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Missionary Letter From Japan

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Dear Friends:

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" Philippians 1:3. We want to thank all our friends for your prayers and offerings and for every word of encouragement that you have given us. Our Lord will reward you when He comes again, and all of us will then know what the result of our labors in this world have been.

We are still conducting services at our mission in Tokuyama each week on Saturday and Sunday evenings. New people come in all along, they come for a service or two, then drop out, others come in their places for a few times, and then they drop out, and so it goes; and it has been like this ever since I have been a missionary in this country. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ gets spread around this way, and we all can be glad of that. Mr. Kanoke, his wife and two daughters are coming back to our services. They quit for a few weeks for some reason, perhaps something or somebody got in their way. These people came very regular for a whole year, and they might already be saved but most Japanese won't make any public profession even if they are saved. This is because of their people, job, or Japanese society in general. This is the biggest reason it is so hard to build churches in Japan. We have a responsibility to tell them of the Saviour, and they have their

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THANKS!

The editor wishes to thank every church that has sent in an order for a bundle of BANNERS each month, and also the individuals who have assisted in this work. Some churches have appointed a member of the church as a correspondent to the BANNER. Has your church done this?

Tennessee's Rural Minister of the Year



ELDER F. W. LAMBERT

Elder F. W. Lambert of Westmoreland, Tennessee, has been selected as Tennessee's Rural Minister of the Year for 1967 by the Progressive Farmer Magazine.

The selection was made from state-wide competition. The award is co-sponsored by the Tennessee Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, under the direction of the Soil Stewardship Committee. The Macon County SWCD placed his name in nomination.

This award enabled Bro. Lambert to attend the expense-paid annual Town and Country Workshop at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. The awards banquet was held at Emory on the evening of July 20.

Bro. Lambert is a Missionary Baptist with forty years service as rural minister. His present pastorate includes churches at Meadorville in Macon County, Cornwell's Chapel in Smith County, Dixon Creek in Trousdale County, and Pleasant Hill in Sumner County. The attendance and

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ATTENTION!

We are sorry that we were not able to print all the articles that were sent in for publication this month. We appreciate your interest in submitting articles, reports and announcements and will endeavor to print them as space permits. If the interest continues to grow in the future in the BANNER as it has in the past, we would be happy to make it a larger publication.—Editor

Bro. Bacon Reports On Work In Japan

Dear Friends in Christ:

We send you our greetings in the name of the living God. Our God is walking with us each day in this work among the people in Japan. We have been hearing of some good revivals in our homeland, with souls being saved, and we thank God for this. Truly there is a time of sowing and a time of reaping for those who faint not in well doing. There must be some sowing before there can be reaping.

This is another very hot summer here in Japan but our Lord is giving added strength as needed. He is such a source of strength, comfort, and grace to us. People who are not saved cannot realize what they are missing even in this life by not being saved by a living omnipotent God.

The time has come again when we must start a new school term for our boys. David will be in the first year of Jr. high and Danny will be in the second year of elementary school. We receive all our books and supplies from a school in Maryland. Then, of course, Shirley and I have to teach them at home.

During July we had the good news of a soul being saved here in Ube City. She is a senior in a high school here and has been attending our services for over a year and a half. We certainly rejoiced over this and it has been uplifting to us. Truly God knows

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The Seven Churches

By Mrs. Larry Snoddy
(A continued study of the churches of
Asia)

QUESTIONS

1. What was the name of the fourth church?
2. Did God find fault with this church?
3. Was everyone in the church guilty?
4. What was the name of the fifth church?
5. Did God find fault with this church?
6. Was this whole church guilty?
7. What was the name of the sixth church?
8. Did God find fault with this church?
9. What did God warn this church of?
10. Did God give these churches a chance to repent?

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TENT REVIVAL SCHEDULED BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

A tent revival is scheduled to be conducted on the Russellville Road in Bowling Green, Ky. from September 4 through September 16. This is on the southwest side of town, on Highways 68 and 80.

Elder W. T. Russell and Elder H. C. Vanderpool are to be in charge of services, with special singing and also congregational singing. Services each night at 7:30 P. M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Revival Reports

Madison Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn. Ten professions of faith, with 14 additions to the church. Pastor W. R. Overton was assisted by Eld. Eugene Brown.

