

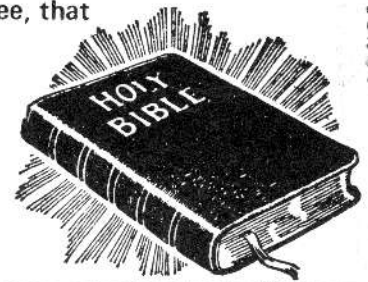
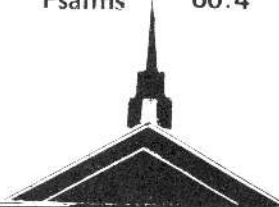
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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.

Psalms 60:4



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## Bro. Don Curtis Preparing For Mission Field In Israel

Elder Don Curtis, his wife, Pat, and their two children, Elaine, age 12, and Marty, age eight, are preparing to go to Israel. Bro. Curtis has made known to his church and the public his call to Israel as a missionary. They are now in the process of getting visas. The Lord willing, they plan to leave around the first of January, 1974.

Bro. Curtis was ordained to the full work of the ministry by his church, Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn., on Sunday, April 29, 1973. See report in this issue of the BANNER for full information on the ordination.

Much effort, time and money will be needed for this family to prepare for, and to get to Israel. Our churches have helped other missionaries for years in the fields where they felt led to go. The same spirit of support should be manifested for Bro. and

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# I F

By H. C. Vanderpool

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land." II Chro. 7:14.

About 1004 B. C. God gave the above message to Solomon. He had just finished praying the dedication prayer for the temple which he had built on Mt. Moriah. This prayer can be read from II Chro.

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## Missionary Report From Jerusalem

P. O. Box 7305  
Jerusalem, Israel  
May 12, 1973

Dear Friends:

We send our greetings to all of you from Jerusalem in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been some time since we have written anything for publication, but have been keeping up our correspondence to the churches, and now we shall try to bring you up to date by this letter to all. Both of us seem to be very well off and certainly have much to thank the Lord for. I couldn't begin to count all the blessings that He has bestowed upon us in every way, physically, materially and spiritually. Truly His blessings are far beyond anything that we could ever deserve. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable." Psalms 145:3.

During the month of April there was the Jewish Passover when everything was very still and silent in the Jewish section of

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**TAKE TIME FOR GOD**

## Revival Reports

Southside Baptist Church, 1850 East Sumner Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Three were saved and there were three additions to the church. Pastor William Shoulders was assisted by Elder William House.

Calvary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn. Two were saved and four united with the church. Pastor Thomas Carter was assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Elder Tommie Lankford led the singing.

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# Missionary Report From Jerusalem

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Jerusalem, but coming in close connection with Passover was Easter, and all was in a stir in the old city and in all sections of Arab Jerusalem. Many thousands came from all parts of the world, Jews for the Passover and Christians for Easter, to see the City of David and to see the place where our Lord rose from the dead.

We took advantage of the holidays to make a trip down to Sinai. Some Jewish friends, Maurice and Anne Rubin and their children, went with us, Maurice being off from his work for the Passover. We had been as far as Eilat, an Israeli port city at the head of the Gulf of Akaba, but we hadn't been all the way down to the main body of the Red Sea before. Eilat is about the half way mark from Jerusalem to a place called Sharm el Sheikh, on the Red Sea. This wasn't just a pleasure trip for us, but it was a very interesting one. We saw much of the rugged wilderness country of the Sinai, vast wilderness the Israelis have built a beautiful road, and travelers can go racing down from the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea through this wild desert land. On the way there and back, and while there at Sharm el Sheikh we had good

spiritual feast together. Our Jewish friends are believers in Jesus, and so we could, and did have Christian fellowship together, feasting upon the Word of God and praying together all along our Journey.

Soon after the Passover and Easter, on the 7th of May, the Israelis celebrated their 25th anniversary, which was, indeed, a great day for them. There was a big military parade through the streets of Jerusalem, and the biggest part of it was in the Arab section of the city, passing by in sight of our place. Some of the Arabs seemed sad, and some seemed bitter. Anyway it was a great show of strength on the part of the Israel Defense Forces, and it was truly something to see. One of the big features of the parade was the Russian tanks which the Israelis captured in the Six Day War. They had these right near the front in the parade.

There are many happenings in this little country: some very interesting, some very sad, some that would move you to tears, and other things that would keep almost anybody irritated to the point of explosion, if it were not for the grace of God.



Perhaps you know already about moves here to ban missionary activity, but I might give you a little of what we know about what has been said on the subject. A government spokesman said, in an interview with UPI, "We don't take to missionaries and proselytizing," he said, "and we have to be rid of this problem somehow."

