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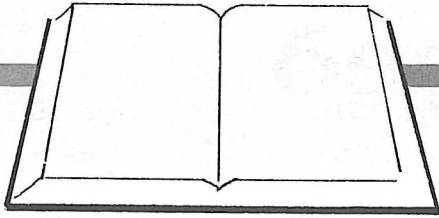
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## *According to the Word*

### WHAT TIME IS IT?

**Read Luke 21:24 and learn by heart.**

Isn't it amazing how much Christ can put into just one verse? He is speaking about the time of the Jews, and the time of the Gentiles.

Did the time of the Jews end with the destruction of Jerusalem? The judgment came because they did not know their time of visitation. They cried, "Let His blood come upon us and our children," and, "Give us Barabbas instead of Christ," but Barabbas was a murderer and a robber.

"They shall fall by the edge of the sword." That is referring to the destruction of Jerusalem. They were days of great vengeance and wrath upon His chosen people, vs. 22-23. (But let us bear in mind that under the severest judgment there was always a little remnant.)

Then the dispersion came—"they shall be led away into all nations"—and there they have been murdered and robbed over 1900 years. God has shown the whole world that He severely punishes all sins, even when they are committed by His own chosen people.

But this is not the end of God's dealing with His people. Behold God's severity and goodness! He will gather them back to the country He has given them and save them as a people. Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled. When the fulness of Gentiles has come in, then Israel shall be saved (Rom. 11:25-26).

How far are we now? Does God's

timepiece (Israel) indicate what time it is?

God's purpose in World War I was to pave the way for the Jewish people to return to their land. The war ended as soon as the Balfour Declaration went into effect. 300,000 Jews returned under the British Mandate.

Then Hitler came with his program of total extermination of the Jews. This created a strong desire in the hearts of the depressed Jews to return to Palestine and establish the new State of Israel.

World War II brought an end both to Hitler and the British Mandate. New dangers threatened from armed invasion of Arab nations. But to the great surprise of the United Nations and the whole world, the Arabs, though far superior in manpower and equipment, were quickly defeated and came to terms of peace.

After the establishment of the new State of Israel (1948) the country was opened to almost unrestricted immigration. Now there must be about 3,000,000 Jews in Palestine. God's timepiece was telling us the time of the Gentile is soon coming to an end. Jerusalem had been trodden down by the Gentiles over 1900 years, but now part of Jerusalem had its own Jewish government.

In 1967 the Arabs again threatened to do away with Israel. They were going to drive them out into the sea and get rid of them for good. They were now equipped with modern weapons from Russia and they considered that for 30,000,000 to beat a little State of less than 3,000,000 would only be

child's play. But what happened? In less than a week the Arabs were completely defeated. Israel took the whole city of Jerusalem and lots of other territory. Jerusalem is no longer trodden down by the Gentiles.

Is the time of the Gentiles then coming to an end? The transition is not taking place on a certain day or week. It is a period of time. But it is already obvious that the historic Gentile church which is affiliated with the World Council of Churches is no longer used by the Lord to evangelize the world. The WCC which is the beginning of the Antichrist church is more interested in politics than in evangelizing. God is now using special men and small groups on the outside of the historic church.

God's timepiece is telling us that we are very near the coming of Christ for His true church. And on the other hand everything is shaping up for the taking over and reign of Antichrist. During his reign God will according to Revelation pour out His wrath upon the Gentile world who rejected Christ. **My dear unsaved friend. You are already living on borrowed time. If you want to get saved, you had better seek Him today.**

Lars Stalsbroten

**Ed. Note:** Lutheran Christians have differed in their understanding of a visible, physical nation of Israel in latter day Biblical prophecy. Pastor Stalsbroten, in his devotional article above, presents the view that is held by some.

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# faith: a seed

by Missionary John H. Abel

Text: "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof" (Matt. 13:31, 32).

"Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17:20).

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, vs. 31. Brethren, we of the Association have a tiny part of the kingdom committed unto us and I should like to share with you three principles for Christian living and Christian giving that relate to the mustard seed principle.

First, **Look to God as the Source of Your Supply.** The seed does not live of itself, its supply is from God's earth. God has made provision for the seed's every need. Faith also does not live of itself, it is only a seed. God has made every provision for our faith. As we sink our roots into God, our faith becomes more alive and constantly grows. The roots of any plant or herb develop by adversity. As the winds and storms of life buffet the tiny plant, as the heat and the dryness of the day attack it, its roots are forced downward, deeper into God's earth provision. Brethren, our faith roots are also developed by adversity. Faith grows as we allow God to supply our every need.

Paul was a man who knew how to dine with kings and also how to fellowship with slaves. At times he was at home in a palace, then again he was at work in a dungeon. Near the

end of his life he could victoriously write: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. ...but my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:11-13, 19).

Yes, faith grows as we allow God to supply our every need. Christ comes closer in adversity and the Holy Spirit becomes a real Person to us when we obey His promptings.

At one of our conferences this summer a young man and his wife were much moved as they saw mission films on Brazil and heard of the need in missions. When the offering was taken up they had consulted together and decided that they would

give their last twenty dollars. This was a real test of obedience. You see, he had just recently been laid off work, and their bank reserve was small, and they were a long way from home, but they felt the Lord speaking to them about missions and decided to go all the way with God. The following day at the conference as they visited among the brethren a complete stranger came up to them and said, "God has burdened me to give this to you friends." An envelope was handed to his wife, and when they opened it, there was a gift of \$20.00. How the words of Jesus ring through to us, and how this couple rejoiced in God's manifestation of His presence... "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed... nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17:20).

I will never forget the first time Mrs. Abel and I went to the foreign field. This is already 17 years ago now. We were sent by the World Mission Prayer League to Bolivia, that



Pastor John Abel, back row, and George Knapp, left, visit in a rural area of Brazil.



from that field we might do survey work into Brazil and also receive orientation and guidance from the older missionaries as we launched out in a new mission endeavor in Brazil. We had gone out by faith without any promised support, and now had arrived in Bolivia with little money to spare. The Bolivian Field Conference asked me to make a 30-day survey trip into Brazil and appointed Missionary Elmer Fenner to go along. We were to bring back a report and recommendations to the annual field conference. Time was short for us, as the conference was only some six weeks away. We checked into the routes, tickets and travel expenses and came up with the estimate that it would cost \$800.00 to make this trip. Elmer had only a small savings and I did not want him to use that, but we missionaries made it a matter of an urgent prayer request to God. We told no one at home of our need, for there was not time for this. We just prayed. A few days later a telegram came from the States. Our home office wired out: "Eight hundred dollars received today from a rural church in Washington, designated for Brazil, deposited to your account." What rejoicing among us all! How wonderfully our God had shown us that He could meet our every need. "... My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." This little rural congregation in the state of Washington had been our host for three days the previous fall as we held a mission conference among them, and now at their annual mission festival they had taken in exactly what we were praying for, and God had burdened them to send it out for Brazil. "Before they call, I will answer; while you are yet speaking, I will hear" (Is. 65:24).

