

# JAPAN HARVEST

*"Lift up your eyes and look.....the fields are white unto harvest."*

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## EMAJ CONFERENCE OPENS JULY 31

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OPENS APRIL 12

WITH 108 ENROLLED

108 students entered the Japan Christian college when it opened on April 12, President Donald E. Hoke announced this week. Coming from many missions and church groups from Kyushu to Hokkaido, the students represent a cross-section of evangelical Christianity in Japan, Hoke said.

Opening service of the college was held Tuesday night, April 12, when the Rev. Masaichi Matsuda, chairman of the Domei Kirisuto Kyodan, brought the introductory message. On April 19 Pastor Kuninosuke of Okayama began a week of spiritual life meetings to open the school year.

Culmination of over two years of prayer and planning, the wide response to the announcement of the opening indicated the long-felt need for such a school, the board said. The college will serve all evangelical churches and mission groups in training men and women for Christian service as pastors, evangelists, and teachers.

The college offers work in a four year Bible college course, a three Bible school course, and three year kindergarten and English teachers' training courses. Pending approval of the ministry of education, the later two courses are preparatory.

Columbia Bible college (Columbia, S. C.) students financed the erection of a new dormitory dining hall which brought dormitory accommodations up to 100. Following entrance examinations on March 10, the final list of students accepted was cut to the available accommodations.

The faculty includes 12 Japanese and five missionary teachers. Board of the college is composed of representatives from leading mission groups in Japan.

### EVANGELICAL TRANSLATORS MEET AND ORGANIZE

#### Translators' Conference

"More emphasis ought to be given to the creation and publication of truly Japanese manuscripts," said one of the participants in a recent translators' conference in Tokyo. His sentiments were echoed by others present, who suggested that beginnings should be made especially in children's books and evangelistic materials.

This Conference, the first of its kind, was presided over by Rev. Akira Hatori, who returned from the U.S. a year ago after graduating from Fuller Theological Seminary. The meeting was called at the invitation of the Christian Literature Crusade and the Word of Life Press, especially to seek to raise the translation standards among evangelicals, and to lay the groundwork for a planned series of devotional expositions by well-known authors.

In the discussion period, some of the intricacies of the Japanese language and the difficulties they create were discussed. The need was expressed for other meetings of a similar nature to be held in the future to arrive at concrete plans and patterns for high quality translation of evangelical books into Japanese.

The sponsor of the meeting reported a very high interest in the Conference, with 19 key translators in attendance, representing a wide variety of denominational background. Additional meetings are being planned for the near future by Rev. Hatori and Kaoru Kohama, who were appointed to this responsibility.

BUXTON, CARROLL

HEAD 4-DAY PROGRAM

The Rev. Godfrey Buxton, general director of the Japan Evangelistic Band, and Mr. Joseph Carroll, Baptist evangelist from Australia, will be the featured speakers at this year's annual EMAJ conference, President Donald E. Hoke announced recently. The conference this year will be held from Sunday, July 31, through Thursday, August 4, at the Karuizawa Union church, Karuizawa, Nagano Ken.

Outstanding new feature of the conference this year will be afternoon workshop sessions offering practical aid and instruction in specific fields of missionary need and opportunity. Materials and methods in children's work, missionary journalism and promotion, visual aids for evangelism, and other such workshops will be held each afternoon under the guidance of experienced leaders.

In Japan for the first time last year, Mr. Carroll was well received and appreciated at the EMAJ conference and many other missionary conferences and meetings on that first visit. Following the invitation of many to return, he will speak daily at this year's conference, beginning Sunday night. Since his ministry here last summer, Carroll has been speaking at conferences and evangelistic campaigns in Hongkong, Manila, Indonesia, and Australia. After a brief stay in Japan early in May, he will go to Korea for two month's evangelism before coming

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## JAPAN-O-GRAM

News of Missionary Interest

## Christians In The Diet

In the recent national election in Japan, out of the 1,020 candidates running for office, 23 or 2.2 percent were members of Christian Churches. At the polls on February 27th the citizens of Japan elected 15 of these and thus gave the new Diet of 476 members a 3.2 percent who are members of Christian Churches. When it is remembered that of the entire population there are no more than 0.5 percent who are reported as Christian this is an exceedingly high percentage.

