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Dear Student of Church History,

The Arnfeld Christian Morck Colombia Files: 1936-76+ are photocopies of mostly "primary" documents relating to the history of Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia (IELCO) founded mainly by Norwegian Minnesotans working with the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America (CELMOSA). Scanning each of the four volumes is recommended.

Volume I contains one Spanish section and a bilingual "Acronym Key". "Missionary Photos" and "Missionary Data" were developed in response to a specific request by Pastor José Hernán Ariza from Colombia. The CELMOSA CLARION set, provided primarily by missionaries Harold Olson and Helen Danielson, gives an interesting view from the perspective of the original mission's publication intended for the supporters in the USA and Canada. "Chronological Highlights" may yet be forthcoming.

Volume II has yearly sections from "1945" to "1959". The sections "1960-69" and "1970-on" reflect that by the late 1950s the mission was becoming a national church which created its own official files in Bogotá.

Volume III contains two basic subdivisions. The one is "Brief Histories". The rest involves geographical centres of the Lutheran work organized alphabetically. Within each particular section, the material is chronologically arranged.

Volume IV is a topical compilation of subjects. Again here, within each section chronology is followed.

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Beyond scanning, one will discover that there are gaps and items missing. Yet, there is sufficient material to make the files valuable.

Pastor A.C. Morck (see Volume I, "Missionary Data", Dec. 1943) brought a box of papers to Camrose, Alberta, Canada in 1976 from Bogotá, Colombia. In response to numerous requests, including that of Pastor Paul Nostbakken, Arnfeld intended during his retirement years to write a history of the Lutheran work in Colombia. Prolonged illness prevented the fulfilment of that dream. After his death, Hildur (his wife) and I (his son) organized, selected, photocopied, subdivided, catalogued, and added to the original "box" in creating these binders for use initially by a IELCO history committee.

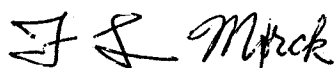
The "originals" and related materials are stored in the archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCiC). With pre-payment, photocopied selections may be obtained by phone (306) 966-7850, fax (306) 966-7852, or mail from:

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114 Seminary Crescent
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X3
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IELCO and the global mission offices of the ELCiC and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), as well as the ELCA's Chicago archives, may also provide resources. Arnold M. Hedin's editing The Latin America Lutheran Mission: Pioneering in Colombia and Mexico (Minnesota: Self published, 1986?) and Joyce Bergh's My Colombia Journal (Calgary: Self-published, 1990) are also helpful sources.

The three pages immediately following this letter shed some light on Dad's perspective in the year he was ordained, 1943. Eventually, he was called to help establish a Lutheran Church in Colombia as documented in these binders compiled to the glory of God.

Sincerely in Christ,



Frederick Luther Morck

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WHY PROTESTANT MISSIONS
ARE NEEDED
IN LATIN AMERICA

A Paper

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CONCLUSION

It has been the endeavor of this paper to show that protestant missions are needed, justified and desired in Latin America. The chief objections of both Catholics and protestants have been considered and met by factual evidence and testimony from those vitally concerned. The mistaken impression among protestants that the Catholic Church is faithfully shepherding the souls of Latin America has been corrected. The prejudiced claim of Catholics that protestant missions are a menace to inter-American relations has been rendered groundless and false. We therefore ask with Dr. Rycroft; "Why should not protestants be free to work in Latin America, and why should not the almost two million protestants enjoy the same freedom of worship as Roman Catholics do in Protestant countries such as the United States and Great Britain?"

Louis Veuillot, a French Roman Catholic writer gave the answer when he said, "When we are in the minority we ask for religious liberty in the name of your (protestant) principle. When we are in a majority we refuse it to you in the name of ours."

We believe that in the face of the facts before us we cannot with a good conscience rid ourselves of Christian responsibility for the nearly one hundred and twenty million souls of Latin America of whom at least sixty million have no reasonable opportunity to hear the Gospel of Christ.

We further believe that the Christian church is approaching a new day of opportunity on this its Southern frontier, and that the Sun of Righteousness is risen with healing in his wings also for these dark lands of the Southern Cross.

We pray for wisdom to undertake the gigantic task in the spirit of true missionary statesmanship and self-denying Christian love.

DATOS HISTORICOS SOBRE ACTIVIDADES EVANGELISTICAS EN BOYACA Y CASANARE, COLOMBIA,
ANTES DE QUE LOS LUTERANOS ASUMIERON RESPONSABILIDAD DE AQUELLOS LUGARES

(Compilados en septiembre de 1994 por Hildur v. de Morck, con residencia en Camrose, Alberta, Canadá, de datos provistos en cartas dirigidas al Pastor A.C. Morck por el misionero veterano de la Iglesia Presbiteriana, el Rdo. Alexander M. Allan, y por el veterano evangelista, Sr. Alcibiades Leal de Parpa en la región de Socotá. Las mencionadas cartas se encuentran archivadas en las secciones "Casanare" y "Socotá" en los A.C.MORCK COLOMBIA FILES en el tomo titulado: "Brief Histories and Geographical, VOL. III of 4." Los datos sobre el Sr. Arquimedes Bello fueron provistos por su hija Romelia Bello F.)

Escribió el Rdo. Alexander M. Allan:

Durante el siglo diecinueve y a principios del siglo veinte, colportores andaban por todas partes en Colombia, vendiendo Biblias y repartiendo literatura evangélica cristiana, preparando así el terreno para que los evangelistas y misioneros pudieran enseñar, predicar y establecer iglesias. "De 1880 a 1900 algunos de nuestros misioneros visitaban de vez en cuando a Duitama, Sogamoso, Cúcuta y El Cocuy, estableciendo contactos amistosos y correspondencia, pero no hubo obra permanente."

1920 (más o menos) - El Sr. Arquimedes Bello de Parpa compró una Biblia y otros libros para informarse sobre las verdades espirituales. En una visita que hizo al Canadá la Sra. Romelia Bello F., hija mayor de Arquimedes Bello y Silvia Fernández, ella relató lo siguiente a la Sra. Hildur v. de Morck el día 10 de Agosto de 1994:

"Nosotros vivíamos en la vereda de San Pedro (entre Parpa y Mause). Mi papá fue conocido por sus habilidades de herrero, mecánico y carpintero. Fabricaba catres, ataúdes, puertas, ventanas, etc. El hizo las puertas, ventanas y bancas para la primera capilla de Parpa.

"Cuando joven y aún soltero solía viajar a Bogotá una vez al año para comprar herramientas nuevas que le facilitaran su trabajo. En uno de esos viajes alguien le entregó un tratado del evangelio. Lo que leyó le interesó tanto que en seguida escribió pidiendo más información y más tratados, siendo así él la primera persona que dió a conocer a otros del evangelio, entre ellos Don Alcibiades Leal. La mayoría de estos tratados fueron repartidos en la plaza de Mercado de Socotá, a donde llegaba mucha gente de las veredas vecinas.

"Después de la muerte de mi mamá, mi papá se casó con una de mis tías (Alicia Fernández). Los dos matrimonios fueron realizados por lo civil, otro precedente sentado por él, pues estos fueron los primeros matrimonios civiles en Socotá, a pesar de la gran resistencia puesta por la Iglesia Católica quien debido a esto lo excomulgó. Con el trascurso de los años, doña Alicia no estaba de acuerdo con el repartimiento de tantos tratados, pues éramos una familia grande con 13 hijos para alimentar y mi papá usaba el dinero de su trabajo para comprar estos y otra literatura evangélica.

"Mi papá fue evangelista, no predicador como lo fue Don Alcibiades Leal. Los dos eran buenos amigos pero tenían diferentes dones. Los dos fueron igualmente perseguidos por sus convicciones. Durante el tiempo de "La Violencia" (de color político: Liberales vs. Conservadores) vivido en Colombia durante

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los años '50, también hubo persecución religiosa (se creía que los Católicos eran Conservadores y los Protestantes Liberales). Cuando el cura del pueblo mandó a matar a los 'herejes' (manera en la cual eran llamados los evangélicos), mi papá dijo: 'El cuerpo me lo pueden matar, pero no el alma, yo, no me retrocedo!' Así que él siguió fiel hasta su muerte, enseñanza que dejó a sus hijos los cuales siguen fieles en el evangelio hasta el día de hoy. (Algunos de ellos fueron también perseguidos y hasta encarcelados.) Esta convicción de mi papá en el evangelio le costó hasta su herencia, la cual sus padres le quitaron ya que ellos no compartían sus ideales.

"Uno de mis tíos (Rómulo Bello) siempre defendía a mi papá diciendo que si alguien tocaba a su hermano, se las tenían que ver con él. Esto a pesar de que mi tío era Conservador y no convertido, pero a través del testimonio de honradez y de paz que mi papá daba constantemente, él creía que cada cual era libre de creer lo que quisiera."

1921 (más o menos) - Un día el señor Alcibiades Leal visitaba la casa de su amigo Arquimedes Bello. "Observando un libro nuevo sobre la mesa, pidió permiso para llevárselo a su casa para leer, permiso concedido al instante. Don Alcibiades devoró el libro esa misma noche. Regresando pronto a la casa de su amigo, le pidió el favor de prestarle más libros de esa clase, diciéndole que por toda la vida había deseado conocer verdades espirituales como esas. 'Sabe usted que ha estado leyendo un libro protestante?', le preguntó el vecino. Completamente sorprendido, respondió el Señor Leal: 'No lo sabía,' pero después de pensar, continuó: 'Aunque sea así, yo necesito saber más de esas cosas.' El libro que había leído fue 'Todo por Gracia', por C.H. Spurgeon y el libro que llevó a su casa fue LA SANTA BIBLIA.

"Llegando a su casa, el señor Leal, principiando con el Nuevo Testamento, como su amigo le había aconsejado, pasó la noche entera leyendo las sagradas páginas. Parecía que estaba en un mundo nuevo y encontró lo que había buscado por toda la vida, la paz en el corazón debido al pecado perdonado, no por sus propias penitencias, sino por la sangre del Salvador, derramada por él en el Calvario. Le encantaba más y más leer la Palabra y beber en la fuente de la verdad. Pidió de Bogotá: Biblias, libros, tratados y prensa evangélica para regar la buena semilla entre sus parientes, amigos y conocidos."

1923 Después de testificar y de distribuir literatura cristiana a mucha gente en Parpa, el Sr. Leal inició servicios (cultos) en casas privadas. También predicó en otras veredas como Mause, El Morro, Cochía, Guatamoto y Comeza.

1926 Octubre - El Rdo. Alexander M. Allan visitó a Parpa por primera vez. Alrededor de cien personas se reunieron con él en la casa del Sr. Alcibiades Leal. El grupo creció en número con las visitas ocasionales del Pastor Allan y varios evangelistas presbiterianas, entre ellos los señores Aristomeno Porras y Cayetano Ayala, ambos de Parpa.

1928 Mayo - En su casa, Alcibiades Leal dio principio al colegio evangélico de Parpa para once niños de ambos sexos. Fue el director hasta el año 1933 cuando su esposa, doña Paulina de Leal, asumió esa responsabilidad hasta el año 1938.

1928 - "A pesar del frío y de la lluvia, seguían muy concurridas las reuniones trimestrales en Parpa: se organizó un comité mientras llegara el día (como después llegó) de organizar la iglesia; la escuela se aumentó en número y fueron mucho los valientes que se atrevieron a leer los libros evangélicos
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sin temor alguno. Tuve el privilegio de celebrar la Santa Cena una noche de domingo (la primera de muchas celebraciones) cuando fueron recibidos los primeros cinco miembros. Por lo que he podido saber, fue esa la primera Santa Cena Evangélica celebrada en el departamento de Boyacá.

"Inevitablemente cayó una fuerte persecución contra el hermano Leal y la pequeña grey. Fueron hostilizados en los mercados y atacados en el púlpito. Cierta día recibí un telegrama avisándome que el señor Leal estaba preso en Socha, acusado de ser comunista. Ese buen hermano no sabía siquiera lo que fuera el comunismo, pero era preciso cerrar la escuela y hacer callar a ese hombrón quien, como el profeta Amós, hablaba denodadamente de su fe en Cristo... Todo fue calculado para quebrantar el espíritu del prisionero evangélico y poner fin a su benéfica influencia... En Bogotá, la iglesia y de manera especial la sociedad de Esfuerzo Cristiano, se dieron a la oración, como el modo más eficaz para ayudar al señor Leal, como hicieron los discípulos al saber que Pedro estaba en la cárcel. También hicimos ante el gobierno el reclamo correspondiente. Después de pasar el señor Leal a la cárcel de Santa Rosa, fue puesto en libertad, habiendo estado en esas cárceles un poco menos de dos semanas..." --Alexander Allan, RECUERDOS DE SOCOTA

1930 Oct. 13 - Por no dejar enterrar a los evangélicos en los cementerios católicos, se resolvió fundar un cementerio evangélico en Parpa. La inauguración tomó lugar con el primer entierro, el de la Sra. Silvia Fernández de Bello, esposa de don Arquímedes Bello, en este día.

1931 Mayo 31 - Fue bautizada Ana Rosa Ayala N., la primera para ser registrada en el registro congregacional de Parpa.

1934 Se tomó en uso la primera capilla evangélica en Boyacá - la de Parpa, "una buena casa de adobe con teja de barro" levantada por el Sr. Alcibiades Leal y otros creyentes durante un período de cinco años.

DEL SR. ALCIBIADES LEAL:

1933 "La Aguada fue visitada por mí la primera vez en el año 1933 en febrero; en ese viaje también visité por primera vez a Moreno. La obra allá en La Aguada empezó con esa visita, pues antes había allá una comunidad Adventista lo que se dividió al predicarles el Evangelio en aquella ocasión.

1934 "La obra en Casanare empezó primero en los campos de Támara en donde se fundaron dos escuelas, una en La Palma en junio del año 1934 bajo la dirección de Hemiliano Torres; esto se sostuvo tres años seguidos: 1934 - Hemiliano Torres; 1935 - Isabel Fernández; 1936 - Margot Leal. La de Sombredero empezó en el año 1935 bajo la dirección de Aracely Leal. Esta la dirigió dos años y en el '37 la dirigió Isabel Fernández. Entre el tiempo del período de la escuela allí se construyó la casa que por algún tiempo sirvió como escuela y capilla para la celebración de cultos. No recuerdo cuanto tiempo duró la escuela en Sombredero. Me parece que una hija de Antonio Curcho la dirigió un año, quizá el último.

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Sigue "del Sr. Alcibiades Leal":

- 1936 "La escuela en La Aguada empezó en el año 1936, bajo la dirección de Fredisbinda Cristiano quien la dirigió dos años seguidos. Después estuvo allí Aracely Leal, creo que un año.
- 1937 "En el año 1937 se construyó la capilla en La Aguada y en ese año visitó el Sr. Allan por primera vez a esa tierra. En ese año tres escuelas funcionaron en esas regiones: la de Sombredero, la de La Aguada y en Llano de Pérez en Ten (?), dirigida por Silveria Díaz." (Nota: En el cuestionario que A.C. Morck mandó al Sr. Leal en 1959, éste anotó el año 1935 como fecha de inauguración de la capilla, mientras en su carta de junio 3, 1959 indicó el año 1937. El Rdo. Allan en su "Informe Evangelístico para el Depto. de Boyacá" para el año 1937 también hace referencia a la terminación de edificar la casa para cultos y escuela en La Dorada ese mismo año. --H.de Morck)

DEL RDO. ALEXANDER M. ALLAN:

- 1937 "LA AGUADA. Aunque éste es también un centro Adventista, nuestra obra, bajo la dirección del Sr. Pascual Silva, ha crecido en interés. Eso se demuestra en la terminación de construir la casa destinada para colegio y capilla, un edificio duradero de adobe y teja construido mayormente por trabajo voluntario. Aquí hay 14 miembros. Este es el centro de trabajos en los llanos de Casanare..."

LLAVE A CIERTAS COMBINACIONES DE LETRAS EN LOS
ARCHIVOS DE LA IGLESIA EVANGELICA LUTERANA DE COLOMBIA, LA MAYOR
PARTE DE LOS ARCHIVOS ANTIGUOS (1936-1966)

Key to Certain Letter Groupings in the archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (mostly from 1936 to 1966)

- ALC - American Lutheran Church (Iglesia Luterana Americana)
- CAP - Consejo Administrativo Provisional (de la IEL-SC) (Provisional Administrative Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church - Colombia Synod)
- CC - CULTO CRISTIANO (Himnario Luterano) (CHRISTIAN WORSHIP - Spanish Lutheran Hymnal)
- CCPILL - Comité Coordinador Provisional de las Iglesias Luteranas Latinoamericanas (Provisional Coordinating Committee of the Lutheran Churches in Latin America)
- CEDEC - Confederación Evangélica de Colombia (Evangelical Confederation of Colombia)
- CELAM - Concilio Episcopal Latinoamericano (católico-romano) (Latin American Episcopal Council (Roman Catholic))
- CELCO - Colegios Evangélicos Luteranos en Colombia (Evangelical Lutheran Schools in Colombia)
- CELMOSA - Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America (Misión Evangélica Luterana en Colombia, Suramérica)
- CEP - Consejo Ejecutivo Provisional (vinculado con CAP) (Provisional Executive Council - related to CAP)
- CETA - Centro de Estudios Teológicos Augsburgo (Ciudad de México) (Augsburg Theological Seminary (Mexico City))
- CLL - Congreso Luterano Latinoamericano (Latin American Lutheran Congress)
- CLMA - Colombia Lutheran Missionary Association (Asociación Colombiana de Misioneros Luteranos)
- CMĪ - Concilio Mundial de Iglesias (World Council of Churches)
- CO-EXTENSION - Comité Coordinador para Seminarios Luteranos por Extensión en América Latina (Coordinating Committee for Lutheran Theological Education by Extension in Latin America)
- EE UU - Estados Unidos de América (United States of America)
- ELC - Evangelical Lutheran Church (U.S.A.) (Iglesia Evangélica Luterana (EE UU))
- ELCA - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América (EE UU))
- ELC-CS - Evangelical Lutheran Church - Colombia Synod (Iglesia Evangélica Luterana - Sínodo de Colombia)

- ELCIC - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en el Canadá)
- EMOC - Evangelical Missions' Officers Council (Consejo de Oficiales para Misiones Evangélicas)
- ETE - Educación Teológica por Extensión (Theological Education by Extension)
- FLM - Federación Luterana Mundial (Lutheran World Federation)
- FLT - Facultad Luterana de Teología (Lutheran Theological Seminary) (en José C. Paz, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- IBC - Instituto Bíblico-Cultural (Bible-Cultural Institute)
- ICCHRLA - Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America (Comité de Iglesias Unidas sobre Derechos Humanos en América Latina)
- IELCO - Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia)
- IEL-SC - Iglesia Evangélica Luterana - Sínodo de Colombia (Evangelical Lutheran Church - Colombia Synod)
- IL-C - Iglesia Luterana - Canadá (afiliada al Sínodo de Misuri en los EE UU) (Lutheran Church - Canada (affiliated with the Missouri Synod))
- IL-SM - Iglesia Luterana - Sínodo de Misuri (Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod)
- LALC - Latin American Lutheran Congress (Congreso Luterano Latinoamericano)
- LC-C - Lutheran Church - Canada (Iglesia Luterana - Canadá (Misuri))
- LC-MS - Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (Iglesia Luterana - Sínodo de Misuri)
- LTS - Lutheran Theological Seminary (Facultad Luterana de Teología, José C. Paz, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- LTS - Lutheran Theological Seminary (Facultad Luterana de Teología, St. Paul, Minnesota, EE UU)
- LWF - Lutheran World Federation (Federación Luterana Mundial)
- NLC - Norwegian Lutheran Church (U.S.A.) (Iglesia Luterana Noruega en los EE UU, precursor de la ELC y la ELCA)
- PCCLCLA - Provisional Coordinating Committee of the Lutheran Churches in Latin America (Comité Coordinador Provisional de las Iglesias Luteranas en Latinoamérica)
- SELITE - Servicio Luterano de Instrucción Teológica por Extensión (Lutheran Service for Theological Instruction by Extension)

- SEMLA - Seminario Luterano Augsburguro (México) (Augsburg Lutheran Seminary (Mexico))
- TEE - Theological Education by Extension (Educación Teológica por Extensión)
- UELC - United Evangelical Lutheran Church (U.S.A.) (Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida (EE UU) de origen danés)
- USA - United States of America (Estados Unidos de América)
- WCC - World Council of Churches (Concilio Mundial de Iglesias)
- WMPL - World Mission Prayer League (Lutheran) ("Liga de Oración en Misión Mundial (Luterana))
- WS - Department of World Services - LWF) (Departamento de Servicio Mundial - FLM)

NORDIN 1936-37



Myrtle (f 1940?)

