



CHURCH NEWS

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus to the Highway readers:

God has spared us here in the Tobique, to have our third Missionary Conference. It was surely a great time of feasting and fellowship. We were very fortunate to have Bro. Kenneth Kierstead as our missionary speaker. He spoke under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Kierstead is a young man, but he surely preaches an old-time message.

I feel that our churches on the Tobique have been blessed, and our eyes have been opened to the need of those who walk in darkness in the heathen lands.

We missed Sister Uta Chase this year as she was with us in the beginning of our missionary program and was one of our missionary speakers in the first two conferences. But we feel satisfied to know that God is using her on the foreign fields. So let us continue to pray for her.

Would like to say too, that the first year we had Glendon Kierstead, and Reginald Kierstead the second year. We thank God for this fine Christian family, the Kiersteads.

We are looking forward to another conference next year if the Lord tarries. Thank you for this little space in your paper.

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(We would suggest that pastors and missionary presidents keep this address list for future reference).

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No man has any right to be called a Christian at all unless he is working up to the hilt to promote, by all means at his disposal, the fulfilment of Christ's command to evangelize the world.—Archbishop Temple.

THE CHALLENGE OF RETIREMENT YEARS

By L. Guy Nees, in "Herald of Holiness"

According to the U.S. News and World Report, the number of retired persons is constantly increasing. Ten years ago, 55 per cent of married men sixty-five and over were still working. Now, only forty-two per cent of husbands sixty-five or more continue to work. Modern social trends all point toward earlier retirement and more leisure time in the latter years of life. This means that we will have an increasing number of retired but very active persons in our churches. What shall these persons do? Many will want to catch up on some well-earned rest and opportunity for travel, but can a sanctified person be content merely to enjoy himself and spend fifteen or twenty years in self-indulgent leisure and rest? I think not. Granted that many of these people will be infirm and unable to carry on too active a life, yet many of them are in excellent health and are well able to give very active service and participation in the work of the church.

For many these years could be years of fruitful productivity. No one should take the attitude that merely because he is sixty-five, or seventy-five or older, that his years of creative ability are over. At eighty-three, Thomas Edison made pioneering studies on the production of synthetic rubber. At seventy-nine, Paderewski was still a master of piano, giving concerts before large audiences. Alfred Lord Tennyson published one of his most memorable poems—"Crossing the Bar"—at eighty-three. Benjamin Franklin was ambassador to France when he was seventy-eight and wrote his autobiography after eighty. Such present-day outstanding persons as Grandma Moses, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, John Foster Dulles, and President Eisenhower, all confirm the fact that a person need not be through with life at age sixty-five.

They tell me that one of the most tragic and serious things that can happen to a retired person is to cease activity entirely. Everyone needs something to occupy his mind and time, and it would be well, I think, for retired persons to perfect some old skill or develop some new one and perhaps even in these latter years enter into a creative field that would be more significant than anything previously accomplished in life.

Then too, these years ought to be years of very helpful co-operation in the church. It seems to me that all of our pastors should have an increased number of "assistants" now that more people have an increased amount of leisure time. No pastor that I know of is able to do all of the visitation that he would like to get done. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if many of these active retired people would call upon their pastor and offer their time for this important work? For years they have been tied down with family responsibilities and regular hours at the job, but now they have free time and could very easily spend parts of two or three days a week in the visitation program at our churches.

What a blessing these older people could be in the homes of our people! These who have mellowed and seasoned with the presence of God over many years would be able to bring helpful words of encouragement and strength to those who are passing through many of the same problems through which they have already successfully come.

Also there are so many places of service in the church that always need filling. No one should assume that merely because his family is raised and away he has no contribution to make in the Sunday school and youth program of our churches. Many of the most efficient and helpful Sunday school and youth workers I have known have been

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