

Remarkable Results of Home Mission Efforts

Our people should be able to give to Home Missions with enthusiasm and satisfaction. We would not be using words carelessly or inappropriately to state that results of Home Mission efforts in recent years have been remarkable. Think on these things:

A basement church at Barker's Point, N. B., built at a cost of \$15,000 entirely self-supporting with 75 per cent of the original cost of the building paid off in two years, a Sunday School with an attendance of 223 on Rally Day, 172 last Sunday, "budget-plus" support of denominational projects, a member of the church in the ministry, two students at Bethany Bible College, and plans for what will be one of our finest church buildings. All this from the purchase of a \$500.00 lot by our Home Mission Board and a subsequent Home Mission sponsored tent meeting in the summer of 1951.

A church-parsonage property in the City of Halifax, N. S., purchased, improved and equipped at a cost of more than \$30,000, a self-supporting project, the local church, still less than a year old, supporting its pastor, paying for the parsonage, carrying the full load of an expensive repair and renovation job on the church (about \$11,000), with a Sunday School already past 100, another "budget-plus" church in denominational giving, having just recently pledged \$1,400.00 for Foreign Missions alone this year, now planning to enlarge their church building to accommodate their growing Sunday School. This church also has two students attending Bethany Bible College. This work was founded as a consequence of the faith and vision of our Home Mission Board which ventured to purchase the building before a campaign was held or a church organized.

A growing, going work in Sussex, N. B., was established following a Crusade Tent Meeting sponsored by our Home Mission Board. Rev. R. H. Nicholson preaches to congregations every Sunday as large or larger than those assembled in many churches which have been functioning for years. From the beginning of this work, another preaching appointment was arranged at Apohaqui, five miles away, where Brother Nicholson has a fine congregation. As with the churches already mentioned, wonderful conversions have been witnessed in this area. The Sussex-Apoahqui work needs a new church building and prayers and plans are uniting towards that end.

In Old Town, Maine, a large, fine looking church building, owned by the Universal Church, was opened to us of the Lord. This church, splendidly located in this fine Maine community, had been closed for eight years and many had sought without success to rent or purchase it. And then, the door was opened to us. There was evidence of the hand of God in the matter in the opening being provided, but, to make it more remarkable, there were two ten-year, rent-free leases granted us, our responsibility being to keep the church insured and in repair, responsibilities we would have assumed in addition to a purchase price, had we paid for the building. Through the initiative of Rev. J. A. Moses, and the self-sacrificing spirit of the loyal people of this new church, the task of a complete repair and renovation job was undertaken. It now stands

gleaming white and attractive, as an attractive place of worship. Attendance at preaching services and Sunday School has gained steadily during the past two years. There were 87 in the Sunday School recently. In this project our Home Mission Board gave liberal support and assistance.

The newest project of our Home Mission efforts is the Grand Harbour work. A fruitful tent meeting held this summer, led to a decision, on the part of the people who were united in a desire to promote scriptural holiness in the community and district, to build a new church. Work is now under way in this project. It is a faith venture, one that testifies of the zeal and vision of the people there "called unto holiness." On a fine site donated by Lic. and Mrs. Samuel Guphill, a fine church will be erected, another monument to the faith of God's people and the faithfulness of Him who has said "Go forward!"

And these are but a few of the remarkable results accomplished under the blessing of God during the past few years. Liberal giving on Home Mission Sunday will provide financial assistance towards the continued advance of our extension efforts.

EVANGELIZE

Give us a watch word for the hour
A thrilling word, a word of power;
A battle cry, a flaming breath,
A word to rouse the Church from rest
That calls to conquer or to death;
To heed her Master's high behest.
The call is given, Ye hosts arise,
Our watchword is Evangelize.

The glad evangel now proclaim
Through all the earth in Jesus' Name
This word is ringing through the skies
Evangelize, Evangelize
To dying men, a fallen race
Make known the gift of gospel grace
The world that now in darkness lies,
Evangelize, Evangelize.

—Selected.

WHAT YOUR HOME MISSION DOLLARS DO

The dollars you give in support of our Home Mission work are very busy. They travel far and contribute towards many phases of denominational work. Here are some of the important tasks performed by your Home Mission dollars:

1. **Buying tents, hymn books, chairs, etc. for special extension campaigns.**
2. **Supporting evangelists, singers, children's workers, etc., in these campaigns.**
3. **Buying building lots in communities where we expect to build new churches.**
4. **Assisting local groups in the purchase of church buildings, parsonages, etc., when new work is being established.**
5. **Contributing towards new building projects.**
6. **Supporting promotional campaigns such as the Crusade Rallies.**
7. **Supplementing the salaries of men who are receiving insufficient support from their churches.**

These are some of the things your Home Mission dollars do. And so that we may provide equipment for extension work, support capable workers in special campaigns, buy lots as building sites, help the noble groups of people who launch out in faith to buy or build churches and parsonages, assist underpaid pastors, and keep the Crusade programme moving, let us give generously to Home Missions on Sunday, November 29th.

Home Missions

R. H. Nicholson

From the various missionary conferences we hear the remark, "A church that has no missionary outlook is a dead church." This expression at first strikes us as one of the over-statements that are so prevalent among the church critics. However, by some careful observations and an investigation of the principles that produce spiritual blessings, we are forced to nod our heads in assent. And perhaps we sorrowfully whisper, "It need not have been so," as we behold the spiritual ruins where these principles have been lacking.

God has always honored and blessed His people where there has been sacrifice, self-denial, and a pure passionate desire for the salvation of souls. When we are willing to venture by faith into the fearful unknown with the only sane assurance: Jesus is leading on before—He will not let us down.

But how can a church obtain these qualities if they are lacking from her midst? There is God's way, and there is a way that seemeth right unto man. The latter can be described in a highly advertised, competitive spirit, where the carnal self is willing to part with earthly means in order to have an exalted ego. In this way large sums of money may be raised for missions, but it has always been questioned how much God blesses money thus given. God's way is for us to get so close to Him that we see the need as He does, and feel for souls as He feels, where there are no racial barriers, no one of little importance, when the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," become words uttered to us by the Saviour today.

But the small circle of light around us must be walked in before we catch the beam on the distant horizon. The way we will see lost souls in other lands is to behold them here. Are there lost souls here? Jesus said, "Look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Yes, we have them here. Slumbering souls! Blinded souls! Starving souls! We have sections where spiritual vitamins are no longer present in the Sunday diet. If we have a well-rounded Gospel, let us take it to the hungry and thirsting.

However, visions fade, feelings subside; persons once mightily awakened to the spiritual needs have become unconcerned. Why? Simply because investment has been made in something else—the man who was once a spiritual man is now a fleshy man. "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Do we see and feel the need around us? Then let us invest in them our earnest prayers, our material means, and we will not only retain our present vision, but we will increase more and more as we become part in God's plan in meeting the needs of our day.

NOVEMBER 29TH has been set as "Home Mission Sunday." There are souls right here in the Maritimes and Maine that God is depending on us to reach with the Glorious Gospel. These new-born babes will need to be fed and nourished and led on into holiness. This will involve much expense in purchasing and erecting places of worship, supporting workers until the local work is self-supporting. The challenge is great! God is able! On our knees and to the battle! We can make Home Mission Sunday a great day for the Lord.