
the sea and sky come down to
mingle with each other. Then some-
one at my side says: "There! She's
gone."

Gone where? Gone from my
sight—that is all. She is just as
large in mast and hull and spar
as she was when she left my side,
and just as able to bear her load
of living freight to the place of
destination.

Her diminished size is in me,
not in her; and just at the moment
when someone at my side says,
"There! She's gone," there are
other eyes watching her coming,
and other voices ready to take up
the glad shout, "There she comes!"

—Author Unknown.

Country Parson



"Gossip can thrive only among
folks who like to think it's true."

From The Scriptures

By Stanley E. Galloway

That the Lord's work prosper, the ultimate aim being that: Lost sinners be guided to Christ. The afore statement being my purpose in penning this I'll endeavor to continue.

The Great Apostle Paul, (Great) in that there is more record of the Inspired Word of God of his proclaiming of the Gospel, of his exhortations and instructions to the Church of ages gone by and I'm persuaded to the Church even of this day, they were no more to those ages than this. In another way of saying it, I thank "God" for the Inspired Word. I'm sure all Baptists do. Now, why don't we in this day realize I Cor. 1:10 applies to us. "Now I beseech you, Brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; But that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgement."

Now that we have a portion of the Eternal Word of God under consideration let's see who it applies to. Verse 2, same chapter, "Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all in every place that call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and ours: Verse 3, "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." We would all readily admit we aren't at Corinth. But Baptists claim spiritual sanctification in Christ Jesus, and rightfully so, also Baptists call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. I want to be honest about it and will say, "Comanded to call upon His name. I Thess. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."

God's word teaches no divisions within the Body or between Bodies, that ye all speak the same thing. Every Body or Church has the same Holy Spirit to guide it in accordance with the Inspired word. I beseech you, Brethren, let's use it, there can't be a better way than God's way.

Those rules passes in conference of His Churches should be enough in harmony not to offend any Brother or Sister or any other Body regardless of how near or far away. I have confidance enough in an all powerful God, in a crucified, buried and risen Christ, in the Holy Spirit that dwells in us and leads every battle against Satan that even in this late hour those things that hinder harmonious labors together with Christ can and will be omitted from records. According to the teaching of and rule of Baptists everywhere, when His people get in trouble they turn to God and thanks be to Him He always hears and answers.

Are we going to continue to look our friends and loved ones into hell from the mourner's benches of our Churches or are

we humble enough to manifest we as individuals or Bodies may have done or required something never necessary in the first place.

I have faith enough in the Church Christ died for that it can be as a City set on a hill, the Light from it being so bright even hard hearted, lost sinners can see it and even they can become fit subjects to glorify God. Not the least would be all members assembling themselves together. To Him be glory in the Church forever.

Lest this be misunderstood to mean a watering down of Baptist beliefs that there be unity, turn to Ephesians 6:10 thru 18. Verse 13: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." This is to stand on the teachings, back to Mark 3:13-14, the early Church as recorded in Acts 1:22, thought it needful that all link back to John's Baptism. The Church today don't need to take from or add anything to those teachings.

Prayerfully written, may God use it for His glory.

Homecoming At New Bethel

There is to be an all-day Homecoming service at New Bethel Baptist Church, Old Dickerson Rd., Goodlettsville, Tenn., on Sunday, May 28. Sunday School is to begin at 9:45 a. m. and preaching at 11:00 a. m. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

In the afternoon there is to be singing by the Christiannaires, the Brake Family, and congregational singing. Elder F. L. Ray is the pastor. Everyone is invited to come for any or all of these services.

Memorial Day Services At Old Union Church

On Sunday, May 21, there are to be all-day Memorial services at Old Union Baptist Church, Highway 240 between Allen Springs and Woodburn, Bowling Green, Ky. Sunday school at 10:00 A. M., preaching at 11:00 and then lunch will be served at noon.

In the afternoon the Patterson Family will be singing and there will also be congregational singing. Everyone is invited to attend these services. Elder Kenneth W. Massey is the pastor.

Revival Announcements

FIRST SUNDAY — MAY

Longview Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Paul Patterson is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey.

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 12

Grace Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes Ave., Detroit, Mich. Pastor L. W. Smith is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

SECOND SUNDAY — MAY

Fellowship Baptist Church, 1032 South Holesms, Indianapolis, Ind. Pastor Calvin Perrigo is to be assisted by Elder Thomas Carter and Elder Tommie Langford is to direct the singing.

FOURTH SUNDAY — MAY

Salem Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor Ted Smith is to be assisted by Elder Calvin Perrigo.

Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. Pastor Thomas Carter is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. The singing is to be under the direction of Elder Tommie Langford.

Written In Memory Of Effie, My Wife

By G. H. Dillard

It was three years ago today,
That my darling went away;
She knew as we know today,
That we didn't come for an abiding stay.

She's resting in the arms of Jesus,
While her body is in decay;
She is resting, calmly resting
In paradise not far away.
With joy she one day will awaken,
Then with friends who stood the test;
When our Lord descends with no mistakings,

Sing praise to him as will the rest.
Then they will be blooming, ever blooming,

In the garden of delight;
In the realms of sweet Eden,
Where the flowers never blight.

