Song of India
RADIO'S TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL

The ministry of Christian radio is increasing in its outreach. We rejoice in the recent dedication of our new recording studio and thank the Lord for contributions from friends at home that helped to make it possible. Due to lack of space to seat people we sent invitations to only those who had helped in the production of programs. 65 guests attended the dedication service.

Another matter of thanksgiving and praise is that FEBC, Manila, has begun transmitting the programs to India from their 50,000 W. transmitter instead of the 10,000 W. The increased power has considerably improved reception and has encouraged producers. We now have a daily 15-minute program on the air in Gujarati. Consider the fact that Gujarat State has a population of more than 20 million, greater than all of Canada, besides Gujaratis living in other parts of India and Asia, and you have an idea of the tremendous potential there is in Radio. Consider also the great responsibility of this ministry. There are no regular Christian broadcasts in the Gujarati language other than those produced in our studio.

Much remains to be done to improve the effectiveness of our programming and in gaining and holding a larger listening audience. But we are thankful for the many Christians from a number of denominations and groups who spend long hours helping to produce these programs. Response by mail of spiritual help received through hearing our messages encourages us to believe this is an effective means of reaching many with the gospel message.

—REV. ELMER J. ENTZ

Volunteer Christians produce a sacred music program in our recording studio
INDIAN CHRISTIAN NURSES

In the city of Ahmedabad, capital of Gujarat, two of the largest hospitals have welcomed us into their nurses' hostels for weekly prayer and Bible study. Attendance is not compulsory, but special speakers have sparked the interest of many non-Christians who attend out of curiosity. Some of the nurses faithfully take an active part and responsibility in serving the Lord, and we have witnessed victories in individual lives as well as seeking for more of God's presence. The nursing superintendents of these hospitals have plead with us to help the girls toward true Christian life and conduct. One superintendent is a Christian, and deeply concerned for the spiritual welfare of her girls.

Will you share with us in continued prayer as we contact many personally, applying our Bible study to their relevant personal needs. May not only their uniforms, but their hearts and lives be kept white and clean for the Master.

—MRS. KARL KOSE

A NEW JEEP FOR VILLAGE EVANGELISM

Rev. Edward Jacober with new cabover jeep

"Jack and Dot, today we are going north of Radhanpur on a new road the government has just opened. A year ago this road was non-existent but today by its use we can probe deep into our district and within half an hour reach an area where the gospel has not yet been preached."

With these words, we took Rev. and Mrs. Jack Falkenberg for a day of village evangelism. They had come to dedicate the new Jeep which had been given by many contributors of Bible Literature International as well as other friends and churches of the Alliance. It is like a minibus and can carry 11 adults along with many hundreds of gospels and tracts. With 4-wheel drive, it is ideal for the sandy area in the north of this district.

Pray that we may be able to visit all of those villages yet remaining, thus carrying out our Lord’s program of preaching the gospel to everyone in order to hasten His return.

—REV. EDWARD JACOBER
Fall . . .

‘31 days!’ Only 31 days till going-down day to join our parents on the plains at their station. Everyone is planning and thinking about their winter vacation with an eye on the calendar. One girl has gone to the extent of writing a date on each window and crossing it out as the day passes. The only thing that stands in the way is exams!

Olympics was just a week ago. Nine schools on the hillside participated. It turned out to be beautiful, unlike last year’s rainy, cold day. We were all grateful. Woodstock managed to get three girls’ cups. There were the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.

The Doon Sports Meet is coming up this Saturday. All the schools in Dehra Doon and Woodstock will be participating. We hope for good results. Two supervisors are chaperoning anyone who wants to go and are willing to pay ten rupees fare. This is a good chance to get away from school and well-known surroundings!

—Ada Haagen

Winter . . .

Winter means vacation, Christmas, and of course, some work. It spans the three months of December, January, and February. Vacation starts on ‘Going-Down Day’ which comes at the end of November. What a day! Exams are over, trunks packed and on the way, coolies running around carrying luggage, staff members frantically endeavoring to organize things.

But above all, this means a long train ride back to ‘civilization’ and a long-awaited three-month vacation which includes Christmas (that is never white).

Term papers are assigned in various subjects to do either during vacation or after you arrive back to school. Term papers give you something to do, at least. And they refresh your brain for more work at school which begins in March. All in all, winter is the best time of the year.

—Kevin Kose

Ada Haagen (grade 11)  
Kevin Kose (grade 10)
BOARDING SCHOOL
Missionary Kids)
Spring . . .
The first several days of the school's reopening in March may rightly be called bittersweet, for there is the melancholy of leaving one's parents and the excitement of seeing one's friends again. The first week is a period of readjustment to the bitter cold, school, new and old faces and then, pow! the halls and dorms resound with youthful laughter and joy of living. Activities are plentiful, the weather slowly warms, and as the hillside blooms out in a kaleidoscope of flowers, April is already halfway through.

Then May Day, that magic day of pastels, flowers, the traditional May Pole dance and, of course, food. The Woodstock Sale, held in June, is planned by a co-ordinating committee of various mission groups.

Parents start coming up for their summer vacations and the hillside is a buzz of activity. There are concerts, movies and Talent Shows; life revolves around the school and boredom is extinct.

—CAROL EVANS

Monsoons . . .
As the mists come rolling in and blanket Mussoorie, inside Parker Hall of Woodstock School a very serious program is being held—Graduation—a time of sorrow, of joy, of responsibilities, and for the girls wet, curly or straight hair. The hillside is swarming with parents and mothers run around trying to make the white floor-length graduation gown for the girls fit properly because the tailor brought it at the last minute.

