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## New Year's Greetings

By Gorie Ciaravino,  
General Church President

I wish to take this opportunity to extend to all readers of the *Gospel News* a sincere wish for a happy and prosperous new year.

In reflecting upon the past year, I can recall many incidents for which I am most grateful. Among the most memorable and vivid events was our week's visit last January to the San Carlos Indian Mission where, together with a small group of Brothers, we were truly blessed. Often in my meditations, I remember the moments we spent upon our knees talking to God in prayer and how wonderfully He blessed our souls, thus accepting our prayers and fastings. The revelations we received were more than enough verification to indicate that The Lord was pleased with our offerings and intentions for the future.

There were many highlights which were not only satisfying but which helped to make us grow in The Gospel of Christ. Gatherings, revival services, and missionary labors offered us, individually and collectively, the opportunities to allow this growth to take place. Each of these occasions had its importance in making our souls rejoice in the fact that we are serving a Risen Saviour upon whom we can always rely and can trust. Even more penetrating is the fact that we are involved in doing the most important work in this life.

### CAMPOUT, JUBILEE, AUDITORIUM

For many of you, the General Missionary Benevolent Association Campout is a satisfying occasion to recall. Unfortunately, I was unable to be present because of surgery, but, from all reports, it was a marvelous week for those who attended and one they will long remember. The many additions to *The Gospel* both at this event and immediately thereafter were most welcomed, and we can only say that God has truly blessed us by calling our new Brothers and Sisters into the fold.

The celebration of The Ladies' Circle Golden Jubilee was another memorable event of 1970 on June 20 in Detroit, Michigan. Throughout the last 50 years, our Sisters have made many great contributions to The Church and have greatly en-

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## Thank You

As reported in November in the General Church Conference story, our tours of duty on the *Gospel News* are now being concluded. It has been our genuine privilege to have served as Editors of our official Church publication, and we can truthfully say that we have enjoyed the opportunity of serving in our capacities. Our hope is that we may have been of some help to The Church by carrying out our assignments in the publication of our monthly paper.

It is with profound regrets that our schedules as Ministers, along with other responsibilities, made it necessary for us to submit our resignations to the October Conference. We are confident, however, that the newly appointed Editors will discharge their duties outstandingly. In so doing, they will undoubtedly not only publish the latest news from around The Church but will strive to present meaningful and interesting commentaries on The Gospel of Christ and The Scriptures.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the General Church for the confidence placed in us and to express our sincere gratitude to the entire *Gospel News* staff and to everyone who contributed articles or assisted in any way. Without these helps, publication, of course, would have been impossible. We congratulate the new Editors and ask everyone to aid them in whatever manner possible so that this vital link in the communications in our Church may continue.

Carl J. Frammolin and  
Dominic Moraco

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# Auditorium Progress

By Spencer G. Everett, Secretary,  
General Board of Trustees

The General Church Board of Trustees, the Pennsylvania District Trustees, the Greensburg Branch Trustees and the General Church President and Secretary met together during the General Missionary Benevolent Association conference held in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania on November 14. The meeting was called because the progress of construction on the General Church Auditorium building had reached a stage of completion so far as the general contractor was concerned and it was necessary to make the decisions on how to best schedule use of the building, how it is to be maintained, and how to operate the kitchen, food handling and storage facilities.

It was confirmed that the Greensburg Branch will be holding their weekly and Sunday services in the Auditorium as soon as the pews are installed, along with the other furnishings and carpeting. It was agreed that all other meetings would be handled on a first come, first approved basis. This does not apply, however, to General Church Conferences which have pre-established dates and will automatically be scheduled on those dates unless changed by General Church Conference action.

All requests for use should contain a statement of exact dates (days, month and year) and times (hours daily) that each group intends to use the Auditorium. Included, of course, must be the name of the group, committee, Quorum or Auxiliary unit using the facilities; the name and address of the person or persons responsible for arrangements for the group; and the type of meeting or meetings being held. It should be stated whether meals are required, specifying how many are needed, at what times they must be served, and for how many days the gathering will last.

Requests for using the Auditorium and its facilities should be sent to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania District Board of Trustees, in writing, addressed as follows:

Paul Palmieri  
319 Pine Drive  
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001

Scheduled meetings will appear periodically in the *Gospel News*, permitting you to plan well in advance if you are requested or desire to attend the event. These meetings will be designated as to whether they are for Quorums or Committees only or whether they are for general attendance by all. It will be necessary to have all requests for use of the building during 1972 in the hands of Brother Palmieri no later than December 1, 1971. An annual schedule will be composed and vacations may be planned around certain meetings or conferences when this calendar is prepared and is available in advance.

It was agreed that the maintenance and repairs would be managed by the Trustees of the Greensburg Branch. A procedure was established that small items will be completed by the local Trustees and major items will be refer-

red to the General Church Board for disposition. Also, the Greensburg Trustees will try to contract for items such as landscaping, snow removal and janitorial services. The local Trustees will be responsible for knowing the operation of the mechanical, lighting, and sound equipment.