## Graham Goes To Glasgow

The All-Scotland Crusade to be conducted by Billy Graham and party opens in Kelvin Hall, Glasgow on March the 21st. He is to be assisted by a 1000 voice local choir, 1000 stewards, and 1500 to 1800 counselors. This exhibition hall is being prepared to seat 10,000 in addition to the choir.

## India

Following a recent trip to India Don Wells expressed his impression that this is the last chance for that country. He reports that most of the missionaries feel that no more than 2 to 5 years remain for missionary work there. Even Canadian and British missionaries are finding it difficult to obtain entry permits.

## Netherlands

Dr. Bob Pierce reports a recent interview with Queen Dowager Wilhemina of the Netherlands. She indicated a genuine interest in spiritual things and stated that since relinquishing the throne she is giving much time to interviews with religious leaders.

## Two Year Buddhist Council

Rangoon, Burma, E/P.....The sixth Great Buddhist Council since the death of Guatama Buddha, 2498 years ago is expected to herald a great revival of that faith throughout Asia. The leaders hope to lead Asia to a way out of her indecision and strife, but nothing material is to be discussed. Another purpose is to somehow unify the thousands of different Buddhist sects (over 250 in Japan alone) by selecting one universal "scripture." Commenting on this, a scholarly Buddhist priest (Jodo sect) of Nagano Ken said, "We must get the message to the people. Even today, when we priests recite our sermons and prayers from the Chinese

text, all the worshippers hear is 'humming.' Another former Buddhist priest (now a Christian colporteur) said, "I hope they do translate their thousands of contradictory doctrines and sermons.....then the common man will see the utter hopelessness of it all—and I hope give it up."

## Missionaries in Shangri-la

Baliem Valley, New-Guinea, E/P.....

Three missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance group have penetrated the hidden Shangri-La valley to live the rest of their lives among the barbaric stone-age "Dan-imen", whose customs are "very cruel." According to a Kyodo-Up dispatch, they have established friendly contact with one clan of 100,000 members in the valley which is accessible only by difficult air travel. Although some arrows have been shot into their supply plane, "The Gospel Messenger" the trio are living in peace. New Guinea was the country where two TEAM missionaries were "martyred" last year.

Comment: As missionaries in "The most civilized country in Asia" abounding with "luxuries" compared to other mission outposts, let us keep up an unremitting "Prayer offensive" based on correct information and motivated by love for those for whom Christ died.

## Overseas Missionary Fellowship

(C. I. M.) Roundup.

Philippines: The Bible School of the Air had an all time record enrolment week in February, with 1000 students.

General: Mr. J.O. Sanders, General Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship has been visiting in the States and ministering the Word of God at a number of important Conferences. After the Lancaster Conference he sails for England where he has important engagements, until leaving for the Overseas Council of the Mission planned for May 17-27 in Singapore.

The O.M.F. expects eight new workers this month, six of whom will be proceeding to Aomori for further Japanese language study. Work is to be extended in Aomori and northern Iwate Ken and also Hokkaido in the fall. Mr. L. Porter, secretary of the Mission in South Africa is expected in Japan during the last half of April.

## JUST A WORD

Greetings to all the Japan Harvest family in the Name of our Risen Saviour. It is with reluctance that I assume the editorship of this paper because of the importance that it plays in the lives and work of so many evangelical missionaries and friends in Japan as well as else where.

It is our purpose to continue the issues of this paper in such a way as to make them a spiritual blessing as well as to be informative. Any comments, criticisms or suggestions that will in any way contribute to increasing the usefulness of JAPAN HARVEST are invited.

Any news or information from your station or mission that would be of general interest to the evangelical family will be most appreciated.

Editor: A. Gordon Wolfe

INTRODUCING  
THE BOOK CORNER

The Evangelical Publisher's Fellowship was formed over two years ago. It held its annual meeting Mar. 22, 1955. The purpose of this fellowship is 3-fold: Cooperation, fellowship, and information in the field of literature. Issue by issue the EPF plans to bring you reviews and news of books which will be of help and blessing in your ministry. In the coming months a number of vital books will be coming off the presses. A few of these are:

1. Oswald Smith, *The Enduement of Power.*
2. Erich Saur, *The Dawn of World Redemption.*
3. Erich Saur, *The Triumph of the Crucified.*
4. Yutaka Yoneda, *The Gateway to Faith.*

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To help you to better utilize them, we are giving a limited resume of the aids available in Japan.

Catalogs are obtainable by contacting these distributing agencies for a more detailed listing.