Friend, is Jesus your Savior? If so, you may sink your faith into Him. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Trust in Him with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. In our day we are constantly trusting in things. But God is our source of power and success; not degrees, nor drugs, not people, nor politics, not companies nor collateral.

This brings us to the second prin-

ciple for Christian living and Christian giving: **JESUS, Our Example of Faith Living and Faith Giving.** Remember, faith is like a seed (Matt. 17:14-20). Jesus commands us to show our faith and grow our faith by giving. The life style of Jesus was giving. He promised: "Give, and it shall be given unto you" (Lk. 6:38). The mustard seed grows and gives, said Jesus. "...It becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof" (Matt. 13:32). Many today do not live with a mustard seed of faith. They act more like sponges, dead and sucking up all that God puts around them. The song is right when it says: "Plant a mustard seed of faith in the garden of your heart. Plant a mustard seed of faith and it will grow. It will grow, and grow and grow, 'till surely you will know the Christ whom the seed of faith did sow..."

There's another tree that also has become a shelter in a weary land, a rest upon the way. This is the tree of Calvary. The tree of Calvary is the cross of Christ, and the cross is really a person who gave Himself for us. He planted Himself in death. He laid down all His glory and all His divine rights. He fully trusted His Heavenly Father. He is our example of faith living and giving. The Bible says: "...though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9). Have you ever known anyone who would give and give to make another rich and in the process become poorer and poorer, unto death? Jesus did. WHY? Simply and profoundly, because we have a great need, and He has a great love. Brother, the world has a great need in this hour in which you live, so sink the roots of your faith down into the person of God and His purposes for this age. Is Jesus truly your Lord? How often we mock God with our inconsistent living, our selfish desire to get and to possess, our accumulation of this world's wealth and our spiritual disinterest in His program. Jesus can not be called our Lord if we are mocking God by a faithless life. Make Jesus your example of faith living and faith giving today.

The third principle for Christian living and Christian giving is: "Ex-

**pect a Miracle and You Will See a Miracle."**

Start looking to God as your source and act by faith in His presence and provision. Pastor Trygve Dahle, one of our not-so-retired saints, tells the story of a true event in one of our God-fearing North Dakota pioneer families. It seems that the farmer and his wife were out of everything, and she was insisting that they had to hook up the team and drive to town and get some provisions. No more flower, or sugar, etc., on the place. Well, he reminded her that they only had \$10.00 left until harvest, but they finally decided to go to town. Just as they had the team harnessed and ready to go, in rode a neighbor all excited. He told them, "The preacher is coming tomorrow, and we promised to pay him the next time he came, so we have to have a collection now to see what we can pay him." This young pioneer couple looked at each other and finally decided to go ahead in obedience to Him, and they gave the \$10.00 for God's work. Well, the neighbor had hardly ridden off when they heard some noise down the road and they saw the cattle buyer herding several cows toward town. He had to pass right through their farmstead and, when he did so, one of the cows laid down, and all the kicks and pulls in the world couldn't get that critter up again. The stock buyer said, "Say, looks like you're headed for town. Tell you what I'll do. If you will load this critter into your wagon and haul her to town, I'll give you \$10.00." You can imagine the rejoicing in that pioneer couple's heart. They had obeyed the promptings of the Holy Spirit and given their all in obedience and faith, and now God was just testing them. He gave it back to them within an hour.

Friend, start looking to God as your source, and acting by faith in His promises and provision. Give as if planting a seed, your life, your goals, and your possessions. Give as a seed for a harvest of life, life to be returned to you with peace, joy, provision and power. Plant the seed of your faith and watch God work. We are accustomed to giving only a little cream off the top, plenty left for ourselves. No sacrifice, no faith, no joy and no

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## FOURTEEN MONTHS IN THE HARVEST FIELD

A Pastoral Report by  
Vitor Faverani

With my family I arrived in Campo Mourao on January 22, 1969. On the 5th of February the same year I started teaching in the Instituto Biblico Mouraoense. I teach Personal Evangelism, Bible Summary and History of the Church.

In April, a short while before Pastor Abel left for the States, we started our pastoral work in the Lar Parana church. We have seen God working in various ways in this church since then and are seeing fruit for His Kingdom.

With the help of the students we have visited all the homes in the area three times. This is part of the students' Personal Evangelism practical work. Each Sunday night in the street meeting in Lar Parana the students have their part. We have seen fruit from these meetings also.

There are the non-Christian families to visit and also those who are in the church, these often down-hearted and discouraged. We visited and dealt with two such families in particular and they are now the most active in the church. One man is the vice-chairman of the church council and the other, treasurer. Their wives are, respectively, president of the WMF and secretary-treasurer of the same.

The Sunday school was organized this year, with the election of officers. More classes were organized also. A

large addition was built onto the back of the church to facilitate the growing numbers. We have an average attendance of 70 in Sunday school and 40 to 50 at the night service.

Even through officiating at a funeral we have the children of the family in S.S. and the father comes to church occasionally. As Paul says, "I would be all things to all men that by some means I might win some."

Of the seven people who made profession of faith and joined the church this year, six are direct results of our evangelization activity.

We took over the work in the outlying church of Santo Rei in July of 1969. We have seen results there but not as gratifying. The church is 60 miles out, over dirt roads. We go only twice a month, which leaves much to be desired. However we have seen the revival of faith in one entire family and a daughter is attending the Institute. Also, one man who has a general store kept it open on Sundays, but has now become convicted and closes it to honor the Lord.

Some of the most interesting and joyous experiences are coming face to face with the problems in the Institute and seeing how God will work them out. By prayer and faith we have seen the hand of the Lord resolve many and varied difficult problems for the students. Recently three of the students have initiated a time of fasting and prayer each week, to seek a more intimate relationship with God, and seek His sure guidance.