THOMPSON 1936-39



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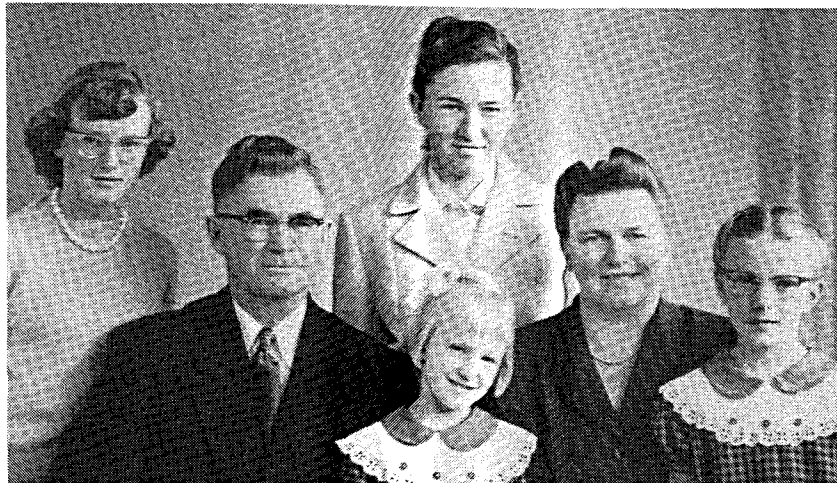
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Alma Daniel Naomi Andrew

OSTREM 1937-58



(f 1955)

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Ragnhild Alvida Trygve

DANIELSON 1939-72



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HEERDE 1943-57

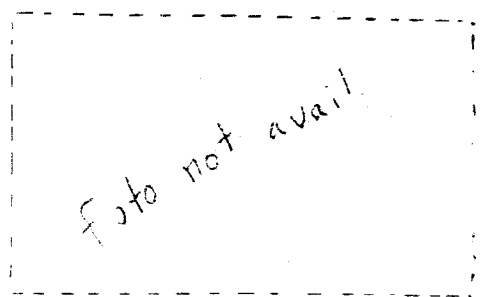


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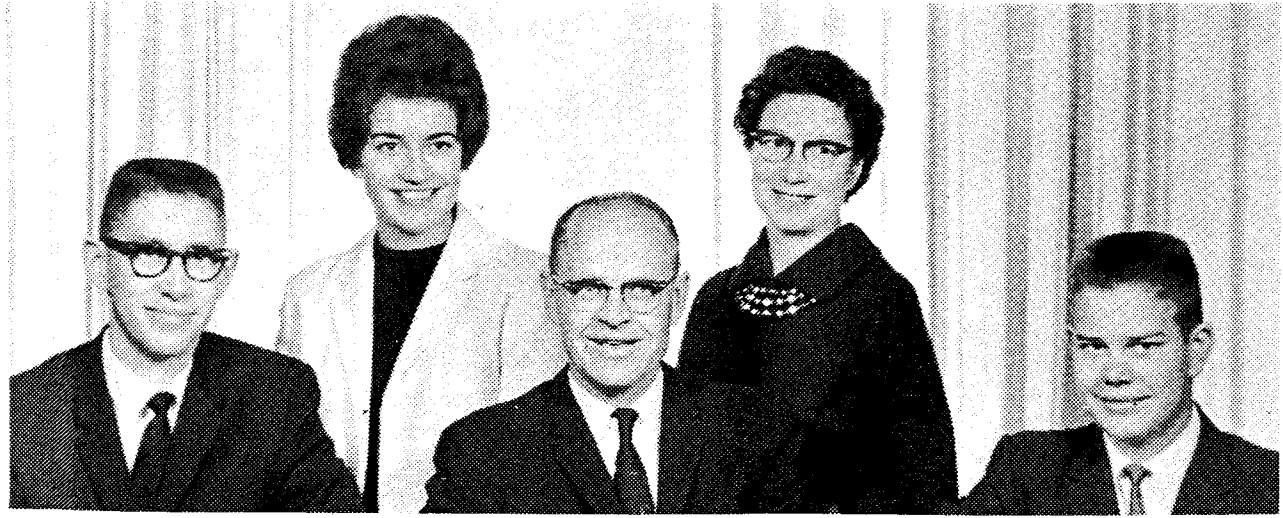
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Timothy Jon

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Alice Agnes (f 1964) Anita



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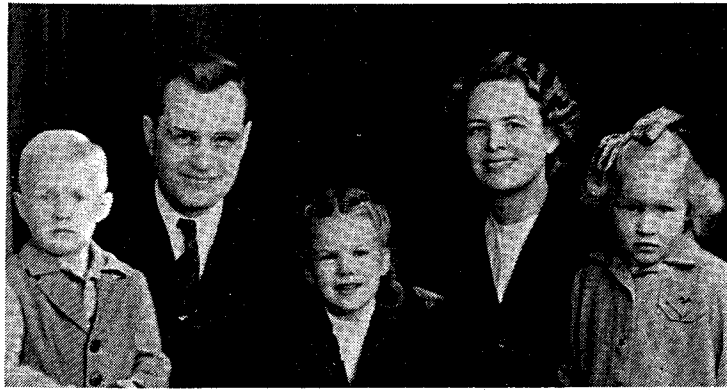
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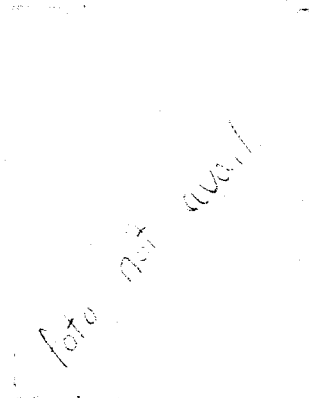
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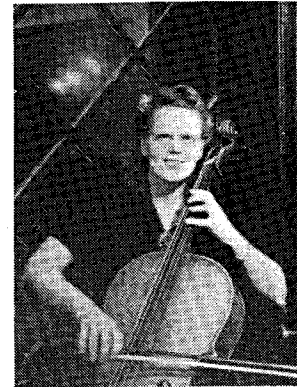
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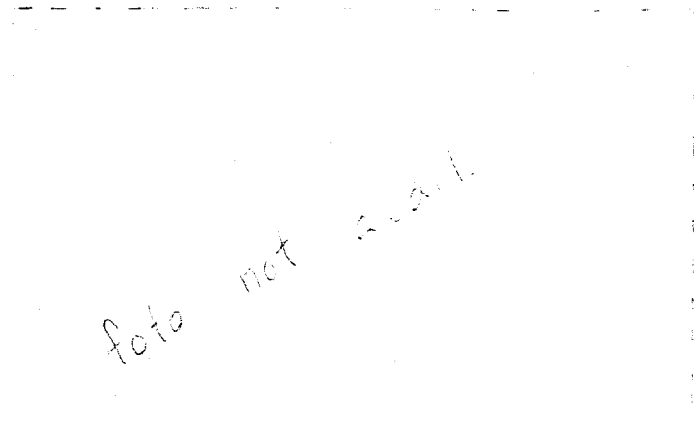
Belva (f 1970)

ANTONSEN 1947-48



Virginia (f 1948)

MENDENHALL 1947-51



Theodore Dolores Karen Sylvia Judith

WALLA 1948-51 (f 1948)



Joseph Alice

BERGH 1948-50

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Johan Anita Solveig

TORKELSON 1948-57



Valborg (f 1952)

JENSEN 1954-70



Cornelia (f 1973)

(VOELZ) PAVASARS 1963-PRESENT

(f 1984)



John Arlene Mirdza James Viesturs

JACOBSON 1963-72

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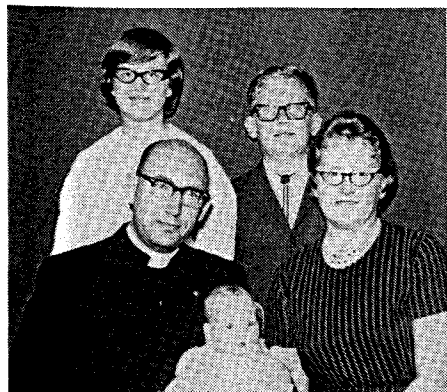
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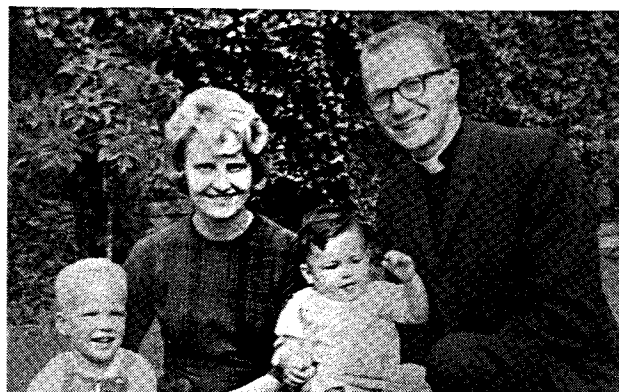
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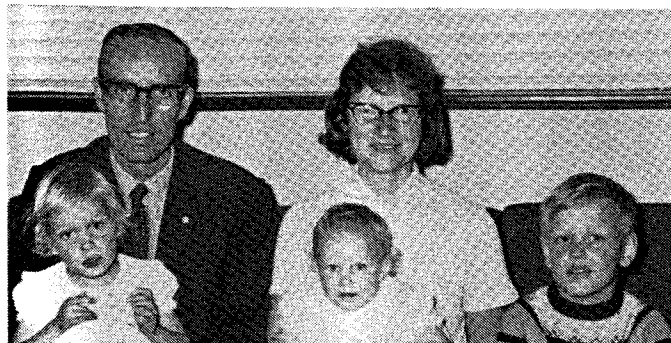
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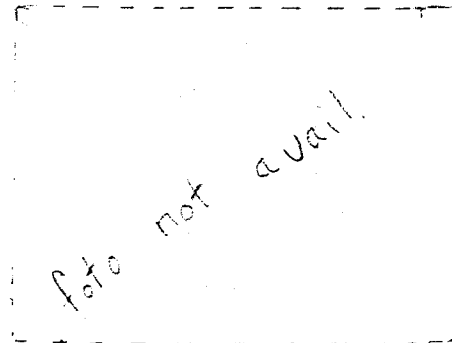
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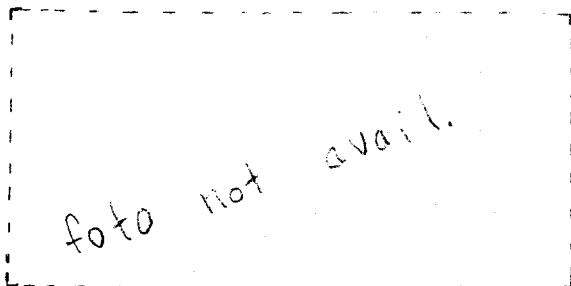
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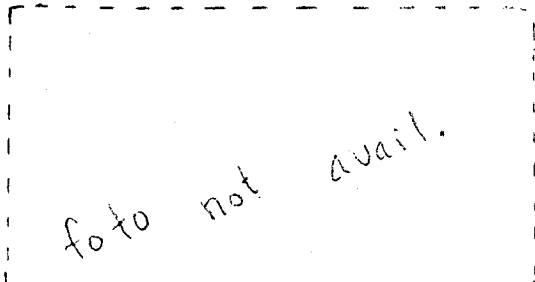
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CITIZENS OF USA, NORWAY AND CANADA SERVING CELMOSA/IEL-SC 1936-1976

A. CALLED MISSIONARIES AND WIVES

Data Forms include children. Dates are based on supplied information and estimates. Order (alphabetic when same starting time) reflects arrival in Colombia after call, or start of Spanish studies outside Colombia, or month of call in Colombia, or month of marriage.

Nov 1936 - Apr? 1937 Miss Myrtle Nordin
Nov 1936 - Nov 1939 Miss Marie Thompson
Nov 1937 - Sep 1946 Pastor Andrew Larson
Nov 1937 - Mar 1939 Miss Alma Monson
Nov 1937 - Jun 1958 Mr./Pastor Gerhard and Mrs. Helene Ostrem
Nov 1937 - May 1964 Mr./Pastor Olger Quanrud
Nov 1938 - Dec 1940 Miss Alvida Holmvik
Mar 1939 - Dec 1947 Mrs. Alma (Monson) Larson
Oct 1939 - ? 1972 Miss Helen Danielson
Feb 1940 - Sep 1944 Pastor Trygve Salte
Dec 1940 - Apr 1945 Mrs. Alvida (Holmvik) Salte
Jul 1941 - Mar 1956 Mrs. Phoebe (Engstrom) Quanrud
Mar 1943 - ? 1957 Miss Ella Elizabeth Heerde
Nov 1943 - Jun 1948 Pastor Hans and Mrs. Irene Thoresen
Dec 1943 - ? 1977 Pastor Harold and Mrs. Opal Olson
Dec 1943 - Dec 1982 Pastor Arnfeld Morck
Sep 1944 - May 1945 Mrs. Irene (Norre) Morck
Sep 1946 - Jun 1970 Miss Joyce Bergh
Nov 1946 - Jul 1950 Pastor Roy and Mrs. Selma Malde
Nov? 1946 - ? 1947 Dr. Gustav Guldseth
Feb 1947 - Jul 1963 Miss Belva Nerlien
Mar? 1947 - Oct 1948 Miss Virginia Antonsen
May 1947 - Jan 1948 Miss Hildur Thorkildson
Late 1947 - Jul 1951 Pastor Theodore and Mrs. Dolores Mendenhall
Jan 1948 - Dec 1982 Mrs. Hildur (Thorkildson) Morck
Mar 1948 - Mar 1951 Pastor Joseph and Mrs. Alice Walla
Jul 1948 - Jul 1950 Pastor Johan and Mrs. Anita Bergh
Fall 1948 - Mid 1957 Miss Valborg Torkelson
Jan? 1954 - Dec 1970 Miss Cornelia Jensen

Feb? 1963 - Dec 1966 Miss Arlene Voelz
Aug 1963 - Jul 1972 Pastor Marlayne and Mrs. Karen Jacobson
Aug 1963 - May 1972 Pastor Walter Ludwigsen
Aug 1964 - Jul 1969 Pastor Wilmer and Mrs. Ruby Westman
Jul 1965 - Jun 1970 Pastor Norman and Mrs. Anita Omodt
Aug 1965 - Dec 1972 Pastor Dale and Mrs. Phyllis Brand
Jul 1966 - Present Pastor Viesturs Pavasars
Dec 1966 - Present Mrs. Arlene (Voelz) Pavasars
Sep 1967 - Jul 1970 Mr. James and Mrs. Judith Fogdall
Sep 1968 - Apr 1972 Pastor Myron and Mrs. Janet Barbour
Aug 1969 - May 1972 Mrs. Diane Ludwigsen
Oct 1971 - Jun 1977 Pastor Arthur and Mrs. Milly Wyse
Oct 1974 - May 1981 Pastor Roy and Mrs. Mary Seger

B. STUDENT PASTOR

Sep? 1973 - Mid? 1974 Mr. Charles and Mrs. Linda López, St. Louis, Mo, USA
Intern (full-time): parish of El Redentor, Bogotá

C. VOLUNTEERS (Time of active service most clearly remembered)

Jan 1947 - Apr 1948 Miss Ella Morck, Dickson, AB, Canada
Caregiver (full-time) for niece in Duitama. Agnes' mother had died May 1946.
Feb 1957 - Nov 1959 Miss Louise Eriksson, Camrose, AB, Canada
Teacher (part-time): music at Instituto Bíblico-Cultural, Bogotá
Feb 1972 - Nov 1972 Mr. Bruce Burslie, Fertile, MN, USA
Teacher (full-time): mainly English at Colegio CELCO, Sogamoso
Oct 1975 - ? 1976 Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Mary Nondahl, Cottage Grove, WI, USA
Advisor (full-time): building addition to Colegio CELCO, Sogamoso

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Full name MYRTLE NORDIN

Birthdate Feb 26, 1900 Deathdate Nov 24, 1980 Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees H.S., Willmar Luth. Bible School; N.W. Bible School, Mpls.

Name of sending agency Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of S. America
Gospel Missionary

Lang. study at Union in Colombia from May, 1927 to ?

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Soatá, Boyacá.</u>	from	<u>Jan 6, 1937</u>	to	<u>Apr? 1937</u>
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/	from	/	to	/
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/	from	/	to	/

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Evangelist</u>	from	<u>Jan 6, 1937</u>	to	<u>Apr? 1937</u>
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Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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Other information you may want to include:

In 1927, while with the Gospel Missionary Union in Colombia, Myrtle met Mrs. Rosalba de Filipets who had just returned from the U.S. where her young American husband had died and whose Lutheran family had witnessed to her of Jesus Christ. Rosa and Myrtle became good friends as they passed out tracts and witnessed for Jesus. But Myrtle contracted malaria and became so ill that (over) please →

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Signed Nedur Morck Place Camrose, AB Canada Date Jul 14, 1994
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that doctors recommended she return to the U.S. Myrtle needed to regain some measure of health in order to travel to the U.S. over land and sea. But still very weak, she departed from Colombia on March 1, 1929, and arrived in Minneapolis on March 14. Her sister, Lillian, recounts on p.p. 80-81 of the book, THE LATIN AMERICAN LUTHERAN MISSION, Edited by Arnold M. Hedin, the following details:

I was there to meet her, and soon we arrived at Lake Lillian to the delight of dear ones. Myrtle was very weak and had to remain quiet for several months. Always, her heart and mind remained in Colombia with a burden for the native people hungry for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She was restless to return and testified to us as a family how God had protected and guided her so many times... With health reasonably restored, Myrtle began in earnest to seek God's will for her life from here on. The answer was still "Colombia". She met often with prayer groups in Minneapolis which were greatly interested in mission work and gave her encouragement to press on. Along with a friend, Alma Bratberg Sand, Myrtle began to travel among Lutheran Churches in the Midwest presenting the needs of Colombia. The response was very encouraging. By June of 1936 enough interest and pledged support had been generated to organize and launch the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America, CELMOSA in short. Rev. Maurice Sand was the first President, and Myrtle Nordin and Marie Thompson were the pioneer missionaries sent out. The time was November, 1936.

Myrtle and Marie settled in Soatá, Boyacá, to establish a beachhead for the Gospel in that area of Colombia. Again, Myrtle's frail health became a factor. She suffered sunstroke, and within five months of arrival returned again to the U.S. Marie Thompson remained at Soatá. Five more missionaries arrived in November to assist with the beginnings of the Lutheran Church in Colombia.

Myrtle took an extended period of time for rest and recovery. But she had no rest from the burning within her soul for Latin America. By 1940 she had raised up a group of interested friends to accompany her to San Antonio, Texas, where they started a book store and opened a chapel. Evangelistic trips were made into Mexico, a Bible School opened, and Saltillo chosen as center of operation. By marrying a native Mexican Christian (Porfirio Huerta), Myrtle became a naturalized citizen of Mexico and thus able to carry on mission work without restriction. By 1946 Myrtle's work in Mexico was independent of any mission agency. On October first of that year, the field in Colombia was turned over to the joint mission boards of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. This left the U.S. CELMOSA organization without a field of operation. A meeting was called by that Board in November and Myrtle was invited to present the cause of her mission work in Mexico. By unanimous decision the board of CELMOSA (USA) voted to assume responsibility for the work begun in Mexico by Myrtle Nordin Huerta and called her to be Field Director and Missionary thereof. The name of the mission changed from CELMOSA to LALM (Latin American Lutheran Mission), registered as a non-profit corporation in the State of Minnesota.

Postscript: During the last 20 years of her life, Rosa de Filipets was a faithful member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bogotá, witnessing for the Lord and praying for the lost. Some years before her death in 1982, Rosa was cared for by her younger daughter and family in their Bogotá home. In my visits with her there, Rosa often told of her friendship with Myrtle Nordin and commented that they were still corresponding with one another.

--Compiled by Hildur Morck, Camrose, Alberta, Canada, July, 1994

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Full name MARIE THOMPSON

Birthdate Dec.10, 1906 Deathdate 1/30/87 Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees H.S., Clearbrook, MN; Nursing, Minneapolis, MN 1936

Name of sending agency Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America

Lang. study at Soatá, Boyacá from Jan., 1937 to ?

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Soatá, Boyacá</u>	from <u>Jan. 1937</u>	to <u>Nov., 1939</u>
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Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Parish worker, nurse, teacher, evangelist</u>	from <u>Jan., 1937</u>	to <u>Nov., 1939</u>
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Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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Other information you may want to include:

Marie Thompson arrived in Colombia with Myrtle Nordin in late 1936, staying at the headquarters of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade for 3 weeks to study the different possibilities for mission work in that land. Soatá, Boyacá, was selected as the place to begin a Lutheran work in Colombia. They arrived there on January 6, 1937. After Nordin returned to the U.S. in April, 1937, (over) please

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due to ill health, Margarita Avila became Marie's Christian companion. Sr. Medina, a local man interested in the Gospel, became her language teacher. In November, 1939, Marie was married to evangelist Juan V. Galdamez, and they continued their work in Soatá until July 1, 1941, when they moved to New York, U.S.A.

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Full name ANDREW LARSON

Birthdate Sep. 6, 1905 Deathdate Feb.18, 1992 Citizenship U.S.A. ?
 Theology - Lutheran Brethren Bible School,
 Diplomas/degrees LBI, Mpls,1929; Fergus Falls, MN, graduating spring, 1937.

Name of sending agency Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of So. America
With Juan Galdámez

Lang. study at Soatá, Boyacá, Colombia from Jan 1938 to late 1938

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Soatá, Boyacá</u>	from <u>Nov 11, 1937</u>	to <u>Apr 15, 1939</u>
<u>El Cocuy, Boyacá</u>	from <u>Apr 07, 1939</u>	to <u>August 1942</u>
<u>El Cocuy, Boyacá</u>	from <u>Dec 1944</u>	to <u>Sept 1946</u>
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Job title (eg:Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor, evangelist</u>	from <u>late 1938</u>	to <u>Apr 15, 1939</u>
<u>Pastor, evangelist, Bible teacher</u>	from <u>April, 1939</u>	to <u>August, 1942</u>
<u>Pastor, evangelist</u>	from <u>Dec., 1944</u>	to <u>October, 1946</u>
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Exec. positions held (eg:Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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Other information you may want to include:

Andrew married missionary Alma Monson on March 29, 1939, in Soatá, Boyacá.
Larson's extended furlough, August 1942 to December 1944, was due partly to
researching care for their handicapped son and partly due to wartime travel
limitations. Not led to serve the newly-formed ELC/UELC Board in 1946, Andrew
travelled alone to his native Norway. He returned Dec. of 1947 to accompany his
family to Florida. There he established an hispanic ministry of many years.

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Full name ALMA MONSON

Birthdate July 13, 1905 Deathdate Mar. 25, 1983 Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees High School, Teaching, L.B.I., Deaconess, Nursing

Name of sending agency CELMOSA

Lang. study at Soatá, Boyacá from Jan 1938 to late 1938

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Soatá</u>	from <u>Nov. 11, 1937</u>	to <u>Mar. 29, 1939</u>
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Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Nurse; Parish Worker</u>	from <u>?</u>	to <u>Mar. 29, 1939</u>
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Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>CELMOSA Field Secretary</u>	from <u>1938?</u>	to <u>1939</u>
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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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Other information you may want to include:

Sister Alma left her Deaconess garb and title in the U.S. so as not to be confused with R.C. nuns.

