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Missionary Reports From Japan

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Dear Bro. Vanderpool and Friends,

We send our greetings to you in the name of the Lord. Our Lord has been so gracious to us. He expresses His goodness to us in so many ways; He watches over us, protects us, give us grace in times of trials, gives us strength in times of weakness. He provides all of our temporal needs through His people. Our Lord has given our two sons Japanese friends in their own age group for companionship. He is worthy of all the praise that we can bestow upon Him.

Last fall I felt led of the Lord to start trying to preach in Japanese. Of course I still used an interpreter quite a bit also. However last month, March, God burdened my heart to preach in Japanese altogether from now on without using an interpreter at all. I am still very young in this language, and I must continue my study of the Japanese Grammar, meaning of words, and the Japanese Bible just as much as possible. I need your prayers very much in this matter also. I am thankful that the things impossible with man are possible with God.

One day while in the service of my country in the nation of Korea, I felt very discouraged and my home, family, and friends seemed so many, many thousands of miles away. So I went out on the side of a mountain away from everyone else, and there I unburdened
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Clinton Church Calls Pastor

Clinton Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, Ohio, recently called Eld. T. H. Tillman, Wadsworth, Ohio, to her pastorate. He succeeds Eld. Charles Moore, who was instrumental in the organization of the church last year.

The church represents in Siloam Missionary Baptist Association. Let us remember Bro. Tillman and this young church in our prayers.

CALLED HOME



Mrs. Edith Langford White

Sister White was called home to be with the Lord on April 7. She was born March 6, 1936 near Barberton, Ohio the daughter of Eulis and Louise Donoho Langford. She was 31.

Funeral services were conducted at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio on April 10, at 1:30 P. M., by Elder Calvin Perrigo, the pastor, Elder W. R. Overton and Elder H. C. Vanderpool.

Sister White was a charter member of Liberty church when it was organized in October, 1957. She was saved at Bethany Baptist Church near Red Boiling Springs, Tenn. when she was about twelve years of age. For the past few years she had been in ill health. Yet in her condition she attended church as long as possible. She had been an example of patience and contentment in the infirmities of this life. Her physical sufferings were overshadowed by her desire to attend church and testify of the goodness and grace of the Lord.

She was a graduate of Norton High School, being a member of the Class of 1954. She had taught Sunday School and

The Finished Work of Christ

By C. B. Huddleston
Part II of His Work

In this part of our Lord's work, we will take up the setting up of his Kingdom or Church. The work of setting up the church was a part of the work that the Father gave him to do as mentioned in John 17:4. This was an important work for many reasons, but the main reason was a continuation of preaching the gospel and seeking out the unsaved. Acts: 1-8.

In Daniel 2:44 we have the prophecy of this kingdom which the God of heaven shall set up. Many critics today try to prove that this did not refer to Jesus as setting up the church, but God himself.

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Matthew 1:23.

In carrying out or fulfilling the work of setting up the church, there was a need of material to be used. The Father in heaven supplied this material by commissioning a man to prepare the material. John 1:6 Luke 1:17.

In Matthew 3rd chapter, we see that John the Baptist prepared this material by preaching repentance to the people and baptizing those that brought forth evidence that they had repented; this
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had been church pianist.

She was married to Billie Joe White in 1959, and to this union was born one daughter, Rebecca Louise, known to many of us as Becky Lou. Other survivors are her parents; two brothers, Carl and Kenneth, Barberton, Ohio; two grandmothers, Mrs. Plumie Donoho, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., and Mrs. Rebecca Langford, Barberton; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The editor remembers the faithfulness and patients of this good Christian woman during his pastorate at Liberty church. Our deepest sympathy goes to the family.

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my heart to my God. As I prayed to God that day, He showed me that though my family and friends were far away, they were praying for me and through their prayers their presence could be felt with me in that land. At that time I felt the presence of my family and friends so strong it seemed as though I should have been able to reach out and touch them. Oh the blessings that the Lord gave me in that day.

Many times I have felt assuredly that family, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ in our homeland were praying earnestly for us and the Lord's work in this nation. Oh what it means to us and how it lifts us up. When God's people are united in their prayers, in faith believing, doors of effectual can be opened. As we pray, we must have patience and faith in the Lord. We appreciate your prayers so much and we certainly need them. Without God we would be helpless.