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"Up to this time Audio-Visual work has been only an adjunct to the over all reaching of the millions, like airplanes used to be to the army. Now it must become a weapon in itself like the present day air force. In short, this is the 'Strategic Air Command' for all station missionaries to assist them in the difficult work of building indigenous churches in the 'valley farthest out'.

"Mass Communications by radio, motion pictures, television, tracts, etc. reach into areas untouched by other methods. It is not necessarily for the purpose of making the work of Christian writers easier, for those using the media of Mass Communications are working longer hours than they ordinarily would, in hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart witnessing. Radio is daily bringing in contacts which require home visitation to follow-up. A motion picture is shown and a crowd gathers and a harvest is reaped..... a harvest which must be followed up. Mobile units distribute thousands of tracts and these garner more follow-up contacts.

"It is axiomatic that the masses of unreached will not come to us..... we must go them. This puts a premium on the intelligent use of radio, television, motion pictures and that which is usually defined as being audio and visual.

"Mass Communications is actually a Cold War weapon. It is a battle for the minds of men..... ideological warfare. It is a contest with the powers of darkness on behalf of the Son of God..... driving home the reasonableness of our message..... not that we 'reason' men into the kingdom of God..... but rather a recognition that the soul has an understanding."

To be out this summer is a new film produced by AVED expressly for the Japanese. It is called "Wages of Sin" and should be a great help in reaching the lost. This will define God's law in contradistinction to civil law. You will want to use this one.



## VETERAN O. M. S. MISSIONARY DIES IN U.S.

### AUNT HAZEL KILBOURNE DIES, AFTER 40 YEARS IN ORIENT

Concluding forty active years of missionary work in the Orient, Mrs. Hazel L. Kilbourne, wife of Rev. E. L. Kilbourne a Director of the Oriental Missionary Society, entered into the presence of her Lord from a hospital in Glendale, California.

After undergoing surgery at the Tokyo Sanitarium last October, Mrs. Kilbourne was returned to the States for further medical treatment. A second surgery in January revealed cancer in advanced stages. Up until the time of her death she was a cheerful and patient sufferer. The end came without a struggle on Friday March 4.

Mrs. Kilbourne had a full and active ministry in the Orient. She first arrived in Japan in 1915 and later transferred to Korea where with her husband she continued her ministry for several years. In 1926 she began work in China. Her ministry there continued until the time of World War II. After nearly two years in an internment camp she was

repatriated on the S. S. Gripsholm in 1944. Her cheerful disposition and practical compassion were directed toward bettering conditions for fellow internees. This won for her not only their admiration but also that of the officers of the ship.

As soon as world conditions permitted after the close of the war, Mrs. Kilbourne with her husband returned to Japan to assist in re-establishing the Tokyo Bible Seminary where she served on the faculty, and to push forward the work of evangelism.

Aunt Hazel was an ardent promoter of foreign missions in the homelands when on furlough. Her extensive travels and untiring speaking engagements won for her many friends, and for the work of missions many faithful supporters throughout the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

She is to be credited with the founding of what is known among the constituency of the Oriental Missionary Society, the Children's Own Missions and the Children's Own Magazine which she edited up until the time of her death. Contributions

through this channel from the children of United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Great Britain and South Africa have built approximately sixty churches in Japan, Korea, China, India and South America.

Mrs. Kilbourne has not only given her life in ministry for missions, she is the mother of a missionary family. All three sons are actively engaged in missionary work, Edwyn and Elmer in Korea, and Ernest in Japan.

Besides many nationals in Japan, Korea and China who have been helped through her ministry, a large missionary family in each of these countries will be saddened by her death. If all had the opportunity they would unite with us in extending sympathy to Uncle Bud, Edwyn, Elmer and Ernest in this hour of their deep sorrow.

Roy P. Adams

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to the conferences.

Godfrey Buxton, well-known to Japan missionaries as the author of the popular missionary biography of his father, *The Reward of Faith in the Life of Barclay Buxton*, comes to Japan from England after several month's speaking engagements in America. He is a popular Bible conference speaker, and has particularly been used in Officer's Christian Union and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship conferences on both continents.

Regional spiritual conferences may also be held in distant parts of Japan, if interest warrants, Hoke announced. Definite plans regarding these conferences will be made public later. Tentatively being considered are plans for conferences in Hokkaido, Sendai, Osaka, and possibly Kyushu or Hiroshima.

