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FROM PERSONAL WORKS DEPT.

"There is no education without participation! Theory without practice is of little value. To be well trained, one must experimentally know the work he is preparing to do." Educators of our day tell us that knowledge is useful only as it is used.

Since this is true in secular education, how much more it is true in the training and preparation of a young person called into the service of the Lord.

Here at the Baptist Bible Institute the Book of Books is faithfully taught by Christ honoring teachers. Students are progressing into a knowledge of the Word of God. It has been the aim of the Christian Service Department to make this knowledge a working knowledge of the Bible. We will all agree that it isn't enough to know what to say to the unsaved, but to be able to say it with conviction and freedom is also necessary. The best and perhaps the only way to acquire the latter is by doing. The Christian Service Department is operating for this purpose, to find places of service for each individual student. Places of service that will permit them to grow spiritually as well as in ability to deal with people in this sinful world.

The students are given a diversity of assignments so that they might be able to serve Christ in many different ways. The following list will indicate the different places and opportunity for service.

9 men serving as student pastors, 25 regular Sunday School teachers, 16 in Bible Club work, 4 in girls' club work, 2 in boys' club work and 2 directing Junior Churches.

Also, there are weekly or monthly assignments to the following places.

City Hospital, Both Memorial Hospital, County Jail, Colored Rest Home, Baptist Home of Ohio, Eastern Star Home of Cuyahoga County and City Mission Work.

"I went there hoping to give them a blessing, but I received a greater one myself." "Two boys accepted Christ at Bible Club today, I am thankful for the opportunity to reach these youngsters for the Lord. Here are some of the comments.

Someone has said, "To grow and glow for the Lord you have to Go for the Lord.

Donald Woodby

GREETINGS FROM THE GAZDIKS:

Dear Friends and Prayer Helpers:

We greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who "loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour."

OCTOBER

For a long time it has been our desire to send a prayer letter to all of you dear friends. Since the time of our staying in the United States is fast drawing to a close and we are looking forward to our departure, we would like to ask and encourage you to pray for us. We realize more than ever that we can do nothing without Him, but we also have experienced that the intercessory prayers bring power in the work of the Lord.

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FROM THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT

We praise the Lord for ten more students enrolled for the second semester in the Day classes. This brings the total enrollment for the year in the Day School to 83. Some classrooms are taxed to capacity. The Dorm is crowded with thirty-five students from out of the city. We also need space for expansion in the library, book store and offices. Please continue to pray for adequate facilities beginning next Fall.

At the last Board of Directors' meeting, it was unanimously voted to change the School's Charter with a view to granting Bachelor of Religious Education and Bachelor of Theology degrees with majors in Bible, Christian Education, Missions and Theology. We expect representatives from the State Department of Education to visit the Institute very soon. This will mean additional curricula, new courses, more full-time teachers, larger library and increased facilities. Please pray for God's guidance and provision in this regard.

Dr. A. B. Simpson spoke with seasoned judgment when he said, "If someone were to give me a sum of money that he wanted to be used for real missionary work and asked me whether it should be sent directly to the foreign field or used in a Christian school for the training of young lives that it might later be multiplied in consecrated missionary service thru the years."

Kenneth A. Amsler, President

DECEMBER

We come to you during these Christmas days with the Word of the Lord found in Matt. 4:15-17. "The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, "Repent". People in darkness and the shadow of death - blind and dead spiritually, on their way to hell yet unconscious and helpless about it. Then Christ came! He said, "I am the light of the world he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. The "Galilee of the Gentiles saw great light" which was Christ.

Most of you know that our sailing date was set for December 16th. However, the Lord in His perfect will directed us first to a time of quietness. A week before our sailing date, John became ill with a virus infection. We prayed much about it and waited upon the Lord to raise him to health. When the high fever did not leave in sufficient time for us to travel, we had to cancel our booking. Many times we question such things but He does not make mistakes nor directs us astray. We have peace in our hearts about it, for we know that He has a purpose in it. We are waiting for our next booking which will probably be the end of this month.