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Siloam Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. Ten professions of faith, with 19 additions to the church. Pastor J. D. Sanders was assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert.

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West End Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Three professions of faith, with five additions to the church. Pastor C. C. Gregory was assisted by Elder J. D. Birdwell.

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Cornwell's Chapel Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn. Five professions of faith, with four additions to the church. Pastor F. W. Lambert was assisted by Eld. James G. Beal.

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Oak Grove Baptist Church, Monroe County, Ky. There were 7 professions of faith, with 10 additions to the church. Pastor James E. Suttle was assisted by Eld. G. N. Curtis.

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Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Sumner County, Tenn. Eight professions of faith, with eight additions to the church. Pastor F. W. Lambert was assisted by Eld. Howard G. Taylor.

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Martinsville Baptist Church, Warren County, Ky. There were 14 professions of faith, with 15 additions to the church. Services were conducted by the pastor, Eld. Odell Willoughby.

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White Hill Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Three saved and two additions to the church. Pastor William House was assisted by Eld. J. D. Birdwell.

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Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. There were 15 professions of faith, with 16 additions to the church by baptism. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool was assisted by Eld. L. W. Smith, with Bro. Duncan Houchens directing the singing.

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Greatness is simply goodness, purity of heart, helpfulness of spirit, willingness to serve.—Nicoll.

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Don't consult your bank book to ascertain your real wealth.

Missionary Letter From Japan

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responsibility as to what they do about it.

I am preaching at Yamaguchi Baptist Church on Sunday morning of each week now, and I have been enjoying the work quite well. A young girl came the other Sunday for prayer, said that she wanted to be saved, and she told me afterwards that she was saved. But she hasn't been back to church for the last two or three weeks. One of the church members told me last Sunday that the girl's mother was opposed to her daughter becoming a Christian. So, I guess the mother has gotten in the way, and perhaps the girl won't be coming back. Anyway, if the girl's soul is saved, that is worth more than tongue can tell. Many young people in Japan are inclined toward Christianity, but the older people are bitter against it, and that presents a big problem.

Brother Tajima and I went to a small island a while back to distribute tracts and portions of Scripture, and we plan on going to another of the islands this coming Thursday. Where we went the last time there are about one thousand inhabitants on the island, and I think we gave the Gospel in print to just about every house in one village, where most of the inhabitants live. We want to go back to this island later in the summer and conduct a few night's meeting. We can go over from Tokuyama by a small boat that makes regular trips during the day up to six P. M., but if we hold night services we must hire a fisherman on the island to bring us back after service. We ask about this when we were there, and some of the islanders told us that any of the fishermen there would be glad to convey us back to Tokuyama at any time of night.

In conclusion, we request sincerely your prayers for the work in Japan. Pray for lost sinners to be saved.

Sincerely in His Name,
James H. Smith

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"The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live." John 5:25.

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Those that hope for no other life are dead even in this.

Bro. Bacon Reports On Work In Japan

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when we need His blessings the most. We appreciate all your prayers for her and please continue praying for others attending the services.

The Lord burdened my heart last year to try to find another building for our worship services. However, for various reasons we were not able to find a suitable place until July. In His own time God led us to the building that we feel that He would want us to use. It is in a convenient location here in Ube City. We had to do some papering, painting, and cleaning on the inside. In fact, we still have some more of that to do as we find the time. We got it at a reasonable price. We are getting both our place of residence and the mission building for about

\$70.00 a month.

We had our first service in the new building in July. And then we had a few night's revival with Bro. Tajima, from Koi Baptist Church in Hiroshima City, as helper. Bro. Tajima brought good scriptural messages and we felt that it was a blessing to all who attended. Some who have been attending our services manifested an interest in their salvation. Also, we had some new ones to attend for the first time. Bro. and Sis. Smith came and brought a friend from Tokuyama City. Also, one night some came from Yamaguchi Baptist Church. It was sure a blessing to have those Christians in the services with us and we pray that it was a blessing to everyone.

Bro. Tajima and I passed out mimeographed advertisements of the services and also advertised via a P. A. system on the car each day of the revival. We are praying that we will still

see some results from this part of the work, also.