Missionaries are urged to make housing arrangements early for the conferences this summer, since crowds even larger than last year are expected.

## JAPAN POP. JUMPS TO 89 MILLION

### Exploding Populations

A recent unofficial report from the census bureau of Japan listed the population at more than 89,500,000... an increase of 6,000,000 over the past five years. Here is an entire "new" mission field which has sprung up and every indication is that it is but poorly contacted with the Gospel. Official quotations of the number of Protestant Christians in Japan have shown no appreciable increase in five years, with the total still standing at a poor 285,000, including a host of non-evangelical church members.

In comparison, it is interesting to note the population of other Far Eastern nations, as given in the U.N. Bulletin of Statistics, March, 1945:

China (est.), 600,000,000  
 India, 367,000,000  
 Indonesia, 78,163,000  
 Pakistan, 75,842,000  
 Philippines, 21,023,000  
 Thailand, 19,556,000  
 Korea, 19,411,000  
 Burma, 19,045,000

Ceylon, 7,941,000  
 Hong Kong, 2,250,000

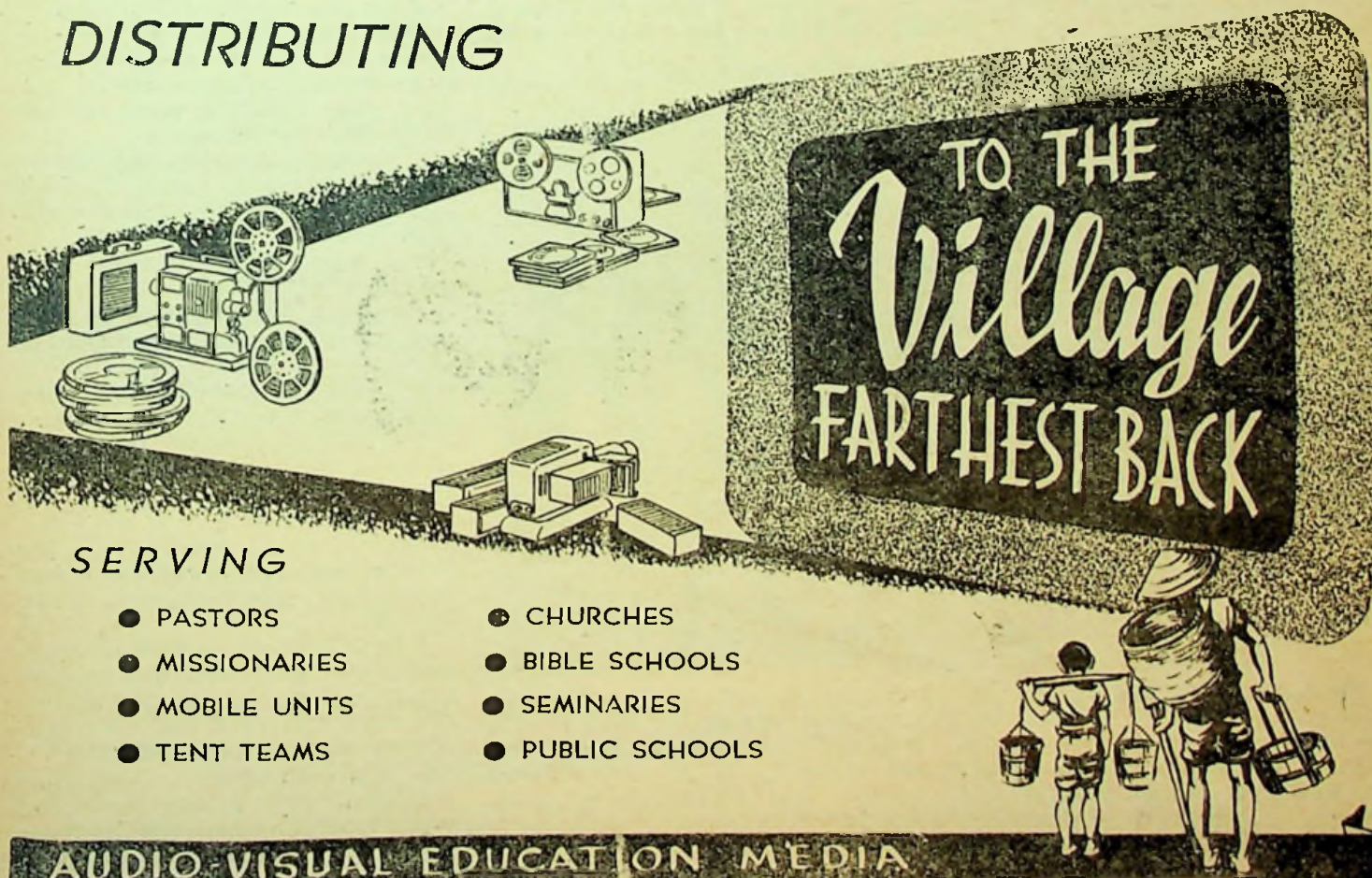
Two other areas frequently in the news recently, Formosa and Indo-China, have populations estimated at 10,000,000 and 30,000,000 respectively.