Last Sunday a young lady, who has been coming to the services for sometime, knelt for prayer for the first time. Also the high school student that we have requested prayer for before, bowed for prayer. Please continue to pray for them that all unbelief would be removed and that they would turn away from all the false ideas and false gods that they have been instructed in, and put their complete trust and faith in Jesus Christ, the living Saviour, who can save to the utmost all that come to

Him.

We had our monthly English speaking Fellowship Meeting here in Ube City last Thursday night. Bro. James H. Smith preached a wonderful sermon and we felt God's presence with us. It was uplifting to us. Next month we will go to Tokuyama City for the Fellowship Meeting. Pray for these services, that they will be beneficial to us and to God's work here.

We pray that the Lord's Churches in our homeland will be richly blessed, and that many lost souls will be led down in humble repentance unto salvation by God's Spirit and power. Please continue to remember the work here in your prayers.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Dexter Bacon, Jr.
Dexter Bacon

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER — 1967 — JANUARY

Bro. & Sis. Wm. Pucilowski, Indpls. Ind.	\$ 20.00
Bro. & Sis. Joe D. Bacon, Eighty Eight, Ky.	15.00
Un.on—2 Baptist Church, Nobob, Ky.	31.12
Sis. Pauline Brown, Glasgow, Ky.	5.00
Bro. & Sis. Eugene Wiley, Anderson, Ind.	5.00
Siloam Baptist Church, Glasgow, Ky.	30.00
Fellowship Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	22.00
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	12.75
Fairview Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky.	40.00
McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.	55.42
Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Cedar Grove, Ky.	45.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	50.00
Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.	30.00
Dover Baptist Church, Mt. Hermon, Ky.	170.00
Becker Drive Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.	10.00
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February

Kokomo Baptist Church, Kokomo, Ind.	\$ 50.00
Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Poplar Springs, Ky.	30.00
Bro. & Sis. Joe D. Bacon, Eighty Eight, Ky.	20.00
Becker Drive Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.	10.00
Bro. & Sis. Woodie Clark, Indianapolis, Ind.	20.00
Bethel Baptist Church, India-	

napolis, Ind.	50.00
Union — 2 Baptist Church, Nobob, Ky.	35.00
Sis. Pauline Brown, Glasgow, Ky.	5.00
Eld. Elmer Davis, Glasgow, Ky.	16.27
Bro. & Sis. Eugene Wiley, Anderson, Ind.	5.00
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	15.21
Harmony Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	38.50
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	\$294.98

MARCH

Fellowship Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	\$ 35.35
Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.	60.00
McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.	98.50
Siloam Baptist Church, Glasgow, Ky.	30.00
Bro. & Sis. Joe D. Bacon, Eighty Eight, Ky.	15.00
Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.	50.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	75.00
Becker Drive Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.	10.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	73.50
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	11.87
Union — 2 Baptist Church, Nobob, Ky.	40.56
Sis. Pauline Brown, Glasgow, Ky.	5.00
Bro. & Sis. Eugene Wiley, Anderson, Ind.	5.00
Bro. & Sis. Woodie Clark, Indianapolis, Ind.	20.00
Bro. & Sis. Jay Beam, Fountain Run, Ky.	5.00
West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn.	43.50
Bro. & Sis. William Pucilowski, Indianapolis, Ind.	30.00

\$608.28

These offerings were recorded in the month received. We sincerely say thank you and pray that the Lord will richly bless each of you for your support of our work here in Japan.

Dexter Bacon, Jr.

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"There can't be joy in salvation without first having sorrow of sin."

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"Life becomes tragic to him who has plenty to live on, but little to live for."

"In fishing for men, there is no closed season."

Marine Credits Prayer As Help For Survival IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Pvt. Raymon Escalera, the Marine who had a live rifle grenade removed from his throat, says he credits prayer with helping to bring him through his ordeal in Vietnam.

Escalera is being treated at San Diego Naval Hospital for wounds suffered in a battle near Da Nang Dec. 20.

He said his patrol had been sent out to help another patrol which had been ambushed and that he thinks he saw the Communist guerrilla who fired the rifle grenade at him.

"He was on the other side of a stream beside the road," he said. "I didn't shoot at him because he was wearing an American-style helmet."

