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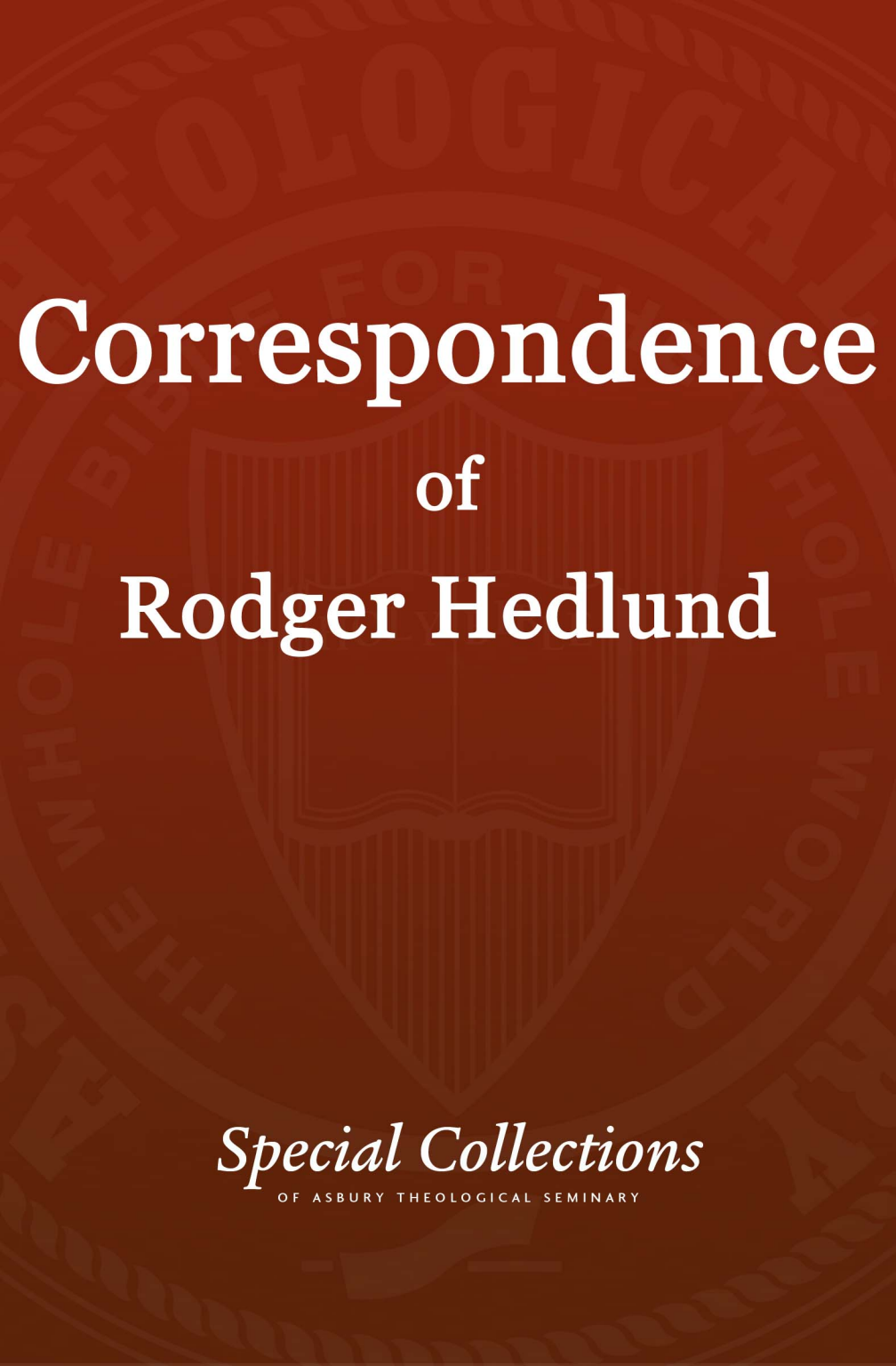
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**June 3, 1987.**

**Mr. David Morar  
Bharosa Ghar Mission  
Bhagalpur  
U.P. 274-602.**

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Cordially yours in Christ,

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Encl : McGavran Institute brochure.

cc : Rev. S. Vasantharaj Albert  
Bro. Ralph Harter.



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Gulab Babu Ka Mata  
Behind Law College  
Civil Lines, Kanpur 208-002.**

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**Mr. J. Yafat, Secretary  
Bible Society of India  
P. Box 6  
Allahabad-211-001.**

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ALLAHABAD

Rev. J. Yafat  
Auxiliary Secretary



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P. Box--6  
ALLAHABAD-211001

UTTAR PARDESH AUXILIARY

Ref. No.....

Date 17.6.87.....

Dr. R.E. Hedlund, Co-ordinator  
Church Growth Research Centre  
Post Bag 768  
Kilpauk  
Madras 600010.

Dear Dr. Hedlund,

Greetings in Christ. Thank you very much for your letter dated June 3, 1987 regarding Church Growth Research Centre. I am willing to be the contact person and help you out in evangelisation of North India. I would like to suggest the following names to you -

1. Rev. John S. Maurice) both from Allahabad
2. Mr. Richard Howell ) Bible Seminary,  
20 Stanely Road.
3. Mr. R.R. Harter, Bible Bhavan,  
3/83 Vishnupuri, Kanpur.
4. Mr. Victor Walter, 112/352 Swarup Nagar  
Kanpur 208002.
5. Mrs. V. Lall, Principal, Kalvary Bible School  
6 Nawab Yusuf Road, Allahabad.
6. Rev. S. Rawate, our Distribution Officer.

Please do write us again. We will always be willing to help you out in all respects.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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J. Yafat

Auxiliary Secretary



Out-off date: Aug. 25

CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE

Note To Dr. Hedderl.

Date 9/7/87

Reg. Office Prayer time.

Timothy letter to A. Chetty

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that from 13<sup>th</sup> of this month the office prayer time begins at 9:30 A.M

A. Myluru

- 1. Allison/Timothy = send greetings -
- 2. " " letter of ref/ve.
- 3. A.P. = Omyla (Augustine) = Dec. ?
- 4. M.M.H. : Islam Seminar? = Dec. 1-20. ?
- 5. B'lore: Ch. Gr. course = Oct. 14 - (Ch + who)?
- 6. B'bay: course? = Nov 22 - Dec. 5
- 7. Yorubaland - Feb 88
- 8. Highfield



From

Sig.

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9. April, May, June

7,50 rup. ~~Indigenous Missions of India~~  
10 rup. ~~A Universal Homecoming?~~

1 more  
1 more

~~Sept. 15 - ? - = use Meth. Ch. ? ?~~

~~Aug. 5x6 in a.p. (Vidya Sagar)~~

~~Hindi: Sept. 25 - Oct. 6~~

~~= Roman  
Meths.~~

~~Bpts: NIM, (BIM?) etc.~~

~~C.D. 2 - 3 -~~

Sept. 1st: Titus



**13 July, 1987.**

**Rev. D.P. Titus  
Sat Tal Ashram  
P.O. Bhowali  
Dt. Nainital-263 132  
Uttar Pradesh.**

**Dear Rev. Titus:**

**Greetings in Jesus. We remember with pleasure the days at Sat Tal in May.**

**You will recall our conversation about the possibility of conducting a CGRC McGavran Institute course for the Hindi region as suggested by Bishop Stanley Downes.**

**I write to enquire: would your facilities be available for this purpose from 25 September to 6 October?**

**Meanwhile we continue to explore the possible response. We feel we need an attendance of at least 20 from the Hindi region. Thirty would be ideal, and more would be welcome.**

**Any suggestions would be appreciated.**

**Warm regards.**

**Yours in Christ,**

**Roger E. Hedlund.**

**cc : Bishop Stanley Downes**



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TELEGRAM

**ORDINARY**

**REV. D. P. TITUS  
SAT TAL ASHRAM  
P.O. BHOWALI  
DT. NAINITAL-263 132, U.P.**

**PLEASE INFORM ASHRAM AVAILABILITY FOR MCGAVRAN INSTITUTE  
FROM SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 6.**

**HEDLUND.**



# SAT TAL CHRISTIAN ASHRAM

YESUS IS LORD

REV. D. P. TITUS  
Resident Acharya  
Programme Director

Sat Tal Ashram  
P.O. Bhowali, U.P.  
Dist. Nainital-263132  
India

July 16, 1987

P.s.2 - when you have decided to come with the group in September, please send us, per registered post, a bank draft for Rs.2,000 on the State Bank of India, Bhowali, in the name of "Sat Tal Christian Ashram", crossed to "payee's a/c only". This is for buying provisions. It would be helpful if the draft arrives by Sept.10.



Dr. Roger E. Hedlund  
Church Growth Research Centre  
Madras

Dear Brother Roger Hedlund,

Thanks for your telegram received here this evening. Our ashram will be very available for your McGavran Institute from September 23 to October 6, 1987, as desired. We will be very delighted to have you and your group here.

Food and accommodation costs Rs.25 per head per day. There is a slightly different charge for the Jai Bhavan ~~units~~ cottages where you had stayed this summer. That unit costs Rs.150 per week per family.

Everyone must bring own light mattress, linen and blanket; also door lock. Only Jai Bhavan suites have two furnished beds as you know. The monsoon rains would be over by that time, as usual.

Kind regards to you and your wife.

very sincerely

p.s. The ashram would invite you again for the May 15-30 session of 1988, as in last May.



16th July '87.

To

The Manager,  
Gospel Literature Service,  
Udyog Bhavan,  
250-D Worli, Bombay 400 025.

Dear Sir,

Greetings to you in Jesus name. We are planning to conduct a seminar from 25th Sept to 6th Oct '87 at Sat Tal Ashram, Nainital. We are expecting around 30 delegates to attend the seminar. The text book will be 'Understanding Churches in India'.

We may place an order for 30 copies of Hindi translation and 5 English copies of the book 'UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH IN INDIA' by Donald McGavran. But before that we like to know the availabilities of these copies. So, please inform us as soon as possible.

Thanking you.

Sincerely in the Lord,

  
(D. Anthony)

cc.. Dr. R. E. Hedlund,  
Rev. Vasantharaj Albert.







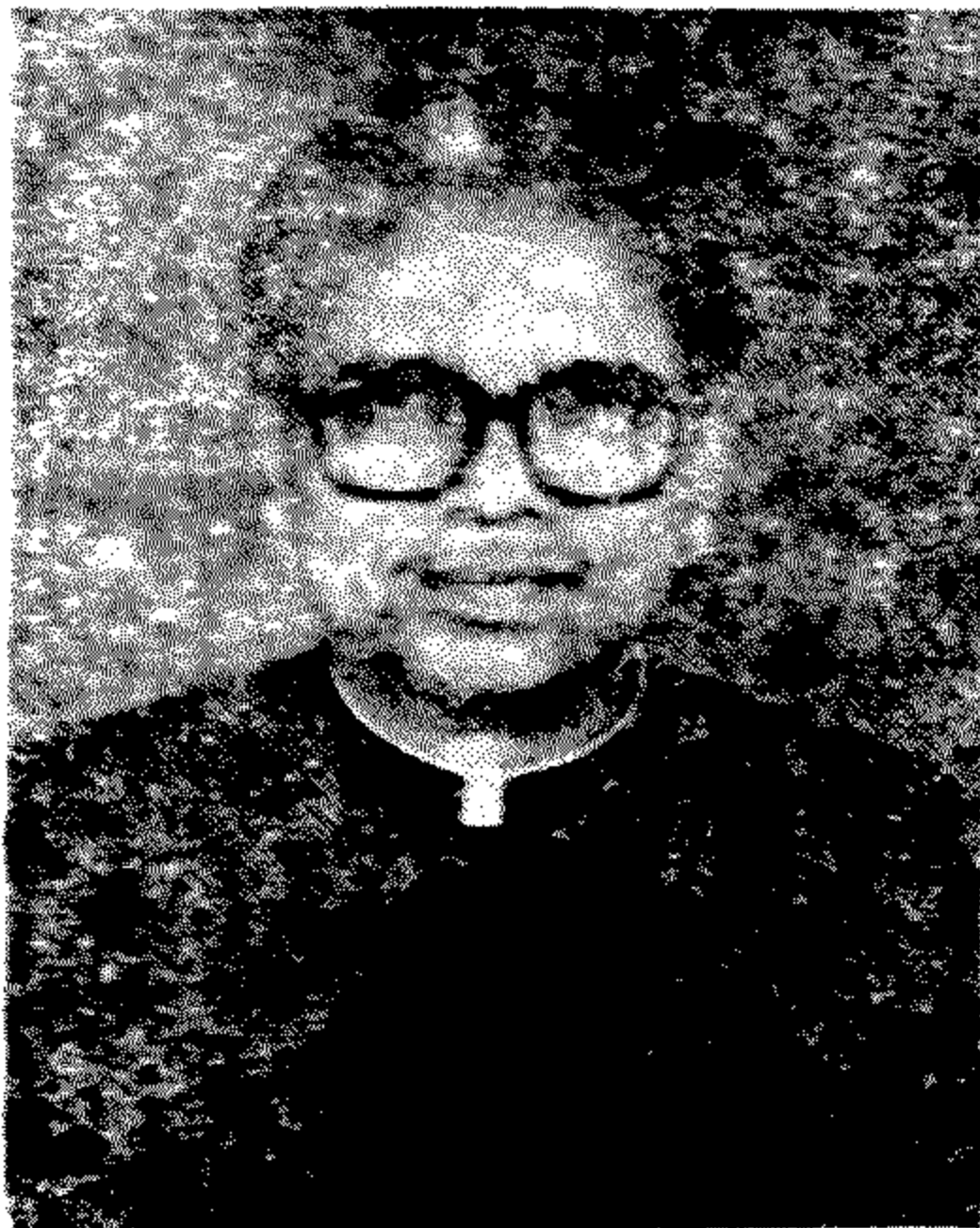
# EVANGEL

A bi-monthly News letter of the Council of Evangelism and Missions and the Council of Stewardship and Local Support of the Methodist Church in India.

July/August 1987

No. 5

## From the Executive Secretary



Rev. James Nathan

### EVANGELISM THE TASK FORCE

More and more church members in North India are becoming sensitive to the missional task of evangelism. In the past decade the churches in North India have had a trend toward materialism, that started with the inception of Church Union. The leaders became interested only in the property matter and neglected those activities which were imperative for spiritual growth. Such irregularities that had crept into the structure of the church infuriated the reformative group which was out to condemn and question the church authorities. However, for this state of affairs, I should not dwell on this aspect of deteriorating condition for long as there is marked change in the attitude of even those members who once became revolutionaries.

The church now has become sensitive to the spiritual awakening. These days we find many attempts being made to bring the church back to the track of evangelizational task. The India Campus Crusade organized the Explo'85 at Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow with over nine hundred participants from various parts of North India. This endeavour was a great success. Many people who attended this, carried the vision and the follow up programme will highlight the results achieved.

The spiritual upliftment is the focal point for the Church in North India. It is said strike when iron is

hot. I feel this is the time that churches must concentrate on evangelism and discipleship programme.

I would like to suggest that every church must allocate funds for evangelistic programme. It is seen that when people in the church are spiritually awakened for the missional task of evangelization their spirit is damaged due to lack of programme and material. If churches budget, say 10% of their budget on Evangelism they can buy tracts and Bible portions for distribution. They can organize outreach programmes with the help of expert groups. They can invite teams, teach the church members who can carry out the mission. Secondly, the people responsible for church administration must have the fear of God in them so that their activities glorify the church and Jesus Christ. This spirit is seen in Gujarat area. In a Missionaries Conference I attended in which the Maninagar Church was instrumental in sending out young men to start work among the natives of Gujarat. This commissioning of enthusiastic and dedicated young men has infused a new zeal among the members.

I also noticed this work being carried out in Maharashtra. The South Indian churches have also been awakened to this need of the church.

I am convinced that such ministry of evangelization can pick up momentum even in North India. But Pastors must depend upon God's guidance. They must lift up the spiritual life within the church by laying emphasis on personal devotion in the families. This can be achieved by praying about it before launching out this programme within the church. This prayer programme can only become successful if the priest himself is fully committed to the cause. This might cause lots of hazards in the life of a minister but one thing is very true that one who surrenders completely, God provides for all his needs. He is faithful even when we defy Him.

This would keep the Pastor from going for favours. He, on the contrary, will remain rigid and firm in his approach which will be geared by the spirit. This life was in the early church and it still prevails and forms the life pattern of the major part of our churches. All it needs is encouragement to indulge in programme of evangelization. We must persist on living Christian life even if it costs as much. As God does not tempt man beyond his power.

The personal evangelism has no second. People who have tested the essence of the Holy Spirit derive

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**EVANGEL**

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ALL NEWS, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE  
 SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO :

Rev. James Nathan,  
 Executive Secretary  
 88 Cantonments, Kanpur, 208 004 (U.P.)

**Editor's Voice****'LET US RISE AND BUILD'**

One of the salient features of the structure of the Methodist Church in India is that it provides ample opportunities to laity to serve unitedly with clergy to build a strong and witnessing Church. The forthcoming Laymen's Week which will be observed throughout India from August 3 to 9, 1987 under the auspices of the Board of the Lay Activities of the MCI will be an excellent opportunity to bring all laymen into a common fellowship. It will strengthen their ties with Clergy and will also make them alive to the various responsibilities towards Church and Community they are called to serve.

At a recent meeting of the Board of the Lay Activities of the Lucknow Regional Conference convened to workout laymen's week programme, I was quite impressed by laymen's participation and zeal as they all seemed to be determined to observe the week with all sincerity. Their unanimous approval to the theme 'LET US RISE AND BUILD' found in the Book of Nehemiah Chapter 2:20 was a clear evidence of their involvement and desire to serve.

However, as we get ready to celebrate the week, it is imperative for us to prepare ourselves in advance to get the desired results. We must take into account the preparation and planning as demonstrated by Nehemiah to build the walls of Jerusalem. Let us also not overlook several characteristics that Nehemiah displayed and which were necessary for an effective and successful leadership :

- \* He realised that he had a mission.
- \* He prayed for it.
- \* He prepared himself well in advance.

Rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem under adverse circumstances was an enormous task but the entire work was completed in about eight week's time.

God has his own plans for our lives. We must allow Him to work through us for the extension of His Kingdom. It is my sincere prayer as we observe the week, we may understand the real meaning of the theme we have chosen and follow Nehemiah's example to experience God's continuous blessings in our lives.

May God's blessings be upon all who join the fellowship of Laymen's week in their respective Churches.

**Evangelism the Task Force**

great pleasure even in tribulation. It is not only the individual but these who hear their testimony are influenced by their witness.

This personal evangelism is achieved only by personal dedication and total commitment to the Lord.

When the personal devotion programme is introduced and believers are spiritually awakened, the church attendance will be increased, the Sunday School will be over flooded with pupils.

Mother in the family plays a great part. John Wesley drew his devotion from his mother so also Sadhu Sunder Singh the great Indian mystic of North India.

There are many examples which can be enumerated in support of this statement. Mothers have a great responsibility and role to pay in the upliftment of the spiritual life within the church as well as in the families.

I through this column urge the young and the old mothers in the church that it is hightime they should pick up the sign and take up their responsibility seriously.

When the priests and the mothers rather the parents pick up the sign the expectant youth can be given proper guidance in the spirit filled life within the church. There cannot be any better witness if the spirit filled church picks up the sign which can change and win India for Christ.

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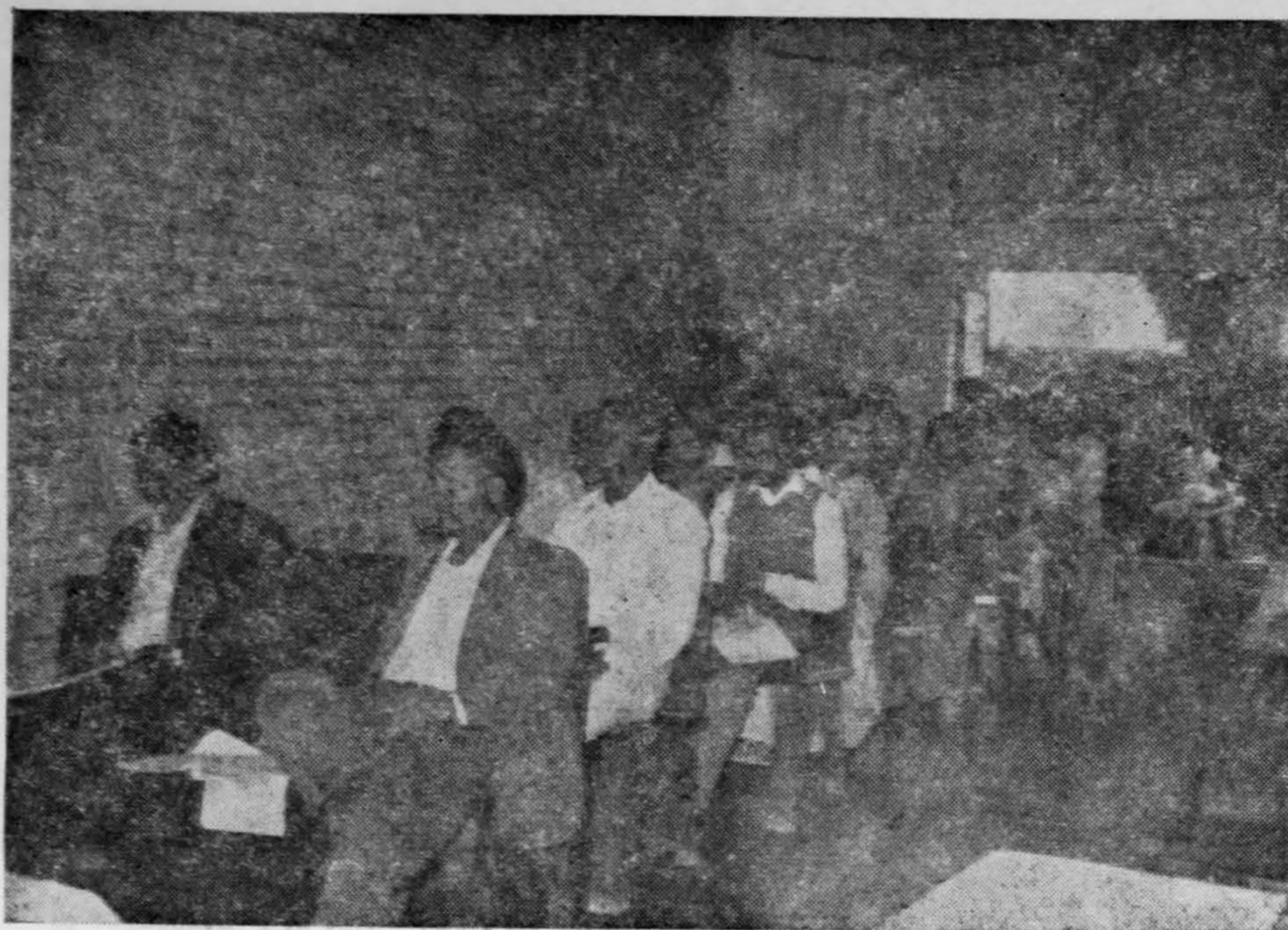
We regret to announce that as sufficient material worth publication was not received in our office, May/June issue of the **Evangel** could not be printed.

We, therefore, request you to send us your reports, news items, articles, etc. regularly to help us to serve you through this newsletter, which comes to you free of charge.

Please remember to put your name and address on each of your contributions. The contributions must be typed in double space and must be on separate sheets.



## NEWS SNIPPETS

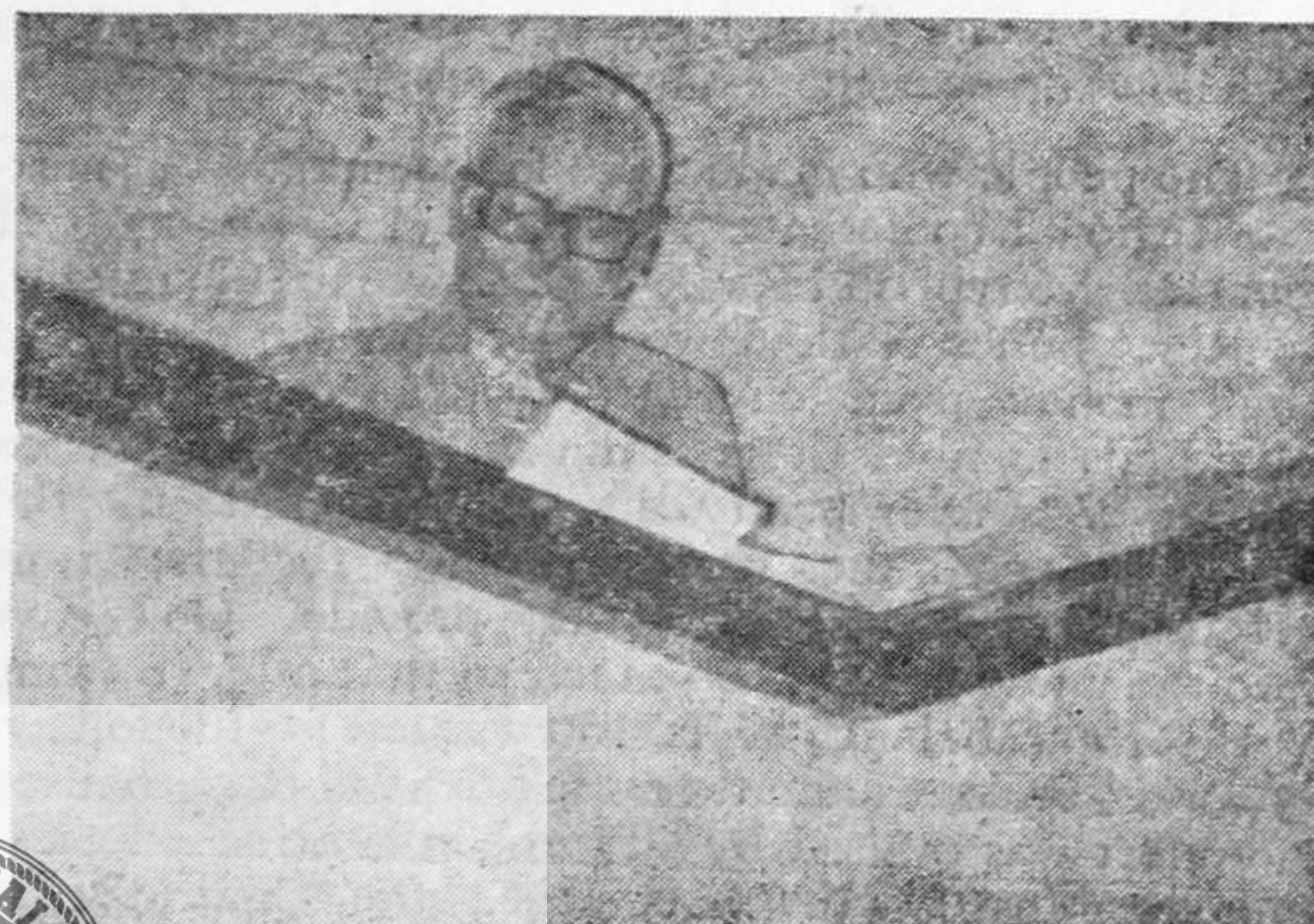


*Partial view of the participants attending Seminar on Evangelism for Arrah and Tirhut Districts held at Pratap Sagar Hospital*

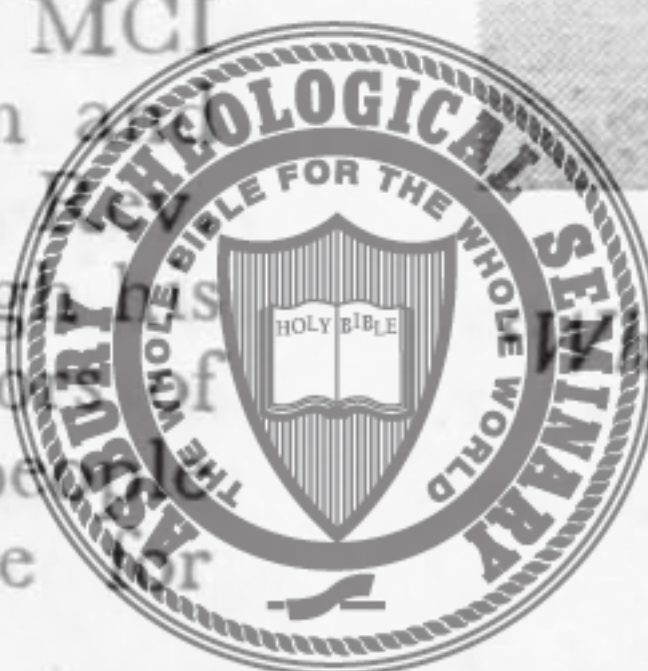
### EVANGELISM & MISSIONS SEMINAR FOR ARRAH AND TIRHUT DISTRICTS

The Chairman Rev. H. S. Merrill organized a seminar on Evangelism and Mission at Methodist Hospital, Pratap Sagar, Buxar for the Arrah District and Tirhut Districts. Dr. Silas Singh in spite of his illness rendered all the possible help in arranging for the seminar. Some forty three village, christian leaders came together for this seminar which was conducted in the beautiful Chapel of the Hospital. Mrs. D. D. Singh, the District Evangelist, along with the staff made special effort to help make the seminar a success.

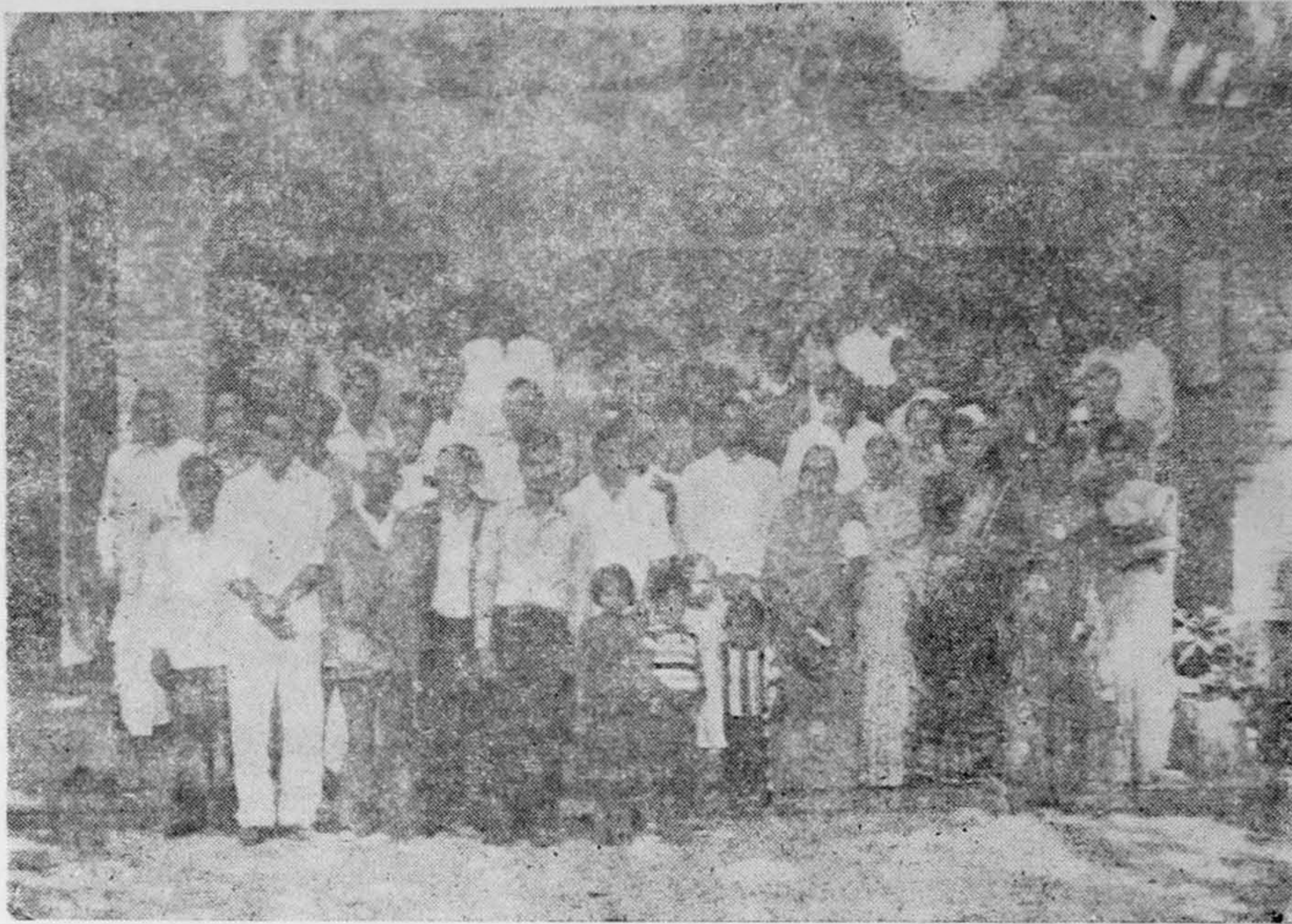
The Rev. Daniel Dayal challenged the people for the Missions. He very artistically hit home the challenge. The Executive Secretary of the Council of Evangelism and Missions explained the Programmes of the MCI in promoting Missional task of evangelization in through the MCI by the Indian missionaries. H. S. Merrill set the tempo of the seminar through heart searching devotional message. All the Pastors of the Arrah district attended the seminar. The people of Arrah and Tirhut have expressed the desire for holding such seminars at regular intervals.



*Who will go? Challenging participants is Rev. Daniel Dayal, D. S. ARRAH*



## NEWS FROM THE CONFERENCES



*Seminar Participants who attended the Seminar on Evangelism at Pratapsagar are photographed with Local Leaders*

### **BALLIA DISTRICT SEMINAR ON EVANGELISM**

Some forty one people assembled at Nagra in the premises of the Sundaram Chikitsalaya to attend the seminar. It was for the first time that a seminar was organized in the remote village of Nagra. It was a difficult time as it was harvseting season. Never the less the farmers could spare one day to attend the seminar. Dr. Miss B. Hembrome, Medical Supdt. took care of the team. Though the stay was very short yet the fellowship was more than expected.

The people who made these four seminars in Lucknow Regional conference a success can not be ignored Rev. H. S. Merrill and Rev. M. C. Lawrence along with the Rev. James Nathan worked round the clock and raised money from churches, institutions and even individuals to hold these seminars. The Team started without a single penny in the account. In the biginning even the correspondence for the same was done on faith. God did provide. God gave more than was needed. So much so that after drawing up the total balance of Rs. 150 was left for the follow-up work. Praise the Lord for He is true to His promises. The effort was praised by all those who attended these seminars. Most participants urged the Chairman to hold such seminars every now and then. We thank God that Board of Evangelism and Missions has taken up the challenge despite difficulties and discouragement. We call upon all faithful to pray for all those who

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### **SEMINAR ON EVANGELISM DELHI AND KARNAL DISTRICTS**

**Macdonald Singh**

A Seminar was organized by the Rev. B. P. Singh, Chairman, Board of Evangelism and Missions of the Delhi Regional Conference at the Centenary Methodist Church, New Delhi on 23rd May 1987 under the Chairmanship of Rev. Nirmal David, D. S. Delhi District and with the support of Rev. James Nathan, Executive Secretary of the Council of Evangelism and Missions.

The Seminar stressed the need and concept of Evangelism in the context of the conditions prevailing today. Bishop Lance emphasised on the need of realisation from within for every member whether a minister or laity with specific reference to the founder of the Methodist Church John Wesley. He urged that besides the traditional way, personal dedication, clarity of purpose and the right method were the inseparable ingredients for attaining the desired objectives. Rev. Nirmal David spoke on the topic 'who will go?' with all the dedication and enthusiasm and prayerfully hoped to have a sense of commitment among the people towards the Church. Rev. James Nathan spoke on 'Mission in India and 'Tracts Writing' with utmost fervour and entreated the representatives to form 'Prayer-Bands' comprising of three people in their respective Churches to bring about spiritual revival and better involvement in the growth of the church. After the Bible Study, lay representatives of various churches showed

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*Preparing Roads for the future are Lucknow Conference MYF Youth*

## **Successful Work Camp of Lucknow Conference MYF Concludes at SAT TAL**

**Rajan McGee**  
**President, MYF, LLJM**  
**Methodist Church, Kanpur**

The Lucknow Regional Conference MYF six-day work-cum-devotional camp was held at Sattal Ashram, Sattal, District Nainital from June 25-30, 1987. The camp was organised under the guidance of Miss Lillian Wallace, Executive Secretary, Council for Youth Work, MCI and Mr. S. W. Prasad, Youth Director of Lucknow Regional Conference. 65 participants from Kanpur, Lucknow, Ballia, Allahabad and Gonda contributed to the success of the work camp.

The Kanpur unit of MYF Youth consisting of 6 girls and 10 boys started with all necessary implements including rakes, showels, wheelbarrow etc. from Hudson Girls' School, Kanpur on 24th in two buses belonging to Hudson School, Kanpur and Methodist High School, Kanpur. On reaching Lucknow the same evening, we all were received by Mr. S. W. Prasad and were accommodated in the house of Mr. Michael Paul, Conference Lay Leader of LRC who was kind to extend all a warm reception and hospitality.

Delegates from Lucknow with their advisers S. Dayal, Mrs. Dayal, Rev. and Mrs. Merrill, Allahabad group with Adviser Mr. Rawtey and participants from Ballia and Gonda were already there to join us.

Our second phase of journey began on 25th morning early at 3 O' clock. The delegates arrived at Sat Tal Ashram 26th morning and were received by Miss Wallace who wa already there to make advance arrangements for the Work Camp. The camp programme with slight adjustments started as scheduled with following routine:

6:45 to 7.00 a.m. Personal Devotion

7:30-8.00 Breakfast

8.15 to 1.00 work on site i.e. repairing of the road.

In the evening there used to be Biblical Sessions followed by talent time and vespers from different districts. First day evening session was meant for Registration, Introduction and Fellowship. Second day evening session was held by the side of the beautiful Panna Lake, where an inspiring key note address on theme 'the World and You' was delivered by Guest Speaker Rev. H. S. Merrill, the pastor of the Daliganj Methodist Church, Lucknow. On Sunday, the third day of the Work Camp a special Sunday Worship Service was held at Ashram Chapel where Rev. D. P. Titus, the Acharya of the Ashram delivered a heart-touching message in the form of his testimony. Rev. Irfan Masih, Pastor LLJM Methodist Church who accompanied as one of the speakers stressed on development of leadership qualities in two sessions. Fourth day evening session was devoted to District Convention followed by Campfire Recognition time, and a special time of thanks and commitment by youth to serve Lord Jesus Christ. On the last day the organisers were kind enough to allow us to proceed to Nainital for Si ht-seeing which proved to a very pleasant experience after hard and tough work period.

However, the special feature of the Youth gathering there was the successful repair of the link road between Sat tal Estate and Ashram with a willing, cooperative and combined efforts of the youth who worked relentlessly for 5 hours a day on the worksite. The road leading to Ashram was widened, properly fenced at risky turns, white washed, cleaned and repaired. In the beginning it looked to be a gigantic task but due to enthusiastic team spirit more than our expectations was accomplished. It was gratifying to see that how much and how easily huge work could be done with united and willing efforts.

The idea of the work camp along with spiritual rallies initiated for the first time in our conference has proved to be a unique and challenging experience for us all. It was an unforgettable experience of learning, doing and serving Chirst.

For this kind of privilege of service we are very thankful to our supervisors Miss. L. Wallace and Mr. Prasad. We are also thankful to our area Bishop Karriappa Mathews for his interest and helpful support and timely contribution of money. The kind sponsorship of Bishop and Mrs. Mathews of U.S.A. deserve special mentioning as they were instrumental in paying for our food in lieu of wages that had helped us to usher in a new era of service for other conference youth to follow.



## A BRIEF FOUNDATION STATEMENT ON CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

**Rev. B. James,**  
Executive Secretary,  
Council of Stewardship  
MCI

The Methodist Church in India has the obligation to witness for Jesus Christ within and outside its boundaries. This calls for a dedication of individuals and local churches to a stewardship of all resources for the total life and work of the churches in all conference of the M.C.I.

Although raising money looks very important, yet money raising is not the main object of the Church. The main purpose of the Church is and must ever be "The Salvation of the World by the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Therefore St. Paul talks of himself as the Steward of the Gospel. The winning of the world for Christ is the vision which can best keep aglow the spiritual ardour of the church and her Stewardship.

Since, stewardship involves money raising along with other responsibilities, it becomes complicated and complex matter to keep a foundation statement on Stewardship.

It is argued by some that, that the Stewardship is not in accordance with the command and promise of our Lord, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you." It is not that God needs peoples' money, but that people need Christ. The Gospel which the church preaches is a gospel of Grace, not of stewardship. Stewardship is of the Law. Grace is God's gift. Our Lord went about constantly asking "What wilt thou that I shall do for thee? "Not" what are you willing to give to your Church."

The matter is further complicated by the statements of Jesus.

"I am not of this world, ye are of this world" My kingdom is not of this world."

And yet he came into this world and did not even stay away from it like John the baptist. He created this very material world. St. John says "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."

Jesus asked his disciples to feed the multitudes and he himself fed the multitudes and yet he said "Man shall not live by bread alone."

In this third temptation he calls wealth or money as Devil and Satan. In the story of unjust steward he calls money as mammon of unrightousness. Further he emphasises that man cannot serve both God and mammon. Yet he asked Peter to put bait in sea and open the mouth of the first fish, there you shall find a coin and give it to the tax collectors both for me and thee.

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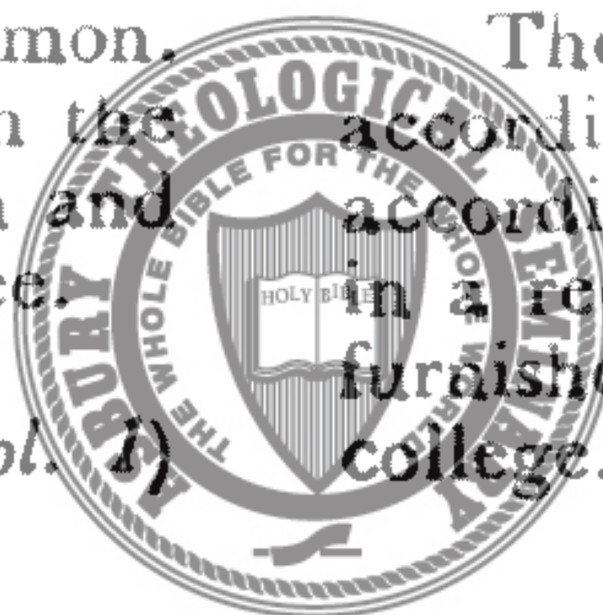
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The salaries scales, allowances etc. will be paid according to the prescribed scales of the college and according to number of years of experience of teaching in a recognised Theological College. Partly free and furnished accommodation will be provided by the college.



## ANNOUNCING ALL INDIA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

DATE: ~~21st to 25th October 1987~~  
*To be announced later*

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Rev. James Nathan  
Executive Secretary  
Council of Evangelism &  
Mission of the Methodist  
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### Registration:

Each participant will pay Rs 25-00 toward registration. *Please fill in the registration form and send Rs. 25.00 to*

Rev. S. S. Gohil  
Methodist Church  
Maninagar (East)  
Ahmedabad 380 008.  
(Gujarat).

### Return Reservation :

Please send the requisition slip duly filled along with the fare to Rev. S. S. Gohil (address given above). *before 15th Sept. 1987.*

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Name .....

Address .....

.....

.....

Regional Conference.....

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Railway fare

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Signature

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Last date for registration is 30th Sept. 1987



## ANNOUNCING

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### Please Note

The story should be original based on Christian faith. Story should be based on true experience for Christian commitment. The story could be a fiction but related to Biblical faith. The story should be between 2000-2500 words.

6. The Contest is open to all Methodist Members.

7. For Registration : kindly write your Name, postal address, age, class and educational qualifications, interest and hobbies.

8. The Decision of judges will be final.

9. Last Date for submission of story is Sept. 30, 1987.

10. Send your MSS to :

Rev. Komal Masih

Executive Secretary, Council  
of Literature and Publication, MCI  
37, Cantonment Road,  
Lucknow, 226 001, U. P.

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**Ballia Dist. Seminar**

supporting us in this venture. The Followup work has already started. The Rev. H. S. Merrill and Rev. M. C. Lawrence have been working hard under the guidance of Rev. James Nathan. They are now working on screening the Tracts that were produced in the workshops and soon intend printing them for the benefit of all the churches. When it is ready, a notice will be given in the Evangel so that churches of Lucknow Conference and other conferences could make use of. Along with Tract, each participant is being contacted so that what they have learnt should become a part of their life style reflecting their faith and the life of the church. Please remember this group of people in your daily prayer. We expect many young people to surrender their lives for the service of the Lord.

**Evangel News**

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**Delhi and Karnal Dist. Seminar**

concern and gave valuable suggestions to further enhance the work of evangelism and mission in India. The emphasis was on personal purification and identification, proper grooming at the grass-root level and careful nourishment of youth, genuine love and fellowship

With each other, proper planning and follow up action and the need of a band of conscientious and dedicated people to go and preach the word of God among those who have not heard of the gospel of the kingdom of God.

We are grateful and extend our thanks to Mrs. Shela David wife of Rev. Nirmal David for making arrangement and providing lunch and tea to the assembled delegates inspite of the busy schedule.

The seminar ended with an optimistic note with prayer by Rev. James Nathan

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**Foundation statement on Christian stewardship**

Money is Satanic, and belongs to this material world not belonging to the Kingdom of God though, yet, this very mammon must be used in witness to Christ and build churches and do many other works of Kingdom of God.

Lay not up treasure in this world is the command of God and yet we must build an endowment fund to achieve something for the Kingdom of God.

You can very easily see what a complex problem is this stewardship to define.

This is just one problem I have cited. There may more problems that complicate the definition or the doctrine of Stewardship.

Yet church has to find a doctrine on Stewardship in all these complexities. A brief attempt is made (though partial and incomplete) to make a foundation statement on Stewardship.

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August 3, 1987.

Bishop E. Stanley Downes  
Post Box 226  
Civil Lines  
Bareilly-243001  
U. P.

Dear Bishop Downes:

Greetings from Madras!

We have followed through with your suggestion. I trust you received the copy of the letter circulated.

Some response has come, but I think you are the key person. How many do you expect to send? We feel we must have at least 20 registrations before 25 August, 1987.

Mr. D. Anthony of our office will be corresponding regarding details.

Rev. Titus assures us the dates 25 September to 5 October are available and that the conference rate is Rs.25/- per day. As I recall, the management is prepared to subsidize Rs.15/- per day.

Warm regards.

Looking for your early reply.

Cordially yours,

Roger E. Hedlund.

encl: circular and response card.



REH:sa

August 5, 1987.

Rev. D. P. Titus  
Sat Tal Ashram  
P.O. Bhowali, U.P.  
Dist. Nainital-263132.

Dear brother in the Lord,

Greetings to you in Jesus Name. Dr. R. E. Hedlund is very busy with his teaching assignments in various places in our country and he was here in Madras only for two or three days. He had asked me to reply to your letter dated July 16, 1987.

I have already sent letters and reply post cards to leaders of various organizations regarding the seminar. Replies are coming in slowly and we are expecting to have at least 30 people registered by 25th August so that we can have the seminar.

Thank you for the informations you have mentioned in your letter. Can you kindly inform me the route from Delhi to reach your Ashram so that we can clearly inform the delegates how to get there. A detailed information regarding this will be very helpful to those who come to the Ashram for the first time.

By this time you would have received the letter along with a post card regarding this seminar which we have sent to you last week and I am waiting for your reply. I do hope that you will have some person who will attend this seminar.

With kind regards.

Sincerely in the Lord,



D. Anthony.  
cc: Dr. Roger E. Hedlund.

DA:sa



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5th August '87.

To

Mr. David P. Morar,  
B. G. Mission,  
P O Bhagalpur,  
Dt Deoria, U.P. 274 602.

Dear brother David Morar,

Greetings to you in Jesus name. Dr. R.E.Hedlund is very busy because of his teaching assignments in seminars in various cities of our country and he was here for two or three days this week. He asked me to reply to your letter dated 26th July '87.

We very much appreciate and thank God for your interest in our ministry and willing to help us as an interpreter in the seminar at Sat-Tal Ashram, Nainital during 25th September to 6th October '87. We are expecting to have at least 30 persons to have registered by 25th August for the seminar. I will write about this later. The text book for the seminar will be 'Understanding the Church in India' by Donald McGavran - published by GLS Bombay. This book is available in Hindi also.

I have already sent to you a letter regarding this seminar with a Post Card to reply and I am looking forward to hear from you soon. I hope you will get more people from your area to attend this seminar. Only people like you can help us to successfully run such courses in the North.

Dr & Mrs. Hedlund are greeting you in the Lord's name. Looking forward to hear from you.

Sincerely in the Lord,

(D. Anthony)

cc., Dr.R.E. Hedlund. ✓





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Executive Secretary

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KANPUR-208 004 U.P. (INDIA)

Bishop J.R. Lance  
Chairman

August 14, 1987.

Bishop J.R. Lance  
Bishop S. Downes  
Bishop K. Samuel ✓

Dear Bishop Sahib;

This morning I received a letter from Dr. R.E. Hedlund of the Church Growth Association of India, Madras, informing me that the association, on the request of Bishop S.E. Downes, is proposing to conduct a 12 days seminar for pastors in North India from Sept. 25 to Oct. 6, 87 at Sat Tal.

I would like to request you to send at least ten pastors from the conferences to this seminar. I mean ten pastors from each conference. The "total cost for the course will be Rs. 25/= for registration (payable in advance and not refundable) plus Rs. 150/= fees for each participant (the balance is subsidised...). Travel is the delegates own responsibility. It is recommended that churches and organizations sponsor several candidates for this training."

If you send ten participants from your conferences it would be very nice. The Council of Evangelism will pay Rs. 100/= per participant. I would like to suggest that the pastors participating in the seminar should pay the registration fee i.e. Rs. 25/=. The Conference may pay the travel as well as Rs. 50/= which is the part of the cost. I am sure the seminar will prove to be a great blessing to the participants. I believe that Church Growth Association has a very good plan and also a very good faculty to impart a good programme with the participants. I am sure the pastors will make a good use of the facility. I seek your help and support in this programme.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

(Rev. James Nathan)

PS I would like to have the names of the participants in the records. Thank you.



c.c. to Mr. J. Hanc. (Central Treasurer)  
Dr. R.E. Hedlund. Jy.

# INLAND LETTER CARD

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Madras 600-000

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# Sat-Tal Ashram-Training Programme

Names of persons who responded to our letter passitively.

| <u>Names</u>                          | <u>Number of persons who will attend.</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Rev. D.P. Titus                       | 2   |
| Mr. P.G. Vargis                       | 4   |
| Mr. D.P. Morar                        | 2   |
| Mr. J. Tafat                          | 2   |
| Rev. M.B. Diwaker                     | 1   |
| Maharashtra Village Ministries        | 1   |
| The Gospel Echoing Missionary Society | 2   |
| F E B A - Delhi                       | 3   |
|                                       | <hr/>                                     |
| Total                                 | 17  |
|                                       | <hr/>                                     |

This is the informations received till 20th August '87.

21/8/-  
 Bishop Joseph R Lame 15 (at least)  
 Then total - 32



28th August '87.

To

Rev. D.P. Titus,  
Sat Tal Ashram,  
Bhowali Post,  
Nainital Dt, U.P.  
Pin 263 132.

Dear brother in the Lord,

Greetings to you in His most precious name. So far 22 persons have informed us that they will attend the training programme. Another at least 15 persons are expected to attend. So, after getting these numbers confirmed, I will let you know how many people will be attending the training programme. I have sent to you an application form and the instruction letter for your information.

You may learn from the instruction letter that the training programme starts with evening meal at 7 pm on 24th evening. I will write you when we will conclude the programme after consulting Dr. R.E. Hedlund. As you have informed me, I have requested the delegates to bring their own bedding, door lock and warm clothes.

I have written a separate letter to you regarding our orders for books from different publishers - requesting you to receive the book parcels and keep them with you for us till we meet.

According to your letter dated 16th July '87, I am enclosing herewith a draft for Rs 2000/- (No. TT A51 0011321 Purasawalkam - 1515, Madras 7, dated 27.8.'87, Payee Branch Code 0/1352 - Bhowali) in the name of 'Sat Tal Christian Ashram' - crossed to 'payee a/c only'. I hope this will reach you before 10th Sept. as you have desired.

Please kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter and the draft. This is all for now.

With kind regards.

Sincerely in the Lord,



D. Anthony.

Encl : DD for Rs 2000/-  
cc .. Dr. R.E. Hedlund.



CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE

Note To Dr. R. E. Hedlund

Date 9-9-'87

Reg. ....

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Bharat Bible College

Train:

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From.....

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14th Sept '87.

To

Rev. D. P. Titus,  
Sat Tal Ashram,  
Bhowali,  
Nainital Dt., U.P.

Dear brother in the Lord Jesus,

Greetings to you in His name. Thank you so much for your letter dated 3.9.87 and the receipt for Rs 2000/- dated 2.9.87.

Myself, Dr And Mrs. Hedlund are planning to leave Delhi on 23rd of this month by early morning to Bhowali by direct bus or by changing bus at Haldwani. According to your information if the direct bus takes 8 hours, we may reach Bhowali around 2 pm or a few hours later if we change bus at Haldwani.

As you have informed that the Ashram Jeep is available, can you kindly arrange to send the jeep to Bhowali to pick us to the Ashram on 23rd of this month. Please reply me regarding this so that we can plan accordingly.

Thanking you.

Sincerely in the Lord,



D. Anthony.

cc .. Dr. R. E. Hedlund. ✓



# McGavran Institute Training Programme

Sat. Tal. 25th Sept to 6th Oct

## Time Schedule

|                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7.00 - 8.00                    | Worship at the Chapel |
| 8.00 - 8.30                    | BREAKFAST             |
| 9.00 - 10.30                   | I Session             |
| 10.30 - 10.45                  | TEA                   |
| 10.45 - <del>12.00</del> 11.30 | Reading               |
| 11.30 - 1.00                   | II Session            |
| 1.00 - 2.30                    | LUNCH & REST          |
| 2.30 - 4.00                    | III Session           |
| 4.00 - 4.15                    | TEA                   |
| 4.15 - 5.30                    | Reading               |
| 5.30 - 7.30                    | FREE TIME             |
| 7.30 - 8.00                    | SUPPER                |
| 8.00 - 9.00                    | Reading               |



McGAVRAN INSTITUTE  
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Sat Tal Christian Ashram, U.P.  
25th. Sept. to 6th Oct., 1987

FOCUS ON THE INDIAN CHURCH

COURSE OUTLINE

Dr. R.E. Hedlund, lecturer

Part One: Introduction

1. Origins of Christianity in India
2. The Roman Catholics come
3. The Protestants come
4. The Missions and the Results

Part Two: A Typology of Indian Church *ES*

5. The Church in India
6. Type I: The Syrians
7. Type II: Conglomerate Churches
8. Type III: Monoethnic Churches
9. Type IV: Tribal Churches
10. Type V: Modified Multiethnic Churches
11. Type VI: Urban *Conglomerate* Churches
12. Type VII: Urban Monoethnic Churches
13. Type VIII: Conglomerate Denominations
14. Type IX: Indigenous Denominations

Part Three: Issues

15. Caste and Christianity
16. Evangelization *E0, E1, E2, E3*
17. The Future

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Required Reading: Understanding the Church in India (Hindi) by McGavran.
2. Secondary Reading: People Movements in Punjab by Stock (parts), Wind Through the Bamboo by Strom (parts), The Story of the Christian Church in India and Pakistan by Neill (parts), Caste and Conversion Movements by Fernandes or India Church Growth Quarterly (other available texts and materials).
3. Paper: An original brief description (including typology) of your church or the churches of your area, town or village (ca 500 words; Hindi or English). [Due 1st October].
4. List: Any indigenous Indian Churches or movements not mentioned in the book and identify briefly; any corrections or updated information. [Due: 3rd October].
5. Exam: Write one of the following:
  - 1) An article for publication in ICGQ in which you apply the content of this course to your ministry or area.
  - 2) Short essays: of the 9 types of Churches, which do you feel has most potential? Why? How do you plan to make application in your ministry? [Due 5th October].



Colossians

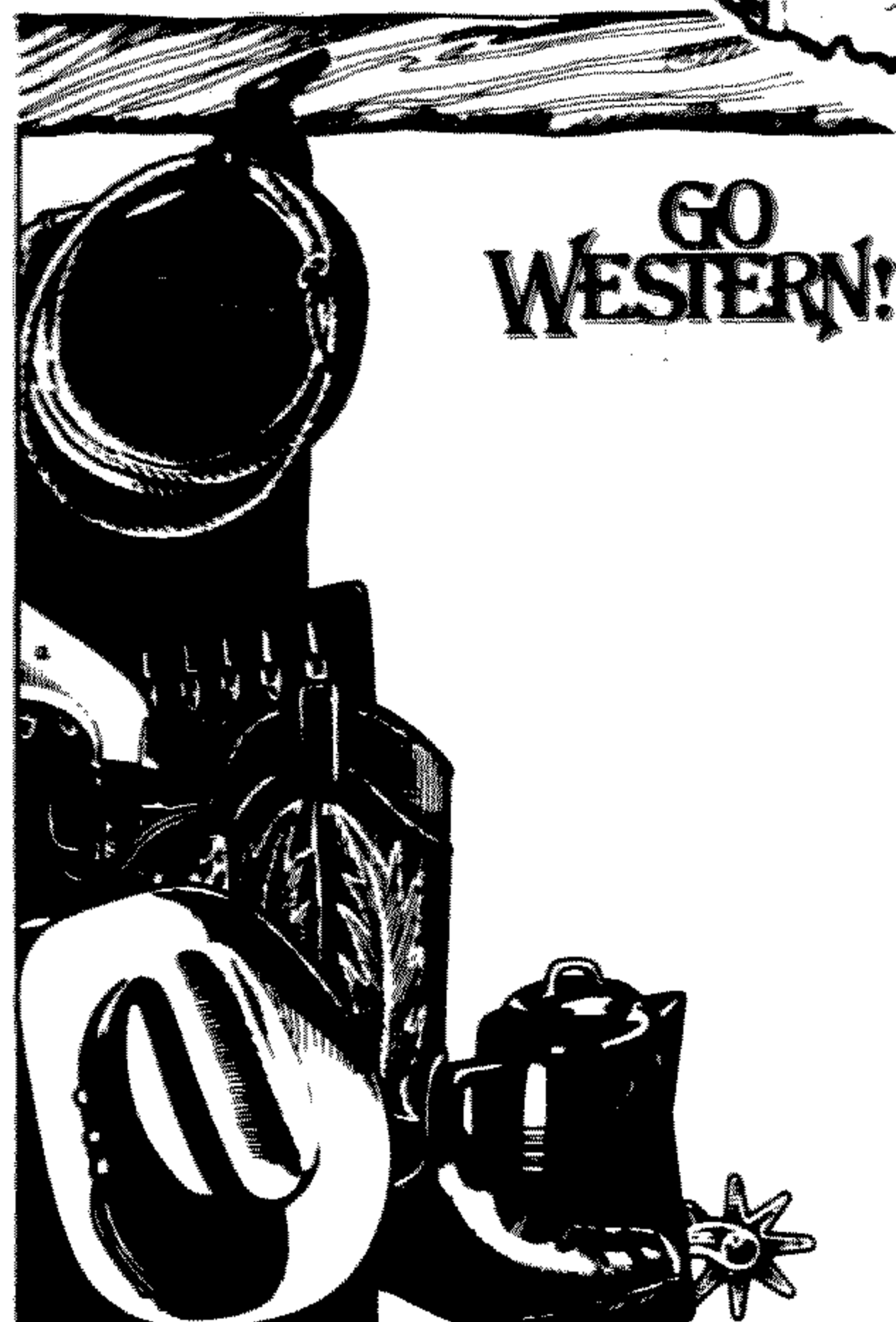
1. Praise to God. 1:3-14 Fri.
2. Prayer for Church " 15-23 Sat.
3. Creation of Church. 2:1-10 Sun. RPT
4. Oneness in Christ " 11-22. Mon. - Galvan Lal
5. Purpose of Church; to show wisdom of God. 3:1-13 Tues. - Church
6. " " " to enjoy the resources of God " 14-21 (Wed. - Church)
7. Unity & Diversity of Church. 4:1-10 Thur. -
8. Gifts in Church " 11-16 Fri. -
9. Standards in Church " 17-32 Sat. -
10. Examples in Church. 5:1-20 Sun. - D. Anthony
11. Relationships in Church (Family, Household) " 21-33 Mon.  
6:1-4  
" 5-9
12. Church at War. 6:10-24. Tues. - RPT  
Sun



# Austria

## Eubanks' EuroNotes

Parcel Susstrasse 17  
A-9560 Feldkirchen  
Austria - April 1987



BACK IN THE SADDLE! It has been a little over a month now since our arrival back in Austria. We have resettled into our home in Feldkirchen, and are back in the saddle in terms of our ministry responsibilities. Mike is preaching three times in April on the topic "The Family." He has also taken over his old position as Field Treasurer, and will soon be working on a computer program for the Field books. Jackie plans on starting an aerobics class as an outreach to non-Christians, and in two weeks we both plan on beginning a new evangelistic home Bible study. Christina is slowly getting used to hearing German again after having forgotten the few German words she did know. A five year old Austrian girl named Brigitta comes over to play, so we think it will only be a matter of time before she can speak some German as well as English.

A NEW HOMESTEAD? Yes, we are still planning on moving and beginning a new ministry in Spittal. We have been looking, advertising, calling, and using what personal contacts we have in our efforts to find suitable housing, but have not as yet found anything. This whole process is taking somewhat longer than we had expected. We are continuing to look in Spittal but are also helping out with the work in Feldkirchen until a suitable homestead has been found. At last count nearly all the necessary funds relating to our future moving expenses to this new homestead have been received. Thanks for your prayers and contributions toward this need.



THE SOUTHERN TERRITORY- The southern province of Austria in which we work is called Carinthia or Kärnten. We think you'll find the following statistics in regard to the territory in which we work very interesting.

| <u>Population</u> | <u>Believers</u> | <u>Believers in Comparison to Population</u> | <u>Missionaries</u> | <u>Missionaries in Comp. to Pop.</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 536,000           | 250              | 1 to 2146                                    | 32                  | 1 to 16,771                          |

Join us in thanking God for our safe return to the southern territory, as well as praying for us as we cinch our saddle for new opportunities, whether it be in Feldkirchen, or in our future homestead, Spittal.

Together in Christ

*Mike, Jackie & Christina*



Mike, Jackie, and Christina Eubanks

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| 3.   | Rev. V. P. Singh - Delhi       | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4.   | Mr. N. C. George - Rajasthan   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 5.   | Rev. R. M. Basharith - Hissar. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 6.   | Rev. Vinodh M. Lal - Delhi     | ✓ |   | ✓ |



# "Focus on Indian Chs"

Neill + } + other text bks: (+ 1999 "Caste" issue)  
McG. }

— also: Latourette data  
Pickett bks  
Barrett data  
Dohit data  
Ponraj paper (West. India)  
1999 (Bible Expts by Rankin)

[also "Lumley" & "Brooks" —  
+ "Need" papers/data] —  
= Annals  
= Bible Review

— 1. original (your church)  
Assignment: Paper describing Church(es) your  
town/village/area (Typology)  
~~including a~~

Assignment: 2. A proposal for effective evangelization  
(ev. outreach) by your church or  
organization.

Assignment: 3. List any indigenous Indian Chr. Chs.  
not mentioned in bk. & describe briefly.  
(2) any corrections, updated data (to bk.)

Final Exam: Write short essay (1-2 pp.) of the 9  
types of Indian Chs which do you  
feel has most potential? Why?  
What can you do about it?

②: 2. Write an article for publication in 1999  
making use of the content of this  
course applying it to ministry in your area.





# PHILIPPINES

March (Rec. April 14, 1987)



## GROUNDBREAKING - ATS

March 4, 1987

Rapidly growing churches in Asia result in an expanding student body at Asian Theological Seminary. We must have more classrooms! Dr. Oscar Baldemor, chairman of the board, thanks God at the groundbreaking ceremony for a new classroom building that will be finished by school opening in July. Funds are needed! PRAY!



PRAY for the 53 students who graduated on March 27. Six of these are Conservative Baptists already serving in our churches. Some will open up new areas for ministry.

## CHURCH GROWTH STRATEGY CONFERENCE

March 10-13, 1987

From Northern Luzon 90 pastors gathered for three days to study how to plant new churches and to help their own churches to grow. They set a goal of 156 new churches and formed regional committees to reach this in two years. Bob enjoyed the interaction with pastors as he lectured at this conference.



Discipling A Whole Nation for Christ is a challenging program to reach all of the Philippines for Christ. PRAY for this great harvest of souls.

PRAY for larger, adequate facilities for the Makati church. This is needed in order to grow. The present location is too small.

Box 1594  
Manila, Philippines



In His service,

*Bob and Marge*

Bob and Marge Skivington

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INFORMATION'S compiled from  
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- (I)
1. Delhi Bible Fellowship. By Manoj Malacki.  
FGBA.  
(a) Started - 10 yrs ago, with few members.  
Now. 10-15 families. About 85 members.  
60% are involved in full time ministry.  
(b) Pastor: An Air Force man but has got his B.D.  
(c) Meeting: At FGBA Hall in Rent.  
(d) Special ministry: - Among the Wives of Air force.

2. Disciples of Christ Church. By Manoj Malacki.  
(Bilaspur). FGBA.  
(a) Started: 80 yrs ago. Now 1200-1500 members.  
(b) Head office: Bilaspur (M.P).  
(c) Members Churches: 10-15 Congregations.  
(d) Special programmes: ① Youth Fellowship. 150 Youth.  
② Women Fellowship.  
③ Sunday School. 250 Children.  
④ College Meeting.  
⑤ Evangelistic Preaching. Among  
Hindu.

(II)

1. MASIMI ANJUMAN CHURCH. ALIGARH.

A. Village Methodist Church. (ARC).

B. During 5-3-1947 to 1948. MAC was given.

Type: Monothetic Church.



now. David. Ministered for 30 yrs. And

Baptized about 40 families.

D. + No Ch. Building yet.

E. - Now run. Sunil Dayal.

F. Programmes: ① Cottage meetings.  
② Evangelism among Non-Christians.

III. 3 INDIGENOUS CHURCHES. = B. Nathaniel.

1. DUA KA GHAR:-

① Located = in Lucknow. = (PENTECOSTAL IN FAITH)

② Pastor = B. M. Chand.

③ Building = No Church Building for many

4 yrs BUT NOW HAVE A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING.  
④ Evangelism = Regular among NON CHRISTIANS.

2. Assembly of Believers Church, Lucknow.

1. Members = Previously the members of Dua-ka Ghar But now have assembled as ABCh.

2. Pastor :- Mr. Augustine Anthony.

3. Church: Assembled in Hotel in Lucknow.

4. Preaching:- Street preaching, Jail visitation & hospital visitations.




3. Bethel Fellowship of Believers, Lucknow.

① Funder: Bro. Saran Chandra

- (b) Members: Many from Methodist & other Churches & also from Hindu & non-Christian families have been baptised & have joined this church.
- (c) Programme: Bible Study, Street Preaching.
- (d) Affiliation: With F.E.C.I.

IV. Methodist Church. By S.K. Philip.

- (A) Type: Conglomerate.
- (B) Structure:-
  1. Discipline.
  2. worship order, according to anglican order.
  3. Baptism. Believer's Child
  4. Episcopal.
- (C) Independent, most of the parts in India as far as finance is concerned.
- (D) Ordination:
  - 1) Deacon hood.
  - 2) Elder hood.
- (E) Out reach.  emphasise on outreach among Non-Christians, Jail prisoners, youth.

(F)

Programme :

① For Youth MYA.

② For Women MYWJC

③ For Adult MYAA.



## Notes: Taken from N. C. George

1. Emmanuel Bible Institute: was started by Bro. M. A. Thomas a former graduate of Hindustan Bible Institute Kilpauk Madras. It was started in 1967. He arrived in Kota (Rajasthan) and began to preach. Lord blessed his ministry with first convert from Bhil Community. Now a days he has established more than 100 small churches. He is also running Emmanuel Mission Schools, Emmanuel orphanages too.
2. Rajasthan Bible Institute: was started by Anand Kumar Chaudhary a Brahmin convert of Goa. He came to Jaipur in 1975 and started the Bible School with 2 students. Now he has more than 60 full-time workers. He also has a radio ministry in Hindi language. Very recently he has started a church planting ministry in Rajasthan. He has named his church New Life Church. He has more than 60 churches in Rajasthan.
3. The Bible Church: was started by Bro. John a graduate of H. B. I. Madras. He started his church in Jaipur and ~~now~~ it grew very rapidly. He has also started a Bible School in Jaipur.
4. Rajasthan Pentecostal Church: was started by Bro. Thomas Mathews of Udaipur. He has established several churches in Rajasthan. He is also running a (Philadelphia) sp? Philadelphia Bible College in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

## Notes: Taken from Rev. Henry Waldheim Sunray

1. Sadhu Sunder Singh Gurukul was started by a Sikh convert in Delhi. He has set up some prayer centres and wants to ~~start~~ an orphanage in Faridabad. (I will give more information later).



(Notes: Taken from Rev. Henry cont'd.)

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2. Secret Holy Mission: The gurus of this mission remain silent most of the time. They bless their disciples by laying hands on their heads. Rich people of India are its members. They think a man can find methods of how to become rich spiritually and worldly (III John 1:2). They write unknown letters to the rich telling these methods.
3. New Convert Fellowship: - was started by the refugees of Iran and Afghanistan in Delhi

Notes: Taken from V. P. Singh

1. The Bible Church - The church was started by Bro. John a graduate from Hindustan Bible Institute, Madras. The church is in Jaipur.
2. Kereli Mission was established in Bareilly and it observes total indigenous way of life. It is like an ashram where people live together and worship God.

Notes: Taken from Guishan Lal (FEBA Radio)

1. Bethel Fellowship of Believers, Lucknow, U.P. a conglomerate headed by Bro. Sarwanand Lal. This was started by him about 20 years ago. It has Indian way of worship - much like Bakt Singh groups. They have evangelism points at Barabanki, Unnao, Basti (all in U.P.) and a point (rather an evangelist) in Nepal also.
2. Himalaya Full Gospel Church has headquarter at Nainital (U.P.) - a conglomerate. Started by Rev. Gabriel D. Stephen in 1972 practically with nothing. They has mission station at Haldwani, Almora, Ramnath and Nainital (all in U.P.). The way of worship is very much Indian.



## Notes : Taken from John Biswas

1. Bible Chapel : Founder is Bro. K. C. John. The ministry was started in the 60's in Jaipur. The work was started with a small group of believers praying and doing Bible study and has gradually grown. At present it has a radio program, follow-up and church planting. They have a few centres in Rajasthan, Gujarathi + M.S. Finance is partly from the local believers and some from abroad.
  
2. Rajasthan Bible Institute ; founder Rev. Anand Chaudhary. Started in the 70's. It has a radio ministry and is the main source of getting contacts. Follow-up is done in 2 Bible lessons, letter writing and personal contacts. Church planting is begun by sending evangelists and thus they start worshipping in a group. So far about 50 house churches have been established in Rajasthan, M.P., Bihar etc. Source of finance = faith partners, CNEC sponsorship, various churches in USA and Canada.

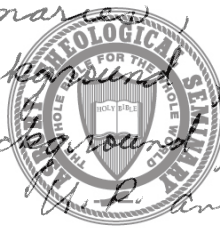


Notes: Taken from Prem Masih 4-A, Battery Lane Delhi

1. Mangolpuri Church, Delhi is situated in Mangolpuri which is the largest Resettlement Colony in Asia. It covers a vast area of Delhi. It covers Mangolpuri resettlement colony, Jwalopuri resettlement colony, Sultanpuri resettlement colony, Nagloi resettlement colony, Rampura, Ultamnagar, and Kirti Nagar. There are more than 300 families (Christian) in these areas. At present Mangolpuri church has no church building. We are worshipping in the tent. Recently in the month of May '87 we purchased 500 sq yard land from Delhi Development Authority for church building and parsonage. Now we are planning to build a church in Mangolpuri.

In 1978 it was started as a preaching point of Centenary Methodist Church, Delhi. Soon it was declared as "church" after forming a pastorate committee and pastorate conference according to discipline of M.C.I. Now at present it has a very strong congregation

2. Typology of the Church: if we throw a light over Mangolpuri church congregation - we would find that it falls under the conglomerate or multi-ethnic churches which is the second type of church in India in the book Understanding the Church by Donald McGarran. Because nearly 75% of the Christians are converts from Hindu background, Out of which 10% are newly converted from low Caste Hindus. The rest, 25% are second or third generation Christians. But if we look back at their families, we will see that they were also converts of the early missionaries. Five or six families belong to Punjabi background, two or three families are from Muslim background, a few families belong to a "Banjara tribe" of U.P. and Rajasthan, who came to Delhi seeking jobs and to settle.





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75% of the congregation lives in Resettlement colonies and 25% of the people live in (other) Uttar Nagar, Kerti Nagar and Rampura which are not resettlement colonies. These 75% people are completely illiterate and have low caste background. The word caste consisted of different castes and not one by one caste. So people of Mangolpuri church are from various Hindu castes. They accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and took baptism and follow the Methodist Church discipline. So now they are Methodists and no more Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs, and low tribes but now they are Christian. So far this reason we can say that my church is a multi-ethnic church.

Customs & traditions: Mangolpuri church is Methodist church so the customs and traditions are also according to Methodist discipline. We follow the child baptism as well as adult baptism. After 12 yrs of age a child is confirmed in full membership by the confirmation service. After confirmation person or child can take part in Holy communion. Likewise we have marriage ceremony & burial ceremony according to our discipline. Yet our church is not bound by tradition as we find in Syrian church. But we find some impact of Hindu traditions and customs on marriage & baptism ceremony. Specially in giving a rice feed to the people gathered at the time of marriage & baptism as well as at the 40<sup>th</sup> day after the burial of a family member. It is because of Hindu background of the people. After becoming Christian they do not want to give up their customs & traditions. They are still stuck with them.

In worship service people like to bring incense or "Agarbati" flower garland & candles. They light candles & offer garlands on the altar, kneel down and pray. In the beginning it was very strange to me



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I never made objections against what they were doing. I allow them to do what they want. Because I studied their life background and found it was part of their past life. I decided to educate them gradually. They understood and pay respect to me as Hindus understand their "Pandit". Thus I found the same impact of Hindu customs & traditions on the Christians.

Socio-economic conditions of the church is determined by the socio-economic conditions of the people. Socially the people of Mangolpuri church are one in Christ. They never see to each other as belonging to a low caste or belongs to Muslim or Sikh background. They take it for granted that they are one in Christ. We also have cottage prayer meetings eating with each other. I never have seen a single member of my church who would have the feeling of untouchability or any kind of ill feeling towards low caste people or Muslims or down tribal people. I too never gave such impressions to my people.

Economically it is true that the people are poor but not all are poor. There are some who give Rs 100/- per month to the church & there are some who give only Rs 5/- - yet our church is self-supporting and carrying all programmes by itself.

Approx 70% of the people are having government/private service, 10% are first class & II class officers, 10% engage in ~~the~~ business of their own. & 10% comes under labor class, 60% of youths (male & female) are students & 40% are unemployed. They are seeking jobs - unfortunately our church can't help them in this connection. Students of my congregation are studying in various mission schools in Delhi & out of Delhi. Methodist mission is giving their best scholarships & also providing them hostel facilities. In brief we can understand the socio-economic condition of the church.



Evangelism in the Church - Because our church is multi-ethnic there is no barrier for evangelism. There is no tradition barrier in the church as we find in Syrian orthodox church. Our church was formed by the Committee on Evangelism & mission, which is doing the task of evangelism among non-Christians. First of all our church service is helping us in evangelizing the Word of God. Because we are worshipping in a tent in the government park ~~was~~ near by the road. ~~the~~ When we begin our worship lots of non-Christians stand by the road and watch us and hear us. Afterward they ask us what we are doing and then we explain to them about our religion and worship. It is the main cause that conversion is still going on in my church though ~~conversion~~ count. Apart from it we formed a "Prayer band" of five persons, including Pastor, they visit sick persons, whether they are Christians or non-Christians, and pray for them and also distributing Bible tracts once in a week. I was surprised when I came to know that there are two or three families who are providing food to the beggars every Sunday in the Name of Jesus Christ. I encourage them to continue it.

Indianization in the Church Mangolpuri church is totally an Indian church. People are speaking Indian language, wearing Indian clothes, eating Indian food and follow the Indian culture, using Indian music in worship, using Indian musical instruments in worship - using Indian lyrics to praise the Almighty God. We are using ~~Shayans~~ rather than the hymns of Western lyrics, ~~Kirtan~~ and Indian pattern of worship. It means we are sitting on the Daris and not on the benches. People always remove



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their shoes when they come to church - Ladies always cover their heads during the service time. People bring Agarbatti and light them on the altar.

It is true that Pastor follow the Methodist order of worship yet it seems like Indian pattern of worship.

Conclusion Mangolpuri church is the church of Resettlement colonies. Which was started as the preaching point of Centenary Methodist church and day by day. Progressing under the almighty hands of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God is working in these colonies and the people are coming to the fold of Jesus Christ. Mangolpuri church is an example of Indian church with the Indian people. May God bless the church and people. Though people are coming from different castes, language, colour and culture yet they claim that we are one in Christ and always be



Notes : Taken from David Pradeep Morar

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1. Bharosh Ghar Mission Church (United Pentecostal Church in India) Denomination : Pentecostal (oneness group). Our church was established in 1911 by an American missionary lady named Miss Maccarty and Mrs. Yumuna Morar. Previously by grand parents used to live in the Ashram run by Pandita Ramabai in Gujarat.

Potential : we preach the Word of God at fairs and market places. Our preaching approach is very positive as we preach the Word of God in the local dialect Bhojpur, sing songs and then distribute literature. Every year we are blessed with good fruits.

There are twenty-five small churches in A.P., Bihar, Orissa, Maharashtra, U.P. and west Bengal working under the Banner of Full Gospel Fellowship of India. Ours is the leading church.