Alma married Andrew Larson on March 29, 1939, in Soatá.

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as single worker
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Full name CLARENCE GERHARD OSTREM

Birthdate May 14, 1900 Deathdate June 6, 1958 Citizenship USA

Gr. 12 Dipl: Luth. Bible School, Grand Forks, N. Dakota;

Diplomas/degrees Dipl: Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis
CELMOSA 1937-1946

Name of sending agency Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, 1946-1958

Lang. study at Soatá with Juan Galdámez from Jan 1938 to late 1938

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Soatá, Boyacá</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Nov 11 1937</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>May 1939</u>
<u>Socha, Boyacá</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Jun 01 1939</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Aug 1942</u>
<u>El Cocuy, Boyacá</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Aug. ? 1942</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Jul 1944</u>
<u>Duitama, Boyacá</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Aug ? 1945</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Mar 1947</u>
<u>La Aguada, Casanare</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Mar 18 1947</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Jul 1950</u>
<u>Bogotá, D.E.</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Jul ? 1951</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Jul 1956</u>
<u>El Cocuy, Boyacá</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Jul ? 1957</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>May 1958</u>

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Evangelist with pastoral duties</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>late 1938</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>? 1944</u>
<u>Pastor/Evangelist</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>mid 1945</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>? 1955</u>
	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>Financial Secretary, CELMOSA</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>? 1939</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>? 1940</u>
<u>Chairman, CELMOSA</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>May 1940</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Jul 1943</u>
<u>Vice-Chairman, CELMOSA</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Jul 1943</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Jul 1944</u>
<u>Chairman, CELMOSA</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Aug 1945</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Sep 1946</u>
<u>Superintendent (interim), CELMOSA</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Aug 1949</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Jan 1950</u>
<u>Acting Superintendent, CELMOSA</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>Nov 1954</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>Dec 1955</u>

Other positions, likely as needed, throughout his service.

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>I especially remember Gerhard</u>	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
<u>conceiving the idea of starting</u>	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
<u>a Sogamoso boarding school for</u>	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
<u>Lutheran Casanare children.</u>	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
<u>Rural Protestant schools were</u>	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
<u>closed under extremist Roman Catholic</u>	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	
<u>pressure in the early 1950's.</u>	<u>from</u>		<u>to</u>	

Other information you may want to include:

Student pastor: Kyle, SK 1934-36, courses: Augs. Coll. Mpls. 1937, experience: CELMOSA, and courses: Lu. Sem. Sask. SK 1945 led to Gerhard's ordination that year.

He confronted terminal liver cancer May 1958. Carried on a stretcher by young men to an airplane leaving Bogotá, he held high his Bible. The crowd of friends bid him sad farewell. CGO was buried north of Camrose, AB near where he had farmed with his father.

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Full name of wife DAGMAR MILDRED HELENE (ANDERSON) OSTREM
 Birthdate Aug 26, 1912 Deathdate Feb 8, 1983 Citizenship Canadian
 Gr. 12 Dipl? : Luth. Collegiate Bible Inst.? Outlook, SK
 Diplomas/degrees courses: Lutheran Bible Inst., Minneapolis, MN 1937
 Lang. study at Soatá w/Juan Galdámez from Jan 1938 to late 1938

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

Throughout her service, Helene did much	from	to
hosting and visiting. Ladies groups	from	to
and youth also benefited from	from	to
her leadership.	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
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Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Carol Lois (Ostrem) Ariza</u>	<u>May 08, 1938</u>	<u>Apr 09, 1992</u>	<u>Col/USA/Can</u>
<u>Ruth Helene (Ostrem) Mohler</u>	<u>Mar 20, 1941</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Col/USA/Can</u>
<u>Gladys "Hapi" Joanna (Ostrem) Robertson</u>	<u>Dec 31, 1946</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Col/USA/Can</u>
<u>Esther Lorraine "Lori" (Ostrem) Anderson</u>	<u>Jun 15, 1949</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Col/USA/Can</u>

Other information you may want to include:

Helene made Camrose, AB, home base for herself and daughters after Gerhard's death. She put her seamstress skills to good use in this community impacted by Lutherans.

One daughter and one grandson have served IELCO as adults. Carol, who was 18 when leaving Colombia for education in Alberta, returned and married a childhood friend, José Hernán Ariza, October 24, 1964. After living 20 years in Canada, Carol and José served as ELCIC missionaries with IELCO from Jul 1986 until Carol's death from brain cancer in Edmonton, AB.

JHA married Marjory (Quillian) Jun 5, 1993 in Edmonton, and they serve with IELCO. Carol and JHA's son, Cito, with wife, Lisa (Thronson), of Edmonton have a two year volunteer commitment as teachers at Colegio CELCO Sogamoso, the school Cito's grandfather, Gerhard, had helped inspire.

SEE GERHARD OSTREM

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Full name OLGER QUANRUD

Birthdate Apr 3, 1897 Deathdate (?) 1968 Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees High School; Dipl. Luth. Bible Inst., Minneapolis, MN
CELMOSA 1937-1946

Name of sending agency Norw. Luth. Church of America 1946-64

Lang. study at Soatá with Juan Galdámez from Jan 1938 to late 1938

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Soatá</u>	<u>from Nov 11, 1937</u>	<u>to Oct 1940</u>
<u>Soatá (4 mo.), Duitama</u>	<u>from Sep 1941</u>	<u>to Feb 1944</u>
<u>Bogotá, Duitama, Soatá</u>	<u>from Feb 1944</u>	<u>to Aug 1944</u>
<u>Bogotá, Duitama, Tunja</u>	<u>from Aug 1944</u>	<u>to Jun 1947</u>
<u>Duitama (5 mo.), Bogotá</u>	<u>from Jun 1948</u>	<u>to Oct? 1953</u>
<u>Medellín</u>	<u>from Oct 1954</u>	<u>to Mar 1956</u>
<u>Sogamoso, Tunja</u>	<u>from Jun 1956</u>	<u>to mid? 1959</u>
<u>Tunja, Sogamoso</u>	<u>from mid? 1960</u>	<u>to May 1964</u>

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Evangelist</u>	<u>from late 1938</u>	<u>to Jun 1947</u>
<u>Pastor/Evangelist</u>	<u>from Jun 1947</u>	<u>to May 1964</u>
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Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>Chairman, CELMOSA</u>	<u>from Oct 1944</u>	<u>to Aug 1945</u>
<u>Treasurer, CELMOSA</u>	<u>from Jan 1947</u>	<u>to Jul 1947</u>
<u>Secretary, Corporación Evangélica Andina</u>	<u>from ??</u>	<u>to ? in the 50's</u>
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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>I especially remember Olger working with:</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>
<u>El Redentor Church construction (Bogotá)</u>	<u>from 1952</u>	<u>to 1953</u>
<u>Colegio CELCO building, Sogamoso</u>	<u>from 1957</u>	<u>to ?</u>
<u>CELMOSA Education Committee</u>	<u>from Jan 1949</u>	<u>to ?</u>
<u>CELMOSA Executive Committee</u>	<u>from 1956</u>	<u>to ?</u>
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Other information you may want to include:

On July 20, 1941, Olger married Phoebe Engstrom at McPherson, Kansas.
He battled typhoid fever Oct 1943, leaving him weak for months.
On fudhugh June 1947--June 1948, he apparently was ordained.
He left Colombia to retire in the USA. in 1964.
SEE PHOEBE (ENGSTROM) QUANRUD Jul 1941

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Nov 11, 1937 to May 1964

Signed Hedun Morck Place Amrose AB Date Apr. 12, 1995
 (by person providing information) Canada

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

NOV
1938

Please type or print. Where items do not apply, try N/A or a slash. Please be as accurate as possible with dates (at least month/year) and other info. Use other side of page if needed.

Full name ALVIDA HOLMVIK
 Birthdate Sept.10,1906 Deathdate N/A Citizenship U.S.A.
 Diplomas/degrees Luth.Brethren H.S.; Teacher's training; L.B.I.(Minneapolis)
 Name of sending agency Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of S.A. (CELMOSA)
 Lang. study at Soatá, Boyacá w/Galdámez from Nov., 1938 to ??

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Soatá</u>	from <u>Nov.18,1938</u>	to <u>Dec. 3, 1940</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
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/	from	to
/	from	to

Job title (eg:Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Parish visitor and teacher</u>	from <u>1939</u>	to <u>Dec. 3, 1940</u>
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Exec. positions held (eg:Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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Other information you may want to include:

Married Trygve Salte in Soatá on December 3, 1940.

Please see Alvida (Holmviik) Salte DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN.

as single worker
TOTAL time/serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Nov.18,1938 to Dec. 3, 1940

Signed Fredur Morck Place Camrose, AB Date Sept 30, 1994
 (by person providing information) Canada

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

MAR
1939

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Full name of wife ALMA (MONSON) LARSON

Birthdate July 13,1905 Deathdate Mar.25,1983 Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees High School, Teaching, L.B.I., Deaconess, Nursing

Lang. study at Soatá, Boyacá w/Galdámez from Nov.11,1937 to late 1938

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

Visitation, nursing, Sunday School,) from April, 1939 to Aug. 1942
hosting, teaching day school, playing) from _____ and _____
organ for services, Field Secretary, etc.) from Dec., 1944 to June, 1946
Teacher at Inst. Bíblico-Cultural, Duitama from Aug., 1946 to Nov., 1947
 _____ from _____ to _____
 _____ from _____ to _____
 _____ from _____ to _____

(including as single worker)
 TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Nov. 11,1937 to Dec., 1947

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Naomi Larson</u>	<u>Apr. 7, 1941</u>		<u>Colombia; U.S.A.</u>
<u>Daniel Larson</u>	<u>Aug.(?),1942</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>" "</u>
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Other information you may want to include:

While Andrew was in Norway for most of 1947, Alma and Naomi moved to Duitama. There Alma taught at the I.B.C. Daniel had not returned with the others to Colombia in 1944. His cerebral palsy was best cared for by friends in the U.S. Florida became the Larson's home upon leaving Colombia. There Alma cared for Danny until he reached age 15 at which time he was placed in a nursing home. Two weeks later he contracted pneumonia and died.

SEE ALMA MONSON

Signed Siedur Morck Place Camrose, AB, Can. Date Sep.14, 1994
 by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

OCT
1939

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Full name HELEN A. DANIELSON

Birthdate Apr 7, 1910 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees High School?, Luth. Bible Inst., Minneapolis, MN
CELMOSA, 1939-1946; Un.Ev.Luth.Church, 1946-1960

Name of sending agency American Lutheran Church, 1960-1972

Soatá with Juan Galdámez from early 1940 to late 1940

Lang. study at Medellín, Presb.Lang.Sch. from Aug 1943 to Nov 1943

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

Bogotá (4 mo.), Soatá from Oct 1939 to Jan 1942

Duitama (about 2 yr.), Soatá from Jan 1942 to Apr 1945

Duitama, El Cocuy (3 mo.) from Jan 1947 to Dec 1948

Parpa (8 mo.) Tunja from Jan 1949 to Dec? 1951

Bogotá from Jan 1953 to Dec? 1956

1958 to 1971 memories are unclear and information scarce.

Bogotá, Chiscas, La Dorada and Tunja were places of residence.

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

Parishworker from 1940 to 1971

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Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

Consejo member from ? to ?

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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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Other information you may want to include:

Her Colombia ministry finished, Helen returned to the U.S. and did deputation for a year. She took business education in Miami, Fla. There she used her Spanish skills in work with a government agency dealing with Hispanic immigrants.

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Oct 1939 to 1972

Signed Hedra Marek Place Camrose AB Date Apr 17, 1995
(by person providing information) Canada

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

FEB
1940

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Full name Trygve Salte

Birthdate ^{N.M. June} 22, 1900 Deathdate Sept. 30, 1944 Citizenship Norway

Diplomas/degrees Attended Bible Schools in Norway - graduated from Lutheran
Brother Seminary

Name of sending agency Celmosa

Lang. study at Soata ^(with Juan Haldimay) from Feb, 1940 to ?

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Soata</u>	from <u>Feb, 1940</u>	to <u>May 1944</u>
<u>Duitama</u>	from <u>May 1944</u>	to <u>Sept. 1944</u>
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Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor</u>	from <u>1941</u>	to <u>1944</u>
<u>Evangelist</u>	from <u>1941</u>	to <u>1944</u>
<u>Teacher</u>	from <u>1941</u>	to <u>1944</u>
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Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>President of Field Committee</u>	from <u>1943</u>	to <u>1944</u>
<u>Director at Bible Institute (Duitama)</u>	from <u>May 1944</u>	to <u>Sept. 1944</u>
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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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Other information you may want to include:
Married Alvida Holmusk at Soata Dec 3, 1940
Daughter, Ragnhild, was born Nov. 5, 1941 in Socorro.
Died Sept. 30, 1944 of typhoid fever. (Duitama M.D. misdiagnosed malaria and too late switched treatment. After dying at home, Trygve was buried the next day at the Sagamoso public cemetery reserved for Non-Roman Catholics and suicides. - H. Morck Sept. 6, 1994)

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Feb. 1940 to Sept. 1944

Signed Ragnhild (Salte) Olsen Place 230 E. Emma Rd. Flanders, N.C. Date March 13, 1993
 (by person providing information) 07836 USA

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

DEC
1940

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Full name of wife Alvida (Holmvik) Salte

Birthdate Sept. 10, 1906 Deathdate — Citizenship US

Diplomas/degrees High School - Luth. Breth. School - 2 yrs. at Luth. Bible Institute in Mpls.

Lang. study at Soatá from Nov 18, 1938 to ?

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

<u>visitation</u>	from <u>1941</u>	to <u>1945</u>
<u>teaching school</u>	from <u>1941</u>	to <u>1944</u>
<u>teaching at Bible Institute (Quintana)</u>	from <u>May 1944</u>	to <u>?</u>
<u>leading Bible studies</u>	from <u>1941</u>	to <u>1945</u>
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(including as single worker) N.M.

TOTAL time serving CELMOSEA/IELCO: from Nov. 1938 to April of 1945

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Ragnhild (Salte) Olsen</u>	<u>Nov. 5, 1941</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>USA</u>
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Other information you may want to include:

Marrried Trygve Salte in Soatá Dec. 3, 1940

Daughter, Ragnhild, was born Nov 5, 1941 in Soatá.

PLEASE SEE: HOLMVIK DATA FORM 1938-40 PRIOR TO MARRIAGE. N.M.

PLEASE SEE: TRYGVE SALTE DATA FORM. N.M.

Signed Ragnhild (Salte) Olsen Place 230 Emmons Rd. Date March 13, 1993
by person providing information Flanders, N.J.
07836 USA

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

JUL
1941

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Full name of wife PHOEBE (ENGSTROM) QUANRUD

Birthdate circa 1906 Deathdate Mar 1946 Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees High School, and ??

Soatá, Duitama and

Lang. study at Bogotá with tutors from Sep 1941 to ?

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

I especially remember Phoebe's	from	to
<u>work with young Sunday School children.</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>
Her contribution included	from	to
<u>ladies' groups, visitation and hosting.</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>
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TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Jul 20, 1941 to Mar 1956

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Nathanael Quanrud</u>	<u>Mar 20 1944</u>	<u>Jul 21 1985</u>	<u>Col/USA</u>

Other information you may want to include:

On July 20, 1941, in her home congregation at McPherson, Kansas, Phoebe Engstrom married missionary Olger Quanrud.

In 1956, Phoebe became very ill with multiple myeloma. She was flown in March to Minneapolis where she died three days later.

Olger and Nathanael returned to Colombia that June. To attend an American school, Nat lived in Bogotá with Harold, Opal and Philip Olson.

When 14, Nat moved to Augustana Academy, Canton, S. Dakota. Miriam and Paul Olson, as well as Ruth Ostrem, preceded him there for their high school studies.

SEE OLGGER QUANRUD, NOV 1937

Signed Hedius Morck Place Camrose, AB Date Apr 14, 1995
by person providing information Canada

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MAR
1943

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Full name ELLA ELIZABETH HEERDE

Birthdate Jun 14, 1912 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees Graduate Lutheran Bible Inst., Minneapolis, MN
Graduate Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Canada (1942)

Name of sending agency Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of So. America
Presbyterian Language

Lang. study at School, Medellín, Col. from Aug 1943 to May 1944

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Duitama, Boyacá</u>	from <u>Mar 1943</u>	to <u>Aug 1943</u>
<u>Medellín, Antioquia</u>	from <u>Aug 1943</u>	to <u>May 1944</u>
<u>Soatá, Boyacá</u>	from <u>May 1944</u>	to <u>May? 1946</u>
<u>Duitama, Boyacá</u>	from <u>May? 1946</u>	to <u>Nov 1947</u>
<u>Parpa, Boyacá</u>	from <u>Jan 1949</u>	to <u>Mar 1950</u>
<u>Bogotá, D.E.</u>	from <u>Apr 1950</u>	to <u>?</u>
<u>Tunja, Boyacá</u>	from <u>? 1952</u>	to <u>?</u>
<u>El Cocuy Boyacá</u>	<u>? 1956</u>	<u>mid? 1957</u>

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Director and teacher at Girls' School, Soatá</u>	from <u>May 1944</u>	to <u>May? 1946</u>
<u>Teacher, Instituto Bíblico-Cultural</u>	from <u>May? 1946</u>	to <u>Nov 1947</u>
<u>Parish worker and practical nurse</u>	from <u>? 1949</u>	to <u>? 1957</u>
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Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>Field Conference Secretary</u>	from <u>1944</u>	to <u>1945</u>
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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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Other information you may want to include:

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TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from March, 1943 to 1957

Signed Theodor Morok Place Camrose, AB Date Apr 14, 1995
(by person providing information) Canada

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NOV
1943

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Full name HANS VIGEN THORESEN
 Birthdate FEB 29 1916 Deathdate Feb. 20, 1979 Citizenship U.S.
 Diplomas/degrees M. DIV. LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEM.
 Name of sending agency ELC Mission Board
 Lang. study at MEXICO CITY from Nov. '43 to May, 1944

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:
BOGOTA from Oct. '44 to Jan. '45
DUITAMA from Jan. 45 to LIAN (brief)
SOATA from Jan 45 to Jan 46
BOGOTA from Jan 46 to JUNE 46
DUITAMA from JUNE '46 to JUNE '48
 / from / to /
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Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):
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ALL OF THESE from 1944 to 1948
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Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):
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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):
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Other information you may want to include:
In 1946 from Feb to May Harold Olson, Arnfeld
Morck and Hans Thoresen made an
extensive tour through many Latin American
countries to observe and bring a recommendation
as to where our Lutheran Church should take
up work.

To Mission Board

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Nov. 1943 to June 1948
 Signed Hans J. Thoresen Place Willmar, MN Date 3-12-93
 (by person providing information) U.S.A. (over)

Hans Thoresen was
recognized by most of the
missionaries and by the Colombian
Christians as a real leader
in the beginnings of the Lutheran
Church in Colombia. He exhibited
vision, courage and faith in
helping to lay the foundation
of this new Mission.

Arene Thoresen

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

NOV
1943

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Full name of wife IRENE SLETTEN THORESEN

Birthdate Oct. 15, 1911 Deathdate _____ Citizenship U. S.

Diplomas/degrees B.A. from Augsburg College, Minneapolis MN

Lang. study at MEXICO CITY from NOV. '43 to MAY, 1944

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs, secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

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<u>All of the above</u>	from	<u>1944</u>	to	<u>1948</u>
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TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from 1943 to 1948

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>JIMMIE HANS HALE</u>	<u>12-13-44</u>	/	<u>Col./U.S.A.</u>
<u>JON SLETTEN</u>	<u>2-13-46</u>	/	<u>Col./U.S.A.</u>
<u>CHERYL SUSAN</u>	<u>9-25-48</u>	/	<u>U.S.A.</u>

Other information you may want to include:

I was a teacher at the Bible Institute while at Juitama.
Gave organ lessons to missionaries, to students.
I was asked by the Mission office in Mpls to be the Colombia Mission correspondent and subsequently the Mission group voted that I assume this project.

Signed Irene S. Thoresen Place Willmar, MN Date 3-12-93
 by person providing information

530 S.W. 5th St # 319
 MN 56201

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DEC
1943

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Full name Harold Leonard Olson

Birthdate June 10, 1908 Deathdate _____ Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees Diploma, Luth. Bible Inst, Mpls 1931, B.A. Concordia College, Moorhead, Mn. 1936, B. Th. Luther Seminary, St. Paul, 1940

Name of sending agency Norwegian Lutheran Church of America
Mexico City,

Lang. study at Universidad Obrera / from Dec. 1943 to Oct. 1944

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Tunja</u>	from <u>May 1, 1945</u>	to <u>Feb. 1946</u>
<u>El Cocuy</u>	from <u>Sept. 1946</u>	to <u>May 1949</u>
<u>Bogotá</u>	from <u>July 1950, 56</u>	to <u>1955, 1961</u>
<u>La Dorada</u>	from <u>1962</u>	to <u>1967</u>
<u>Sogamoso</u>	from <u>1968</u>	to <u>1972</u>
<u>Bogotá</u>	from <u>1972</u>	to <u>1973</u>
<u>Bucaramanga</u>	from <u>1973</u>	to <u>1977</u>

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor, S.S. & VBS teacher, Tunja</u>	from <u>May 1, 1945</u>	to <u>Feb. 1946</u>
<u>" " " " El Cocuy</u>	from <u>Sept. 1946</u>	to <u>May 1949</u>
<u>Teacher, Instituto B. Cultural</u>	from <u>July 1950</u>	to <u>Nov. 1950</u>
<u>Director, " " " "</u>	from <u>1951</u>	to <u>1955</u>
<u>" " " " " "</u>	from <u>1956</u>	to <u>1961</u>
<u>Pastor, S.S. & V.B.S. Teacher, La Dorada</u>	from <u>1962</u>	to <u>1967</u>
<u>" " " " Sogamoso</u>	from <u>1968</u>	to <u>1972</u>
<u>" " " " Bucaramanga</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1977</u>

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>Mission Superintendent</u>	from <u>1946</u>	to <u>1949</u>
<u>Mission Treas.</u>	from <u>1951</u>	to <u>1968?</u>
<u>IELCO Treas</u>	from <u>1958</u>	to <u>1968?</u>
<u>Consejo member</u>	from <u>1952</u>	to <u>1955</u>
<u>Consejo Adm. Provisional</u>	from <u>1954-55</u>	to <u>1956-58</u>
<u>Pres. of Mission Exec. Comm.</u>	from <u>1962</u>	to <u>1967?</u>
<u>Member- Junta (Fundadora) Seminario Augsburgu</u>	from <u>1960</u>	to <u>1968?</u>
<u>Pres. of Corporación Evangélica Andina</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1949</u>

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>Committee of Investigation- (other field)</u>	from <u>Feb. 1946</u>	to <u>May 1946</u>
<u>Building Committee -El Redentor, Annex,</u>	from <u>?</u>	to <u>?</u>
<u>Colegio Celco, Sogamoso</u>	from <u>?</u>	to <u>?</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
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<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>

Other information you may want to include:

Pastor, Sherwood, N. Dakota, 1940-43, Visitation Pastor, St. Matthew's Luth. Ch. 1978-1990, Official Observer Lutheran World Federation, Evion, France, 1970, Revisor of the official documents of the Corporación Evangélica Andina, before turning the direction of the Corporación to the IELCO, 1972-73.