Methods of managing the kitchen, food handling, and storage arrangements were discussed. It was agreed that perhaps the best method of handling and controlling would be by means of a permanent kitchen and food committee of qualified and experienced personnel. As a result, it was decided to appoint a permanent kitchen committee of three Sisters to handle the operational, planning and management aspects under the supervision of Brother Melvin Mountain. These Sisters will co-ordinate all of the food needs with scheduled meeting dates and oversee those who prepare, serve and clean up after each meeting.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Following is the financial report which shows the Auditorium costs and expenditures as of December 15, 1970:

Total cost of Auditorium .....	\$344,434
Less 10% retainage .....	\$ 34,434
Amount due by January 15th .....	\$310,000
Amount authorized for payment as of 12/15/70 .....	\$299,100
Balance due January 15th .....	\$ 10,900
Total amount due by February 15th .....	\$ 45,334

(Includes retainage)

The lists of the last items to be finalized are now completed. The carpeting was installed the first of December. The tile floors were cleaned and waxed. The kitchen contractor started his installation in mid-December. The electrical contractors completed their work on the kitchen equipment and sound system. The cornerstone was set and the inside and exterior lettering which go on the walls of the building was installed. The pews are being installed at the time of the writing of this article and the building has been made ready for a final inspection by the local community officials. It appears, at the present time, that we shall be closing our permanent loan with the bank during January or February.

## ALLEGHENY COUNTY CLAIM

The Church is still awaiting an offer from Allegheny County for our original building site located near Imperial, Pennsylvania and which the County needs to expand the Pittsburgh Airport. They have appraised the property but have not made the Church an official offering price at which they would buy. It would appear that they are holding the largest and toughest acquisitions until the last, since they are working on a total allocation, or money set aside to purchase all the property necessary to extend the airfield.

In view of this lack of response from the County, Mr. Melvin Bassi, the General Church Attorney, has recommended that we employ a "condemnation" attorney to expedite the settlement of our claim.

The General Church Board of Trustees and

the Auditorium Committee, together with the General Church President and Secretary, have agreed to appoint an expert condemnation attorney, Mr. Leonard M. Mendelson of Pittsburgh. His fee is in line with the amount recommended by the State of Pennsylvania Bar Association. We are awaiting a reply from Mr. Mendelson as to his acceptance of our claim and a date by which we could expect our case to be finalized. It is our hope that this claim can be settled prior to the dedication ceremony.

## "On Mountain Tops"

By Paul D'Amico, Apostle

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

"And many people shall go and say, come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

The foregoing quotation from **Isaiah 2:2,3** shows that the Prophet Isaiiah beheld a glorious vision of the establishment of Zion in the latter days. The hopes and expectations from this passage are indeed most heartening and allow followers the rays of sunshine so needed in the world.

We are living in a time when we hope to see the fulfillment of this great prophecy. Furthermore, The Church of Jesus Christ believes that the Choice Seer described in the second Chapter of **II Nephi** of the **Book of Mormon** will be instrumental in bringing about fulfillment of this prophecy. It is recorded that The Choice Seer shall come from the Seed of Joseph — the American Indian. Thus, it can be seen that these so-called forgotten people will be the leaders in this movement.

### BOTH RECORDS

Through the Restoration of The Gospel, we know that the **Bible** is a record of the tribe of Judah, and the **Book of Mormon** is a record of the tribe of Joseph. It is also known that the ten tribes were scattered by the hand of God and their true identity remains a mystery. Knowing the compositions of these tribes will go a long way toward solving this mystery.

During World War II while stationed in the Philippine Islands, I had a strong feeling that the Filipinos, along with many of the other inhabitants of the various islands, are a representation of The House of Israel. Of course only God knows whether this is so. To us it remains a hidden mystery for the present. As a matter of fact, any hypothesis about the composition of the tribes cannot be proven until God unravels the groupings and discloses what He caused to come about. The day will soon come, however, when Israel will be gathered again and shall be made to sit in the house of the God of Jacob, on "Mountain Tops".

We are also satisfied that The Church of Jesus Christ possesses that true and everlasting Gospel which is capable of making Jacob's face shine again. What a glorious event this will be! It certainly will be beyond description and will be most edifying for the people of God.

Many experiences have been given concerning the future position of The Church of Jesus Christ and her important role in the latter days.

As I write this article, I am still recovering from being hospitalized over a physical illness. The Lord has been blessing me with a gradual recovery and healing of the body, but more importantly, He has blessed me with Divine inspiration as to the things that have transpired in the past and some of the things which shall come to pass in the future. I feel that the time is drawing nigh when God is going to perform His work in establishing Zion upon this promised land as foretold by the Prophet. The significant thing for us to remember is that we must strive to stay close to The Lord so that we can be in position to assist in this mighty effort which will be forthcoming.