Here are 1,300,000,000 (one billion, 300 million!) people-over half of the world's population. Can the Gospel of Jesus Christ be effective in reaching all of them...and transforming many of them? You hold part of the answer in your hands (and in your heart!).

### WATCH THESE DATES!

**NEW MISSIONARIES**—Have you registered with your ward Office and have your Alien certificate?  
**OLD MISSIONARIES**—Watch the date of expiration of your Alien certificate and have this renewed immediately. This is important.  
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## ANNUAL EMAJ CONFERENCE HEARS OSGOOD EMPHASIZE PERSONAL APPROACH IN MISSIONS

EXCERPTS FROM MESSAGE OF  
H. OSGOOD, FAR-EAST DIR.  
OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.  
DELIVERED AT NOV. ANNUAL  
CONF. OF EMAJ

It would be a pity to say, 'I'm not sure they believe like I do.'

If you can't trust the converts to have the same kind of religion you have, in about six months you'd better pack up and go back home.

The big problem in our topic is being realistic.

Seeing 85,000,000 people, we want a plan big enough to do the work now.

The most powerful, dynamic corps of workers ever on the job took 100 years, the whole first century, generations, to evangelize the then known world.

Ask yourself, 'How much effort did it take to win me to Christ?' 'How much did it take to keep me there until I became established?'

I came from a line of preachers, but it didn't work on me. My parents prayed, the church prayed—brother, sister, I have been worked on.

Then why do we think it takes less effort here where there are fewer forces of Godliness? Winning men for God is a job.

Christ wasn't million conscious—He was person conscious!

### 1. WHAT IS DIFFERENT IN ASIA

1. This is the home of some of the world's oldest civilization. People here are consequently keen judges and don't forget in a minute, you are continually being appraised.

2. This is the home of all the world's religions. Philosophy is native here and the philosophy of your religion needs a thinking through, by you.

If you haven't accepted the ethics, all of them, or if you haven't thought through your religion, don't expect the Japanese to accept any of them, but do expect him to help you think it through (and sometimes under embarrassing circumstances).

A Chinese who had seemed to have become a solid convert was asked why he had absented himself from church services. He replied that when he came he was told to believe in Jesus and the blood, confess his sins and be saved. He was saved. He complained that he had done that, but still every time he came to meeting he was hearing the same things over and over. This is the basis of all we believe but there is more

that any real Christian needs to know to go on.

You won't be much appreciated by your listeners if you learn enough Japanese so that you can say these few things and then turn to an interpreter to really carry you through.

3. There is national consciousness. I wasn't American conscious while I was in the states, but you may as well know that it didn't take long for me to develop my American consciousness when I got away from folks who talked my language and looked like me. And it isn't any different for you. Don't you think the English are national conscious or that the Scandinavians or other nationalities are national conscious? Of course we all are, and in its proper place, it's a good thing.

Of course Japanese have a national consciousness and if we can realize it and use it instead of fighting it, it will be to our advantage.

### 2. THE NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN

The propagation of the Gospel accompanied by power is the NT pattern. Attempting to propagate without power is great foolishness.

Sometimes we attempt to propagate the Gospel through institutional work as hospitals and schools. This often puts the focus on the work instead of Christ.

If power accompanies our efforts, the focus is put on Jesus. Pray for sick folks. This will reveal God's power.

We want folks to know that Christ is living, real, able to do something. Nothing refutes scoffers as does a personal testimony of healing or other work of grace.

1. This method was invariably used in the New Testament times.

You say you don't believe in healing? Well, you might give God a chance and try it anyway—and you may be surprised.

Put yourself in the place of the national and see if you'd find anything to be impressed with in the message.

