In Memoriam

MRS. LACY LEE CARNER

MAHARASHTRA

MARCH 1967
SORROWFUL YET REJOICING

Our hearts were very much saddened by the news that Mrs. Lacy Lee Carner, our beloved fellow missionary who has labored in Maharashtra for 32 years, has passed away on November 7, 1966.

As the first child of consecrated Christians, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Winston, of Webster Grove, Mo., the Great Commission was laid on her heart from her childhood. While attending Asbury College she met Lauren Carner, the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Earl R. Carner, veteran missionaries to India. Lauren himself was preparing for the Lord’s service in this field. They also attended Nyack Missionary College, and were married in 1932.

After serving in the Alliance Church in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., they arrived in India in 1934, where they had a rich ministry together for 26 years. Not only was Lacy Lee a good homemaker and contributed to the effectiveness of her husband’s ministry, but she was a missionary in her own right with manifold ministries in teaching and witnessing and serving others. Her warmhearted friendliness and selfless generosity reached out to all who came to her, and her hospitality will long be remembered by missionaries and Nationals alike. Her tender heart and genuine love for the people would not allow her to turn anyone away empty-handed if she could think of some way of helping.

Upon completion of the Marathi language study she and Lauren spent the rest of their first term in charge of the Boys School in Akola. The second term was filled with strenuous but fruitful labor in the villages of North Berar, tirelessly preaching the gospel and ministering to the hundreds of Christians in that responsive area. The third term found them in the Marathi Bible Training School at Nargaon, where Lacy Lee was very busy with a schedule of teaching, caring for the sick, entertaining a seemingly endless stream of guests and sharing in many other tasks of running such a school.

Beginning their fourth term in Amravati District, with part-time teaching ministries in the Union Biblical Seminary at Yeotmal, they were again assigned to the Nargaon Bible School in April 1959. Less than one year later Lauren was suddenly called to be with the Lord on March 26, 1960. In spite of the shock this was to Lacy Lee, she very courageously carried on her ministry in the Bible School for almost two years, and after that filled in as superintendent of the Boys Christian Home Mission in Dhond and as a teacher at the Women’s Bible Train-

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ing School in Khamgaon until her furlough in the spring of 1964.

In September 1965 she returned to India for her fifth term in apparently good health and fully expecting another fruitful term of service in the land of her calling. However, within a few months her health gave way and, following the urgent advice of some missionary doctors, returned to the U.S.A. in July 1966 at the age of 58 years. Reports concerning her progress during August and September were quite encouraging, and much prayer for complete healing of her body ascended to the throne of grace. All the more unexpected was the telegram that carried the news of her passing.

She was with her sister, Miss Virginia Winston, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the time of her death, and the funeral service, held in the Alliance Church in Crothersville, Ind., was quiet, but victorious. Lacy Lee—looked as though she were sleeping. Lauren's little Marathi Testament was in her hands, open. Two special numbers—favourites of Lacy Lee—"Make Me a Channel of Blessing", and "The Coming of His Feet", were sung by the pastor, Rev. Bowers, and his wife. Rev. George C. Klein, Area Secretary for Africa and a long-time friend, represented the Board of Managers. Besides her sister Virginia, Lacy Lee is survived by a son, Capt. Laurens R. Carner, of the U.S. Army, two other sisters, Mrs. Leo Tennies, Mt. Clemens, Mich., and Mrs. Ed Engelhardt, Loraine, Ohio; and a brother, Rev. A. L. Winston, Melbourne, Fla.*

We find it difficult to understand the Lord's purpose in this, and are baffled as to how to fill the gap left by Lacy Lee, but we do not question God's wisdom and love in allowing it. We trust Him to raise up someone, somewhere—perhaps even through reading this account—to take her place. Thinking of our sister we cannot sorrow as those who have no hope, but rejoice with her in that she is now seeing Him face to face Whom she served so well. We lovingly commend her son, brother, sisters and many friends to the Father of mercies and God of all comfort. "Happy are the dead who die in the faith of Christ! 'Henceforth' says the Spirit, 'they may rest from their labours; for they take with them the record of their deeds'" (Rev. 14:13 NEB).

* The editor is very much indebted to Rev. G. L. Carner, presently on furlough, for most of the above information.

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THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no one has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own,
Live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow, for
The clock may then be still.

—F. B. MEYER
I am made all things to all men, that I might BY ALL MEANS save some.

