

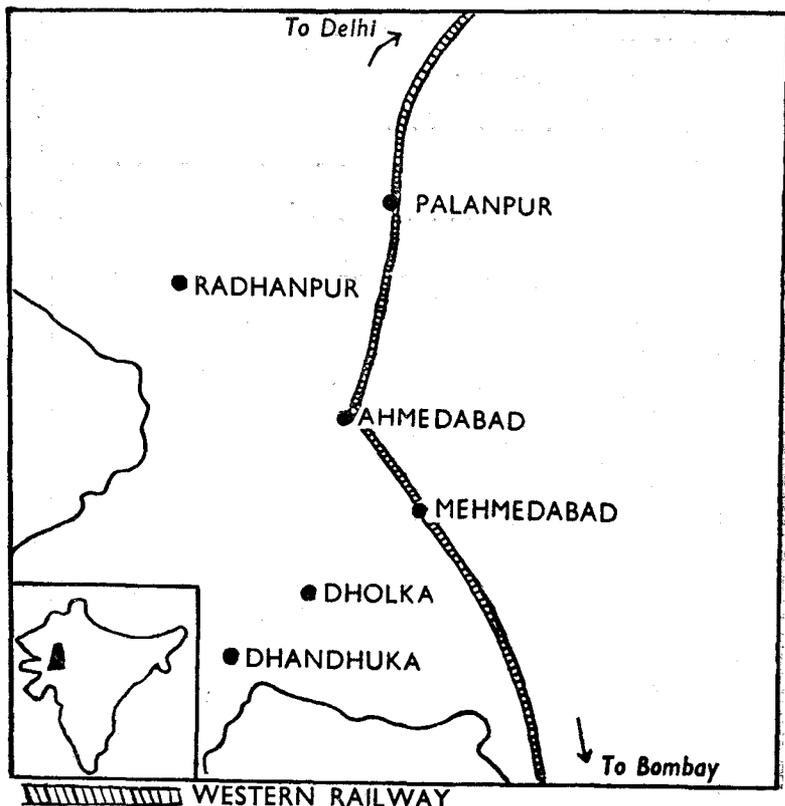
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A FAREWELL PRAYER

CATHERINE CATTELL

Dear Lord,
I relinquish that from which
I had so little fruit.
The cause, I cannot say;
Perhaps no root?
Or was it toil unskilled
Or just that Thou hast willed
That I not know
What plant should grow?
Yet keep Thou me from unbelief.
Perhaps a darker hand than mine
Will cut the sheaf
I might have brought,
And seeking, find the ones
For whom I sought.
When day is done
I ask but this
That they be won;
My crowning bliss
That I may clasp the darker hand
In joy complete,
That we may kneel together
At Thy feet.

Mrs. Catherine Cattell recently returned to the States after many years of service in India with her husband, Dr. Everett Cattell, under the Friends Mission. Mrs. Cattell's poem catches the mood of frustration which at one time or another engulfs every missionary to this land. But God's word is true. He will give the increase of that which has been faithfully sown by His servants.

APPRECIATION

Readers of the INDIA ALLIANCE will notice some changes in this edition, not the least being a change of Editor. We wish to thank Mr. Paul Haagen, who is on furlough for the very fine job he has done as Editor. As all his fellow missionaries know, it was in a sense his magazine. One reason is undoubtedly his long tenure as Editor (the better part of two terms). Its originality and style testified to the hours he spent not only editing, but rewriting our hastily-written material, polishing many an awkward phrase and travelling other editorial 'second miles'. We were never deceived by the literary devices with which he sometimes fleshed out otherwise lean issues—the result of our own callous disregard to his cry for 'more material'. From all of us a hearty 'Thank you, Paul'.

Increased printing costs, a reduced budget, and other factors which make it desirable to publish in India, have dictated some changes in size, content, and frequency of publication. But the present Editor cheerfully confesses that he suffers less from these handicaps than from his inability to edit a magazine like his predecessor's. Be that as it may, our prayer is that the INDIA ALLIANCE will, in its own way, continue to keep India alive in your hearts and prayers.

OUR TRUST

From the sophisticated hedonism of Southern California to the dark paganism of a humble Indian village is not so great a jump as one would think. The difference between worship of the monkey god Hanuman and the chrome and steel god Horsepower is qualitatively slight—at most, one of location and culture. Certainly in the eyes of a holy God Who looketh not on the outward appearance but on the heart, it is of no consequence whatever.

An important difference remains, however, one which has become trite with frequent reiteration, but which is nonetheless true. It is that of opportunity. 'Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God'. But apathy and unbelief also come by hearing when that which is heard becomes commonplace. The picture of a feckless, overstuffed, overclothed America in a world of dire need is not so tragic nor true in a physical as in a spiritual sense. If 'in Adam all sinned' and 'in Christ shall all be made alive', then to deny any individual a chance to believe is, in one sense, to deny him his birthright as a son of Adam. This right of every man to hear the Gospel at least once, coupled

with one's sense of something unjust in the fact that some have heard often while many have not heard once, has been one of the great imperatives of the pioneer missionary movement, and has weighed heavily in the call of every individual missionary. It is the burden of the Apostle's rhetorical argument in Romans 10:13-15. To tell to all the world is still our 'high and holy dispensation'. May we remain faithful to it.

‘KA-KHA, GA-GHA, BA-BHA !’

Remember when you first began to walk? Of course you don't remember. But you remember when your children or someone else's children took their first steps. At first they clung to you or anything they could grasp for support, and if you were to even suggest the removal of those supports they would loudly protest with tears and promptly sit down on the floor with a flop. 'I guess we just can't push 'em', ambitious parents would say to one another. 'There'll come a day when they'll be ready to walk on their own'. Children vary. They do not all begin to walk in the same way. Some are very cautious and will not venture on their own till they are quite sure that the possibilities of falling are considerably lessened. Others plunge into the attempt with little or no fear and provide much amusement for the outlookers. How the audience giggles and laughs as the child so slowly, haltingly, and falteringly takes a few steps and then suddenly—down he goes! What happened? 'Tene bhul khadi!' (Idiomatically: 'He ate a mistake.')

Thus it goes with us as we learn to speak the Gujarati language. We have now launched into our sixth month of study but our legs are still very wobbly.

Disembarking at Calcutta on Friday, May 3rd, 1958, we proceeded that same day to Landour, North India, arriving there on Sunday, May 5th. The following day we began, under the able teaching of Mr. John Christie, to learn how to speak strange sounds and to write the fancy curly-que characters of the Gujarati alphabet.

Several weeks later, upon arrival at Ahmedabad, our plains station, we continued our study of Gujarati under the teaching of Mr. Dhru, a teacher who was new to us but formerly employed by the Mission.

We have appreciated this elderly man's faithfulness in coming regularly five days a week and spending two hours daily with us,

especially in view of the fact that he is not well and comes from a distance across town.

We are glad that we have a good grammar book to guide us in learning Gujarati grammar, for unfortunately Mr. Dhru is not able to teach grammar. As Mr. Dhru teaches without his dentures, we find it somewhat difficult to hear the correct pronunciations, especially when writing dictation. Perhaps this is good experience for us in order to learn to understand the language of a toothless person. It may come in handy some day.

Thus far we have completed translating the first three pamphlets of the Gujarati adult literacy course, the first book of *Vishesh Vachan Pravesh*, and most of the second book. We have finished translating the first English reader and are now working on the English readers entitled *Pandita Ramabai*, of the Great Women of India series, and *Dadabhai Naroji*, of the Leaders of Modern India series. One of us has begun to translate Luke's Gospel and memorize the Lord's Prayer in Gujarati, also to write the first essay of the list of sixteen essays that is to be handed in at the time of examination in March.

Besides our book work we find it very helpful to spend time talking with our national brothers and sisters who live on the compound. We appreciate their eagerness to help and their long patience with us. Sundays provide us with the opportunity to listen and increase our understanding of Gujarati teaching, preaching, and praying as well as learning to sing Gujarati hymns. Many of our friends at Simpson Memorial Church also patiently help us by talking with us slowly and simply in Gujarati whenever there is an opportunity to do so following the morning service.

Because of our oft-repeated mistakes, our chief enemy, Discouragement, constantly knocks at our door, but we intend to give him no entrance. With much diligence on our part and with God's enabling, we trust that the day will soon come when we shall be able to speak the Gujarati language fluently.

—MURIEL and ELMER ENTZ

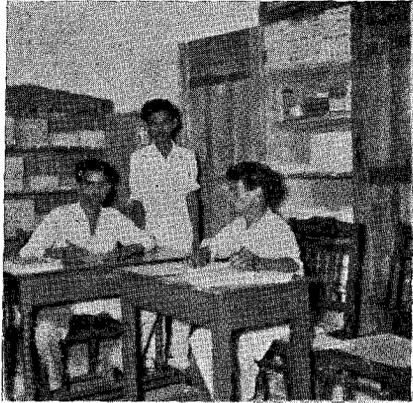
NOTE: Mrs. Entz (Muriel Schelander) must take after her linguistically-minded father. Since this article was written she has passed her first year Gujarati examination with one-half point less than distinction. (Who was the examiner who quibbled over a half point?) Elmer and Muriel are now engrossed in a new study. Marvin Paul Entz arrived September 22nd in the Methodist Hospital, Nadiad.

—Editor

JIVAN PRAKASH (LIGHT OF LIFE)

The Jivan Prakash Correspondence Course continues to grow steadily simply through the testimony of those at present enrolled, but since we now have a full-time secretary for that office we anticipate the use of local newspaper advertising and other means to increase the enrolment even more.

To date there have been 47,452 students contacted with John's gospel and the relative first lessons, and 9,202 students contacted with first lessons in Acts. If the first lessons are not completed and returned, the individual is not enrolled as a student of the course. However, the number who enrol is most gratifying and to date 25,947 have enrolled in John and 2,854 have enrolled in Acts. It costs any enrollee Rupee 1 (about 21 c) for postage if he completes both courses. Thus far 9,012 have completed John and 1,633 have completed Acts.



JIVAN PRAKASH STAFF AT WORK

J. L. Evans

These same lessons are sent out from 15 centers in 17 of the major languages of India. According to the latest monthly nationwide survey the Gujarati course stands 6th both in total number of enrollees and in the total number of certificates issued. This is a very good record, for many of the language areas are far larger than ours.

With a daily mail average of 300 lessons our staff works long hours. As the last lessons go out a slip is enclosed asking the student to sign his name and address if he would desire a visit from a nearby Christian minister or layman. Many signify that they desire this closer contact with Christianity and the office in turn sends out these slips to Christians in communities widely scattered all over Gujarat.

Many students send in 50 naye paise (10½ c) to pay the postage on a New Testament of their very own. The New Testaments are given free through the kindness of the Bible Meditation League. One of our Christian laymen supplies free

7 books for follow-up Bible Study which may be obtained one after another as the students write requesting them.

The Jivan Prakash office often receives letters inquiring about further study and other matters. Every effort is made to answer these promptly and fully, and as a result of this follow-up via the post and the establishing of a near-at-hand Christian contact we are seeing souls saved and united to the Church. On Easter Sunday a Dr. Kaniyalal was baptised in Rajkot and his letters, full of the joy of the Lord and of the fresh blessings that are his through daily Bible study, are always refreshing to read. On August 17th Atmaram was baptised at the Simpson Memorial Church in Ahmedabad, and we trust his personal testimony will be coming to you in a future issue of our field paper.

Since the Jivan Prakash ministry is one of the most far-reaching and effective ministries that we are carrying on we would ask you to add your prayers to ours that it may be even 'more effective'. 'Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white unto harvest'. (John 4:35).

—VIRGINIA MORRIS

DEVGAM ('VILLAGE OF GOD') FAIR

The Devgam Fair is an annual Hindu celebration honouring the goddess of wealth. Its main participants are the wealthy land owners and money lenders from many parts of Gujarat, but the bulk of the twenty thousand celebrants journey from nearby villages. For two full days these masses of people arrive by bullock carts, trains, motor buses, on camel back, horseback, and by foot. Red is the predominant colour of their clothing, as well as the paint on the bullock horns and horse blankets. Thousands wearing red turbans, red shirts, red saris and skirts walk aimlessly around seeking entertainment on the 'midway' with its overloaded, unsafe ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds, and swings. Photographers have a thriving business among the men and boys who enjoy seeing their reproductions displayed in prominent places in their homes; tattooers yearly increase and lengthen the designs and silhouettes on arms, faces, necks, and chests of the women. Children, having been given a few annas or a rupee, renew their yearly supply of toys of hard rubber, water-filled balloons, bright paper birds pirouetting at the end of a stick and string, wooden

engines, trucks and cars, as well as numerous tin mirrors, whistles, and noise makers.

The sight of the colourful procession accompanied by the rhythmic beating of hundreds of drums is a picture of gaiety and lightheartedness. At more, it is a picture of the vast opportunity to reach these masses with the story of Christ. Having once worshipped their goddess, they are then free to revel and carouse in other places. In the din, preaching is impossible, but mixing freely with the crowd affords many opportunities of personal witness and testimony. Devgam Fair has been the object of much prayer as in previous years it was difficult to enter. Opposition has been so strong that the messengers of the Gospel have had little freedom to distribute literature and tracts. Open opposition has caused them to curtail their ministry in the place, returning home with burdened hearts for these who would not listen.

However, during the early hours of the first day of the fair this year, several wealthy business men from Bombay and Ahmedabad displayed friendliness to the evangelistic group. This put a different complexion on the attitude of the whole mela. With one or two exceptions, there was a spirit of tolerance, the sale of literature was notably increased, and a number came to the jeep to inquire about Christianity. Permission which heretofore had been forbidden was granted for taking pictures and various ceremonies, previously for 'believers only' could be observed. Tea was served and friendships made in the place which was meant only for the followers of the goddess.

Follow-up services in some of the surrounding villages have shown the far-reaching impact of this ministry. Although some continue to turn a deaf ear to the message, many testify to having received Gospels and tracts at the mela, have read them with interest, and appreciate the desire of others to reach people with the Truth. Outward signs are lacking, but as some sow, others water, and God gives the increase.

—KARL KOSE

**There are only two valid Missionary Motives—The
Love of Christ and the Command of God.**

—SAMUEL ZWEMER

PERSONNEL

Since the last issue of the INDIA ALLIANCE two missionary families have returned from furlough. The Edward Jacobers and the John Garrisons arrived in Bombay August 13th on the *S.S. Asia*. John and Leona Garrison are stationed in Dhandhuka. Ed and Ginny will be working the Radhanpur District. Both these stations have been unoccupied during the past year although Karl and Eloise Kose divided their labours between Palanpur and Radhanpur districts. Pray for God's servants as they work in these difficult areas.

Our Chairman, Paul Morris, Benjamin Christian, teacher in the Bible School, and another national were saved from what could have been a tragic accident. Coming from Ahmedabad where they had been to the opening of the new Alliance book store, Mr. Morris's Jeep station wagon was raked from stem to stern by a heavy lorry (British for truck) loaded with bananas. The lorry driver tried to get away but Paul alertly got his number. Hours later he was picked up by the police. The damages: about Rs. 3,500 to the Jeep (roughly \$700). No one was hurt but all the occupants were shaken up and slightly bruised. We thank God for His mercy and protective hand over them!

The Monsoon (rainy) season is the time of the year when reptiles and insects flourish like the proverbial green bay tree. It is also the season when missionaries move out onto the verandahs to get an extra breath of the warm humid air. Sometimes the interests of the two species conflict. Anna Jean Evans discovered a snake in her husband's bed. Coiled between the folds of the mattress was a deadly little krait. The bite of a krait brings death quicker than that of the cobra and is responsible for more fatalities than that of any other snake. Someone has said that it is a debatable point whether humans tolerate the animals at this season or vice-versa! John Garrison killed two kraits, a cobra, and several scorpions in the three weeks he and his family have been in Dhandhuka. That 'largest textual variation' of Mark 16:9-20 might be a stumbling block to the critics, but as the late Dr. Samuel Zwemer pointed out, missionaries have been claiming some of its promises and seeing them vindicated for years.



Picture by B. S. Thukral

Fairview Hostel. Facing Camera—*left to right*—ROBERT and RUTH MORRIS, 5th and 6th—CAROL EVANS, RUTHIE JACOB, nearest camera, *left to right*—4 and 7 ROGER and KEVIN KOSE. *Lower right hand corner*—JOHNNY EVANS

FAIRVIEW HOSTEL

Children are usually interesting only to their parents. However, we receive from time to time enough inquiries about our missionary children to convince us that an item about our 'Junior Missionaries' once in a while is justified. Some of you might be interested in hearing about our little mountain-climbers nearly 800 miles north of Gujarat, in Landour, U.P.

'Fairview' is an appropriate name for the bungalow which houses eight of our Alliance children and nearly as many more from other evangelical missions. Situated 7,000 ft. up in the foothills of the majestic snow-peaked Himalaya mountains, the view certainly is a fair and impressive one. 'Woodstock', the American school run by co-operating missions, is nestled among the hills about 1,000 feet down, so the children get lots of exercise going up and down the mountain paths daily.

This young brood is mothered by 'Auntie' Hansen, loaned to this ministry by our Marathi Mission. The children all love her and even outsiders comment on the happy, homey atmosphere at Fairview. As you can imagine, it is no easy job to care for the daily physical needs as well as spiritual needs of fourteen children, but 'Auntie' with a minimum of menial help carries on in a way which would soon wear out an ordinary mother! How grateful we are to our Heavenly Father for providing such a fine place for

our little ones who must leave home and parents at a tender age.

The school year is from June to June with three months' vacation on the plains from December to March due to the cold weather in the hills at this time of the year and lack of proper heating facilities. How the children and parents anticipate 'going-down day' in early December! Then in May and June parents can again be with their children when they come up to Landour to escape the heat of the plains. Life in India is gauged to a great extent by the weather.

When you're praying for the needs of the various stations, remember these children who 'for Jesus' sake' are up in Fairview.

—ANNA JEAN EVANS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for three young men who have made professions of salvation. The first, Rupsingh has been baptized and is going on with the Lord although none of his family are Christian. The second man, Shivlal, confessed Christ as Saviour and was baptized. He has since gone back (at least outwardly) to Hinduism but there is evidence of a great dissatisfaction in his heart. The third young man became interested in the Gospel when he picked up a Jivan Prakash pamphlet from the roadway and read it. He professes to be a Christian and comes to church regularly. He is meeting strenuous opposition from his family and caste people.

The opening of the Book Store in Ahmedabad had to be postponed several times owing to the recent political disturbances there. Now that it has been opened pray that many might be contacted through this ministry. Pray for the two nationals in charge that God will give boldness and wisdom in dealing with those who are interested in the literature.

Mr. M. Mathews is a South Indian Christian who is studying Gujarati in Mehmedabad. He and his wife have been appointed by their Indian Missionary Society to work in East Africa where there are many Gujarati-speaking business people. Mr. Mathews speaks English besides his mother tongue, Malayalam. Although an Indian, Gujarati is a foreign language to him. Pray that he might grasp the language quickly and at the same time minister to our Bible School students at Mehmedabad.

The Morrises would appreciate readers' prayers for four-year-old Joy who has had several successive illnesses.

After a rough time of it for the first month, the Garrison and Jacober children seem to be well readjusted to Indian life and climate.