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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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Missionaries Returning To Israel



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Churches and Friends:

We have just received our visa to Israel; this is something that I have been working on for several years, and after waiting so long and doing what I could and waiting on the Lord, He has worked it out, and we have the visa and can now start making definite plans to leave.

We should like to thank all who

have prayed for us and for the visa. I know that the Lord has done this, and He has used many people and churches to bring it about, and of course all glory belongs to Him. There have been times when I was discouraged about getting the visa, but the Lord kept assuring me that it would come and that what He had begun He was able to perfect. All these years of waiting have been very important, because they have been times of heart searching and preparation. The

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Editor Reports On Bible Lands Tour

By H. C. Vanderpool

Due to the time of publication of the BANNER, I was not able to give a report on our Bible Lands Tour in the last issue. This report is short due to the space I wished to give for our missionary work and reports this month. I trust to make other reports later and to print more pictures.

At present I'm writing a book "Travel

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City's Schools Adopt Prayer, Bible Reading

Clairton, Pa. (RNS) — This city's 3,200 public school students reportedly have expressed themselves as being "almost unanimously" in favor of a new "course" that has been added to the curriculum.

The course is called "Bible reading and prayer" and it was returned to classrooms in defiance of the five-year-old ban by the U. S. Supreme Court.

But Clairton is, as one observer put it "not only in the Bible belt of the state, but it has the buckle on, too." So far, not one protest has been heard in this community deep in the heart of the Monongahela Valley.

Clairton's nine-member school board ordered revival of the Bible reading and prayer ceremonies. School Supt. Robert LaFrankie then sought legal opinions from county and state authorities.

Residents Were Impatient

Impatient at inaction, residents bombarded the school office with calls urging compliance with the school board's order.

The superintendent called a staff meeting and then announced a decision "to start the program immediately. . . and take our chances. The worst that can happen is an injunction."

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Lord gave me some very precious promises from His Word, yes, and some blessed assurances. "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." Psalms 37:4-5.

We have to let the Lord work everything out His way, for His way is higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8). He seeks to bring glory to Himself and work for our good. "And therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto you, and therefore will He be exalted, that He may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgement; blessed are all they that wait for Him." Isaiah 30:18.

I believe that we are living in the last days, and one of the great reasons I believe this is that God is turning His attention once again, in a very special way, to His ancient people, the Jews. He is gathering them back to their home in Palestine, and He is dealing with their hearts in a marvelous way. Moses foretold what would happen to these people even before they went into the Promised Land there in the country of Moab. In the 29 and 30 chapters of Deuteronomy Moses sees their rebellion and dispersion and their regathering. "That then the

Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee." Deuteronomy 30:3. He says in verse five that the Lord would multiply them above their fathers, and in verse six He tells them about their Spiritual conversion, that God would circumcise their hearts and cause them to love Him.

I will write again and tell of the definite date when we will leave for Israel. May the Lord richly bless you, one and all.

Sincerely in His name,

Henry and Annie Laura Smith

OFFERINGS RECEIVED FOR LAST QUARTER OF 1968

By Henry Smith

OCTOBER

McFerrin Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$114.24; Hendersonville Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$31.54; Salem Church, Fonthill, Ky., \$149.85; New Friendship Church, Russell Springs, Ky., \$173.56; Shiloh Church, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Parkwood Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$40.26; Pleasant Grove Church, Westmoreland, Tenn., \$5.00; Long Creek Church, Lafayette, Tenn., \$22.75; Red Hill Church, Ky., \$12.50; Macedonia Church, Adolphus, Ky., \$7.50; Fellowship Church, Indianapolis, Ind., \$142.00; Grace Church, Detroit, Mich., \$255.55; Liberty Church, Indianapolis, Ind., \$25.00; Faith Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$30.00; Becker Drive Church, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Lyons Church, Louisville, Ky., \$50.00; Faith Church, Detroit, Mich., \$36.75; Maple Grove No. 1 Church, Fountain Run, Ky., \$20.00; Bro. Paul Godby, Russell Springs, Ky., \$10.00; Bro. and Sis. Alvin McClanahan, \$20.00; Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Ind., \$150.00; Liberty Church, Barberton, Ohio, \$93.00.