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from 1943 to 1977

Signed Harold L. Olson Place St. Paul, Mn. Date Mar. 16, 1993
(by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

DEC
1943

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Full name of wife Opal B. Olson

Birthdate April 24, 1909 Deathdate _____ Citizenship U. S.

Diplomas/degrees High School, Bible School 1939-40

Lang. study at Universidad Obrera, Mexico from Dec. 1943 to Oct. 1944

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

El Cocuy, Visitation, S. S.	from Sept. 1946	to May 1949
Bogotá, Visitation, Ladies group, teaching	from 1950, 56	to 1955, 1961
La Dorada, Visitation, Women's work, S. S.	from 1962	to 1967
Sogamoso, Visitation, S.S., Women's group	from 1968	to 1972
Bucaramanga, Visitation, Women's group, S.S.	from 1973	to 1977
	from /	to /
	from /	to /

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from 1943 to 1977

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
Miriam Lois Olson	Dec. 20, 1940	/	U.S.
Paul Eugene Olson	June 16, 1942	/	U.S.
Philip Lawrence Olson	July 1, 1947	/	U. S.
Rebecca Ann Olson	Oct. 26, 1950	Jan. 1951	/

Other information you may want to include:

Signed Opal B. Olson Place St. Paul, Mn. Date March 18, 1993
 by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

DEC
1943

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Full name ARNFELD CHRISTIAN MORCK

Birthdate Feb.10,1913 Deathdate Feb.10, 1992 Citizenship Canadian

Dipl. Can.Lu.Bi.In,Camrose,1937; Dipl.Tr.Th.Sem,Blair,1943; B.A.Dana Col,Blair,1950;
Diplomas/degrees B.D.Tr.Th.Sem,Blair,1950 changed to M.Div by Wa.Th.Sem,Dubuque

Name of sending agency United Ev.Lu.Church in America 1943-1960; American ¹⁹⁷⁷
Luth.Church 1960-1966; Ev.Luth.Church of Canada 1970-1982

Lang. study at Univers.Obrera, Mex.City from Dec., 1943 to Aug., 1944

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:
Bogotá, Duitama, Bogotá from Dec 1, 1944 to Jul 23, 1949
Medellín after 3 mo. in Bog. from Dec 1950 to Oct 28, 1954
Bogotá from Oct 25, 1955 to Aug 30, 1960
Bogotá from Oct 6, 1961 to May 31, 1966
Bogotá from Aug 1, 1970 to Jun 28, 1976
Bogotá for 3 2-mo. stints from Oct 6, 1976 to Jul 4, 1977
Bogotá for Seminars from Jul 13, 1980 to Aug 25, 1980

Job title (eg:Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):
Pastor, Educator, Evangelist from 1945 to 1977
Director/Teacher: Instituto Bíblico-Cultural 1945-1949, 1955-1956 and 1962-1964
Direc/Writer/Translator/Editor: Lit.Program from 1946 to 1966
Director/Author: SELITE (Servicio Luterano
de Instrucción Teológica por Extension) from 1971 to 1977
Director of Evangelism from 1974 to 1976
Author for SELITE self-teaching study guides from 1977 to 1982

Exec. positions held (eg:Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):
Secretary, CELMOSA from 1946 to 1949
Superintendent, CELMOSA 1951-1954 and 1956-1958
President, Col. Luth. Assn. of Missionaries 1958-1960, 1961-1966 and 1971-1976
Presidente,Consejo Admin.Prov. de Cong.Lut. from 1954 to 1958
Presidente, Iglesia Ev.Lut. - Sínodo de Col. 1958-1960 and 1961-1966
Miembro, Consejo de la IEL-SC from 1971 to 1976
from to

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):
Investig: Where in S.Am. is ELC/UELC most needed? Feb., 1946 to May, 1946
Education from 1946 to 1966
Literature: Colombia and Hispanic America 1946-1966 and 1970-1976
Hymnal/Service bks: Col.+Inter-Luth Hispanic from 1948 to 1964
Building: churches + schools, intermit from 1952 to 1966
Luth. Sem. Boards: Argentina and Mexico from 1955 to 1966
Co-Extensión/ALISTE: Hisp. TEE resources from 1972 to 1976
Evangelism from 1974 to 1976

Other information you may want to include: SEE: IRENE (NORRE) MORCK SEP 1944
ACM's ministry grew from his Danish, Lutheran, Albertan, farming roots. A hymn-writer and photographer, he also designed an IEL-SC river boat. A frequent traveller, ACM represented CELMOSA/IEL-SC in the Americas and supervised the work in Colombia. His "bridge-building" included Roman Catholics like Camilo Torres. ACM also served Luth + other foreigners in Col. Developing local leadership/support was a main goal.

Excluding 3yr. leave of absence for family reasons while teaching at CLBT
TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Dec. 1943 to Dec 31, 1982

Signed Hildur Morck Place Camrose, AB Date Apr 18, 1995
(by person providing information) Canada

SEE: HILDUR THORIKILSON MAY 1947
SEE: HILDUR (THORIKILSON) MORCK JAN 1948

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

SEP
1944

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Full name of wife IRENE (NORRE) MORCK

Birthdate Oct 3, 1921 Deathdate May 15, 1946 Citizenship Canadian

Diplomas/degrees Diploma, Dickson High School, 1940
Some courses Canadian Luth. Bible Inst., Camrose, 1942?

Lang. study at Bogotá, Duitama, Bogotá from Dec 1944 to (?) 1946
(with tutors)

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

Music leadership was a major contribution along with some Sunday School teaching.	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Sep 10, 1944 to May 15, 1946

→ SEE ARNFELD CHRISTIAN MORCK DEC 1943

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Agnes Louise (Morck) Hoveland</u>	<u>Aug 12, 1945</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Col/Can</u>

→ SEE: HILDUR THORKILDSON MAY 1947: HILDUR (THORKILDSON) MORCK JAN 1948

Other information you may want to include:

Morcks(1917) and Norres(1921) settled in Dickson, Alberta. Bethany, oldest(1903) Danish Luth. cong.in western Can, was church home to 10 Morck and 3 Norre siblings.

After helping her mother recover from cancer surgery, Irene was free to marry Arnfeld in Dickson Sep 10, 1944. He had returned from Spanish studies in Mexico.

Irene's health in Nov 1945 became a cyclical question. Canadian immunization apparently failed against a flu-like disease, probably diphtheria. In Feb 1946, Irene felt somewhat better and wanted Arnfeld to travel with Harold Olson and Hans Thoresen on the South America needs investigation. He then agreed to go. During the men's absence, Irene and Agnes lived in Bogotá with Opal Olson, Irene Thoresen, and their children in Bogotá.

Unexpectedly, Irene's health worsened. While Arnfeld was trying to rush back from Brazil, she suddenly died. After the Bogotá funeral, Arnfeld arranged for her body to be flown unaccompanied to Calgary for burial in Dickson, June 1946.

Arnfeld's 18-yr-old sister, Ella, volunteered almost immediately to leave Dickson to care for Agnes in Colombia. She finally arrived Jan 1947 with their father. Ella's offer and presence thru Oct 1948 was vital in ACM's loss, continued service and remarriage.

Signed Hildur Morck Place Camrose, AB Date Apr. 15, 1995
by person providing information Canada

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

SEP
1946

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Full name JOYCE W. BERGH

Birthdate Apr. 22/116 Deathdate _____ Citizenship CANADIAN

Diplomas/degrees B.A. TEACHER EDUCATION - 5 years

Name of sending agency NORWEGIAN L. CHURCH OF AMERICA 1946
became ALB

Lang. study at MEDELLIN from Oct. 46 to Aug. 47

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>TUNJA</u>	from	<u>Aug. 47</u>	to	<u>Dec. 47</u>
<u>DUITAMA</u>	from	<u>Jan. 48</u>	to	<u>Oct. 48</u>
<u>EL COCUY</u>	from	<u>Oct. 48</u>	to	<u>Dec. 48</u>
<u>BOGOTA</u>	from	<u>JAN 49</u>	to	<u>Nov. 57</u>
<u>TUNJA</u>	from	<u>NOV 57</u>	to	<u>JAN 60</u>
<u>SDGAMOSO</u>	from	<u>JAN. 63</u>	to	<u>JUNE 70</u>
	from		to	

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>PARISH WORKER. TUNJA</u>	from	<u>Aug 47</u>	to	<u>DEC. 47</u>
<u>TEACHER IBC DUITAMA</u>	from	<u>JAN 48</u>	to	<u>Oct. 48</u>
<u>EL COCUY - finish off Teacher candidates</u>	from	<u>Oct 48</u>	to	<u>Nov. 48</u>
<u>BOGOTA - TEACHER DEAN OF GIRLS</u>	from	<u>DEC. 49</u>	to	<u>NOV. 57</u>
<u>MEDELLIN - MUSIC STUDENT WORK.</u>	from	<u>NOV. 52</u>	to	<u>Dec 52</u>
<u>TUNJA - PARISH WORKER, Principal Pelco</u>	from	<u>NOV. 57</u>	to	<u>JAN. 60</u>
<u>SDGAMOSO - PRINCIPAL, TEACHER Pelco</u>	from	<u>JAN. 63</u>	to	<u>JUNE 70</u>

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>CONSEJO MEMBER</u>	from		to	
<u>(don't remember dates)</u>	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>Education committee</u>	from		to	
<u>(don't remember dates - much of the times)</u>	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	

Other information you may want to include:

Music was my big love. I gave lessons (money spent on needy students). Man did well. e.g. Dr. Jorge Corzo Srta. Cely Emma Ruiz. etc. I started choirs in IBC, EL REDENTOR, BOGOTA; male quartette, Bogota; In congregation + Pelco School, Sogamoso; We presented many CANTAS, I was organist all my years

excluding leave of absence Jan 1960 - Jan 1963

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Sept. 46 to Jun 1970 **OVER**

Signed Joyce W. Bergh Place Calgary Date Aug. 16/94
(by person providing information)

I was home for illness 1960 June
Till 1963 Jan.

In 1960 Jan. I resigned from mission.
Taught English in Bogota ^{Jan 1960 - June 1960}
when I went home. Taught at LCB I,
Outlook, Sask. from Sept. 1960 to Dec 1962.
During July & Aug. of 1961 and 62 I
worked as parish assistant with the
Valley Migrant Mission of the Lutheran
Churches of the Red River Valley, U.S.A.
Rev. Loren L. Spalding, Fargo, was director
of this mission. Mr. & Mrs. Sanford Haugen
of Laredo Texas were co workers.

I spent 22 yrs. as a missionary in
Colombia (give or take a few months)

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NOV
1946

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Full name Roy Kenneth Malde

Birthdate Oct. 28, 1912 Deathdate Dec. 14, 1990 Citizenship U.S.

Diplomas/degrees BA. Augsburg College BTh. Luther Seminary

Name of sending agency Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lang. study at Medellin from Nov. '46 to June '47

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Tunja</u>	from <u>June '47</u>	to <u>Oct. 1949</u>
<u>Bogota</u>	from <u>Nov. '49</u>	to <u>July, 1950</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor</u>	from	to
<u>Evangelist</u>	from <u>June '47</u>	to <u>July '50</u>
<u>Teacher</u>	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>Treasurer</u>	from <u>?</u>	to <u>Nov., 1949</u>
<u>Superintendent</u>	from <u>Nov., 1949</u>	to <u>July, 1950</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>Building - Tunja Chapel</u>	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Other information you may want to include:

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TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Nov. '46 to July '50

Signed Selma G. Malde Place Cupertino, CA Date Mar. 2, 1993
(by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

NOV
1946

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Full name of wife Selma Berthine Overvold Malde
 Birthdate May 4, 1912 Deathdate Citizenship US
 Diplomas/degrees High School, Lutheran Bible Institute
 Lang. study at Medellin from Nov. '46 to June '47

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

<u>Sunday School, ladies groups</u>	from	<u>June '47</u>	to	<u>Oct., 1949</u>
<u>hosting in Tunja</u>	from	<u> </u>	to	<u> </u>
<u>and in Bogota</u>	from	<u>Nov. '49</u>	to	<u>July, 1950</u>
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	
	from		to	

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Nov. '46 to July '50

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Carolyn Rachel Malde Kees</u>	<u>Nov. 17, '43</u>	<u> </u>	<u>US</u>
<u>Mary Elizabeth Malde Brannock</u>	<u>Mar. 16, '45</u>	<u> </u>	<u>US</u>
<u>Mark Richard Malde</u>	<u>Mar. 16, '45</u>	<u>Aug. 10, '66</u>	<u>US</u>
<u>Susan Ruth Malde-Zoradi</u>	<u>June 20, '52</u>	<u> </u>	<u>US</u>

Other information you may want to include:

Signed Selma O. Malde Place Cupertino, CA. Date Mar. 2, 1993^m
 by person providing information

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NOV?
1946

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Full name GULDSETH, Gustav

Birthdate c 1900 Deathdate ? Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees Medical Doctor

Name of sending agency Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lang. study at Medellín, Colombia from Nov., 1946 to April, 1947(?)

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Medellín</u>	from <u>Nov., 1946</u>	to <u>Jan., 1947</u>
<u>Duitama and travels</u>	from <u>Jan. 1947</u>	to <u>Feb., 1947(?)</u>
<u>Medellín</u>	from <u>Feb. 1947</u>	to <u>Apr., 1947(?)</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Medical doctor (see below)</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
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<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>

Other information you may want to include:

Dr. Gustav Guldseth, former medical missionary to China, studied Spanish at the Presbyterian Language School in Medellín, then travelled to Boyacá for the CELMOSA Annual Missionary Conference in January, 1947. After that he and Pastor Arnfeld Morck travelled to Casanare to study possibilities for a medical center at LaAguada. Because of government restrictions, he was unable to fulfill this dream and returned to his home and family in South Dakota where he continued in private practice.

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Nov., 1946 to April 1947(?)

Signed Hiedur Morck Place Camrose, AB Date Oct. 7, 1994
(by person providing information) Canada

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FEB
1947

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Full name Belva Marie Nerlien

Birthdate Jan. 27, 1918 Deathdate ? Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees B.A. St. Olaf College

Name of sending agency The American Lutheran Church (ELC before)

Lang. study at Sp. Lang School, Medellin from Feb 20, '47 to Nov. 20, '47

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

(Rev. Roy Madsen) Tunja (VBS) Dec, 1947 from _____ to _____
Duitama (IBC) from Jan., 1948 to Oct., 1948
 " " Tunja (VBS etc.) from Oct., 1948 to Jan., 1949
Bogotá (IBC) from Jan., 1949 to July, 1951
Medellin (Literature) from July, 1952 to July, 1953
 (Pastor Octavio López) Tunja (Parish work) from July, 1954 to July, 19, 1957
 (Rev. Pascual Wilches) Bogotá {1/2 time: P.W. & IBS tchr.} from July, 1958 to July 2, 1963

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

Teacher	from	1948	to	1951
" (1/2 time)	from	1958	to	1963
Parish worker	from	1954	to	1957
" (1/2 time)	from	1958	to	1963
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

Consejo member	from	?	to	?
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
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/	from	/	to	/
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/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Other information you may want to include:

During some of my vacations, I became acquainted with village, rural and plains work.
It has been a great pleasure to revisit the places where I worked: in 1966 - summer - to take care of my things & move to Isla U.
in 1981 for an "asamblea" in 1983 to Bucaramanga, El Cocuy, Carrizal -

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Feb 20, 1947 to July 1, 1963 (over)

Signed Belva M. Nerlien Place Hillsboro MO Date Mar. 2, 1993
 (by person providing information) 63050

Sogamoso, Tunja + Bogotá; again in 1990 with extensive visiting
+ gatherings in Bogotá, and then at the beginning of 1993
when I (also) revisited Sogamoso + Tunja as well as Bogotá.

I include these visits only to express my gratitude to my
dear, kind + hospitable Colombian + missionary friends.

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MAR?
1947

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Full name VIRGINIA ANTONSEN

Birthdate 6/28/17 Deathdate Mar., 1983 Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees High School; attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis

Name of sending agency Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis
Presbyterian Lang. School

Lang. study at Medellín, Colombia from 1943 to ?

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Medellín (with L.W.C.)*</u>	from <u>1943</u>	to <u>April, 1947</u>
<u>Duitama, Boyacá (with ELC)</u>	from <u>Mar? 1947</u>	to <u>Oct., 1948</u>
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Matron and teacher at Inst. Bíblico Cultural</u>	from <u>Mar? 1947</u>	to <u>Oct., 1948</u>
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Other information you may want to include:

Pastor Maurice H. Sand was President of the CELMOSA Association in the U.S. from its inception (June 20, 1936) to June, 1939, and then member of the General Council of Celmosa until March, 1940. He also became involved in the development of the Lutheran World Crusade.*

In 1943, along with his wife, 3 children and Virginia Antonsen, (see back side) →

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Mar? 1947 to Oct., 1948

Signed Hedur Morck Place Comrose, AB Date Oct. 5, 1994
(by person providing information) Canada

Sand targetted Medellin to begin a sister mission to the CELMOSA field. When his mother died in 1946, Sand returned with his family to the United States.

Virginia Antonsen operated a school for children of Americans as a means of living and a way to witness. She also provided board and room for Lutheran missionaries studying at the Presbyterian Language School in Medellin. While there, LWC merged with World Mission Prayer League in 1945.

CELMOSA called Virginia in conjunction with a visit to their Annual Conference in 1947. She was an accomplished cellist. Health concerns prevented her return to Colombia after furlough. In 1955, after working with the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement in Minneapolis, she married Oliver Wennblom of Alcester, South Dakota.

(Information on Maurice Sand, the Lutheran World Crusade and World Mission Prayer League obtained from: THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS MOVING by Mildred Tengbom, W.M.P.L., 1985, and THE LATIN AMERICAN LUTHERAN MISSION, 1936-1986, Edited by Arnold M. Hedin.)

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MAY
1947

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Full name HILDUR THORKILDSON

Birthdate Sep 24, 1918 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA/Canadian(1944)

Diplomas/degrees ^{Silverton 1936} H.S., ^{Salem 1938} Capital Bus. College, ¹⁹⁴⁵ Luth. Bible Inst. (Minneapolis)

Name of sending agency Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN
Presbyterian Lang. School

Lang. study at Medellín, Colombia from Aug 1946 to Jul 1947

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Medellín, Antioquia</u>	from <u>Aug 1946</u>	to <u>Jul 1947</u>
<u>Duitama, Boyacá</u>	from <u>Jul 1947</u>	to <u>Aug 1947</u>
<u>La Aguada, Casanare</u>	from <u>Aug 1947</u>	to <u>Aug 1947</u>
<u>El Cocuy, Boyacá</u>	from <u>Sep 1947</u>	to <u>Dec 26, 1947</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Vacation Bible School material developer</u>	from <u>Jul 1947</u>	to <u>Aug 1947</u>
<u>Vacation Bible School teacher at La Aguada</u>	from <u>Aug 1947</u>	to <u>Aug 1947</u>
<u>DVBS teacher/parish worker at El Cocuy</u>	from <u>Sep 1947</u>	to <u>Dec 26, 1947</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

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<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
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<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
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<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	from <u>/</u>	to <u>/</u>

Other information you may want to include:
World Mission Prayer League (Minneapolis) called me to be secretary to their Bolivia Field Director, Ernest Weinhardt, at La Paz, Bolivia. He died Sept. 1946, and his replacement felt no need for a called secretary. While at language school, I studied with a number of CELMOSA missionaries. Invited to their Jan., 1947, conference at Duitama, I served as volunteer typist. (Cont'd on back side)

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TOTAL time serving/CELMOSA/IELCO: from May, 1947 to Jan 5, 1948

Signed Hildur Morck Place Camrose, AB Date Nov. 17, 1994
 (by person providing information) Canada

Having providentially been granted a resident (not student) visa without requesting it, and with consultation and encouragement of others, I was led to wait for a call from the Evangelical Lutheran Church to remain in Colombia. This was received and accepted in May, 1947.

I married Pastor Arnfeld C. Morck on January 5, 1948. See DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IEL-SC - HILDUR (THORKILDSON) MORCK JAN 1948.

SEE: ARNFELD CHRISTIAN MORCK DEC 1943

SEE: IRENE (NORRE) MORCK SEP 1944

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

LATE
1947

Please type or print. Where items do not apply, try N/A or a slash. Please be as accurate as possible with dates (at least month/year) and other info. Use other side of page if needed.

