

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Highway Friends:

In the early days of our South African work the whole church planned to get together once a quarter. Growth and expansion eventually forced the quarterly to become a twice annually meeting. And again later this gave way to the annual Conference. Today our South African work has only one convocation of the whole church during the year. This is held in early July and compares to our Beulah Camp. It is the spiritual repair shop and filling station and the round table of church business.

But the quarterly is not dead. Having lost its significance to the church as a whole it has gained a special significance to each particular outpost. It is communion Sunday. It is the day when there will be a visit from the ordained elder or the missionary. Preparations begin days before the actual event. Local church folk contribute to the supply of food for the visitors. Often several hens or other meat will be prepared, bread will be made or bought, large pots of "Mahewu" (a drink somewhat comparable to buttermilk) will be prepared and other staples from a corn base as well as potatoes and other vegetables. Parents who wish to have their children dedicated await the day of the Quarterly. Often there are candidates to be examined for baptism, followed by the baptismal service and later the formal reception and right hand of fellowship.

Local church leaders will have been busy during the days prior to Quarterly counselling their followers in spiritual matters in anticipation of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Our people take a serious view of participation in the fellowship of the Communion if there is any maladjustment of the spiritual equilibrium.

FAMILY ALTAR SUGGESTIONS

1. The father should be the priest of the family altar, receiving the cooperation of his wife and the full obedience of the children.
2. Let the Bible reading be clear, earnest, brief, and attended by a few appropriate remarks and practical applications.
3. Strive for variety. Try weaving your Bible readings about great verses, great events, great prophecies, great problems, great prayers, great wisdom.
4. Be quiet in spirit and reverent in attitude. Never permit argument, strife, or bickering at family worship.
5. Praying should be brief and to the point. Earnest prayers rather than long prayers should be the aim.
6. From time to time invite friends to share in your family worship.

WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

1. Plan your family worship for a week in advance.
2. Sometimes it is well to tell a Bible story instead of reading it, or to read from a good Bible picture or storybook suited to the age of the child.
3. A flannelgraph is often helpful in telling a Bible story in an interesting manner.
4. Keep family worship informal. Children should feel free to ask questions or make an occasional comment, but should not be allowed to forget that family altar time is a time for quietness and listening to God's speaking.
5. Occasionally let the children tell of their experiences in school, play, or in other relationships where these seem to have a bearing on the topic of the reading. This will help them bring all their experiences into vital relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally the day draws near. Often the services begin with a long service Saturday night which may last into the early hours of the morning. This is essentially a song and testimony service and is very much enjoyed by the African people. The mid-day service on Sunday may last anything up to three hours. Aside from the usual song service and preaching service there will probably be a dedication service of children and possibly a service for reception of new members. Receiving the offering is a ritual of no mean proportions! Usually each person brings his offering to the front where it is duly deposited. Sometimes an offering is presented by proxy and the explanations must be made. A mother with a brood of children will bring 10 cents and ask for 10 one cent pieces which she goes away with to place a cent in the hand of each child who then dutifully comes forward to present his offering to the Lord. Babies in arms will come clutching their pennies which will be extracted forcibly by the mother on arrival at the offering plate.

Following the main service participants of the Lord's Table remain to receive the emblems of His broken body and shed blood. And with the singing of a closing hymn the services of the quarterly meeting come to a close.

And now is the time for happy Christian fellowship. Waitresses bustle about preparing food while the worshippers assort themselves into groups according to the pattern of their tribal customs of etiquette. There is laughter and merriment, banter and joking as food is consumed in amounts that are amazing. And then amid fond farewells the group breaks up and the memory of blessing received helps to carry them over the rough places until it is time for another Quarterly Meeting.

In Him,
Bill and Elsie Morgan,
Suzanne and Murray.

6. Let the children pray too. As they pray, they will learn how to cast their cares upon the Lord, and this is the greatest knowledge in life.

ATTENTION HOME MISSION CHURCHES

Dear Mr. Trafton,

We have purchased a new Communion Set for our church and we were wondering if a Home Mission Church might want our old one.

It would need glasses as we used ours in the new set.

If you would print this in "The King's Highway" I would package this and send it if they would contact me.

Thanking you.

Mrs. Norma Backman,
Church Clerk,
Beals, Maine.

To Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Brown a daughter, Letitia Dawn, born November 9.

Altona Mission Station
Nov. 8th, 1965.

A recent story in a Washington, D. C. newspaper, featuring the Rev. Coy R. Bates, minister of the Mt. Rainier Baptist Church, reveals the concerns and convictions of this contemporary pastor in relation to the Healing Ministry of the Church. Declaring that God is man's supreme source of power he cites the case of a young man in his church who had second and third degree burns over 50 percent of his body. The church members prayed for him and there was a time when they didn't think he would live. But he recovered and continues to make a good adjustment.

The Rev. Mr. Bates also cites an instance in his own life. Shortly after his decision

Why you should see

The Missionary Motion Picture . . .

SO LITTLE TIME

The feature-length motion picture "So Little Time" is the ninth and largest film produced by World Vision, a missionary service organization.

Acclaimed as "spectacularly beautiful" because of its unusual photography, the 90-minute sound-colour film presents a panorama of missions—primarily in Asia—during the past decade. It features some of the varied ministries of World Vision and the strategic role of Dr. Pierce, its president.

One sequence shows the birth of a volcano, Mt. Batur in Indonesia, the destruction it caused and the distribution of relief goods to unfortunate people. The film offers an on-the-spot view of a weird "Dance of the Demons"—a heathen rite obviously controlled by unseen powers of darkness. Presented also are journeys with Bob Pierce along the eight blocks of indescribable filth and sorrow inside Hong Kong's lawless "Old Walled City" . . . scenes of missionaries at work in a mountain hospital in Formosa . . . Evangelism and pastors' conferences in Japan, and a dramatic flight for freedom from Red China to Macau aboard a Chinese fishing junk.

The film also portrays the colourful World Vision Korean Orphan Choir and the magnificent concerts for which these 34 youngsters (aged 7 to 13) have become known. They made their first concert tour of North America in 1961 and embarked on a world concert mission in 1962-3, singing in 104 cities in 16 countries.

"So Little Time" is believed to be unprecedented in size and scope among missionary films. Aside from its chronicling of missionary advances and frustrating setbacks, the film provides wholesome Christian entertainment for all the family with its scenes in living colour and its superior quality sound track of music from a rich variety of artists, including the World Vision Crusade Orchestra directed by Ralph Carmichael and soloists Jimmie McDonald and Norman Nelson. "So Little Time" is a Westminster Films production, directed by the company's president, William E. Bruseau.

to prepare for the Christian ministry and his admission into theological seminary, he learned, to his consternation, that he might have to undergo an operation that could wreck his career in school and the ministry. But his wife and he prayed sincerely for his healing and at the next examination the X-rays showed up clear.

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