.....TOTAL: \$1,254.58

NOVEMBER

Concord Baptist Church, White House, Tenn., \$168.13; Rock Bridge Church, Gallatin, Tenn., \$105.16; Parkwood Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$67.75; Hen-

dersonville, Tenn., \$45.38; Shiloh Church, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; McFerrin Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$55.10; Faith Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$30.00; Becker Drive Church, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Macedonia Church, Adolphus, Ky., \$41.57; White Hill Church, White House, Tenn., \$46.00.
.....TOTAL: \$589.09

DECEMBER

Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn., \$75.13; Liberty Church, Lafayette, Tenn., \$30.00; Parkwood Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$57.51; Jordan Church, Chicago, Ill., \$25.00; Shiloh Church, Chicago, Ill., \$20.00; Becker Drive Church, Louisville, Ky., \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. William Woodall, \$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Watson, Pickens, S. C., \$20.00; Fellowship Church, Indianapolis, Ind., \$22.06; Salem Church, Fonthill, Ky., \$135.00; Hopewell Church, Scottsville, Ky., \$47.00; McFerrin Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$176.21; Faith Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$30.00; Mr. and Mrs. George Hefner, Norfolk, Va., \$40.00; Hendersonville Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$43.32; Red Hill Church, Delhi, La., \$50.00; Maple Grove No. 2 Church, Lafayette, Tenn., \$62.35; Mt. Tabor Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., \$128.76; Oak Forrest Church, Scottsville, Ky., \$13.00; Drakes Creek Church, Franklin, Ky., \$45.00; Antioch Church, Lafayette, Tenn., \$68.18.

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Tour Group standing on the old Lechaeon Road in Ancient Corinth. Judgement seat is near us.

With Me Through Bible Lands," which will have approximately sixteen chapters 110-120 pages and between forty and fifty photographs. I trust I can get this to the publishers in the next few weeks and have it for distribution a few months from now. Information about the book and the way to obtain it will be made in the BANNER. So, the full report of my tour of the Holy Land and other countries of the Bible will be published in the book and the reports in the BANNER will be brief due to space.

I must say that my experience of traveling through the Bible Lands was a very enjoyable and inspirational one. I met some of the best people in the world on our tour. There were ten states and two foreign countries represented in our tour group.

On our first day - March 3 - we met at the T. W. A. Conference room at Kennedy International Airport in New York. After getting acquainted with one another and being briefed by our directors, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Harrison, we had prayer and went to board our plane. It was a Boeing 707. We left New York at 9:55 P. M. (E. S. T.) on flight 840 for Athens, Greece. We stopped briefly at Rome. We flew at approximately 600

mi. per hr. and at an altitude of between 31,000 and 36,000 ft.

We flew over Paris. As we were flying over Switzerland we could see the snow-capped peaks of the Alps Mountains. We arrived at Athens on Tuesday, March 4 at 5:45 p.m. Athens time. It was raining and the temperature stood at 50°. From the airport we were taken by bus to Electra Hotel for the night.

An unfortunate thing happened here. Bro. Harrison became very ill and had to be admitted to a hospital the next morning. He and Sister Harrison didn't get to continue with us on the tour. But we were so thankful that the Lord blessed him and he was able to come home at the end of the tour. Of course some of our group went on an extended tour of other countries which lasted another week.

The next day, Wednesday, March 5, we went to Corinth which is sixty miles west of Athens.

We say the beautiful Canal of Corinth as we were entering the general area of the city. We went to the site of the old Corinth where we saw the ruins of the Temple of Apollo, The Asclepeion of Ancient Corinth, The Altar in the Agora, The Fountain of Peirene, the ruins of the

old Corinthian shops and walked along the old Lechaeon Road.

We stood on the place where the Apostle Paul stood when brought before Gallio for preaching the gospel of Christ. (Acts 18:12-16)

Under the Romans, Athens was still the educational center of Greece, but Corinth was the capital of the Roman province called by them Achaia. (Acts 19: 21; II Cor. 9:2)

On the road from Athens to Corinth we had seen the Nomads living in their huts and tents as their forefathers had 3000 years ago.

Near Corinth we entered a large orange grove and were permitted to gather the delicious fruit. The oranges were very tasteful. At noon we returned to Athens. (To be continued)

Old Union Church To Have All-Day Services

Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., will have all-day services on Sunday, May 18. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and the regular worship service at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor H. C. Vanderpodt preaching.

