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"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God." Deut. 7:9

Our faithful God—we have seen for ourselves in the year 1967 a particular instance of God's marvellous faithfulness to the promises that He gave to Abraham some four thousand years ago. If we read the prophets correctly, there will still be tremendous problems and crises for the "people of the book", but Almighty God Who told Abraham "walk before me and be thou perfect" will consummate all His promises. To Abraham, to His chosen people, and to all who trust in Him.

Surveying the world politically since our last conference, news over the radio and in daily papers has told continuously of violence, warfare, racial hatred, and the forceful imposition of opinion. All these bear in on us the desperate urgency for preaching the Gospel of salvation and peace to a world held in bondage by sin and violence.
At a time when there is a greater need than ever before to proclaim the Gospel, and unlimited opportunities, we are facing an all-but-closed door to the entrance of new missionary recruits into India, and strict restrictions to the return of those on furlough. In May 1967, the Government of India issued orders to all missionaries from Commonwealth countries to register and abide by all the restrictions which have been prescribed for missionaries of the U.S.A. and other non-Commonwealth countries.

At the recent Board of Governors meeting at Union Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal, the matter of permits for visiting professors was discussed at length together with the reports submitted by the U.B.S. Principal, Dr. W. R. Hess, and Mr. Sampson Daniel, E.F.M.A.—I.F.M.A. Public Relations Officer at E.F.I. Headquarters, New Delhi, of their visit in New Delhi with the representative of the Home Ministry. Herewith a few excerpts from their reports:

"We visited the Home Office of the Government of India on Tuesday, July 18, 1967, hoping to hear a clearer enunciation of policy concerning foreign missionaries' entrance into India. Throughout the interview, lasting almost 40 minutes, the leading official was most courteous and frank. He made it clear that, in future, only experts in the field of college or hospital work, etc., will be allowed to come into India and not those who wish to come in exclusively for evangelistic missionary work. Further, the period of stay in India should be the very minimum required to train up an Indian for the very same post for which the foreign missionary has been allowed to come."

"Many of these matters are not new, but the provocative conclusion that we have reached is that the Indian Government is presently seeking to strictly enforce the policy laid down several years ago."

After having had no overseas visitors for a number of months, we are now enjoying a concentration of blessing from the ministry and fellowship of visiting friends. Rev. Antoine Deeb of Beirut, who is Chairman of the Evangelical Church of the Christian Alliance in Lebanon, arrived in Akola on October 25th and has already had a much-welcomed and fruitful ministry among various churches. His humble walk with God, his wide experience in the field of evangelism and his life of prayer are a benediction and a challenge. In these days when western overseas personnel are becoming fewer and fewer, is God opening doors of ministry for other agents, even from a least-expected quarter—the Arab world—to evangelize and help build up His Church in this land?

He is still our faithful God—He called Dr. Simpson and gave him the vision for world-wide evangelization. He called Colonel Oldham to intercede for missionaries in Berar. He has called you and me to His service in India, to help in the winning of lost souls and in interceding for national church leaders. He will accomplish His full will and purpose in His Church in India today. It is for us to be led even as Abraham was led, step by step, in faith, not knowing what lay ahead. We too do not know what the future holds for His Church and for us who seek to help in building it, but of this one thing we can be abundantly confident—His promise is true, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." With Brother Patterson who was our conference speaker in 1933, let us dare to say, "I find it perfectly safe to trust God."
By the end of July 1967 plans were underway for the first Berar-Khandesh Christian Conference Youth Rally after a period of four years. The planning committee of Youth representatives from each Mission area met in Murtazapur on July 22nd to begin drawing up a program for this Rally to be held November 2-5.

The responsibility for entertaining those coming to the Rally naturally fell on those in Akola, as it is the physical center of the seven-mission area known as the B.K.C.C.

Pamphlets telling the nature of the Rally, the costs involved, and the type of program expected, were distributed widely through the Youth channels of each organization. Under the able leadership of Mr. R. N. Gavankar, of Yeotmal, interest mounted on all sides.

This interest exploded on November 2nd after the first train load entered the Akola station. Youth came from everywhere! Hired bus loads came. Jeeps and carryalls came full. The rooms and tents set aside for guests were fast filling up.