An Interior Ministry spokesman said that about 10 missionaries were expelled last year and others left "after he gave them hints that they are not welcome". Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren called on the Knesset (Israel's parliament) to outlaw Christian missionary activity in Israel. He said, among other things; "I say we must uproot this affliction called the mission", Rabbi Goren declared, "This can be done through legislation making it illegal to attempt to influence any person to change his religion. The Knesset must display some courage and act, without fear of offending certain Gentile groups. There is nothing anti-democratic about such legislation, and decent people of all faith would support it." Says Rabbi Goren in the Jerusalem Post, an English newspaper published in this city.

I thought that we had found a good prospect for a meeting place where we might start a mission, but it came to nothing, as some of the other places did. This place is right on the dividing line between the Jewish and Arab section of Jerusalem, in the very part where I thought would be the best place. The lady who owns the property is an Armenian and seems to be a born again person. We have visited her several times, and she always wants us to pray together while in her house. She told us one night that she would like for us to have a large room in the building there for a meeting place; she said I could make a door where one of the windows are for a private entrance. But she said, however, that she would talk to

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**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**



Peggy and Eddie Hidalgo

Los Angeles, California

Dear friends for Israel:

"Ye shall be my people and I will be your God" (Jeremiah 30:22).

From time to time we enjoy sharing with you, our faithful members of the Association, a short testimony of a Jewish man or woman who has become a "completed Jew" through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

It was indeed a long journey from G., a little town in Germany, to my Messiah; but, looking back, I see the hand of my God, the God of my fathers, protecting me. And I see the plan He had and still has for my life.

Born in 1915, I was old enough to see the Nazis come to power and yet young enough to escape. During my childhood I knew only the hate that surrounded me. I became used to looking the other way or pretending I didn't hear when I was called the "dirty Jew" or the "Christ-killer," and I learned to ignore the question "How many children have you killed for your Passover?"

I witnessed all the terror that Hitler brought to my brothers and to the world. Again I saw God's hand over me when, with my wife and three-year-old son, I narrowly escaped the fate of many others: Auschwitz. For the next thirty years I tried very hard to forget that I was a Jew, living a lie. My second wife, a Gentile, didn't know who I was. I denied my fathers, but — worst of all — I denied my God; yet He never forsook me.

"It is the thing to do," I told myself, "to send my children to church." There, without my knowledge, they found their Messiah. In fact, my daughter became a fervent witness and persisted even when punished for her stand. During that time I was busy making a living until I received my first blow: three disabling heart attacks. I didn't realize that was God's way of making time for me to get to know my children. A few months later came another blow: my son developed incurable cancer! He accepted his fate without complaint; but in the months to follow, as I witnessed my boy slowly dying, I died with him a little bit every day. When, after eight months, the end came, I felt bitter, angry at God. I asked over and over, "Why a little boy of fourteen years? Why not me?"

There was no answer until three days after the funeral when we went to attend a church service.

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## Ordination Held At Rocky Mound Church

There was an all-day ordination service held at Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn., on Sunday, April 29, 1973. Bro. Don Curtis and Bro. Calvin Brawner were ordained to the full work of the ministry. The following were ordained as deacons: Brethren Charles Hale, Carlean Keen and Melvin Pedigo.

Elder J. D. Sanders, pastor of the church, served as moderator and Bro. Jake Lambert was elected as clerk of the presbytery. The ordination sermon was preached by Elder Douglas Curtis. Elder Thomas Carter presented the candidates to the presbytery and Elder Rex Hunt led the interrogation. The ordination prayer was led by Elder Stanley Keen. Elder James A. Porter gave the charge to the newly ordained ministers and to the church and the charge to the newly ordained deacons and the church was given by Elder Bobby Hale. Elder Billie Meador presented the Bible.

A number of churches from Tennessee and Kentucky were represented at the ordination and a good day of work, worship and fellowship was reported.

"Your Reasonable Service"

Romans 12:1

Twice

ON SUNDAY

Once

DURING THE WEEK

"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is"

HEB. 10:25

WITNESS THROUGH FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE

## Measure Of A Man

I wish I were big enough to honestly admit all my shortcomings; broad enough to accept flattery without it making me arrogant; tall enough to tower above deceit; strong enough to treasure love; brave enough to welcome criticism; compassionate enough to understand human frailties; wise enough to stand by my friends; human enough to be thoughtful of my neighbor; and righteous enough to be devoted to the laws of God.—Sel.

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6:12-42, and also in I Kings 8:22-54.

Solomon spoke to God in his prayer concerning the sins and errors of the people of Israel. He wanted to know "if" the people sinned against one another and against God to the extent that God would send pestilence among the people, that he would shut up heaven that there be no rain, would he hear their prayers and forgive them and bless the land.