Most lands have a folk lore and treasure of fairy tales that are probably to them just as plausible as the story of Jesus if that account is not accompanied with power!

2. Organizationally. Use local personnel. How do you suppose we would react if a whole staff of priests

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### TOHOKU MISSIONARY CONFERENCE



Missionaries working in the Tohoku area of northern Honshu met for three days of conference and spiritual fellowship late in March. were shared, possibility of cooperative efforts were discussed, and plans were laid for further

meetings of such a fellowship to strengthen evangelical work in that large and needy area. EMAJ was represented by Vice-President Gilbert Benson, first person on the front row left.



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were sent to us from France to impose upon us the program they had in mind for us. You know how we would respond.

Americans like to attach strings from the outside and such a program is no more Biblical than the 'Saturday Evening Post.'

If the work is really done by God you don't have to tie it up, you can take your hands off!

Make your association advisory and watch to see if it is appreciated. If it isn't, untie it too!

3. Practical Application is that God wants to establish the truth of His Word.

I found in China that folks were healed in answer to prayer ten times as often as in America. I believe that one reason is that God is ten times more anxious to vindicate his word in these places where men haven't known him.

Saturate yourself with Bible truth.

When you think religion, you think of the teaching of the Bible. When your neighbor thinks religion, he's thinking of departed spirits or forces of nature or some other such thing far afield from truth you know almost by intuition.

Use tracts and literature of all kinds

with everyone.

### 3. MAIN PROBLEM

Our greatest problem seems to be that of becoming conscious of the human element.

If we want to know if our plans are going to work with other folks, let's reverse the plan and see how it appeals to us from the reception end.

Don't expect everyone to eat up a message, just because you are from England or America or because you are a foreigner. And above that, don't expect them to accept it just because you are you.

Everyone else is just as human as you, maybe some are a little more so.

Remember that in your native country you were poor. Here you are the rich.

For God's sake reduce the chasm between you and the Japanese as much as you can.

Phillipians 2 does not teach that Jesus humbled Himself and became as other missionaries. He became as a servant!

Do you find anti-foreign feeling in the Japanese. Look deep in your own soul. It's likely a reflection of the anti-Japanese feeling there!

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5. A. B. Simpson *The Holy Spirit* (Vol. 2) (in the New testament)

6. S. Evans. *Great Doctrines of the Bible.*

7. Hiroshi Masaike, *Life of David Livingston.*

You can help by sending in news or reviews to the secretary of the EPF, care of Japan Harvest. All articles submitted will be given full consideration by the review committee.

*Futaba no Inochi* (Gospel Stories for Children.)

This book recently published by the Shinyaku Sha has been written for the kindergarten age. The writer Mrs. F. Funaki is the mother of five children, several of whom are active in christian service. Mrs. Funaki has written from 30 years experience of christian ministry. It presents in a manner suitable for young children the entrance into the christian life and the pathway therein. The Bible stories are given in simple form. A helpful supplement is found at the end of the book on How to Lead Children to Christ. B-6 size, 163 pp., 150 yen, paper cover.

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## OCHANOMIZU STUDENT CENTER DEDICATES NEW BUILDING APRIL 24

The new Ochanomizu Christian Student Center will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon April 24th, with services in both English and Japanese.

Miss Irene Webster-Smith, who has been active in University Student work for the past several years, states that the completion of this new 18-room building is the result of a "venture of faith." It consists of class rooms for Bible study groups and offices, as well as an auditorium seating about 250 for larger meetings.

Miss Webster-Smith stressed that all interested persons are cordially invited to attend the dedication services. At 2:30 p. m. there will be an English service at which time Mr. William Pape, Mr. Donald Hoke and Chaplain Anderson of Chapel Center will speak.

The Japanese service is to be held at 4:30 p. m. with Rev. David Tsutada, president of the Immanuel General Mission of Japan, Rev. Hatori of Pacific Orient Broadcasting Company and Rev. Toyotome of J. E. M. as the main speakers.

The building is located in the Ochanomizu university area about a one minute walk from the West entrance of the Ochanomizu station on the Chuo rail line.

Meetings for Univ. students will follow the Dedication Services every evening, from the 25th to 29th at 5:30 p. m. Speakers, Rev. Toyotome, Rev. Hatori. Come bring your student friends.