May the Lord richly bless you,

John and Alice

FROM MARY ALICE JACKSON

Mary Alice Jackson June 1950 must leave this country before April 19 to begin language study in Venezuela. In Mary Alice's own words:

"Greetings to you that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

It is a real joy to be called God's Missionary and to proclaim His unsearchable riches in a far country; Venezuela, South America; a land in which Catholicism has reigned for approximately four hundred years. There they worship the cross, but sad to say, they do not worship the Christ of the cross in their hearts, because the gospel is hid to them.

This is my first letter that I have been able to send to you, before going to the field. I am an accepted missionary under appointment of the Mid-Missions Board. I was accepted last February. I am now seeing my way more clearly to the foreign field of His choosing. As yet I am not fully prepared to leave this country, as I am a very needy person. My biggest problem is support. He is able to supply. Pray Philippians 4:19 with me.

Mary Kay Kessler and I plan to go together. Our Permits have been granted from Venezuela, Praise His Holy Name! "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it..." God Promised. The Permit runs out April 19th, so you see the time is short. We must be well equipped and gone before that time arrives. The mission board has bracketed Mary Kay and I together in Upata, Ven., S.A.

We will be stationed there for at least the first year of our term, to learn the language and the customs of the people. Please pray that our full support will be granted. Also that our equipment will be supplied and financial needs such as: - for travels in deputation work, for freight charges, for inoculations, for passport, visa and all other expenses will be met to the praise of His glory.

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." I John 5:14-15.

PRAYER Jn. 16:24 REQUESTS

1. SCHOOL, Work, Finances, Faculty, Students
2. ALUMNI, Organization Interest Individuals
3. REVIVAL, At Superior Avenue Baptist Church, April 8-14. Rev. James Jeremiah Speaker.
4. ALUMNI DUES, about half of the dues received thus far.

AT PRESENT

there are 76 regular and 3 special students in day school -- there are 85 students in evening school.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL BANQUIT AND BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD IN MAY ** WATCH FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT!

WHO'S WHO AT B. B. I.

President and Acting Dean
Rev. Kenneth Amsler

Full Time Faculty
Rev. Kenneth Amsler
Rev. Paul McCullough
Dr. Hugo Foucar

Part Time Faculty
Rev. Victor Willetts
Grayton Rd. Baptist
Rev. G. V. Smelser
Cleveland Hebrew Mission
Rev. Donald MacDonald
Hough Avenue Baptist
Rev. William Wilson
Painsville Calvary Baptist
Rev. Allen Lewis
Nottingham Baptist
Rev. Allen Metcalf
Hebrew Christian Society
Rev. George Gibson
Calvary Baptist
Rev. Glen Davis
Bethlehem Baptist
Rev. Henry Cruver
Bedford Community Baptist
Rev. Joseph Springer
Hough Avenue Baptist
Rev. Charles Ohman
Gospel Church
Rev. Edwin Miller
Erin Avenue Baptist
Rev. John Margene
Meadville, Pa. Calvary
Baptist
Rev. Douglas Burt
Penfield Jct. Baptist
Mr. John Bennett
Mr. Raymond Goodwin
Mr. William Ambrose
Mrs. Kenneth Amsler
Mrs. Florence Miller

GRADUATE NEWS

James Wright, '49, applied to American Inland Mission for work in Ozarks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ferguson, '49, are at King's College, Delaware.

Donna Anderson starts nurse's training at Warren, Ohio this September.

Sam Brindier, '50, is taking work at Youngstown College and is doing supply preaching.

Leon Urich, '49, is teaching Sunday school at Superior Avenue Baptist Church.

Vernon Mitchell, '46 E. S., is working in conjunction with the young people's group and is superintendent at Brookside Baptist Temple.

Charles Noffisinger, '50, is pastor of the Superior Avenue Baptist Church.

Joy Taylor, '49, is teaching Sunday school and Bible Club.

Harry Heminger, '46 E. S., is pastor of a church near Northfield, Ohio.

Invisible Vision

It seemed some presence lingered
there with me

That hovered soundlessly in my
dark room.

I wondered what strange being it
could be

Whose still strength penetrated
night's deep gloom.

Its velvet wonder taught my heart
to own

A deeper love than I had ever known
I dared to look and found no
vision there.

And yet I knew the Lord was every-
where!

Joy Taylor

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