Full name THEODORE MENDENHALL

Birthdate 9/24/20 Deathdate May, 1992 Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees H.S.; Augsburg College, B.A.; Luther Seminary, M.Div.

Name of sending agency Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN
Presbyterian Language School

Lang. study at Medellín, Colombia from late 1947 to late 1948

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Medellín, Antioquia, Col.</u>	from <u>late 1947</u>	to <u>late 1948</u>
<u>Chiscas, Boyacá</u>	from <u>Jan., 1949</u>	to <u>10/26/49</u>
<u>Bogotá</u>	from <u>Nov., 1949</u>	to <u>July, 1951</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor</u>	from <u>Jan., 1949</u>	to <u>Oct. 26, 1949</u>
<u>Pastor</u>	from <u>Nov., 1949</u>	to <u>July, 1951</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>Mission Treasurer</u>	from <u>Nov., 1949</u>	to <u>July, 1951</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Other information you may want to include:
Religious-political violence drove the Mendenhalls out of Chiscas by horseback with soldier escorts at night. Frustrated by more than a year of uncertainty as to the future of the Mission in the rural areas, and with no clear mandate for Bogotá, the family returned to minister in the United States.

(This form filled out by Hildur Morck after the death of Pastor and Mrs. Mendenhall. Former missionary, Selma Malde, provided most of the information.)

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from late 1947 to July, 1951

Signed Hildur Morck Place Camrose, AB Canada Date Sep. 14, 1994
 (by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

LATE
1947

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Full name of wife MENDENHALL, Dolores (Mrs. Theodore Mendenhall)

Birthdate circa 1920 Deathdate Dec., 1992 Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees High School (??)
Presbyterian Language School

Lang. study at Medellin, Colombia from late 1947 to late 1948

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs
secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

<u>S.S., ladies' groups, hosting</u>	from <u>1949</u>	to <u>July, 1951</u>
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from late 1947 to July, 1951

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Karen Marie Mendenhall</u>	<u>July 12, 1945?</u>		<u>U.S.A.</u>
<u>Sylvia Jean Mendenhall</u>	<u>Oct. 4, 1947?</u>		<u>U.S.A.</u>
<u>Judith Anne</u>	<u>Jan. 23, 1950</u>		<u>Colombia/U.S.A.</u>
<u>Joan Kaye</u>	<u>Jan. 16, 1952</u>		<u>U.S.A.</u>
<u>Linda Dee</u>	<u>July 19, ??</u>		<u>U.S.A.</u>

Other information you may want to include:

(This data form was filled out by Hildur Morck after the death of Pastor and Mrs. Mendenhall. Former missionary, Selma Malde, provided most of the information.)

Signed Hildur Morck Place Camrose, AB Date Sept. 15,
by person providing information Canada 1994

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

**JAN
1948**

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Full name of wife HILDUR (THORKILDSON) MORCK

Birthdate Sep 24, 1918 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA/Canadian(1944)

Diplomas/degrees Salem (OR), 1938; Dipl, Luth. Bible Inst., Mpls (MN), 1945
Presbyterian Language

Lang. study at School, Medellin from Aug 1946 to Jul 1947

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):
Critiqued/Typed/Duplicated hymns, letters, documents, articles, periodicals, books and study guides as ACM's personal secretary from Jan 1948 to Dec 1982
Hosted international and local guests from Apr 1948 to Jun 1976
Organized support groups for Ment. Challenged from 1963 to May 1966
Directed El Redentor choir for ages 8-14 from Feb ? 1963 to Apr? 1966
Encouraged women's Bible and prayer groups from late 1955 to Jun 1976
Visited/counselled occasionally from late 1955 to Jun 1976

excluding as single worker 1947-1948 and leave of absence 1967-1970
TOTAL time/serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Jan 5, 1948 to Dec 31, 1982

SEE: HILDUR THORKILDSON MAY 1947

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
Agnes Louise (Morck) Hoveland See	(NORRE) DATA	N/A	Col/Can
Alice Evodia (Morck) Lindstrand	Nov 14, 1949	N/A	USA/Can
Anita Lucile (Morck) Foged	Jan 3, 1951	N/A	USA/Can
Frederick Luther Morck	Oct 30, 1958	N/A	Col/USA/Can
Robert Johan Morck	Feb 29, 1960	N/A	Col/USA/Can

SEE: IRENE (NORRE) MORCK SEP 1944

SEE: ARNFELD C. MORCK DEC 1943

Other information you may want to include:
All the children contributed to hospitality, church life, deputation and mission.
The four eldest were confirmed at El Redentor, Bogotá. Two stayed longest: Alice thru Gr.10, Fred thru Gr.11. They were most involved in music, Sunday School and youth. Fred also accompanied ACM on SELITE trips and guided international guests in Bogotá.
Relational and educational needs led each child to leave Colombia as teenagers. ACM's leave of absence (1967-70) and return to Canada (1976) responded especially to Robert. He was born with Down's Syndrome.
 A.C.Morck often affirmed, "I'm working myself out of a job." To date, each child remains in service to God in Canada. Still, Colombia is remembered with emotion.

Signed Hildur Morck Place Camrose, AB Date Apr 18, 1995
 by person providing information Canada

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

MAR
1948

Please type or print. Where items do not apply, try N/A or a slash. Please be as accurate as possible with dates (at least month/year) and other info. Use other side of page if needed.

Full name Joseph L. Walla

Birthdate 7-27-14 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees College: BS Seminary: CTH

Name of sending agency ELC & UELC
Am. School

Lang. study at Medellin, Colombia from 3-19-48 to 2-27-49

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Medellin</u>	from <u>3-19-48</u>	to <u>2-27-49</u>
<u>Bogota</u>	from <u>2-28-49</u>	to <u>3-14-51</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

	from	to
<u>Director & Teacher</u>	from <u>2-28-49</u>	to <u>3-14-51</u>
<u>of the Institute</u>	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

	from	to
/	from	to
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/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Other information you may want to include:

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from March '48 to March '51

Signed J. L. Walla Place Spokane, WA Date 4-16-93
(by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

MAR
1948

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Full name of wife Alice S. Walla

Birthdate 9-3-11 Deathdate 11-15-91 Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees Registered Nurse

Lang. study at Medellín, Colombia from 3-19-48 to 2-27-49

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

	from	to
	from	to
She was Institute nurse and	from	to
taught classes in Hygiene	from <u>2-28-49</u>	to <u>3-14-51</u>
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from March '48 to March '51

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>None</u>			

Other information you may want to include:

Signed A. S. Walla Place Spokane, WA Date 4-16-93
by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

JUL 1948

Please type or print. Where items do not apply, try N/A or a slash. Please be as accurate as possible with dates (at least month/year) and other info. Use other side of page if needed.

Full name JOHAN A. BERGH

Birthdate 7-11-22 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees BA. C.H. MA.

Name of sending agency E.L.C.

Lang. study at Medellin from July 48 to Jan 49

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Medellin</u>	from <u>July 48</u>	to <u>Jan 49</u>
<u>Bogota</u>	from <u>Jan 49</u>	to <u>July 50</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor</u>	from <u>Jan 49</u>	to <u>July 50</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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/	from	to

Other information you may want to include:
During a period of persecution the Mission decided two families should return to USA. Since my card was being held up by the foreign office, we were chosen to leave. I taught at St. Olaf College that year with plans to return to Colombia. However, two more families were sent out of Colombia since

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from July 1948 to July 1950

Signed Johan A. Bergh Place Applg FL Date 5-21-93
 (by person providing information)

The situation there had not improved. I then accepted a call to a congregation in the USA.

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

JUL
1948

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Full name of wife ANITA BREDOW BERGH

Birthdate 3-19-24 Deathdate — Citizenship U.S.A

Diplomas/degrees B.A. - SOCIOLOGY, RELIGION; MA, EDUCATION

Lang. study at MEDELLIN from JULY 48 to JAN 49

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

	from	to
<u>VISITATION</u>	/	/
<u>HOSTING</u>	/	/
<u>LADIES GROUPS</u>	/	/
	/	/
	/	/
	/	/
	/	/

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from July 1948 to July 1950

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>SOLVEIG MARIE BERGH (BARNES)</u>	<u>9-9-49</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
<u>PAUL EDWIN BERGH</u>	<u>7-30-51</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
<u>JUANITA CHRISTINE BERGH (SCHEFLER)</u>	<u>10-7-54</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
<u>JOHAN A.A. BERGH</u>	<u>12-6-55</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>U.S.</u>

Other information you may want to include:

DAUGHTER SOLVEIG, born in COLOMBIA, IS A HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH TEACHER
WE HAD MANY VISITS FROM COLOMBIANS AND MISSIONARIES THE FIRST YEARS UPON RETURN TO U.S. - PARISH SERVED IN BROOKLYN, NY
IN LATE 70'S, JORGE CORZO VISITED US IN OUR HOME, TOLEDO, OH.
WE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH JOYCE BERGH, 2nd COUSIN.
HERE IN ORLANDO, FL., retired, we have occasion to USE Spanish.

Signed Anita Bergh Place Orlando, FL Date 5-20-93
 by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

FALL
1948

Please type or print. Where items do not apply, try N/A or a slash. Please be as accurate as possible with dates (at least month/year) and other info. Use other side of page if needed.

Full name Helen VALBORG Torkelson
Helen Valborg Torkelson

Birthdate 12/3/23 Deathdate N/A Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees Nursing diploma - Lic. midwife

Name of sending agency American Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lang. study at Medellin, Colombia from Fall 1948 to (mid) 1949
^{July(?)}

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>PARPA</u>	from <u>1949</u>	to <u>Match 1950</u>
<u>Bogota</u>	from <u>April 1950</u>	to <u>2</u>
<u>TUNJA</u>	from <u>1952</u>	to <u>?</u>
<u>El Cocuy</u>	from <u>1956</u>	to <u>1957</u>
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>NURSE - parish worker</u>	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Other information you may want to include:

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Fall 1948 to 1957

Signed Valborg Torkelson Place Chula Vista, Ca Date 3-19-93
(by person providing information)

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

JAN?
1954

Please type or print. Where items do not apply, try N/A or a slash. Please be as accurate as possible with dates (at least month/year) and other info. Use other side of page if needed.

Full name CORNELIA JENSEN

Birthdate 10/24/02 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees ? High ? School, Teacher's Certif.; Lutheran Bible Inst., Minneapolis

Name of sending agency Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lang. study at Medellín, Colombia from Dec? 1946 to ?

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:
 * Medellín (with Co-Laborers) from Dec? 1946 to Dec? 1953
Medellín (with Celmosa) from Jan? 1954 to Dec? 1955
Bogotá from Jan? 1955 to Dec? 1959
Sogamoso from Jan? 1959 to Dec? 1970

Note: No record has been found in the files from / to /
 regarding Jensen's furloughs. She from / to /
 may have taken short furloughs between from / to /
 school terms.

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):
English teacher and youth worker from Jan? 1954 to Dec? 1955
Teacher - Inst. Bíblico-Cultural from Jan? 1955 to Dec? 1959
Director - Colegio Celco from Jan? 1959 to Dec? 1964
Teacher - Colegio Celco from Jan? 1964 to Dec? 1970
 / from / to /
 / from / to /
 / from / to /

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):
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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):
Education Committee from ? to ?
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 / from / to /

Other information you may want to include:
 * Miss Jensen originally went to Colombia on call from Lutheran "Co-Laborers" to teach at the English-language "Columbus School" in Medellín. While there she participated in the student ministry that Celmosa missionaries were involved in and eventually accepted a call from the ELC to work with that mission in Colombia.

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Jan? 1954 to Dec? 1970

Signed Vidur Morok Place Camrose, AB Date Oct. 5, 1994
 (by person providing information) Canada

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

FEB?
1963

Please type or print. Where items do not apply, try N/A or a slash. Please be as accurate as possible with dates (at least month/year) and other info. Use other side of page if needed.

Full name Arlene Voelz
 Birthdate Nov. 28/34 Deathdate N/A Citizenship U.S.A.
 Diplomas/degrees Bachelors Degree in Education
 Name of sending agency American Lutheran Church
 Lang. study at Univ. Los Andes from Sept to Nov. 1963

Town/city of residence ^{Bogota.} while in Colombia:
Bogota from 1960 to 1962
(before Missionary from to
Service as a teacher from to
in Nueva Granada) from to
Bogota from 1963 to 1964
Sogamoso from 1965 to 1966
from to

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):
Teacher - Bible Institute from 1963 to 1964
Teacher - High School from 1965 to 1966
~~_____ from _____ to _____~~
~~_____ from _____ to _____~~
~~_____ from _____ to _____~~
~~_____ from _____ to _____~~

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):
Treas - National Youth Group from 1961 to 1962
(Castilla, Fuenle) from to
Education Director for the from 1964 to 1966
National Church. from to
~~_____ from _____ to _____~~
~~_____ from _____ to _____~~

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):
Educational Committee from 1964 to 1966
Scholarship Committee from " to "
Sunday School Supt. from 1965 to 1966
~~_____ from _____ to _____~~
~~_____ from _____ to _____~~
~~_____ from _____ to _____~~

Other information you may want to include:

→ See ARLENE VOELZ PAVASARS DEC 1966
 → See VIESTURS PAVASARS JUL 1966

as a single worker
 TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from 1963 to 1966
 Signed Arlene J. Pavasars Place Bogota Date March 22/93
 (by person providing information)

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

AUG
1963

Please type or print. Where items do not apply, try N/A or a slash. Please be as accurate as possible with dates (at least month/year) and other info. Use other side of page if needed.

Full name Rev. Marlayne LeRoy Jacobson ("Mario")

Birthdate 07-05-37 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees B.A., B.D., M.A.

Name of sending agency ALC

Lang. study at San Jose, Costa Rica from Aug. 1963 to Aug. 1964

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

Sogamoso	from Aug. 1964	to Oct. 1966
Bogota	from Oct. 1966	to Aug. 1968
Bogota	from Aug. 1969	to June 1972
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

Pastor	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

Treasurer of the mission	from 1970	to 1970
Director of SELITE	from 1971	to 1971
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

Evangelism + Parish Education	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /
/	from /	to /

Other information you may want to include:

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from August 1963 to July 1972

Signed M.L. Jacobson Place Plano, IL Date 12/19/93
 (by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

AUG
1963

Please type or print. Where items do not apply, try N/A or a slash. Please be as accurate as possible with dates (at least month/year) and other info. Use other side of page if needed.

Full name of wife Karen Marie Jacobson

Birthdate 11-17-39 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees B.S. in Nursing

Lang. study at San Jose, Costa Rica from Aug. 1963 to Aug. 1964

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs, secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work): (Hosting, Visiting, Secretarial (as needed) 8-63-6-72)

<u>substitute pianist/organist</u>		from <u>9-64</u>	to <u>9-66</u>
<u>substitute organist</u>		from <u>1-67</u>	to <u>8-68</u>
	and	from <u>8-69</u>	to <u>6-72</u>
<u>ladies groups</u>		from <u>9-64</u>	to <u>9-66</u>
	and	from <u>1-67</u>	to <u>8-68</u>
	and	from <u>8-69</u>	to <u>6-72</u>
<u>Sunday School</u>		from <u>1-67</u>	to <u>8-68</u>
	and	from <u>8-69</u>	to <u>6-72</u>
Choir		from <u>1-67</u> to <u>8-68</u> & <u>8-69</u> to <u>6-71</u>	
TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO:		from <u>8-1963</u>	to <u>6-1972</u>

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Beth Ann Jacobson</u>	<u>11-29-63</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>USA</u>
<u>Martin LeRoy Jacobson</u>	<u>09-28-65</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>USA</u>
<u>Amy Sue Jacobson</u>	<u>03-22-68</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>USA</u>
/	/	/	/
/	/	/	/

Other information you may want to include:

Signed Karen M. Jacobson Place Plano, Illinois Date 11-02-93
 by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IRLCO

AUG
1963

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Full name WALTER ORLANDO LUDWIGSEN

Birthdate Jun 19, 1931 Deathdate Apr 24, 1984 Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees Dana Colleage, Blair, Neb; Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

Name of sending agency American Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lang. study at San José, Costa Rica from Aug 1963 to Aug 1964

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Chiscas, Boyacá</u>	from	<u>Aug 1964</u>	to	<u>Apr? 1965</u>
<u>Bogotá, D.E.</u>	from	<u>Apr? 1965</u>	to	<u>mid 1968</u>
<u>Tunja, Boyacá</u>	from	<u>Oct 1969</u>	to	<u>May 1972</u>
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor</u>	from	<u>Aug 1964</u>	to	<u>May 1972</u>
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>President, IEL-SC</u>	from	<u>mid? 1967?</u>	to	<u>mid? 1968</u>
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>??</u>	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Other information you may want to include:

Walter died from Hodgkin's Disease after serving several years as parish pastor at Capron, Illinois.

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Aug 1963 to May, 1972

Signed Walter Morck Place Camrose, AB Date Apr 25, 1995
(by person providing information) Canada

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

AUG
1964

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Full name Rev. Wilmer Charles Westman - "Carlos"

Birthdate 10-24-31 Deathdate N/A Citizenship US

Diplomas/degrees Ph B, University of ND and Luther Theol. Seminary
St. Paul, MN

Name of sending agency The American Lutheran Church

Lang. study at San Jose, Costa Rica from Aug. 1964 to Aug 1965

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Bogota, DE</u>	from <u>Aug. 1965</u>	to <u>July 1969</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor</u>	from <u>Aug. 1965</u>	to <u>July 1969</u>
<u>Mission Treasure</u>	from <u>Aug. 1965</u>	to <u>July 1967</u>
<u>Bookstore Manager</u>	from <u>Aug. 1965</u>	to <u>July 1967</u>
<u>Coordinator of EVAF</u>	from <u>July 1967</u>	to <u>Dec. 1968</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>Publications & Literature</u>	from <u>Aug. 1965</u>	to <u>July 1967</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Other information you may want to include:

Treas for EVAF in 1967 & 68.
Pausanias and I represented IELCO in an audience with Pope Paul VI
in Bogota at the International Eucharistic Congress.

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Aug 1964 to July 1969

Signed Rev. W.C. Westman Place Hastings, NE Date 12-7-93
(by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

AUG
1964

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Full name of wife Ruby E. (Kirkegaard) Westman

Birthdate 3-8-34 Deathdate N/A Citizenship US

Diplomas/degrees _____

Lang. study at San Jose, Costa Rica from Aug 1964 to Aug 1965

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

Mission House	from Jun 1966	to July 1969
Committee work	from Aug 1965	to July 1969
Sunday School & VBS	from Sept. 1965	to July 1969
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Aug 1964 to July 1969

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Patti Lynn Westman</u>	<u>11-27-54</u>		<u>US</u>
<u>Mark Richard Westman</u>	<u>6-18-56</u>		<u>US</u>
<u>Susan Rachel Westman</u>	<u>8-19-66</u>		<u>US</u>

Other information you may want to include:

Signed R. W. Westman Place Hastings NE Date 12-7-93
 by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

JUL
1965

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Full name REV. NORMAN G. OMODT

Birthdate FEB. 4, 1937 Deathdate --- Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees B.A. - LUTHER COLLEGE / M.D. - LUTHER SEMINARY
DECATUR, IOWA ST. PAUL, MN.

Name of sending agency DIV. OF WORLD MISSIONS - THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CH.

Lang. study at COSTA RICA, C.A. from JULY 1965 to JUNE, 1966

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:
SO. BOGOTA from JUNE, 1966 to JAN. 1967
 from / to /
SOCOTA BOYACA from JAN. 1967 to JUNE, 1970
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):
 from / to /
PASTOR from JUNE, 1966 to JUNE, 1970
& DOING SOME MEDICAL from / to /
HELP. from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /
 from / to /

Other information you may want to include: IN ADDITION TO MINISTRY
IN SOUTH BOGOTA,
I MINISTERED PRIMARILY IN PARPA,
FRYEJONAL, & IN SOCOTA, BUT ALSO
IN ELOSO, COSCATIVA, & LA VEGA.

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from JULY, 1965 to JUNE, 1970

Signed Norman G. Omodt Place Clarksville, Date APRIL 20, '93
 (by person providing information) Iowa

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

JUL
1965

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Full name of wife ANITA A. (HAUGEN) OMODT
 Birthdate JAN. 27, '39 Deathdate == Citizenship U.S.A.
 Diplomas/degrees B.A. — LUTHER COLLEGE
 Lang. study at COSTA RICA from JULY, 1965 to JUNE, 1970

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

	from	to
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL,</u>		
<u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</u>	<u>JAN. 1967</u>	<u>JUNE, 1970</u>
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to
	from	to

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from JULY, 1965 to JUNE, 1970

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>PAUL N. OMODT</u>	<u>APRIL 6, '65</u>	/	<u>U.S.A.</u>
<u>TODD MARCOS OMODT</u>	<u>OCT. 3, '66</u>	/	<u>COLOMBIA / U.S.A.</u>
<u>SCOTT L. OMODT</u>	<u>JULY 24, '70</u>	/	<u>U.S.A.</u>

Other information you may want to include:

Signed Norman G. Omodt Place Clarksville Date April 20, '93
 by person providing information Iowa

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

AUG
1965

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Full name Dale Lewis Brand

Birthdate 9/17/37 Deathdate — Citizenship U. S. A.