God heard Solomon's prayer and answered, "If" my people will do certain things he would hear, he would forgive their sin, he would heal their land. What were these things? They were to humble themselves. They were to pray. They were to seek the face of God and turn from their wicked ways.

This nation today is "sinsick" and the sins of America are great, but the people in America that are wearing the name of God are so mixed up with the world and are so cold and unconcerned about lost souls and the Lord's work in general that we need to do what God told Solomon that Israel should do if he was to heal their land and forgive their sin.

"If" we as God's people expect God to save the lost and send His Spirit upon us, we will have to do what is mentioned in the text. "IF" PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY HIS NAME continue to live like the world, be more interested in worldly things than things of God, then we cannot expect the power and Spirit of God to come upon his people, and without the power of God our lost friends and loved ones will continue in sin and be eternally lost in hell.

Note the word, "if" in the following scripture when God was talking with Cain. "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." Gen. 4:7. Cain failed to meet God's requirements, but Abel did and was saved. Gen. 4:4; Heb. 11:4.

God sent Jeremiah to the potter's house to view a situation to present to him the picture of the condition of Israel. God had in store punishment and he had blessings. It was up to Israel as to which they received. Again note the word "if" in the following verses.

"If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them." Jere. 18:8-10.

"If" sinners turn from their sins and turn to God in repentance and faith they can be saved. "If" they fail to do so they will perish. Luke 13:3. "If" God's people turn from their sins and turn to God in humility and prayer and confess their sins, God will bless and heal our land. "If" we fail to do so we must suffer the consequences. II Chro. 7:14.

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At the invitation I found myself walking down the aisle, asking for and receiving my Messiah! I was at peace at once — no more questions. Now I could see that the only purpose in this boy's life had been to bring his father to Yeshua Ha-Meschiach (Jesus the Messiah). On his gravemarker are the words from II Timothy 2:3: "Thou, therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier . . ." When we think of a good soldier, only one kind comes to mind: one fighting at the front lines. My son never showed me a Bible verse or told me about the Christ he knew so well, but he did better: *He lived Christ.*

Not only do I thank the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob for letting me find my Messiah, but also I thank Him for letting me find my Jewish brethren. Today, as a "completed Jew," I am proud of my Jewish fathers, of my Jewish name, and of the fellowship I enjoy with others who believe. I see day by day the marvelous hand of my God, setting the scene for the last chapter of my life. Baruch Ha-Shem (Blessed be the Name of the Lord).

There's not a thing I can add to the above, other than to ask for your continued prayerful support. Shalom!

Until Shiloh come . . . again,  
Eddie and Peggy Hidalgo

— AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH EVANGELISM

## Revival Announcements

SUNDAY — JULY 1

Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. Pastor J. D. Sanders is to be assisted by Elder Don Curtis.

SUNDAY — JULY 15

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Portland, Tenn. Pastor F. W. Lambert is to be assisted by Elder W. T. Russell. Services daily at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor Kenneth W. Massey is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Elder Don Curtis is to be in charge of the singing.

Union Camp Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Pastor Tommie Lankford is to be assisted by Elder L. W. Smith.

SUNDAY — JULY 29

Lyons Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth W. Massey. Members of the church to be in charge of the music and singing. Services daily at 7:30 P. M.

### IT WORKS

A wise and philosophical old Christian once said when asked how he overcame his difficulties: "How do I get through trouble? Well, first I try to go around it, and if I can't go around it, I try to get under it, and if I can't get under it, I try to go over it. If I can't get over it, then God and I plow right through it."

—Roy Flippo, Bulletin.

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## The Bible And Our Children



By H. C. Vanderpool

"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." Pro. 17:6. Those who have children and grandchildren realize the blessings mentioned in the above scripture.

The word "Children" or "child" appears about 2,000 times in the Bible. Many of the places refer to the children of God. Often in the Bible God speaks of the love between parents and their children, and then shows how much greater His love is for His children. The Lord also speaks of how parents chastise their children so they will be obedient and honorable, and that He likewise chastises us so we, too, will be obedient unto Him.

We, as parents, are told how we should bring up our children. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Pro. 22:6. Someone has said, "If you would bring up a child in the way he should go, be sure you are going that way yourself." It is true that there are many unruly, disobedient children in the world, but look how many unruly, disobedient parents there are who are having influence upon them. "The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Pro. 29:15.

One of the greatest promises that God has made to us is: "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear (reverence) him, and his righteousness unto children's children." Psalm 103:17.