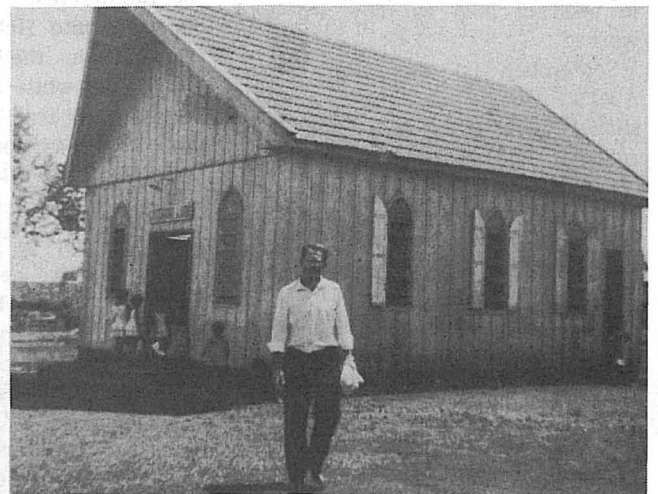
Pastor Vitor Faverani and his wife Dona Nair, with their children, left to right, Samuel, Vania, Miriam and Laide.

It has been a wonderful and blessed time spent here in Campo Mourao, in the Harvest Field of our Master. We are looking forward to many more rewarding times in the future in this corner of His vineyard.

We wish to thank all of our brothers and sisters in Christ in the AFLC who have been so staunchly supporting us in prayer. You are not forgotten in our prayer times here. The bond of faith and love through Christ is strong and sure.



Dona Nair, Mrs. Vitor Faverani, and five Bible Institute boys.



Pastor Faverani in front of the church at Lar Parana.

## WE CAN DO TWO THINGS

by Pastor T. F. Dahle,  
member of the Board of  
Foreign Missions

Every member of our AFLC and other friends of Foreign Missions ought to know that Pastor John Abel and family went out to Brazil about six years ago to start a mission and because they had been in Brazil two terms before, they knew the language, the people and their customs, and the laws of the land. Hence, they were very well qualified for this work.

They went into a new and growing area where no other Lutheran mission work was being done. They, of course, had to start from "scratch," with no buildings, no congregation, no housing or accommodations, but a wide open reception for the Gospel.

It is almost unbelievable what was accomplished in the five years they were there before coming home for a much needed furlough. Before coming home, however, they were able to find another family, who also had been in Brazil for several years, the George Knapp family, who were able to take over while they came home.

Although George Knapp is not an ordained pastor, he is a very able speaker and teacher and has done a very fine work, both in the established mission stations and the Bible school, as well as supervising the building of a classroom-dormitory for the Bible School and other necessary buildings. At present they are desperately in need of help as they are overworked.

September 1st this year, Pastor Abel's furlough time was up and they should have gone back, and were ready to go, but because of lack of funds, the Mission Board, very reluctantly, had to inform them that we were not able to send them at this time, unless the Lord supplied the means.

The Foreign Mission Board overspent their budget last year, which was unavoidable. We brought one family, the Abel family, home, and sent out two families, the George Knapp family and the Connely Dyrud family, plus keeping one young man from Brazil at our Seminary, all in

the same year. Connely Dyrud has spent the last year at language school and is now helping in the work. But it takes more than one year to become familiar enough with the language to do efficient work, although he reported to the Board recently that he had preached his first sermon in Brazillian (or Portuguese, which is the official language of Brazil).

Pastor Abel went back to Brazil for three months, January to March, 1970, to help with the work and hold evangelistic meetings in new areas, using the Bible School students as helpers. They used a large tent which was a gift to our mission by several mission-interested individuals, mostly outside the AFLC, and which was sent out with the Dyruds last fall. The meetings were very successful, with about 150 decisions for Christ, and at least two new congregations have been established as a result of those extra meetings. The Mission Board has spent no money building churches in Brazil; that is being done by the Brazillians themselves. We are, however, establishing a Bible School and Seminary where we educate the young converts for missionary work among their own people, and furnish housing for the missionaries and students.

Pastor Abel's trip out to Brazil last winter was also paid for mostly outside the mission budget by gifts from mission-interested friends. Jesus said, in Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest." He also said, in John, the fourth chapter, "The fields are white unto harvest." This is certainly true about Brazil, which the Lord has opened for us in our AFLC.

We do not need to pray for laborers, however, as we have them ready to go; but we need to pray urgently for funds with which to send out our laborers. Also, pray definitely what the Lord wants us to give to Missions in answer to our prayers. We read in II Cor. 9:6-7: "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let each man do according as he hath purposed in

his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." May He raise up many more cheerful givers among us.

We have many good givers in our AFLC, and God is blessing them accordingly. They give, not necessarily because they are rich, but because they love the Lord and His great harvest field. Then we have others in our AFLC who could do a great deal more than they are doing. They are like Demas, "who loved this present world." It is not money that is the root of all evil, but "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." Oh that God could liberate those who are slaves of the almighty dollar and set them free. Think how they could help out in the many branches of our work, if they would give according to ability; and that is all God asks of us.

Because we were not able to send out the Abel family this year, he accepted a teaching job for one year with the Hillcrest Academy, Fergus Falls, Minn., and has already moved there with his family. He has asked the Mission Board to let him know by April 1, 1971, if they are to go back to Brazil by Sept. 1, 1971. They need that much time to make plans in either case.

We know that the workers in Brazil are short-handed, even with the Dyruds there now. With the Bible School and Seminary opening up soon, the Abels should have been there this year. We all know the proverb, "We must strike while the iron is hot." Brazil is wide open at present and the new converts need help NOW. We must pray much, that these babes in Christ may receive help so they can grow in grace.

Now what can we do, as members and friends of our Brazil Mission?

First, we must pray. Secondly, we must give according to ability, as God has prospered us, that the mission treasury may come into the black again and the work be done while it is yet day. Time is short. We will have to work fast, while it is day. Our budget is small, but it is only the minimum; there is lots of room on top. Let us pray that every member of our AFLC may be along with a sacrificial gift, so we can over subscribe our budget.



**PAST / PRESENT / FUTURE**  
**Mr. Robert Knutson**  
**Former Chairman of the Board**  
**of Foreign Missions**

Since many of our AFLC people were unable to attend the last Annual Conference, the following article is condensed from the Foreign Mission Report presented to the Conference this past June.

This past year has seen the Dyrud family in language school in Brazil. They will go into the interior this fall and assist with the teaching and preaching in our field in Campo Maurao. The Knapp family has patiently awaited help to assist them in the growing load of running a Bible School-Seminary program, pastoring the churches, and overseeing the construction of the classroom-dormitory building.

The work in the Nogales area continues, with the Dynnesons, Swansons, and others doing a patient labor of love among the Mexicans and Mexican Americans. We have over the years given salary help to the Dynnesons and that has been the only financial help the Board has been able to give this work. We will continue the help for the next year. However, since circumstances are such that actual work across the border is very limited, we have doubts if this should be considered a Foreign Missions work in the future. We know much has and is being done, but we are having difficulty in adequately supporting or properly funding our work in Brazil and we must be careful or we will find ourselves not doing enough for either work to continue. We must be in prayer that this needed service can continue in Nogales.