### DREAM RECALLED

As I reflect upon this subject, I recall a dream experienced by a young Sister of Rochester, New York in 1933. In her dream she was looking for The Church of Jesus Christ. She saw two other churches and, in her dream, she began praying to God to show her His Church. As she prayed, a mountain appeared and on "The Mountain Top" she saw a beautiful marble Church. It was very large and was founded upon twelve pillars. It was so white and pure that she could not look upon it steadily because of its brightness.

At the top of the building, in golden letters was written "The Church of Jesus Christ". She longed to enter the building, but, all at once she found herself in a beautiful large room and heard Brothers and Sisters singing a melodious hymn. In the hallway she saw her mother and Brother Ishmael D'Amico. Seeing a fountain, she took a drink, and while drinking, Brother D'Amico spoke in tongues. She looked up and saw a crown of light upon his head.

The young sister later related that upon awakening the blessing of God remained with her throughout the day.

Indeed, we look to the day when this dream and the words of the Prophets will be fulfilled and The Church of Jesus Christ will truly be upon the mountain tops. When this time arrives, we shall be most grateful for the forewarning scriptures and for the experiences which alert us to the role we are to play and how we should be prepared to perform our tasks when The Church will be elevated and be prominent in the eyes of the world.

Until this great event takes place, however, each of us must labor for the building of Zion and the expansion of The Kingdom of God upon the earth. There can be no greater reward than to be instrumental in helping in the work of The Lord. No other endeavors can be so satisfying and enduring both for this life and in the life to come.

# Editorial Comment

## A New Year, A New Start

By Dominic Moraco

The passing of the old year and the ushering in of the new one provides everyone with a chance to look back upon the events and personal experiences of the past year and then to establish goals for the coming twelve months. This period of time for reflection on the past and planning for the future presents everyone with a new start or a fresh approach to the same old problems which will almost certainly follow him into the new year.

In looking back, we find many deeds left undone or incomplete, many things said which would have been better unsaid, and perhaps our failure to fulfill the goals which we established at the beginning of the last year. At the first glance, this may prove a little discouraging or demoralizing; however, upon further examination, we can overcome the discouragement with the thought that we can now begin anew to pursue these objectives until they are attained.

### SET GOALS

Now that we are beginning 1971, what would you like to accomplish in your personal life? What particular projects, tasks, or functions would you want to complete? Why not establish now a worthwhile and meaningful goal or goals, for the next twelve months and say, "With the help of God, I hope to achieve this objective or objectives!"? Before you establish a goal, however, make certain that it is truly worthwhile and productive.

Let us look at some goals which could bring true happiness both from a temporal side as well as spiritually. Jesus encouraged everyone, and especially His Disciples, to search the scriptures. If you have not searched the scriptures on a regular basis, why not set a goal for doing so? How much of the scriptures would you like to study this year? A suggestion would be to select a number of books from the Bible or the Book of Mormon and methodically search and study them. Do not set a goal too high or extensive which would be impossible for you to reach. Setting an unrealistic goal would only tend to frustrate and discourage you, whereas an attainable goal would encourage and stimulate you.

As you read and study the Word of God, remember to pray for understanding so that God's Word will have a purpose in your life. Throughout the year, make a periodic evaluation of your progress. If you are satisfied, continue at the same pace. If you feel that you are not making the progress which you desired to achieve in the beginning, however, reevaluate the whole pattern of your study habits and see whether they can be improved. As an added note, reading and meditating on the scriptures first thing or early in the morning can prove most advantageous. If this is not possible, study at night just before retiring may be very helpful when no period of solitude may be available during the day.

### OTHER WORTHWHILE GOALS

There are many other meaningful goals

which you can set for yourself and which will enrich your whole life. For example, if you can spare the time without sacrificing your regular Church obligations, you may wish to become a volunteer worker at the school for the handicapped or at a children's hospital. You may want to visit a convalescent home on a regular basis to encourage and help the aged in their moments of distress.

Other goals, such as visiting the sick in homes and hospitals and attending to their needs, are truly worthwhile and rewarding and will add much to your life. These are only a few suggestions relative to selection of a rewarding objective for the year just beginning. I am certain that each of you can think of many more. Above all, however, please let me encourage you to set a quota of how many people you will want to hear your testimony of The Gospel of Christ. This can be an allocated on a daily, weekly, monthly, or annual basis. Telling others of The Gospel should be our foremost goal and one which should be sought on every occasion possible. Even better, try to bring your friends and acquaintances to Church so that they may be exposed to the offer of salvation in the House of God.

After selecting a goal, there remains the important step of implementation. Remember, the goals you set for yourself will not just arbitrarily be met. You must make them happen by your own action. Unless you do so and strive to reach your objectives, months will pass rapidly and you will become discouraged and lose complete sight of what you had so diligently set for yourself on January 1.

Basically, you must resolve within yourself that nothing will stop you from achieving your aims or objectives. Remember, though, that suddenly out of nowhere you will find many obstacles in front of you. The kind of obstacles you will confront were never there before, but they will suddenly face you. The devil will always seek to stop or slow your good efforts, and he will not overlook and chances to disway you from your path. It will be up to you to turn these stumbling-blocks into stepping-stones and through dedicated work achieve the goals to which you aspire.