Mother's Day

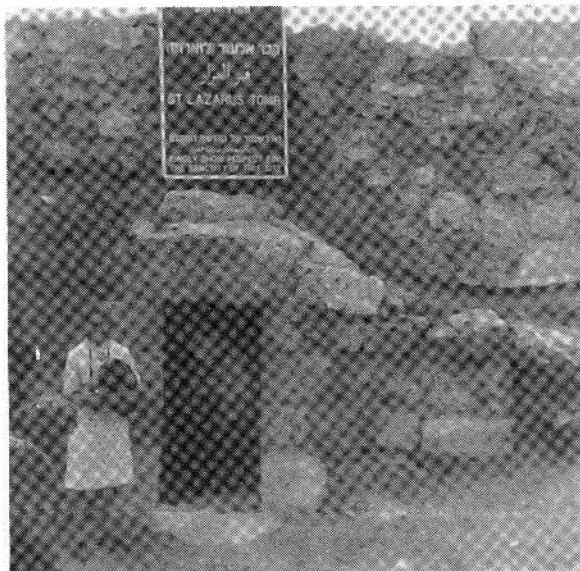
By Irene Bohannon

Mammy means, there is only one!
Over an over, you taught me right from wrong.

This is for tomorrow, same as today.
Here today, I could never repay —
Every thing I do, you are there, in some sort of way.

Remember I love you every day,
Sorrows, I wish I could erase into space.

Dear mammy, I hope I was your pride,
A day for you, I have set aside.
Yes, one can have only one mammy.



Tomb of Lazarus at Bethany



Jerusalem from Mt. of Olives

Editor Reports On Tour

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the hotel and asked them to call a doctor. A doctor was there in about fifteen minutes.

He thought Bro. Massey should be sent to a hospital for tests. Being the tour host I had the rest of my group to take care of, so I told Sister Massey I would go on the bus with the tour group that morning while they were waiting to see what the report would be and then check on them at noon. In the meantime I called Bro. and Sister Smith whom we had visited the night before. They said they would check on Bro. Massey on the way to their church services.

On this Sunday morning we toured the city of Jerusalem. We visited the tomb of David on Mt. Zion and then went on to Mt. Moriah where Abraham offered up Isaac and later where Solomon built the temple (Gen. 22:1-2; II Chron. 3:1). Today the Moslems are in charge of Mt. Moriah and the Dome of the Rock or the Mosque where they worship is located where Solomon's temple and later Herod's temple once stood.

We toured the area where Christ was tried before Pilate and was sentenced to death. We went to the Wailing Wall. This is the only portion of the temple — Herod's Temple — that remains. Some times it is referred to as the western courtyard. The Jews come here to pray, sing psalms and to worship. This causes one to feel much sorrow. They are still

praying for and waiting for their Messiah. Please read Ro. 10:1-3.

We continued to the Damascus Gate and the Valley of Hinnom. We visited some shops. We now ride for a few minutes as we board our busses and head for Bethany. We visited the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:38).

Next we went to the Mount of Olives and Mt. Scopus. From the Mount of Olives we viewed the city of Jerusalem westward across the Kidron Valley. What joy, what inspiration to walk in these places.

We went back to our hotel for lunch. While here an official of the tour company told me that the tests showed that Bro. Massey had had a heart attack. That he was in the French Hospital. I soon learned that this was just around the block from where Bro. Henry Smith and wife lived and would be near them.

On this Sunday afternoon I had to leave our tour group to check on Bro. Massey and to arrange some things for them. My group traveled with the others the rest of the day. A Wholesale Tour Company official made arrangements for me to have a taxi to the French Hotel. There in Room 17 I talked with Sister Massey and found out what I was to do. Bro. Massey wasn't allowed to talk. I was to travel that afternoon from Jerusalem up the Mediterranean Sea coast to Haifa by taxi and pack the luggage of Bro. and Sister Massey and have it sent back to Jerusalem. I also had to take their boarding cards we had been using to go on board the ship each night, and exchange them for their Passports and send them also back to Jerusalem.

By the time I reached our ship at the harbor of Haifa and packed the luggage it

was dark. The tour busses soon pulled in and the tour group unloaded and came aboard. So many people were asking about Bro. Massey and his condition. After supper we met in one of the upper rooms on the ship and had a special prayer service for him. The next day when we heard he had rested well during the night another prayer service was held by the Tour company hosts and officials thanking the Lord for the report. I have no way to explain how good this made me feel.

On this Sunday night we retire to our cabins for another night's rest. The next day is to be our last day in Israel before sailing back to Cyprus.

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MOTHER'S DAY

A good wife is heaven's last, best gift to man, her voice his sweetest music, her smiles his brightest day, her lips his faithful counsellors; and her prayers the ablest advocate of heaven's blessings on his head.—Jeremy Taylor.

If you have a gray-haired mother in the old home town far away, Sit right down and write that letter you've put off from day to day.

MEMORIAL DAY

Today the big idea is to risk life in the attempt to save somebody's life, or in the attempt to make life conditions better for people.—The Messenger of Peace.

It is high time for the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus to study the genius of their religion.—John Angell James.