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Elder and Mrs. Dexter Bacon, Jr. and sons David left, age 12 and Danny, age 7.—Ube City, Japan

Missionary Letter and Financial Report

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

Dear Friends,

Our God has been so wonderful to us through another year in the mission field of Japan. God has supplied all our spiritual needs and God has supplied all our temporal needs through his ordained means, that is through His people in our homeland as they are led by God's spirit. God has given us so many new friends since we came to this nation to labor for Him. Many of you we have never met in this world yet, but we are

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THE BIBLE

By Elder F. L. Ray

We are told that there are more publications of the Bible than any other book in the world. And that more Bibles are sold than any other book.

If everybody would study the Bible and believe just what it says, and strive to live up to its standards the world would be in much better condition today than it is.

Paul said to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15

Again Paul says: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may

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Leaving For Israel



Elder and Mrs. J. H. Smith

6770 Kongozan
Tokuyama City, JAPAN
January 16, 1968

Dear Friends,

I am using this means to inform you, the churches and all our friends, that I will be leaving Japan on Feb. 10th, the Lord willing, sailing from Yokohama port on a ship of the American President Lines, called the President Cleveland. I will go as far as Hong Kong by ship, going by way of Taiwan, (Formosa), and from Hong Kong I will go by TWA plane to Tel Aviv in Israel, going by way of Bangkok, Thailand and Bombay, India; from there to Tel Aviv.

I have all of our household goods sold out and will soon have everything off my hands so that I can leave this country. As I've said before, I can only get a temporary visa to enter Israel, but when I get there

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thankful that all of God's children will one day meet around the throne of God. What a glorious day that will be!

In this year of 1968 our desire is to tell as many people as possible about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and His plan of salvation for lost mankind. Recently I have been feeling a little more liberty in trying to preach in Japanese. I am certainly thankful to God for this, without Him I could not do it.

We certainly appreciate your support of this work with your prayers and your offerings. However we can never find the words to express fully our gratitude. In our prayers we remember you and your work in the Lord's vineyard.

Sincerely in Him,
Dexter Bacon, Jr. and Family

Financial Report for 3rd. Quarter, 1967

July--Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$60.00; East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky., \$60.00; Sis. Maggie Morrison, Glasgow, Ky., \$25.00; Chestnut Mound Baptist, Chestnut Mound, Tenn., \$30.00; Hillcrest Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$100.00; Eld. Rex Hunt, Tracy, Ky., \$25.00; Sis. Loys Hughes, Fountain Run, Ky., \$15.00; Becker

Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Bro. William Pucilowski, Indpls., Indiana, \$50.00; Bethel Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind. \$50.00; Bro. Eugene Wiley, Anderson, Ind. \$5.00; Union No. 2 Baptist, Nobob, Ky. \$41.89; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., \$40.00; Bro. Woodie Clark, Indianapolis, Ind., \$10.00; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$100.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$6.35; Liberty Baptist, Barberton, Ohio, \$50.00; Bro. Paul Matthews, Temple Hill, Ky., \$10.00; Harmony Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$35.66; Bro. Joe D. Bacon, Eighty Eight, Ky. \$15.00;
Total---\$738.90

August--Bro. Wm. Gregory, Louisville, Ky., \$25.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$44.85; West End Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., \$23.15; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind. \$12.55; Bro. Bill Newberry, Glasgow, Ky., \$10.00; Cedar Grove Baptist, Cedar Grove, Ky., \$45.00; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Union No. 2 Baptist, Nobob, Ky., \$35.30; Poplar Springs Baptist, Poplar Springs, Ky., \$33.00; Bethel Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$50.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$4.45; Bro. Eugene Wiley, Anderson, Ind., \$5.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$38.41; Fairview Memorial Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., \$87.32; Bro. Woodie Clark, Indianapolis, Ind., \$15.00; Hillcrest Baptist, Ind., \$150.00;
Total ---\$589.03