In closing, may I not only wish you the traditionally "happy and prosperous New Year" but, more importantly, a very productive and useful one for yourself and The Church of Jesus Christ.

It's a new year and a new start for each of us.

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# Editorial Viewpoint

By George A. Neill

*Our hearts are like molten metal which can be easily molded when it is warm.*

## "Come Before Winter"

"Do thy diligence to come before winter." were some of the last words Paul wrote in a letter to Timothy whom he affectionately called "my son." These words were written while Paul was imprisoned in Rome.

Certainly, there was a great friendship existing between Paul and Timothy, the youth who was half Hebrew and half Greek. We do not know just how long Paul and Timothy had been separated or how long it had been since they had seen each other, but the friendship and love that existed between them were apparent when Paul wrote: "Do thy diligence to come before winter." Yes, Paul wanted Timothy to come and be with him. He told him to pick up his cloak in Troas at the house of Carpus, as well as his books, and especially the parchments, and bring them with him.

### NEEDED TO KEEP WARM

Paul needed his robe to keep him warm, for it was beginning to get cold in Rome. The summer was gone and Paul knew that, if Timothy did not come before winter, he would have to wait til spring; and it seems that Paul had a premonition that he would not last the winter, for he said, ". . . the time of my departure is at hand." Without a doubt, Timothy did not wait a single day longer than necessary after receiving Paul's message to set out for Rome, picking up his robe and books in Troas.

Those who live in parts of the country where there are seasons like summer and winter know full well there are things which must be done before winter or they will not be accomplished. With many things, it is "before winter or never." We must have, as at this time of year, taken advantage of the autumn season to take care of such things as outside painting, roof repairing, and storm window installation; in other words, preparing for winter before it arrives.

### WONDERFUL SEASON

Autumn is a wonderful season, with its cool mornings and days of sunshine and with its fields strewn with the last of the wild flowers such as the goldenrod. After the first couple of frosts, the trees take on their variety of colors — yellow, orange, light and dark reds intermingled with the green that still lingers. All this beauty is just for a short time, however. Autumn passes so quickly; we saw the forests in all their beauty and splendor yesterday, but today they have all faded away. Today the winter winds blow briskly, and the trees have become stripped and barren. This is a perfect parable telling us all things fade and die, even our lives. Every autumn should bring home to us, therefore, the thought of how precious are life's opportunities, including its beauty; but, above all, it should impress us with life's brevity.

The opportunities that were open to us this past autumn may be forever shut out a year from now. The voices we heard speaking to us yesterday may be forever silent by springtime. Let us take a lesson from Paul's message in the prison at Rome to ". . . come before winter." and listen to those voices telling us what we should do.

Our lives can be amended and improved but not just at any old time; there are favorable seasons. *Our hearts are like molten metal which can be easily molded when it is warm.* Come before the heart is cold; come while the desire is there; come before life's probationary period ends. There are precious and crucial moments in our lives, and if God has awakened your conscience and given you a feeling of contrition and sorrow, heed Paul's message, and ". . . come before winter."

Remember, the season of the year is not important. It is used simply to show that decisive action should be taken in the summertime of life. Come while the warmth and glow of the Holy Spirit beckons for it is written: "My spirit shall not always strive with man . . ."



## The Children's Corner

Mabel Bickerton

### Why The Sun Stood Still

Dea Girls and Boys,

I want to tell you an interesting story about the sun. This is found in the **Book of Joshua**.

After Moses died, Joshua was chosen to lead the Israelites. The people obeyed him as they had obeyed Moses. God gave Joshua wisdom, and he was able to guide and teach the people as Moses had done.

The Lord helped Joshua as he and his army defeated their enemies and took their cities. The walls of the city, Jericho, had fallen, and they were able to take it. After several attempts, they took the city of Ai and set it on fire. The people of Israel took the gold, silver and cattle in Ai for their own.

When the kings in Canaan heard how Joshua and his army destroyed Ai, they decided to join together and make war against him. The people in one of the cities didn't want to join the others, however, for they knew the Lord would give Joshua the victory. Instead, they sent messengers, who wore very old clothes and worn out shoes and carried provisions of dry moldy bread. They pretended they had come from another country and had been traveling a long time. They entered the camp and came up to Joshua. They said, "We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us . . ." Joshua asked, "How?" They replied that they wanted to be servants. They said they had come from a very far country and had heard of all the great things God had done for Joshua. Joshua granted a treaty to these men.

Joshua was completely deceived. Three days later he learned that these men had not come from a far country but from nearby Gibeon and were among the wicked nations the Israelites were commanded to destroy. The men were held as slaves and their lives spared.

The people of Gibeon united with the Israelites and this angered the king of Jerusalem and four other Canaanite kings. They sent a great army to destroy Gibeon. The men of Gibeon asked Joshua to send help. Joshua sent a strong army against the five kings. Joshua and his army marched day and night and took the kings' armies by surprise. God sent help to Joshua by causing a great storm of huge hailstones which destroyed more of the enemy than Joshua's soldiers did.