1 Cor. 9:22

Here are some choice gleanings from the various annual reports, given at the Conference in Akola, describing a few of the ways and means employed to make Christ known in this needy harvest field. Please pray with us that these means of communicating the gospel message may indeed become the means of Salvation to many precious souls as the Holy Spirit causes the seed that is sown to bear fruit.

CITY EVANGELISM

The Evangelism-in-Depth Campaign for which prayers and preparation had been made a year ahead, was held for eight days in the Joshi Hall, the largest public auditorium in the city. There was splendid cooperation from the other Protestant Christian Churches in the city and permission from the local Authorities was obtained without any difficulty. The Campaign took the city by surprise, as never before had such a Christian campaign been conducted in this city. Attendance each night grew and the messages brought each night by Rev. B. A. Greer of the Nazarene Mission were greatly appreciated and aroused a great deal of interest. After each meeting an invitation was extended for the people to remain for prayer and they seemed reluctant to leave at the close. We believe the clear messages spoke to many hungry hearts. Many non-Christians testified to this.

Rev. & Mrs. D. W. Capps, Amravati

LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS

Each day as the library opens, a tract is slipped into every magazine so that those who read only secular papers receive a spiritual message as well. We have recently had five friends write in to us as a result of these tracts, asking for further information on Christianity. One man took the trouble to write us from Akola.

He had been drawn to Christ through a verse in the tract, Matthew 11:28, 29. He wrote a composition comparing Christ with Krishna (a Hindu god) in a very sympathetic vein and sent it to us. Jamnik (our Reading Room evangelist) replied immediately pointing out the major differences and invited him to call at the Library if he wished to discuss the matter more fully. That very day he received the letter, he came to see Jamnik. After a time of counselling he said “I need to study the life of Christ and the Bible with you. Could you arrange a time for me?” Delighted to do so, Jamnik arranged a time with him, even though the man is the owner of several “chakkis” (mills) in Akola and very busy.

MISS FERNE GERRIE, Akola
FELLOWSHIP

The last Sunday before coming to Conference the district pastor and I were jammed in on the floor of the long, narrow verandah of one of the Christian homes in the village of Pandhari. Except for the two couples now at Chikalda, nearly each member of the nine or ten-family congregation was present. In addition, at one end of the verandah were seated three men, one of whose piercing eyes regarded me constantly while the message on the water of life and conditions thereof was being given. Why were these visitors present? They had come specially to hear the gospel message. Who were they? The one is—or was—an intense and very influential leader of the Buddhists of that town. But he had had an argument with his brother a few weeks before and in the scuffle he and his wife and children with their household goods were thrown out of the common home. He sought for four days for intervention by Buddhist friends. But not one came to his help, or stood up in his behalf, or offered shelter. Finally he turned to a household of Christians most of whom were baptized less than two years ago, and who, incidentally, have had a liberal share of opposition since they came to Christ. With the love of Christ in their hearts they took this man—the leader of their persecutors—into their already crowded home of four families. After he thus began living with our Christians, some of his Buddhist people came to him anxiously, expressing concern lest he might become a Christian and they themselves be bereft of their leader on whom they have been so dependent. He gave the retort: "When I was in need not one of you would help me. Here I have found out of a dozen or so, who have love in their hearts. What I do now is none of your business." On another occasion he said to the Christians, "The reason our people have been persecuting you is that they know that you are right and have the truth, and they do not like it."

REV. & MRS. J. L. AMSTUTZ, Anjangaon

LAY WORKERS

The Lay Workers Institute continues to fulfill a very important ministry in training lay leaders from our villages. Brother Root’s report at BKCC indicated that the average educational standard of those now attending Lay Workers Institute is higher, a few of the women who now come are literate. This makes it possible to give better training. Mr. Root reports that missionaries, supervisors, and pastors have written of the faithful and effective services being rendered by many of the former students. Numbers of the Lay Workers Institute students’ relatives and neighbors have been won to the Lord.

Chairman’s Report
REV. A. C. EICHER, Akola

SHORT TERM BIBLE SCHOOLS

Out of a dozen or so, who had been chosen to come to the Short Term Bible School held from September 8-18, seven came. The Lord blessed
in a remarkable way and worked deeply in the lives of those who came. The faith of one young couple was tested before they were baptized. The man’s in-laws came to say that his wife could not come to her parent’s home. The young couple said they had found the Saviour they had sought and earthly ties could be sacrificed. They, with five others went down in the waters of baptism in an impressive service where the public and most of the Church members were looking on. A triumphant scene.

