STRATEGY FOR CRISIS

The Church of Christ through the years has been no stranger to crisis. It has often found itself amid upheaval, revolution and change. Indeed, its most glorious chapters have been written in the face of challenge.

The Congo Church today stands in a confused and explosive scene. The Church is being subjected to increasing pressures. Its opportunities for witness and influence are growing apace. While the Church in Congo faces its supreme challenge, it at the same time faces its supreme opportunity.

What, then, ought our strategy to be in this hour?

**TO UNDERGIRD the Congo Church as never before with earnest prayer.
**TO EMPHASIZE anew the spiritual ministry of the missionary and of the Church.
**TO SPEED the training of the Congolese for responsible leadership in every area possible.
**TO IMPLEMENT a deliberate and progressive transfer of responsibility and authority from our missionaries to our African brethren.
**TO ENSURE an adequate Christian literature for the spiritual nurture and strengthening of the Congolese.
**TO SHOW sympathetic concern both toward the Belgian administrators and the Congolese as they seek by orderly process to establish Congo's independence.
The CONGO INLAND MISSION BOARD is an association of several Mennonite mission boards whose representatives meet regularly twice a year, in April and October, for consultation and planning together for joint action of their missionaries and the young church rapidly taking form in the Belgian Congo of West Central Africa where mission work has been carried on since 1912.

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Our Dedication To The Task For Such A Time As This

By Alan Wiebe

Frequently we hear the statement made of someone, "There's a man dedicated to his task," or perhaps, "That man's heart is in his work." These are worthy compliments. Men and women who wholly give themselves to their task are found everywhere in every type of work. During the war all Americans were called to sacrifice time, things and sons. Thousands of them dedicated themselves wholly and conscientiously to the task of winning the war. It was a time of emergency.

A missionary's dedication to his task is determined by the understanding he has concerning THE TIME he lives in. Jesus reminded his disciples that "the night cometh when no man can work." This sense of shortness of time and the imminence of the end gives a deep urgency to the missionary task. The conviction that the Lord will return, that the end is approaching, that these are the "last days," will add genuineness to our dedication to the task. It seems that the time is past for missions in many parts of the world. Whether doors will open once again in China or Russia for the gospel we do not know. In Congo the doors are wide open, the Word has free course, but it may be later than we think!

A missionary's dedication to his task is also determined by the understanding he has of his task. THE TASK of a missionary for such a time as this is tremendous. It always has been a big job; it always has been the same job. Irrespective of time our task as missionaries remains the same. Paul's missionary message is our message today. "We dare not preach any other gospel." We preach not ourselves, but Another. Again we may say that the task of missions remains the same because the why of missions remains constant. Throughout all these years we have been motivated by the great commission, by the fact that man is eternally lost without Christ, and by the compassion the Lord has placed in our hearts for the unsaved.

Charles Wesley had the essence of the missionary task well in mind when he wrote:

"A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the Sky."

An ever consciousness and a growing understanding of our charge or task is definitely essential for an effective dedication to the task. The Lord Jesus never lost sight of His work while here on earth. He said, "I am come that they might have life ..." Later He could say, "Father, I have finished the work thou gavest me to do." Do we keep in mind the reason for our being here? As the Holy Spirit helps us to remain conscious of our big task,

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Great is the Lord, and Greatly to be praised.

The challenge of missions is the evangelism of the peoples who are outside of Christ. In the Kamayala area there are many people who may have heard the Gospel once or twice, but who have not accepted the Savior. To reach them, and also to help Christians to grow in their faith we continue with the work.

**Evangelism**

Week-end series of evangelistic services have been held in each of 18 regional centers of our area at least twice during the past year. 124 teacher-evangelists are placed in that many villages to teach the children and to care for the spiritual nature of the people in their own and neighboring villages. In our schools Bible study is greatly emphasized and our medical work also concerns itself with the need of the soul.

We are grateful for the several hundred people who have professed to accept Christ during the year, and will deeply appreciate the intercessory prayers of each reader on behalf of the work at Kamayala.

This past year we have continued to have Women's Meetings regularly at Kamayala and Leper Colony, and here on the station. We have been encouraged by the interest shown. Here on the station the attendance has increased noticeably this past year. Surely the Lord was in the midst. We trust that as the women came they were strengthened in their faith.

Through dirt and dust covered faces happy eyes glittered, warm, confident smiles broke out on the little ones faces, and they began to sing: “Jesus loves the little children.” After finishing the song, they bowed their heads and prayed a simple prayer. “Thank you God for loving me, Amen.” Thus another children's meeting came to an end, as energetic young feet tripped merrily to their villages. Truly we must say that the Lord has blessed our work with the children here.

**Education**

Our schools continue to grow in number of pupils and number of classes. An increasing desire to study is recognized almost everywhere. This is a real challenge to us. As the boys and girls come to us we strive to make the Gospel message real to them.

But with the increased desire to study the desire for temporal things also increases. Please pray with us that the several thousand young lives which are being contacted in this manner may come to know their Savior personally.

Praise the Lord. The girls' boarding school has become more than just a place to stay a year or two before being married to one of the teachers in the area. A few rules helped give them a desire to read the Scriptures. The girls love the singing practice in their camp one or two evenings a week. In their thinking sewing class should be a knitting class. None of them sewed, as that was men's work in their villages. A good number of the girls are believers, and they are being taught to walk as Children of our Lord and Savior.

Our precious Lord has again watched over the orphans. There was only one epidemic during the year: “flu.” We did
have the chicken pox, but it did not become an epidemic. There was no serious accidents among the 53 children living in the home. Some of them are doing very well in school, while others must be persuaded to attend classes against their will. Children’s Church and daily chapel are a joy to the children who have believed on the Lord as their Savior.

Out in a village one day we found an old man with pain written all over his face, walking with a stick. It was Shamwaso. He had a badly infected foot and we brought Him to the Mission where he was treated for several weeks. Back in his village later he told me with delight that he had new strength now and thanked the Lord for it every day.

Many people come to receive physical and spiritual help here, babies are born, school children looked after. Nearly 100 lepers remain for constant care. We thank the Lord for all His faithfulness and these opportunities given us.

Then, of course, there are the industrious industrialists whose work continues despite seemingly unconquerable odds. Notwithstanding our workers’ excuse that “it is the bricks fault that the wall is crooked, the trowels fault that the floor isn’t smooth, and the door’s fault that it is hung upside down,” Kamayala still managed to be the recipient of a new diesel motor house, a gasoline storage house, numerous school desks and cabinets, plus countless other trivialities that hardly merit special attention, but were still deemed necessary.

Kandala

Evangelistic

“My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereunto I sent it.” Isa. 55:11 We claim this precious statement as we continue to make known the message of salvation in Christ Jesus. This past year the gospel has again been proclaimed in the various villages and at our regional church and school centers; souls have accepted Christ as their Savior; new members have been received into the church fellowship; and some members who were out of fellowship have again been restored. We thank God for this. We are much concerned however that the church is not more stable and ask you to pray for a church that is “rooted and built up in him—” Col. 2:7.

Educational

The educational work is just as challenging as ever. Most of our classes are well filled. The girl’s are coming more readily than they used to. We have a larger number of girls in the upper grades than in years past. Besides the religious instruction received in the classes, some of the children are also attending catechism instruction classes. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” This is a challenge to us. Pray for the educational work.

Girls work

We have had an average of seventy girls in our girls compound. Most of them have accepted Christ as their Savior. There have been joys because many have come
to accept Christ, and there have also been sorrows because of sin entering the lives of some girls thus trying to destroy the good seed that has been sown. During the year twenty-one girls from the compound were married.

- **Children's Work**
  During their vacation, two groups of Bible school boys conducted Daily Vacation Bible School for two weeks. They taught the children the well known Bible stories, Bible verses and choruses. At most places a large number of children came. Some accepted the Lord as their Savior. The students came back with much enthusiasm.

- **Women's Work**
  The women of the mission station have gone out to the nearby villages for women's meetings. They came back with good reports.
  Weekly meetings are held on the station with one of the women leading and one speaking to the group. The World Day of Prayer service was well attended and many took part in prayer. Our prayer is that many more women may be helped in their Christian life and others brought by baptism and many more professed Christ as Savior. Forty-five new Christian homes were begun through Christian marriage. There is nearly unlimited opportunity in the propagation of the Gospel. Large numbers often present a problem and to deal with the many we urgently need pastors who are able to shepherd the large flock and to lead them to spiritual maturity.

- **Evangelistic**
  Here in Congo we work with great numbers of people in our evangelistic outreach. Nearly 600 were added to the church.

- **Medical**
  This has been a year of blessing. The Lord has given grace for the duties that were ours. As the people come to us we not only help them physically, but we are also concerned about their spiritual welfare. Many have appreciated that we prayed with them. Mothers have appreciated the maternity ward. Many have come. Our ward has never been empty during the past year. On Sunday special meetings are held with the women during the Sunday School hour. Usually one of the overseers has been in charge of the meeting. We pray that God will speak to many hearts during the coming year.

- **Industrial**
  The industrial work has served to make the proclamation of the Gospel possible. The buildings on the station have been kept in repair and houses for our teachers and church leaders have been repaired. A two room school unit at Nzembu village, for which a government grant was received, is the only major project that was undertaken.

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**Mukedi**

In 1958 as well as in the years past we are happy to report that there has been progress in the Lord's work here in Mukedi. One occupied in His work from day to day often is so concerned with the work that one does not see the general upward trend. Each year adds on its efforts to bring Christ to the people and to more firmly establish His church.

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**Mukedi Missionaries—August 1958**

CONGO MISSIONARY MESSENGER
Education

The education of youth still occupies a great part of the time of the missionaries and a staff of about 70 teachers. Scattered in the villages far and near are our Congolese co-workers who carry much of the load in teaching the regular school subjects plus Bible and the singing of hymns. Out of the thousands in our grade schools we choose those whom we feel are qualified spiritually and intellectually to be further prepared to teach, preach and heal or to go into secular work bearing a testimony for their Lord. We began the school year with about 90 students in the Teacher Training School and about 70 in our Bible or Evangelists' School. Then others have been sent on to our schools at Nyanga and Charlesville. We are looking forward to receiving the assistance of our two older married students who will finish their studies at the Bible Institute at Tshikapa this coming spring. We expect them to be our first pastors in the territory, where the need is great.

Medical

Thousands come in contact with the Gospel through the medical work. Sha Kitoga, our hospital evangelist cannot read or write but he helps many through personal work, and through services for the patients and relatives who always come along to take care of them. The maternity hospital business is booming. It is always operating at more than capacity. There is an urgent need for increased facilities to accommodate the large number of mothers and babies. This year saw the Dr. Schwartz family leave on furlough. Dr. Elvina Martens has taken over in his stead. Much surgery has been performed and others have been healed of the many and sometimes terrible diseases. Others have not survived. It grieves us that some of these have not known Christ before they had to face God.

The medical staff has faithfully carried much of the burden of healing both in the hospital and the dispensary.

All of these areas need the intercessory prayer of our Christians in the homeland. Remember the evangelists, teachers, nurses and missionaries. All aspects of the work go forward because of prayer.

Nyanga

Evangelistic

Evangelistic and church work was emphasized throughout the year, and much time was spent in itinerating by five overseers, three pastors, and a missionary. Other missionaries also gave liberally of their time to help in the regional meetings and in village evangelism. Week-ends and Sundays were used to bring the gospel to large groups of people with the help of the loudspeaker. By this method 150 villages were reached through 119 services. Thirty-six backsliders were restored and hundreds made decisions for Christ. 8,000 tracts were distributed.

Medical and Maternity

In 1929 the field conference of CIM missionaries approved the placement of
the first missionary doctor at Nyanga. Little was it realized that this goal would only be achieved after a lad born that same year would finish his years of education. So it was that in April 1958 Nyanga station got their first resident physician.

From the outset of the medical work at Nyanga the nurse-in-charge has continually increased the medical and spiritual ministry. Cornelia Unrau, Anna Quiring, Anne Jantzen, Amanda Reimer, Leona Entz, and Donna Schmidt have all worked toward building the medical program of today with success. The maternity work has gradually grown until there are more than 70 babies born there each month. The government recognized the quantity of work being done and the need for additional facilities in 1956 by granting the building of their largest maternity building for nurses. In that same year the medical department had accumulated sufficient funds to have Art Janz and Loyal Schmidt construct a lovely dispensary building.

Today growth pains are still being felt. The obstetrical unit is overly full. The wards for patients are usually filled and cleanliness is next to impossible. The government has just granted a small pediatric building which is under construction at the present. Hopes for the near future include a badly needed kitchen and surgical ward.

But beyond our aspirations toward adequate medical care for these sick in body is our basic desire to apply the Balm of Gilead to needy souls. Toward this end we have installed a public address system on our two major buildings and while we minister to our patients individually, the Word of God goes forth from tape recordings and phonograph records. We have started Navigator-like memory verses (with prizes for achievement) among expectant mothers who stay with us during their last several weeks of confinement. We are starting regular Bible studies with our 15 tuberculous patients and want to do the same with our surgical cases who stay with us at least a week.

So we ask you to pray that God might be pre-eminent in all our actions and that thru combined efforts of African and Missionary the Word of God might go forth as He has intended bringing forth eternal fruit to the Glory of God.

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Nyanga Dispensary

Christian Education

The school continues to be the means of reaching hundreds of boys and girls with the Gospel message and of challenging them with the claims of Christ. Although some of them have entered class in order to learn the secular subjects, the good seed of the Word of God has been sown in their hearts through daily Bible lessons and Scripture memorization. Already it has taken root in many hearts.

The Ecole Preparatoire, comprising grades six and seven, is a vital link between the fifth grade and our upper schools and is an important step in the training of future leaders and workers. As yet only a few of our graduates find a place in the sixth year class which serves the whole mission.

Others of our fifth year graduates have the opportunity of attending our Bible School. This is also in preparation for further study or for taking up the work of evangelists in the villages of our territory. These 39 boys and one girl carry on a widespread ministry through their tract distribution, personal witnessing and Bible teaching in nearby villages and conducting services among our many hospital patients.

Women's Work

In looking over the work among the women in the past year, two events stand out: one, a red letter day came when two mid-wives, after passing their exams at the state-post at Luebo, received their diplomas giving them state recognition for their work. Two: The first Women's Conference in the territory met at Kombo. It proved to be a great blessing. Also we praise the Lord for personal workers that are winning their sisters, one by one. Koloma's face lights up with happiness when...
she talks about the 4 women that have been saved in their village. Two elderly women were baptized at Kombo. "I’ve tried all sorts of fetishes but only God satisfies," said one. "I have surpassing much joy," declared the other. The midwives at the Maternity witness to those in their care and the other Sunday one gave a glowing report of the result, many are saved.

**Girl’s Work**

This year we were happy to have our first girl teaching in primary school. She is teaching a class of grade two girls here on the station. After many years of trying, we finally have three Akongo girls in our boarding school. We wondered much whether they would come back after the Christmas vacation and when they did we realized that at last we had gained a foothold among the girls of this backward tribe. Our Bible School girl is working afternoons at the Maternity in anticipation of becoming a mid-wife. Our other two girls' compounds located at regional church school centres are progressing well. Of the grade five girls in the territory and on the station we hope to send several to the new Ecole Menagere (Home Economics school) which is to begin classes in September of this year.

**Children’s Work**

We are thankful for the opportunity we have to work with the children. Weekly services are held in the nearby villages, teaching the children Bible stories and memory verses. This is a part of the practical work for the Bible School. The Youth for Christ has been in charge of Junior Church for the children and there has been good interest shown. Daily vacation Bible Schools have been held at several regional church school centres during the year. We believe that our work with the children will bring forth fruit and help toward building the Church of Christ in Congo.

**Industrial Work**

The Industrial or Maintenance Department on a mission Station repairs, builds new, or renovates—in general takes care of the physical plant. During this past year we have done some work in each of the aforementioned categories. We have built one new church in the Teteji region and made all the cement blocks for a second one to be built in the Batshoke region. We hope to finish the second church during the course of the year. At present we are building a new dwelling house for one of our missionary couples who is to arrive soon. In addition to this we are putting in the foundation for the new Christian Teacher Training School.

Also, we have built quite a few temporary buildings, done a lot of repair work and some renovating. This is besides the 101 things which the maintenance dept. takes care of such as, hauling water during dry season etc. In all our work of keeping up the physical plant we believe we are also helping in the great task of making Him known, whom to Know is life eternal.

**C.I.M. Garage**

Our motive—to keep the wheels of CIM turning, that we as a mission might go forth winning the lost; instructing the redeemed; edifying the saints; and building the Church of Christ in Congo. Our accomplishments in the garage—approximately 96 major overhauls on our 33 motor vehicles, 5 diesels and 40 auxiliary units.

**Ecole de Moniteurs**

At the end of June the Ecole de Moniteurs had its first graduation exercises with a class of 8 men who are now teaching throughout the mission. In a number of cases these men are teaching in positions which were formerly held by missionaries. In September there were 88 students enrolled in this 4 year Christian Teacher Training School which is run in cooperation with the American Mennonite Brethren Mission. The teaching staff this year consists of three Africans and three missionaries, and there are prospects for a graduating class of 12. On December 10 we had ground breaking services for the construction of the new school plant which will be built in the next two years. The two classroom units with a total of 6 rooms plus a dormitory housing 80 students are to be completed by the close of 1960. A second dormitory and boarding school unit is slated for construction in 1961. Students sitting in our present mud-walled grass-roofed classroom cast hopeful glances across the campus in eager anticipation as they see the permanent modern school plant taking form.

JANUARY-MARCH, 1959
... Education
This has been a good year for education at Charlesville. In opening several 5th year classes off station we feared lower quality with less supervision but we were pleased to see better quality off station.

Because we got some graduates from our Nyanga Moniteurs' school this year we again opened up the second year of our E.A.P. (Teacher training school). These moniteurs, are proving an asset to the work. In October we received government approval to start a preparatory school for secondary training. In September, 1959 we plan to open our first post-primary girls' school. During the year funds were received to re-roof our primary school units on the station. And more recently we received the o.k. to build a boys' dormitory which we needed very badly.

... Medical
Medical work at Charlesville has been progressing steadily throughout the year. Number of new cases treated this past year was increased to 13,628. Major and minor operations have had a definite increase. Medical work is a means to the end and therefore it presents a great challenge as these hundreds come each day for medical treatment. Our fulltime hospital evangelist is kept busy dealing with these people concerning their souls. Also it has been emphasized to place Christian literature in the hands of those who come to the hospital.

... Press
As an illiterate people become literate their desire is to read. Congolese are no exception. The press has been running at full capacity the past year printing literature to put into the hands of the people. Three complete books have been printed, the CIM Annual in three languages, tracts and numerous small jobs. Since the literature drive made by the literature secretary (Rev. Keidel) we have received many orders from neighboring missions for literature being printed at our press. At present, manuscripts are awaiting printing as well as thousands of tracts and many other pieces of literature. 1959 will be another busy year at the CIM press.

... Evangelistic
Another year has passed by so quickly and a new year of opportunities awaits us. In February the Lord gave us a real time of spiritual awakening. One of our senior missionaries, Rev. A. D. Graber, was called for a week of revival meetings. Many lives were drawn into a closer fellowship with the Lord, many accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour. Over five hundred people came for spiritual counseling and salvation. Heaven alone will reveal the actual results of these meetings. All our evangelists were in for that week to share with us the blessings. Many rededicated their lives for service for Christ. Throughout the year special emphasis has been placed on Sunday Schools. Our church across the river was remodeled and a permanent house was built for the church worker in charge there. Another permanent church was built in the territory financed by the Christians of that area.

Last year we were challenged to have a conference for the women in the outstations. Since we would not reach many women that way we conducted services one week-end every month. In all we contacted the women in twenty villages. The Bible women had an active part in teaching them and dealing with those who came forward to repent or to accept Christ. The Lord spoke earnestly and brought many back into fellowship with Him.

Many false teachings are arising in Congo. Thus there is a great need for our young people to know the Word of God so they may be able to discern the truth. Our local Bible school furnishes a wonderful opportunity for spiritual counseling and guidance. The enrollment is larger than any year previous. The two years of Bible study are accompanied with many spiritual struggles in the students' lives.
Banga

Education

“He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul; he that keepeth understanding shall find good”—Proverbs 19:8.

During the year of 1958 we have all noticed that the African young boys and girls have had more of a desire than ever before to obtain wisdom. In June 1958, 47 students were graduated from the 5th grade, this being the largest number that had finished at one time from Banga. There will be more than that number for June 1959 since at present there are more than 100 students enrolled in the 5th grade. The trend has been of seeking more knowledge, and in September the enrollment came up to 380 students on the station. We also had to refuse a number of late comers as we did not have the teachers to handle more students.

The people in the regions have been asking for more 3rd grades so the children would not have to go so far for their food supply. In September we began 3 new third grades at regional centers. At one place the enrollment in the third year was 42. During the past year 758 students were enrolled in the regional schools. The government has given permission for three 2 room school units to be built in the territory and to be finished by September 1959. We are thankful that we have the 1-W boys to help on this project as the men of the station have many other tasks that keep them tied down to the station most of the time. At present one unit has been completed and dedicated. It is located about 35 miles from here on the road to Charlesville. We pray these places will be a source of more interest among the village people to have the desire to send their children to school.

Evangelistic

For 4 weeks in March and April the Keidel family moved to the Basonga area to help in gathering corn harvest offerings, organize village women's work, aid in communion services in village churches and hold evangelistic meetings in the camps of HCB palm oil plantations. HCB officials have provided our Christians with permanent places of worship in three of their larger camps and the promise of a large brick church at Barabanta proper, the center of the plantation.

The second annual conference of the Banga District Church was held April 10-13 at Dilumbu a village in the Basonga area 90 miles north of Banga station. The conference theme “What is a Christian” and a series of messages on “What weakens the Congo Christian” provoked lively discussion which inclined one to feel at times was more thought provoking than edifying.

August itinerary in our Bashilele villages consisted of an irate village chief. The church included rebunking irresponsible catechists, exhorting a weak church leader, dealing with delinquent Christians and among the Bashilele tribe still has its problems. An emerging nucleus which is taking an outspoken stand against sin is heartening.

Itinerary trips for the year nearly completed 3 circuits of the entire region, Literature sales totaled 300 dollars. Total giving for the year fell 11% short of last years record—due to reduced market prices for agricultural products and evidently less aggressive efforts of overseers. We are hoping that some straight talk on tithing will change the picture for 1959. The Rocke's arrival should enable us to make concentrated effort in evangelizing our 230 villages which are reached at best, occasionally with the Gospel.

Girls' Work

For the first time in the history of Ban- (Continued on page 14)
“O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.”

We submit our reports for the past year, with two notes of thanks and praise to God and they go together.

First. How we thank God for the faithfully ministry of our missionaries. The Gospel is going out, souls are being saved, the sick are being healed, Bible Schools and other schools are teaching His children. Christian teachers are serving in Government schools, doctors, nurses, carpenters, builders, on foot, on bicycles, by word of mouth, public address system, deeds of love and kindness—yes, the Gospel is being “blazed abroad” in Africa.

Second. How we thank God for the faithful ministry of literally hundreds of you here at home. You are “going up to the mountain of the Lord”, (Isa. 2:3), and releasing His blessings on the work of His servants. Your dedicated money comes in each month by check, money order, bank draft or cash for missionary allowances and personal needs, passage funds, orphan support, medical needs, building needs, for village evangelism, radio work, Gospel printing, Scripture revision and distribution, and just general funds for every need.

Total Receipts for all purposes $288,584.02
Expenditures
Missionary allowances and retirement reserves $123,853.10
Special direct to Missionaries 12,060.11
Regular Monthly Field Budget 40,243.52
Special Needs direct to the field 35,697.61
Retired Missionary Allowances 1,829.78
Educational expenses in Belgium 5,995.03
Outfit for New Missionaries 1,131.17
Passage to and from the Field 34,220.79
Medical Expenses—Furloughing Missionaries 604.85
Dues and Fees 1,289.00
Promotional, including “The Messenger” 3,947.74
Home Administrative Expenses 12,734.72
Headquarters: Land and Building 7,833.15
Purchases for Missionaries: Not donations 1,972.79
Total Expenditures $283,413.36
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FOR SUCH A TIME—
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all the innumerable daily duties will have the proper direction.

With the consciousness of the task, and its urgency, there must come also a whole-hearted giving up of ourselves to it. There must be a DEDICATION to the task. From the outset we may say that the genuineness of our dedication to the mission task depends wholly upon our relationship to the Lord Jesus. The servant who knows Christ as Savior in his own life, the servant who is striving by the Spirit to be like Christ will dedicate and sacrifice himself to the task daily. It will be a VOLUNTARY DEDICATION as was Christ's. "He hath given Himself for us an offering . . .", and again "He laid down His life for us." But it must also be a COMPLETE DEDICATION. For Christ it meant taking upon Himself the form of man, who also to become a servant, and then it meant death, even the death on the cross. It was a complete giving up of Himself. We have given ourselves completely to the task, but scores of times this “completeness” is tested by sickness, discouragements, defeats and setbacks. Christ's dedication to His task was also an UNRELENTING DEDICATION. He set His face as a flint to Jerusalem. It meant the cross, but He was going to finish His task.