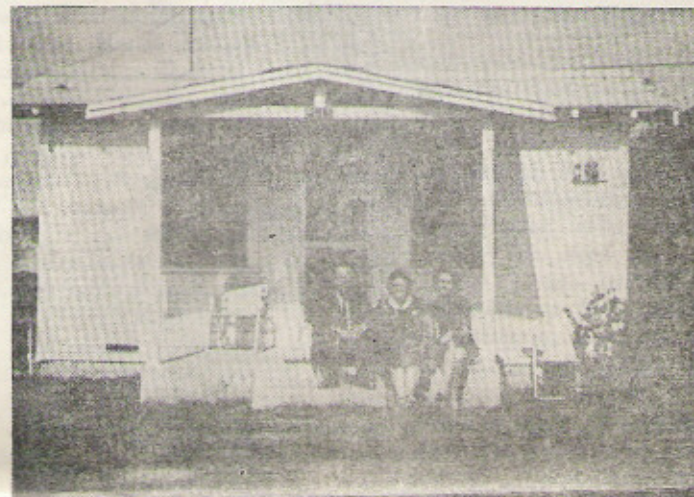
Escalera, 20, of Los Angeles, was helped by two hospital corpsmen after being hit in the throat and the leg.

"I just lay there choking and tried to keep breathing. I thought I wouldn't make it. I thought I would choke to death. But the corpsman told me to pray to God and I did," he said.

Escalera said he waited about four hours before an evacuation helicopter removed him to a hospital in Da Nang, where the grenade was removed. He said he didn't know at the time he was carrying a live explosive in his throat.

"When I woke up from surgery and found myself sitting there I was so happy that right away I gave the doctor and his staff the biggest thank-you I could—I was so glad to be alive," he said.

Lt. Cmdr. James Chandler of San Francisco was the surgeon who removed the grenade from Escalera's throat. A demolition team exploded the projectile.



Pictured above is the residence of Eld. and Mrs. Oakley Cook, Gardendale, Downey, Calif. In the picture, left to right: Bro. Cook, Mrs. Octava Cook and Mrs. Ward Wilds.

In a former issue of the BANNER a sketch was given on the work of Bro. Oakley Cook in Southern California. He pastored New Bethel Baptist Church, Fontana, for a while before going to Gloria Gardens Missionary Baptist church in Downey. This church was organized in 1961. Most of the charter members were from Missouri. They are independent of any association, convention or board.

Eld. Cook wishes to thank each one for the financial support given him. Listed below is a financial report.

JANUARY

Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette Tenn. _____	\$ 37.66
Lafayette Y.M.P. Sunday School Class _____	25.00
Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. _____	9.61
El Bethel Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. _____	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gregory, Florida _____	5.00
Enon Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. _____	7.00
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. _____	12.50
Rocky Grove Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tenn. _____	25.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio _____	22.65
Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. _____	23.23
Bro. Chuck Goodman Lafayette, Tenn. _____	1.00
Bro. John Talley, Lafayette, Tenn. _____	1.00

Total _____ 179.65

FEBRUARY

El Bethel Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. _____	\$ 10.00
Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. _____	9.46
Bro. L. D. Fishburn, Lafayette, Tenn. _____	10.00
Enon Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. _____	10.15
Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. _____	21.78
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. _____	12.50
Lafayette Y.M.P. Sunday School Class, Lafayette, Tenn. _____	25.00
Total _____	98.89

MARCH

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Wilds, California _____	\$ 7.00
Mrs. Ward, California _____	2.00
Lafayette Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn. _____	29.30
Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. _____	9.14
El Bethel Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky. _____	10.00
Enon Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. _____	8.60
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. _____	12.50
Faith Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. _____	22.77
Bethel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio _____	17.92
Total _____	\$119.24
Total for January, February and March _____	\$395.78

For The Children

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

- (1) Who wrote the letters to the seven churches for God?
- (2) What was the name of the first church?
- (3) What did God have against her?
- (4) Was this church completely wrong?
- (5) What was the name of the second church?
- (6) What did God have against her?
- (7) What was the name of the third church?
- (8) What did God have against her?
- (9) Was this church completely in the wrong?
- (10) Did God give these churches a chance to correct their mistakes?

(Answers on page 4)

Finished Work

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should be practiced today.

In Matthew 3:13-17, we find that John administers baptism to Jesus, the head of the church. In John 1:35-49, Jesus comes in contact with some of this material that John had prepared and they followed him. John 1:37-38. Some people believe that Christ took the twelve apostles to set up the church, basing their ideas on I Cor. 12:28, in which this scripture has no reference of setting up the church, but rather the setting in of spiritual gifts. Setting the spiritual gifts in this church took place in Luke 6:12-13. Truly the Lord could not have set the gifts in the church if it had not already been set up, but Paul said he set them (gifts) in. In Luke 6:14, Christ himself begins to name those he gave the gift of apostleship.