The opportunities are limitless for future work in Brazil. All we need are more workers and more money. The students are growing in their knowledge of the Word and are even now to be of great help in the outreach to the Brazilians. This is, of course, what we hope by the grace of God to do—train the Brazilians to minister to their own.

With our new combination classroom-dormitory nearly ready, at a cost of \$3500, we have the much needed space available for both classes and housing, and now have the main concern

of sending out missionaries who have the concern, the gifts, and the training to give these Brazilian young men and women the knowledge and training they will need to become the future leaders of the Brazilian Free Lutheran Church.

The Abel family has spent the past year on furlough, spending time in deputation work, and serving St. Paul's Church in Fargo. Pastor Abel returned to Brazil for a three-month period last January and assisted the Knapp family in Campo Maurao, as well as doing evangelistic tent meeting work in the areas where requests had already been made for our type of ministry.

Men and means have been our limiting resource—actually means more than men. By now it should be general knowledge in the AFLC that we were unable to send the Abel family back to Brazil because of a severe shortage of funds. At Annual Conference time we had a deficit of \$12,000. Since a missionary family has certain financial needs that must be met, we could simply not spread ourselves so thin as to promise support to three families in the coming year, when we had been unable to adequately support three in the past without going in the red to the tune of \$12,000. So we did the only thing we feel we could do—support two missionary families in Brazil this year and return the Abel family when our deficit is cleared up and when indications are such that we will be able to maintain the support of three or more families in Brazil. Actually, four or five families should be the minimum work force in Brazil and it will be hard to keep the work going with less than that, but only as interest and giving increases can we hope to increase our work.

As was mentioned earlier, we have a large deficit in the Foreign Mission Fund. As we look to the future we can only pray and hope that our AFLC people will see a vision of the future in Brazil and also of their own responsibilities to this work. This is the Foreign Mission work of all of us, not only the Board's or the corporation's responsibility.

There has been much prayer and effort on the part of many people.

Some have sacrificially given for years and years, but it's time for those AFLC churches and individuals who have not given sacrificially or who have not given at all, to actively support this, their own work. As we look at the past years' contributions to Foreign Missions, we see the same churches and individuals giving year after year. Where are the others? Does their Foreign Mission giving go to other mission work? May the Lord lead each of us to examine our concern for those who have not heard, and may we pray and give, each and every member of the AFLC.



Miss Karen Knapp, pictured above, daughter of Missionary and Mrs. George Knapp, was graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Fargo, N. Dak., on August 28. This fall she will attend Association Free Lutheran Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., and work part-time in Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in that city.

## In Memoriam

Key: The name of the town is the address of the deceased. Following that is listed the name of the deceased, age, date of death and the church in which he or she held membership.

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Claire City

Jim Storley, 71, August 31, Saron, Roslyn

(Mr. Storley was the father of Rev. Calvin J. Storley, a regional youth director in the American Lutheran Church.)



## DON'T LET US DOWN

George Knapp

Dear Friends at home,

I Corinthians 15:58 "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord."

I seldom have time to sit down and write letters. I am looking forward to the Connelly Dyruds' arrival and the great help he will be in the work here. We have the keys to a house for them. The Lord took over the needs for a house so there was no problem at all. Houses to rent usually are very hard to find.

I have been working a bit too much lately and an old stomach ulcer has been acting up. I went to see the doctor this week and I am feeling better. I know your faithful prayer ministry is upholding me as I'm able to carry on as usual.

Last Sunday I was out with our group at Alvorada. This is a 200-mile round trip and it's not on a freeway! The brethren there are very animated. They have purchased a lot in town and are ready to build as soon as their collection of funds warrants doing so. They meet in homes now. I preached to a group of 30 that day. In the evening on the way home I held a service at the church in Iretama.

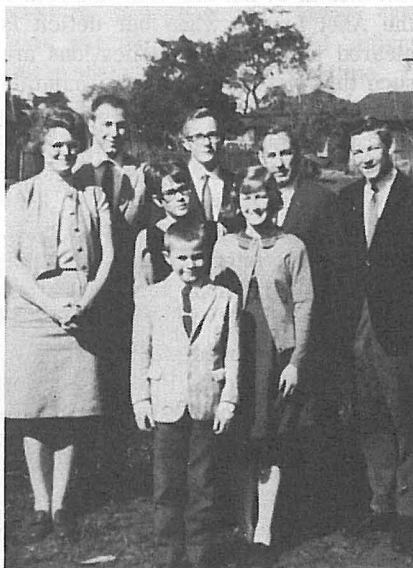
The Sunday before that my whole family made their winter vacation visit at the Iretama church. My family presented musical numbers of numerous kinds. This was a very busy church day as I conducted three baptisms, confirmed six and 26 came to the Lord's Supper. The attendance was 84, which is normal for this church. After the service there were 24 young people present to officially organize their young people's group, elect officers and make plans for the future. I was very pleased with the day's work. In the evening another service was conducted. We arrived home safely at 11 o'clock that night after a hard trip over poor roads.

The Bible School has opened for another semester with a few less students. Those who are here are the firm ones and a pleasure to work with.

I'm thankful for our Brazilian co-workers Pastor Vitor and his wife who live at the school and care for things there.

I have done a lot of the work myself on the finishing of the new building at the Bible School. Since the budget was so drastically cut at home I have tried to squeeze things here, too. I have sold some personal items to carry on to finish up the building so it could be used and to carry on the work. With the expansion of new work at Alvorada Umuarama, it is almost impossible to spend less. Students must be sent to these places and the other three also, on the weekends that I do not go. All of this takes money. Work was to have opened in Goio-ere also, but I cannot see that there is any possible way to see this through with the budget cut.

Home friends, you need to be more generous in your support of foreign missions. If you don't increase your giving then I may as well pack up and leave for the woods. I feel that you have personally let me down when it comes to financial support. Your prayers uphold me, that I know, but you are not giving of your means. How are your missionaries to carry on the work without money? How are our outlying churches to grow without a minister? Some weekends I have not been able to send students out,



The George Knapp family. Left to right, back row, Mrs. Knapp, Charles, Calvin, Mr. Knapp and Halvor. Front, Cida, Carlos and Carol. A third daughter, Karen, is in the United States.