Lunch will be served at noon. There will be singing from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. The featured group will be the Guiding Light Quartet of Toledo, Ohio. There will be other singers and choir and congregational singing. This is the annual Memorial Day service of the church. There are between 500 and 600 graves in the church cemetery. Everyone is invited to be with us on this day.

Unable To Print

I'm sorry that we were unable to print all the material that was received for the BANNER this month. Other articles will be printed when possible.

Watch For Expiration Date

Each subscriber to the BANNER is asked to watch for the date at the end of your name and address on the paper. This is the month that your subscription expires. Please renew as soon as possible, for this saves time and work on the editor and the printer.

More "Peace" Pamphlets Available

By Dean Driver

Long View Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tenn. would like to express its appreciation for the response of the people concerning the little pamphlet entitled "Peace In These Troubled Times." The first printing of ten thousand has been distributed and the second printing is now available. We extend the offer as it was originally made - they are free to individuals and/or churches as long as they last.

The pamphlet teaches that the only true "peace" to be found in these troubled times is salvation of the soul through Jesus Christ. If you have lost friends or relatives, the pamphlet might be an effective way of reaching them.

Most of all we thank God for this "peace which passeth all understanding" and for the privileges of spreading these glad tidings to a lost world. Long View Church has been and is being greatly blessed and for this we can only thank God.

If you would like to distribute some of these pamphlets, write to: "PEACE", 801 Peninsula Drive; Gallatin, Tennessee 37066, and tell us how many you can use. They will be sent to you immediately, and absolutely free.

Done by order of Long View Church in Gallatin, February 26, 1969.

REVIVAL REPORTS

Lyons Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. One profession of faith. From these and previous services there are six to be baptized. Pastor L. W. Smith was assisted by Elder W. T. Russell, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Nyland Baptist Church, Oxnard, Calif. Two professions of faith. Pastor Richard Salsmen was assisted by Elder Kenneth Davis, of Downey, Calif.

REVIVAL

A revival is to begin at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., on Sunday night, May 25.

Pastor Kenneth Massey is to be assisted by Elder H. C. Vanderpool. Everyone is invited to attend.

MONEY IS RAISED TO PURCHASE BUS FOR MISSIONARY

The Editor and Bro. Claude Galloway, Louisville, Ky., who worked together with endorsing churches for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a V. W. Bus to be used in Missionary work, would like to thank the churches and individuals who responded.

We are happy to report that our goal was reached, and in the meantime, Elder Henry Smith received his visa to return to Israel with his wife to work as missionaries there. See report on page 1. The bus is for him and his work for the Lord. Given below is a list of contributions.

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.	\$ 299.50
Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn.	16.60
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Holland, Ky.	50.00
Red Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, Ky.	22.00
Brattontown Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.	16.12
Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn.	27.85
Haysville Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.	86.95
Union Missionary Baptist Church, Fountain Run, Ky.	34.11
Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.	100.00
Drakes Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky.	39.80
Chestnut Mound Missionary Baptist Church, Chestnut Md., Tenn.	50.00
Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky.	50.00
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.	25.00
J. C. Overton, West Newton, Indiana	50.00
Cornwell Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Smith Co., Tenn.	40.14
West End Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn.	81.00
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn.	25.00
Rocky Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tenn.	100.00
Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn.	43.71
Enon Missionary Baptist Church, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.	29.66
Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn.	99.33
Mace's Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Dixon's Springs, Tenn.	50.00
New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Smith County, Tenn.	50.00
Long View Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn.	200.00
Caney Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn.	43.50
Days Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.	14.15
Long Fork Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.	135.46
Clinton Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, Ohio	32.50
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Adolphus, Ky.	50.00
Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, Woodburn, Ky.	82.00
Enon Chapel Sunday School, Hartsville, Tenn.	25.00
Good Will Missionary Baptist Church, Hartsville, Tenn.	150.00
Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	68.59
Sycamore Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	158.41
El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky.	52.05
Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church, Old Hickory, Tenn.	50.00
New Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn.	10.00
Dixon Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Dixon Springs, Tenn.	67.55
Siloam Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn.	50.00
Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church, Lafayette, Tenn.	50.00
Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Bethpage, Tenn.	53.00
Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn.	100.00
Willette Missionary Baptist Church, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.	25.00
McFerrin Ave. Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.	100.00
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Barberton, Ohio	100.00

TOTAL: 3,003.98