

symptoms which are being neglected in favor of peripheral and/or more easily isolated symptoms.

#### A. Reactions

Jeremiah warns us (10:2) that we should "learn not the way of the heathen." In our everyday contacts with pagan people and pagan news media we are learning pagan ways. We are learning pagan reactions in inter-personal relationships—such reactions as resentment, retaliation, and revenge. It is embarrassingly easy to think of examples. The very fact that we re-act at all is a symptom of worldliness. For re-acting is in reality taking our cue from the other person: we mimic the other person's attitude when we could save the situation by inserting into a charged atmosphere our own calming Christian attitudes. We should act in love, not re-act in imitation.

#### B. Fears

We are learning also the worldly fears which so often prompt worldly reactions. The most basic of these fears is the fear of threat to ourselves. These fears are learned at a deep, unconscious level. We learn to see persons, organizations, or life situations as threats to our security, our integrity, or our dignity. Then we react according to the patterns we have learned from the world. Do you see that this is worldliness at its very worst?

In the light of the above, even isolation can be seen as a form of worldliness. George Matheson (*Rests by the River*, p. 251) says, "We think of worldliness as a life in the crowd. No, it is a life in the solitude — a garden life." Faced by threatening persons, threatening inventions, threatening philosophies, we do what we have learned to do. We retreat. We refuse to face what we fear. We "clam up" in the presence of threatening persons — whether Christian brethren or needy sinners. We refuse to find redeeming uses for new inventions in communications. (Choosing rather to reply on pat, simplistic Sunday-School answers.) We refuse to train our minds to deal with ecumenism, evolution, or existentialism,

#### Conclusion

Shutting ourselves off from the world is easy to do and, I believe, altogether ineffective as a means of combatting worldliness. There is an answer. We can live in this world and enjoy freedom from worldliness. The most basic Biblical answer is found in Jeremiah and in Hebrews. I hope to discuss the cure for worldliness in next month's article on Christian liberty.

## Foreign Missions

### WHERE OUR OVERSEAS MISSION DOLLAR GOES

#### 63¢ GOES TO OUR MISSIONARIES

By far the largest contribution Reformed Baptists are making to the church in Africa is the staff of missionaries we are maintaining on the fields. This includes salaries, travel, children allowance and furlough. We believe this to be sound practice and in harmony with New Testament missions.

#### 34¢ GOES TO SUPPORT THE WORK

One third of our dollar goes to evangelism, help support young churches, Bible School, subsidize hospital and maintenance.

#### 2¢ GOES FOR ADMINISTRATION

Promotion pamphlets, cables, telephone calls, telegrams, Bank charges, office supplies require 2¢ of our dollar.

#### 1¢ GOES FOR MISSION BOARD EXPENSES

Board meetings and other essential expenditures requires 1¢ of our dollar.

## YOUR OVERSEAS DOLLAR SERVES IN YOUR PLACE COUNTING ON YOU IN THE EASTER OFFERING

To maintain the mission work which Reformed Baptists started in South Africa, Rhodesia and Zambia cost approximately \$41000.00 in 1965. To reach this figure about one church out of six gave 10% or more of their total income to foreign missions. Other churches gave close to this 10% level. Some individuals faced the challenge and gave up to \$1000.00 to put missions over the top.

#### FRANK LOOK AT FINANCES

The Mission Board appreciates the way our people have always risen to the challenge of our foreign work. However at the Board Meeting last January the treasurer reported \$2000.00 less receipts than reported the same time last year. In view of this the Board will face an inevitable deficit in June unless we have a record breaking Easter offering on April 10th.

#### RHODESIA

Economic sanctions and higher costs have made it difficult for Rhodesia. Our commitments are greater this year than last. We must with the help of the Lord meet these commitments. Hudson Taylor said: "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."

#### IS THIS ASKING TOO MUCH?

Not if we are thinking in terms of the price our Saviour paid when He gave up His life on the cross to redeem the heathen. Mission work must not only be sustained, but it must go forward. To retreat is to disobey the Saviour's command. Costs in Africa are bound to increase more and more. Let us meet the current challenge of missions by giving ourselves to persevering prayer and selfless stewardship. We cannot spend money before it is received and we must not retreat. What can we do? We can give a record breaking Easter Missionary Offering on April 10th.

Bethesda Mission  
4-2-66

Dear Highway friends,

Greetings to you all from Rhodesia.

A long time has elapsed since we last wrote you, however, we are making no apologies. There just aren't enough hours in the day for what we wish to do.

Drought and politics are the two main news items from here. The latter being played up at home much more than the real picture here in the country. As yet all is quiet and peaceful and we trust will remain so. Drought however, is very real and very bad. Although in the immediate area it is not as bad as further away. Special prayer services have been held, asking for rain. Also the heathen rain dancers have held their ceremonies. The people are very dependent on their maize crops for food and money and this is the 4th year for poor crops. Starvation and malnutrition are very grim realities. Only yesterday a little first grader fainted in class and her teacher discovered she had eaten nothing for 3 days.

The Haywood's have moved to the Republic and already they are missed very much. Trust the Lord will continue with them as they work for Him elsewhere.

The family are well. Our newest daughter arrived January 19 and has been named Susan Lynn.

We wish to thank all who wrote us and sent parcels during the past year. These are appreciated more than you know. Also thank you for the assurance of your continued prayer support. We can feel your prayers and assure you that this is a vital part of missionary work. May God bless you all in the coming year.

Happy in His service,  
Gene, Cheryl Hudson & family.

## BETHANY BUDGET REPORT

Percentage Paid  
on BBC Budget

\*(See below)

Amherst	33%
Barker's Point	57
Beals	78
Black's Harbour	71
Blissfield	43
Bloomfield	40
Brazil Lake	27
Bristol	
Calais	75
Crystal	56
Deer Island	100
Digby	
Doaktown	15
East Ferry	
Fort Fairfield	16
Fredericton	57
Glassville	52
Gordonsville	62
Grand Harbour	50
Halifax	50
Hartland	8
Havelock	33
Head of Millstream	
Houlton	107
Ingomar	
Jonesport	75
Killam's Mills	66
Lower Brighton	
Lower Hainesville	33
Maple Ridge	50
Marysville	75
Meductic	100
Mid. Southampton	
Millville	80
Moncton	50
North Head	90
Old Town	47
Perth	100
Port Maitland	100
Presque Isle	62
Royalton	
Salem	103
Sandford	25
Sandy Point	
Saint John	76
Seal Cove	48
Staceyville	36
Sussex	10
Truro	50
Victoria Corner	40
Westchester	56
Wood Harbour	50
Woodstock	75
Woodwards Cove	100
Yarmouth	64

\*Percentages paid from June 1st, 1965 to and including February 12, 1966.

Receipts from Bethany Sunday will be shown in next report.

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