I just simply did not have the money for their bus fare. I believe there must be many of you who do not even tithe! I shudder to think of it. Have you tried it? If you had you'd never leave off doing so and our budgets would never have had to be cut. You would have found tithing such a blessing that you'd give above and beyond! I'm speaking from personal experience. Then what couldn't our AFLC do on the foreign and home fields? More workers could be sent out to preach that Jesus saves, to those who have not heard, before they die. And to those few of you who faithfully tithe, I praise God for you and may He bless you greatly. And how about the Love Gift? Have you claimed God's promises for yourself? Do so today while you yet have time to do that. Your church doors still are open, give to keep them open here in Parana, too, so that others may hear the Good News.

Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

God's love for the world is the motive of missions. God's love is what we have to tell, and God's love is why we have to tell it.—Ben L. Rose in Christian World Facts.

### NOW BE THE GOSPEL BANNER

Now be the Gospel banner  
In every land unfurled;  
And be the shout, Hosanna!  
Reechoed through the world,  
Till every isle and nation,  
Till every tribe and tongue,  
Receive the great salvation,  
And join the happy throng.

Yes, Thou shalt reign forever,  
O Jesus, King of kings!  
Thy light, Thy love, Thy favor,  
Each ransomed captive sings:  
The isles for Thee are waiting,  
The deserts learn Thy praise,  
The hills and valleys greeting,  
The song responsive raise.

Thomas Hastings  
(from *The Hymnal*)



### WORLD MISSIONS

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age’” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Under that command of the Lord of the nations the Christian churches have sought to carry out a program of world evangelization. Of course, this was not our Lord’s only order to spread the Good News, but it has earned the appellation, “The Great Commission.”

On other occasions He spoke of fields already white unto harvest and of a plentiful harvest. Before His ascension He designated His followers as witnesses even to the ends of the earth.

Jesus Christ is not only the Man for the ages, but for the whole world. He said that if He was lifted up from the earth He would draw all men unto Himself (John 12:32). The Apostle John reveals that this was a reference to the coming crucifixion (v. 33). That most able Australian preacher, by way of England, J. Sidlow Baxter, has correctly observed that Jesus meant by His words that He draws all men **without distinction**, without social, racial or age distinctions; and, we might add, without limitations to sex or education.

How good it has been as a preacher of the Gospel to

know that no person within the hearing of one’s voice, or as a writer, that no person who may take and read, is beyond the Savior’s power or will to save. No, if a person is not saved and does not come to the knowledge of the truth, the reason for that failure must be found some other place than in Jesus the Son, God the Father, or in the Holy Spirit.

It is the task of the Christian congregation to care for the world’s people. There is to be a concern for the local community and for the nation, but also for the whole world. It is a task too large for most congregations and so they band together with other churches to make this outreach possible. In the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations this joint effort has resulted in a mission endeavor in Brazil, South America. In God’s providence the day may come when we can share directly in the preaching of Christ in other nations and on other continents. But it is significant that in the meantime we are working in a country whose people represent a great multiplicity of ethnic and racial backgrounds.

John Aberley, in his book **An Outline of Missions**, points out that “apostolic missions had as their supreme motive devotion to the crucified and risen Christ and their desire to exalt Him.” Indeed, no one can read that history of the early Church as recorded in the Book of Acts without being gripped by the fact that the men who had tabernacled with Jesus during His earthly sojourn, and Paul, who had a special revelation from the Lord, knew that the touchstones of their preaching unto salvation were the death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection from the grave. It was as people accepted these points by faith, and in faith, that they were set free from the bonds of sin and guilt and became new creatures.

A church which shares the Master’s concern for the people of all nations and will work diligently for their salvation will be blessed in various ways. A church which shuts off the world’s masses from her view and her compassion will be guilty of robbing the Gospel of much of its purpose and what she has hoarded for herself will be found to have turned to ashes.

This issue of **The Lutheran Ambassador** tells something about the world outreach God has given to the AFLC and of the need for continued and even greater support by the people in the days to come that Christ’s Commission be fulfilled by us.

#### O SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD!

O Spirit of the living God!  
 In all the fullness of Thy grace,  
 Where’er the foot of man hath trod,  
 Descend on our apostate race!  
 Give tongues of fire and hearts of  
 love,  
 To preach the reconciling word;  
 Give power and unction from above,  
 Where’er the joyful sound is heard.

Be darkness, at Thy coming, light!  
 Confusion, order in Thy path!  
 Souls without strength inspire with  
 might;  
 Bid mercy triumph over wrath.  
 O Spirit of the Lord! prepare  
 All the round earth her God to meet;  
 Breathe Thou abroad, like morning  
 air,  
 Till hearts of stone begin to beat.

Baptize the nations; far and nigh  
 The triumphs of the cross record;  
 The name of Jesus glorify,  
 Till every kindred call him Lord.  
 God from eternity hath willed  
 All flesh shall His salvation see;  
 To be the Father’s love fulfilled,  
 The Savior’s sufferings crowned  
 through Thee. J. Montgomery  
 (from **The Lutheran Hymnary**)

## THE FIRST BIG YEAR

This first year in Brazil is one we'll never forget: (1) Leaving our wonderful homeland, relatives, friends and church has been difficult for us. (2) Living in a new land with a different culture, climate and language is an unexplainable experience. (3) Feeling the Lord's presence and seeing the way He has worked, guided and led us day by day has strengthened our faith in Him more than ever before.

Though leaving our blessed country and all behind, we have had much good fellowship this year with fellow missionaries in the language school. Then in January and February Missionary John Abel and Mr. Clifford Jerde an Illinois real estate businessman spent some time with us. The missionary Knapp family has visited us when time has permitted and we've been with them in Campo Mourao.

The Knapps were in during the week of the fourth of July and we all attended the American celebration at the American school in Sao Paulo. Free pop, hot dogs and goodies were donated by the American embassy. There were more than five hundred American businessmen and missionaries present for the baseball game, relay races for anyone who wanted to participate, young or old, a carnival, etc. In the evening, the traditional fireworks. It was one of the most meaningful July Fourths we have ever attended. Whole families

were present with absolutely no beer or liquor present, a very refreshing celebration.

This year we have spent the greatest amount of our time and effort in language school studying the language. Yeddo Gottel's sister, Edela, of Campo Mourao is also helping us with the language. She has been staying with us in Sao Paulo since April and taking medical treatment here.

We've been putting the language to practice as much as possible while handing out Gospel tracts. In July, when we were out to Campo Mourao, I preached my first sermon in Portuguese. It was very difficult and I wasn't "long winded." But we are progressing in the language, for which we thank the Lord.

This has also been one grand and exciting year for the Brazilians, as they won the coveted world soccer cup for the third time, this time for keeps. Many countries of the world have competed for this honor for the last 40 years and Brazil has now succeeded.

There was great celebration over the victory. The night Brazil won the championship, Sao Paulo literally "blew-up," with fireworks and fire balloons. Never have we experienced such an event. Shannon really enjoyed to stand outside and watch the commotion until a rocket landed right near us and blew up. Nobody was hurt but Shannon preferred staying in the house for the rest of the time.