One more character of Christ's dedication was its ABSOLUTE UNSELFISHNESS. Christ's coming, His work, and His accomplishments were for others. Does our dedication have this paramount characteristic? Our dedication to the task will only be true and genuine and effective if our relationship to Christ is real and genuine.

Scores of examples could be given of missionaries all over the world whose dedication to their task was complete and genuine and thus effective. We, who are just beginning, let us learn from them.
THE CHURCH

Number of church members at beginning of year ........................................ 19,823
Number of church members at end of year .................................................. 21,145
Offerings in dollars .......................................................... $21,533.28
Number baptized during year ...................................................... 2,251
Number accepting Christ .......................................................... 3,562
Number awaiting baptism ......................................................... 2,656
Number of places of Regular Worship ........................................... 744
Number of Christian Marriages during year ........................................ 138
Number of children consecrated ................................................ 273

PERSONNEL

Number of Missionaries on the Field ......................................... 70
Number of Assistant Pastors ..................................................... 21
Number of Overseers and Deacons .............................................. 48
Number of Teacher-Evangelists ................................................ 566
Number of Teachers in Subsidized Schools ....................................... 387
Number of Medical Helpers ........................................................ 90

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Pre-primary to second year: boys ........................................ 13,228
girls ........................................ 7,233
Third to Fifth grades: boys ............................................... 5,886
girls ............................................... 694
Sixth and seventh grades Preparatory .......................................... 122
EAP—Lower Teachers’ Training (3 schools) ....................................... 215
Ecole de Moniteurs—high Teachers’ Training ....................................... 88
Industrial School ............................................................. 54
Nurses-aid’s Training Schools (2) ............................................... 37
Ecole Evangelique (2 year) (4 schools) ........................................... 281
Institute Biblique (for Church Leaders) ........................................ 12

TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE INCLUDING ALL SCHOOLS .............. 24,285

GRADUATIONS

Fifth Grade ................................................................. 500
Seventh Grade Preparatory .................................................... 29
EAP—lower Teachers’ Training ............................................. 47
Nurses-aid’s Training School ..................................................... 1
Ecole Evangelique ............................................................... 84

HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY

Number of new cases .......................................................... 71,500
Number hospitalized ............................................................ 8,781
Number not hospitalized ........................................................ 61,809
Operations: Major ................................................................. 515
Minor ............................................................. 2,057
Number of Babies Born Alive .................................................. 3,424
Number of Microscopic Examinations ......................................... 22,301
Number of Injections Given .................................................. 39,335
Number of Lepers ................................................................. 231
Number of Babies Registered at Baby Clinic .................................... 4,662
Number of Missionary Doctors on the Field .................................... 3
Number of Missionary Nurses on the Field ..................................... 13

5 Stations have YOUTH FOR CHRIST organizations with an average attendance of 294.

6 Stations have reported Women’s Meetings in their District with an average attendance of 2,884.

4 Stations have reported Week’s Bible Study with an average attendance of 2,056.

2 Stations have reported DVBS with an average attendance of 242.

6 Stations reported the number of Bibles and New Testaments sold: 2,407.

5 Stations reported the number of other pieces of Christian Literature sold: 6,741

7 Stations reported on the number of Christian families as: 3,111.

Average attendance at services:

Sunday morning worship ................................................... 26,208
Sunday School ................................................................. 9,123
Sunday afternoon services .................................................. 5,907
Prayer Meetings ................................................................. 5,384

FUTURE MISSIONARIES

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sprunger a daughter Kathleen Marie, Jan. 12th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vogt a daughter Kathleen Anne, March 7th, 1959.

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ga station 6 girls completed 3rd grade and are now in the 4th grade. Also, another first: 20 girls are now in the 3rd grade, between 45 and 50 girls altogether have been with us since September 1958. They now seem more content to stay with us than ever before, partly because over half of them are in the 3rd grade or beyond for the first time, and partly because they enjoy sewing class so much. We trust they will become fine Christian home-makers someday.

Jeunesse pour Christ (Youth for Christ)

JPC at Banga is not yet a year old. Though the group is small, some members are faithful and really seem to know the Lord. We hope that real soul winners will develop from among them.

Medical Department

"... lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" Mk. 16:18b. It has been a privilege this past year to have a part in the medical work. We had a few over 4,500 patients come to us this past year. Many found healing of the body. We would have liked to have seen more find healing of the soul.

We had a great increase in the number of mothers in our maternity work. We are so thankful for a new building to work in. It isn't large but is very adequate. We are happy for the increasing number of our Christian mothers who have come. It was a great joy to be able to lead some of the mothers to Christ who alone can help them raise their children in the fear of the Lord. Pray for this great work.

Women's Work

"Go and Teach." I have found joy working with the women this past year. We had a great time at our regional conference last April. A few weeks previous to that I had the privilege of giving out the Word to the women in some of the H.C.B. (Palm Oil Co.) plantation camps. I also had the joy of seeing some find peace of heart and back-sliders return—both men and women. The rest of the year has been spent with the women on the station—ever striving to help them see the need of carrying the load and spreading the gospel. Weekly services were also held with the women at our commercial center two kilometers from the station. Pray for our women.

Tshikapa

Evangelistic

"A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." Despite rumors of unrest and disturbances on many sides, we praise God for the great open door to proclaim His Word. Our greatest need at the present time is for many more consecrated teacher-evangelists and church leaders, especially in the village work. Far too many villages have still no teacher evangelist and we look to God to speak to the hearts of many more young people to "Go with the Gospel" to their unsaved fellow men.

Several hundred people were again added to the church by baptism and many more who had fallen into sin returned to fellowship in the Lord.

The Annual Missionary Conference is to convene here in '59. At that time we hope to dedicate our new church building. African Christians and station workmen have stood by the project and the Lord has added His blessings upon the efforts put forth. The new Church will seat approximately 600.

Bible

The Present Bible Institute Class is in its last year and these twelve families will soon be stepping out into their fields of

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labor and heavy responsibility.

During this year we are concentrating upon the church, and its leaders as presented in Timothy and Titus; its background through Church History; and its program as we think through Church Polity. Through witnessing program of each student he teaches in Sunday School, assists in services and visitation, personal work in the hospital and prison.

Much prayer is needed as these go forth into service, and also much prayer that those who shall begin the new class may be those of God's own choice, dedicated to Christ, willing to sacrifice for Him and willing to burn out for Him.

▼Womens Work

God has blessed in the women's work and we have seen new faces as chairmen, speakers and song leaders. One of the women is teaching a class in reading and writing and from this new helpers are coming. We praise the Lord also that each week two women are going to a near by village to strengthen the work there. Once a month a village a little farther away is being reached. The meetings each week have been well attended and we praise the Lord for the seed which has been sown.

A quarterly women's paper The Congo Hearth has been regularly translated and distributed and has been a blessing to the women.

▼Educational

Seventy-three boys and girls received their primary school certificates in June. This was somewhat lower than last year. The majority of those graduated are now pursuing their studies in other higher schools in C.I.M. A definite increase in interest for schooling among the girls in our constituency is encouraging.

Revival meetings conducted during the course of the school year were a definite boost to the spiritual welfare of the station school children. More than 150 of the older children are in the pre-baptismal classes. Some 100 children were baptized and received into fellowship of the church in June. Evangelistically speaking the classroom is still our most fruitful mission field. We praise the Lord for the continued open door in training Congo Youth for the glory of God.

▼Girls Work

Our station has always wanted to have a Home for girls, but it seemed impossible. However the Church Council put on so much pressure that we finally began to make plans for such an undertaking.

When school opened in September 1958 we had eight Fourth and Fifth Grade girls on the Mission. Some belong to the Third Grade and several are in the First and Second Grades. One of our Assistant pastors and his wife are taking the responsibility.

All of these girls have possibilities and some problems. But they challenge us. We do want to help them become good wives and mothers, strong Christian characters and respected citizens of their great country. Pray for us and our girls. Give as the Lord directs you so that our facilities will be adequate and our needs met.

▼Medical

Medical work continues to be a tremendous challenge to all of those engaged in a ministry of healing. Our Dispensary continues with some increase in the total patient load especially in the last half of the year. This is probably due to the fact that the near-by company hospital limits its care to its employees.

A total of 167 births at the Maternity with an increase nearly every month gives evidence of the desire on the part of Congo's women for better pre-natal and post-natal care. With a little encouraging and better facilities our present work could be tripled.

▼Industrial

A relatively new station continues to demand much of one person's time in the supply of an adequate plant and maintenance work. The foundation of the new church was laid May 26, 1958 and by the end of January 1959 the roof should be finished.

A small girls home arranged, a house built for our nearby chief who gave the ground for the station concession, and a permanent church in a Diamond camp were also some projects completed. Two State subsidized 2 roomed school buildings were built in the territory besides all the necessary up keep of the station and out station buildings and grounds.

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The Lord has again been blessing in our evangelistic work. Because of a lack of missionary personnel during the early part of the year we were unable to itinerate as we would desire. However, one complete itinerary was made in which we contacted all of our villages and at least one service was held in all but one village. The Lord blessed the preaching of His Word and many decisions were made for Him. About four hundred baptism candidates were interviewed but their baptism was withheld until our first itinerary in 1959 when they will again be tested and the eligible ones will be baptized. This is mostly the result of concentrated efforts on the part of our teachers and evangelists as they gather in various villages for their monthly inspirational conference. First of all they prepare their own hearts in a season of prayer after which they go out into the surrounding villages to invite the people to their Sunday morning service. Special songs are practised. The sermon is well prepared and geared to reach the unsaved and also to strengthen the believers. The fruits are visible as we see the large instruction classes of adults seeking to prepare themselves for baptism.

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In evaluating educational activity one must of necessity use as a basis the Proverb of Solomon: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." From the dirty, ragged village urchin of six, to a certified school teacher-evangelist in seven years is a tremendous jump and the responsibility of bringing about this change requires much prayer and effort. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it". On repeated occasions we have seen those fall by the wayside who fail to observe this great truth. With enrollment figures soaring at every turn, the responsibility of keeping Christ first is a thrilling challenge. The faithfulness of those who have attained this goal with Christ, inspires us as we see the children coming time and again reporting that this or that teacher told them about Christ. "My word shall not return unto me void".

The weekly women's services have continued throughout the year with good interest. It was the wish of the women to go to nearby villages every other week for services thus reaching those who would otherwise not attend. Approximately 500 women of our community attended the World Day of Prayer service.

Since the new Field Committee recommendation, we have a more select group of girls in our compound. Three girls are attending Ecole Evangelique. There are several in the instruction class in preparation for baptism.

The dedication of the new Ethel Ramseyer Memorial dispensary in June was an important date in the medical history of Mutena. Pre-natal clinics in seven outstation villages have resulted in an influx of patients to both the maternity hospital and dispensary throughout the year. A record number of babies were born in our hospital this year. All mothers have daily heard the Word of God and some have accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Last June we graduated fifteen boys from the first wood working class. The furniture now being made consists of tables, beds, cupboards and chairs. The ripping, sawing, planing and sanding is all done by hand. The Industrial School choir has been an inspiration and a blessing.
Do Missions Pay?

There are few of us who have not asked ourselves this question—when we see the collection plate for “a missionary offering” approaching—when we are invited to contribute liberally at the fall “mission harvest festival”—when at a missionary rally we are urged to “break all previous records” in giving funds for foreign fields.

The church’s task is big—building programs, pastoral support, funds for orphanages, educational institutions, old people’s homes, hospitals, relief, etc. We may be inclined to feel the commission of carrying the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth heavily taxes an already overtaxed pocket book. “There is so much that needs to be done at home. How can we take care of foreigners as well? Is it worth it. Does it pay?”

The primary answer to this question is found in Matthew 28:19-20. When Jesus Christ gave His Church its marching orders, he did not condition His command by “if it pays”. His instructions were explicit and final—“Go ye”. The subsequent activities of His disciples would indicate that they believed what He said. It is likely that in the course of persecutions which they endured in carrying out His command, they too asked themselves on repeated occasions, “Is it worth it all?” But it was a fleeting thought which abated not their zeal and altered not their course of willingly suffering banishment, imprisonment or martyrdom for the sake of their Lord.

A secondary answer to this question is found in this issue of the MESSENGER. As in reading the reports, the panorama of C.I.M. activities in Congo during 1958 unfolds before you, as you study the comparative statistics on pages 12 and 13, ask yourself, “Is it worth it?” Is this what Jesus meant when He said, “Go?”

If you still have doubts about the answer, turn to pages 18 and 19. It is a hard heart that will not be moved by these touching accounts of Congolese whose lives were and are dominated by the power of the Holy Ghost instead of the demonic forces of Satan—who have challenging records of souls won to Christ—who have the promise of eternity in Heaven instead of in Hell. These are the fruits of your labors.

Do missions pay? After reading this issue, we think you’ll answer enthusiastically—“Yes, a thousand fold”.

—Field Editor.

Let’s Build Our OWN Church!

Village Churches in Congo have begun to build their own future in terms of brick, stone and mortar.

By Art Janz

The trend of today in working toward the strengthening of the Church of Christ in the Congo is decentralization. By decentralization we mean that the station church is no longer the “Jerusalem” that it was in the early years. The Nyanga territory has 8 regional church centers which have their own pastor or overseer and each one also has a church council to regulate the church affairs of that particular section.

One phase in this program of decentralization is the construction of permanent churches at these regional church centers. If and when such a church is built the local believers must assume the greater part of the responsibility as to the work and the cost of such a building program.

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LET'S BUILD OUR CHURCH

In 1955 it was our privilege to build and dedicate the first such regional church at Kipoko. (See Nov.-Dec. 1955 Messenger p. 28). This was built in our oldest section where the gospel had come even before Nyanga station was begun. In the fall of 1957 the second one of these churches was begun. Loyal Schmidt began to build at Tshingila shortly before his furlough came due. Due to lack of African funds the building has been slow, however the Lord has undertaken and now this church is nearly completed. We hope to have the dedication on February the 15th together with their day of baptism and reunion for all the believers of the Tshingila territory.

As the famous Churchillian saying goes, it is not without much “blood, sweat and tears” and might we add prayers that such a church building comes into being. The Africans have carried all the stone from a distant ravine. Several of our leading mission men are from this section and they have tried to be an inspiration to their village brethren by taking off days from their work to break rock and carry it up to the building site. Also, by the giving up to 2 months of their salary they have helped to make this church a reality.

The Africans constantly need to be encouraged and the missionary must never weary of encouraging, trying to inspire, pushing and prodding so that they will work together as a team. As we read in Nehemiah 4:6 of building the wall of Jerusalem we read that it could not be done unless the “people had a mind to work”. The same thing is also true here in our regional church building program.

Our plans are to build at least three more of these churches in the near future. Won't you pray that we will only be building churches of stone but that as a result of our building the “lively stones” will also be built up in their most holy faith until they shall bear in their earthly body the likeness of the Son of God?

Our loved ones in Jesus, we tell you with much sadness that one of us, Kasemena David, evangelist-teacher of the village of Shajimu, has gone on before us to Heaven.

All of us were exceedingly surprised when our church leaders of the Basonga area brought us the news of his death. It was unexpected, but victorious.

He became very ill—some say it was smallpox—others that an enemy had tried to kill him with native medicine. When the government ambulance came from Port Francquie to get him, he said farewell to his Christians. He told the village people, "If someone has done this to me, and thinks he has done me evil, his rejoicing is useless. I'm leaving this earth and going to a place of exceedingly great joy."

When they were going with him, he asked them to stop the car at the village of Boma where we have a large regional class. He asked them to call teacher Kalala James. When he came, he took him by the hand. He said, "When I go now, I'm not returning this way again. I'm going to Heaven. Get yourself prepared to meet me over there."

Our two church elders, Samuele and Joseph, heard the news of his sickness and followed him across the river to the city of Port Francqui. When they found him at the hospital, Joseph says, "I did not know him because his face was so swollen out of shape and covered with medicine. But when I entered, he awoke. He stretched his hand and gripped mine hard. He told me, 'Elder, I'm leaving you. You stay and work for God with all your heart.' " He likewise said goodbye to his wife: "People will try to snare you in many ways. But stick to the path of faith until we meet each other again over there."

He gave relatives who were sitting with him money. He instructed them, "Don't go with me back across the river again. Buy me a nice box. Bury me here among the other saints so that I can be raised with them at the same time to go to Heaven."

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Mbuyi Alona came to the mission shortly after the first missionaries arrived at Djongko Punda (Charlesville) in 1912. He was a small boy then and was chosen as Rev. and Mrs. Haig's errand boy and assigned to care for their chickens. Later he was chosen to become the C.I.M. mail carrier. He carried mail from Charlesville to Kalamba Nyanga, Luebo and Mukedi. It was said that he could make these long trips faster than any other one on foot. By carrying the mail he was known by all the missionaries and many, many Africans he met along the way.

In 1930 when we first arrived on the field, Mbuyi was down at the Kasai River with a large number of other Africans to meet us. At that time his work was to herd and milk the mission goats. So my first missionary job was to give Mbuyi the key to the goat shed, and see that the milking of the goats was done properly, and the milk divided and delivered to each house in time to be boiled before breakfast. We struck up a friendship—those early days that grew stronger and stronger as the years passed by.

In this part of Africa one very seldom hears of an African adopting a child. A tiny baby was brought to our kitchen one morning. The mother had died. The father had fed the baby on sweet palm wine for three days and the baby was nearly dead when it arrived. We gave the baby milk and kept it in the kitchen for two or three weeks. Then Mbuyi and his wife accepted to take the baby to their home and care for it. About three years later another baby was brought to us who had lost her mother in about the same manner as the first one. After a few weeks they accepted to take this one also. Since they had no children of their own they became very much attached to the two little girls, and one would never know but what they had been their own children.

In 1950 when I left Charlesville to start their new station here at Tshikapa, Mbuyi Alona said he was going with me and would not take no for an answer. So we piled all his belongings on the pickup with his wife and two little girls and headed for the God given plot of ground, covered with brush and tall grass, over-looking the Kasai River. In a short time we had a few temporary buildings made of grass, mud and sticks. No boards no bricks and no cement were put in the first houses. Mbuyi and family with myself were the only ones living on the station for over a year, until other workers came to join us. We enjoyed each other as we sat around the camp fire in the evenings. We were planning and dreaming about the new station we were at last going to build.

In 1956 Mbuyi Alona received a gold metal from the Government for his faithful service rendered for over thirty years. Mbuyi was our mail carrier here in Tshikapa as he had been at Charlesville. The trips here were not so long, as Tshikapa Post Office is around four miles from the station. He made the trip nearly every day until the early part of last year. Though he was getting weak, he was still faithful in coming to our house and starting the fire for us every morning. After eating supper on the evening of April 11, 1958 he became very ill. The children came and called us and we rushed with medicine, but shortly he passed on to be with the Lord.

Mbuyi loved the Lord. He rejoiced with the many others when we had the ground breaking service for the new church. He had his pledge for the new church paid, which was more than two weeks of his monthly salary. He had always considered sweeping out the house of God each morning as his personal responsibility.

Mbuyi is remembered by everyone as a peaceful person. He had many friends and the entire village was deeply grieved at his passing. His place is empty on the station, but we rejoice in the hope of seeing him again when the redeemed meet at the feet of Jesus.
“Let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece;—” Judges 6:39.

Africans place much confidence in visions and dreams. Listening to their campfire conversations and speaking with them, we’ve found this to be so. Five years ago while trying to search out some Christians to become evangelists in our outstations, a man came before the church counsel and said, “God has called me to preach the gospel and to work for Him.” We inquired how he was so sure of this. His reply was: “I have worked for the Diamond mining company many years. I thought I had found a place to make money and be truly happy. But I found that money did not bring real peace. One night I dreamed I was teaching and telling others of Jesus. As I thought about this dream I wondered if that’s what God wanted me to do. How could I know? I prayed the Lord to repeat the same dream if it were really His will that I leave my job to work for Him. He not only repeated the dream once but two times; so I am sure He has called me to preach the gospel.”

We accepted him as an evangelist. He was placed in a village where there was but one Christian. Today there are over 100 baptized believers in that village. Not content with only one village, he began to preach in another near-by village where there were no Christians. Today there is a church in that village as well. Three years ago we asked him to act as overseer of one of our districts. One day he came saying, I can't have peace in my heart until I find an evangelist for every one of the villages in my district that will accept an evangelist.”

This past year his desire was fulfilled. He personally spoke and prayed with these men until they received a vision to go and preach the gospel.

This man’s zeal challenges me. Whenever we visit him in his work he has questions to ask about the Bible. He wants to grow in his knowledge of the Word. We believe God is going to continue to use him to bring many more to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord willing, we anticipate sending him to study at the Institut Biblique at Tshikapa for the coming school term.

Does this brief glimpse into the life of Tshibuabua Marcel challenge you to uphold him and others like him in prayer? We hope so. The Lord will establish His work in this land through dedicated and humble lives such as this. “The Effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

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When he died, they did as he had said. A large crowd of Christians went with him to the grave. All of them were amazed and broken hearted, saying, “We’ve never seen a man’s life convict us as this has.”

Kasemena David was born in the village of Tshitatshidi. He was baptized in 1943. When he left class at Basonga in 1945 he immediately began working as an evangelist-teacher in the village. When he began work in Shajimu in 1956 there was no Christian. After he had worked there one year, 15 grown people had accepted Jesus and were baptized. They loved him dearly until the day he died, January 28, 1959.

He left his wife, Muimba Julienne and two children Tuseku Rebecca and Mutasa Genalt. Let us pray for them.

MUTENA REPORT—
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last week of November we made a weekend trip to Tshikapa where three programs were rendered.

Applicants are continually coming in to enroll in our Ag. School. They seemingly cannot visualize work without a school. A chicken project and citrus tree distribution projects are being planned.

The new dispensary is exhibit number one of the activity in our industrial department. Toward the end of the year a three-room permanent school building was begun at Tshitende, fifty miles toward the Southeast. Materials were prepared for a reading room which is to be begun early in the New Year. The finishing touches on the Bible School, some furniture making and general maintenance work rounded out the activity of the year 1958.
Belle Vue School is the school for children of missionaries. It is sponsored and administered jointly by the A.M.B.M. and the C.I.M. and also serves children of other missions in the Kwango Area of Belgian Congo. This current school year 52 children are cared for by a staff of two couples and three single teachers. Next year an enrollment of 72 is expected. A building program is in progress which will provide more adequate rooming facilities. Your gifts and prayers are urgently solicited for this phase of missions. Here Elmer Regier, the acting principal of Belle Vue, tells of

A Typical Sunday at Belle Vue

From the hills in the distance comes the strains of the last beating drums of the village dance which is now coming to a close. The frogs, crickets, and birds now take up the song proclaiming the arrival of a new day. At six-thirty the rising bell is sounded and the children arise for their devotions and prepare for breakfast. At seven-thirty the breakfast bell is rung and the children troop to the dining hall in an air of devotion and gratitude for the day that has been set aside to worship God.

After breakfast the children scurry to tidy up their rooms and dress in their Sunday best. At nine-thirty they assemble for Sunday School. The worship service begins at ten-thirty and consists of the singing of several hymns, followed by a devotional and a special number by one of the student musical groups. The worship service is concluded by a message by either Brother Szwatsky or Brother Regier.

After the special Sunday dinner the children return to their rooms for rest-period. The afternoons are spent reading fascinating books and playing various games.

After the refreshing evening meal the students play a few more games and then prepare for the evening service at seven o’clock. After a hearty song service one of the ladies has a special story and then a short inspirational message concludes the service.

We depend on your prayers for the needs of the children and the staff at Belle Vue School.

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trally located bookstore is the first essential to an aggressive program of literature distribution for any given mission station area. Cash book cupboard sales on stations which had bookstores averaged $12.88, while those stations not having well stocked bookstores averaged $21.40. This would indicate that there is a universal ready market for literature — a demand which is being significantly met by well organized bookstores.

2. THE NEED for integrating Congolese into our total literature program. If there is going to be a literature program after our departure it must be taught the African now. We must teach our leaders the power of a gospel tract, the potential of a Christ-centered periodical, the need for a Bible in the hands of every believer. We must sell our people on the indispensable place literature plays in the development of a thriving growing church. At this point how prepared are our Congolese Christians to carry on in the areas of writing, production, distribution and finance?

3. THE POTENTIAL there is in an aggressive program of Christian literature for the future of the church and of the colony is tremendous. What quicker more economical way is there of sowing the land down with the Gospel of Jesus Christ than by means of a well organized thorough program of tract distribution? In view of the growing spirit of unrest, could not widely distributed Christian literature have a wholesome stabilizing and leavening influence on the masses? Considering the testimony of missionaries who have been driven from their fields of labor and have seen their Christians enter severe fires of testing, is not literature proven to be a chief key to the continued existence and progress of the Congo church in the event of our forced departure?