From the first meeting there was such a fast pace of activity that one had hardly a chance to leave the spot for fear of missing some special activity. These included quiz competitions based on I Timothy, musical competitions both vocal and instrumental, and a debate, “Resolved that the Indian Youth of today is able to carry the responsibility of the Church of tomorrow.” Special numbers in song were interspersed throughout the day. Meals at the Rally were excellent, and a wonderful spirit of co-operation and fellowship prevailed throughout.

The presence of the Lord was keenly felt as over 600 youth sat in the pandal just west of the school rooms at the Santa Barbara Boys' School. Mr. John Paul, of Madras Y.F.C., was the main speaker. Rev. B. S. Greer had the morning Bible Study, and Rev. Melvin Slack, Nasik, of Maharashtra Y.F.C., led the quiz competitions. In the providence of the Lord Rev. Antoine Deep of the C. and M.A., Lebanon, was in Akola on a special visit and was blessed of God in his one message to the youth. In all of the meetings the Lord spoke to hearts, and it is hoped that from the scores who went into the nearby tents for counselling permanent victories will result in making the debate theme truly possible.

From the printing of the pamphlets with its challenging theme, the miraculous supply of food, and permission to hold the Rally to the taking down of the last tent, we can only say that God led us and did wonderful things in the lives of many.

The world needs fewer man-made goods, and more God-made men and women. —Sarah Anne Jepson
Striving to present
EVERY MAN PERFECT
in Christ Jesus

... teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present EVERY MAN PERFECT in Christ Jesus, Col. 1:27, 28.

The following are choice portions from the annual reports that tell of endeavours to lead the Christians on to spiritual maturity, so that by their lives they may not be stumbling blocks to the non-Christian community around, but rather living signposts, clearly pointing others to Christ. We covet your earnest prayer support for all such endeavors.

THE LAIRD STENGELES
I have been given the opportunity of conducting and speaking once a week in the early morning devotions at the Mission School across the road from our bungalow. This is an excellent opportunity to present the gospel of salvation to the many boys who gather each morning, and also a grave responsibility to give them the sincere meat of God’s Word in order that those who know Him may grow in His grace and knowledge, becoming grounded, rooted and established in the faith.

THE FRED SCHELANDERS
Among the first of our Christian duties a year ago, was an attempt to bring about a reconciliation between two groups into which our congregation in Jalgaon had become divided. Jalgaon, 16 miles from Bhusawal, is the district centre, and at present has no resident missionary. God did what seemed almost impossible, and after meeting separately for a whole year, the two factions reunited to form again one organized church from the first of this year. There are plenty of problems remaining, and full harmony can never be achieved until some of them have been rightly solved, but both sides have shown commendable restraint and the congregation has been worshipping together all year. Two weeks ago, when Evangelist John Paul held two week-night meetings there, the church was full, and about twenty-five persons requested prayer. Please pray earnestly for the church in Jalgaon and for the interim pastor, Mr. V. Telgote, who has been giving his weekends to Jalgaon while carrying on his duties at the Nargaon Bible School.

THE ED LEWELLENS
Ruth and I have never felt the urgent need for revival and the tremendous lack among our people of an experience of the crucified and Spirit-filled life as we do today. Following a leading from the Lord, and in consultation with the pastors in our area we planned meetings of four days duration each in four of our churches, two of which had two and three splits in them. There were few definite forward steps, outwardly taken, but through their
broken prayers confessing sin, and
the exceptional attendance in every
service, we could sense an awareness
of God, and a clearer realization of
what God considers sin.

THE HERB DYKES
The main touring of the past year
was done in Wai and Jamthi. We
camped near each of these villages
and held meetings for the Christians
morning and night. We followed
Dr. Lindholm's Course in Steward-
ship and also Rev. R. P. Chavan's
book "Kristi Dharma" (Christian
Religion) during these meetings, with
devotions each morning. These
proved to be like a series of special
meetings to the people and, even
though they were busy in the fields
each day, they attended faithfully
and received personal blessings.

FERNE GERRIE
Following our conference we had
three days of special meetings in the
Library for the Malayalam-speaking
nurses. Mr. Job, a Malayali student
from the Seminary in Yeotmal was
the speaker, and about 35 to 40
attended each evening. Mr. Job said
he had 39 letters from these various
nurses, telling of definite decisions
made for Christ. The meetings were
timely, as many of the student nurses
were being appointed to their first
assignments the day following the
meetings. They left Akola having
made new vows and covenants with
the Lord in those meetings. Do pray
for this ministry among the nurses.