The streets were filled with people singing and celebrating all night long. Stores, schools and businesses were closed three days and nights for the continued celebration. Many people were injured during the commotion and some even died of heart attacks.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if people were that excited about hearing the "Good News" that Jesus paid the price for our sins and has promised eternal life to every believer?

In December God opened doors and made it possible for us to obtain a vehicle. An American businessman was returning home to the States and he sold us his jeep station wagon with just a few thousand miles on it for a very reasonable price.

We've also been praying for some time about the housing situation in Campo Mourao, because liveable ones are hard to find. One missionary couple spent almost half a year trying to find a house there. When we arrived in Campo in July, the Lord provided a very nice home for rent for us, half a block from our church. This we found within the first hour of looking. The renters will be moving out the last of August and we'll move in the middle of September, after graduation from language school.

We have been strengthened by you back home who have been faithfully praying for us and sending us letters of encouragement; also a heartfelt thank-you for your financial support for the mission work here. Let us

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Missionary Connely Dyrud and daughter Shannon by their new Jeep stationwagon, which they call their Brazillian Cadillac.



Edela Gottel, left, Mrs. Dyrud and Shannon in front of the beautiful fountains at the Piranga Park in Sao Paulo.



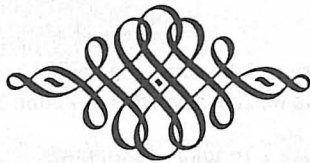
24. Where is John, in Revelation 1:9-10?

25. What is he told to do? Revelation 1:19

Not until Christ comes again will He speak with men as He spoke with John on that island.

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Lesson Ten

October, 1970

## A Divine Moment ...

... With The Master

### JOHN THE APOSTLE

In order to do any work that is worthwhile, and lasting, a man must have certain adequate preparation. John began the preparation for his ministry, for all ages and all nations, as a disciple of John the Baptist. How long he was with him we do not know. We do know that in John the Baptist he came in contact with a wonderful personality who had "listened in" to a message that was given to him from "on high" and who was giving this message to the people of Palestine.

1. What was this message? Matthew 3:1-3; John 1:23

So effective was his message that multitudes of people came to him in a desolate place by the River Jordan.

2. Still more wonderful, they did that which is not easy for men to do. What was it? Matthew 3:6

All of this John, who was to become an apostle of Christ, saw and heard. It must have seemed strange for John to see his leader, John the Baptist, bow his head before Jesus of Nazareth. Then, too, it would seem a test to John the Baptist to have his followers leave him to follow Jesus. Again, the purpose of our lives should be to point to Jesus.

3. How did John the Baptist greet Jesus? John 1:29

4. In what humble position did he place himself? John 1:27

John felt unworthy to perform the humblest office for Jesus.

5. Two disciples, one of whom was John, just wondered, wondered what it could all mean. What did they do? John 1:35-38

6. How did Jesus respond? John 1:39

7. This we are also acknowledged to do in Psalm 34:8. Have you done this? This can be your divine moment with the Master.

8. A crowd of disciples followed Jesus. What act does He perform in Luke 6:13?

9. Whose name is included in Luke 6:14?

10. What was John's occupation? Mark 1:19

11. What sensitive decision did he have to make? Mark 1:20, Matthew 4:22

We must forsake everything that is inconsistent with our duty to Christ.

12. What connotation did even his occupation have? Matthew 4:19

13. Who was John's mother? Mark 15:40

We can rejoice when home influences are in favor of spiritual thinking and living.

14. Jesus let them observe His actions before He sent them forth. What were their observations, in Luke 6:17-19?

15. Jesus commissioned these twelve men to a great work. What were they to do? Mark 3:13-15

16. John was to learn a lesson in the school of faith. What strange request was made in Matthew 20:20-21?

17. What did Jesus reply? Matthew 20:28

Matthew 20:28 should be brought to our memory frequently. They still

must have thought that Jesus was talking about an earthly kingdom.

“Our humility is a measure of our religion. Without humility we can have no religion. He that has the most lowly views of himself, and the highest of God—that is willing to stoop to the lowest to aid his fellow-creatures, and to honor God—has the most genuine piety. Such was the example of our Saviour, and it can never be any dishonor to imitate the Son of God.” Used by permission from **Barnes Notes** on the New Testament in one volume, published by Kregel Publications.

18. John was very close to his Master. This appears evident in a number of situations. What are they?

Matthew 17:1

Luke 22:8

John 19:26

Matthew 26:37

Matthew 17:1

Luke 22:8

John 19:26

Matthew 26:37

19. After the resurrection John saw and talked with Jesus, and knew him without a doubt. This we find recorded in I John 1:1-5.

20. Where is John, in Acts 3:1? Who is with him?


21. What has happened, in Acts 4:13?

22. Where is John sent, in Acts 8:14?

23. When Paul went to Jerusalem about 500 A.D. John was there and met him. Galatians 2:9

Someone has written that when John was too old and too feeble to walk or preach, he used to have himself carried into the assembly of the Christians, and there, lifting his hands in benediction would say to them, “Little children, love one another.” But John could be stern, too, as we know from his letters, toward believers. There were times when he was true to his title “Son of Thunder.”

It is possible John resided for a part of his life and ministry in the great city of Ephesus, a church founded by Paul, where he might have written his Gospel. Sometime during his ministry at Ephesus he was exiled to the Isle of Patmos and was sentenced to hard labor in the lead mines or quarries. It was there that he received his wonderful vision.



# WOMEN *for Christ*

## PROTEST OR POWER FOR AMERICAN WOMEN?

by Mrs. Vernon R. Nelson  
Grand Forks, N. Dak.

One hundred women staged an eleven hour protest demonstration in the editor's office of a fine women's magazine. According to the news report, these women protested against the image of American women the magazine has presented to the world. These one hundred women considered the magazine's attitude toward women to be degrading. This is an interesting reflection on American women, because this periodical has always maintained a high standard in publication. Yet these women find it no longer possible to live up to the magazine's image of what an American woman is or should be.

I picked up another magazine recently that carried an article on changing the feminine image. I am sure that you have read many such articles or heard women on TV speak about equality of the feminine image with that of the male.

Why this feeling? Why are there women in our country so totally dissatisfied with womanhood as we have known it?

Why are women bored with being a wife, mother and homemaker? Why do women of today demand that their voices be heard in politics, social action, education and all areas of American life on an equal basis with men?

Frankly, I'm not sure. Oh, I have many theories and opinions on the subject. However, I wonder if any of them reach the basic reason for the unrest of these women.