Night was coming, and the enemy hoped to escape in the darkness. Joshua prayed to God and called out so all the people could hear, "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou Moon, in the valley of Ajalon." The sun stood still and the moon stayed; and the light helped Joshua's army win the battle.

During the flight, the five kings hid in a cave. Joshua ordered the cave sealed with heavy stones. After the battle was over, Joshua had the kings brought out and told each of his captains to place his foot on the necks of the kings. Joshua said, "Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight."

The five kings were hung on five trees and left there until the evening. Then their bodies were put in the cave where they had hidden and great stones were placed at the door of the cave.

This was a great day when the SUN was commanded to stand still.

#### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

How many degrees did the sun go backward for a sign to Hezekiah? What was the sign? Read II Kings, Chapter 20.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel



## OUR WOMEN TODAY General Circle Meets December 12 In Aliquippa, Pa.

By Mary Tamburrino,  
General Circle Editor

The Quarterly General Ladies' Circle Conference was held in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 12. A fair representation of Sisters was present from Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

The Sisters of The Aliquippa Circle sang "The Birthday of A King," read the passage of Scripture from **St. Luke 2:1-20**, and sang "Joy To The World" in the Italian language. Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, remarked that even though some did not understand the words, it was known that praises can be given in any language. Some wonderful testimonies praising God for all His goodness were then given. A special prayer was offered by Brother Herbert Hemmings of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch in behalf of all those who have heavy burdens, heartaches and illnesses that only The Lord can help alleviate.

The Conference matters were then taken up with the roll call of officers, the reading of the last conference minutes, and the presenting of the delegates' reports.

There are normally 35 reports delivered either by delegates or by letter. From these reports are learned how many members are in the Circles, where they meet, what scriptures are read, what projects were undertaken for the quarter, the financial status of the units, and the answer to the question.

During the past quarter, most of the Circles met in their Church buildings, while a few

gathered in their different homes. They read from either the Bible, the Book of Mormon or the Church History Book. The projects were sending layettes, food and soap to Wakpala, South Dakota, and Pine Top, Arizona; clothes to Africa; candy for the Indian children in Sells, Arizona; packages for the men in the Armed Services; and money and baby clothes to Mexico. (What is taken for granted by our children who have so much is very precious to those who have very little).

Funds were received for the General Fund, Missionary Fund, Auditorium Fund and the African Relief Fund. The answer to the question, "What Chief Captain said he did not seek for power or honor of the world but for the glory of God, freedom and welfare of country?" was found in Alma 60:36 in the Book of Mormon. Among the projects of units were a field trip to the Muncey, Ontario, Canada Indian Mission and the gathering of 200 drinking glasses for the new Auditorium.

Donations were made by the Circle to the Indian Missionary Fund, African Relief, (for mailing clothes) and the Auditorium Fund (for the kitchen facilities). A motion was passed to offer a vote of thanks to the Aliquippa Circle for their hospitality. The calendar for the next year includes the following General Conferences: March 27 at Imperial, Pennsylvania; July 24 at Greensburg, Pennsylvania in the new General Church Auditorium with the Greensburg Circle as Host; and October 2 at Edison, New Jersey.

There will be a new "Law and Order Book" printed with a few revisions being made. Sister Bickerton will be in charge of this project.

Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio told about the kitchen facilities, being sponsored by the Circles of The Church, that are being installed in the new Church Auditorium. He personally thanked the General Circle for their contribution in behalf of the General Church Auditorium Committee and the General Church.

The Sisters of the Michigan-Ontario District explained how the Indian Children at the Muncey and Six Nations Indian Reservations in Canada enjoy Christmas time. May God bless the Sisters along with all the others, who are able to help in this work by offering gifts and food to those in need.

The Conference day was best summarized by a Circle Sister who said, "I like to meet whenever possible to receive The Lord's blessings."

## Youngstown Sisters Observe Their 25th Anniversary

By Florence Pezzenti

On Saturday, November 7, the Ladies' Circle of Youngstown, Ohio, observed its 25th Anniversary by holding a meeting at the Church building. All circles from the Ohio Area were invited, as well as all past members. Our visitors came from Kinsman, Lorain, Erie, Niles and Warren.

After the congregation sang several hymns, our President, Sister Ann Fortunato, welcomed our visitors and introduced our Branch Presiding Elder, Brother T. D. Bucci, who spoke on women of the Bible. He expressed words of encouragement to the Sisters, stating that The Lord would bless us in our efforts to assist the Church spiritually and financially.

The theme of our program was "Circle of Sisters". A poem was read by Sister Minnie DiPiero of "Heart's Gifts". The Youngstown Circle has three charter members, Sisters Dorothy Damore, Irene Perry and DiPiero.

Our meeting was closed in prayer by Brother Donald Pandone, and thereafter we spent some time in social fellowship. An enjoyable time was experienced by all in attendance. We are truly thankful to God for the love displayed among our Circle Sisters.

