

# WHAT IS BETHANY'S GREATEST NEED

## \*By Rev. F. A. Anderson

Today I have been trying to answer the question "What is Bethany's greatest need?" For a Bible School to exist and carry on, money is essential; Students must be fed and housed; teachers must be paid; and other current expenses must be met. It would be possible to have all these financial needs met, however, and Bethany still fail.

Just to name one thing that would spell failure even when the financial needs are taken care of, I would mention the lack of students. What could Bethany possibly accomplish without young men and women to teach and to train for the work of God? The situation is too impossible to need further comment. Bethany needs sincere students. Not just young folk who want an education and who make the choice of this particular school as the place where they can obtain it, but young men and women who want to accomplish the greatest amount of good in life. Young people completely consecrated to the will of God are needed at Bethany.

One could go on to mention consecrated teachers and perhaps many other things that are essential if Bethany is to accomplish all that we as a denomination desire her to accomplish.

Is there any one need that can be stated that will comprehend all other needs? I believe there is. It is the need of prayer. Let all our people pray-pray definitely and earnestly-for Bethany. Pray until God speaks to our own hearts about Bethany and her needs. If our young people would do this, God would lay His hand upon those who should be in the student body. If those who are qualified to teach would pray this way God would lead those who should instruct our young People in Bethany's classrooms. If we all pray earnestly, seeking to know God's will that we might do the same, He will move upon our hearts to give until all the financial needs are met.

Let us all join in a campaign of prayer until God moves upon our hearts, and Bethany moves still further up the road of accomplishment in the work of God.

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The Bethany Bible College Library has received a gift of \$100.00 to purchase books for the library.

This memorial is given in loving memory of Mrs. Wm. Barber of the Maple Ridge Reformed Baptist Church by her family.

Bethany is grateful for this memorial. May God bless the memory of the mother in whose honour it is given. To those making this memorial possible, we express our appreciation and gratitude.

# BEGINNING AT HOME

### By W. L. Fernley

The Birth of the Christian Church took place at Jerusalem. Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem". We perhaps tend to forget what happened at Jerusalem during the early days of the Church. There were at least three things which characterized the Home Base of the Christian Church and these things must still operate in our present day program.

I. Evangelization of Jerusalem. The effect of the Gospel upon those who were in close contact with the message brought great conviction to come to pass. The preaching of the witnesses was felt everywhere. Jerusalem was ablaze with Spiritual Fire. Things happening-miracles being performed-men being converted-Praise and Joy heard in the streets. It had begun at HOME, WHY? "The Lord was working with them". "The LORD added to the Church".

Have we as a Denomination forgotten that HOME is the place where the fire must be kindled and kept ablaze. The Maritimes and Maine is Home Base, let us see to it that we evangelize it.

II. Evaluation of Jerusalem. How valuable was Jerusalem to the whole Christian outlook? Strength at Home would ensure progress farther afield. Power manifested near at hand would eventually move to outer regions. Prosperity within Jerusalem meant production of all kinds of assistance to the Christian Church.

In your estimation does the Home Mission Effort have this appeal to you? Strength-Power-Prosperity. Have you been underestimating the value of its cause?

III. Expenses of Jerusalem. Have you considered how much it cost the early Church to continue its message? Here are just a few of its expenses:-Persecution-Misunderstanding-Sacrifice-Death. Yet these four things brought about, Power-Movement-Salvation-and Devotion. The blood of the Martyrs, is still the seed of the Church. Not necessarily dying blood but living blood. We cannot bless until we bleed.

Friends until you and I are willing to think through some things in relationship to HOME MISSIONS we are missing the essential purpose of the words of Jesus, "First AT HOME". It is winthin our power to Evangelize the Maritimes and Maine-it is within our comprehension to see the Value of our Home Base, and finally it is ours to meet the expenses of our program.

The Lord bless every one who has the cause of Home Missions at heart, may your tribe increase.

# PAUL MULLEN'S ITINERARY

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A special word of thanks is due to those who thought to remember Bethany Bible College with a Christmas gift. Your united expression of love and loyalty amounted to \$582.00 in cash. We feel that these gifts are only part of the expression of appreciation for what Bethany is doing. The prayers offered in behalf of Bethany, as well as personal expressions of commendation to the college for the part she plays in God's program, encourage the staff

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of the college to promote this worthy cause.

May God richly bless each one who has helped us in any way to make Bethany Bible College an influential institution in the defence of Full Salvation.

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