What is a realistic and relevant image of womanhood today? Where

is the line of relevance between the woman in a magazine and a true picture of American women in the "nitty gritty" of life today? Somewhere between the sophisticated, beautifully groomed woman on the pages of a magazine and the women I see dressed in dirty jeans and sweat-shirts in a supermarket, is the real woman. Where do we find her? To whom should those one hundred disenchanted look? They are right in this at least, they will not find the image of a true woman on the pages of a magazine. They and all of us must look to other pages to find portrayed this ideal woman.

The pages of history are filled with the accounts of some wonderful women in politics and in social reform. But the women who were most relevant to their time, who presented the greatest challenge to society, were the women of the Bible. Read about Queen Esther, who took the challenge of social order in her day. Read, in the book of Judges, of the political influence of Deborah, judge of her people with the voice of God! Mary, with the greatest message of our age, "The Lord is Risen."

All of these women had conformed to one image. They did not protest that image, as our modern women do so often, rather they conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ.

They refused to be pressed into the social mold of life in their time. They would not conform to worldliness and go along with the tide of life. Yet they wanted to be relevant in their time, to be heard, just as women of today. But there was a major difference that we so often overlook. They first met with Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit they yielded

their all to Him. They received him as Lord of their lives. He promised, and gave to them, POWER for living in their time. They received the spirit of power not protest! They began to live under the influence of that power. The Holy Spirit guided and gave direction to their lives and there was no room for protest. No need to be caught up in the snares and politics of the day. They were too busy following their Lord and Savior.

The women of the Bible endured persecution, racism, social change, political upheaval, exile and physical suffering. Yet each one contributed remarkably to what we know as better womanhood. Each Christian woman of the Bible was used by God to point the way to a better womanhood of the future. Not by way of defiance and protest but through Christ-centered living and yieldedness to the power of God.

Is there a spirit of decline in the Christian mother of today? Are we mothers whose children will one day rebel against the image we display? "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

The Christian women of the Bible had their temptations but refused to yield to them. Let the same be said of our generation!

## SOUTH DAKOTA WOMEN TO HOLD CONVENTION AT PUKWANA

The annual convention of the Women's Missionary Federation of the South Dakota District will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Pukwana Lutheran Church, Pukwana, S. Dak., Karl I. Stendal, pastor. Registration will be from 10 to 11 o'clock and the morning session will be at 11. Rev. Edwin Kjos, new pastor in the Faith parish, will bring the Bible study at that time.

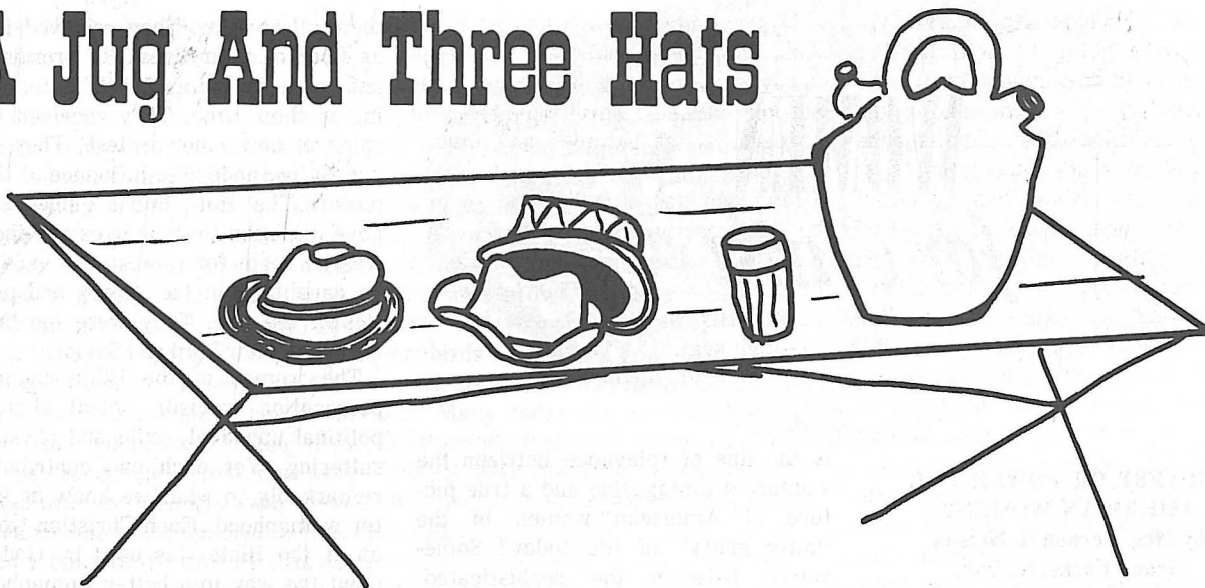
Following dinner in the church parlors, the afternoon session will start at 1:30. Guest speaker will be Miss Judith Wold, executive secretary of the WMF. Lunch will be served before the delegates depart for their homes.

Mrs. Charles Almos, Eden, is the district president.

Mrs. Ingvald Storley, Secretary



# A Jug And Three Hats



by Missionary Helen Knapp

I'm a water jug that sits on a table at the back of our Herveira church. On Sundays the janitor, Dona Nazilda, fills me with fresh water from her well and carries me over to the church. There I'm set on my table and a clean glass is set before me. During the service many parents get up quietly and come to the back of the church to quench the thirst of their children and their own. If the day is a very hot one I may even run dry!

I share my table with many hats during church services. This Sunday when the missionary came to visit us there were 11 hats piled on top of my table. The missionary's wife saw them there and thought they would have interesting stories to tell. She wanted to draw a picture of all of us on my table, but eight of the hats quickly left after the service. The three that stayed a while she drew, and wrote up their stories for you to read which follow.

I'm the sporty hat with the yellow brim. My dono is Pedro, 15 years old. Pedro's father died last year from rabies. At that time Pedro was in the confirmation class and Christ became very real to him. Pedro made a firm decision to live for his Savior, Jesus Christ. Pedro completed his studies and was confirmed by the missionary in February, when Pastor Abel visited in our church. My dono, Pedro, takes good care of me and

always hangs me on a nail on the porch. I'm his "town hat." Pedro doesn't use me when he works in the fields. Since his father died he works harder. He helps raise the crops of beans, rice, corn and wheat. To plow the fields for planting Pedro uses a horse and one-way plow, but all the planting and cultivating is done by hand with a hoe. "They cultivate these crops two times during the growing season. Coffee is not raised in this area, as it is too far south, where it freezes every year.