Then comes the sadness of parting from the family. Some students travel via Europe, where their eyes grow as large as saucers at the fantastic sights they see in each country. Meanwhile the undergraduates soon feel the harness give a tug and it is once more back to a new routine with new students to face—all in all a very exciting time.

—RUTH JACOBER

Carol Evans (grade 12)  Ruth Jacober (grade 12)
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GIRLS MEET CHRIST

Mrs. Entz with High School and College girls’ groups

Shortly after we moved to Maninagar, Ahmedabad, the Lord enabled Muriel to begin a weekly Bible Study with college and Senior High School girls of the neighborhood. During the first few months they gathered in our home until the Community Church building afforded a better and more centrally located place. Using the group study method they began with the Gospel of John. Carbon copies of questions on the portion to be studied helped guide the group in discussion. Chorus singing and prayer has been a vital part of these meetings. The girls enjoy learning new English choruses and sing them fervently. The Lord sent Dr. Indira Perry, a young devoted Christian lady doctor very gifted in doing personal work, and largely through her help a number of these girls received the Lord as their personal Savior. With her help we held a camp for college girls and about 40 attended. During that camp several girls were saved. Dr Perry left for the United States, but the Lord is continuing His work in the group as they gather each week. It has been a joy to see some of them grow and develop in their Christian lives and in leadership as they take on more responsibility in the meeting. Others still need much prayer and help. As more families are moving into the area we are learning of new girls and seeking to contact them. We pray that many of these girls will be transformed by the Lord to show forth His praise and be His witnesses in their colleges.

After this work was well under way some of the High School girls began asking if they could have a meeting. So the Lord led us to begin a High School girls’ class which meets each Saturday afternoon in the church. The songs, lessons, memory work, note-book work, prayer time and handwork—all have been used of the Lord to get His Word into their hearts, and it is bearing fruit in their lives. Seven girls from this class decided to attend the Youth Camp held recently. There four of them opened their hearts to the Lord. We praise Him for the work He has done in them and pray He will continue to perfect it.

—REV. ELMER J. ENTZ
BAPTISMAL SERVICE

On New Year's Day, 1968, eleven young people from the Kaira and Vansar churches were baptized in a nearby river. The local worker, Arjunmaster, assisted Pastor Nathalal, from Mehmedabad. These young people are from Christian homes. Pray that through this public testimony of having received Christ into their hearts they will grow to be strong and useful Christian men and women.

—MRS. J. L. EVANS

NEW VILLAGE CHURCH

Summer heat of 110° and monsoon torrents can be a severe test for even the most faithful. A small group of Christians had to walk to the next village to attend services. Concerned that some of them were drifting because of irregular attendance and consequent lack of spiritual nourishment, a retired Christian layman, Mr Paul, offered to donate funds needed to build a small church in the village of Gamardi. Though the Christians are only a minority group, the Hindu village council granted a plot of ground on which to build. Gamardi will have the distinction of being an indigenously built church.

—REV. ELMER J. ENTZ
PERSONNEL NEWS

Rev. & Mrs. Karl Kose, leave for furlough in July. May they be refreshed spiritually and physically and return for another term of valuable ministry. They expect to work with college students and promote literature distribution.

Carol Evans and Ruth Jacober, will graduate from Woodstock High School in July and proceed to the States for further education. Pray that the Lord may guide and keep them in His loving care.

Rev. & Mrs. Paul Morris, discharge administrative duties at headquarters in Ahmedabad. This includes office work as Mission Treasurer-Chairman, and beginning the arduous task of turning over property to the Church, plus ministries in Bible teaching and nurses’ classes.

Rev. & Mrs. James Evans, Mehmedabad, oversee the Light of Life Correspondence Courses on John, Acts, and Luke, and expect to add another study on Romans. They teach in the Bible Training School and are in charge of Literature Production.

Miss Ruth E. Blews, Mehmedabad, works in literature production, holds women’s meetings in Christian villages, and teaches in the Bible Training School.

Rev. & Mrs. Paul Haagen, Mussoorie, are lent to work with TEAM Mission’s project LIT (Leadership, Instruction and Training) and concentrate on producing correspondence courses which are expected to be translated into state languages for use among Christian laymen.

Rev. & Mrs. Elmer Entz, Maninagar, Ahmedabad, produce tapes in the recording studio for 7 weekly radio broadcasts which are sent to and beamed back from FEBC in Manila. They also carry on a preaching and Bible teaching ministry among the Christians of the area, especially high school and college girls.

Rev. & Mrs. Edward Jacober, Radhanpur, do village evangelism with the help of volunteer Indian Christian laymen, and seek to build a church nucleus of believers in the district. They help with the LIT project and the literature program.

Miss Louella Burley, Saraspur, Ahmedabad, is engaged in children’s work and co-operates with the church program in this cotton-mill area.

I cannot tell why there should come to me
A thought of someone miles and miles away,
In swift insistence on the memory,
Unless there be a need that I should pray.

Perhaps just then, my friend has fiercer fight;
Some overwhelming sorrow or decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right,
And so, in case my friend needs prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me, if I, unsought,
Intrude upon you on some crowded day;
Give me a moment’s prayer in passing thought;
Be very sure I need it, therefore pray.

—E. Middleton

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