## Edison Circle Celebrates Its 35th Anniversary

By Mary Tamburrino

On November 10th, the New Jersey Circles met in the Edison Branch Church building to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the organization of the Edison Ladies Circle. In attendance, besides those from Edison, were members of the New Brunswick, Metuchen and Hopelawn Circles.

Two Sisters, Stella Arcuri and Elsie Ensana, who attended the first meeting 35 years ago were among those present. Sister Ivy Fisher, the first president, was not able to attend since she was visiting in Florida.

Sister Betty D'Orazio, Edison President, was in charge of the program presented. It consisted of singing and readings on Love, Long-Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, and other Christlike qualities. Among the many beautiful and edifying thoughts brought out, it was mentioned that "The grass is greener on the other side, but it is just as hard to mow".

A part of the meeting was spent in prayers by the Sisters, offered in behalf of the many afflicted. Some time was also spent in relating experiences.

The Presiding Elder of the Edison Branch, Brother Anthony Ensana, also addressed those assembled and spoke of the great help that the Sisters have been throughout The Church and encouraged them to continue in their endeavors in the Circle and Church.

At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments prepared by Sisters Katie and Debbie Soro, were served in the basement. It was a very enjoyable evening.

We praise and thank God for the years in which we have been able to serve Him and trust that the years ahead of us may find us able and willing to do even greater things and all that may be required of us.

# Missionary Field

## Tour Of Western Locations Proves Most Enjoyable

By Mark Randy, Evangelist

Brother Joseph Lovalvo, his wife, Sister Virginia, and I have just returned from a 10-day trip which included revival meetings among the Indian Missions in Arizona and Mexico. We had departed from Modesto, California on November 6 for the Pine Top, Arizona Mission. Brothers Isaac Smith and John Bickerton were at the train station at Holbrook to pick us up. It was quite a meeting since we had not seen each other for a long time. Holbrook is 50 miles from Pine Top.

Their progress at Pine Top has been most stimulating. There have been six baptisms since they have been there, and they have had interested visitors at every meeting. Considering their task of relocating in new territory a little over a year ago in building their homes, plus the challenge of presenting The Gospel as taught by The Church of Jesus Christ, being new to the ears of visitors and the Christians of our day, they have done and are doing a great work for the Kingdom of God. Their wives, Sisters Bonnie and Dorothy, are equally a match to Brothers Isaac and John, respectively. I personally have been very prayerful and concerned for them since they went there. It is a new venture for them and The Church.

Since I saw what they are doing and have accomplished, I praise God, our Chief Shepherd, who has sustained them and blessed their labors. These Brothers and their families are full of the love of God for mankind.

After lunch, we proceeded by car to San Carlos, Arizona as scheduled. Brother Dan Picciuto, his wife, Sister Dolores, and family were happy to see us, as were Brother Joseph and Sister Paulette Griffith, along with Brother Claude and Sister Estelle Plummer who were visiting from Yucaipa, California. We had not been there long when someone called, asking to be anointed; and Brothers Lovalvo and Picciuto went to attend to this.

### LIKE CONFERENCE

Sunday morning, November 8, was like a little conference. There were several visitors from various places. From Phoenix were Brother Ether and Sister Ella Furnier, Charles and Virginia Giles, Brother Steven and Sister Yvonne Saffron, Brother George and Sister Sarah Neill, and Brother Mark Landrey. From Sells were Brother Richard and Sister Patricia Christman and from Pine Top were Sisters Dorothy Bickerton and Doris Metz. There were also visitors who had never attended before.

The San Carlos choir sang two selections, and a duet also sang. It was my honor to open

the meeting, and the subject was taken from **St. John 10:10** which reads: "... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." It was emphasized that Jesus came to give us a full meaningful life, free from discrimination, prejudice, and with love for all mankind. This would not be a long life but an abundant one.

Brother Lovalvo followed on the same theme, adding that Jesus came to give life abounding with deeds of mercy, love and kindness. A wonderful blessing was felt.

Brother Christopher Philips of San Carlos was ordained a Teacher, then several of the sick came forward to be prayed on. A young boy came forward on crutches. He had an accident while he was riding his bicycle. His foot slipped into the wheel tearing part of his heel and damaging the heel bone. Many prayers were offered for various reasons.

Every night was a blessing, and we had some visitors. Tuesday night was quite a moving experience when Brother Dan asked how many who had been anointed were healed. Five hands went up. The little boy who had come in on crutches was there without them, and he had his shoe on. He was the son of Sister C. Kayson.

Brother Dan has a full-time job with the Eastern College as an instructor. Brother and Sister Griffith are a real blessing there. I asked Brother Griffith about the children he taught and he said the children set no goals before them; therefore, they do not study to their maximum ability. For instance, some seventh grade students are doing third grade work. I asked what can we do as a Church to help and he promptly answered we should get them out of the reservation for the school term and into the Saints' homes, like in school exchange programs. I believe we should try this by next September, if possible.

### DEPARTED FROM SAN CARLOS

Brother and Sister Lovalvo left for Pine Top to hold meetings through Sunday and Brother and Sister Plummer and I left for San Diego, where we fellowshipped with the Saints. After attending the mid-week service at San Diego, we accompanied Brother Edward and Sister Evelyn Purdue on Friday as they went to Tijuana for a meeting at Mission No. 2. The building was full. There is a need here for missionaries who can speak Spanish. The new building is completed and will be dedicated this month.

Saturday, we visited some of the sick in San Diego and had prayer with them. We also witnessed the activities of our Ladies' Circle. The Sisters acquired a spot in a shopping center and were selling things which they had made. The Mexican Mission also took part in making some of the things.

Sunday again was like a little conference at San Diego. There was representation from each Branch in this section of the country, including Modesto. The ordination as Elders of the two Brothers were the major highlights. Brother John Dulisse ordained his son, Joseph, an Elder and I had the privilege of ordaining Brother James Tucker into The Ministry. In closing, may I say that I pray that God may add his blessings on both of them.



# Five Baptisms At California District Meetings

By Del Carneval,  
California District Editor

Five baptisms were among many blessings at the California District Conference last September 12 and 13, which was held at the San Fernando Valley Branch. These additions and the many experiences received were most edifying and unforgettable.

Business was transacted and missionary work was discussed Saturday during the day. In the evening towards the close of the business meeting, several Brothers told how God had blessed and healed people in their Branches. Brother Benjamin Ciccati related blessings and healings received in San Diego and Brother George Heaps cited some great healings in Anaheim. Apostle Joseph Lovalvo, California District President from Modesto, told of some beautiful experiences he witnessed at the California Campout. Apostle V. James Lovalvo, now living in Florida who attended the General Missionary Benevolent Association Campout at Canfield, Ohio during August, summarized the wonderful blessings and healings at the field trip in that the baptized, non-baptized, old, young and children praised God and were witnesses to God's Spirit. He told of some of the experiences that the 14 converts had involving their callings, and he also included the additional five converts who entered The Gospel the following Sunday at Perry, Ohio. These accounts brought such a sweet blessing in our midst that everyone came into the auditorium from the different parts of the Church building where they were performing various tasks for the Conference to listen to the goodness God had granted to the Brothers and Sisters in Ohio.

A beautiful experience concerning Sister June Jones was related by Brother Joseph Lovalvo. She then became inspired to sing "He Touched Me." When she finished, her son, Jimmy, came to the front and embraced her and with a broken heart, thanked God for his mother and the strength given her during all her burdens and trials. The Spirit manifested itself and the congregation also sang the same hymn. Appropriately, Alyse Molisani of San Fernando Valley was touched by The Lord and asked for her baptism.

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Brother Del Carneval of Modesto was the first speaker on Sunday morning after prayers were said for the ill and a handkerchief was anointed. He spoke upon the Sermon on The Mount, using the theme question, "How Close Are You to The Lord?" He read Matthew 5:14, emphasizing the need for letting our light shine and for getting nearer to The Lord. "We cannot be a flickering light but must be a bright and shining example by getting closer to The Lord through prayer and meeting together," he stated.

Sister Violet Thomas of San Diego then related an experience that happened Saturday night and concerned an automobile accident in which her husband was involved. The hymn, "Without Him," was sung following the experience and a good spirit engulfed the congregation.

Brother Thomas Liberto of San Diego was the second speaker, continuing on the same theme of drawing closer to God and of using various illustrations from the scriptures to prove the need for drawing closer to God. He spoke of Christ and His sacrifice for us. "What seek ye?" was a question asked of the congregation, just as Jesus asked in His day. "We all need to seek Him for daily needs both natural and spiritual. If man seeks Him, He will open the door." A plea was made that "If Christ is knocking, open up to Him."

Brother Jim Lovalvo and Sister Diane Surdock sang "I Asked the Lord," and Brother Jim concluded the service by stating that during this weekend conference, we had been on the mountain with God. He related how in the scriptures men went to the mountain to talk and converse with God. He spoke of God's covenant to His chosen people. "As we live (as a Church) on the mountain of God, the world will see His blessings upon The Church." He asked, "Have we been to the mountain of God? Have we had a talk with Him there?" An invitation was given to all to come to the mountain of God "A way is prepared to come through Christ," was his closing statement.

Sister Jewell Sadler of Yucaipa gave her testimony of God's goodness toward her in her affliction and recent amputation. Brother Clifford Burgess of Bell sang a solo titled "Abiding Love".

## AT WATERS EDGE

After the morning service, the Brothers and Sisters met at the waters edge for the baptism of our new Sister Molisani. During the Confirmation Service, Brother Jim Lovalvo asked all the young people to come forward and sing, "Jesus Use Me." During the singing, Michael King of San Fernando was overcome by The Spirit and related that previously he had gone to another room and earnestly prayed that, if this was the day of his calling, he would desire The Lord to show him a sign and possibly have someone ask the young people to sing "Jesus Use Me." The Lord answered him and this was confirmed later by an experience received by Brother Dwayne Jordan and even later by an experience given Brother Alex Cavalaro Jr. of the San Fernando Branch's Lindsay Mission that many were to be baptized this day.