NEWS BITS FOR INTERCESSORS
★ We praise the Lord for a very
good Annual Mission Conference,
held at Akola November 8-15. Our
speaker was Dr. John Hunter of the
Capernwray Mission in England. We
shall long remember his well-placed
emphasis on Rom. 5:10, "... saved
by the (resurrection) life of Christ
(in you)."

★ Our heartfelt sympathy is with
Mrs. A. B. Shaw, whose mother,
Mrs. A. I. Garrison—a long-time
missionary warrior in India—passed
into glory on December 18th, 1967.
She was living in Glendale, California.

★ We thank the Lord for bringing
the J. L. Amstutz family safely back
from furlough on January 5th, 1968.
We welcome them back to India and
wish them a very fruitful new term
of service.

★ The J. F. Derrs, G. L. Carners,
and G. F. Vandgrifts are all on
extended furlough. Since they were
unable to return to India within the
18 months normally allowed by the
Government, we need to pray much
that their visa extension will be grant-
ed. We trust that Mrs. Vandegrift's
health will yet improve so they can
return.

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the U.S. postal authorities by sending
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do. Thank you. —The Editor
The following are special projects approved by the New York Board of Managers. While they cannot be paid for from the regular budget, clearly designated gifts toward any of these projects will gladly be accepted and forwarded by the Treasurer of the Society (Headquarters' address on page 2).

$ 2,500 Vehicle for Miss W. S. Sanford—to lessen transportation problems.
$ 1,800 Vehicle for Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Thomas—to speed them on their way with the Gospel message.
$ 100 Good News Magazine—with weekly Sunday School lessons, very helpful to pastors and lay leaders.
$ 500 Christian Light of Life Magazine—which is subsidized to keep subscription rate low.
$ 500 Lay Workers’ Institute Grain Storage Equipment—to keep rats out and grain in.
$ 500 Colportage Work—to move literature from shelves into the hands of the public.
$ 2,000 Printing of Bible School Text Books—urgently needed in Marathi.
$ 1,000 Gospel Tent—for Gospel campaigns and Deeper Life meetings.
$ 15,000 Amalgamation of Men’s and Women’s Bible School—to reduce administrative and teaching costs. thus making it easier for the National Church to take over responsibility for the school.

Amounts of $5, $10, etc., for free literature, tracts, magazine subscriptions, children’s books for reading rooms.

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WHEN?

When may I cease to love Missions?
When I have ceased to love Him,
When the Father no longer loves sinners
When the stars in their paths have burned dim,
When the blossoms no longer need showers,
Or the wild birds their sheltering nests,
When men have no need of a Saviour,
When time ceases flying and rests,
When brotherly love has encompassed
The earth and all men are as one,
When Jesus is loved and exalted
In all lands where shineth the sun;
Then may I rest from my labours,
For Missions their course shall have run.

—Author unknown
MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS

REV. AND MRS. J. L. AMSTUTZ
Murtazapur, urban and rural evangelism

REV. AND MRS. D. W. CAPPS
Amravati, urban and rural evangelism

MISS JULIA E. DERR
Khamgaon, Literature ministries

MISS ANN DROPPA
Khamgaon, Girls' Boarding School

REV. AND MRS. C. H. DYKE, JR.
Murtazpur until furlough in spring 1968

REV. AND MRS. A. C. EICHER
Akola, Chairman and hostess

MISS JULIA E. DERR
Nargaon, Men's Bible Training School

MISS ANN DROPPA
Khamgaon, Literature ministries

MISS FERNE A. GERRIE
Akola, The Alliance Book Shop and Library, Sub-Treasurer and Secretary

MISS GLADYS M. JASPER
Calcutta, S.A.L. and E.L.O. ministries

REV. AND MRS. E. H. LEWELLEN
Anjangaon, urban and rural evangelism

REV. AND MRS. R. F. PERRET
On furlough until Summer 1968

MISS HELEN L. RAST
Chikalda, Lay Workers' Institute

REV. AND MRS. F. ROTH
Akot, rural evangelism and literature production

MISS W. S. SANFORD
Khamgaon, Women's Bible Training School

DR. AND MRS. F. W. SCHELANDER
Bhusawal, Bible Training School teaching and Bible Revision

REV. AND MRS. A. B. SHAW
Kodaikanal, Children's hostel and teaching

REV. AND MRS. L. F. STENGELE
Akola, Property transfer

REV. AND MRS. F. L. THOMAS
Poona, Language study

God has not called us to be famous but to be faithful—T. H. EPP.