September--Bro. Joe D. Bacon, Eighty Eight, Ky., \$20.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., \$30.00; Siloam Baptist, Glasgow, Ky., \$30.00; Eld. C. G. Morrison, Temple Hill, Ky., \$10.00; Bro. Johnny Keen, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind., \$21.00; Bethel Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$50.00; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade Ky., \$25.00; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., \$15.25; Betheny Baptist, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., \$40.00; Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Ky., \$50.00; Union No. 2 Baptist, Nobob, Ky., \$19.61; Bro. Eugene Wiley, Anderson, Indiana, \$5.00; Mt. Tabor, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$13.63; Beech Grove Baptist, Eighty Eight, Ky. \$44.27; Bro. Billy Miller, Glasgow, Ky., \$15.00;
Total---\$398.76

My companion, our two sons, and I want to express to each of you our sincere thanks for these offerings. May you each be wonderfully blessed for it.

Dexter Bacon, Jr.

Words Of Appreciation

Again I want to thank the individuals, churches and ministers who have subscribed or sent in subscriptions for others. Churches are continuing support for the bundle subscriptions and some churches and individuals have sent in additional offerings designating it for me. I appreciate this very much and offer my thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness and consideration.

As I have said time and again all my work and services as editor of the BANNER are given freely and when someone offers to make a contribution in recognition and appreciation of this work, I appreciate it and ask the Lord's blessings upon you. ---Editor

Revival To Begin In Louisville

A revival meeting is to begin at Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagle Ave., Louisville, Ky., on Sunday night, April 14. Services will be conducted each night and on Sundays. Elder L. W. Smith is the pastor and will be assisted in the meeting by Elder H. C. Vanderpool, Bowling Green, Ky.

Anyone living in other cities are asked to contact any family or friends living in Louisville and tell them of the meeting and let them know they are invited to the revival. We hope to see many of you there and let us be praying for a good meeting and that lost souls will be saved.

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be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:16-17

We learn in the Roman letter the following: "For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Romans 15:4

We are admonished to study the scriptures; I am afraid that many of us are like the people that the writer of the Hebrew letter spoke about.

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe." Heb. 5:12-13

Peter gives us some good advice. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." I Peter 2:2

Again Peter says: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." II Pet. 3:18

Much error is being taught because of a lack of knowledge of the word of God as when Jesus was teaching some people concerning the resurrection.

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." Matt. 22:29

Again when Jesus was talking to those who rejected him he said: "search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." Jno. 5:39

I believe there is a great need among us for ministerial education, in fact I believe that every born again child of God should be a regular student of the word of God.

In the great commission we are commanded to teach (disciple all nation) we can only do this by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every preacher's knowledge is tested and tried when he stands to proclaim God's word. And the preacher recognizes his limitations before any one else: But his listeners will find out soon enough.

Another thing in the commission is after they have been made disciples

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Church To Be Organized At Hendersonville, Tenn.

There is to be a church organization on March 31, with services beginning at 2:00 P. M., at the Hendersonville Missionary Baptist Mission located on Rockland Rd., Hendersonville, Tenn.

A general invitation is given to all churches of like faith and order to attend and to send their ordained brethren to assist in the organization. Elder Robert Gregory has been preaching at the Mission and leading in the work.

Soldier Writes From Vietnam



Private Charles S. Honeycutt

White Hill Baptist Church
Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Dear Friends and Fellow Christians:

Well this is the time of year that we think of our homes, our church, our friends and loved ones. I would like to say thanks for all the prayers that have been prayed for me and all the other soldiers here.

It's hard for me to find time to write each and everyone back there, but each member that makes up our church there has come to me in memory. When times grow rough, I look back to the church which means so much and think of all the good work which has been done. I know God is with our church and I look forward to the day that I can return.

I know I haven't lived a perfect Christian life but each time that I've gone astray there was a member of the church or the pastor to set me straight. I'd like to thank the good Lord for parents who take their children to church to hear the true gospel and the preachers who preach that you have to humble your heart before the Lord and trust Him as your Saviour. This is the kind of people and pastor that White Hill has.