Dona Olinda, Pedro's mother, raises ducks. She has a flock of 50 ducks. At the end of every three months she shuts the ducks up, catches them one at a time and plucks their breast feathers. She gets six pounds each time and sells them for six dollars. This is a nice amount for a feather quilt. People come to the farm to buy from her. They make feather down bed covers that are light-weight and are very warm.

This particular Sunday the missionary stopped by for a visit at our farm home. Pedro's mother sent him out to the granary to sack up two sacks of rice. These were put in the missionary's car to be taken as a gift to our Bible School in Campo Mourao. Two of Pedro's sisters have attended this Bible School.

Pedro is a good owner for a sporty hat like me. I hope someday he will put me on and we will travel together on the bus to attend our Bible School. \* \* \*

I'm the farmer's hat with the brown decorative weaving. My dono is named Mauro. He is the father of a family with eight children. Senhor Mauro is a hard worker. He is now fencing more of his land to raise more livestock. He celebrated his 42nd birthday the day the missionary was at church. Senhor Mauro invited him out to his home for supper. Senhor Mauro is a deacon in the Herveira church.

Mauro's wife, Dona Lydia, prepared a tasty Brazilian supper. It consisted of beans and rice, chicken, and macaroni with some ground meat. Rice is a staple food like potatoes are to you who are reading this. Sunday is special with chicken and macaroni dishes. The everyday meal is always a big plate full of rice with a few beans and juice over the top. Maybe a bit of salad greens and a piece of fat pork, too. Fat or oil is used in the preparation of all foods. Liver trouble is a common complaint. Dessert is whatever fresh fruit is available on the farm. Fresh sugar cane is refreshing to suck on.

One of Senhor Mauro's daughters has attended our Bible School. Her boy friend came to visit as he usually does on Sunday. The missionary's daughter, Carol, and Mauro's daughter Neida were in the living room. Rute sent them off to suck sugar cane! I know all this because I hang on a nail in the living room.

Senhor Mauro has a keen interest in our Bible School, too. He fattened

a hog for the school kitchen. The missionary was going to help butcher it and haul in the meat. But on the first date set it rained making the dirt roads impassable. The second date was no more successful as at that time the motor had gone out on the missionary's Volkswagen bus. So Senhor Mauro sold the fat pig and gave the money to the missionary to buy meat for meals at the Bible School as needed.

As Senhor Mauro's hat, I have a good life. I like to ride on his head as he proudly takes his good looking family to church every Sunday. Dona Lydia teaches the children's class, illustrating the lessons with pictures sent from you who are reading this. (The missionary's wife coordinates the lessons, pictures, and prepares activity sheets.) We ride to church in a low-slung, four wheel wagon pulled by two mules. The ladies hold brightly colored umbrellas over themselves and the children, making our bumpy ride colorful and comfortable.

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I'm Senhor Alfredo's hat. I'm a cocky hat with a rolled brim. My dono is an older man with his family almost all grown. Senhor Alfredo is a deacon in the church. He conducts the services except when the missionary comes. My dono is kind of the 'father' of our church, having written the letter that brought Missionary Abel to our community to begin preaching. Senhor Alfredo worked hard organizing the church members and last year a church was built. Lately attractive shutters were put in the windows, replacing the planks nailed there.

Senhor Alfredo still has two boys at home. They all work hard in the fields. My dono's farm is very attractive. He has all his fields dotted with the native Parana pine tree. He has more fruit and types of fruit on his farm because he cleared and opened his farm longer ago than some. Senhor Alfredo is also a German, which makes a difference. He thinks differently and is a bit more industrious. Some foods are prepared differently by Dona Elena and she makes different kinds of cheese. The missionary

enjoys cottage cheese when he is invited here for a meal. Senhor Alfredo always sends fruits in to the Bible School kitchen. This trip he sent oranges, sweet potatoes and mandioca roots.

My dono has a fast horse to pull his high cart with two wheels. This cart has springs and as I ride on his head to church I hardly bounce at all. His wife sits beside him on the high seat. The two sons are independent and have bicycles to get around on.

Senhor Alfredo is a good dono and I'm happy to protect his head from the hot Brazilian sun.

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Here I am again—the water jug. I'm sure you agree with me that these hats had interesting stories to share with you. Goodbye. I must stand guard on my table in the church during the week until the next service when I hold fresh water for thirsty throats, while the pastor quenches thirsty souls from the Word of God.

Missionary Helen Knapp  
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Brazil

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continue on with renewed inspiration and devotion knowing that God is able.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

Joy in His Service,  
The Dyruds

P.S. Our new address is  
Caixa Postal 44  
Campo Mourao, Parana  
Brazil

When you pray, "Thy kingdom come," your checkbook should add, "Amen."

—Advance

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miracles in that kind of giving and living.

Is there a need? Listen, brethren! Three and a half billion people populate our planet. The average wage in India is about 30¢ per day, hardly enough to keep one person alive on a little rice. Also, millions of our fellow men in Biafra, China, South America, struggling to stay alive, feebly rising each morning from their pallets and mats, wondering where they'll get bread enough for themselves and their loved ones for just another day. Friends, we have people like this belonging to our churches in Brazil. Pastor Grothe and I could tell you about fathers and mothers, sick in body, struggling day by day to get just enough to eat for them and their children for that day. Oh, friend, the world would have us get real concerned about environmental pollution and "earth day," but God would have us reach out in these last closing days of time and get concerned about the soul pollution all around and cause men to think about Heaven's Day.

Our entire Association program is now in urgent, almost desperate need. Do you have a mustard seed of faith? A little faith will cause us to see miracles. Paul said of the Corinthians: "But first they gave their own selves to the Lord" (II Cor. 8:5) and then of a willing mind they gave according to that every man had. I wonder, friend, if you would believe in foreign missions if you could change places with the heathen. What if you had been born in India, or in a mud hut in Brazil? So let us recognize that the Holy Spirit has given us a mustard seed of faith, sink it deep into Christ's promises, and remember the three principles for Christian living and Christian giving.

1) Look to God as the source of your supply—in every need of your life.

2) Following Jesus as Lord, make Him your example of faith living and giving.

3) Expect miracles from God and you will see Him work.

**TREASURER'S PROGRESS REPORT**  
February 1 to August 31, 1970

	Proposed Yearly Budget	Current Budget	Total Received
General Fund	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 23,625.00	\$12,834.32
Schools	59,000.00	34,416.67	22,984.24
Foreign Missions	35,500.00	20,458.33	24,307.48
Home Missions	25,000.00	14,583.33	11,882.58
Praise Program	15,000.00	8,750.00	4,713.43
	<u>\$175,000.00</u>	<u>\$101,833.33</u>	<u>\$ 76,722.05</u>

Receipts last year at same time — \$69,519.86  
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