REV. & MRS. C. H. DYKE JR. Murtizapur

RURAL EVANGELISM

What of our real assignment, that of Rural Evangelism? It is in this type of work that we have been most grateful for some co-laborers. Brother A. K. Damle came to us two days before Christmas and helped us in the work until the end of March, when he had to return to Chikalda for his teaching ministry there. Again we had his help from late June until the end of August. Besides, we had two student workers from the Nargaon Bible Training School from early April until the end of June, and one of them is now spending his practical work year with us . . . We do rejoice in the privilege which has been ours of repeatedly giving forth the Word of Life in quite a number of places, and leaving the message of salvation behind in more permanent form such as tracts, gospels, New Testaments and Bibles. One instance comes quite vividly to mind. We had just offered gospel booklets for sale after a night meeting in Adgaon. At first there was no response at all. But as soon as I began handing out a few tracts we could hardly cope with the demand for gospels, and within a few minutes we had sold all the twenty or so gospels we had brought along, and could have used more. Quite a number of young men wanted the first lesson of the Light of Life Bible Correspondence Course as well.

REV. & MRS. F. ROTH, Akot

SCHOOL EVANGELISM

Then in September for a week Mrs. Capps ministered the Word of God to the students of the Girls’ Boarding School in Khargaon from the 28th to the 2nd of October. About 140 girls of all ages from first grade to the last year in High School. This was a real challenge indeed to see the Lord glorified in these precious lives. One felt very humble to be called to such a ministry but again as we have both heard the voice of the Master before, He seemed to say “As the Father has sent me, even so send I you.” We thank God for the 40 girls, little ones, middle school age, and high school girls, who accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour and some re-dedicated their lives to the Lord. Each one with glowing face testified to a real experience in her heart.

REV. & MRS. D. W. CAPPS, Amravati

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

God had only one son, and He was a missionary.

—DAVID LIVINGSTONE
NEWS NOTES

We are very sorry indeed to report that Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Bell had to return to the homeland for health reasons.

A spiritually very profitable retreat for pastors, evangelists and men missionaries was held from August 29—September 2, 1966. Rev. Ian Kemp, professor at the Union Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal was the main speaker, and we know that the Lord has done a real deep work in many of our hearts.

At the invitation of the Marathi Synod, Dr. J. Turnbull, former Alliance missionary in the Gujerat Field, held a series of missionary rallies in all of our districts from November 16—December 6, and reports of rich blessings, decisions for Christ, re-dedicated lives and divine healing have come in from a number of places.

You should see the completely renovated and greatly enlarged Akola Reading Room, known as Project Lydia. Except for some furnishings and more books (see approved specials) it has been completed for several months now. You will find more information concerning this in our next issue.

Rev. E. F. Eicher reports that the present schoolyear of the Nargaon Men's Bible Training School opened with an enrolment of 23 students. Of these, 18 are young men and 5 are students' wives.

Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Stengele, who are presently filling in at the Khamgaon Women's Bible Training School as well as in the Girls' Boarding School, report that they have in their care 23 Bible students and 146 boarding students from grade 1 through high school age. One new full-time teacher has been added to the faculty of the Bible School, and the Khamgaon Church pastor is also assisting in part-time teaching.

PRAYER REMINDERS

Please pray for the new hot season term of the Lay Workers Institute at Chikalda from March 21—June 6, that the students will quickly catch the vision, and be burdened to witness to their many relatives, friends and neighbors.

Also for the Bible Schools and Biblical Seminary, that the Lord will lead many of His own choice to prepare for His service in these schools. There is a great need for more pastors and evangelists. The new schoolyear opens in early July.

APPROVED SPECIALS FOR 1967

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- Miss Vimalbai Dongre (Ramabai Mukti Mission delegate)
- Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Schelander—Bhusawal, teaching Men's Bible School and Bible revision, Women's and Children's work

*until furlough in spring 1967*

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- Miss Gladys Jasper—Calcutta, South Asia Literature Director and on loan to Evangelical Literature Overseas
- Miss Helen Rast—Language study

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- Miss Ann Droppa—Khamgaon, Girls' Boarding School
- Miss W. S. Sanford—Khamgaon, Women's Bible Training School
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