Diplomas/degrees B.S. Sociology, Master of Divinity, M. Ed. + Guidance & Counseling

Name of sending agency American Lutheran Church

Lang. study at San José, Costa Rica from Aug. '65 to Aug. '66

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Tunja</u>	from <u>Sept. '66</u>	to <u>Aug. '69</u>
<u>Sogamoso</u>	from <u>June '70</u>	to <u>Dec. '72</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor</u>	from <u>Sept. '66</u>	to <u>Aug. '69</u>
<u>Rector of CELCO</u>	from <u>June '70</u>	to <u>Dec. '72</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Sec, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>Consejo member</u>	from <u>Jan. '71</u>	to <u>Nov. '72</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>Co-Extension</u>	from <u>Aug. '68</u>	to <u>Aug. '69</u>
" "	from <u>June '70</u>	to <u>Dec. '72</u>
<u>Evangelism Comm. for Boyacá</u>	from <u>Jan. '68</u>	to <u>Dec. '68</u>
<u>Director of Elem. Schools in Boyacá</u>	from <u>July '70</u>	to <u>Nov. '72</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to

Other information you may want to include:

Volunteered to teach an English course at Tunja University Jan. '69 - June '69

Taught Co-Extension Courses in Sogamoso July '70 - Nov. '72

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: 6 1/2 years from Aug. '65 to Dec. '72

Signed Dale L Brand Place San Antonio TX Date 3/6/93
(by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

AUG
1965

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Full name of wife Phyllis Ione (Limberg) Brand
 Birthdate 7/25/39 Deathdate — Citizenship U. S. A.
 Diplomas/degrees Assoc. Degree Elem. Ed, B. A. Education
 Lang. study at San Jose, Costa Rica from Aug. '65 to Aug. '66

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

Sunday School from Sept. '66 to Aug. '69
Ladies Bible Study from Sept. '66 to Aug. '69
Head Start for Pre-Schoolers from Aug. '68 to Aug. '69
Youth Activities from Sept. '67 to Aug. '69
Sun. School Supt. from Jan. '71 to Dec. '72
Taught English classes at CELCO from Feb. '71 to Nov. '71
Home Visitation from Sept. '66 to Dec. '72
 (exception Sept. '69 - May '70 while on furlough in U.S.)

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: 6 1/2 from Aug. '65 to Dec. '72
 years

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Michael Bryce Brand</u>	<u>7/12/65</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>U. S. A.</u>
<u>Krista Marie Brand</u>	<u>12/20/67</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>U. S. A.</u>
<u>Lisa Lynn Brand</u>	<u>4/21/70</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>U. S. A.</u>
<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>
<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>/</u>

Other information you may want to include:

Taught English classes and typing classes to individuals in Tunja Jan. '68 to Aug. '69
Wrote Vacation Bible School materials for the Synod for 1969 and for 1972.

Signed Phyllis I. Brand Place San Antonio Date 3/6/93
 by person providing information Texas USA

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

JUL
1966

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Full name VIESTURS PAVASARS BLAUMANIS

Birthdate 4/25/36 Deathdate N/A Citizenship US

Diplomas/degrees BA, BD, MTh

Name of sending agency ELCA

Lang. study at BOGOTA from 7/1/66 to 8/15/66

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>CALI</u>	from	<u>1967</u>	to	<u>1971</u>
<u>SOBAMOSO</u>	from	<u>1972</u>	to	<u>1977</u>
<u>BUKARAMANGA</u>	from	<u>1977</u>	to	<u>1983</u>
<u>BOGOTA</u>	from	<u>1983</u>	to	<u>PRESENT</u>
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>PASTOR</u>	from	<u>1966</u>	to	<u>1983</u>
<u>DIRECTOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION</u>	from	<u>1978</u>	to	<u>PRESENT</u>
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	from	<u>1983</u>	to	<u>1989</u>
<u>COORDINATOR COEXTENSION</u>	from	<u>1983</u>	to	<u>PRESENT</u>
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):

<u>CHURCH COUNCIL</u>	from	<u>1973</u>	to	<u>1975</u>
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>DEVELOPMENT</u>	from	<u>1990</u>	to	<u>1992</u>
<u>Hymnal</u>	from	<u>1985</u>	to	<u>1986</u>
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Other information you may want to include:

- See ARLENE VOELZ FEB 1963
- See ARLENE (VOELZ) PAVASARS DEC 1966

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Jul 1966 to Present

Signed Viesturs Pavasars Place BOGOTA Date 3/22/93
(by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

DEC
1966

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Full name of wife Arlene Joan (Voelz) Pavasars
 Birthdate Nov. 28/34 Deathdate - Citizenship U.S.A.
 Diplomas/degrees Bachelors Degree in Education
 Lang. study at University of the Andes from Sep to Nov, 1963

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

<u>Sunday School teacher</u>	from <u>1966</u>	to <u>1993</u>
<u>Visitation</u>	from <u>"</u>	to <u>"</u>
<u>Ladies Groups</u>	from <u>"</u>	to <u>"</u>
<u>Youth work</u>	from <u>"</u>	to <u>"</u>
<u>Sunday School National Director</u>	from <u>1986 -</u>	to <u>1993</u>
<u>National Development Committee</u>	from <u>1988</u>	to <u>1990</u>
	from	to

excluding as single worker Feb? 1963 - Dec 1966

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from 1966 to 1993
 (married)

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Mirdza Pavasars - (choir - Young People's)</u>	<u>Oct 24/69</u>	/	<u>U.S.A. + Colombian</u>
<u>John Pavasars (choir - ")</u>	<u>June 2/71</u>	/	<u>" "</u>
<u>(National Young People's President)</u>			
<u>James Pavasars</u>	<u>Sept. 28/75</u>	/	<u>" "</u>
<u>(music - Young People's)</u>			

Other information you may want to include:

- See ARLENE VOELZ FEB? 1963
- See VIESTURS PAVASARS JUL 1966

Signed Arlene Pavasars Place Bagota Date March 22/93
 by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

SEP 1967

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Full name JAMES S. FOGDALL

Birthdate Nov 25, '42 Deathdate N/A Citizenship U.S.

Diplomas/degrees B.S. - Luther College, M.A. U. of Florida

Name of sending agency ALC

Lang. study at BOGOTA from Sept 67 to Feb 68

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>BOGOTA</u>	from <u>Sept 67</u>	to <u>July 70</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Book Store Mgr</u>	from <u>Sept 67</u>	to <u>July 70</u>
<u>BUSINESS MANAGER - CELMOSA</u>	from <u>Sept 67</u>	to <u>July 70</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Sec, Treas, Consejo member):

/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Other information you may want to include:

Mission house July 68 to July 70

Oversaw Ciudad Kennedy San Lucas Church construction

→ See JUDITH L. FOGDALL SEP 1967

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Sept 67 to July 70

Signed James Fogdall Place Cartagena Date Oct 03, 93
(by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

SEP
1967

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Full name of wife JUDITH L. FOGDALL
 Birthdate Aug 28, 44 Deathdate N/A Citizenship U.S.
 Diplomas/degrees B.A. Luther College
 Lang. study at Bogota from Sept 67 to July 68

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

	from	to
<u>Secondary history teacher</u>	/	/
<u>Colégio Nueva Granada</u>	<u>Sept 67</u>	<u>May 70</u>

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Sept 67 to July 70

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Sara Anne Fogdall</u>	<u>Nov 12, 71</u>	/	<u>U.S.</u>
<u>Jed Steven Fogdall</u>	<u>Sept 10, 74</u>	/	<u>U.S.</u>

Other information you may want to include:

→ See JAMES L. FOGDALL SEP 1967

Signed James Fogdall Place Cal. Falls Date 03 Oct 93
 by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

SEP
1968

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Full name Myron L. Barbour, Jr.

Birthdate Nov 9, 1938 Deathdate N/A Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees B.A. Pacific Lutheran Univ. (Col.) 1960; B.Div. Luther Theological Sem. St. Paul MN 1961

Name of sending agency Div. World Missions TALC

Lang. study at Cuernavaca from Sept. 1968 to Jan 1969

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>Bogota</u>	from	<u>1/69</u>	to	<u>2/69</u>
<u>Bucaramanga</u>	from	<u>2/69</u>	to	<u>4/72</u>
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>Pastor - Evangelist: Started new work</u>	from	<u>2/69</u>	to	<u>4/72</u>
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Sec, Treas, Consejo member):

/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
<u>?</u>	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

<u>I was facilitator of missionaries for year - don't remember date.</u>	from	/	to	/
<u>?</u>	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/
/	from	/	to	/

Other information you may want to include:

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TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from SEP 1968 to 4/72

Signed Myron L. Barbour Place Alexandria, VA. Date 3/2/93
(by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

SEP
1968

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Full name of wife Janet Victoria (Kilgard) Barbour

Birthdate 7/1/40 Deathdate N/A Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees B.A. Music Ed. - Maryville College, Maryville, TN

Lang. study at Cuernavaca from 9/68 to 1/69

Volunteer leadership (eg: ~~visitation, Sunday school, choirs, socials, public meetings, ladies groups, committee work~~):

<u>Bucaramanga</u>	from	to
/	from <u>2/69</u>	to <u>4/72</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Sep 1968 to 4/72

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>Andrew Scott Barbour</u>	<u>4/18/66</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>U.S.A.</u>
<u>Victoria Lee Barbour</u>	<u>3/30/69</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>U.S.A. (born in Colombia)</u>
<u>Philip James Barbour</u>	<u>7/26/73</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>U.S.A.</u>
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Other information you may want to include:
We still hear from friends in Bucaramanga.

Signed Myra T. Barbour Place Alexandria, VA Date 3/2/93
 by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

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Full name ARTHUR BENJAMIN WYSE

Birthdate 10-22-1936 Deathdate N/A Citizenship U.S.A.

Diplomas/degrees BA. in Linguistics - E.M. Div

Name of sending agency TALC DIV FOR WORLD MISSIONS

Lang. study at Nicaragua from Birth to age 18

Town/city of residence while in Colombia: Nov 1971
CALI, COLOMBIA from October to June July 1977
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Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):
PASTOR
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 _____ from _____ to _____

Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Secr, Treas, Consejo member):
MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO SINODAL from ? 1973 to 1975 ?
 _____ from _____ to _____
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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):
 _____ from _____ to _____
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Other information you may want to include:

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Oct. 1971 to June 1977

Signed Arthur Benjamin Wyse Place Bridgport, CT Date 3/1/93
 (by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

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Full name of wife MILLY JULIE SUND WYSE
 Birthdate 7-20-1941 Deathdate N/A Citizenship NORWEGIAN
 Diplomas/degrees REGISTERED NURSE - NORWAY
 Lang. study at Centro Colombo-Americano from 1972 to 1974
CALI

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

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/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from Oct 1971 to Jun 1977

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>MARIT SUND WYSE</u>	<u>9-28-1968</u>	/	<u>USA</u>
<u>JON ERIK SUND WYSE</u>	<u>6-15-1970</u>	/	<u>USA</u>
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Other information you may want to include:

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Signed Arthur Wyse Place Bridport, CT Date 3-1-93
 by person providing information

DATA ON CALLED MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

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Full name Roy A. SEGER

Birthdate 7-26-41 Deathdate N/A Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees Univ. and M. Div.

Name of sending agency ALC

Lang. study at MEXICO from 10/74 to 7/75

Town/city of residence while in Colombia:

<u>BOGOTA</u>	from <u>7/75</u>	to <u>5/81</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to
/	from	to

Job title (eg: Parishworker, Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher):

<u>PASTOR of SAN LUCAS, CIUDAD KENEDY</u>	from <u>1/76</u>	to <u>1/79</u>
<u>YOUTH & EVANGELISM DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATION PROGRAM</u>	from <u>1/79</u>	to <u>5/81</u>
/	from	to
/	from	to
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Exec. positions held (eg: Supt/Pres, Sec, Treas, Consejo member):

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Various Committees (eg: Education, Building, Hymnal, Co-Extension):

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Other information you may want to include:

→ See MARY T. SEGER OCT 1974

TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from 10/74 to 5/81

Signed R. Seger Place N. Hollywood, CA Date USA
(by person providing information)

DATA ON WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE SERVED CELMOSA/IELCO

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Full name of wife MARY J. SEGER

Birthdate 6-4-43 Deathdate _____ Citizenship USA

Diplomas/degrees _____

Lang. study at MEXICO from 10/74 to 7/75

Volunteer leadership (eg: visitation, Sunday School, choirs secretarial, youth, hosting, ladies groups, committee work):

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TOTAL time serving CELMOSA/IELCO: from 10/74 to 5/81

Full name of child(ren)	Birthdate	Deathdate	Citizenship
<u>MICHAEL</u>	<u>4.26.67</u>	/	<u>USA</u>
<u>MEREDITH</u>	<u>11.16.68</u>	/	<u>USA</u>
<u>MARY BETH</u>	<u>10.25.72</u>	/	<u>COLOMBIA/USA</u>
<u>MARK</u>	<u>3.1.75</u>	/	<u>COLOMBIA/USA</u>

Other information you may want to include:

→ See ROY A. SEGER OCT 1974

Signed R. Seger Place N. Hollywood, CA Date _____
by person providing information USA

CELMOSA CLARION



JULY-AUG.-SEPT.-1937 PUBLISHED BY COLOMBIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION OF SOUTH AMERICA

MISS MARIE THOMPSON



To the Annual Meeting of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America, in Session at Radcliffe, Ia., June 17.

Dear Co-Workers in the Lord:

There hath not failed one word of all His good promises. I Kgs. 8:56.

Having experienced this blessed truth, I want to greet you today with the words of the Psalmist:

OH, GIVE THANKS unto Jehovah call upon His Name

MAKE KNOWN AMONG THE PEOPLES His doings

SING UNTO HIM, sing praises unto Him

TALK YE of all His marvelous works. Psa. 105:1-2.

I am confident that as you meet today your hearts too will be filled with praise as you review what the Lord has done for us this past year.

Tho far away, I am with you in spirit, and it is my earnest prayer that you may be Spirit-led and guided in all that you may do this day. May He reveal to you His perfect will regarding the many important matters that will be taken

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What is the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America?

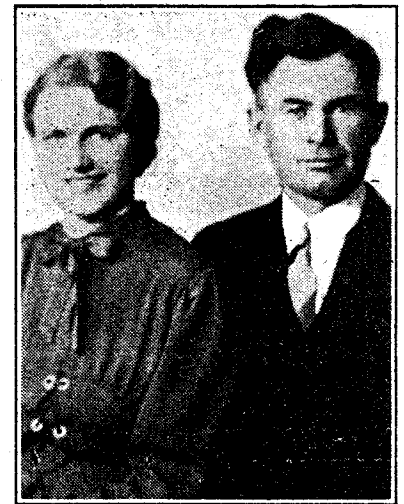
Friend, it is first of all an answer to prayer.

The prayer of our Great High Priest in Heaven as He seeks to bring these other sheep for whom He has died. The groaning burdened prayer of the millions of lost souls under the tyranny of a corrupt ecclesiasticism. The responsive prayer of those who KNOW these conditions, and also the power of the Gospel which is the only power of God unto Salvation for these other sheep.

Prayer has been answered, and as usual God has chosen the weak and despised things and the things which are not, to bring to naught the things which are. From her contacts previously with S. Am., a Lutheran young lady was greatly burdened for the millions who had no opportunity of hearing the saving Gospel in all Latin America. She realized that as Glover says truthfully S. Am. is the neglected Continent. Perhaps the warm fervent Bible loving and Mission minded Lutherans would be willing to help here, too. With another young lady friend, many congregations were visited, pastors were interviewed, hundreds became burdened and many others, both pastors and lay workers, who had had a previous burden for the lost in S. Am. finally gathered together, and out of a blessed prayer fellowship this Mission was born. God has wonderfully answered prayer, both funds and workers have been forthcoming, the field has been surveyed, a headquarters obtained, and now our lone worker will soon be joined by five more workers.

This interesting chapter that is now being written in God's great Mission Enterprise for the world is a direct call to every Lutheran, will you too enter this open door? Behold I set before you an open door that none can close. Will you close your life to this opportunity or will you answer "Here am I, Lord, send me." —M. H. Sand, Pres.

MR. AND MRS. OSTREM



To The Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission Board:

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Peter 3:9.

Because this is true, and the Latin American countries are also included in this word of God, we wish to apply to the Board of the Colombia Mission for the opportunity to go to Colombia with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. We realize that the need is great down there, and that the laborers are few, therefore, if we can be of any service in the Kingdom of God in that field we will gladly go. We have prayed, and continue to pray about it that God may use us wherever He may choose, realizing that it is the Holy Spirit who must do the work, but He wants saved men and women through whom to work. We are unable to do anything in our own strength, but "can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

When I (Gerhard) was fifteen years old I had a strong desire to go to a mission field, but I was too

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CELMOSA CLARION

You may wonder where the name "Celmosa" comes from. Some of you have already guessed it, for it is a coined word formed by taking the first letter of every name of the mission "Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America".

It is also the Cablegram name. Its spiritual meaning has taken form as follows:

- C** olombian souls are dying
- E** ach moment without Christ,
- L** ife-giving streams of mercy
- M** ust reach them—soon tis night.
- O** hasten Brother, Sister,
- S** end out the Gospel Light.
- A** soul is worth the price.

(A. B.)

This little messenger, "Celmosa Clarion," is sent out for the information and edification of the friends of this mission. If you wish to become a prayer-helper and keep in touch with this work, let the Secretary hear from you, so she can put your name on the mailing list. There will be no subscription price, but it will come to your home as the Lord supplies. One Brother recently sent \$10 to start this paper fund.

ANDREW J. LARSON



Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen. Matt. 28:7.

I was born and brought up in Norway under Christian influence and training, and as a child I heard many mission stories which gripped my heart and gave me a desire to become a missionary, but I drifted away from the Lord and it was not until eight years ago, shortly after I came to this country, that I obeyed the call of God and accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, experiencing the power of the blood of Christ to save to the uttermost (Hebr. 7:25). By this same power and grace have I been kept and lived in personal fellowship with Him these years.

In the fall of 1929 I received a call from God to go out to the foreign mission field, and entered the Lutheran Bible Institute to prepare myself for such service, and also the Lutheran Bible School at Fergus Falls, graduating from the Theological Department of the latter this spring. The call to the foreign field has become real to me as the years have gone by, and I knew the Lord had a specific place for me in some mission field.

And now that my application to the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America has been accepted by the Board I rejoice in looking forward to going forth to that needy place. Am thankful that I can also do some carpenter work and the like, which is also necessary for the opening of new stations. My motto is: "All for Jesus, who gave His all for me."

Yours in the Master's service,
Andrew J. Larson

These workers are going out in faith. If the Lord fills the funds, they will receive \$18 per month.

H. C. Kallevig, Treas.,
Kandiyohi, Minn.

A CRY FROM THE NEGLECTED CONTINENT

This cry: "Come over and help us" comes from neglected South America with a population of 120 million people.

After having again seen the awful needs of Colombia, I do confirm this 'cry' as it comes to the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST from the few witnesses He has scattered in poor Colombia, who are waiting for reinforcements, as well as from its inhabitants, who are seeking for light.

I do not think that what I saw in the interior of Colombia the first months of this year will ever be erased from my memory. I know I will fail in telling it on this printed page.

What is Colombia's need and also the Need of all Latin America, where the Gospel has not yet been preached, is—THE GOSPEL, to be made known according to the scriptures. Colombia is the farthest behind of all the republics of South America, having the least Gospel Work carried on within its borders.

Dear friends, you can not imagine the intense darkness of a people as we find it in the Department of Boyaca where our station, Soata, is located. In most parts of Boyaca we find that people have lived there for generations, about 400 years, without a Gospel Worker having ever passed through there. This Department has a population of nearly 1,600,000, where there are only two other stations, which are occupied by foreign missionaries, one opened a few years ago, the other just opened by Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Allen.

Colombia has not yet succeeded in breaking with the Pope of Rome and is therefore subject to its priests. Idolatry is practised to the highest degree. The greater number of the people are illiterate. Sixty percent of its children are illegitimate. Any sin can be forgiven by the priest. All contrary to the Scriptures.

Because of the Republic's last president, who introduced much liberty, we find Colombia is a very open door at present for the preaching of the Gospel, but this opening may not remain so very long for Communism may succeed in closing this door, as has been the experience in other Roman Catholic countries like Russia and Spain etc. Therefore our going over to help them requires immediate action. Our dear Lord has waited long for the individual members of His Church to obey the "COME" from the millions yet in darkness, and the "GO" from Jesus' own lips. We all can go by person, purse or prayer.

We praise the Lord for the praying ones and the giving ones and for these five "volunteers" going forth. They are all in answer to

OLGER QUANRUD

much prayer. May we stand by them faithfully—remembering the innumerable strange experiences which will be theirs in a strange land which will be to them like another world. One of their great tasks will be the study of the Spanish language. Then too, that they shall be able to 'stand' with the Lord according to Eph. 6:12-20.

How I thank God for Miss Thompson who so patiently holds the fort until this reinforcement joins her in the Battle. May we not forget to uphold her in our prayers.

My early departure from the field could not have even been considered on my part until shortly before leaving when He made me willing to go. I praise the Lord for the untold improvement to my nerves, so I am looking forward to again acquaint some of His people with conditions as they are in that field. Though bodily I am in the U. S., my heart beats for the undying souls of Colombia and I want my very breath to be a prayer for them. Let us bow humbly before Him, praying for the many Colombians who shall carry the Gospel to their own people while it is still called "Today" for souls to be saved thru the Blood of Jesus Christ.

Myrtle Nordin

MR. AND MRS. OSTREM

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timid to tell anyone about it so I could be given encouragement and training to go. I have confessed to be a child of God all my life, altho my life has not been what a Christian ought to be at all times. I did not have full victory and assurance until four years ago, when I realized that I must give up all, even the merits which I had claimed for confessing to be Christian all my life. I saw that salvation was by grace alone.

My education consists of high school, taken at the Lutheran Bible School, then located at Grand Forks, the two-year course at the L. B. I. Minneapolis, and this past year at the Augsburg College. From December 1934 to September 1936 I served our congregations of the N. L. C. A. at Kyle, Sask., Canada as student pastor, where I conducted the regular work in five preaching places.

Mrs. Ostrem also was brought up in a Christian home, and though she lived a beautiful life in youth it was in 1933 that she took a definite stand for Christ and found peace in Him. She too realized that she deserved nothing from God, but that salvation and peace were a free gift received through faith in Christ Jesus. She attended the Bible courses in Saskatchewan, and L. B. I.

In Christ's Happy Service,
Gerhard and Helene Ostrem



"But God, being rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses made us alive together with Christ (by grace have ye been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us to sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus: —for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them." Eph. 4-6,10.

When an infant I was brought into fellowship with God through baptism, and brought up in the Lutheran church. However, I did not continue to live in fellowship with God. Just when I fell away from grace I can not say, but I know that I was outside of the Kingdom of God when I was confirmed and was at that time past my sixteenth birthday.

At about the age of nineteen I had a definite call from God to repent and give my life to Him and consecrate myself to His service in the ministry, but instead of surrendering I hardened my heart and drifted away even from church attendance until finally I did not attend services at all.

Shortly after this I joined a lodge and now I thought I was somebody. Later in life I joined another one, and made myself think I was better than most people. Of course, this was pleasing to the flesh, for lodgeism teaches that all men can worship at the same altar, regardless of what kind of faith one has; but the Word of God says that it is only by faith in the Living Christ, the Son of God, who gave His Life on Calvary's Cross for the redemption of the world that we can be cleansed and saved from sin, for "apart from the shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebr. 9:22.

How merciful the Lord was to me in spite of the fact that I turned aside unto my own way! His Spirit sought me out, convicted me of sin, and on March 24, 1934, after

TIME OF SAILING

Miss Alma Monson (R. Nurse from the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Chicago), Mr. Andrew Larson (Luth. Brethren, Joice, Iowa), Mr. Olger Quanrud (N.L.C.A. Buxton, N. D.) Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem (N.L.C.A. Canada Dist.) will board the S. S. "Santa Lucia" October 23, for Co'lombia, South America.

SPECIAL NOTICE: If any of the friends would like to send gifts in the form of parcels for Christmas, birthday, or the like, to these outgoing missionaries, or to Miss Thompson, who is already in the field, please mail such parcels to them so they can pack and ship them with the rest of their baggage before sailing. We cannot send parcel post to Colombia any larger than 8 oz. packets, for the duty is so high that our missionaries do not have funds to take them out of the postoffice. Any such packages may be mailed to the following address before October 4th: 5316 11th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Christian Friends, please mark the date of sailing, October 23, on your calendar and make it a point to reach these missionaries with letters or cards of cheer, mailing them not later than October 18 or 19, unless you send it via air-mail, to the following address:

S.S. "Santa Lucia"—Grace Line,
Pier 57, North River, Foot 14th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

You may little know what joy you bring with a cheering message as they leave our dear U. S. to go to a land and a people "who sit in darkness and the shadow of death." The Lord is depending on you and me. May He give us grace not to fail Him.

Your Co-worker in Him,
Alma Bratberg—Sec'y
Spicer, Minn.

eleven days of terrific spiritual struggle, I received the assurance that my sins were forgiven and I was a child of God by faith in the finished work of Christ Jesus.

Then the Lord showed me that He wanted me in His full time service. I therefore sold my business (I was a barber by trade) in June 1935 and entered the Lutheran Bible Institute at Minneapolis that same fall, with the purpose of preparing myself for evangelistic work here in the homeland; but during the winter of my second year at L. B. I. (1937) the Lord showed me, or gave me the inner call, to go to South America with the Gospel. Since He now has opened the way for me to go there, I hope and pray that, by His grace, I may be used to further the borders of His Kingdom in the neglected republic of Colombia.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Olger Quanrud

MISS MARIE THOMPSON

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up, and may the results be God's answer to many of our prayers.

I am increasingly thankful to the Lord for bringing me out here. Though it seemed a little dark for a while when Sister Nordin had to leave again for the homeland, yet I have found that the darker outward circumstances are, the brighter shines the Heavenly Light.

Progress seems slow when one must learn a new language first, but I am happy to say that I am now able to witness, at least in a small way, to the souls I meet daily. May the Lord add His blessing to every humble effort put forth in His Name.

Pray with me that the Lord may soon break down the fear and fanaticism of the people here in Soata, and that the Seed that is being sown by tracts and personal testimony may take root. Souls are hungry—so hungry. Yet they fear to “taste and see that the Lord is good.”

Colombia's door is open to the Gospel—Jesus is passing this way, but where are the workers who can tell her: “Be of good comfort; arise, He calleth thee”? Will you publish the Glad Tidings in the unknown republic of Colombia, in the Neglected Continent of South America.?

In His Blessed Service,

Marie Thompson

Soata, Boyaca,
Colombia, So. Am.,
June 4, 1937.

PRAYER IS REQUESTED:

1. For these five new workers as they now are traveling here in the homeland, that the Lord will use them to His own glory and also supply their every need for passage and outfits.
2. For Miss Thompson as she continues to study the language, as well as witnessing in whichever way she can to the natives, that she may find a “great door and effectual opened”, and that she may not fear the “many adversaries.” (I Cor.16:9)
3. That the Lord's continued guidance may be experienced by the South American Mission Prayer League and the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America. Pray also that the Lord will add His blessing to the work of all Protestant missions within Colombia and all the Latin American Countries.
4. That all necessary arrangements may be made prior to the sailing of these new missionaries, and that the Lord will give them a safe journey and guide them every step of the way in the new and strange land of Colombia.

MISS ALMA MONSON



Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust, and not be afraid for Jehovah ever, Jehovah is my strength and song; and He is become my salvation. Is. 12:2.

I would praise and thank my God and Savior because it was in my youth that He found me and saved me by His marvelous grace. I was brought up in a Christian home which I count a great heritage, for there I was taught God's Word and prayed. However, at the age of seventeen the Holy Spirit showed me that I needed to accept Christ as my personal Savior and Friend. What joy came into my heart the evening I yielded to Him! Shortly afterwards I first openly confessed Christ with my mouth, reading the above passage from Isaiah 12.

During these many years I have been kept by His power through faith. In 1928, after three years of public school teaching, I was led to attend the Lutheran Bible Institute, where I spent two years in the study of the Blessed Word of God, and many truths became real and living to me, especially that of justification by faith. I marvel that I, a sinner saved by grace, can stand before God cleansed from every sin and free from its guilt and power through the blood of Christ.

It was also at the L. B. I. that my interest in missionary work in South America originated, for while I attended there a missionary from Brazil spoke to us at the missionary convocation period. Several of us had a personal interview with him and he wanted to send some of us out there in 1930, but when we differed in some important doctrinal views we felt we could not go out under that denomination. Since then I, together with many others, have prayed that our Lutheran Church would begin work in South America, and last year our prayers were an-

PRAISE THE LORD:

1. For His marvelous answer to our prayers for more workers. When the Board met at Radcliffe, Iowa, June 17, five consecrated men and women had applied for the privilege of going to Colombia with the Gospel. After prayerful consideration it was unanimously voted to call them all, for the letters of application revealed that the Lord had Himself “separated” (Acts 13:2) them for this work, as hundreds of Christians had prayed.

2. For the increasing interest in mission work in South America among Lutheran Christians everywhere.

3. For Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Allan of the Presbyterian Mission in Colombia and all their self-sacrificing devotion and helpfulness in securing permits for our missionaries to enter the land, as well as their interest and prayers for this new Lutheran work. You will be happy to know that the Allans are of the old pietistic type of Scottish Christians, who have been in pioneer missionary work in Colombia for 26 years. Their counsel is therefore worth its weight in gold, as they know the interior of the land better than anyone else, and have a deep burden for the salvation of those benighted souls.

4. For the experiences Miss Thompson is having of the Lord's abiding Presence, Peace and Protection while she, with joyous anticipation, awaits the arrival of the five new missionaries to join her in the great soul-saving work in Boyaca.

5. For the improvement Miss Nordin has experienced lately, enabling her soon to take up the work of presenting the needs of the field here in the homeland.

6. For the Lord's answer to prayer in supplying the needs of the Secretary and other workers in the homeland so they have been able to carry on the work during the past year without allowances or salaries from the mission fund.

7. For supplying four riding saddles at a very reasonable price. They are now all crated and ready to ship to Colombia.

swered. Since the Lord now has opened the door for me to go and bring the Gospel to the lost there in that neglected Continent I would enter with Jehovah as my confidence, and say again: “I will trust, and will not be afraid; for Jehovah, even Jehovah is my strength and song.”

“Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

Alma Monson.

CELMOSA CLARION



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"SOATA"

Last spring Mrs. E. Nordin received some baby chicks as a premium for some purchases at a local store, and decided to give them to the Colombia Mission. So she found a hen that gladly adopted the orphans, named her "Soata" for our station in Colombia, and gave her the liberty of free range.

During the course of the summer as I spent a day at the Nordin home, Mrs. Nordin remarked to me about the rapid progress of her "Soata family." "It seems," she said, "that they are growing and gaining twice as fast as my other chicks, so the Lord is surely blessing."

Well, the "Soata family" has now gone to market and a fine sum was realized for the treasury of the mission. Perhaps this coming year there will be many such hens, or the like, set apart for the Lord's work.

I remember with joy that my grandfather dedicated an acre of ground on the old homestead to the Hauge Lutheran Mission in China, and year by year the proceeds from the grain raised on this acre was sent to the China Mission treasurer. How he rejoiced in thus being privileged to "gather treasures in heaven." It is now some years since he went Home to be with the Lord and perhaps he has met some soul from China that he, by his means, was instrumental in winning for the Lord.

"Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today,
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way.
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side."

ALMA BRATBERG SAND.

PRAYSE THE LORD:

1—For the safe arrival of our missionaries at our station in Soata, and that He has graciously supplied their every need.

2—That they were able to bring all their goods into the land without any duty charges.

3—For all the prayer-helpers He has raised up for this work, and all who are contributing of their means.

4—That He is continuing to call more laborers into this field.



The Medina family, natives of Colombia. Mr. Medina has been Marie Thompson's language teacher and is interested in the Gospel. Last we heard his wife was also reading the Bible. Pray for them.

Dear Friends:

"He is faithful that promised," Heb. 10:23.

We would praise God today for His abiding faithfulness, for His great love manifested in His Son, Jesus Christ.

We praise Him because not unto Angels but unto man did He give the commission to tell the old, old story to those who have never heard. We especially thank Him at this time for the safe arrival of the new Missionaries, for His loving protection and provision for every need.

Then last but not least, we praise Him for the year that has past, for the doors that have been opened to the Gospel, and the Seed that has been Sown. "He is faithful who has promised," so we praise him for the future. He, who has never been defeated, will not be defeated now. With Him as our Captain battles shall be won unto His glory.

May the Lord bless all who have shared and who are sharing in this work by prayer or other means. May He reward you with an ever increasing experience of His joy and sufficiency.

Greetings in the Lord to all the Friends,

MARIE THOMPSON.

PRAYING AT ALL SEASONS

With all prayer and supplication, praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching there unto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and on my behalf that utterance may be given unto me in opening my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel, Eph. 6:18-19.

As it has been the pleasure of my Heavenly Father to place me, a poor servant, out on the mission field in the neglected Latin American countries, the Spirit of God has shown me why it was necessary to pray without ceasing.

From the thousands of huts, I have seen the smoke arise in the beautiful mornings, when the sun has thrown its golden light over the Andes mountains. Into thousands and thousands of these homes the mystery of that glorious Gospel has never entered.

Brethren, by God's grace, I urge you to pray for the work in Colombia, that the mystery of the Gospel may be known.

Remember the work as we are on the battlefields for lost and undying souls of Latin America.

I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year with greetings from Eph. 6:24.

Yours in the Master's Service,

(Rev.) ANDREW J. LARSON

PRAYER IN REQUESTED:

1—That the Lord will continue to supply every need of the mission, both spiritually and temporally so the Gospel may reach the unevangelized in Boyaca, and that it will be possible to reach out into other places in Colombia also.

2—For our missionaries as they now are finding themselves in a new and strange land that they may experience "His grace sufficient" unto every need.

3—For a young man and a young woman who have recently sent in their applications to go to Colombia as missionaries. Pray that the Lord will supply every need and open the door for them if it is His will they should go there.

4—Pray that all God's people may get a vision of the undying millions in the world yet without Christ and be given grace to live according to Mal. 3:10.

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CELMOSA CLARION

You may wonder where the name "Celmosa" comes from. Some of you have already guessed it, for it is a coined word formed by taking the first letter of every name of the mission "Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America."

This little messenger, "Celmosa Clarion," is sent out for the information and edification of the friends of this mission. If you wish to become a prayer-helper and keep in touch with this work, let the Secretary hear from you, so she can put your name on the mailing list. There will be no subscription price, only as the Lord puts it on your heart to give. Any such gifts to the paper fund may be sent to the treasurer, H. C. Kallevig, Kandiyohi, Minn., stating that you want it to go to this branch of the work.

LEST WE FORGET—REMEMBER:

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2—That all contributions should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. H. C. Kallevig, Kandiyohi, Minnesota.



Myrtle Nordin and two of the many native children of Colombia who need the Gospel. The one on the left is Diego. The one on the right Chuchu.

GOD GAVE

(Sermon by Pastor A. B. Anderson at the Farewell Service.)

God so loved the world that He gave. He had one Son and He became a foreign missionary—Jesus Christ, who stepped down from the power above and took the place of a helpless babe, from angelic hosts who worshipped Him in heaven down to beasts on earth. He gave up His Home because He loved; became poor to make us rich. "That I may finish my work" to do the Father's will, was Jesus' aim and should be ours. I feel sorry for the Christian who wants to lay down before his course is finished. The Lord Jesus Christ went about His work by forgetting self, giving up comforts, sleeping in other people's beds and eating at other people's tables. How He gave! In John 17:14 Jesus says: "I have given them Thy Word. A Christian has no business on earth but to pass that Word to others.

Friends going out to the mission field, remember what was said about Jesus, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save." It we want to save others neither can we save ourselves. I like to summarize it in this way: **God gave His Son; Christ gave Himself; and in II Cor. 8:5 we read that they gave their own selves to the Lord and to us through the will of God.**

The power and love of God manifests itself in three ways in our lives: giving, praying and going. If God had not given His Son we would not have anything to give. He lived a life of prayer. We live in a fast age, but no way will be discovered by which we can shorten prayer. If we hurry in prayer it reveals that we do not love God, for we enjoy being with those we love. We can have hearing with God if we are in Christ Jesus. You who are going out, remember that Jesus prays for you. It cost God something to give us Jesus, and it cost Jesus something to give Himself, but the way we are doing missionary work today it seems like it does not cost us very much. We need to spend ourselves in prayer. I consider it a great privilege to have part in missionary work by prayer. There may be a powerhouse in Minneapolis, but if the switch is off there will be no power going forth to the different homes. Turn the switch on

and those homes are connected with the source of power. I love to think of it in this way when I am praying for the different mission fields that by prayer we can turn the switch on, as it were, and connect our workers up with the Powerhouse in heaven, and those in China, South America, India, Africa and other places will know that power of God in their lives.

I have spent much time in a sick room, but I want to say to the glory of God that he has been pleased to be there. These are our cables to South America, and He wants us to couple them up with the Powerhouse above. Why have you friends gathered here today? Because you want to hold the lifeline at the other end, and may we help one another to stir up that fire within.

The love of God in our hearts will manifest itself in going. The Son of God was obedient unto death. He knew He came from God and went to God and He took a towel and girded Himself and washed His disciples' feet, which was the most menial task anyone could do. Obedience will lead to death of the self-life—a life spent, worn out for the salvation of others. God calls some to go to the foreign field, and I feel that every young Christian should say: "Lord, do you want me to go to the foreign field?" Then leave the choice with Him. If you want to see miracles let God lead us into such circumstances that it will take God's power to deliver you, for He always manifests His miracle-working power by leading us into difficult circumstances. No power on earth or hell can stop a person who has the call from God until He has finished his course. Then too, we are all called to be missionaries either directly or indirectly. Through these who are now going we can be working in South America by praying and giving.

There is always a price to pay if a soul is to be saved, however, for as the man who had to choose between hanging on to the gold bag in h's hand or let it go and save a drowning girl, so we must choose. He lost the gold, but saved a life. Let us remember that one soul is worth more than the whole world. What can be more glorious than to have Jesus present to us souls in "that day"—souls that we have been instrumental in winning for Him "our crown of rejoicing in that day," as Paul says.

May the love of God be shed abroad in our hearts, giving us grace to give even as He gave Himself for us.

"I sing unto the Lord a new song, for He hath done marvelous things." Ps. 98:1.

I praise and thank him for the marvelous things he has done and for the wonderful way in which he blessed and cared for us on our journey, and now that we are here, we have the assurance that he will not fail us nor forsake us.

Friends, pray for us that we may be emptied of self and be vessels unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use, prepared unto every good work. II Tim. 2:21.

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas to you all.

MRS. GERHARD OSTREM.

Soata, Boyaca, Colombia, So. Am.

Nov. 15, 1937.

Dear Friends in the Homelands:

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His Holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Ps. 103:1-2.

It was with thanksgiving in our hearts to God that we landed in Soata on Armistice Day, Nov. 11. Indeed, we have much to be grateful to our Heavenly Father for. First, for the salvation through His blessed Son, Christ Jesus, and then for His guidance and protection upon us thus far. We have realized definitely that He has kept His eye upon us.

We boarded the S. S. "Santa Lucia" in New York on October 23. It was interesting to see the great number of colored streamers which were cast across from the boat to the dock. A bond of union thus also existed between us and Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Sand, our President, who saw us off on the boat. The voyage on the sea was pleasant, except for the first two days, which to us seemed very stormy as none of us happened to be old sailors. The rolling of the sea disturbed us some, but in answer to prayer we were all fairly well and the sea became wonderfully calm.

We were reminded of the great majesty of God as we observed the oceans and their movements. It brought vividly before us the promise that God will cast our sins into the depths of the sea, Mic. 7:19. We had a wonderful time together in fellowship on board for which we were grateful to God.

Our first stop was on Thursday, Oct. 28, at Cristobal, Canal Zone, although we saw Cuba to our right the day before. We had the privilege of visiting the American Bible Society house there. Rev. Gregory, the man in charge, gave us a warm reception. After lunch he gave us a two-hour tour by car through the cities of Cristobal and Colon and also some of the surrounding country. We enjoyed greatly to see the gorgeous tropical vegetation. One thing which appeared very strange to us was the left-hand driving throughout the whole Canal Zone and Panama.

On the next day we had the experience of passing through the Panama Canal. We were surprised to find that the Atlantic end of the canal is west of the Pacific end which is due to the way the canal was made across the isthmus. We went through three locks which are used to raise the boats to a height of approximately eighty-five feet from one ocean into an "artificial" lake in the center of the isthmus and then to lower them the same distance into the other ocean as both oceans are of the same level.

The boat was piloted through the canal and was pulled through the locks by "steel donkeys" (motors)—two on each side. This incident, as well as being piloted into the harbors, brought to mind the last journey we as Christians will make, when God shall pilot us through the valley of death.

We landed in Buenaventura on the west coast of Colombia at noon on Saturday, Oct. 30. It is needless to say that we were glad to disembark. Rev. Allan, a devout Christian Missionary of the Presbyterian Mission, came to

meet us at the port and to be our interpreter. We realized that it was significant to have a good interpreter.

(Buenaventura is at sea level and has such unhealthy climate that it has been impossible to conduct any continued mission work there.)

Our baggage naturally went to the custom's office, but, in answer to prayer, we were permitted to pass through without paying any duty. We willingly opened everything to full view to the satisfaction of the officials. (It was not an easy task as it meant untying a great amount of rope.) However, it proved to them that we were honest. A very unusual thing was that they worked after hours to look over our things and finished a little before midnight the same day. We were very thankful for it since the next day was Sunday and Monday was a holiday.

On our journey inland we were received at the various mission stations for which we were very grateful. That gave us a little insight into what and how work was being done. We were pleased to observe the wonderful cooperation which prevails between the missions in Colombia.

The trip inland was made partly by train, by bus, and by automobile. We saw a distinct difference between the means of transportation here and in the homelands. The railroads run through the mountains similarly as the car roads do at home, and mountains cover a very large part of Colombia. At some places we drove over elevations of thirteen thousand feet. Yes, it was chilly up there! (The temperature at Soata has been about seventy degrees above zero F since we have been here.) The distance from Buenaventura to Soata by straight line is approximately four hundred miles whereas the way we had to go to get here was over one thousand miles. The roads through the Rockies are fairly straight in comparison to those through the Andes ranges.

In Bogata, the capitol of Colombia, we secured our travel permits which are necessary as identification cards for travel inland in the republic. We also had the experience of doing some shopping in a strange land with a strange language. We realize now how the people from Europe feel when they come to Canada and the United States the first time. The British and Foreign Bible Society has a Bible House in Bogata which we were glad to visit and to secure our Spanish Bibles.

The final section of the trip into Soata was made as mentioned on Nov. 11. Upon our arrival we found Miss Thompson well and happy in Christ and the work, and also very happy for our arrival. We, too, are happy to have reached our destination and field of service.

As to our impressions of Colombia, we can say that we find the need very great, both spiritually, physically, morally, and materially, but greatest spiritually. Here are vast areas untouched by the gospel. Hence people are born, live, and die without knowing about the glorious salvation in Christ Jesus.

We will know more about the need after we have been here a while. However, we have seen enough already to know that it is necessary that all of you who know Christ as your

FAREWELL AND CONSECRATION SERVICES

Sunday, October 10th, was a memorable day in the history of our mission. Through the courtesy of the faculty, the beautiful chapel of the Lutheran Bible Institute of Minneapolis was secured for the afternoon where we gathered for a farewell service for the five outgoing missionaries, all of whom had at some time attended the Institute, and three of whom were graduates. The large chapel was filled with interested, praying friends. Pastor M. H. Sand, President of the Mission Board, led the meeting which was opened with the singing of a mission hymn, followed by a blessed prayer session, during which many lifted hearts and voices to God for His blessing to rest upon the meeting and especially upon this branch of the "whitened harvest fields" and these new laborers going forth to Colombia.

The stirring missionary message found elsewhere in this issue, was preached by Pastor A. B. Anderson, teacher at the L. B. I., and after the singing of another hymn, each of the missionaries were called upon for a testimony and greeting. They all manifested joy in being called to serve the Lord in the Neglected Continent of South America, and asked the Christians to pray for them.