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The Rev. A. Gordon Wolfe, field chairman of the Wesleyan Methodist mission, succeeds the Rev. Ken McVety as editor of *Japan Harvest*. The EMAJ executive committee announced recently. Under McVety's leadership, the present format of *Japan Harvest* was adopted and its ministry greatly enlarged from that of the Fellowship News, former organ of EMAJ.

Continuing the present editorial program of the *Harvest*, Wolfe will be assisted by an editorial committee composed of Harold Johnson, Sam Archer, Norman Overland, Clarence Young, EMAJ president Donald Hoke, and others. Plans for the expansion of the *Harvest* into a new and needed editorial field will be announced later.

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### Cambodia

Our correspondent in Cambodia, David W. Ellison, reports that the population of that young nation (formerly a part of French Indo-China) is 4,500,000 (1954). There are 23 missionaries working there, all of them with the Christian and Missionary Alliance which entered the field in 1922.

Mr. Ellison writes, "Cambodia has just recently received her complete independence after nearly 90 years of French tutelage. She is now recognized as a free nation on the outside edge of the Communist advance front. The country is comparatively quiet so that the missionaries are free to travel in most of the provinces. I have included in the statistical report three missionary couples who have been on furlough in America but are returning to the field either at the end of the year or early in 1955. When they return, we will have missionaries in 7 out of the 14 provinces of the land. At present, we have native workers in 11 out of the 14 provinces for which we praise the Lord. Our main emphasis in these days is upon evangelism for we know not how long we will remain outside of the Communist-run territory. The National Church is being organized so that they will be able to carry on should the day come soon when the missionaries will have to leave. They are in the early stages of a Ten-year plan for self-support and we are trusting God to build up the churches with many new believers so that this plan might be successful in His time; for "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

The challenge of the hour is to get out the Word by direct preaching and by sowing down the land with the printed page so that many of these people bound by Buddhism may be set free by the power of the Living Christ."

### Thailand, "The Land of the Free"

The name of this key nation on the fringe of Communism means, "The Land of the Free", and it remains one of the few places where freedom to preach the Gospel still exists. However, spiritual "freedom"

through the Lord Jesus Christ seems little known. While no estimate is available, the number of believers in that Buddhist stronghold is woefully small.

Our correspondent in Thailand lists a total of 324 missionaries there: 95 in organizations related to the World Council of Churches, and 229 in strictly evangelical societies. Of these 229 missionaries, 217 arrived for the first time after the second World War, and only 12 had prewar experience in Thailand. There are an estimated 30 full-time pastors and evangelists.

Among the nine evangelical societies listed as working in Thailand, the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (C.I.M.) is the largest with 102 missionaries. The Christian and Missionary Alliance, which recently marked completion of 25 years work in Thailand, has 56, the Southern Baptists seventeen, the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade twelve, and the New Tribes Mission twelve.

A missionary of long experience in Thailand writes, "It is my opinion that we should not have any more new missionary societies enter into Thailand at the present time. It seems that when too many societies enter into any one country, the government is apt to become fearful and place restrictions on the entire missionary program. Since we now have such a preponderance of evangelical missionaries, it may be well to let good enough alone. My only recommendation is that the evangelical Mission organizations which are now here, would do well to increase their forces about twenty-five percent. If they would do this I think that we could make a fair occupation of the country with the Gospel of Christ. The second recommendation is that all of the evangelical missionaries need a great deal more equipment to be able to do the most effective evangelistic work. I feel that we could well use 100 jeeps and about ten small boats with a motor which could work on the rivers. Besides this, of course, other equipment would be useful, such as film strips, projectors, movie films and so forth. "Other sheep I have...them also I must bring." (The Lord Jesus).

## MATSUBARACO CAMPS ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

Matsubarako Bible Camp, nestled in the pines at the foot of Eight-Point Mountain in Central Japan, will hum with activity again this year as young people from all over Japan will gather together for Christian fellowship and above all to meet with God. Many lives have been transformed by the power of God in past years as young people have come face to face with the claims of God upon their lives. Some have come to a saving knowledge of Christ as their Saviour, others have been challenged to a closer walk with Christ their Lord, and still others have heard God's call for service and have dedicated their lives to Him to go where He would send. Your prayers are coveted that even now God would be preparing the hearts of those whom He would have to go to camp this year. Also that those who are making the plans might be perfectly led of Him in all the preparations. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Pray too, for the speakers and leaders that they might be filled afresh with the power of God, that truly "rivers of living water" might flow out from them to the campers.

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