## From Jerusalem

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her son about it before making any final decision. So she consulted her son and some other people too, some who live in the same building, who are Moslems. Then she gave us the final word, and it was negative. She said that the Moslems told her that they would run us off if we had Christian meetings there. So she is afraid, and she called and told us the result. One other point was bothering her too: Once she asked me who I was going to invite to the meetings, Arabs or Jews. I said that we wanted to invite anybody who would come, Arabs, Jews, Americans, Europeans, or whoever. I said that the Lord commanded us to preach the Gospel to everybody regardless of their race or color. She agreed that that was right, but still she is an elderly woman, living alone, and she is afraid. Maybe it wasn't the Lord's will for us in the first place, we accepted that way at last.

We need your prayers very much through this period. So don't forget to pray for us. May the Lord bless you and give you peace in a troubled world.

Yours in His dear name,  
Henry & Annie L. Smith

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF LAST QUARTER OF 1972

OCTOBER — Hendersonville Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$369.01; Macedonia Baptist, Adolphus, Ky., \$53.31; Brother Kenneth Woodall, Gallatin, Tenn., \$25.00; Enon Chapel Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$50.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$35.00; Concord Baptist, White House, Tenn., \$192.12; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$130.97; Pleasant Hill Baptist, Portland, Tenn., \$50.00; Russell Springs Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$50.00; Cedar Bluff Baptist, Westmoreland, Tenn., \$56.04; Kokomo Baptist, Kokomo, Ind., \$82.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; East Main Baptist, Hartsville, Tenn., \$100.00; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$150.00; Bro. B. D. Carter, Lafayette, Tenn., \$20.00; Old Union Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., \$70.55; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$13.67; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$164.76; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00; and Valley Oak Baptist, Liberty, Ky., \$24.85. Total for month, \$1,713.76.

NOVEMBER — Parkwood Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$102.52; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$112.51; Almstead Baptist, Almstead, Ky., \$30.00; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., \$40.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Rock Bridge Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$162.00; Bro. and Sister George Hefner, \$150.00; Praters Creek Baptist, Pickens, S. C., \$150.00; Union Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$300.00; Old Hopewell Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$50.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$35.00; Bro. B. D. Carter, Lafayette, Tenn., \$20.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00; Bethel Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$45.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$14.18; Maces Hill Baptist, Dixon

Springs, Tenn., \$50.00; Haysville Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$53.86; Rocky Mound Baptist, Westmoreland, Tenn., \$100.00; Red Hill Baptist, Holland, Ky., \$25.00. Total for month, \$1,610.07.

DECEMBER — McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$195.28; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky., \$112.52; Union Baptist No. 2, Glasgow, Ky., \$86.87; Union Baptist No. 1, Tracy, Ky., \$58.00; Lafayette Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., \$127.00; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., \$35.00; Bro. and Sister Wade Watson, Pickens, S. C., \$30.00; Bro. and Sister W. E. Massey, Lafayette, Tenn., \$10.00; Mrs. Pauline Cothren, \$5.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Friendly Baptist, Detroit, Mich., \$197.00; Sycamore Valley Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$80.85; Salem Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., \$136.92; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duncan, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$15.00; Bro. and Sister Donald Curtis, Westmoreland, Tenn., \$150.00; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$200.00; Eastside Baptist, Franklin, Ky., \$75.00; Bro. and Sister Wesley Briley, Portland, Tenn., \$25.00; Faith Baptist, Roseville, Mich., \$100.00; Sister Maddie Wilburn, Indianapolis, Ind., \$5.00; Bro. and Sister Dewitt Bose, Gallatin, Tenn., \$100.00; Joe and Wilma Lanier, Nashville, Tenn., \$25.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., \$50.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$15.75. Total for month, \$2,003.34.

All of these offerings were recorded in the month that they were received. If I have made any mistake, I would appreciate your correction.

Thank you again for your liberal support, and we pray that the Lord will richly bless you.

J. H. Smith

## Bro. Curtis Preparing For Mission Field

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Sister Curtis and their family. Don't wait until after they get on the mission field and several hundred dollars, or maybe a few thousand, are already needed in getting them there before we begin to support them. LET OUR CHURCHES START "NOW" TO SEND SUPPORT TO THIS MAN OF GOD. Let us support him regularly as we do the other missionaries. Send your money to: Elder Don Curtis, Route 1, Westmoreland, Tenn. 37186.

He also desires to make as many appointments in the churches as he can and let the people become better acquainted with him and the work before going to Israel. Get in touch with him by writing to the above address or call him at: (615) 644-2702. Bro. Curtis is invited to make reports through the BANNER of his progress in going to Israel and of reporting to the churches the financial support received. As we pay, let us pray! They will need our prayers.