Though there has been little repercussion of the Leopoldville rioting throughout the rest of the Colony, it has reminded us that our future here is uncertain. It is the more urgent that we determine and employ those methods of evangelism which will bring the greatest return in souls won to Christ and believers established in the faith while there is yet opportunity.
ADDRESSES OF OUR MISSIONARIES

Congo Belge, Africa

Banga via Charlesville
- Rev. and Mrs. Levi Keidel
- Miss Anna V. Liechty
- Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Schnell
- Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Rocke

Charlesville, Kasai District
- Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Brown
- Miss Lena Friesen
- Rev. and Mrs. Harold Graber
- Miss Irena Liechty
- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Loewen
- Miss Tina Quiring
- Dr. and Mrs. John Zook

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- Miss Erma M. Birky
- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Claassen
- Rev. and Mrs. John B. Jantzen
- Miss Bertha Miller

Kandale via Kikwit
- Rev. and Mrs. Peter Falk
- Miss Kornelia Unrui
- Miss Selma Unruh

Mukedi via Idiofa
- Miss Margaret Friesen
- Miss Sara Friesen
- Rev. and Mrs. Ellis Gerber
- Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Martens
- Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rempel
- Rev. and Mrs. Earl Roth
- Rev. and Mrs. Vernon J. Sprunger

Mutena via Tshikapa
- Rev. and Mrs. Elmer J. Dick
- Miss Mary Hiebert
- Rev. and Mrs. George Neufeld
- Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Regier
- Miss Lois Slagle

Nyanga via Tshikapa
- Rev. and Mrs. Peter Buller
- Dr. and Mrs. James Diller
- Rev. and Mrs. Frank J. Enns
- Rev. and Mrs. Sam Entz
- Rev. and Mrs. George Paul
- Miss Frieda Guengerich
- Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Janz
- Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Schmidt
- Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sprunger

Tshikapa
- Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Graber
- Rev. and Mrs. Waldo Harder
- Miss Fanny Schmallenberger
- Rev. and Mrs. Allan Wiebe

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Kajiji via Kahemba

Miss Betty Quiring
Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Regier

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Leopoldville, Congo Belge, Africa

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  Mennonite Bible Institute
  R 2, Didsbury, Alberta
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  Portland 1, Oregon
- Rev. and Mrs. Ben Eidse
  1321 South 8th St.
  Goshen, Indiana
- Miss Aganetha Friesen
  Jansen, Nebraska
- Miss Agnes Lutke
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  Steinbach, Manitoba
- Miss Anna Quiring
  Box 105
 正常的, Illinois
- Miss Lodema Short
  Box 439A
  Archbold, Ohio

I-W MISSIONARIES

Banga via Charlesville
- Larry Bartel
- Alan J. Siebert

Charlesville, Kasai District
- John D. Heese
- Paul Roth Jr.
BIRTHDAYS OF OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR CHILDREN

April—
1, 1956 Gordon Wayne Wiebe  Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa
6, 1922 Miss Mary Epp  29 rue du Chatelain Brussels, Belgium
7, 1954 Perry Allan Keidel  Banga via Charlesville, Congo Belge, Africa
7, 1925 Mrs. Arnold Regier
8, 1958 Ronald Elmer Regier
10, 1954 Rebecca Claire Zook
11, 1925 Mr. Lloyd R. Brown
11, 1957 Rebecca Ann Gerber
12, 1951 Jacob Gerard Loewen
20, 1953 Hope Elizabeth Eidse
21, 1946 David Waldo Harder
21, 1946 Beverly Ann Rempel
22, 1921 Miss Amanda Reimer
25, 1955 Daniel Peter Gerber
26, 1956 Marvin Richard Falk
29, 1921 Mrs. Earl Roth

May—
1, 1936 Mr. W. Neuenschwander  Berne, Indiana
7, 1925 Miss Sara Friesen
11, 1945 Judy Schwartz
11, 1940 Jeannette Sprunger
12, 1926 Miss Betty Quiring
15, 1927 Mrs. Arthur Janz
16, 1958 Craig Daniel Steiner
20, 1943 Marilyn Ruth Schnell
21, 1919 Rev. Samuel Entz
23, 1929 Dr. James Diller
29, 1913 Miss Frieda Guengerich
30, 1918 Mrs. Merle H. Schwartz
30, 1934 Mrs. Charles Sprunger
31, 1915 Miss Agnes Lutke
31, 1923 Mr. Lawrence Rempel

June —
1, 1949 Dorothy Ellen Ediger  4034 S.W. Beaverton, Hillsdale Hwy, Portland 1, Ore.
3, 1917 Mrs. Samuel Entz
3, 1904 Rev. Vernon J. Sprunger
5, 1956 Timothy Edwin Bertsche
8, 1907 Rev. Russell F. Schnell
9, 1954 John Henry Dick
10, 1908 Mrs. Geo. B. Neufeld
13, 1925 Mr. Wilmer Sprunger
14, 1922 Mrs. R. D. Bontrager
17, 1907 Mrs. Roy O. Yoder
20, 1921 Rev. James E. Bertsche
21, 1923 Mrs. Melvin Loewen
26, 1927 Rev. Earl Roth
27, 1915 Mrs. Glenn Rocke
28, 1955 Darrell Regier

Kamayala via Kahemba
Robert Schmidt
Bernard Thiessen

Kandale via Kikwit
John M. Janzen
Larry Unruh

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Kajiji via Kahemba, Congo Belge, Africa
Charlesville, Kasai District, Congo Belge, Africa
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Mukedi via Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa
Kandale, Gungu via Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa
Mukedi via Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa
Mukedi via Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa
Berne, Indiana
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Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio
Ecole Belle Vue, Kajiji via Kahema, Congo Belge, Afr.
Nyanga via Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa
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Banga via Charlesville, Congo Belge, Africa
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Mutena via Tshikapa
Melvin Keim
Wilmer Sprunger

Nyanga via Tshikapa
Larry Graber

JANUARY-MARCH, 1959
Keidel Completes Literature Tour

The author bargains for the purchase of potteryware at a market among a cannibal tribe in south Congo.

I have just returned from a six-week 1700 mile trip through Central Congo in the interest of Christian literature distribution in the Tshiluba language area.

Little was it realized when the inter-mission Tshiluba regional literature committee was formed in August of 1957. that the task would develop into one of such magnitude or that our combined outreach would touch so many people. Having made considerable progress in literature production, it was becoming increasingly evident that our common problem was that of distribution.

At the 1958 annual mission meeting of the American Presbyterian Congo Mission an invitation was issued to visit all of their stations during the '58-'59 school year “for study and advice on bookshops and literature selling”. The Congo Inland Mission requested that the itinerary be extended to include their five stations which use the Tshiluba language. Mr. Trevor Shaw, director of ENVOL publications suggested sending along Kabeya Noa, African editor of the Tshiluba magazine SANKAI. This capable journalist flew to central Congo and met me at Luebo on November 7. Here we began the tour, travelling in the “Bible Wagon”, a 1956 Chevrolet carryall with a large book cupboard mounted on its side.

Our itinerary took us to 18 mission stations staffed by 136 missionaries which serve an area of 80,000 square miles populated by about 3 million people. Our activities include literature fairs, sales demonstrations, counselling with heads of station departments and missionary groups and speaking to student bodies, teachers, medical personnel, women, girls in station compounds, out-village evangelists and church leaders. Some of the more immediate results include cupboard literature cash sales of $300.00 (plus perhaps half again that amount in orders left for books on the fair display tables), concrete plans for the location, stocking and financing of bookstores, accelerated distribution by employing church leaders in colportage work and perhaps 4,000 new monthly buyers of SANKAI magazine.

Much of the success of the trip must be attributed to the tireless ministry of Kabeya Noa. I have never met an African with greater vision for the future of his people, greater spiritual devotion or more fearless declaration of his convictions. As we tossed tracts from the car window and sold literature at a few of the larger centers along the way he said, “Somebody ought to be doing this work all the time. We'll plan our next trip for six months instead of six weeks. We'll stop and sell at every one of these centers. Everyone wants progress. Everyone wants to learn. If we fail to get books into their hands there will be a big reaction from the Africans.”

It was spiritually refreshing to meet God's many dedicated talented missionaries who are living daily lives of victorious witness for Jesus Christ. It was challenging to meet a few of the thousands who love the Lord Jesus, who are leading the emerging Congo Church, whose lives literature can touch and mould and who can reach the hundreds of thousands yet in spiritual darkness by its evangelistic witness.

Against the cluttered background of endless roads winding across all sorts of terrain—of the bright eager faces of thousands of jostling milling literate Congolese —of the gradual accumulation of a volume of heterogenous yet significant notes and statistics which fill a bulging briefcase—there seem to be three lessons emerging into sharp clear relief:

1. THE FACT that a well stocked cen—

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THE NEW CONGO INLAND MISSION OFFICE AND HOME
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April - June, 1959
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OUR NEW HEADQUARTERS

More than four hundred persons have signed the Guest Book at our new headquarters since the dedication service on April 14. We welcome all to come and see the new building and furnishings and rejoice with us in God’s provision of this much needed building. Those of us responsible for the affairs of the Mission are exceedingly thankful for the pleasant accommodations and the permanent location.

This building is designed in three parts: (1) the offices from which is performed the official business of the Mission; (2) the residence for the host and hostess and the missionaries who are in transit; and (3) the storage and packing room for the missionaries.

The offices are finished in prefinished African mahogany and ebony. On the first floor we have offices for the treasurer, the executive secretary and the office secretary, and also a waiting and reading room. On the lower level is the Board Room as well as a storage and work room.

The residence has three bedrooms with two baths, living room and kitchen with dining area. On the lower level is the laundry and there is also a family guest apartment with kitchenette and a storage room.

The packing and storage room for the missionaries is designed as a two car garage with six foot storage space in front and a disappearing stairway to attic storage.

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NOTICE OF FIELD ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Rev. Allan Wiebe assumes responsibility as Field Chairman of the Congo Inland Mission on August 1, 1959. Rev. Frank J. Enns who has served as Chairman for the past twenty-five years has reached retirement age. Rev. and Mrs. Enns will spend their remaining time in Congo as they choose. They write that they hope to visit most of their Congolese friends before coming home some time next year. Brother and Sister Wiebe are serving their second term and will continue residence at Tshikapa station. Rev. Wiebe has been duly appointed by the Board after nomination by the Missionary Conference a year ago.

Rev. Arthur B. Janz of Nyanga accepted the appointment as Field Treasurer during the furlough of the Lawrence Rempels. Mrs. Janz has also accepted the responsibility of Mission bookkeeper and office manager. This emergency appointment was made necessary because of Rev. V. J. Sprunger having to leave the field due to Mrs. Sprunger’s illness. The office of the field treasurer will be moved to Nyanga during the service of Brother and Sister Janz.

Plans for the future include a residence for the Executive Secretary to the south of the present building, facing Benham Avenue; and a smaller residence to the cast, facing Hively Avenue.
UNDERSTANDING MISSIONS
By Rev. L. E. Troyer

“For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.” John 3:17.

It is not enough merely to say that we are interested in missions. We must make an honest effort to understand the missionary character of the Scriptures. It is not enough to have a mere pity for the people of mission lands caused by the hearing of a heart moving tale of dire need. This is commendable but not enough. We must try to understand that the missionary enterprise is not merely a human conception or undertaking. It is no modern scheme or invention or a mere philanthropy of the finest kind. It did not originate in the brain or heart of any man. For its source was in the heart of God himself. In Jesus Christ we find the supreme revelation of the heart of God and the expression of his love to a lost world.

Trying always to understand this we make plans to carry forth God's work in our missionary enterprises. We lay these before God, asking his blessing upon them and those who have been commissioned of God and the Church to carry them out.

To understand the future of the C.I.M. we have to try to understand something of her past and how God has continually blessed and moved in the work of establishing the Church of Christ in Congo through the efforts of C.I.M. The present fruits emerge from the building of the past. The future will be laid upon the foundations of the past. Our missionaries are at work and will continue to work as long as the Lord permits them. We should be at work on the home front with our prayers, interest and support just as long as the Lord permits us. For this must be a 'together' proposition, to be truly blessed of our Lord.

To those to whom the apostle Paul preached he said: "I am a debtor. I owe you the Gospel." Do we, too, recognize a debt to missions? Can we fail to realize that every church of today is the product of missionary work yesterday? Can we forget that our forebears were rude, degraded savages when the Gospel entered Europe from Asia through the Apostle Paul's obedient response to the Macedonian call and vision? Further we must needs realize that every christian home, school of learning and healing can truthfully be said to be a fruit of this divine enterprise of missions. Let us remember this if we ever have a tendency to become impatient with the progress of the missionary enterprise.

Yes, we owe a great deal to missions. In recognizing this debt, then let us think God's thoughts after him and let us prove that we really have been made partakers of the divine nature by sharing our heavenly Father's love for all men. Let us above all else be New Testament (Christians by giving ourselves as channels for the outflow of God's grace to the whole world.

Sister Berta Manzold of the Landli Deaconess organization in Switzerland has returned to Kamayala for another term of service as a missionary nurse.

Anna V. Liechty of Banga Station and Melvin Loewens of Charlesville station will study a year in Brussels before coming to their furloughs. Their mail may be addressed to the Protestant Missions Bureau, 5 Rue du Champ-de-Mars.

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Belgian Protestant Mennonite Pastor Visiting C.I.M. Churches in Congo during the month of May

Brother and Sister Jules Lambotte, Belgian National Protestant Christians and members of the Mennonite congregation in Brussels, known as Foyer Fraternal, are visiting the Congo Inland Mission churches during May.

Last summer nine young men from the Congo spent six weeks in Belgium, singing daily at the World’s Fair in Brussels as representatives of the Protestant missions of the Congo. A fine Christian friendship and fellowship of believers was begun through these six weeks of fellowship and worship experiences at various times and places. This was climaxed by a day of rich blessing at Ohain, near Brussels, under the leadership of the David Shank, with brethren Jules Lambotte and Pierre Widmer of France preaching. The Congolese brethren were blest and thrilled with the Christian fellowship and comradeship and hoped that some of them might visit Congo. This has now occurred in the visit of the Lambottes to the Belgian Congo in May.

Reports of their visit indicate the leading of the Holy Spirit in their ministry. Nyanga missionaries write: “In the name of Nyanga Station and the Ecole de Moniteurs I want to thank you for sending Pasteur Lambotte to Congo. He made a very direct and spiritual contact with the Church and our French speaking community here at Nyanga. His messages were on a plane that the African could understand. He spoke simply but was quick to see African life and problems. He did a much better job of meeting the African on his own level that I have seen any foreign visitor to the Congo do. Lambotte worked hard. Though he mentioned the Mennonite Church he presented it as a small part of the Church of Christ in Belgium. Mrs. Lambotte was very helpful also. She was only too glad to speak to women and girls. Also she is a great help to her husband and together they make an effective team. The Lambottes, together with Miss Laenen, were invited out twice to African homes at Nyanga. Once to Leonard Kakesa and the other time to Leon Ngandu. They enjoyed it very much after they once realized that they would not be given caterpillars and bidia on the main course. Let me thank you once again for making possible their visit here. I am convinced from the reaction of my students that it was a real blessing to them, and there now exists ties between the

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VETERANS

... returning

Upon completion of their furlough, the following missionaries will begin a new term of service under the Congo Inland Mission.

JAMES AND GENEVIEVE BERTSCHE AND CHILDREN, Sandra, Linda and Timothy

- Third Term—Evangelistic, Educational, Scripture revision, Literature, Administrative
- Home Church—E.M.C., Gridley, Illinois

- Education and Experience—
  James: A.B. Taylor; B.D., Northern Baptist; Kennedy School of Missions; one year, Institute of Colonies, Brussels, Belgium, Youth Camp Director, Author, Writer, Ordained minister.
  Genevieve: A.B., Taylor; Graduate student Kennedy School of Missions, elementary teacher, 1 year, Indiana Public Schools, also Institute of Colonies, Brussels.

- Testimony—
  Rev. Bertsche:
  Why return to Congo? There are several reasons.

  One is the desire to rejoin Congo friends who are welcoming us back.

  There is the certainty that there remains an unfinished task. The Congo Church still needs nurture and guidance. There are many who do not yet know the Lord Jesus. The problem of inadequate Christian literature has only recently been attacked.

  There is the challenge of an emerging nation. There is the exciting possibility of having a small share in the molding of a new nation that will honor God, His Word and His Son.

  There is the matter of life investment. We deem it an honor to serve our Lord in an area where priorities are high and where a minimum of sowing now seems to bear a maximum of fruit.

  Above all else, we return to the Congo because we are persuaded that it is the Lord's will for us. There's nothing quite to compare with the sense of peace and accomplishment which comes with the assurance of being in the place and work of God's own choice.

  Pray with us and for us that His name may be glorified in our lives and in our endeavors.

  Mrs. Bertsche:
  "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" Romans 10:14

  Here again is our great commission to go back to Congo for a third term of service to a hungry, haunted and needy people. May God use me in a greater way than ever before to win these Congolese for Him is my prayer.

  Even now, we know our third term will not be easy—there will be many adjustments for us as a family and many difficult things to face in our work—but we have a Great God and we know He holds our hand. In this confidence we go forth praying that we may be faithful in the task He has called us to and faithful to YOU our Christian friends at home who are supporting us with gifts and prayer.
MERLE AND DOROTHY SCHWARTZ AND CHILDREN, Judy and Bobby

- **Fourth Term**—Medical, Evangelistic, Administrative Doctor and Nurse
- **Home Church**—General Conference, Carlock, Illinois
- **Field Address**—Mukedi via Idiofa, Congo Belge, Africa
- **Education and Experience**—
  Dr. Schwartz: A.B.; Bluffton College; M.D., University of Illinois; Tulane University, Tropical Medicine; Service in Congo since 1942.
  Mrs. Schwartz: R.N., Bethany Hospital, Chicago; Service in Congo since 1942.
- **Testimony**—
  Dr. Schwartz: Ephesians 6:10, 11. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. These verses express so well what I feel is of the most vital importance for all of us in America as well as in Congo. I appreciate and thank each of you for the many kindnesses showered upon us during our furlough. Pray for us as never before as we go back to Congo as His representatives that we may truly utilize the 'whole armour of God.'
  Mrs. Schwartz: "Behold, He goeth before thee." is a promise we claim as we begin another term of service. Even as in the past He has been our strength and shield we know He will provide that which we need to further serve Him. We would reconsecrate our lives to be used of Him. We go with an awareness of changing conditions and problems and also of the fact that 'by ourselves we can do nothing.' Brethren pray for us.

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LODEMA E. SHORT

- **Third Term**—Teacher Training Institute
- **Home Church**—E.M.C., Archbold, Ohio
- **Field Addresses**—Nyanga via Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa
- **Education and Experience**—B.S. in Education, Bowling Green, Ohio; Missionary Course, Moody Bible Institute; Elementary teacher, Archbold, Ohio Public School; Teacher, Presbyterian School for Missionary Children, Congo.
- **Testimony**—
  My furlough is fast drawing to a close. These months here in the States have been enjoyable and filled with blessings. To be with you in the homeland has been a privilege. I have been conscious of your interest in the work over there and believe you will continue to uphold us in prayer. The times of fellowship in your homes and in our churches will soon be memories but memories that will strengthen. With a united faith that looks beyond the horizon in this troubled world we can move on with confidence expecting from Him. Our trust is in the One whose power extends beyond the horizon. We should therefore "Be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."
AGNES LUTKE

- **Third Term**—Mukedi Bible School and Evangelistic Work
- **Home Church**—EMB, Dalmeny, Sask.
- **Field Address**—Mukedi via Idiofa, Congo Belge, Africa
- **Education and Experience**—Graduate, Tabor Bible School, Dalmeny, Sask.; Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alta.; Student, Multnomah Bible School, Portland, Oregon; Teacher, Tabor Bible School; Steinbach Bible Academy, Steinbach, Manitoba.
- **Testimony**—Furlough Memories: "The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed." Isa. 40:4, 5. This is the promise the Lord gave me on my way to the airport as I was leaving Congo. Many times this furlough I have claimed this promise and found Him faithful. My heart is filled with gratitude as I recall your thoughtfulness, prayers, and care during the times of my illness. I remember also the times of fellowship and rich spiritual blessings I enjoyed with many of you in Bible Schools, Camps, Missionary Conferences as well as in many of your churches and homes. These times shall not soon be forgotten. Also, I want to thank you for your prayers and gifts which are making my return possible.

RECRUITS

James Peters

I-W Missionary

- **Home Church**—Bethesda Mennonite Henderson, Nebraska
- **Field Address**—Mutena via Tshikapa
- **Education and Experience**—Grace Bible Institute one year
- **Testimony**—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5 and 6). These are the verses I want to take with me as I go to the Congo. I am thankful that through Christ's shed blood I have salvation. God has not only saved me but has led and guided me since the day I was saved. I feel that He is now leading me to the Congo for my I-W service. My prayer is that I might be a real witness to the people of Africa and a help to the missionaries.

—Looking Ahead: "And he said unto them, 'Come, let us go over to the other side. ...' And they launched forth." Where did it take them? First of all through a storm; then on to the other side where dwelt the powers of darkness. But Christ proved sufficient for every emergency and circumstance. We are launching forth with our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, to whom has been given all power in heaven and on earth, leaning on His precious promises "Lo, I am with you alway," and "Under His shadow we shall live among the heathen." Will you pray as we go?

CONGO MISSIONARY MESSENGER
HAROLD AND JOYCE HARMES

- **First Term**—Teachers, School for Children of Missionaries
- **Home Church**—E.M.B., Dallas, Oregon
- **Field Address**—Ecole Belle Vue, Kajiji via Kahemba, Congo Belge, Africa

**Education and Experience**—
Harold: Graduate Grace Bible Institute; B.S. in Education, Oregon State College; One year Western Baptist Seminary; Elementary teacher, Portland, Oregon, two years. Service in Youth Camps, Boy’s Club, Sunday School and Church.

Joyce: Graduate Salem Academy; Student Multnomah Bible School; R.N., Emmanuel Hospital School of Nursing; Service in Youth Work and Child Evangelism.

**Testimony**—
"Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." Acts 4:29b

This is our prayer as we are preparing to serve the Lord in this field of teaching and nursing in Africa. We thank the Lord for the privileges that have been given to us. First of all, for allowing us to be raised in Christian homes, being taught in the love of Christ by our parents. Then also for allowing us to attend Christian high schools and Bible schools. There has been no doubt in our minds as to our call to work in His service. These past few weeks have been busy ones of purchasing, packing, and getting ready to leave for the Congo, however the Lord has been very near in this preparation. We thank and praise Him for the way He has led in our lives. We know that many will be upholding us before the Throne of Grace as we go, and we thank you for your prayers. May all of us be found faithful in the plan that Christ has for us.

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DONOVAN G. UNRUH

- **1-W Missionary**
- **Home Church**—Bergthal Mennonite Church, Pawnee Rock, Kansas W.D.
- **Field Address**—Kandale via Kikwit

**Educational Experience**—
Bethel College Two Years

**Testimony:**
"I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4

I thank God for calling me into His service of building His church and Kingdom in Africa. I want to thank the Laymens organization of my church for giving me financial support while in Africa. May God bless them in their work.

I also ask to be remembered in your prayers as I work and witness for Him in the Congo.
SAMUEL EDIGER TAKING FURTHER DENTAL TRAINING

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Ediger are not returning to Congo this summer as had been planned but Brother Ediger is continuing his dental studies in Portland instead. Brother Ediger had taken a short course in missionary dentistry before their first term and while on the field served many missionary families in their dental needs, showing exceptional skill and aptitude in this service. However, he was conscious of his limitations as a dentist and approached the dean of the University of Oregon for help which the dean graciously and kindly granted, permitting Brother Ediger to work right along with the Juniors and Seniors. Encouraged by the professors at the University and by the C. I. M. Board and after much prayer and heart searching Brother and Sister Ediger decided that he would enter the University as a regular student and earn a regular, professional D.D.S. degree.

Sister Ediger who is a registered nurse has taken employment in a Portland hospital to help with expenses. Their three children are in school. The Board is pledged to help the Edigers in this further preparation and urge their friends and supports to continue to uphold them with prayer and gifts.

And let us urgently pray for and seek other dentists to dedicate their talents to the Lord and give themselves to this service. C.I.M. has five professional doctors but not one dentist. Missionaries and their children spending four to six years on the field away from dental care not only endure pain but suffer permanent damage to their teeth.

Then there is a new day in Africa. In the past ten years half the people of Africa have gotten their independence and the other half are seeking theirs now. These seeking peoples want the best for their material lives as well as the spiritual, and the professional Christian dentist has many opportunities for witnessing to needy Africans whose souls need a Saviour. We believe the twenty or more years of service the Edigers may give in Africa will be greatly enhanced and blest by this further training. All gifts clearly earmarked for the education of a dentist will be so used and gratefully received.

MY I-W SERVICE IN AFRICA

By Wilbert Neuenschwander

On a sunny October day in 1956 after saying our last goodbyes to family and friends we were finally on our way to the Congo to serve the Lord as an I-W missionary. We left with mixed emotions, never having been away from home for more than a week at a time before, but we were confident of the leading of the Lord and trusted in Him to watch over us and bring us home again after our service was finished.

It was a great adventure to take the trip across the Atlantic in the Belgian freighter and we were happy to see land again after two and one-half weeks of the voyage. Having taken with us the Literature Carryall provided for Levi Keidel, we drove it up country through very dusty roads, finally arriving at Mutena station. The missionaries and Africans gave us a big welcome and it was thrilling to see these people whom the Gospel had changed so very much.

The first thing on our program was studying the native language, Tshiluba. With the help of the missionaries and an African Christian teacher we were soon able to say a few words and this made the Africans very happy and we soon became 'good friends.

In due time we were assigned different responsibilities. One job was to supervise a work crew of about thirty men on a building program. Our biggest project was the Bible School building, the funds for which had been provided by another I-W missionary who lost his life by drowning in the Kasai river. As you remember, he was Larry Kauffman. Then we built numerous small buildings and did repair work on other buildings and finally our building project was two room government schools of which C.I.M. is benefiting from quite a few. Another job was to

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The small, wood burning train running between Luluaborg and Kamina, Belgian Congo, stopped again to take on more fuel. While the train waited, Merle Kauffman and I bought a few things to eat from the natives who brought bananas, peanuts, etc., to the train to sell. Finding it hard to understand why we travelled third class (used only by natives), people usually were set at ease about it upon learning that we were Americans. The look upon their faces seemed to say "Americans can be expected to do almost anything!"

On the train from Kamina to Albertville we met an American doctor who had been Director of the medical work on the DEW Line in northern Canada. While we waited in Albertville for a boat to Kigoma, Tanganyika, the Doctor enlisted our aid in scouring the Lake Tanganyika shore for shells. He said that only in this Lake and in one other in Russia were there marine shells to be found in fresh water. He was collecting the shells for the California Academy of Science Museum.

Lake Tanganyika lies in the Great Rift Valley, an immense crack in the earth's surface, stretching from Rhodesia to Israel. Mountains line both shores of the Lake. We crossed the Lake at night under bright moonlight.

Landing in Kigoma the next morning we noticed a very apparent difference in culture. There were black-veiled Moslems turbanned Singh and Hindu Indians, beautiful, dark-skinned Indian women in flowing Indian garb. In fact, Indians seemed to be everywhere — in Customs, the stores, railways, etc. We learned later that the Indian in Tanaganyika forms a sort of middle class between the native and the white man. They have been in the country for over two hundred years and many of them have never been to India.

Another difference was the language. The natives spoke Swahili (the main language in all of East Africa) and the white men, Indians, and educated Africans spoke English. To our ears, tired of unintelligible French, it sounded good indeed.

We visited the Livingstone Memorial at Ujiji, several miles outside of Kigoma. The inscription of the brass plate said that on November 10, 1871 Stanley found Livingstone at this place. It is on a little rise overlooking the lake and the story has it that the Doctor was lying in a hammock strung between two mango trees when the young newspaper reporter found him and for the first time the phrase, "Dr. Livingstone I suppose . . ." was said. The scenery must have changed but little, from what it had been that day, more than eighty-seven years ago. (Continued next page)
Land of Livingstone

Hitchhiking in East Africa

The next day in Mwanza, on the southern shore of Lake Victoria, where nationalistic riots have taken place only recently, we explored the interiors of a Moslem and a Hindu temple—in our stocking feet.

Near Musoma, northeast of Mwanza, we spent a most enjoyable week at several of the Mennonite mission stations in that area. We found that they have to cope with many of the same problems as we in the Congo. Polygamy, ignorance, poverty, disease, etc., are rife among the natives. But here also there were those who knew the Lord.

Their Mission also has a I-W program and several of the fellows took us on a thirty hour, big game safari. During that short time eight large animals were bagged. We slept during the night in a tree-house from which was strung a zebra, killed the evening before, for lion bait. For this was lion country! The missionaries have had several, rather hair-rising experiences with the king of beasts in this area. While out in the ‘pori’ (a Swahili word for ‘plain’) we saw literally hundreds of zebra, gazelle, wildebeest, topi, and a few ostrich, plus many others whose names I do not remember. And the tsetse flies! They bite terrifically hard! Also the fact that they still carry sleeping sickness did not help matters any.

All too soon it was time to begin the trek home. We crossed Lake Victoria to Bukoba and took a bus to the Urundi border where we spent a night with an Australian missionary couple. From their station we could see into both Ruanda and Urundi while in the far distance (120 miles) a mountain in the Congo stood out, dimly silhouetted against the misty sky. It was “cold” that night and we were glad for the heavy covers on our beds. The altitude is about 7000 feet and to us Congo boys it was almost teeth-chattering weather but for some reason it did not even frost that night!

The next night we spent with an Arab trader in Muhinga, Urundi. By now commercial transportation had ceased and we were obliged to hitchhike. After missing a ride to Usumbura we stayed a night at a C.M.S. Mission station and the next day caught a ride to Kitega, capital of Urundi. We did not get to see the native king. He had gone to Mombasa, Kenya to get his new ‘Edsel.’

We saw a few of the tall men of that country but these giants live mostly in Ruanda. Being naturally born rulers, these descendants of the Pharaohs (?), have in time past lorded it over their weaker neighbors.

Urundi is a very mountainous country and has some breath-taking scenery. The native houses cling precariously to the mountain sides and many of the fields are so steep that the danger of falling out of them seemed very real.

When we finally did get to Usumbura, we were a day late for our ship so after a rather discouraging attempt at hitchhiking, we did get passage on a tug headed for Albertville.

And then it was Christmas Eve and we were once more on the little, wood burning train from Kamina to Luluaborg. Our month’s vacation was rapidly coming to an end. We were aware of the Lord’s goodness to us in the past trip.

Back at Mutena on Christmas Day Merle and I had our first warm meal in a week!
GLIMPSES FROM BELLE VUE
Miss Betty Quiring

(Miss Betty Quiring just returned for furlough. Three years of her first term were spent teaching children of missionaries at Belle Vue School. Through these questions and answers she gives you some glimpses into a missionary child's life.)

"Be a good boy and study hard!" Those are last minute instructions given by "Mommy and Daddy" before the children part to attend missionary children's school. A few tears are shed when goodbyes are said, but in several hours all is well. The children are already enjoying each other again back at school. Another term has begun!

As time moves on, and we're nearing the end of the term, let's take out a few minutes to hear the answers to some questions by Shirley and Gracie who are students at E.B.V. and will be on furlough later on.

**Why do you go to Ecole Belle Vue?**

Shirley: My parents are missionaries. If mother taught me, I would miss out being with other children and she could not do as much missionary work.

**What do you do while at Ecole Belle Vue?**

Shirley: We study, work and play together. School is held each day except Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Each day we have a work period. Some of us iron our own clothes, others hoe, clean the dorm, the school house or whatever needs to be done. On Friday nights we have supervised play with popcorn or candy before going to bed.

**When do you go to Ecole Belle Vue?**

Gracie: Each year school starts the last part of August. At Christmas we go home for about five weeks. School closes in May. In all we have eight months of school.

**Where do you stay?**

Gracie: There is a dormitory with two wings, a kitchen, dining hall and houseparents' quarters. At present a new high school dormitory is under construction.

**How many classes do you have?**

Shirley: There are two rooms for the grades from third to eighth and two for the two high school classes.

**How many children are there?**

Gracie: Fifty-two children. Some came from Congo Inland Mission, the Mennonite Brethren Mission, Congo Gospel Mission, and Mid-Missions.

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Who takes care of you?

Shirley: We have Aunt Irma and Uncle Walt Sawatsky as houseparents. Our teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Regier, Miss Marcelia Wiens, Miss Martha Kunberger and Miss Betty Quiring who help too by doing extras for us as cutting hair and putting out a school paper or supervising and counseling.

What do you do during free time?

Shirley: Some of us sew dresses, practice piano, study a bit or even play baseball or other games. We do have regular physical education classes.

What do you eat?

Gracie: In the dining hall we have had buffalo meat, antelope, native pigs, some elephant meat, when we didn't know it, sweet potatoes or irish, rice, squash or string beans, or whatever happens to be growing in the garden. It's usually squash or beans! For breakfast we have oatmeal, bread and peanut butter. If we didn't pray, we probably wouldn't have as much as we do. The Lord really answers prayer!

What do you do on Sunday?

Shirley: On Sunday we have either Uncle Walt or Uncle Elmer speak, one or more of the music groups as the Girls' Glee Club, the Lower Room Choir, Symphonette Band, trio or quartet bring special music. Sunday School was begun this year for which we are happy. High school students get experience teaching with faculty members supervising. Christian Endeavor was also started. We get to have more part on the program that way. At our Family C.E., everyone did something!

Betty Quiring and Ruth Wiebe

(Turn to page 15)
Dr. Rudolph T. Unruh, the first missionary doctor of the Congo Inland Mission, was buried on February 23, 1959. He suffered a heart attack on February 17 and died on Friday morning February 20, 1959.

Many will remember Dr. Unruh as having been the first missionary doctor to be sent out under the Congo Inland Mission, and sponsored by the Christian Endeavor Union of the Central Conference of Mennonites.

Dr. Unruh sailed from New York on September 11, 1931 on the S.S. Pennland with the Rev. F. J. Enns family and Rev. and Mrs. Vernon J. Sprunger. It being necessary to take a tropical medicine course to be allowed to practice medicine in the Belgian Congo, Dr. Unruh went to London where he spent eight months at the Tropical Medicine School. He then spent five months in Brussels learning French before continuing his journey to the Belgian Congo.

After spending about six weeks at Mukedi Station it was decided at the Annual Field Conference in January, 1933 that the Doctor then spend about six months at each of the four stations at that time. He was to evaluate the needs of each station and thus decide where the first hospital of the Congo Inland Mission was to be built. In 1934 the hospital was built at Mukedi Station where Dr. Unruh served until March of 1936 when he returned to America for furlough.

Having suffered a sun stroke in 1933 Dr. Unruh felt he could not stand another term in the tropics and therefore never returned to the Congo.

The Congo Inland Mission then had no doctor on the field until the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Schwartz in Nov. 1942.

More than one hundred local women's organizations sent several hundred parcel post packages to one of our mission stations last year. These packages, averaging forty pounds each, contained layettes to be given mothers whose babies were born in a mission maternity center and also rolled bandages for the medical work for the most part but they also included sheets and towels for guest rooms, groceries and supplies for conferences and a small amount of clothing for orphans. With each parcel post package sent directly to the mission station came a check or money order to the C.I.M. office to be forwarded to the respective station to pay the tariff duty on the package when it arrives.

How do the local women's groups know where to send their packages and how many can be used at a station or medical center? This is a part of Miss Quiring's responsibility and you can be sure there will be many letters to write and many questions to answer—by letter and at many conference and group meetings.

The Women's Auxiliary also finances the purchase of sewing machines and of cloth for sewing to be done at each station—both for the medical work and the girl's work.

But the greatest undertaking of the Auxiliary is to finance the new Home Training Institute for Girls which the Board has authorized to begin near Charlesville this year. Irena Liechty is the director and a building program has begun and twenty girls enrolled for the first term this September.

The Women's Auxiliary Board of which Miss Dorothea Dyck of Elbing, Kansas, is president meets twice a year simultaneously with the C.I.M. Board and Miss Quiring is to serve as corresponding secretary and liaison worker between the mission field and the Auxiliary Board and in deputation work, promoting the work of missions.

She will work from her home with periodic visits to headquarters. Her services for meetings may be engaged by contacting her personally, Miss Anna H. Quiring, Box 105, Mountain Lake, Minnesota or through C.I.M. headquarters, 251 West Hively Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana.
MY I-W SERVICE  
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service the cars and trucks and keep
them in running order. It seems the big
job in cars and trucks is installing new
springs as the Congo roads are very, very
rough and hard on vehicles. And then
there were many odd jobs which we were
happy to do when called upon, such as.
making an ambulance trip to the state hos-
pital thirty-five miles away. We often went
with one of the native pastors in a week
of evangelistic, communion and baptismal
services. We always received a blessing
from these services. We would go on giv-
ing many of the detailed experiences which
only helped to make our service and our
time pass very rapidly but just let us
conclude by saying that our lives have
been blessed and challenged to be mis-
sionaries no matter where we are, at
home or across the seas.

On our way home we had the oppor-
tunity to travel through South Africa and
through Europe, visiting other I-W men
in that continent.

You are reading in the papers much these
days about the changes rapidly taking place
on the continent of Africa so we trust you
will pray with the missionaries and the
Africans that the Gospel might reach out
farther and labourers might gather in
the harvest for soon “the night cometh
when no man can work.”

BELLE VUE-SCHOOL  
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What are some of the main events of the
year?
Gracie: A banquet at thanksgiving, at
Easter and at graduation. The Easter Sun-
rise Service, the Spring outing, play day, a
musical Christmas program on the large
veranda with the audience on the lawn
because our church collapsed, Bible Con-
ference, piano recital on Tuesday before
school closes along with the style show of
dresses we made, the puppet show and the
rest of the piano recital on Wednesday when
the parents will already be there. Of course
we have enjoyed talking to our parents over
the radio each Saturday.

Please tell about the Bible Conference
which you mentioned.
Shirley: Yes, the speaker at the annual
conference helped us to see ourselves spir-
itually. We believe everyone at E.B.V. has
accepted Christ as his or her own personal
Saviour. During conference we were drawn
to a closer walk with the Lord and a life
yielded to Him. If we weren’t here, but at
some European non-Christian school, bles-
sings of such a conference would not be
possible. We try to keep up our spiritual
lives by going off to a quiet place each
morning for private devotions and then
each evening after Study Hall, we have
group devotions with our houseparents.
So we are thankful for Christian influence
at E.B.V.

Do you think you are suffering a lot as a
missionary child?
Gracie: No, I think we get and have
everything we need even though we do
complain sometimes. The biggest thing is
that we don’t have “Mommy and Daddy”
here.

Thank you girls for answering these ques-
tions. We hope that your furlough will be
enjoyable even though it is hard to make
so many adjustments and you wish to be
back at good ole E.B.V.

LAMBOTTE VISIT  
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Belgian and Congo Churches which before
were non-existent.”

From the Banga Conference we have the
following: “Rev. Lambotte spoke to us five
times and I am sure his messages will not
soon be forgotten. Especially the one on
the history of Protestantism in Europe and
in Belgium in particular. Also the one
that he gave as his charge to the pas-
tors to be ordained. The climax was reach-
ed when we fellowshipped around the
Lord’s Table Sunday p.m. After the com-
munion service we had a special meeting
with the pastors only. As we shared with
one another some of the innermost ex-
periences of our hearts the Holy Spirit
plainly worked among us. Tears were
plainly visible in many eyes as we re-
joiced in the great honor bestowed upon
us when the almighty, yet loving Father
called us to be co-labourers with Him.”

From Tshikapa: “It was a blessing to
have Mrs. Lambotte speak to the Bible
Institute wives on the work of a pastor’s
wife. She is a fluent speaker and got her
points across. Brother Lambotte pointed
out clearly the sacrifice made for Protestant-
ism. The Africans ask them ‘Why don’t
the Belgian Protestants send us mis-
sionaries?’”

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Letter from Larry Bartel,
Pax man, Banga Station
Dear Mr. Driver:

As you know, we are now at Banga station helping Uncle Russell Schnell. As of today, we have finished two school units and are over half done with the third. These schools are located in the out-station villages and take us about six weeks to build each unit. During this time we live in the village with the African people. Our living quarters range from a grass hut to a little room in the back of a grass-roofed school house. Our present location is at Banga, about twenty-five miles from Port Francis, located on the Kasai River. Here our living quarters are a dirt house with a grass roof. This is really a nice house. Has a good cement floor and we are going to take the grass roof off and put on a metal one.

While building schools we truly have a wonderful time with the African people, playing soccer with the children and going hunting with the older folks. They really seem to enjoy our presence and always like to be around us and talk to us. We really and truly enjoy this. Even though I can’t talk to them very good yet, I still enjoy being around our African folk. When I play my trumpet I will get as many as twenty-five or more children around me to listen to me play. I don’t know where they all come from! When I start playing there won’t be a person around but before I get done playing one song I have a pretty good houseful of children and even grown folks coming to listen. When I play a hymn they know, they will start singing. When I do something like this it really gives one a wonderful feeling inside. I do receive a great blessing from these people and I hope and pray that I give them as many blessings as I receive from them. I truly believe that the $1,200 that is invested in us (1-W missionaries) is a good investment. We always try to do our best for God as well as for the mission.
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As for us 1-W's having more than our African friends, that is not true. Many Africans have more than we do. This does not matter to us though. It surely makes you happy for them. After you see how far these people have come—even in the short time I have been here in Congo, I have truly seen a great change, especially in their dress and outlook on life—it makes one stop and think. What would these people be like if the mission and missionaries had not had a burden to reach these people!

In closing I would like to say that the life of a 1-W out here is by no means a bed of roses, but out here one begins to grow up spiritually and also physically. You get a better understanding of missions. If you do not become a missionary, you truly will understand the problems of a missionary and mission and give with a more willing heart to help support His work.

A 1-W learning more about Him,
Larry Bartel

Ellis Gerber relates some trials during the "Acts of the Apostles" at Mukedi.

Dear Praying Friends:

The day before yesterday one of our mission men killed a 13 foot snake. It strangled his dog before he could kill it. It was very heavy. I imagine it weighed a hundred pounds or more.

The Bible School students got back Sunday from a week of practical work teaching Bible School in the Loange area. They were in groups of three to a village. They came back with many and varied reports:

At Ngunda Makamba, the teacher, went to sleep with the Catholic teacher to make sleeping room for the Bible School boys. During the night a storm blew down the house and they had to crawl out of the wreckage in their night clothes, and got soaked and didn't know where to go. The villagers were sympathetic and comforted them, but the next morning they had to go to the river to wash the red mud out of their clothes and dry the clothes before they could go and teach.

At Kulo the village chief wasn't favorable towards the students. When they went to bathe some village folks threatened to kill them with a machette.

At Lukala they recorded no converts because the people are heavy palm wine drinkers and don't want to give up this practice. They asked, "Why do you ask us to give up palm wine? Your overseer always drinks with us when he comes by here."

At Pembe they couldn't sleep because of mosquitos.

At Loji a total of 1,360 people gathered during the week's meetings and they recorded 18 new converts.

About two weeks ago a thunderstorm arose during the night. I went to shut the shutters and then went to the bathroom. While I was there, there was a ball of fire the size of a large marble in the bathtub and a terrific clap of thunder. In a letter from my sister today she said, "I was never compelled to pray for you as I was last week ... something said, 'Pray for Ellis.' Then when I was in the garden working ... it seemed I just must pray for you. I did but I didn't know what about ... but I hoped lightning didn't hit you ..." I do not have a record of the day and the hour but experiences like this make us more aware of the fact that we are sustained by the prayers of God's people. Only in eternity when we do not see through a glass darkly but face to face will we know all of the answered prayers that have been granted to us even though we may have been unworthy of them.

Very sincerely,
Ellis, Edna and children

From Kandale
Dear Friends,

Greetings in our Saviour's name.

We rejoice with you in the completion and dedication of the Mission Home and other blessings you have enjoyed on the Home end. No doubt the Annual Meeting of the Board was influenced by the spirit of our day.

The work at Kandale is proceeding much as usual. We are just completing a tour of regional meetings. The response was quite good. On Sunday baptism and communion services were held at the station. Twenty six persons were baptized and received into the church fellowship.

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From Kandala

The efforts in the educational field show a measure of success. We are now beginning to graduate from the 5th year those whom we found in the classes when we came to Kandala. Thus instead of a number less than twenty, as have graduated in the past years, some eighty pupils will be completing studies in the primary school this year and, according to the present student body, the figure should almost double next year for they will be those who started in 1st grade in the C.L.M. program in 1955. We trust that their years in school will have made a lasting impression on their lives.

At the maternity babies are being born at the usual record of some forty a month. Every once in a while a patient has to be taken to the hospital, either at Mukedi or Gungu. We are thankful that in these years only several deaths have occurred and these may probably have been averted had the patients been brought to the maternity in time. Several of the old grass ‘waiters’ houses had to be replaced as they were no longer safe to be occupied.

The construction of the church building is proceeding quite well. The rafters are now being put in place. To raise the rafters without a hoist of some kind is quite a task. Our prayer is that the Lord will protect us from all accidents in this, and when the building will finally be dedicated to the Lord it may be done so with full rejoicing.

Yours in Him,
Peter Falk

Letter from John Heese,
Pax printer, Charlesville Press

Dear Mr. Driver:

Congo certainly is a very beautiful country. The lush green hills skirting the red, muddy Congo river at Matadi provide the perfect setting for our introduction to this country which is to be home for at least two years.

Life here in Charlesville has been very busy and rewarding to me. Although at times my progress in Tshiluba must make my teachers, first Melvin Loewen and now Marie Brown, get grey, I enjoy it. Both are excellent teachers for which I am thankful. It never ceases to amaze me how the missionaries here, coming from different church, community and cultural back-grounds as they do, get along so well together.

The press here at Charlesville is just the perfect place for me to work. I like it very much. If I had to choose between working at LECO in Leopoldville and Imprimerie de la CIM here at Charlesville, it would be the better place for me. Provided that those of us on the print shop staff can learn to work together, and I’m optimistic, we should be able to keep the two presses running a good part of the time.

Bill Worth of the APCM press at Luebo, 45 miles away, who has worked at printing in Congo for many years has invited me to spend a week at their plant. This is a real privilege and I am thankful for it. He pays their workers on a piecework rather than monthly basis which makes for more production. Perhaps something like that would work to advantage in our press too. Irena Liechty feels I should take charge of the press about the beginning of July and I am looking forward to that date.

Also CIM photo work is taking up a good share of my time. Right now the Lambottes and African Conference at Banga are taking up a good deal of my time but the work is very interesting to me.

Toward the end of April I spent five days in Luluabourg with Dr. John Zook. This was a tremendous experience for me. We had intended to go for a dental appointment for John and return the same day. As it turned out, he had to stay five days which gave us time to see the city and become acquainted with some former CIM’ers who had moved into the city to take jobs. We visited the APCM station, Imprimerie du Kasai, the Presbyterian bookshop, had supper at the mission pastors one night, in an African restaurant another, and at the home of one of the former employees of Charlesville press who is now employed at the Imprimerie du Kasa as foreman. We also had the fortune to hear a speech of one of the political leaders of Congo. In that city it appeared that the Africans are rapidly mobilizing themselves to bid for independence. Rev. Henry Crane and Dr. Zook were very favorably impressed with the man’s speech in that he advocated a conservative and evolutionary approach to independence.

Congo is providing wonderful and rich experiences for me, both in fellowship and

CONGO MISSIONARY MESSENGER
"AFRICA DISTURBED"

This is the title of a new book written by Dr. and Mrs. Emory and Myrta Ross. In missionary circles Emory and Myrta Ross are synonymous with Africa, having served as missionaries to Liberia and Congo since 1912. In later years Dr. Ross has served in various administrative and counseling capacities of boards and foundations having to do with Africa.

In preparation for writing this book the authors traveled over most of Africa, visiting and interviewing more than two hundred persons, most of whom they had contacts with through their former services in Africa. As a result of these interviews and analyses they chose the title of their book “Africa Disturbed” as the key words in the current African scene. This disturbance, according to the authors, “is a healthy restlessness and reaching. a rebellion against old injustices, a rejection of the thesis that Africans must accept a second-best role in the pageant of world progress.”

The trip to Africa was made possible financially by three friends of the Ross’, all of whom head large companies operating in Africa.

Each of the thirteen chapters is fittingly introduced by an African proverb and the art work and well chosen photographs add color and understanding to the book.

The content of the book carries the burden that “The moving masses of Africa will not be suppressed. The forces that the West has aroused must find outlets. Complete independence is the African’s goal. The movement toward total liberation has begun and cannot be held back.”

The book ends on a highly inspirational and missionary plane with the interview with Dr. Schweitzer and the Ross’ final devotional meeting with their life-long friend who read from his French Bible Luke 17:21, “Behold, the kingdom of God is within you,” which gives, according to the authors, Jesus’ most concise answer to the questing thoughts of Africans and of men and women everywhere.

“AFRICA DISTURBED” is 182 pages of delightful and enlightening reading. It is published by Friendship Press, New York. The price is $3.50.

H. A. Driver
TRAVELING WITH OUR MISSIONARIES
Donna E. Yoder, Office Secretary of C.I.M.

Summer is traveling time for C.I.M. missionaries.

Please pray for the safety and well being of the following people as they make their way to many destinations this summer.

TO CONGO

Miss Agnes Lutke, Dalmeny, Sask., is flying from New York on June 8 for Congo, making short stops in London, Brussels and Nigeria and arriving in Leopoldville June 21 and at Mukedi station about June 25. She will visit C.I.M. missionaries in London and Brussels and a nephew and family in Kano, Nigeria before arriving at Mukedi for her third term of missionary service.

Dr. Merle H. Schwartz and his wife, Dorothy (R.N.) and children, Judy and Bobby, Normal, Illinois, are flying August 1 from Chicago to Congo via London and Brussels and arriving August 2 in Leopoldville. They will meet their Medical Van which was shipped from New York to Matadi in July and will drive it inland to Mukedi station. The Schwartz family made a trip west in the Medical Van just before the dedication of the vehicle of the Carlock, Illinois church prior to its shipment to Congo.

Miss Lodema Short, Archbold, Ohio who has been teaching school in Toledo, Ohio during her furlough year will fly from New York to Tshikapa, Congo, Belge on August 20, arriving August 26, with stopovers in Brussels and Leopoldville.

Donovan G. Unruh of Pawnee Rock, Kansas and James E. Peters of Henderson, Nebraska, 1-W missionaries, will be sailing for their term of 1-W service in Congo on the BURCKEL of the Belgian Lines on August 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold and Joyce Harms of Dallas, Oregon are new missionaries appointed to serve at the Belle Vue School, Kajiji. This is the school for missionary children where the new high school dormitory is being built this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Harms attended the E.M.B. Conference in Omaha in June, after which they came to Elkhart for a period of orientation at CIM headquarters and final packing and the plans are for them to leave the first of August for Congo.

TO CONGO VIA BELGIUM

Rev. and Mrs. James E. and Genevieve Bertsche and children, Sandra Sue, Linda Lou and Timothy, Pettisville, Ohio are returning to Congo for their third term of service via Belgium. They are scheduled to sail on the LUKALA August 21 from New York to Antwerp and will spend three months in Belgium in language study and review. The Bertsches will proceed to Congo in December where they will be stationed at Kandale.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard and Gladys Steiner and children, Kent and Craig, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and Avril Barkman and children, Sandra and Gerald, are scheduled to fly from Brussels to Congo August 24 after completing their period of study in Belgium. The Barkmans will go to Banga and the Steiner's to Tshikapa station.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry and Hilda Hildebrand and children, Lloyd and Ralph, are flying to Congo the 5th of August after completing their studies in Belgium the past year. Hildebrands will go to Charlesville station where Dr. Hildebrand will take up the medical practice of Dr. Zook who will furlough after Dr. Hildebrand's language study.

Misses Sue Schmidt and Mary Epp will be going to the Belgian Congo by boat the last of August from Belgium where they have been in language study. Miss Epp will be going to Kamayala and Miss Schmidt to Tshikapa station.

TO CONGO VIA ENGLAND

Miss Amanda Reimer, R.N. will complete her course at Mother's Hospital in London about September 1 and after a vacation in Europe will fly to Congo where she will be serving at Tshikapa station for the next year.

FROM CONGO TO FURLOUGH

Miss Betty Quiring arrived in Elkhart on Monday, May 18, for furlough after her first term of service in Congo where she has been a teacher in Belle Vue School for Missionary Children for three years and at Kandale station for a year. Miss Quiring will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Quiring, Frazer, Montana and will return to Elkhart this fall to attend the Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

CONGO MISSIONARY MESSENGER
The Lawrence Rempel family (Lawrence, Alvera, Beverly Ann and Betty Jean) are enroute home by way of Europe on their having left Mukedi on May 14. They are expected to arrive by ship in New York on July 14, having traveled via Dar es Salaam, Mombasa, Cairo, and Europe. Their furlough address will be Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

The Earl Roth family (Earl, Ruth, and children, Yvonne, Loren and Marc), are scheduled to leave Kikwit by air July 10 and arrive in Portland, Oregon July 15 on their first furlough. Their summer schedule will include attendance at the General Conference sessions at Bluffton, Ohio in August and a California Family Retreat in September. The Roths were stationed at Mukedi. Their furlough address will be c/o Philip Roth, Albany, Oregon.

The Rev. and Mrs. George and Gretchen Faul and their three children who are serving at Nyanga station are also scheduled to leave Kikwit by air on July 10 with the Earl Roth family and will arrive in Chicago July 15 which is the home of Mrs. Faul where they will remain for their furlough. The Fauls are serving under the Mennonite Brethren Board which Board administers the Nyanga Teacher Training School jointly with the Congo Inland Mission Board.

The Rev. Archie D. and Irma Graber and daughter, Nancy, are planning to leave their Tshikapa station August 14 and come home to furlough by way of the East Coast of Africa through the Suez Canal and they expect to be in New York around September 20. The Grabers plan to make their furlough home in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The John B. Jantzen family (John, Anne and children, Evelyn and Karen) will be leaving Kamayala station in time for their expected arrival by plane in New York about July 27 on their second furlough. Their furlough plans are indefinite but will include some formal study.

Miss Bertha Miller will travel with the Jantzens and her furlough address will be c/o Union Gospel Press, Cleveland, Ohio.

Wilmer Sprunger, I-W missionary, will be returning to America by plane in July. Wilmer has been in charge of the Manual Arts School during his two years of I-W service in Congo. He hopes to find a teaching position upon his return home.

Larry Graber and John M. Janzen, I-W missionaries, will start their homeward journey the first of September by way of East Africa and Europe. John will continue his college work at Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas and Larry expects to continue college in his home town of Salem, Oregon.

Response to the Literature Folder has been good. Several memorial gifts have been received at headquarters in response to the Memorial Day appeal. All memorial gifts to CIM are given to Christian literature for Africa unless otherwise designated.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT—JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 1959

Total Receipts For All Purposes $80,570.29

Expenses:

- Missionary Allowances and Retirement Reserve $32,707.20
- Special Direct to Missionaries $2,848.73
- Regular Monthly Field Budget $11,250.00
- Specific Gifts Paid Out $25,147.81
- Retired Missionary Allowances $553.18
- Educational Expenses in Belgium $1,311.28
- Passage To and From Field $6,028.41
- Medical Expenses—Missionaries on Furlough $150.00
- Dues and Fees $14.13
- Promotional—Including “The Messenger.” $548.81
- Home Administration Expenses $3,468.28
- Interest Payments on Annuities $372.83
- Purchases for Missionaries—not Donations $382.26

Total Expenditures $84,802.92

Expenditures in Excess of Receipts $4,232.63

April-June 1959
ADDRESSES OF OUR MISSIONARIES

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Miss Irena Liechty
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Loewen
Miss Tina Quiring
Dr. and Mrs. John Zook

Kamayala via Kahemba
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Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Classen
Miss Mary Epp
Sr. Berta Mangold

Kandale via Kikwit
Rev. and Mrs. Peter Falk
Miss Kornelia Unruh
Miss Selma Unruh

Mukedi via Idiofa
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Miss Sara Friesen
Rev. and Mrs. Ellis Gerber
Miss Agnes Lutke
Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Martens
Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Schwartz

Mutena via Tshikapa
Rev. and Mrs. Elmer J. Dick
Miss Mary Hiebert
Rev. and Mrs. George Neufeld
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Miss Lois Slagle

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Rev. and Mrs. Sam Entz
Miss Frieda Guengerich
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Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Schmidt
Miss Lodema Short
Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sprunger

Tshikapa
Rev. and Mrs. Waldo Harder
Miss Fanny Schmallenberger
Miss Sue Schmidt
Rev. and Mrs. Richard Steiner
Rev. and Mrs. Allan Wiebe

Congo Belge, Africa

Future Missionaries
James Melvin, son of Melvin and Elfrieda
Loewen, Charlesville, was born April 4.
Allen Dale, son of Loyal and Donna
Schmidt, Nyanga, was born on May 12.
BIRTHDAYS OF OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR CHILDREN

### July
- 2, 1950 Yvonne Sue Roth
- 4, 1956 Kent Steiner
- 5, 1910 Miss Aganetha Friesen
- 8, 1945 Laverna Joyce Dick
- 11, 1955 Kirsten Regier
- 16, 1894 Miss Erma Birky
- 19, 1923 Mr. Ellis Gerber
- 19, 1953 Lloyd Hildebrand
- 24, 1926 Mr. Arthur Janz
- 25, 1939 Mr. Jonathan Yoder
- 28, 1955 Jeannette Buller
- 28, 1955 Priscilla Ann Harder

### August
- 3, 1926 Miss Sarah Dyck
- 4, 1908 Mrs. Russell F. Schnell
- 4, 1920 Mrs. Ellis Gerber
- 5, 1923 Rev. Harold Graber
- 7, 1935 Mr. Fremont Regier
- 8, 1905 Miss Mabel Sauder
- 11, 1923 Miss Lena Friesen
- 11, 1954 Evangeline Claassen
- 16, 1944 Carolyn Ruth Harder
- 18, 1949 Loren Ray Neufeld
- 20, 1955 Keith Irwin Rocke
- 23, 1955 Paul Edward Harder
- 23, 1955 Timothy Rudolph Harder
- 24, 1950 Beverly Ann Ediger
- 25, 1952 Janet Lorraine Wiebe
- 25, 1915 Mrs. Elmer J. Dick
- 31, 1955 Janelle Marie Diller

### September
- 3, 1924 Mr. Harvey Barkman
- 6, 1950 Carolyn Anne Graber
- 7, 1916 Rev. Glenn Rocke
- 8, 1928 Mr. Melvin Claassen
- 18, 1893 Mrs. Emma Moser
- 18, 1933 Mr. Donovan G. Unruh
- 19, 1930 Mrs. Elmer Regier
- 19, 1939 Mr. Robert Schmidt
- 21, 1948 Russell Schnell, Jr.
- 22, 1901 Mr. Roy O. Yoder
- 24, 1954 Loren Dale Roth
- 25, 1885 Miss Agnes Sprunger
- 25, 1958 Paul Michael Zook
- 27, 1924 Mrs. Peter Buller

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**Ecole Belle Vue**
- Kajiji via Kahemba
  - Rev. and Mrs. Harold Harms
  - Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Regier

**Leopoldville**
- Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bontrager
  - B. P. 123

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**Belgium and England**
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  - 5, Rue du Champ-de-Mars
  - Brussels, Belgium
- Miss Amanda Reimer
  - Mother's Hospital
  - 53 Lower Clapton Road
  - London, E. 5, England

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Banga via Charlesville, Congo Belge, Africa
Kamayala via Kahemba, Congo Belge, Africa
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405 Clark Street, Berne, Indiana
Charlesville, Kasai District, Congo Belge, Africa
Nyanga via Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa

We accept the present day emphasis that every disciple of Jesus Christ is called to be a missionary. Insofar as every believer in Christ is to witness to the faith that is in Him, all are missionaries. But, in another sense the term missionary is a term rightfully reserved to designate individuals upon whom has come the compulsion to preach the gospel and to present Christ's claim upon people's lives. A missionary is one who is sent out with the express charge of communicating Christ to people outside of his home community.

Missions will always mean missionaries about whom we can say the following things:

1. A missionary is one who has a deep sense of being called by God.

2. He is deeply persuaded that there is only one Name given under heaven whereby man can be saved; that there is only one mediator between God and man, the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. He works for the life and welfare of the church. For the national church of the land in which he works, the missionary experiences a special love.

4. He is identified with the people to whom he goes. That love and compassion that moved Christ to know the sorrows and joys of His people constrain the missionary to enter deeply into the lives of the people around him.

5. He lays hold of God's power and grace to endure. . . . The missionary labors on in confident hope that God will prosper His redemptive work on behalf of sinful people as God's messenger lives and works in holy obedience to God.

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The following Mennonite bodies elect or appoint members to the Congo Inland mission board and forward funds monthly to the Elkhart office for transmission to the field for the support of their respective missionaries and the work as it is carried on under the direction of the Field Council composed of missionaries and Congolese.

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OTHER MENNONITE CONGREGATIONS AND BOARDS have missionaries serving with the Congo Inland Mission Board and their representatives are invited to the councils of the board.

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CONGO MISSIONARY MESSENGER
The New Church At Tshikapa
A. D. Graber

From the time we began digging for the foundation the first of June, 1958, until we carried the last bench from the Carpenter Shop into the Church on the 24th of July, 1959, the progress of the building of the new church was followed with much interest by all the Christians in the territory.

When digging for the foundation it was necessary to remove a palm tree. Cutting through the cluster of vine-like roots, twelve pieces of old, metal, African money was found. By its corrosion it was evident that it had been there for many years. The mystery remains as to why it was hidden there. We wondered if this might be an omen to assure us that God would, through His people supply the needs for the new church.

Load after load of granite rock was buried in the foundation. Then brick by brick the walls began to take shape. It took nearly 130,000 bricks to complete the church. Instead of open windows the entire walls are made up of eight foot high louvers between each pillar. The louvers are made in such a way that they bar out the light of the bright, African sun and yet they give a soft, indirect lighting and cooling effect. The aluminum roof is supported by eight laminated trusses. This was no small job to dress down hand sawed lumber. Many boards were run through the planer as many as six times before they could be gotten down to the size desired.

The size of the church is 48x116 feet. The cost is as follows:

- Brick and stone: $2,600.00
- Cement: 1,560.00
- Transport and material: 1,190.00
- The complete roof construction: 2,320.00
- Door frames and doors, including hardware and labor: 90.00
- Lighting: 85.00
- Plastering and painting: 125.46
- Benches and other church furniture: 560.00
- Total paid out for labor: 1,350.00

Total: $9,880.46

It was a real thrill and joy on Sunday, August 2, the day of dedication, to have a loud speaker on each side of the church for the large number that were unable to enter the church, thus making it possible (Continued on page 4)

July-September, 1959
Tshikapa, August 2, 1959

Dear members of the C.I.M. family,

Greetings from the Annual Conference on the field! May we share with you some highlights of these five days spent together here at Tshikapa. Sixteen African delegates, seventy missionaries, and fifty-one children were present for the event. The theme chosen for this year was, “Unto Him be glory in the Church.” (Eph. 3:21)

At the opening service Rev. Allen Wiebe was inaugurated as the new Field Chairman. Rev. F. J. Enns, who has so ably filled this position for many years was in charge of the service, using Psa. 40:5 and Joshua 1:9 to encourage Mr. Wiebe for the task ahead. Before him lies the challenge of guiding the young Congo Church in a time when the spirit of independence is bringing many changes to the people of Congo. Let us unitedly pray for him.

The African delegation was able to participate in a new way because of an interlingual system having been installed this year. Loyd Brown and Dr. Diller have given much time and effort to make this possible. Translating in UN fashion was a challenging task for C.I.M.ers! This means of communication holds great promise for the future in view of the increasing African representation.

At the opening of each new day Rev. Levi Keidel led us in a series of heart-searching messages. These meditations led us to re-evaluate our own spiritual experience and the gospel we preach in terms of the Israelites’ wanderings. Evening messages are given by different individuals. They presented various aspects of bringing glory to Christ, through His Church. Musical numbers at each meeting added to the blessings of the conference.

Sunday morning the conference guests witnessed the dedication of the beautiful church just completed here. Crowds of people gathered from the area including chiefs, evangelists and pastors, Belgian Officials and Congolese in responsible positions with FORMINIERE and the state post nearby. Also a group of missionaries and the Africans from the Presbyterian Mission came for the occasion. Fitting remarks and messages were given by a panel of speakers and the large Tshikapa Church Male Chorus lifted our hearts in praise to God with several selections, closing with the Hallelujah Chorus.

For the children conference centered around DVBS directed by Mrs. Jeanne Diller. They presented a very fine program to us on Sunday afternoon. Afterward missionaries and Congolese delegates united in a Communion service. Together we long to bring glory to our Lord and Saviour as members of His body, the Church.

Conference is over and we return to the respective stations to our duties and the opportunities of the coming year. We extend our sincere thanks to Tshikapa station for their fine hospitality during these days.

The annual letter committee,
Mrs. Peter Falk
Miss Hulda Banman

THE NEW CHURCH AT TSHIKAPA
(Continued from page 2)

for all to hear. There were more than thirty Belgians present from the Diamond Company and state Post, besides all the missionary family and hundreds of Africans.

The climax of the day and of the Conference was the Sunday night service. The lights were turned out and the illuminated cross before us seemed to live anew, as the choir sang that great, old hymn written by Isaac Watts:

WERE THE WHOLE REALM OF NATURE MINE,
THAT WERE A PRESENT FAR TOO SMALL
LOVE SO AMAZING, SO DIVINE,
DEMANDS MY SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL.

CONGO MISSIONARY MESSENGER
Intimate glimpses of how we travelled and how we lived illustrate THE HUMAN SIDE

THE ROAD TO CONFERENCE
by Melvin Keim

As we drove the last kilometer of the road leading to Kalonda Station, we read the sign: 'Slow Down' then: 'Water Shortage Ahead' and as we crossed a small sparkling creek another sign advised us: 'Take Your Last Bath Here.' It probably would have taken little urging for some of us to do just that, (had we not doubted the authenticity of the signs) for we were sorely in need of baths after the long (for some) and hot (for all) trip to the annual missionary conference.

For the missionaries from far off places like Kamyala and Kandala, it had been a two day ride through "endless" sandy plains and across the treacherous Luange River on a crude ferry made of four half rotten dugouts. When the 3 ton truck bringing the 'conference gear' arrived at the Luange it was faced with the problem that all large trucks are faced with in crossing there. Because of the impossibility of crossing both the truck and its load at once, everything must be unloaded and the truck taken across. The ferry is poled upstream for half a mile at a snails pace. After unloading the truck, it must return for the things and again be poled upstream. It took three hours to cross a river that could be crossed in a few minutes on a bridge.

But for most of us it was simply a matter of getting things and ourselves loaded into pickups, carryalls, Volkswagons, etc., and follow the well known and often traveled roads leading to Kalonda. And yet this trip was not like so many others had been. For some of us it would be our first conference of this kind. And I'm sure that those who had been there before, anticipated it no less keenly than did we. For all of us, the trip was more than compensated for when, after passing the water shortage signs, we read the brightly painted sign welcoming us to 'Kalondaville'; and when a little later we sat in the cool shade of a large tree and were served cold drinks; and when in the days that followed, we experienced all the blessings that go with conference. The trip back to our respective stations would be just as long, but perhaps less tiresome because of having been there.

July-September, 1959

The Lighter by Lois Slagle

"We're going to the 'Pop-House,'" joyfully announced little Joanne Janz at the close of one of the conference sessions. The Pop-House better known as the Stryker Snack Shop with its cold pop, hot coffee, pop corn and candy was the popular rendezvous of missionaries and children. It was a little bit of America in the heart of Congo.

The Kalonda Hotel and Elkhart Motel furnished accommodations for nearly all the guests. The Kalonda Hotel formerly known as the Primary School, comfortably housed 31 children and 38 adults. Stretched out along the street across from the church were the cabins of the Elkhart Motel (formerly African family-student living quarters). Though the cabins were very similar in structure, there was no cause for mistaken identity. The first in the row provided sleeping rooms for 14 African delegates. Bachelor's Haven (with emphasis on the 's' in parenthesis) housed the V-S workers. Frank's Hide-out, Elmer's I-Glue, Glen's Ridge and others were the homes of the missionary families.

Though this conference was destined to be the last of its kind, it saw new and strange happenings, among which were—

a freezer ice cream party in the dining room at midnight and the mysterious unsolicited delivery of a Volkswagen sedan to the patio of the Archie Graber residence in the wee small hours when all were asleep.

How good it was to enjoy one another's company once again!
Footsteps with Israel

We're going to travel with the Israelites—not for sightseeing, but for lesson learning. In 1 Cor. 10 Paul says that what happened to them happened for a purpose: for our "ensample" (vs. 11) or "example" (vs. 6). The word (Gr. tupos) means "an imprint or impression which is to be imitated (or studied)."

Redemption at the Red Sea

Sin is slavery—whether it be in the form of a bottle of liquor, a cigarette, or a life dominated by greed and avarice. The Israelites had no rights, privileges or claims—had nothing to look forward to but the dregs of servitude for endless tomorrows. A complaining look meant another stroke of the lash. They were hopelessly entangled and bound.

The devil doesn’t entangle everybody with vile sins. He comes in the strains of beautiful music, or ties his cords around our hearts under the guise of "culture." In so many peculiar circumstances he ensnares us so that we are hopelessly entangled and bound, and the only way we can escape is for a miracle-working God to take over.

Israel’s redemption was a miracle. God’s pillar led them until the sea opened before them. Then it went behind them to keep the enemy off their necks. In the place we need it most and in the way we need it most, that’s where God will send His assistance. I remember when in Egypt’s bondage I cried, “It’s enough. Let’s make a break for it!” The sea opened before me. What was light to me was only denser darkness to the unconverted friends I left behind me. And if it wouldn’t have been for a miracle-working God, I’d never have made it.

Redemption is always a miracle. A Gospel without redemption is no Gospel at all. It’s like a diamond ring without a set—a frame without a picture. The “good” is taken away from the “news” and what is left has no more power in it than news of a tornado in Wisconsin or a revolt in Iraq. We need more life-transforming crisis-experience redemption. Our churches have too many members that somehow slip across the Red Sea at night. When the sun comes up in the morning we find them sitting on the beach. These seldom know how to sing the song of redemption. As soon as God miraculously redeemed them from bondage, “then sang Moses and the children of Israel a song.” (Ex. 15:1) Why shouldn’t they? We ALL ought to have a song. We all ought to be shouting happy because we’re delivered from bondage and on our way to the promised land.

We travelled with them four days in Bible Studies led by Levi Keidel


Congo Missionary Messenger
Wilderness Wandering

The celebration is soon all over. The confetti is lying in the streets. The decorations are tattered and falling. When we had to turn our backs to the Red Sea, tuck it away in the treasure chest of sweet memory and face the ugly fact of living again, we ALL had questions. How do I live? Who feeds me? Where do I find friends? All our lives we've found security in things we see and feel. It isn't easy to suddenly trust completely an unseen God.

Too many times we expect a man who had been grovelled beneath the heels of sin since birth to make a clear-cut decision to follow a strange pillar of fire through trackless sands of a strange desert without a complaint. We expect them to come out of Egypt fit and ready for the promised land. Their shoulders are bent from heavy hods of brick and mortar. Let's don't demand that they stand erect as a soldier the first day out.

After the bitter waters of Marah, they come to the refreshing springs and cool shade of Elim. (Ex. 15:27) When things are so dark, and there seems so little left to live for, if we just hold on to God a bit longer, we'll find Elim just ahead. And we'll drink the more deeply of Him because of the Marahs He led us through. Those who would choose to come straight from the shores of the Red Sea to Elim will drink only tepid waters of shallow cisterns. Thank God for the Marahs. They make Him the more precious.

The battle with Amalek (Ex. 17:8-16) is the picture of the nominal Christian and his eternal struggle with the flesh. It's a see-saw battle. One is never quite sure who is on top. God gave them the promise of ultimate triumph over Amalek (vs. 14). When did that happen? After Israel crossed Jordan, God gave them full ability to slay Amalek with the command to do so. (1 Sam. 15:1-3). When we cross Jordan, we move from Romans 7 to Romans 8. God has promised us power to overcome and slay Amalek. If Canaan is only a picture of heaven, what are the Canaanites doing in the land? God's picture of normal Christian experience is bubbling springs, refreshing streams, healthy fruit-bearing trees. Those things aren't found in the wilderness. Canaan, for our purposes here, is the Christian's promise of an experiential life of progressive victory and joy and conquest over sin.

Why didn't Israel possess the land when God told them to? (Num. 13:27-31) They counted all the giants and said, 'God isn't big enough.' So even though God's people, they were a grief to Him for 40 years. The rest of their lives were spent in aimless fruitless wandering and ended in defeat.

There are lots of giants in the land which cause the weary hearted to tremble. He'll lead you in the wilderness until you are ready to totally trust Him. The wilderness is a part of the necessary discipline of God's people, but not the years of wandering. Paul said, "Sin shall not have dominion over you". John says "Who is it that overcomes the (affairs of the) world but he that BELIEVETH that Jesus is Christ (the all sufficient God-sent Saviour)."

Crossing Jordan

That generation perished in the wilderness. Their children stood on the east banks of Jordan convinced that God had something greater for them than eternal wandering.

Crossing Jordan is the picture of the Christian crossing from the self life to the life hidden in Christ—where our old man is crucified with Him that sin might be destroyed, that we be no longer the servants of sin, but have dominion over it. (Rom. 6:6, 22). How can the Christian cross? How did Israel cross? (Josh. 3:5, 3) They (1) sanctified themselves and (2) clung in faith to their covenant with God.

Have you sanctified yourself? This brings us to Rom. 1:21 and total surrender. Don't leave one foot free so that you can kick when the High Priest begins doing with you as He pleases. Have you surrendered to

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EVANGELISTIC
1. The African church will pay travel expenses to inter-mission church conferences.
2. A devotional booklet for 1960 will be given all church members upon the completion of their 1959 Christmas love-offering obligations. The African church is to pay for printing costs of the booklet.
3. The recently organized Christian Laymen's movement should be encouraged. It must be an integral part of the Church and should stress the spiritual aspect of the church's ministry.

ADMINISTRATION
To accelerate church-mission integration, Congolese and missionaries are to have equal representation on administration committees on all levels. The Annual Missionary Conference is to be replaced by a totally integrated conference, which is attended by 1 African and 1 missionary delegate from each station for each of the main departments of the work. This will result in a delegate body of approximately 60 missionaries and 80 Congolese. The first integrated conference is to convene in July of 1960.

MEDICAL
1. Pay scales were established for medical workers.
2. No girl is to be granted a marriage until at least 16 years of age.
3. To indigenize the medical work, we feel it imperative to secure higher trained medical personnel. We ask the support of the home board in our active participation in the Kimpese medical education program.
4. Lest be necessary to close some of our medical posts in 1960, we urge that all efforts be made for the recruitment of new nurse candidates.

EDUCATIONAL
Trimester examinations are to be unified for all stations. The '59-'60 school calendar was drawn up. Entrance fees to various schools were established. Five candidates were chosen to be sent to Secondary School (pre-University level). Graduates of (Nyanga) Teachers' Training School were assigned posts of duty. Primary school students (4th-5th grades) are encouraged to buy subscriptions to SANKAI (Tshiluba religious monthly magazine).

LITERATURE
1. Steps were outlined for improving the quality of our press work.
2. Editors of a vernacular "program idea" book were appointed.
3. We recommend that effort be made to raise $2000 for the continued publication of SANKAI magazine.
4. New regulations for missionary language study were drawn up.
5. It was urged that "literature promotional committee" be established on each station, with the station literature committee delegate acting as chairman. Its purpose is to keep all aware of the literature work, its progress and needs.
6. The preparation of several manuscripts were approved.
7. Miss Fanny Schmallenberger was appointed to give full time, if need be, to the American Presbyterian Congo Mission's committee which is working on the revision of the Tshiluba Bible.

CHILDREN'S WORK
1. We invite DVBS groups in America to send offerings to make available DVBS materials to the children in Congo.
2. Concerted effort is to be made toward establishing Sunday School classes in the villages of our regions.

WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S COMMITTEE
1. More teaching of the Bible, health and housekeeping is to be given the girls in residence at our boarding homes.
2. The preparation of books on women's lessons and programs was requested.
3. Annual Week's Bible Class and Women's Conferences on stations are strongly encouraged.
4. Missionaries in charge of women's work are to be faithful in supplying the home board with regular prayer requests which are to be duplicated and distributed among our women's groups in America.
The evening messages followed the theme of an active church in the world in which we live. The keynote to the conference and for the evening messages was set by the newly installed conference chairman, Allan Wiebe. His timely message on the ministry of the Holy Spirit brought to our attention the all-important ministry of the spirit in our personal lives and service for the Lord. The Holy Spirit leads, empowers, convicts and makes us fit vessels for Christ.

Glen Rocke spoke the next evening, Wednesday, on “The Praying Spirit-filled Church.” Testimony of what a praying father can mean to a young life emphasized the need for all of us to be “given much in prayer.” A ministry that is to be successful in the sight of God must be characterized by prayer and thus by the power of the Holy Spirit as a result. This note was sounded over and over at the conference and at the closing session testimonies showed it to be one of the items used of the Spirit to convict and reprove.

“The United Witnessing Church” was the subject discussed by Elmer Dick on Thursday evening. The early church had power because it was dedicated. Are we really dedicated? Is our dedication to Christ or merely to the work? “I am crucified with Christ” is a direly needed testimony in this day in which we live.

Dr. John Zook brought the closing message of this series Saturday on “The Working Triumphant Church” basing his remarks on Nehemiah and the building of the walls of Jerusalem. “The people had a mind to work” and with that spirit the work progressed under the leadership of God. Oppositions of many kinds were encountered but all to no avail since there was the mind to work, a preparation for the possible ensuing battle and a prayer to God for His protection and leadership in this time of crisis.

The closing Sunday service was a period of Singspiration and praise interspersed with testimonies. It was consummated by a brief meditation on the cross which glows in vivid red in the gable end of the new Tshikapa church. In all we do, let us “Look unto Jesus” and we will go forward in His power. His Spirit shall go with us and He will see us through these years which are crucial for the church of Christ in Belgian Congo.

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Him your plans, your “rights,” your work, your body—totally? Are you ready to believe that anything the High Priest chooses to do with you is “reasonable?” Heaven will ring with the testimony that “TRUE and RIGHT-EOUS are His judgments” (Rev. 19:1-2). Will you sing it with the angels? More than your preaching—your soul winning—your healing—God wants YOU—and longs to accomplish in you the image of His Son the Lord Jesus. I Thes. 4:3, Ef. 1:4-6a, Rom. 8:29, Phil. 3:13. Holier living is not only a possibility, but an obligation and an assured reality as we lay hold daily in quiet confidence on the promises of God. Phil 1:6, Mat. 5:6.

If you’ve sanctified yourself, you’re ready for the next step—move across into the land with your eyes fixed upon the covenant box—trusting nothing but the naked promises of God. Don’t let the giants of an un...

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Pertinent Social Religious Problems Discussed
by Frank Enns

Inter-racial delegate body grapples with problems, the solutions of which are keys to the stability of a church and emerging nation.

Two periods were devoted to very timely discussions. The first session, moderated by Waldo Harder, dealt with trends and aims in the establishment of an independent church. By diagrams Brother Harder showed the organization of our mission on the one side, and that of our Congo church on the other. The problem was how to provide for the continued transfer of responsibility from missionaries to nationals. The discussions that followed showed that the missionaries and the sixteen African leaders who were with them at the Conference considered the time ripe for a merger of the church and mission interests into one general conference.

This plan would give to the Congolese larger representation. In committees the responsibility would be shared with them equally. If this plan is put into operation it will mark another important step in the transferring of responsibility from the mission to the African church.

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controllable temper, an unruly tongue, or what have you, keep you from going across. Believe that Jesus bought All of you, and is able to transform the ALL of you into something for His glory.

Conquest in Canaan
As soon as they got across, they built a memorial pillar. (Josh 4:4-7, 20-24) God didn’t want them to forget their covenant with Him, nor what He had done for them there. When the going got rough, they could recruit strength and courage at the memorial pillar. This is where they always came back to—this is where they stopped.

We all need memorial stones. Everytime God does something great for us, we ought to erect a pillar. Life is precious when there are a lot of them—each one crying out its testimony of the loving mercies and tender care of God, and the progress we’ve made toward conquest. When the enemy seems too

CONGO MISSIONARY MESSENGER
MISSIONARIES OF THE CONGO INLAND MISSION

Attending Conference, Tshikapa


Third row, left to right: Anna Liechty, Eudene Keidel, Jeanne Zook, James Diller, Allan Wiebe, Arthur Janz, Kornelia Unrua, Fanny Schmallenberger, Lois Slagle, Mary Hiebert, Tina uiring, Selma Unruh, Abbie Harder, Justine Neufeld.


Fifth row, left to right: Margaret Friesen, Charles Sprunger, Geraldine Sprunger, Loyal Schmidt, Elmer Regier, Bernard Thiessen, Robert Schmidt, Gladys Buller, Peter Buller, Larry Graber, Russell Schnell, Allen Siebert, Melvin Keim, Esther Dick, Elmer Dick.

Beginning with front row, left to right:
Becky Zook, Nancy Graber, Priscilla Keidel, Priscilla Harder, Janet Wiebe, Paul Harder, Paul Keidel, Carolyn Graber, Bradley Graber, Stanley Graber, Larry Janz, Loren Ray Neufeld, James Buller, Delbert Dick, John Dick
Evelyn Schnell, Marilyn Schnell, David Rocke, Carolyn Harder, Russell Schnell, Jr., LaVerna Dick, Mark Janz, Marilyn Wiebe, Doretta Dick, Ruth Wiebe
David Harder, Darrel Rocke, Leland Rocke

July-September, 1959
This is World Literature Sunday and the second annual observance of a significant day initiated by the Evangelical Literature Overseas and endorsed by hundreds of mission boards and churches across the United States and Canada. Christians in America are not aware of the influence of books and literature in their lives and in the program of the church and most of us do not realize how desperately scarce printed material is on the mission field. With thousands of new literates each year on every mission field literature has become "A weapon for this hour." The purpose of World Literature Sunday is to stimulate the flow of literature to the front lines where the enemy forces are growing.

During the past twelve years hundreds of memorial gifts have helped to finance the literature program of C.I.M. and there has been a good response to the recent literature brochure prepared by our missionaries. Let us help advance the worldwide program of missionary literature by emphasizing its necessity and importance and by special prayer for its ministry and for those missionaries and nationals dedicated to this work.

Mennonite Women's Missionary Rallies to be held in Indiana and Illinois during October.

The 23rd Annual Meeting of Indiana Women is to be held on Thursday, October 15, at the Berne Evangelical Mennonite Church with three sessions at 9:30 A.M., 1:30 P.M. and 6:45 P.M.

The Illinois meeting will be held at the First Mennonite Church, Normal, Illinois on Thursday, October 22.

The usual large attendance is anticipated at both of these rallies where missionaries from the fields represented by the mission boards and the Mennonite Central Committee will speak.

Alma Doering Dies:

Miss Alma Doering, one of the most widely known missionaries to Africa, died at St. Petersburg, Florida on July 12 at the age of 81 years. In 1949 she established the D & D Mission Homes in St. Petersburg, providing rent free housing to retired and furloughed missionaries. There are twenty units in the D & D Homes at present.

Alma Doering was one of the pioneer missionaries who established the Congo Inland Mission and served with C.I.M. from 1912 to 1927, when she founded the Un-evangelized Tribes Mission which expanded rapidly and served vigorously during her administration. However, the U.T.M. soon gave up after her retirement and no longer exists as an organization. The stations have been taken over by other missions.

Miss Doering was most effective as a deputation worker and claimed she had raised more than one and a half million dollars for missions during her life-time and recruited hundreds of missionaries. She was a native of Inman, Kansas. Most Mennonite communities heard Alma Doering appeal for money and missionaries in their churches during the 1920's and 1930's and responded liberally.

Rev. L. B. Haigh at 82 has vivid memories of Congo:

Brother Haigh, who started the work in Congo for the C.I.M. Board in 1911, now lives in Salisbury, North Carolina. He wrote to the editor of the MESSENGER of Alma Doering's death and telling of a visit with her two years ago.

Walter Scott Herr, of Turlock, California, another C.I.M. missionary and co-worker with L. B. Haigh and Alma Doering in the beginning of C.I.M., traveled to Niagara Falls with his daughter this summer and contacted friends in Bluffton, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Brother Herr served as a missionary from 1912 to 1916. When Pastor Kazadi visited him two years ago he was pleased to be able to converse in Tshiluba.

Roy and Bessie Yoder, who had to remain in the homeland in 1951 because of ill health, motored eastward from their home in Phoenix, Arizona this summer and visited many friends in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The Yoders served as missionaries at Charlesville for sixteen years. Although paralyzed on the left side Bessie is able to walk with the aid of braces and crutches. They live at Sharon Gardens in Phoenix, Arizona.

C.I.M. Missionary to teach French at Tay-

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NEW HOSPITAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT MUKEDI
Elvina Martens, M.D.

If you would have been at Mukedi during the first weeks of May, and if you could have slept through the 5:30 and 6:00 A.M. bells and drums, you would certainly have been awakened by a loud hammering from the direction of the medical quarter. This would have been the workmen putting the aluminum roof on the new hospital building. Ordinary work starts after the 7:00 A.M. chapel service but, because by 10:00 A.M. under the Congo sun the aluminum gets too hot to handle, the roofers start at 6:00 and work until 10:00 and then "lay off" until the heat has subsided somewhat.

Getting the roof on is the climax, although not nearly the end, of building in Congo. The beginning for our hospital consisted in tearing down the old building and moving the pharmacy, storeroom, and operating room into temporary quarters. All usable materials were salvaged, and for days the afternoon found dozens of school children patiently breaking rocks from the old hospital into gravel for the new. Then came the long, arduous task of laying the foundation. While this was being done, other workmen made cement blocks for the walls. Once the foundation was finished the walls seemed to take shape rapidly. Then come the roof and one feels like it should soon be ready to move into but it doesn't go that fast in Congo. There is plastering inside and out, flooring, windows, wiring, plumbing, painting, and last but not the least, cupboards and furniture, much of which must be built here.

For reasons of light, air and sanitation, hospitals in Congo are not usually in one (Continued on page 14)
ior University: John B. Jantzen who has served two terms with the Congo Inland Mission will teach two courses in French at Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, during his furlough year. He will also pursue graduate studies in educational administration at nearby Ball State Teacher’s College. Rev. and Mrs. Jantzen and daughters, Evelyn and Karen, arrived home for furlough the last of July. Rev. Jantzen holds the A.B. degree from Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington, did a year of graduate study at Kennedy School of Missions, and a year of study in French and pedagogy in Brussels, Belgium.

Wilmer Sprunger, 1-W Pax missionary who returned from Congo August 1st has contracted to teach shop at Beaverdam, Ohio High School the coming year.

Wilbert Neuenschwander, 1-W Pax missionary, will continue his preparation and study at Fort Wayne Bible College.

Silver Wedding Anniversaries benefit C.I.M.: Three Kansas couples, who are parents of Congo Pax men, observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversaries during the past year, each asking friends and relatives to remember the Congo Inland Mission rather than themselves with gifts and flowers. First were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Regier of White-water, Kansas, whose son, Fremont, is now preparing at Kansas State College for Agricultural missionary service, then followed Mr. and Mrs. Louis Janzen of Newton, Kansas, whose son, John, is just completing his term in Congo this September; and now Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kauffman of Windom, Kansas whose son Larry drowned in Congo during his Pax service there. The Mission is grateful to God for these dedicated couples and their families and friends for their prayers, for their sons, and for their material gifts.

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big building as at home but are constructed in units. Our maternity hospital is completely separate and our wards for surgical, medical and contagious cases are in several buildings. The new building will be an administrative unit. Here will be an operating room with its associated work and sterilizing quarters, offices for a doctor and dentist, patients’ waiting room, nursing station, emergency room, pharmacy, laboratory and storerooms.

Why, you may wonder, a new hospital for Mukedi at this time? The plan to build is not new. The old unit, as old as the medical work at Mukedi, has long been outgrown and in poor condition. A friend in America had given money to pay for half the cost of the new building sometime ago. The Congo government has the policy of subsidizing one-half the cost of construction of hospitals but only a certain amount of money is allotted each year, and there are many requests, so we had to wait until our particular project was approved. The approval came in January and because our builder, Larry Rempel, was due for furlough in May, he lost no time getting started. Now that he has gone John Janzen, a 1-W man, has taken over this work.

Perhaps the word which best describes Congo today is “progress.” We feel that the building of a new hospital at Mukedi is in line with this progress. Pray with and for us that it may be primarily spiritual, and not merely material progress.

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CONGO MISSIONARY MESSENGER
Dear Fellow Workers:

This morning an inner voice prompted me to take off time and chat with all my friends and workers that are holding the reins in the home land by prayer and of their means. We want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your interest in the work for Christ in Congo. We realize that without your aid, both spiritually and materially, very often we could not do much for the Congo school children. But we must ever keep before us this verse in every line of work that with Christ and by giving ourselves fully to His cause we can do much and be used greatly for the furtherance of His word among the Africans.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless his Holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 103-1-2. Yes, we have so much to praise the Lord for; all the many blessings He has given and has continually in store for us from day unto day. We should sing the song "Count your many Blessings." Even though we all become very discouraged and ready to give up (devil’s best tool to get into the Christian) we should stop for a moment and count our many blessings, then the bird of despondency will soon flee away.

Russell and I want to thank the Lord, first of all, for calling us into this work here in Congo 26 years ago and for having a small part in spreading the good news to the many that sit in spiritual darkness here in Congo. We entered the educational work soon after we first arrived at Charlesville station and continued to impress upon the minds of the children the importance of knowing how to read the printed page so that they could themselves read the word of God and receive eternal life. We stayed there for eighteen years after which we were assigned to the work of opening up Banga station in 1950, where we have been engaged in the educational work up to now.

The Congo children have finally become awake to the need of learning and are now eagerly coming into Banga from all directions. In December, 1950 we had 70 students in the regional school here at Banga and this year I enrolled 400 students. We had to start three fifth grades to accommodate the 110 students for that grade. I find joy in this work, but my heart often longs to go out into the territory where we can reach many of the older people that have a shorter period of life to hear this good news we have for them.

In Colossians we read where we are helpers together in prayer. I therefore ask you as helpers that you remember this in your daily prayers: that the school children may first "Study to show themselves approved unto God"; that the nine teachers here would feel the burden on their hearts to take out time to talk personally to their students about the salvation offered by our Lord and Savior. We earnestly plead that you will remember us in prayer as we try to teach them that they should lay their all on the altar for Him who has done so much for us. We have such a great opportunity to show them the way of life in teaching them from day unto day.

In the fifth grade the book of Acts and Romans is studied. Verses are required to be memorized from other portions of the Bible and Pilgrims Progress is taught as a reader. In the fourth grade Genesis and Exodus and other memory verses are taught. Then in the third grade the life of Christ is studied very thoroughly and also memory verses. In the first and second grades the memory verses are taught each day and a portion of a story from the Bible illustrated with a picture roll. Also every student is required to attend the daily chapel service. We are thankful that we can give them daily spiritual bread in school as yet and pray it will bring forth fruit in their lives, and help their spiritual growth. We will be meeting you at the Throne of Grace daily and covet your prayers that the young men and women will grow as Jesus did daily. "And Jesus increased in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man. We remain Yours in the Lord’s Service in the Congo

Helen and Russell Schnell

July-September, 1959
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  Dr. and Mrs. Henry Hildebrand
  Miss Irena Liechty
  Miss Tina Quiring
  Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Rocke
  Dr. and Mrs. John Zook

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  Miss Mary Epp
  Sr. Berta Mangold

Kandale via Kikwit
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  Miss Selma Unruh

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  Miss Lois Slagle

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BIRTHDAYS OF OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR CHILDREN

October—
1. Miss Irena Liechty
2. Mrs. Harold Graber
3. Bradley Dean Graber
4. Emily Helene Graber
5. Dr. John Zook
6. Gerald Barkman
7. Mr. Bernard Thiessen
8. David Glenn Rocke
9. Catherine Regier
10. Rev. Ben Eide
11. Mr. Loyal Schmidt
12. Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Regier
13. Robert Schwartz
14. Mrs. Peter Falk
15. Mrs. James Bertsche
16. Linda Lou Bertsche
17. Miss Selma Unruh
18. Charity Helen Eidse
19. Mr. John M. Janzen
20. Mr. Bernard Thiessen

November—
1. Miss Shirley Sprunger
2. Mr. Melvin Keim
3. Mrs. James Bertsche
4. David Albert Regier
5. Rev. Robert Bontrager
6. Mark Richard Janz
8. Elizabeth Martens
9. Miss Anna V. Liechty
10. Miss Mary Hiebert
11. Paul Rene Keidel
12. Jeannette Marie Graber
13. Barbara Loewen
14. Miss Lois Slagle
15. Stephen Claassen
16. Miss Selma Unruh
17. Charity Helen Eidse
18. Mr. John M. Janzen
19. Mr. Bernard Thiessen

December—
1. Mr. Charles Sprunger
2. Evelyn Schnell
3. Mrs. Loyal Schmidt
4. Miss Margaret Friesen
5. Joanne Elizabeth Janz
6. Mrs. Harvey Barkman
7. Mr. Melvin Loewen
8. Darrel Rocke
9. John David Loewen
10. James Peter Buller
11. Betty Jean Rempel
12. Dr. Merle H. Schwartz
13. Marilyn Jane Wiebe
14. Rev. Peter Buller
15. Mrs. Loyd Brown
16. Rev. Victor Buck

July-September, 1959

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Mutena via Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa
304 N. Washington, Wheaton, Illinois
Nyanga via Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa
Ecole Belle Vue, Kajiji via Kahemba, Congo Belge, Africa
Mukedi via Idiofa, Congo Belge, Africa
Kandale, Gungu via Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa
5 rue du Champ-de-Mars, Brussels, Belgium
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R. 3, Newton, Kansas
Ecole Belle Vue, Kajiji via Kahemba, Congo Belge, Africa
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251 West Hively Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana
Mutena via Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa
Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa
Kajiji via Kahemba, Congo Belge, Africa
B. P. 123, Leopoldville, Congo Belge, Africa
Nyanga via Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa
Taylor University, Upland, Indiana
Mukedi via Idiofa, Congo Belge, Africa
29 rue du Chatelain, Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium
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Banga via Charlesville, Congo Belge, Africa
Charlesville, Kasai District, Congo Belge, Africa
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Mutena via Tshikapa, Congo Belge, Africa
Kamayala via Kahemba, Congo Belge, Africa
1085 New Haven, Salem, Oregon

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3025 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, Arizona
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CHRISTIAN LITERATURE IN CONGO!

By Levi Keidel

1. How many people of Congo can read?
Current literacy rate of the total population is probably 25%. Latest UNESCO figures state that 75% of Congo’s school age children (tomorrow’s Church) are literate. This is one of the highest youth literacy rates in Africa.

2. How much literature is now available to our Congolese Christians?
Three languages are used by C.I.M., Counting all types of Protestant Christian Literature including text books there are currently about 75 titles in Tshilubi, 25 in Gipendi and 15 in Chokwe. The first correspondence courses are being introduced. There is a good variety of tracts available for evangelizing the unsaved. The Tshilubi edition of SANKAI, a colorful religious monthly, has completed its first year and has made an impact on the literate masses.

3. What kinds of literature are specially needed?
Books that will establish believers in the faith, devotionals, African Christian biographies, religious classics, Bible study helps, instruction on victorious Christian living in a pagan society.

4. Who is preparing this literature?
Most of it is now being prepared by missionaries. However some literary talent is being developed among our talented Congolese. Our hope is in African writers who will incorporate into their writings the thought patterns, proverbs, folklore and points of view which will grip the hearts of their own people.

5. Where is it printed?
Practically all of it on Protestant mission presses in Congo. At our Charlesville station we have two platen presses and equipment capable of preparing smaller books, tracts.

6. How is C.I.M. financing this program?
In addition to the operational budget of the press there are two literature funds dependent on your voluntary gifts:

1. Bible and Christian Literature Fund—This “revolving” fund enables the purchase of large editions of Bibles, Hymn books and other Christian literature, the money being reimbursed as the books are sold.
2. Christian Literature Subsidy Fund.—Higher priced books and BIBLES are subsidized to bring them within the price range of the people. For example a complete BIBLE is sold for 80 cents and a New Testament for 45 cents.

7. What will eventually become of this equipment and funds if the missionaries are forced to leave?
This shows the importance of Christian literature. These funds and this equipment in the hands of trained and dedicated Christian Nationals will continue their important service to the CONGO Church.

8. Why expand the Congo Literature Program in the face of rising Nationalism?
The Bible and Christian Literature keep on witnessing long after the live human witness is forced to leave or silenced. Literature is the key to a rapid inexpensive evangelical witness to the masses. Literature calls individuals to a dedication of life and service that will help stabilize communities and governments. Manuscripts by native authors are beginning to appear and will increase rapidly. This is reason for HOPE for a healthy Church in Africa of tomorrow.

9. How can we help?
Current literature funds have been provided largely by “Memorial gifts.” In memory of a departed loved one you may give tangible tokens of remembrance that will soon wither and die or you may invest a gift in Christian authors, artists, press men and colporteurs. YOU can have a real and vital part in the proclamation of the Gospel.

10. What limits our Literature Program?
1. Lack of personnel—Pray YE to the Lord of the Harvest that he will send forth laborers-both foreign missionaries and native Congolese lay workers who will both produce and distribute Christian literature.
2. Lack of funds—to support the workers and provide their expenses—to purchase tracts, Gospels, Bibles, books, pamphlets, picture rolls, posters, teaching helps, com-

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mentaries—God can bless only what we give for his use and His glory.

3. Lack of prayer and genuine Christian concern for unsaved souls on the part of many of God’s redeemed children.

Will You, Your Family, Your Sunday School Class, Your Young Peoples Group, Your Christian Endeavor Society, Girls Group, Boys Club, Womens Auxiliary, Mens Fellowship Give a consecrated offering for the Christian Literature ministry in Africa today?

TSHILUBA LITERATURE MEETING CONVENES AT CHARLESVILLE

The third annual meeting of the Tshiluba Regional Literature Committee met at Charlesville station on May 12-18. African and missionary delegates from the American Presbyterian Congo Mission and the Congo Inland Mission reviewed progress and outlined plans of the literature program in this major Central Congo dialect which reaches 3 million people.

Plans were inaugurated for indigenization of the total Christian literature program. At the end of 5 years qualified Congolese leaders are to be prepared to assume major responsibility in all areas with the Congo church offering substantial financial support. Levi Keidel of the C.I.M. and Kayembe Pierre, a Congolese of the A.P.C.M. were elected co-chairmen of the committee for the coming year.

FOOTSTEPS WITH ISRAEL

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big for us, we can run back to the shelter of our last memorial—and oh the strength we draw from it! In darkest hours, the thing that keeps us from fleeing before the enemy is the pillars we’ve erected behind us and the memory of what God has done for us there.

The enemy is still with us, but he no longer come out of the cities grinning his teeth with sword drawn. (cf. Num. 20:14-20). He’s got water in his knees. He’s got fear instead of fire in his eyes. (Josh. 2:9-11, 5:1). We may not always be ready to claim the inheritance of triumph that our Joshua has assured us (Josh. 17:14-18). But the promise of conquest is ours. Day-by-day progress against the enemy is the right and assurance of everyone of us, as we lay hold in total confidence on His promises. Perhaps our Joshua-Saviour is still asking us: “How long are ye slack to go to possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?” (Josh. 18:3).

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT — APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 1959

Total Receipts for all purposes ................................................................. $66,133.11

Expenses:

Missionary Allowances and Retirement Reserve ........................................ 32,478.64
Special direct to Missionaries ................................................................. 995.11
Regular monthly field budget ..................................................................... 8,267.48
Specific gifts paid out ............................................................................... 13,099.58
Retired Missionary allowances .................................................................... 453.13
Educational expenses in Belgium ............................................................... 1,820.85
Passage to and from field ........................................................................... 7,050.85
Medical expenses—Missionaries on furlough ............................................ 88.00
Promotional—Including “The Messenger” ................................................ 181.07
Home Administration expenses ............................................................... 3,935.29
Interest payments on annuities ................................................................. 112.50
Purchases for Missionaries—not donations ............................................... 176.55

Total Expenditures .......................................................... $68,659.10

Expenditures in excess of Receipts ............................................................ $ 2,525.99

July-September, 1959
For the first time in field conference history the Congolese church leaders were able to listen uninterruptedly, through an interpreter, to the English sessions, bible studies, and special programs. The detracting system of several individual missionary-translators right on the conference floor whispering to the African delegates was this year replaced by the much more efficient and quieter interlingual translating system patterned after that of the United Nations.

Worked out by Loyd Brown and Dr. Jim Diller, with donations by Wendel Hall of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, the adoption of this system made it possible for the Africans to take active part in the business discussions—something very vital in the indigenization of the African church.

The success of the system hinged on the interpreter, and his ability to translate fluently the English phrases and American lingo into the Tshiluba, one of the C.I.M. vernaculars used at this conference. The human element—the translator—naturally was the weakest link in the set-up, yet its very effort is witness of the growing awareness and need to help the native church leaders grasp rapidly the task that is becoming theirs.

In 1955, at the Nyanga missionary field conference two African delegates were invited as visitors, beginning a chain of events that has led year after year to further integration of the mission program with the Africans. At the 1959 Tshikapa conference five years later, 16 native delegates, two from each station area, took part in deciding actual working policies and innovations in mission operation, having equal voting power with the missionaries.

With this last meeting, the annual missionary field conference has outgrown itself, and in African wording, has more or less become “wed” to the native church conference, bringing the missionaries and church leaders together to form all decisions concerning the work of the church—one more step in the race of Congo advancement.

Caught in this environment, the African church dare not lag behind, but must keep astride the crest of progress and visualize the time when it will be on its own. By the grace of God, may it win this race, and with dynamic influence evangelize and stabilize the emerging Africa of tomorrow.
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ENTZ COMPLETES TREK TO UNEVANGELIZED VILLAGES
PERSONAL MESSAGES FROM THE MISSIONARIES
POLITICAL SITUATION IN CONGO
LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION SPARKS REVIVAL

OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 1959
THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS A SPECIAL TIME WHEN FAMILIES DRAW TOGETHER, REAFFIRMING WELL LOVED CUSTOMS AND FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS. IT IS A JOYFUL, EAGER TIME FOR THE CHILDREN, FULL OF MAKE-BELIEVE AND LAUGHTER—FOR THEIR ELDERS A TIME OF PRIDE AND PLEASURE, MEMORIES OF THINGS PAST AND HOPE FOR THINGS TO COME. IT IS A TIME OF GRATITUDE, COMPASSION, HOPE AND FAITH. GRATITUDE FOR MANY BLESSINGS AND FOR TRIALS WITHSTOOD. COMPASSION FOR THE LOST AND UNFORTUNATE. HOPE FOR PEACE AND GOOD WILL AMONG MEN. FAITH IN GOD, IN OURSELVES AND IN OUR FELLOW MAN. BELIEVING JESUS CHRIST, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS—BUT NOT ACCORDING TO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS, RATHER IN HIS OWN WAY—OF ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE ON HIM AS THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD. IN THIS SPIRIT THOSE OF US IN CONGO INLAND MISSION, WHOSE PRIVILEGE IT IS TO SERVE GOD WITH SO MANY OF YOU, EXTEND OUR WARM CHRISTIAN GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.
Nationalism and the Congo Church
By Frank Enns—retired field chairman

The political situation in the Congo provides changing scenes, and things I write now may be out of date when they reach the readers. The government is doing all it can to prepare the Congo people to carry the responsibilities of self-government. Circulars, daily papers, and broadcasts, teach and explain. Officials sit with the Africans, explain and counsel, and often exercise much patience.

Local secteur elections were held several months ago. The territorial elections come in December. Those for the Provinces in April of next year, and in the latter half of that year the legislative body will meet to establish policy. It is estimated that the complete turning over of responsibilities will take four years. To us this seems a short time to prepare a people for self-government, but to many Africans the progress is too slow. They listen to irresponsible political leaders and take their promises and directives in good faith, as though those leaders were already in power. Very important at this time is the Biblical ad-monition, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.”

Tribal rivalry is another difficulty that brings regrettable consequences. But the government is in control. Let us remember it in prayer in its difficult roll.

It is fortunate that we as a mission have the reputation that we do not mix into politics. It inspires confidence and brings good will.

How does the political situation affect the Congo church? Being a part of the Congo population, the Christians naturally are affected by this upsurge of patriotic emotions, but many look into the situation with discerning minds. They have a stabilizing influence. It is fortunate that several years ago we started to take the Africans into our confidences and asked them to participate in our missionary conferences. The decision this year to merge the African church conference and the missionary conference into one general conference, bringing about a real partner.

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There are still Macedonians waiting . . .

The colorful story of an unusual journey . . . as written by Missionary, Samuel E. Entz.

- first of two parts -

ENTZ COMPLETES TREK TO UNEVANGELIZED VILLAGES

by Samuel E. Entz

It has been nearly a year ago now since the Africans told us of a group of Batshioke villages south of Nyanga where no one has ever been with the gospel message. We have made two previous attempts to reach this isolated area with the gospel but for various reasons had to turn back both times. On August 6th, twenty African helpers, Alan Siebert and myself made the third attempt to reach these people with the gospel. God has answered the prayers of hundreds and thousands in Africa and America, who have faithfully been praying for this unreached field. Now we want to share our experiences with you as we have them recorded in our diary.

August 6th. Left Nyanga about 10:30 A.M. Arrived at Shambanda village about 4:00 P.M. We picked up some Apendi workmen enroute and now wanted to get the rest of the workmen from this Batchioke village. There were many who said they would go so we got everything ready to leave at day break the next morning. The state man and his wife were occupying the state house so Alan and I slept in an abandoned dispensary.

August 7th. Before sunrise we were at the village ready to go. We asked where the Batshioke workmen were and the chief said they all ran during the night. So we took the pickup and went to get some Bampendi workmen seventeen miles away. The Catholic teacher tried to persuade the men not to go with me but they went anyway. All of our helpers were Christians. Upon more inquiry we found there were no villages in that area on the Congo side, but across the Angola border. So we traveled west as far as Tshitepa and left the pickup in the village with a sentry and began our hike at 2:00 P.M. We had a very large plain to cross but the workmen cooperated well and we traveled 20 kilometers (12½ miles) that day. We crossed a deep canyon on a narrow strip of dirt. It was very deep on both sides. We reached a little hunter’s village of three houses at dark. I was all exhausted and my boil was causing me much pain. The pastor had a very bad boil on his arm which opened and gave him much relief. After supper we had devotions with our workmen. We all went to bed tired and lonesome way off in the wilderness but happy that we were on the way to these villages.

August 8th. We had a good night’s rest. The hunters were building the fourth house, so we put the tarpaulin over it and slept well.

We left the village a little after 8 a.m. and crossed six rivers today travelling 16 kilometers. En route we saw tracks of hippopotamus, lion and wild boar. We crossed the fourth river at 11:15 a.m. so Alan and I stopped to have a bath. While there my boil opened and I was much relieved. At 12:15 we got to the Lutshika river.
and it was too wide and deep to ford. Traveling was hard and the hills long and steep, so we were all happy for a little rest. The river was about 200 feet wide, very deep and flowing swiftly. Because of crocodiles it was not safe to swim across and get the boat for our supplies. We called and waited three hours and no help came. We had to get across somehow to get the boat. Alan was our best swimmer, so he volunteered to go across on two logs we tied together with forest vines and ropes. While he started on this dangerous adventure we were all praying for his safety. The swift current caught his frail bark and swept him down stream rapidly. Because he had only a stick for an oar he was not getting across the current as quickly as calculated and missed the landing we had anticipated. Now the current swept him around a curve and he was out of our sight! We all ran out of the forest to a clearing where we could see the river again, praying as we ran! Soon we saw Alan again going down stream, catching at the branches overhead. There he caught one, the little logs never capsized, and he stayed on top of them! Another 500 meters down river were some swift rapids—praise God he was safe! Then clutching the branches and vines he pulled his raft to shore. Then he walked back to where the hollowed out log-boat was anchored. Because of the width of the river and its swift flowing water, we did not know how Alan would ever get this boat to the other side by himself. He stayed near the shore and there he could hardly touch bottom with a 16 or 18 foot bamboo pole. After he had poled it upstream a ways, he started to cut into the current and paddled real fast with a little oar till he was across. We were rejoicing and thanked God for answering our prayers. Then we started to load our men and supplies into this hollowed out log, making four trips to cross us all.

Our hearts were deeply touched as each trip was made because the Africans were quiet and prayerful as the boat started across with another load of supplies and men. As they pushed out into the current they would join together in the singing of a gospel song, which was as God’s benediction upon those risking their lives to carry the gospel to the remote places of the world. Several times the boat nearly capsized but God had His protecting hand over us. As the last boat load crossed they sang the doxology and as it reached yonder shore we praised and thanked God together for His protection. By now the shadows were growing long and it was one hour before darkness would surround us so we hurried along to reach the first village before night fall. After a fifteen minute walk we came to a stream with a shabby log foot bridge. I went to the middle of the bridge and stood on one of the side logs to assist the carriers as they came walking by on a little six inch log, balancing with their cargo. All went well till one end of the log I was standing on slipped off its support and into the water we went! Fortunately I caught the other log and got wet only to my knees. Then we had a long steep hill to climb and a gradual descent of about three kilometers and we reached the village. The village people were friendly to us and cleared out two houses for us to sleep in. Then they brought us six eggs, one chicken, one sheep, a pan of manioc flour and six pans of bidia for our workmen. As we went to bed shortly after 10:00 P. M. we were very tired but rejoicing in the Lord for His goodness and leading through another day. Yes, we have finally reached the villages that we have been burdened for so many months where they have never heard of Jesus - - that He came to save them from their sins. Our workmen have shown wonderful cooperation and all is well.

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LAYMEN’S ASSOCIATION SPARKS REVIVAL

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under the Spirit of God should all pitch in to work in the church.

News of his coming to Kahemba (Kazadi Matthew’s pastorate) drew an overflow crowd who waited most of the afternoon for his arrival. Three hundred people attended an evening service lit by a single Alladin lamp. Local laymen have started street meetings (three times weekly) to continue for several weeks. Their first meeting was attended by about 750 people.

You know what we're praying for; that dedicated laymen will spark revival that will spread to all of Kasai and beyond. Will you join us?
**Personal . . .**

**MESSAGES**

**FROM TSHIKAPA STATION**

Mrs. Allan Wiebe writes:

Dear Friends in the Homeland,

Greetings from Tshikapa and the Christians here! This is the first Wednesday of the month, and as is our custom, we met for a special prayer service early this morning. My own heart was blessed as I listened to the sincere prayers of the Congo women. A group of forty Congo men were praying in the front part of our new church while the women were gathered in the rear. Their hearts are fearful these days and they know that in God they have a sure refuge. Several other groups met in classrooms. Our pastor Emil carries a great burden in his heart for the people here, and is a real prayer warrior. We are praying especially at this time, that God may send a real revival in our midst in the coming evangelistic campaign with pastor Kazadi Matthew. We invite you to pray with us so that many souls may be released from the chains of darkness and many more may experience new joy and victory in their personal lives.

**PERSONAL CHANGES**

We have had a lot of coming and going at Tshikapa in the past few months. The Archie Graber’s left for furlough soon after conference. Shortly after we were happy to welcome three new missionaries to our station namely Richard and Gladys Steiner and boys and Sue Schmidt. We had just begun the new school with a new group in Bible Institute when the Waldo Harder’s had to leave on an emergency furlough. The students felt the loss very keenly as well as the missionaries. We do praise the Lord for the willingness of the Art Janz’s to move here at this time to help us. Miss Amanda Reimer has also arrived from England and is already busy caring for the sick. Miss Hulda Banman has been in charge of the medical work here for several months but will go to Charlesville to work with the doctors there. Tshikapa is
also happy to have a IW fellow here for the first time. Paul Roth will be helping us until he leaves next year. Every available room has been put to good use including all guest house space. The new missionaries as well as those from the Apende speaking area are all busy studying Tshiluba at this time with Fanny Schmallenberger.

- **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** -

The educational opportunities still present a tremendous challenge to us here in the Congo. The new group in Bible Institute have demonstrated a very fine spirit of cooperation and spiritual insight. They have come with their families to stay with us for the coming three years. Most all of our C.I.M. stations are represented. We welcome a new African teacher Katuku Robert and his family to the Bible Institute staff. He is one of our Christians from here but had now spent seven years in higher schools in the Presbyterian Mission. He graduated from Theology school this last spring. He is a fine, intelligent and spiritual young man for whom we praise the Lord. Pray for him, that he be used mightily of the Lord here. We also opened a Bible School for younger boys this year and Katuku Robert is teaching here too part time together with Pastor Emil. 35 boys are enrolled.

- **VILLAGE SUNDAY SCHOOLS** -

It has been a joy to see Africans catch the vision of the need of Sunday Schools in our out-stations. Adult quarters had been handed out for some years but the children were missing out on Sunday School. Some 30 classes are held each Sunday now each with 40 pupils or more enrolled. Many teachers have come on their own accord and requested lessons and picture rolls to go with them so that they might begin this good work in villages where they teach. More and more we realize that it is only as the African sees the need of evangelizing his fellow Africans that the work of the church can really go ahead and reach the masses. May God grant them that vision. We also have a great need for many more capable spiritual leaders to guide the future church.

We have had an extra abundance of rain this year. Just now it is falling in torrents again, as it only can do in the tropics. Roads and buildings find it difficult to stand up in all the downpours.

We do so much appreciate our new church building here at Tshikapa. When it was built it seemed so large, but we are happy to report that it is usually two-thirds full on Sunday mornings. We wish you could have been with us this last Sunday, Bible Sunday, to see the display of Bible in various languages of this country and others and to hear the heart searching message by the African pastor and the heart stirring songs by the 60 voice choir. It was good to be in the House of the Lord in this country. His presence was very real. We are looking to God to give us many more fruitful years here and that peace, His peace may fill the hearts of His children here.

- **HOLIDAY VACATION** -

Soon the Kajiji children will be thinking of coming home for the month of December. Ruth and Marilyn Wiebe and Larry Jantz will be coming back to our station. They have been reporting of a fine school year there. Janet Wiebe and Mark Jantz are going to school here with Aunt Selma as teacher.

Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are just around the corner. We wish to extend our best wishes to you all for a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. We have much to thank and praise the Lord for here and are also looking forward to a blessed time of again proclaiming the good news of Christ’s birth many years ago. We need your continued support in every way so that the work here may go forward. May we count on you?

In Him,

Allan and Selma Wiebe
Dear Friends in Christ:

"Looking unto Jesus—" is the slogan by which we move forward even in troubled times like these. In spite of a little excitement here and there we are still continuing our work without any unusual hindrances. However, there is a tenseness in evidence which appears to be waiting only for a spark to ignite it.

The Society of Lulua Brothers which is an organization in the Lulua tribe and comprises the majority of our local people is gaining strength and is aiming at political superiority. Because of the nature of their meetings they are a threat to the spirituality of its Christian members. We have been grieved to see its crippling effect in the spiritual lives of many Christians. We need to be much in prayer for them.

The present demand for well trained leadership for governmental posts has caused many heretofore backward and indifferent tribes to become aware of their lack and are now becoming anxious that their young people gain better training. Consequently most of our schools are crowded to absolute capacity. We have placed teachers in a number of new villages.

We are having a serious economic recession in a large part of our area. The reason appears to be a lack of market for their crops and a lowering of prices of what they can market. The lack of a vision of progression is a serious hindrance to many in developing new methods of income. Here our Agricultural Missions project finds an almost unlimited field. A flock of chickens is being developed and we trust that shortly it will be possible to begin distributing them among the people. A chicken vaccination program has been started for village chickens but so far the Africans have not been fully convinced that vaccination is what they need. A cattle project is being planned and should be under way in the near future.

The new maternity building is moving on to completion. The medical department is anxiously waiting for the time when they shall be able to occupy it. The five hundred and seventy one babies delivered during the past twelve months compares well with the three hundred and twenty six of the preceding twelve months and gives an indication of the growth of the work.

Our first fifth grade class to be taught off the station has been started at one of our regional centers and is occupying one of the three rooms of our recently completed cement block building given us by the government.

We have been having much rain lately

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and all the vegetation is displaying a lush growth.

Sincerely in Him,
E. J. Dick

FROM BANGA STATION
Helen Schnell writes, "Look not to rumors, but to the REGIONS BEYOND."

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the Hills from whence cometh my help. My Help cometh from the LORD which made heaven and earth." Psalms 121:1-2.

Yes, let us lift our eyes unto the Lord and away from all the strife and rumors that tend to make us fearful nowadays. There is hardly a day passes, but that young people or men come to us with some false rumor and ask, "It it true?"

The rumor has spread now that everyone was to have died yesterday, and if they did not die, a big storm of rain like that of Noah's time was to have come. But we are yet very much alive this morning and the sun is shining brightly. Some people believed this rumor and killed their chickens and stayed right in their houses yesterday waiting for the end. These poor ignorant misinformed people, my heart goes out to them. Since the cry for Independence has come from the leaders at the big centers, the people here in the "bush" get some unimaginably distorted concepts of the entire thing.

They need our prayers and our patience. We must answer their questions, no matter how silly and simple they may seem to us. Some days the veranda is constantly in use with people inquiring as to this or that, and what they should do. An occasional government official becomes nervously exhausted as to conditions and rumors, and must be temporarily relieved of his responsibilities for recuperation and rest. How we wish and pray that they would know our Lord and Saviour and could have the peace and joy within that we the Lord's own have.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Tshitende School

October-December, 1959
Saviour, I send you Greetings. May you have a Joyous and Happy celebration of the wonderful birth of the Prince of Peace into this world. Also may you feel the call to proclaim to others this message of the Angels, the shepherds and the newborn Saviour.

We feel that the Second Coming of our Lord is drawing nigh and may even now be at hand. Let us remember to pray for the laborers in His vineyard.

Yours in His Service 'til He comes,
Helen & Russell Schnell

Eudene Keidel writes:

C. I. M. Banga

Dear home-folks,

A little news from the Keidels? I teach Priscilla every day. She is in second grade now, and learns quickly. In the afternoon she has her music lesson to practice. Perry and Ruth spend the day climbing trees, riding the tricycle, playing in the sand box and getting into the normal amount of mischief. Maybe yours don’t! Paul has gone out into the world on his own at 9 years of age—. He is at Kajiji, our missionary children’s school 350 miles southwest of here.

We are trying to add meat and eggs to our diet by raising chickens. We have 5 baby chicks now and a couple of hens setting, so we aren’t in “big business” yet. Don’t laugh, but we have discovered that out here it takes 5 weeks for duck eggs to hatch. I know it sounds “fishy”, but it’s true. We also have a mother turkey with 4 little ones. The fowl’s diet is corn, millet, and peanuts for protein at 3c a pound.

REPORT ON VILLAGE WORK

We just got back from 16 days itinerating in the northern Basonga area. I held women’s conferences at centers where we set up “camp,” while Levi worked in the surrounding villages. We all of us love village work, including the little ones! We travelled about 650 miles, held 40 meetings, 2,465 people attended, 557 Christians were served communion. there were 45 first time decisions for Christ and 7 backsliders who returned. I was real pleased with the women’s response, especially in some places. Some walked more than 5 miles to attend. Sometimes I drew bigger crowds than Levi! Ha!

Perhaps you wonder what we do for pastime. We won’t have TV in Congo for awhile. With gas at 60c a gallon we don’t travel far. Before Paul went away to school, we went swimming at a nice lake eight miles from here. We have camped out one night. We sometimes put our supper in a basket and eat in a nearby forest, or have a Weiner roast (they come in cans out here!) in our back yard. We both like reading. I have been reading books on archeology and Levi biographies and journalism. About once a week Levi and I have a Scrabble contest. It’s nip and tuck between us. Once in awhile we get together as a station for an evening of games. You know that while “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,” it makes dull missionaries too.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In January Levi hopes to be able to get out into the unoccupied villages that have not had a Gospel witness for over 15 years. The younger generation, most of them at least, has never heard the Gospel. Pray for this trip.

Pray also for the missionary children’s school: the financial needs and their need for spiritual guidance. We certainly appreciate having a place to send our children where we know that they will be receiving good spiritual as well as mental training.

I have enjoyed this little visit with you. Won’t you have a chat with us real soon? All it takes is a postage stamp you know. Sincerely in Him,

Eudene Keidel

FROM CHARLESVILLE STATION

Dear Friends,

“And thou shalt call His name JESUS. For he shall save His people from their sins.”

At this Christmas season we find ourselves in a very different Congo that we have seen heretofore. This land stands in need of your prayers as perhaps never before. Join us in prayer that many here will be able to say as Simeon of old said, “I have seen thy salvation.” The Christian population are praying earnestly for peace in their land and they are faithfully looking unto the Prince of Peace.

A year is swiftly drawing to its close and
as we review our work we see many changes in personnel, we see progress in various avenues of service, and material changes by way of new buildings added and one very old one torn down. The Loewens are in Belgium. Paul Roth and Allen Siebert have taken up duties at other stations while James Peters and John Heese have come to take their places. More recently Dr. and Mrs. Hildebrand and boys arrived from Belgium. Hulda Banman - also joined our staff.

This past year brought the beginning of our girls home economics school that we have prayed for sometime. A very nice "model house" has been built for this new work. Another new building is a 72 bed dormitory for our increased number of students. A much needed unit has been added to the medical facilities.

We have been able to place resident evangelists in some villages that have not had evangelists before and we have been encouraged to see the results. We are still in great need of many more evangelists. It is difficult work often times with little remuneration and many feel the price is too great and they are unwilling to take up the work. False cults that have originated among the Congolese are taking hold in a number of villages. So there are new forces of evil to face in the name of our Conqueror.

We look forward to the approaching new year with courage and confidence in the One who called us to this land and who said, "Lo, I am with you always."

All of us at Charlesville station want to wish for each one of you a blessed Christmas season and His best for you throughout the New Year.

Harold Graber

THE GOSPEL ON THE WINGS OF AUDIO-AIDS:

Loyd Brown, Charlesville, Kasai

Dear Praying Friends,

I believe many of you will like to hear a report of some of the progress that has been made in the uses of audio-aids in our Congo Mission Field.

In July I finished my job of designing and constructing our Inter-Lingual Communications System, which was used first at our Annual Field Conference at the beginning of August. The purpose of this system, like the similar system used at United Nations, is to furnish through earphones a running translation of all the messages and proceedings in a meeting to all people who do not understand the language being used on the floor. The first part of the system sends the proceedings and program material to an interpreter's "booth." The interpreter for each language renders his interpretation into a microphone to be heard by the people needing it, as they listen through earphones. This system, which is to be used at committee meetings as well as at conferences is an essential tool for promoting African and missionary understanding in these crucial days of transition. It is much needed because we have no one common language that all delegates from all parts of our field, both African and missionary, can understand.

VILLAGE WORK WITH P.A. SYSTEM

The last two weeks in September I went to the outstations of Mbau and Makumbi with Harold Grabers to help hold two weeks of evangelistic meetings, with Tshisungu Daniel, APCM evangelist, as speaker. My job was to broadcast with loudspeakers the complete services from the grass roofed chapels at each place. People within a mile of the meeting could hear it, even though they were seated on their own porches or even though they belonged to another faith that forbid them to enter the meeting. This was our first rigorous, extensive exploitation of the loudspeaker system we have mounted on our green carry-all. We wish to express again our thanks to all
of you in the Evangelical Mennonite Church who gave the Lord’s money to this project so that multiplied hundreds of people can now hear the Gospel whether they be in a meeting or near it.

We used this P. A. system also to invite many people to the meetings as we drove up and down the roads. The loudspeakers were in use up to 6 hours a day as we would invite people and play Protestant music to them for purposes of good-will. We Protestants have a great asset and appeal in our music, and I believe it can be used to win much good-will in the hearts of these people who are inherent music lovers.

During our two weeks in the outstations there was one service that was a special blessing and thrill. On Sunday, September 27, we had an afternoon meeting at Kabambaya. Within about 15 minutes after driving into the village, playing music and giving invitations over the loudspeakers, we had a thousand people ready to have a meeting. Besides having many Christians we had a good number of people from the heretical sects: Bena Malemba, Apostles and Prophets, these being recognizable by their white bonnet and white shirt garbs. When the invitation was given 56 people came forward either to rededicate their lives or to accept Christ for the first time.

We note that with loudspeakers people continue to be attracted to the meetings even after the service starts. Also they can hear well in the meeting and are therefore more attentive and of course the Spirit of God I believe has a better chance to work. We believe the continued extensive use of the loudspeakers has great possibilities not only at Charlesville, but at other locations also. In the radio repair shop I have been putting loudspeaker systems in working order for other stations so that they too can give the Gospel to multiplied hundreds at one time.

**Opportunities for Radio Broadcasts**

Looking to the near future we find we have another opportunity for the service of audio-visual aids in the propagation of the Christian Gospel. We have open, hearty invitation to broadcast radio programs over two radio stations: (1) ELWA, Monrovia, Liberia, missionary station and (2) the nearby easily heard government radio station in Luluabourg. In addition we have an open invitation to present programs over the loudspeaker system which the Forminier diamond mining company has installed in the Tshikapa camp to entertain probably over a thousand people living there. This threefold challenge is the greatest opportunity yet for audio-visual services here in our Congo field.