Our Lord has been so good to us. He has filled our every need abundantly. We are so thankful for you folks in our homeland who love the Lord and His cause, for your prayers, for your support of our work here. May you be richly blessed by our good Master, is our sincere prayer.

Our hearts go out for the millions of people here in Japan who are lost and stumbling through the darkness of idol worship. We desire to reach as many as possible with the precious Words of Life. Please pray for this young lady who has been saved, that she could grow in grace and knowledge and be a great witness for the Lord. The devil will probably try to put many stumbling blocks in her pathway. Also, please continue praying for others here in Ube City, for those who attend Bro. Smith's services in Tokuyama, the services at Hiroshima and Yamaguchi, and all other places where God has His servants here in Japan. We pray that this will be a great year of harvest there in our homeland.

Your unworthy servant in Christ,
Dexter Bacon, Jr.

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MINISTER DIES-- FATHER OF 34 CHILDREN

ROCHESTER, N. Y.--A minister whose three wives bore him 34 children died March 18 at Strong Memorial Hospital, after an illness of two weeks.

He was the Rev. Willie L. Anderson, 62, pastor of St. Luke's Missionary Baptist Church in Rochester for more than 20 years. He was twice a widower, fathered 22 sons and 12 daughters, including one set of twins. The eldest is 37 and the youngest is 3½.

Before coming to Rochester, he served churches in Cleveland, Ohio, his birthplace; Thomasville, Ga.; Tallahassee, Fla., and Niles, Mich.

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I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all this book upon reason that you can, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a better man.--Lincoln.

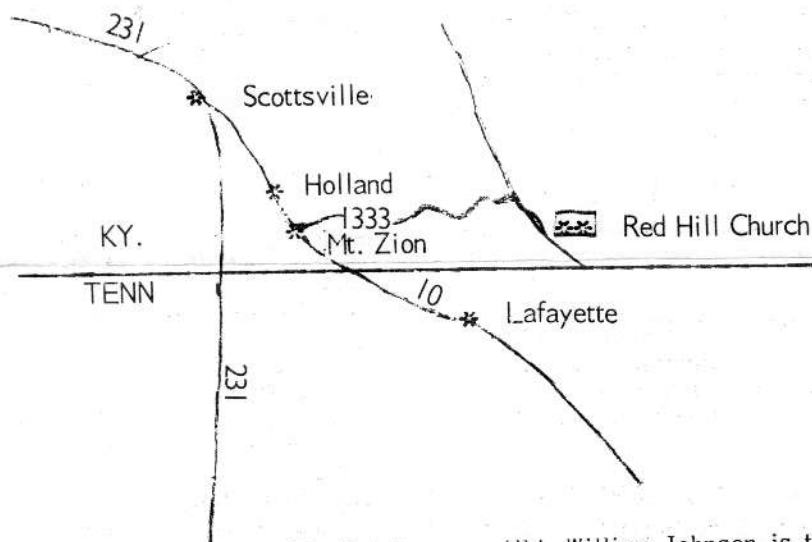
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Far away, there in the sunshine, are my high aspirations. I may never reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.--Louisa May Alcott.

NOTICE!

Since the Siloam Baptist Association met last year, Daylight Saving Time is being observed by most areas. The Association will meet this year on September 29, at 10:00 A. M. Daylight Saving Time. It will convene with Red Hill Baptist Church, in Al-

len County, Ky. A sketch is given below of the location to help those who are not familiar with the roads leading to the church. Road 1333 is a blacktop road and leads from Mt. Zion to a gravel road that leads to the church.



The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association is to meet with Red Hill Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky., on Friday, Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1. Services begin the first day at 10:00 A. M. Central Daylight Time.

Officers elected last year were: Eld. F. W. Lambert, Mod.; Eld. H. C. Vanderpool, Clerk, and Bro. G. W. Hauskins, Treas.

Eld. William Johnson is to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday; the Memorial Sermon on Saturday is to be delivered by Eld. H. C. Vanderpool, and Eld. F. W. Lambert is to preach the Doctrinal Sermon on Sunday.

Thirty churches represented in the Association last year, with a total membership of 4,828.

Letter Received From Ohio

July 4, 1967

Dear Brother Vanderpool:

Enclosed are three (3) new subscriptions to the Baptist Banner.

The family from Westerville (near Columbus) drive that distance almost every Sunday to the services at Liberty and have truly been a blessing to the church. I send this information along because the Baptist Banner was instrumental in their finding the Liberty Church. They moved to Ohio from Missouri (near Kansas City) and I believe because they are true Baptists, they began to seek for a church like they knew back home in Missouri. Their search was fruitless until someone back in Missouri sent them information from the Banner concerning Liberty Baptist Church. They followed this lead and after quite a search found the church house and have attended regularly for the last several months. This family (including five small children) because they appreciate the church, make a big effort to attend the services, by driving the 200-mile round trip and some of these trips begin with just a two-hour rest between Brother Coale's job and beginning the drive to Barberton. I pray that some of our Baptists may awake to their blessings they are refusing by not attending services that are nearby and so easy to get to.

I pray that the paper may continue and help other people in various ways. Just the effort put into the publication of the paper is an inspiration to me and our people need examples of untiring duty toward God and man. May this generation continue to be reminded of the labors of the past generations and accept the challenge left by their lives.

Yours in Christ,
Calvin Perrigo

It is very significant that every recorded instance the Apostles were busy at their daily work when the Master called them. Peter and Andrew were fishing; James and John were mending their nets; Matthew was sitting at the receipt of custom. God never visits an idle or unserviceable life.--David Smith.

Rural Minister of Year

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membership at these four churches have steadily increased during the years despite rapidly declining rural population.

Elder Lambert has had an interesting and active service as supervisor of the Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District. He served as supervisor from 1952 to 1961, and as chairman of the Board from 1954 to 1961. In addition to regular activities he promoted the Soil Conservation Awards Program, sponsored by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, roadside beautification program, FFA and 4-H Club land Judging Contest, Soil Stewardship Week activities, active radio and newspaper publicity programs, publication of Macon SCD annual reports, erecting county roadside boundary signs, and others.

When Macon County was selected to be a pilot county in Tennessee's rural development program, its citizens found Mr. Lambert to be a willing worker.

Revival Announcements

MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 4

Tent revival on Russellville Rd., Bowling Green, Ky. To be conducted for two weeks by Eld. W. T. Russell and Eld. H. C. Vanderpool.

FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 15

Union Hill Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor D. C. Russell is to be assisted by Bro. Horace Head.

THIRD SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky. Pastor James G. Beal is to be assisted by Eld. F. W. Lambert.

MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 18

Summer Shade Baptist Church, Metcalfe, County, Ky. Pastor Gerald Cherry is to be assisted by Elder C. B. Huddleston.

If every worker did a little more than he is paid to do, and every employer paid a little more than he is compelled to pay, we would have no strikes.--Omaha Bee

CHURCH QUESTION

Why do you go to church?

That seems like a stupid question. But the same question was asked recently in a survey made among rural families in one section of Ohio.

Seventeen percent of those interviewed frankly admitted they did not go to church because they were "too lazy." Other reasons given were: no time, dislike of the minister or members, can't afford to, no interest in socializing.

If these reasons, or excuses, seem strange, some of the principal reasons for attendance might strike you as being a bit odd, too.

They included answers like, "because I know the members." Others said it was a friendly atmosphere, fellowship, habit or duty. No one said he attended church to worship God.

QUOTES

"God said it -- Jesus did it -- I believe it -- that settles it."

Sin is a heart disease that can only be permanently remedied by the Great Physician.

"A well-balanced Christian is one who LIVES ON WEEKDAYS like he PRAYS ON SUNDAY!"

The Seven Churches

(Answers to questions on page 2)

1. Thyatira. Rev. 2:18.
2. Yes. There was a woman named Jezebel who was teaching the people the work of the devil and not the ways of God. Rev. 2:20:23.
3. No. Rev. 2:24-29.
4. Sardis. Rev. 3:1.
5. Sardis was not strong. The church had done wrong before God. Rev. 3:1-2.
6. No. Rev. 3:4.
7. Philadelphia. Rev. 3:7.
8. There were those who failed to live as they should. Rev. 3:8.
9. Temptations that were to come over all the earth. Rev. 3:10-12.
10. Yes. Rev. 2:24-29; Rev. 3:5-6; Rev. 3:12-13.

Love comes unseen; we only see it go.--Austin Dodson.