I can't thank each and every member enough for what they have done for me. I need your prayers more than ever now because I was wounded and am now in the hospital. I may be able to leave Vietnam and now go to a hospital in Japan for further treatment, but I know everything will turn out alright for I have God and God's people on my side.

I ask the prayers of all God's people. The wound wasn't too serious but it will take time to heal. I know being away from home it will be a trying time for my folks and so I would appreciate all the comfort that the members can give them.

Well, I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And may the work of God continue in the new year and many lost souls be saved.

Your Bro. in Christ,
Steve Honeycutt

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Leaving for Israel

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I intend to apply for an extension. Whether or not I can get the extension I do not know, but I go trusting the Lord and will leave the results for Him, whatever that may be. I request very sincerely that you pray for me in a special way. My wife, Annie Laura, is at home in Nashville with her widowed sister at 2907 Jones Avenue 37207, and you can contact her at this address. I request that you pray for her also.

It would be advisable not to send any mail to me in Japan after the last of January. I will inform you where to contact me when I know of an address.

There are a few people who still attend services here in Tokuyuma on Sunday nights. Last Sunday I doubted that anybody would come to service because of our near blizzard conditions but about thirty minutes after starting time a man knocked on the door, and when I opened it was that fellow that I told you about some time ago who argued with me in favor of Communism. But he was all shook up and cried during the time that he was with me, and he told me he wanted to be saved. In a few minutes after he came a girl came, and this girl had said before that she only came to our meetings to learn English, but she had experienced the death of her uncle two or three days before and she was all broken up and cried all the time that I talked to the two of them about death and the condition of man after death. The man spoke up while I was talking to them and told me about his pet cat dieing and how much he thought of his cat, and he said he was wondering what became of the cat's spirit, whether it went to heaven or hell. I tried to tell him, of course, that dogs and cats and such creatures have no spirit and when they die they are just dead and are no more. He said after that, "I feel very relieved now since you have told me that." I am not telling this story to make fun, or to throw off on this man, but this is something that is common with people who have been brought up in a false religion. The man did not tell me that he wanted to be saved, and I believe that he is sincere. Please pray for these lost ones.

When I leave Japan Brother Tajima

will come to this area and conduct services occasionally in one of the people's home. He will continue to be pastor of Koi Baptist Church in Hiroshima, preaching there three times a week. He has done a good work at Koi Church and has led it to be almost self supporting.

Brother Bacon is going to Yamaguchi Church to preach for the people there; he said that he had prayed over it and believed the Lord was leading in this. I have been preaching at Yamaguchi Church since early last summer, and now that I am leaving the members seem very glad that Bro. Bacon is coming to help them out. Please pray for all of us, we need prayer very much. God bless you, one and all.

Sincerely in His dear Name,
James H. Smith.

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and baptized we are commanded to teach them all things that the Lord has commanded. Our churches need indoctrinating.

If we are to prove what we believe and teach we must know what the Bible says on the subject. When Paul was arguing salvation by grace through faith he brought Abraham's case. He turns our minds to the scriptures by making the following statement. "For what saith the scriptures? and then he quoted from the scriptures. "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." Romans 4:3

After Jesus arose from the dead and it became needful for him to explain to his follows concerning himself he used the scriptures to give them understanding.

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all the prophets have spoken:

Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."

And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were

written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures." Luke 24:25-26-27-32-44 & 45.

Philip used the scripture when he preached to the eunuch; "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." Acts 8:35

Paul reasoned with people out of the scripture:" and Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbaths days reasoned with them out of the scriptures." Acts 17:2

The kind of preaching that Paul did caused people to search the scriptures.

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11

I trust that these things will stir up the minds of people, and that all of you who read these things will have a greater desire to study the word of God. Preacher, Deacons, Sunday School teacher and lay members should seek a greater knowledge of the word of God.

I will leave the following quotation with you that I found in a book one time about the Bible.

"This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable (unchangeable), Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy, It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you, it is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's stall, the pilot's compass the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and hell disclosed, Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. Let it fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mind of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure.

It it your guide in life, will be opened in the judgement, and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the highest labors, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents."