Rev. Fred Schelander

The work of revision of Pandita Ramabai's version of the Bible (for village people) which has been going on for over eight years is now nearing completion. The printers have now begun working on the Book of Genesis. Bro. Fred Schelander has been working tirelessly on this project along with the revision of the regular edition put out by the Bible Society of India and Ceylon. We have appreciated the hours and years of prayerful, persistent work behind these two editions and are looking forward to their completion. We are trusting that through these efforts our people may more readily understand the Word of God.

Miss Julia Derr

The day-after-day work of correction, revision and translation can become tiring and discouraging. However at times encouraging reports of these efforts reach Miss Derr's desk. David Cohen, a converted Jew, now preaching the Gospel, went to a certain village with a few Christian young men to hold a meeting. At this meeting he was stabbed in the back. After recovering some time later, he returned for another meeting, this time only to be clubbed in the back. For the third time the Lord led him back to this same village to tell of the Lord's love for the lost. This time he was invited into a tea stall for a cup of tea, only to find that his "friend" was his attacker on his last two visits to this town, but now he was changed. He said that an English copy of a tract was given to a friend of his, but he couldn't fully understand it, but he understood enough to know that terrible things were in his heart. That very day Bro. Cohen had brought that very tract with him that Miss Derr had prepared in Marathi. This Man now attends all the meetings in the town and asked to have the privilege of sweeping and preparing the ground each time where the meetings would be held. Such is God's grace, and the value of the printed page.
Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Carnar

Bro. Gerald Carnar, as editor of the Marathi language Paper, “The Light of Life,” has been doing a wonderful piece of work. The paper is entering literally thousands of homes that ordinarily would not receive the Gospel message. Pray for this paper that subscriptions may increase for His Glory. Also word comes from Akot District of two young Bible School student workers who were visiting the nearby villages during the rainy season. Now, today there are people asking for baptism in five of these villages. We rejoice in hearing of a small Christian group in one village which has been victoriously trusting the Lord as Satan futilely seeks to split this group. By the time this paper comes off the press, we understand that they will be worshipping in their newly built church, Praise His Name!

Miss Ann Droppa

In Western countries the gap that is bridged by the Sunday Schools, has had to be bridged by the Christian schools in India. For this reason our schools have had for their main purpose of existence, the evangelism of India’s children. In looking over our records, it is found that the majority of our pastors, workers, Bible women and outstanding Christians who have stood the test, have been those grounded in the Lord in these Christian institutions. In addition to the daily school program there are special times for services, worship, Sunday Schools, and young peoples meetings for all age groups. Perhaps the question is asked, “Are there opportunities for evangelism in a Mission School?” In a school with an enrolment of 207 there are opportunities in abundance of reaching children from many towns, villages, and cities.

“Forbid them not to come unto me,” is the Masters’ yearning for Indias’ children. Prayer is needed for these, who come from various religions and backgrounds, that they may find the one who said, “Come!”
Rev. A. C. Eicher, Chairman

... This is the Word of the Lord ... saying, 'Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts'.” Zech. 4:6.

"Religiously, with resurgent non-Christian systems on the sharp up-swing, we are impressed with the statement made by Dr Robshaw, the Presbyterian minister: 'The nineteenth was the most pagan of all centuries except the twentieth'."

"The power of the Church in the early centuries of its existence was due to its realization of the truth of Zechariah’s statement that it is not by might of arms—even nuclear weapons in the megatons of so-called Christian nations, nor power through politics that the Church will go forward but it is by the enduement of the Holy Spirit alone that the Church will regain that vision, that energy and that authority which will enable it to meet and overcome every obstacle. This was the power through the Holy Spirit that characterized the Church in the early centuries. It was a living vibrant faith in the living Christ working through the Holy Spirit whom He sent, and not in an ecclesiastical or even an ecumenical Christian organization known as the Church."

"The Church at large needs to learn these lessons and we as a mission and as individuals must fall before God in humble repentence, calling upon Him to meet us; primarily in our own hearts' need individually and as part of the Body of Christ."

Statistics of India (as of March, 1961)
—Population—438 million people. India’s population is only second to that of China, and if all of humanity were to stand in a line, every 7th individual would be an Indian.
—There are 558,088 villages in India, and 82.7% of her population lives in these villages.
—India is a land of many languages and dialects—in all about 845. The constitution recognizes only 14.
—In 1951 India had only 16.6% of its population literate.
—In 1961, 23.7% of the population was found to be literate.
—In the last 10 years the life expectancy has risen from 27 years to 32.45 years.
—The plan for compulsory education for all children up to the age of 14 in 1962 is well on its way.
Rev. & Mrs. C. H. Dyke

Due to many of the churches and smaller groups of God's children being without pastor or shepherd, much of the Herb Dykes' time has been spent in the building up of the Church. This has been done through meetings, conventions, and visits for special occasions. A Short Term Bible School was held in April of 1961 at which time fourteen were baptised. Many of these were brought to the Lord simply by the fearless testimonies of relatives and friends in their villages. In some cases God has had to use severe means to bring families back to Himself. One of several cases is that of Kaluji, a Christian who had turned his back on God, and become a leader in the New Buddhist Movement. A heart attack suddenly took him from the world. Early in October his widow, standing up in church and with tears of repentance flowing down her cheeks, asked her Christian brothers and sisters to forgive her and take her and her family back into fellowship again. The temptations of promises and awards offered by relatives and friends in these other religions, become very tempting. Pray that having put on the full armour of God, they "may stand."

Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Capps

Accompanying the Capps on tour among the Banjari tribes people were the local pastor, an evangelist and a student worker. By day several villages would be visited and at night with the aid of a kerosene projector, the Gospel message was presented. Upon returning to camp after the evening meetings, men and women from the village nearby would come and sit in front of the tent and talk until late in the night, giving further opportunity to point them to the One who said, "I am the way the truth and the life."

In all the villages the message was respectfully received, except for one village where some Gospel portions were purchased and then made into a bonfire. A Christian Banjari man, now a pastor was a great help in preaching among these, his own people, and the Capps report the thrill of seeing these folks hear the message for the first time in their own tongue. For the first time there have been a few tracts printed using the Marathi script, and newly made gospel recordings in the Banjari tongue. Pray that more literature and especially Gospel portions may be printed leading to a wonderful ingathering of souls among these for whom He died. Also pray for the contacts made during this touring season.
Miss Ferne Gerrie

The Lord certainly has done exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think in regards to the Book Shop and Library in Akola. During the past 12 months about 60,000 people have come into the bookroom to either read, take books home on loan, or to purchase something in the bookshop. The membership at present totals 255. Many ask for the Bible as their first book to take home on loan. In the Bookstore, 8,441 Scriptures and portions were sold in 10 different languages. Some outreaches of this work have been the weekly English class, using the Gospel of John as a text, and also a colportage program which has resulted in a large increase in sales. Space does not permit the recounting of incidents of those who have been saved and asked for baptism through this medium. His promise is still true: “My Word will not return unto me void.”

Rev. & Mrs. E. H. Lewellen, write:

“Following our Short Term Bible School in Murtazapur last year, we tried to follow up the leads and govern our tours accordingly. We are glad to report that most of those who were saved and baptised last year have been going on with the Lord and showing signs of being strong Christians in the future. We held one tour in the village of the young New Buddhist Leader who was saved and baptised last year. As we toured in this area, this young man whose picture is shown played, sang and gave his testimony boldly in his and surrounding villages. Just recently he came into our bungalow, and in our conversation together about his prayer life and the way they observed the Lord’s Day, he told me that neither he nor his wife go to the fields on Sunday, so they were able to have prayer any time. He said that since reading the Scriptures and another book on the Christian life, the Lord had shown him that it wasn’t His will for them to work on Sunday. Praise His Name for this young man’s spiritual hunger which is resulting in obedience to God.”
Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Shaw

The Shaws write from Kodaikanal, S. India, of increased spiritual ministries among the many missionaries' children there. Mrs. Shaw has been greatly appreciated by the 20 children of our missionary family, as she does a splendid job of making a "home-away-from-home" in all its aspects. The daily care, encouragement given to individuals, sicknesses nursed, are only a few aspects of the work as hostel mother. Al Shaw who has a full time job of teaching 7th grade, also teaches Religious Education in the 8th and 11th grades. Besides this daily contact with missionaries' children of all denominations and backgrounds, he is also conducting a weekly Bible Class for the Junior Age group of children. Bro. Al's spiritual influence in the school has been a marked one for which we rejoice. This ministry of guiding and molding the lives of children separated from parents requires prayer.

Approved Specials for 1962

Approved Specials are special projects approved by the New York Board of Managers, donations for which may be sent to the Christian and Missionary Alliance, 260 W. 44th St., New York 36, N.Y., clearly designated for which project intended.

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- $2,500 Reading Room Extension, Akola
- $1,000 Lay Leaders Institute, Chikalda (Special Equipment)
- $ 750 Reading Room Equipment and books, Amraoti
- $ 100 Suvritta Prasar magazine
- $ 300 Telephone for Nargaon Bible School

About the cover picture

This is a picture of a Hindu Festival on the banks of a river a few miles from our Nargaon Bible School property. The man in the foreground is a Hindu holy man.
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Miss Hilda Davies, Expected return from furlough, Aug. 1962
Rev. and Mrs R. F. Perret Expected return from furlough, Dec. 1962
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