

Missions In Japan

6770 Kongozan
Tokuyama City
Yamaguchi-Ken, Japan

Dear Friends:

Once again we greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord is gracious and he undertakes for His people in all situations, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so is the Lord round about His people from henceforth even forever." Psalms 125:2.

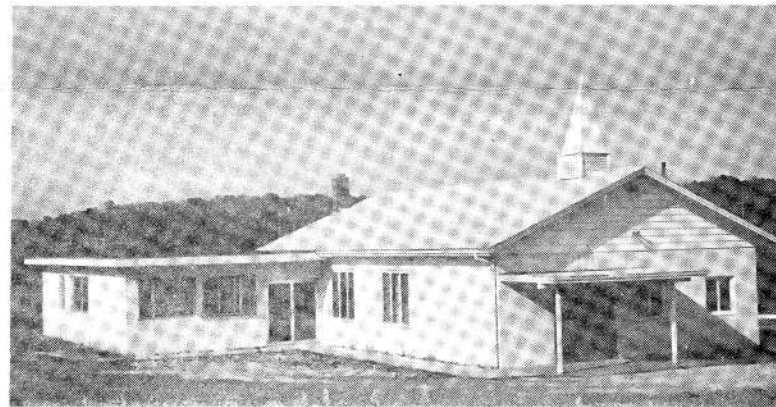
We have all kinds of experiences in our dealings with Japanese; some are good, some sad, and some are even a little amusing. Some of them come pretending to be interested in Christianity, but we find out later that they have another object. For one example, a young man has been coming to our services quite often and also calling on us at the house three or four times a week, and we had been telling him about the Lord Jesus and the true way of salvation, but yesterday, to our surprise, he indicated that he was in sympathy with the Communist, and he said he wondered which would be better for Japan-Communism or Christianity; and he had a lot of praise for Chinese leader, Mou Tsetung. Anyway, we have witnessed to him of the Lord, and so he is without excuse. There might be hope for him yet, he continues to come to our house for some reason, and we still pray for him that he will see the

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A Special Christmas Menu

Grace -- Kindness -- Bread of Life -- Living Water -- Sweet Thoughts -- Tender Memories -- Heart (Whole) -- Happiness (Unmeasured) -- Cup of Joy (Running Over) -- Charity (Served with Discretion) -- Fruits of the Spirit.

OHIO CHURCH CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY



Liberty Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio

Missionary Reports from Japan

Higashi-Ku, Kita-Kotoshiba
Ube City, Yamaguchi Ken
Japan

November 1, 1967

Dear Friends in Christ:

I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all : : : (Romans 1:8)

Due to our landlord's son getting married, we had to find another house to live in. Through the leadership of God, we were able to find another house about the same size as we had, although we do not have as much room around it. I listed our new address above. We are now moved and I think we all like our new neighborhood. Soon after we moved, one of the neighbors came over and offered to help us in any way that he could. That is just one of the ways in which

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Tenth Anniversary Celebrated By Ohio Baptist Church

By Elder Calvin Perrigo and
Elder H. C. Vanderpool

The Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio, celebrated its tenth anniversary on Sunday, October 29. The church was organized with 28 charter members on October 27, 1957, in the Wadsworth Masonic Temple, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, is the mother church. A mission was begun from the mother church at Lodi, Ohio, and later moved to Summit County, on Highway 261, at the Medina County line. All the 28 charter members came from Grace church, 11 of them had been baptized into the Grace church from the Mission.

Elder Everett Evans was called
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A Creed For Those Who Have Suffered

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One of the many delights of the mail that comes to me is the receipt of inspiring messages such as the following, written by an unknown Confederate soldier and titled "A Creed For Those Who Have Suffered"

"I ask God for strength that I might achieve,
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey;
I asked for health that I might do do great things,
I was given infirmity that I might do better things,
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God;
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life,
I was given life that I might enjoy all things;
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for,
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered;
I am among all men, most richly blessed."

Anniversary Celebrated

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as the first pastor and he served from Oct., 1957--Feb., 1960. Elder H. C. Vanderpool was elected as the second pastor, serving from Sept., 1960 --Jan., 1, 1963. The third pastor was Elder D. C. Barton, who served from Jan. 1, 1963--Jan. 1, 1965. Elder Calvin Perrigo, the fourth pastor, began his pastorate Jan. 1, 1965, and is still faithfully serving the church at present..

The Liberty church has been the church home of 163 people. There have been four deaths in the church and a total of 63 have been baptized into its membership. The largest membership was reached in July, 1966, which was 110. The present membership is 91.

On the anniversary day, Sunday School was held at 10:00 A. M. Elder H. C. Vanderpool preached at 11 o'clock. After a bountiful lunch, served at the noon hour by the sisters of the church, the afternoon was given to singing. A talk was given by Elder Thurman Tillman during the time. There were two additions to the church on this date.

On the night before, a Fellowship Meeting was held at the church of the churches worshipping in the Ohio and Michigan area of the Siloam Baptist Association. The auditorium was filled, as it was on Sunday. Elder Larry Bakken, Lafayette, Tenn. preached at the Fellowship Meeting.

On July 12, 1958, the church ordained the following brethren to the office of Deacon: Brother Eulis Langford, Brother Alex Sharp, Brother Homer Lankford, and Brother Odell Langford. These four deacons are still members of this church, along with Deacons M. T. Tillman and Dave Calvert, who were ordained by this church on July 31, 1966, and Deacon Lester Hayes, who came into the church as an ordained deacon. Deacon Odell Langford is Church Treasurer and Deacon M. T. Tillman is Church Clerk and Deacon Dave Calvert is Song Director of the Church.

On October 11, 1964, the church voted to give Brother Thurman Tillman the license to preach the gospel having announced his call from the Lord into the work. Brother Tillman was baptized into the Liberty Church on May 14, 1961, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry by this church on July 31, 1966. He is

now pastor of the Clinton Missionary Baptist Church, in Clinton, Ohio.

The Clinton Missionary Baptist Church is the result of an extended arm to that community by the Liberty Church in October of 1965. Twelve letters were granted for the purpose of organizing the mission into a church, which took place on July 30, 1966. Since then, 9 other letters from Liberty have been granted to Clinton as the church continues to labor for the Master.

The ten years that have already gone have been filled with hard work, heartaches and joy. Sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, friends, and neighbors have been saved through the influence of this church. We are thankful for the building, having enjoyed the auditorium since 1958 and the Sunday School rooms since 1966.

The 12 remaining charter members (of these only 9 are active anymore) are a testimony of God's continuing with us thru our sorrow and tribulation and from them let us take a pattern to remain true and faithful to the Lord and his church here at Liberty throughout our sojourn here upon this earth. We ask God for renewed strength and courage to help us keep this church on the true course that the Master would have it take as it remains a battle station for the true doctrines of God.

Common honesty would suggest that those who do not believe in Christ should not take commercial advantage of the Christmas season.

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Tune in on the song broadcaster from Bethlehem, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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The three Wise Men sought and worshipped Christ--which proves that they were wise men.

From the Bible

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11.

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truth and seek the Lord.

We are planning to leave Japan sometime before the end of the year or soon after. I am intending to go from here to Israel and Annie Laura will return to the States. I am going to Israel on a temporary permit and after I get into that country I will apply for an extension and try to get permission to stay, and if they will let me stay, I want to try to get my wife in at a later date. The burden is still on my heart, and I am going and do my best to get to stay. We will have to trust the Lord for the results. We earnestly request your prayers. I will keep our friends informed about definite dates, etc.

God bless you all.

Sincerely in His Name,

Henry and Annie Laura Smith

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SECOND QUARTER, 1967

I April--McFerrin Baptist Church, \$97.51; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tennessee, \$53.74; Fellowship Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, \$21.00; Shiloh Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, \$20.00; Hopewell Baptist Church, Scottsville, Kentucky, \$13.50; Sulphur Fork Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tennessee, \$43.46; Becker Drive Baptist Church, Louisville Kentucky, \$10.00; Brother Kenneth Woodall, Gallatin, Tenn., \$25.00; Prater's Creek Baptist Church, Pickens, S. C., \$150.02; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$16.90; Cedar Bluff Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn. \$17.72; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky. \$40.00; Old Union Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., \$138.49; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$30.00; West End Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$47.25; Grace Baptist, Detroit, Mich., \$170.00; Total for month--\$958.47.

II May--McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$111.10; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$281.00; Brother Douglas Blankenship, Gallatin, Tenn., \$50.00; Lafayette Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$31.88; Beckwe Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Siloam Baptist, Westmoreland, Tenn., \$26.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$12.26; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$70.26. Total for month--\$612.50.

III June--McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, \$101.07; Faith Baptist, Nashville, \$30.00; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$17.00; Brother Dewey Cooper, Russell Springs, Ky., \$100.00; Salem Baptist, Fonthill, Ky., \$48.25; Bethel Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$22.50; Hopewell Baptist, Scottsville, Ky., \$17.00; Ebenezer Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$126.68; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$10.66; Maple Grove Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn. \$60.54. Total for month--\$563.70.

These gifts were all recorded the month in which they were received. I don't think we have failed to acknowledge each offering to each individual church and person, but we thank you again, and ask that the Lord bless you for the m.

James H. Smith

The Quitter

I have taught a class for many a year;
Borne my burdens, toiled through
tears
But folks don't notice me a bit,
I'm so discouraged--I think I'll
QUIT!

I joined the choir sometime ago,
For awhile I was faithful, don't
you know,
But folks don't seem moved a bit,
So what's the use to sing--I'll just
QUIT!

I've labored long in God's work
And not a task did I ever shirk,
But folks have talked quite a bit,
And I won't stand it--SO, I'll just
QUIT!

CHRIST'S CAUSE IS HINDERED EVERYWHERE

And folks are dying in despair,
The REASON WHY? Just list a
bit:
The Church is full of FOLKS WHO
QUIT!

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The above pictured sign is in the Park near the Old Mulkey Meeting House, Monroe County, Kentucky.

The Disease of Sin

By H. C. Vanderpool

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." (John 3:14)

These words were spoken by Jesus while He walked on earth among men. He spoke of something that took place almost 1500 years before.

As the Israelites journeyed from Mount Hor to compass the land of Edom, they became discouraged and began to murmur against God and against Moses. The Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they were bitten by the serpents, and many died.

God gave Moses a command to make a serpent of brass and place it upon a pole. Moses did this and it came to pass that any man who beheld the serpent of brass lived, though he had been bitten.

As the bite of the serpent brought death to the Israelites, so does sin bring death to the sinner. But as God has a remedy for those that would look and live, even so those that look to Christ by faith may live and not die.

For those today who are dying with the dreadful disease of sin, there is only one cure! you must look to Christ or die eternally. There is no other name whereby you can be saved.

While We Live

By Mrs. H. R. Overton
Hermitage, Tenn.

Do not keep the alabaster box of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone—say before they go.

The flowers you intend to send for their coffin, send them now to brighten and sweeten their home before they leave. If my friends have an alabaster box laid away full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection which they intend to break over my body, I would that they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered while I need them.

I would rather have a plain coffin without flowers, a funeral without a song, than a life without the sweetness and love and sympathy of my friends. May God bless every one that reads this and help them to do—in spite of satan—the things that God would have them do.

Enon Baptist Association In 118th Session

The Enon Baptist Association convened in its 118th annual session on October 6, 7 and 8, with Oak Grove Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn.

Officers elected were: Elder T. C. Jones, Moderator; Elder Bill McDonald, Clerk, and Elder J. C. Austin, Treasurer. The Introductory Sermon on Friday was preached by Elder Floyd Ferguson. Elder E. C. Butler preached the Memorial Sermon on Saturday, and on Sunday the Doctrinal Sermon was delivered by Elder J. C. Austin.

A good spiritual session is reported. Twenty-four churches represented in the Association with a total membership of 4,164. The 1968 session will be held with Sycamore Valley Baptist Church, near Pleasant Shade, Tennessee.

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our God takes care of His servants in a foreign land. Since then we have met 4 or 5 of the other neighbors. They all seem to be friendly.

This past summer was extremely hot here in Japan. Also, for 3 or 4 months it was very dry, with hardly any measurable amount of rainfall and that is very unusual. Consequently, on the island south of us the fresh water supply became so short that some cities could only have water 2 or 3 hours a day. They say it has been the worst drought on record for 73 years. Here in our area, though, we have not been rationed on fresh water, and probably will not. On the island south of us, much rice and vegetables were lost, due to the drought. About 2 months ago we saw a picture and article in a newspaper concerning a huge scarecrow some farmers had erected in a corner of their village. They were all bowed and praying to the scarecrow for rain and for a good harvest. and the article stated that those people did this every year. To us who are saved and know the power of the living God, it seems so foolish that people could be so misled as to pray to scarecrows and the many different idol gods that this people prays to. However, these ideas and traditions have been handed down through the generations and the devil has blinded their eyes and minds to the truth.

The ancient Greeks made cultural contributions to the world but they worshiped idol gods. Paul, the Apostle, preached to those people of the God who was unknown to them. Our hearts long to see this nation open their hearts to the God of Heaven that is unknown to them. This work takes a lot of patience and faith. We need to follow our Lord's will and patiently trust the results with Him. It is our duty to try to warn them through the Spirit and power of God and then what they do after they hear will be their own responsibility.

Please pray for the Japanese Christians; they face opposition from their own people. Christians are a small minority in this nation and so some people hesitate to go to a Christian meeting for fear of what their neighbors would say. However, the ones who do go and open their

hearts to God, believe in Jesus and are saved, receive blessings in their hearts that the idol worshipping people can know nothing of. Pray for these Christians that they would stand true to their God and to their Savior and be a living witness to others.

We feel God's spirit with us in our services and that gives us zeal and courage to keep on going for our Master. God called me to this nation and He placed a great burden in our hearts for this people. Our Lord has been so good to us, we are so thankful for His blessings. Our every need has been supplied through God's ordained means. We are very thankful for Churches, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, who have faithfully supported us and this work in their prayers and offerings. I know that our Master has the complete record and will bless you for it. We will be praying for all of you and the Master's work in our homeland. Pray for us.

Sincerely in Him,

Dexter Bacon and Family

Wiseman Baptist Association Met In 76th Annual Session

The Wiseman Baptist Association met in its 76th annual session, with Fairview Baptist Church, ten miles west of Lafayette, Tenn., on October 20, 21 and 22.

The following officers were elected: Elder F. L. Ray, Moderator; Elder W. T. Russell, Clerk, and Elder A. G. Gregory, Treasurer. Twenty-seven churches represented in the association.

Elder H. D. Linville preached the Introductory on the first day. On the second day, Elder Howard G. Taylor preached the Memorial Sermon. The Doctrinal Sermon on Sunday was delivered by Elder W. T. Russell. A good session of the association is reported.

Good Will Baptist Church, near Hartsville, Tennessee, will host the Association in 1968.