For these three projects it is mandatory that we prepare programs on tape recording. The chief bottle-neck now is the need for a recording machine of acceptable quality. Therefore I have spent hours and days on end trying to redesign and remodel my $100 tape machine to do an acceptable recording job like that of a $600 professional quality machine. There is no room for a slip-shod recording job when trying to reach this many people with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We owe it to our many Christians and the many other Tshiluba speaking Congolese who have radios as of recent years, to put the Gospel on the air. So tentatively, Levi Keidel and I have set down the first two weeks in January to assemble recorded material from all over our field and make up programs. We ask your earnest prayers as we enter this new enterprise for Him that the proper talent and equipment be made available.

Sincerely in His service

Loyd Brown

**From Kandala Station**

Kornelia Unrau Reports On Women’s Conference

The theme song which opened our conference on Tuesday night set the keynote for the days to come:

“There is sunshine in my soul today, more glorious and bright than glows in any earthly sky. For Jesus is my LIGHT.”

The opening address by our pastor was on our key verse, Matt. 5:16: “Let your light so shine before men—”. In a very heart-searching manner he helped answer the question, “How can I, a woman, serve Christ?” A testimony meeting followed, where God was praised for His loving care, His help in sickness and His joy in our lives. These lights were not hid under a...
bushel. Their happy faces proved to us all that they had caught the glow of Jesus the Light of the world.

**EMPHASIS UPON CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

Two delegates were sent from each of our 15 regions. The majority were young women, but there were some elderly grandmothers present as well, who had known the Lord for years. Mrs. Frank Enns was with us for these days, and spoke on GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN FAMILY, IMPORTANT THINGS IN THE HOME (Bible, hymnbooks, wall mottoes, etc.) TEACHING IN THE HOME, PRAYER IN THE HOME, and DUTIES OF A CHRISTIAN FAMILY IN THE CHURCH.

I spoke daily on “Where we should let our lights shine.” Three of the African women also gave messages which, with the songs by groups from different regions, added to the “sunshine in our souls.”

Wednesday evening the house was filled to capacity. A lady who had studied with her husband at our Tshikapa Bible Institute gave a flannelgraph talk on the Word of God. Then the program climaxed with the play, “Take Time to be Holy.” A busy housewife answers the door and meets a Christian friend who asks her why she has not been to church lately. The answer is, “We have other things to do. We have no time for church.” During the conversation there is another knock at the door. A Bible sales-woman enters. The housewife needs no Bible for they never have time to read the one they have. Instead she buys a lovely wall motto, “Take time to be holy. Speak oft of thy Lord.” She hangs it on the wall and its message begins to speak to her heart. Soon another friend comes to borrow a little flour and she sees the motto and starts talking about its truth. The busy housewife has a change of heart and resolves to follow the admonition of friends and the words of the motto.

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

Thursday eve we enjoyed a fellowship meal, of “Musa” and pork and tea, served on long tables on the lawn. Afterwards filmstrips and slides on the Life of Christ and other interesting subjects were shown. Many people other than the conference women were present.

Friday morning, delegates were given candles with which to illustrate to the women in their home villages the messages they had heard. We pray with them that the blessings of this conference will reach into the hearts of their home village women and bring “sunshine into many more souls.

In His Service,
Kornelia Unruh

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**FROM NYANGA STATION**

Frieda Guengerich writes:

C. I. M. Nyanga

From Nyanga Station
Dear Praying Friends,

This evening the closing session of the Nyanga District Women’s Conference was held in the church here. Delegates were present from all but two of the regional centers. Forty-three enrolled from the outstations and fifty four local women also attended. Sessions began Thursday evening. Mrs. Merle Schwartz from Mukedi was the main speaker of the conference, speaking on the theme of the Christian woman’s witness. Three of our women had had the opportunity of attending a women’s conference at Luluabourg last July and they shared what they had received there with the delegates in classes they taught each morning and afternoon.

**Rewarding Returns**

Friday evening the older women gave a short dramatization of the “forced conscription” used to get the girls to come to the mission in the early days. Girls’ work often seems difficult and unrewarding, but surely we are seeing the fruits of it in the lives of these women who are leaders in the
women's work today. We are glad to see new enthusiasm among the women for the Lord's work and a real concern on their part to win others. Pray with us that the blessings of this conference may reach out into each regional center and bring forth fruit in the lives of others.

For the past two weeks our church leaders have been doing house-to-house visitation preparation for evangelistic meetings. Our evangelist, Shidi Lasalo, a Bible School teacher from Mutena, is ill at the moment. We're praying for his speedy recovery that he soon be able to come.

Children Clamor for School

This school year has brought more children than ever to our primary school. We have two classes of every grade but second and there are four fifth grades. Each class of third, fourth and fifth grade has an average of fifty pupils. There was a remarkable increase in the number enrolled in the first grade, making it necessary to divide the class into two. Outstation classes are also crowded. God has given us a great opportunity and a grave responsibility in these young lives that we might have a part in shaping and molding them and winning them for Christ. It is impossible for me to know them all personally, but I have a great concern for the teachers upon whom this responsibility falls. Pray for them and for me as I seek to counsel and guide them in their work.

We are happy to note that about 38% of the pupils in 3rd and 4th grades are girls. We also have one girl in 6th grade and several are enrolled in the Aide Accoucheuse (mid-wifery) class which trains them to be helpers in the maternity hospital.

We are happy to have Lodema Short back with us and also to welcome Daisy Martens into our Nyanga Missionary family. She arrived here from Belgium early in October and is teaching in the Teachers Training School.

Youth for Christ Progresses

Several weeks ago the new officers of the Youth for Christ were installed in an evening candle-light service. As the officers and then the members lighted their candles from the main candle representing Christ, our Light, we had an effective dramatization of the power of the Gospel to dispel the darkness of this world. Pray that each of these young lives may truly be as a lighted torch shining brightly for the Lord in these critical days.

As I write this, Christmas is still two months away, but I do wish for all of you a very blessed holiday season. We are living in days of rapid change. But the message of the angel on that holy night still brings joy to our hearts. "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." Let us keep our hearts stayed upon Him.

In His service,
Frieda Guengerich

Mary Epp Writes First Letter From Congo

Dear Friends: Greetings from Kamayala

In the afternoon of September 15 a plane swooped through the clouds to reveal to Sue Schmidt and me our future land of promise. For years God had been preparing us for mission work in the Congo and now my heart prayed fervently, "Keep us faithful and fill us with thy spirit that our labour may be a blessing and glorifying to Thee."

Suddenly we found ourselves transplant-
ed into a different world. The Congo River, wide and slow, flowed majestically beneath us. Then as we drove from the modern airport to Leopoldville we saw colorfully dressed women working in the manioc fields and others carry large baskets of manioc or trunks of firewood on their heads. Soon palm trees, only dreamt of in Canada, spread their feathery leaves above us. There could be no doubt in our minds: this was really the Congo the way missionaries had described it.

Though this land is so different from any other country I have seen I have never felt like a stranger here. The friendly welcome of missionaries and Congolese Christians made me feel at home immediately. But whenever I was inclined to find certain habits, especially in the villages, rather strange, I was quietly reminded by the steady gaze of children’s eyes that I after all, am the greater curiosity in their land. What a thrill it was to witness the first baptism services: to hear the hearty singing of Christian songs and see the earnest faces of the young converts as they awaited baptism. Though I could not understand a word that was said I was reminded of my own baptism and sensed our oneness in Christ.

The need for more workers and more Christian literature is apparent on every hand but great things have already been wrought in the Congo by God. Not the beat of heathen drums but the singing of Gospel hymns can be heard at many campfires today. Nevertheless it is difficult for the Congolese to deny his background completely. God has proven his loving faithfulness to many, let us pray that they may prove faithful to Him even in times of stress.

Mary Epp
Kamayala

FROM MUKEDI
Margaret Friesen Writes
Dear Co-workers in Christ:
“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”

This is the message we long to proclaim to the multitudes—Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save that which is lost. “A tried Stone, a precious Cornerstone, a Sure Foundation.” We are living today in a world that seemingly has little room for Jesus, with it’s materialism wars, envies and strife. How much room has He in your heart and mine? Is He crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Let us pledge ourselves anew to the jealous guardianship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Occupy New Hospital
Our hearts rejoice daily for all the Lord hath done for us. We rejoice to see the new hospital slowly moving to completion. We are trusting to move in as soon as the water

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Some typical troubles in Congo Construction

BUILDING BUSINESS
(Progress Report on the new Banga Church)
By Allan Siebert

Most generally our work crew consists of four masons, a carpenter, a chauffeur and four or more "flunkies" who serve in most any capacity from mixing mortar to carrying messages. On a typical Thursday morning after our regular devotions together, I start giving the instructions for the day and inquiring about unfinished business from the preceding day. In Congo, just as in America, Thursday follows Wednesday and therefore we had quit work the preceding day a half hour early in order to attend the weekly prayer meeting. First question: "Why weren't you at the meeting yesterday?" Carpenter: "I went over to the State Administrator to pay my taxes since I have no other time." Chauffeur: "I went to the Catholic Mission to visit a relative who is ill." Don't we quit work early on Wednesdays in order to go to Prayer meeting? Yes. After this I want to see each of you present.

About this time the last mason straggles in. Excuse please. "Don't you know we have a very small child and I have to take care of it until my wife gets back from the spring?" Well how about the mortar men. Where are they? "Well, Saul's wife ran away and he ran after her to try to bring her back. She says he doesn't make enough money. Pierre is sick and the rest are here.

And here they are. Moses says "the cement is all gone again. Get some more from the supply shed." Norbert says "the school kids stole all our water again last night. What shall I do?" Jack says, "The chauffeur sent me to tell you that something is wrong with the truck." Also about this time the carpenter informs me that the motor needs some oil and the head mason says the cement blocks are almost gone and by this afternoon they'll need some poles thirty feet long or longer for scaffolds. By this time one thinks he could really sympathize with Job.

Well, this is to inform you about the building and not an outlet to express our difficulties. At this writing the four walls are up plus the greater share of one gable. The entrance is partially completed, needing only the steps. The stage front is also nearly done. What we are really waiting on is sufficient lumber for the trusses. It takes a total of nineteen 2x6's to make one truss and we need seven of them. Besides this we need at least the equivalent of that for the remainder of the roof. If you think that this isn't much, try to imagine how much work it is for the natives to saw all of this lumber by hand. Then try to realize how crude this lumber is and consequently how

PAX men Alan Siebert and Larry Bartel on the Job

CONGO MISSIONARY MESSENGER
much waste there is before we get it squared up and planed. Next remember that the natives find it very difficult to remember and follow instructions concerning the size of the boards desired. Now don’t you agree that this is no minor project? Yes, there is a sawmill about a hundred miles away but we simply can’t afford to go that far after it and pay their prices.

The church benches are as yet hardly begun. Due to the size of the bench ends we have to plane all of them by hand. Our planer is only twelve inches wide. The Congolese who pay for an entire bench including the concrete it stands on are given the honor of having their names inscribed on the bench end. This costs ten dollars and is quite an accomplishment for a single person. We have about ten or twelve paid for in this manner, and since we need about 25 or 30 more, we are extending this proposition to you as well.

So—we may not be able to finish the church and dedicate it on Christmas Day as we had hoped, but we believe that as finances continue to arrive, we will be able to finish the Lord’s House by His grace. I might add that Larry and I consider it a real privilege to be in charge of such a large project.

CIM offers unusual opportunities to young men interested in investing two years of their life on the mission field. Write, H. A. Driver, Congo Inland Mission, 251 W. Hively, Elkhart, Indiana.

FROM MUKEDI

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system has been completed. Then also we are anxiously awaiting the installment of our first x-ray unit. Many are coming daily for care and many have found a new life in Christ. Pray much for these new babes in Christ in these days.

Village Clinics

Coming this month will be a new venture in the Medical Department—that of our Village Clinics. Dr. and Mrs. Schwartz, the Lord willing, will be leaving for their first trip to the more distant villages of our area where they will conduct various clinics, such as baby clinics, prenatal clinics, etc. We are especially concerned with one of our northern villages, Pugulu, which is one of our larger centers and which is too far away for the people to come in for medical care. Yes, we do desire to give them the medical care they so much need but, above that, may it be a means of reaching many more with the message of the Gospel of Peace, and may they not only find healing for their bodies but may they meet personally the Great Physician who is able to bring healing to both body and soul. We praise the Lord for this avenue of service that has been opened to us in going out to the highways and the byways, but it will only be a means of blessing, my friends, as you will stand by us in much prayer.

New Bible School Building

Another note of praise is our Bible School which has just recently been completed and has again opened it’s doors to a large group of young people to prepare themselves for Christian service, whether it be in the home or other places of responsibility. Pray with us, won’t you, that from this place may come forth strong soldiers of Jesus Christ, men and women who will be able to establish Christian homes and communities on which in turn can be built a strong, indigenous church that will be able to go forward for Christ.

As we enter this Christmas season may our hearts as never before be stayed on the Prince of Peace, He who hath said, “fear ye not. The battle is not yours, but God’s.” Therefore, let us unitedly claim His promises and daily go forth, rejoicing in the sunshine of His love. For He hath said, “Ye shall not need to fight in this battle, set yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord.”

Yours for souls in Congo,
Margaret Friesen
Station Secretary
NEW HIGH SCHOOL DORMITORY AT ECOLE BELLE VUE

By Walter Sawatsky

May 10, 1959, was a memorable day for us at Ecole Belle Vue — the missionary children’s school in the Belgian Congo. At 6 a.m. that day Brother Art Wiebe, field builder of the Mennonite Brethren Mission, and a group of eager native workmen invaded our campus to begin the construction of an urgently-needed dormitory. In a short time, lines were drawn and workmen began to dig trenches for the footings of the building. As soon as the trenches were dug, a group of native masons began the task of pouring the footings and laying up the foundation. Each day saw the walls climbing higher and higher to their final completion.

September 2, another memorable day, the workmen evacuated the completed building, and happy students moved in. Yes, in a little over four months, we saw the completion of this beautiful high school dormitory.

In looking back upon these past months of construction, praise and thanks rise up within our hearts. In the first place, praise is due our heavenly Father for the many answers to prayers that went into this project and for His guiding and protecting hand during the construction. Thanks also goes to the many kind people in America who played such a vital part in making this project possible through their many gifts.

Last year we had crowded conditions at Belle Vue. All the rooms, measuring 9 by 12 feet, were crowded with four and five students. The children and staff prayed for a new building for we knew that with an increased enrollment we could not accommodate all the students who would be coming for the new school term. Today these prayers have been answered.

The new building measuring 30 by 138 feet, has two wings attached on either side of a large veranda and house-parents’ apartment. Each wing contains seven sleeping-rooms and one bathroom. It is planned to accommodate 28 students. However, an additional 14 students could be accommodated if the need arose. The gray stucco and pink plaster building adds much to the beauty of the Ecole Belle Vue campus.

The brightly-painted interior of the building gives a homey atmosphere. Each room is equipped with a double-deck bed, chest of drawers, simple desk, two chairs and a walk-in closet. The veranda provides ample space for free-time activities such as shuffleboard, table-tennis and many other games. Space has been provided in the attic above the veranda and apartment for storage.

Dedication service for this fine building is planned in connection with the Christmas program during which time many parents and friends are expected.

Again, we say “thank you” to all who have helped make this building a reality. The Ecole Belle Vue family certainly appreciates it.
In Memory of

EDNA MOSER KENSINGER

Missionary to Congo 1919 to 1925
Translated to Glory by death
October, 1959

A Tribute

By Mrs. Alma Bixel Mellinger

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.” Psalm 116:15.

When death enters our homes it brings sorrow to those who are left to mourn their departure, but to those who are saved the Psalmist says, such an experience is precious in the sight of the Lord. Death to the Christian is the gate-way into heaven. David said, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou are with me.”

I am sure that the death of our dear sister, Mrs. Edna Kensinger, too, was precious in the sight of the Lord. She is now in the presence of the One whom she served faithfully and loved so much while here on earth.

It was my blessed privilege to become acquainted with Edna some forty years ago. We first met on the train going to Chicago to attend Moody Bible Institute. We soon had things in common from that time on when we discovered we were going to the same place for the same interest. When we arrived at Moody’s we were surprised beyond our expectation to learn that we were to live together as roommates for our first term. We thanked the Lord for this because we were both interested in the mission work in Africa.

The Kensingers left for Africa before I did. When I arrived on the field in 1920 my heart was filled with joy to learn that I was assigned to work at Charlesville station and live in the same house with Mr. and Mrs. Kensinger. This was indeed good news to me. I found my room all cleaned and furnished, ready to move in. Can you see why Edna seemed like a real sister to me? She was a wonderful help to me in getting adjusted to my new environment. These folks were kind and patient in teaching the language to me. We ate at the same table all the time while on the field together.

The natives too had every respect for Edna and could not help but be impressed with her sweet Christian life that she manifested among them. The name which the natives gave her was: Mama Suila, which means “Mother of love”.

I have fond memories of those days we spent together in Africa. Usually after our day’s work we would go out to the villages in the evening to visit the natives in their homes. This was a blessed experience for us as well as for them. We would tell them the story of salvation, how Christ died for all and invite them to our services on the station.

How well do I remember how often we would hear a knock at the door in the evening when we were about ready to retire for the night. As we opened the door a native would be standing outside and saying: “I have come to ask you how I can be saved. I want the Lord Jesus to come into my heart.” Experiences such as these cannot be forgotten.

How many souls will be able to enjoy heaven through all the ages to come, because Edna Kensinger pointed them to the Lord Jesus Christ who alone is able to save, only eternity will tell.

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John D. Heese
James E. Peters

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Robert Schmidt
Bernard Thiessen

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Larry Unruh

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Donovan Unruh

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NATIONALISM AND THE CONGO CHURCH
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ship of the African and the missionary in the total mission program, has been greeted with acclaim and satisfaction. No more does our leadership feel that it is dominated by the missionary. As one had expressed it to his people, “In the church we have independence.”

Our church leaders do not want the missionaries to leave, and they advocate no radical departure from our present mission policy. The responsibilities they see coming upon them almost overwhelm some of them. Just the other day one expressed the hope of an isolated group of people that missionaries would come to live among them. A similar group but larger of another mission offers to build a house for the missionary, just so the missionary will come to live among them, and the mission is giving this offer careful consideration. So let us not give room to the thought that the missionaries will not be wanted or needed anymore. With independence coming here greater opportunities of service may open up. The African does not have the pride and confidence in his cultural and religious background that some oriental nationals have. Therefore missionaries with the proper training, attitude, and a Christ-like spirit will continue not only to be welcome, but in demand, I believe. Students from here will come to our schools for training, forming another bond.

I envision our Congo church becoming part of the Mennonite World Community that shares spiritual, mental, and physical gifts as the needs appear, “For the perfection of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” (Eph. 4:12). This should in no way make less necessary the united witness of the Congo church under such organization as the present Congo Protestant Council. But our church still needs the international fellowship. We have examples of this in the fellowship that has developed among the churches of the three continents: Europe, South and North America.

Many of our church leaders believe that independence should come gradually. And as far as the church is concerned they would like for us to work in partnership with them. They want us to stay. A Congo-wide uprising against authority does not seem likely at present. Therefore we have good prospects to be able without much interruption to continue, like Paul, “Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him!” Acts 28:31.

Frank J. Enns

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likely that any situation will arise in the foreseeable future which would involve a general evacuation of our missionaries.

In this issue on page 3, Frank J. Enns, My Colleague of nearly 30 years of service in C. I. M., writes of the implications for the Church caused by these turn of events. We have much confidence in the young Mission Church and her National leadership. Although the tension and persecution necessary to these times of great change cause anxiety and discomfort. We believe they shall mark great programs in the establishing of Christ’s church in Africa. We call on all Christians in America to stand by faithfully with intercessory prayer and loyal support.

October-December, 1959

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BIRTHDAYS OF OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR CHILDREN

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2. Mrs. Vernon Sprunger
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6. Mr. John Heese
7. Kathleen Marie Sprunger
8. Miss Hulda Banman
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29. Mrs. James Diller
30. Mrs. Vernon Sprunger
31. Nancy Graber

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Congo Missionary Messenger:
POLITICAL SITUATION IN CONGO
V. J. Sprunger

Brother Sprunger will lead a delegation of board members to the field in February to implement action of the board toward full integration of the Mission with the National Church looking toward complete organization of the work as soon as desirable and practical, Editor.

The Belgian Congo has enjoyed a social advancement more marked than any other country in Africa during the last half of a century.

Belgium has done well what she has done for Congo. Housing developments in urban centers, social security measures for all employees, and the rapid development of the educational system in the last decade with education for the masses are examples of the progress achieved.

Belgium did not anticipate such an early demand for independence, thinking that the social legislation would keep the inhabitants satisfied for at least a number of years yet. (The mouth that is fed does not bite the hand that is feeding it.)

In 1958 when French Colonies had elections and voted for autonomy the spirit of independence was kindled in Leopoldville just across the Congo River from Brazzaville, the capital of French Equatorial Africa. The spark became a fire when the riots broke out in Leopoldville in January of 1959. The ethnical group known as the Bakongo tribe were largely the instigators of fanning the flame. They are also known as the Abako.

It is estimated that more than sixty political parties are in existence and largely represent that many ethnical groups. It has become a struggle for tribal superiority even as was the situation before Livingstone arrived in Africa. There is at this time no dominant political party nor any single Congolese leader of national stature.

Numerous instances of inter-tribal struggles have been reported, i.e. Baluba-Lulua at Luluabourg, and the Watutsi-Bahutu strife in Ruanda-Urundi. These tribes represent an important sector of the population.

Belgium has proposed and is planning elections on territorial level throughout the Congo for early December, 1959 and elections on the provincial level promised for early 1960. The first national house of representatives and senate are to be seated by the end of 1960.

A few of the political parties, however, are planning to boycott the election in December, according to the latest word we have. They insist that the elected people would simply be a puppet government of the Belgians. There is a lack of good faith displayed by the Congolese at this time. They have not made any proposals as to the method by which they anticipate achieving independence. They have a negative approach thus far. At the moment it is very hard to foresee even the immediate future unless there is a change of attitude among the Congolese.

Immediate independence is unthinkable, as it would result in innumerable small states, and Belgium cannot be expected to grant it until some sign of national unity and effort is forthcoming from the Congolese themselves.

The riot in Leopoldville in January, 1959 started Congo's economic down-turn. Business men are selling out and returning to their homelands. Big companies with extensive interests in the Congo, however, insist they will be able to come to terms with any new government or governments and thus continue operations.

It is impossible to know just what the future will bring into the lives of our missionaries for an unexpected turn of events might be in the offing; however, it is un-

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Laymen's Association Sparks Revival
By Loyd Brown

"The First Conference of Protestant Men Of Kasai" marked a new step forward in organizing the laymen of Kasai Province to undergird the Congo Church with their active interest.

This is the first laymen's conference on an inter-mission scope to be held in the Kasai. Five different missions sent a total of 191 delegates, including 20 from the Methodist Mission and 13 from C.I.M. Although Tshiluba was the main language used, much of the meetings was translated into Otetele, the language of the Equatorial forest, which is used extensively in the'Methodist Mission.

The opening session on Thursday evening, April 23rd, was impressive both because of the delegates and the guest speakers. The Governor of the Kasai Province addressed us and the mayor of Luluabourg also gave us official welcome. Each delegation stood up one at a time showing by means of a placard which mission area it was from. This duly impressed the officials since it showed how well we represented the total Kasai Province.

The C.I.M. group was chosen as "choir," so we sang many times during the conference. We also sang on Radio Kasai immediately after the close of the conference on Sunday evening.

Pastor Kanyinda Isaac of the Luluabourg Presbyterian Church gave two Bible Studies from Ephesians on the calling and responsibilities of the church. The widely known APCM evangelist Tshisunga Daniel presented the challenge that Protestant Laymen themselves are responsible for the work of evangelization. It was Layman Philip who sought out the Ethiopian eunuch.

Pastor Gandjolo Moise, a district superintendent from the Methodist Mission gave animated inspiration to the meeting many times. Gandjolo spoke about the revival God would like to start in the Kasai through the testimony of Christian laymen. He is a "go-getter" when it comes to bringing the African church to self-support. A few years back the African leadership of the Methodist Mission was split regarding whether or not the African church should be self supporting. Gandjolo stood stalwartly for self support and won. It is he who said that the African church would always remain dependent on foreign support if they continually "have a bottle to suck on. You've got to jerk out the bottle. They'll cry hard, but they will soon learn how to be self supporting." Gandjolo, who weighs perhaps 300 lbs. wore out his motorcycle itinerating, but the African church in his area put up half the price of a Volkswagon sedan to keep him on the road.

Other inspirational speakers were Walter Shepard, principal of Central School, Lubondai, and our Pastor Kasadi who brought two messages.

Men from four different vocational groups (medical, educational, government and miscellaneous employees) met separately and make more vital contribution to the work of the church.

Elected officers for the newly-organized laymen's group include a radio announcer, a Secondary School executive, a bank cashier and pastors, all Congolese.

Sequel
Delegates from the Luluabourg conference have started fires in their home areas. At Charlesville on June 6, Africans entirely on their own initiative organized a local laymen's movement, electing their officers. A week later Wanyi Louis, Radio announcer on RADIO KASAI and General Secretary of the Kasai Laymen's Movement visited here holding 6 meetings in the area reaching some 1300 people. There was enthusiastic response to his appeal that laymen
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