In Matthew 10th chapter, the church had an ordained ministry that was ready to be sent out on a limited commission. I am thankful unto the Lord that he did not leave the church on this limited commission. In Matthew 28:16-20, he gave this church the work of carrying the gospel to the whole world, which included you and me. I thank the Lord for the church and the great work of her establishment, which is the pillar and ground of the truth, I Timothy 3:15, and which shall never be destroyed. Matthew 16:18.

Before Jesus went back to his Heavenly Father, he equipped the church for her great work that lay ahead. He, also, set the Lord's supper and baptism in the church to continue until the end of the age. In John 16:7, Christ promised the comforter (Holy Spirit) the church. This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2.

(To be continued)

WELSH BAPTIST HISTORY PUBLISHED

A few months ago 23 Baptist preachers and deacons agreed to have Davis' History of The Welsh Baptists republished for distribution. The printing is about finished and as soon as the binders have completed their work the public will be notified so everyone who wishes to purchase a copy may do so. This is a valuable book.

The price of this volume and how to get a copy will be made known through the BANNER.

Religious Discussion

There is to be a public debate between Eld. P. D. Ballard, Baptist, and Thomas G. O'Neal, Campbellite, at Murfreesboro, Tenn. on May 15, 16, 18 and 19. Two nights of the debate will be in the school building in Murfreesboro, location not given, where Bro. Burton Massey is conducting a Mission. The other two nights the debate will be conducted at the Westvue Church of Christ building, 316 Kings Highway, Murfreesboro.

PROPOSITIONS

1. The Scriptures teach that total man is depraved by nature and that the Holy Spirit must do an additional work to that of the written or spoken word for him to be saved.

Affirmative: P. D. Ballard

Negative: Thomas G. O'Neal

2. The Scriptures teach that the Church of Christ was established upon the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection.

Affirmative: Thomas G. O'Neal

Negative: P. D. Ballard

For The Children

By Mrs. Larry Snoddy

ANSWERS:

(Answers To Questions on Page 3)

- (1) John (Revelation 1:1-20)
- (2) Ephesus (Rev. 2:1)
- (3) Some of the people were more interested in worldly affairs than in God. (Rev. 2:4-5)
- (4) No (Rev. 2:2-3, 6-7)
- (5) Smyrna. (Rev. 2:8)
- (6) This was the only church that was not corrected. She was a small poor church, except for God. God warned her of trials to come. (Rev. 2:3-11)
- (7) Pergamas. (Rev. 2:12)
- (8) There were those that worshipped someone other than God. (Rev. 2:14-15)
- (9) No. (Rev. 2:13)
- (10) Yes. (Rev. 2:5-7, 16-17)

Fellowship Meeting

Another Baptist Fellowship Meeting was held at Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church, near Gallatin, Tenn. on Friday night March 31.

A good fellowship was enjoyed and Elder Rex Hunt, Tracy, Ky., preached the sermon. Good constructive discussions concerning Baptist work was part of the services. The editor regrets that he was unable to attend this meeting

First Year Of Banner Publication Completed

By H. C. Vanderpool

With this issue the BANNER publication finishes out its first year. With all the hours of work and many complications, the editor has found a joy and satisfaction in the work. I have experienced time and time again when I was tired and trying to evaluate the publication that letters would be received from readers in several states relating their appreciation of the work and the good they had received from it. We found this encouraging.

The editor wishes here to thank each individual and church that has been concerned about this work to subscribe for the BANNER or have it sent to loved ones or friends. Some have donated quite a bit of money and others have sent in articles for publication. We appreciate this very much. Some churches have taken offerings for a bundle of papers to be mailed to the church each month. Others have voted to send a certain amount each month to support the work.

I would like to ask here that YOU mention the BANNER in your church and take an offering and we will be happy to send a bundle of papers each month to your church for distribution. Thousands of FREE copies have been sent in the past year but this does not mean you can continue to receive them without helping to share the responsibility.

The paper is to be used for the good of God's cause and YOU can HELP or HINDER the cause by your reaction. So, I prayerfully ask each one to help in any way to make the second year of the BANNER a better year than this first one—which has been a year we are thankful for.

I also want to express my appreciation to Mr. Clarence Martin and his staff, our printers, for their work, patients and cooperation.

"It requires no musical talent to be always harping on something."

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"Say this for Rip Van Winkle, he finally woke up. Some never do."

due to being away on a trip to Texas and the southwest. He and Mrs. Vanderpool were visiting their son, Bobby, who is with the U. S. Army, and stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.