Mike's brother, Pat, then asked for his baptism and was immediately followed by Emmett Hood, both of whom are also of San Fernando. Down to the water's edge we gathered again with more visitors looking on. The confirmation of these Brothers continued the heavenly spirit and many of the Brothers and Sisters testified that they had fasted and prayed on Sunday so God would revive his blessings once again. A visitor, Charles Scaramutz of Yucaipa, who had been in Conference earlier called from Yucaipa during

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the afternoon service and requested his baptism. He told Brother Watson Jr., who is in charge of the Yucaipa Mission, that he wouldn't wait another day — that he wanted to get baptized as soon as possible. This was accomplished after the Sunday afternoon service ended at 7:00 p.m., when several Brothers drove the 100 miles to Yucaipa from San Fernando Valley to baptize this fifth convert of the weekend — a man who could not wait to make his covenant with God.

This last baptism was fittingly performed at the "mountain tops" for in Yucaipa the site for baptizing is situated in the San Bernadino Mountains. It truly symbolized the "high point" discussed at the Conference as being where the people of God should reside with Him.

No better way could be found to conclude the spiritually uplifting weekend spent in the service of The Lord.

## New Year's Greetings

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hanced the cause of our Indian Missionary work.

Another gratifying achievement was the completion of our new General Church Auditorium. After many months of hard work by the Auditorium Committee and many others, we can be thankful to God that we can begin the new year with this great task completed. Our prayers and donations have been instrumental in this endeavor, and it is our sincerest hope that the total financial obligation can be erased during 1971.

It is gratifying to reminisce over the happy events of the year which just ended. More importantly, however, these happy remembrances can serve as a perspective for the coming year. What great blessings await us this year? What will happen in our lives during the next twelve months which will bring joy and peace of mind to us and those around us?

### MUST TAKE INITIATIVE

I believe that, while some things occur over which we will have little or no control, the true and lasting blessings awaiting us will be realized only through deliberate action on our part. If we wish to experience greater outpourings and enjoy a closer kinship with God, then we must take the initiative

It is my hope that each one of us will want to take a moment to appraise our past performance and determine whether or not we are living up to our true potential in The Gospel. It is essential that we try to know exactly what is our full capacity and how to fulfill it. Only when we have reached our full potential in life can we be really satisfied with ourselves. Perhaps we may never reach this goal; however, we should renew our efforts each passing year, thus making this objective a lifetime goal.

As we begin the new year, I wish to remind everyone that The Church of Jesus Christ needs the talents and the dedicated efforts of all those

who are interested in the full establishment of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. Therefore, I call upon everyone throughout The Church to continue working for the welfare of God's Kingdom.

It is my sincere prayer that God will richly bless each of us during the coming year both spiritually and materially and that we shall be able to progress unitedly as our Creator directs. Only with His help and directions can we really be successful!

## The American Indian Papago Indian Reservation

Submitted By Richard Christman

*(Following is the fifth and last in a series of articles on the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona. Much thanks must be extended to Brother Richard Christman, Church Evangelist and Educational Administrator at the location, for having submitted the interesting and enlightening segments.—Editor's Note.)*

Law and Order services on the Papago Indian Reservation are provided by the BIA Papago Agency Police Department in cooperation with the Papago Tribal Court. Three criminal jurisdictions, Tribal, State and Federal, have legal functions to perform in the field of law and order.

Misdemeanors committed by members of the tribe within the boundaries of the reservation are tried in the Tribal Court which follows a law and order code enacted by the Tribal Council. The state has jurisdiction over misdemeanors and felonies committed by non-Indians within the boundaries of the reservation. The Papago tribe has accepted the Arizona State Uniform Traffic Code. Federal courts have jurisdiction over major crimes which are committed on the reservation and in which Indians are implicated.

State Highway 86, an all-weather hard-surface thoroughfare, connects Sells with Tucson, a distance of 61 miles to the east, and with Ajo, a distance of 71 miles to the west, affording easy access to points beyond these cities. A paved highway runs north to Casa Grande and Phoenix.

One may reach Tucson in a little over one hour, which is served by several major and feeder airlines. The Southern Pacific at Tucson maintains freight and passenger services to points east and west. Good Federal and State Highways connect Tucson with all points east, west, north and south. Bus service is available from Tucson to points in the United States and Mexico.

Tucson is a modern city with complete services available. It is a cultural center, providing concerts, intellectual entertainment and educational programs. Tucson is of national importance as a convention city and is the site of the University of Arizona.

The Post Office Department provides mail service from Tucson. The Mountain States Telephone Company maintains telephone service to Tucson from which telegrams may be sent. The law and order unit is equipped with radio service connected with the Pima County Sheriff unit. Radio and television programs may be received from broadcasting stations at Tucson and Phoenix.