In the evening a Consecration Service was held in Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church, 53rd street and 10th Ave. So., where Rev. M. H. Sand is pastor. A blessed evening of fellowship in testimony and prayer was enjoyed, when many friends brought greetings through some favorite portion of the Word to the outgoing missionaries. Special singing was furnished by the Lutheran League Quartette of the church. An offering was taken for the personal needs of the missionaries.

It was indeed an impressive moment when the five volunteers for the foreign field knelt at the altar and were commissioned and consecrated for the great soul-winning work in Colombia, and commended to the care of Him, who said: "Lo, I am with you always." Matt. 28:19.

A. B. S.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior. Phil. 2:21. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. How true that is in Colombia, where people have been kept in darkness and trying to attain to a righteousness of their own and not knowing of the righteousness of Christ. Pray for them.

Thanking all those who have remembered me, and wishing you God's richest blessing for the Christmas season and through the coming year, I am,

Yours in His service,
OLGER QUANRUD.

Savior continue to pray with us that the Spirit of God may be permitted to work through the Word to win these precious souls for Him.

With sincere wishes and prayer for a Blessed Christmas and New Year for you all, we are,

Yours in the Master's Happy Service,
In behalf of the group,
GERHARD OSTREM.

SAND-BRATBERG

I wish, in this way, to have a little chat with the many friends of Alma Bratberg, who has served as a most efficient and faithful secretary of this mission, for some of you may not know that on October 20th, 1937, she was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas L. Sand of Butte, Montana. He is a consecrated, Christian man, so she will now be more powerful in the Lord's Vineyard, and it is the deepest desire of them both to be used of the Lord to the salvation of souls.

They had a beautiful home wedding at Spicer, Minn., at 12:30 noon. Two of the members of the Colombia Mission Board officiated, namely, Pastors I. O. Melom of Sacred Heart, Minn., and Sev. Gjerde of Elmore, Minn., the former giving a very fitting message based on Eph. 5:22-33, and the latter reading the double ring ceremony. Pastor J. O. Gisselquist of Minneapolis, also a member of the Board, gave a very inspiring message based on Is. 55:8-9, in the afternoon, which was all spent in testimony and singing, led by Mr. Elling Halvorson, a personal friend of the bride and groom.

Instead of the usual purchasing of diamonds, Mr. and Mrs. Sand gave a gift of money to the Colombia Mission on their wedding day, with the words: "A gift of love to our Blessed Lord Jesus to be used for the salvation of souls in Colombia, South America." How beautiful, and we know the Lord says, "Well done," for how much better it is to find diamonds (souls) in Glory than treasures on earth that soon shall perish.

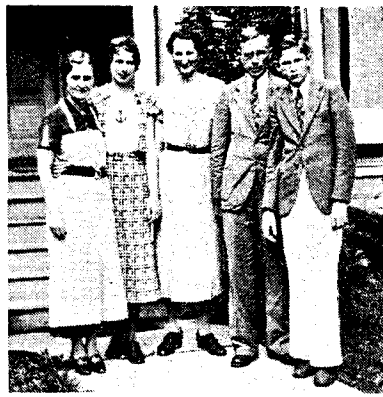
Alma has not, however, left the mission work for Colombia though she now lives in Butte, Montana, for she will continue to have charge of our little paper, the "Celmosa Clarion." That alone will be no small task as the mailing list is gradually increasing; but with the assistance of her husband, who is also a member of the Mission Board, we know she will continue to find much joy in doing this part of the work. They will need our prayerful support.

We are also happy to know that she will be able to travel conveniently since her husband is foreman of the car department of the Milwaukee railroad at Butte, entitling her to a pass on the road. We therefore hope to see her occasionally. She has been authorized by the Board to represent our Mission out West as occasion and time presents itself to her. (Several have asked me if Mr. Sand is a relative of Pastor M. H. Sand, president of the Mission Board. No, they are only brothers in Christ Jesus.)

MYRTLE NORDIN.

It was with great interest and expectation that we motored from Minneapolis to Chicago, Mon., Oct. 18, for we were to meet Rev. Andrew Larson, Mr. Quanrud and Sister Alma Monson there and take them with us in the car to New York City in time for them to catch the boat on Saturday noon.

We had learned to love these friends and the Ostrem's, and had spent many happy hours with them in packing trunks, boxes and crates; also in earnest conversation and prayer. Finally the last article had been packed



Left to right: Alma Bratberg Sand, Pearl Allan, Mrs. A. M. Allan, Rev. A. M. Allan, Robert Allan.

We are glad we can at this time present a likeness of the Allan family, the consecrated Presbyterian workers who have been so kind and helpful in locating a field for this new Lutheran work. They have been on the field in Colombia 26 years.

Rev. Allan also took time off from his busy missionary life to go to the coast, a distance of more than one thousand miles, to meet our five new workers when they arrived in Colombia recently, helping them at the customs office, serving as their interpreter, guide and fatherly advisor. Let us pray that the Lord will reward them for their unselfish services.

The above picture was taken at Wheaton, Ill., when they were home on furlough last year.

and shipped, and the missionaries had gone ahead to Chicago where they were to hold Sunday services on the 17th. We were to meet them on the 18th and take them with us to New York. The Ostrem's had gone on ahead, via railroad, before we arrived in Chicago, as there was barely room for three besides my wife and myself in the car.

What a treat we had in the fellowship of the Ljostveit home—yes, there was room for us both "heart and home room," that evening, and early next morning we drove out of that great metropolitan center sprawled over such a large area, just as like a sleeping giant, it was slowly waking for another day—but what a day for those millions—work, grind, filth, mad pleasure, and another day closer to Eternity.

However, we were heading for a place that was even larger, New York City; and we sang as we rode along, knowing in whose keeping we were placed, for though these enormous Sodoms worship strange gods—yet, they have their faithful remnant who stand in the breach holding back the judgments of the Eternal God, who is a consuming fire against evil.

Space forbids the telling of the incidents of the trip, via Niagara Falls—but we will never forget the happy moments of that drive with these dear friends and the thrill of answered prayer, as all things worked out so that when the boat sailed, everything had dovetailed and we saw, as it were, the Pierced Hand of our Loving

SOME CORRECTIONS

In my article, "A Cry From the Neglected Continent," in the last issue of the "Celmosa Clarion," I gave the population of South America to be 120,000,000, when I meant Latin America, including Mexico, Central and South America.

I also stated in the same article that there were only two mission stations in the Dept. of Boyaca, besides our own station at Soata, one being occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. Allan of the Presbyterian mission and the other by some independent workers. At the time I wrote the article it slipped my mind that the World-Wide Evangelization Crusade of England has a Gospel work in Tunja, the capital of Boyaca. Later I also learned that another of their stations is also in Boyaca, but in that strip of land which reaches over to the Magdalena river, and now they have opened a third station just inside of the southern boundary line of Boyaca.

This faith mission society, the World-Wide Evangelization Crusade of England is an outstanding work of God. Their first worker, Mr. Pat Symes, came there four years ago last July and now they have 32 men and women on the field. They go into the neglected parts of the departments, and it is a work of faith and prayer only, trusting God to supply their every need and He has never failed them. They are some of the finest workers we can meet on the field—so unselfish and sacrificial. What an inspiration to us to press on with God!

All these mission stations above mentioned are far south of our station, Soata, in Boyaca, so all the northern part of that department will be our responsibility as we understand it now.

The above mentioned errors and omissions I wanted to clarify to you all.

MYRTLE NORDIN.

Dear Friends:

"As the mountains are around about Jerusalem—so Jehovah is round about His people—from this time forth, even forevermore." Psm. 125:2.

Our little city of Soata is also located in the midst of mountains. Since coming here, I have been reminded frequently of God's loving kindness surrounding us even as these mountains do. We may enjoy the beauties of nature here, wherever we go, but, somehow there is a shadow which casts itself over all because of darkness, sin, and misery, so evident in the lives of these precious souls.

Friends, we are thankful to God for bringing us here, and we know that you are constantly praying that the power of God's Word will bring many souls here in Colombia into a vital fellowship with Him.

"What then? I am not careful to inquire: I know there will be tears, and fears, and sorrow—and then a loving Savior drawing nigher, and saying, 'I will answer for the morrow.'"

Your friend in Christ,
ALMA MONSON.

Saviour, working out all the difficulties. Let us give thanks to His blessed Name—He is faithful—Hallelujah!

(Rev.) M. H. SAND.

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Prof. E. M. Broen

Just before going to press we received word that our dear brother and member of the mission board, Prof. E. M. Broen, president of the Lutheran Bible School, Fergus Falls, Minn., has gone to be with the Lord. He had been on a speaking tour through China, Palestine, Denmark, Sweden, and was, at the time of his passing holding a series of meetings in Moss, Norway, his native land. He was accompanied by his wife and expected to return home this summer.

In his passing the Colombia Mission has lost a faithful friend and intercessor. Professor Broen's missionary zeal was one of his outstanding characteristics and many of the young people on various mission fields today received their challenge and call to the foreign field during their instruction under him at the Bible School.

We remember with gratitude to God the encouragement, advice and impetus which he instigated into the meeting when the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America was organized in June, 1936. He had long had a vision of the great need of the vast unevangelized regions of our sister continent, and rejoiced greatly that it was now possible, through the united efforts of Christians from various Lutheran synods, to send out workers to South America under an organized Board. From the beginning he was one of the advisors to the Executive Committee and his practical suggestions and advice will be greatly missed by that Committee. At the Farewell Services, held November 1, 1936, when our first two missionaries were commissioned, Prof. Broen was the main speaker.

May the God of all comfort be near the bereaved family, as well as the friends of the Lutheran Brethren Church, who now have lost their founder and great leader. Let us praise God for his memory and pray that many such spiritual leaders with a great vision for the Lord's work may be raised up among us.

—A. B. S.

South America

South America is twice the size of Europe, thrice the size of China, four times the size of India and sixty times the size of the British Isles. It has twice the continental area of the United States. It is the Dark Horse among the continents, having the largest unexplored area. It has a population of 80 millions. What a continent to evangelize!

Colombia is the republic of two seas, the Caribbean sea on the north and the Pacific ocean on the west. It is an awakening republic with enormous resources, having a population of more than eight million souls and only a few scattered mission stations. It is the farthest behind in civilization of all the republics of South America, and yet the closest to the U. S. Their great need is evangelization.

Pagan Romanism

Does any one imagine that the millions of Romanists in Latin America are in less need of the gospel than the Buddhists of Siam or the pigmies of Africa? Perhaps few among us realize that though most Latin Americans possess smatterings of an ancient Christian vocabulary and cling to some distorted and perverted symbolisms, they are actually in the most pitiable spiritual darkness, following a religion that is full of crude superstitions and revolting immoralities.—*Moody Bible Institute Monthly.*

Praise the Lord:

1—That the funds are being filled according to the needs through the free-will offerings of God's people;

2—That the Holy Spirit has created a hunger in the hearts of people in Soatá to hear the Word of God and that they come out to the services in spite of the threatenings of the priests;

3—For the individuals and prayer-groups scattered throughout the States and Canada, who are "Jehovah's remembrancers" (Is. 62:6) on behalf of this work. Eternity alone will reveal what such faithful intercession has meant in the salvation of souls over there.

Prayer is Requested:

1—That the Lord will bless and use to His glory and the salvation of souls in Soatá the native teacher and evangelist, Mr. Galdámez. Besides teaching he is preaching the gospel to the people at our station. Pray that the Word, through him, may go forth with mighty convicting power.

2—For our missionaries who now are daily studying the language, that they may receive grace to be patient and look to the Lord to unfold it to them as they study.

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4—That the Board of the Colombia Mission may be definitely led to know God's will in the calling of new workers, as they will, in a few months, meet for their annual conference. Remember especially the brother in Canada, who has sent in his application to go out, and also the sister we mentioned in the last issue of this paper.

5—That the Lord will bless and strengthen Miss Nordin as she is traveling and presenting the needs of the field here in the homeland. The other workers here at home also covet your prayers.

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The people that sat in darkness saw a great light and to them that sat in the region and shadow of death, to them did light spring up. Matt. 4:16.

As I continue my work here on the mission station in Colombia, thoughts from my childhood days often come to my memory. As a young boy I had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home. I can remember, when the blessed Christmas season came, and everything was set in order for the birth of the Christ child in the manger, mother would take the good old book and read: "Now it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus . . ." When the story was finished she would pray, and later she would tell us how this Jesus had been preaching to the benighted heathen in foreign lands. She would tell how sin had ravaged every heart and how Jesus could change even the hearts of the vilest heathen.

These years in a Christian home meant so much to me. I did not realize until after my conversion what the following passage in the Bible meant: "Those who sat in the region and shadow of death, unto them did light spring up." The apostle Paul testified, saying: "I hold not my life of any account dear unto myself, so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify of the gospel of the grace of God." Paul did not spare himself, but pressed on with the light until he had realized God's plan for his life. The good news was spread throughout Asia, Europe and even to Scandinavia.

My parents opened their hearts to the Lord in their youth and found peace with God through our Saviour Jesus Christ. At last the light shone forth in my darkened heart. It was indeed a glorious day when the day star, the Lord Jesus, arose in my

heart. Now, after having been on the "Potter's wheel" for a few years, I am sent forth to witness to those who still "sit in darkness and the shadow of death" here in Colombia.

It has been said of Latin America that it does not need any missionaries, because it is a religious country. The truth is, that Latin America is in terrible darkness. Millions of homes have no Bibles and the majority do not know how to read or write. Millions have never heard the voice from Calvary saying: "IT IS FINISHED." Their hearts are longing for a living God. Their burden of sin is unbearable and there is a cry for freedom.

How can this freedom be found? Only through Christ Jesus. It is only the precious blood of Jesus, which was shed on Calvary, that can cleanse from sin and set the sinner free.

Salvation can not be had by means of idols; nor through Saints; nor by the virgin Mary, priests or pope; but only through Jesus Christ.

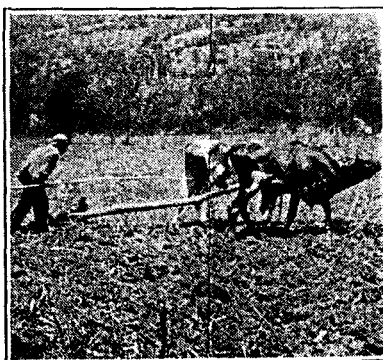
Colombia was not opened for mission work until recently. It was then that freedom of worship was granted to this people. The people have been kept in ignorance and superstition for over four hundred years. The need for the Gospel in Latin America can not be expressed in words. When you pray for the foreign fields, will you not also include Latin America? Pray that the light of a new day may dawn and the veil of ignorance be taken away. Pray that the chains of sin may be loosed and that undying souls may be set free in Christ Jesus. Who will say as Isaiah of old: "Here am I, send me."

Friends, I count it all joy to be Christ's ambassador, and your ambassador, to the undying souls in Latin America. May I leave with you the chorus written by Floyd Hawkins. This chorus has given me strength to go on.

*Willing to take the cross was He,
Willing to suffer misery,
Willing to go to Calvary,
Laying His glory aside;
Willing to hang there on the tree,
Willing to bear the agony,
Willing to die for you and me
Jesus the crucified.*

Yours in His service,
ANDREW J. LARSON.

—From *Faith and Fellowship*.



The Colombian Tractor

This picture is taken just outside of the city of Soata, where our mission is located. The city and neighboring country is said to have been settled four hundred years ago, long before the first settlers arrived in our country, and yet, there has been no progress in civilization along the lines of modern inventions, proving that only the influence of the Gospel can truly bring progress.

The Bible is said to be a lamp to our feet. It is not a great sun shining high in the heavens and lighting half the globe, but is meant to be used as a lantern which one may carry in his hand as he walks, to help him to see where to set his feet. A lantern lightens the longest path, but only a step at a time. If we use the Word of God as a lantern we need never walk in darkness. It will not show us our course twenty years or one year in advance, but it will always show us what to do today, how to do the present duty.—J. R. Miller.

*Dear Friends of the
Colombia Mission:*

"Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession." Ps. 2:8. "Call upon me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

How blessed it is to launch out upon the promises of God and find that He is faithful who has promised. The most important work of any mission for the furtherance of God's kingdom upon earth is the prayers of His saints, for, as Christians pray, God opens doors that the blessed Gospel of salvation through the blood of Jesus may go forth, even to the uttermost parts of the earth. He also moves those who pray and others to give of their time and means. Let us remember that "Only the gold that is coined into souls can enter the kingdom of Heaven."

It is truly marvelous how the Lord has blessed the work of the Colombia Mission, and we know it is all in answer to prayer. Praise His wonderful Name! We are especially thankful for the little prayer groups here and there, who remember this work. May God richly bless all who are interceding as well as those who are giving of their means. We were so blessed a short time ago in receiving a letter and gift from a missionary in East Africa, who had heard of this mission. May we at home not be less faithful in serving the Lord. There is so much to be done and a place to fill no matter where we are. I think God needs, most of all, those who will pray without ceasing for unsaved souls, both in our land and abroad.

As we read the letters from those who are on the mission field in Colombia of how the people who have never heard, are hungry for the Gospel of Christ, we know that our prayers and efforts have not been in vain. Oh, how we need to work and pray while the doors are open to the Gospel. It may not be long, even in this land, that we shall have the freedom in working for Christ that we now have. The forces of evil are at work, as never before, and soon night cometh when no man can work; but then, we who know Him, Who has redeemed us, can look up and rejoice, for our redemption draweth nigh. Praise God, He is able to keep us faithful until the end.

Yours in His service,
MRS. H. C. KALLEVIG,
Kandiyohi, Minn.

There are some things God wants us to forget, and other things we are to remember. "Forgetting those things which are behind," but "Remember all the way that the Lord thy God hath led thee." We can look into the past, not to see our achievements, but to see God's blessings.—*Selected.*

The Christian's Opportunity

"There are three things in life that know no retrocession," said a wise old man, and these are: time that has passed, the arrow shot into space, and lost opportunity.

It is a well known fact that in man's brief existence opportunity presents itself in one form or other, and his fame or fortune, failure or obscurity will depend much on how he meets his opportunities.



Juan V. Galdamez

The day of our opportunity, as Christians, in serving the Lord includes all of our short period of life, for short it surely is. The Psalmist says: "The days of our years are three-score years and ten — for it is soon cut off and we fly away." Our prayers ought thus surely to be: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

I firmly believe that God's purpose and plan with us in this life, after our adoption into His family, is to grant us the incomparable opportunity of glorifying Him in our lives, working for the advancement of His Kingdom, thus laying up for ourselves "treasures in Heaven." Were it not so, He would have translated us into His Presence at the moment of our salvation.

May we keep in mind that our life is as a day with its morning, noon, and setting sun, remembering that the "night cometh when no man can work." It behooves us then to give of our best "while it is day"; in the strength of our youth, while our physical and intellectual faculties are in their prime. I have known Chris-

tians who have wasted their youth in idle living, letting their Christian opportunities slip by, realizing with remorse toward "evening" that the day of service is past. True, our path is not always strewn with roses, yea, rather we must share the thorns that pierced our Blessed Master's brow, but we shall be victorious for His promise is that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

We need not be dismayed if we are not understood by the world, yea, our sacrifice may even be misunderstood by our fellow Christians, but our aim should be to please Him, Who said, "I receive not honor from man." John 5:41.
Juan V. Galdámez.

The above article, translated from Spanish by Miss Marie Thompson, was written by the native language teacher and consecrated worker from Guatemala, Central America, who has been engaged by our mission until the missionaries have acquired the language and can enter into active service themselves. Let us praise God for him, as he is a definite answer to prayer. The missionaries write: "We are so glad for our consecrated native worker, and the Lord is richly blessing his ministry."

*Poor Colombia, like blind Bartimæus
Sits begging beside the road.
She hears that the Master is coming,
The One who can lift the load.*

*A faint cry comes from her trembling
lips:
"Have mercy, Thou Son of God!
For many years I have waited for
Thee,
Held down under ignorance rod.*

*My teachers, like those who walked
with Thee
Outside old Jericho's gate,
Persist in telling me to hold my peace,
Because blindness, they say, is my
fate.*

*They tell me, too, that I cannot know
The power that will have from sin,
That the Word of God is a very bad
Book,
And I dare not look within.*

*They say that in purgatory's flames
I then shall be made free
To serve the Lord with a cleaved
heart,
And until then I never shall see.*

*But I have heard of Thy power divine,
That sets the captive free,
And so like blind Bartimæus, dear
Lord,
Gropingly, I would come to Thee.*

*Like blind Bartimæus I would join the
throng
Of happy hearts that sing —
All glory, laud and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!"
Written by ROSE KHOWRY,
Missionary in Colombia.*

The Christian's Privilege Of Giving

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35.

By nature we all disagree with Jesus in what He says here. We consider it lost what we give away, but faith sees what unbelief cannot see: the blessing and joy of giving.

First, let us remember what a blessing it is to have a share in making people happy and secured for time and eternity, not only by the gifts, but much more by the concern and the spirit of giving that meets their need and frightened and paralyzed souls. A great man of God has said: "A true witness for Christ will always say more than words." Yes, what a great ice-house this world would be if it were not for the compassionate love and concern of every true child of God for the perishing and sinking souls at home and abroad.

Secondly, let us remember the blessing we experience in our own souls, the peace and joy of heart and conscience that free-will gifts bring. I am not only thinking of the thanks we receive from those we have been permitted to help, but the privilege of helping even there where it is overlooked, yes, even despised. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

This joy is the fruit of love, and, therefore, in the last analysis it is God's joy. His life from eternity is to give — it is His joy. He gives to good and evil, and, as His mind gains possession of us and fills us with the spirit of giving, we become partakers in the joy of the Lord, the deepest and purest He can give us.

Is your Christian life empty and without joy? Then you must have forgotten to give. Ask Him to open your eyes so you can see the crying need of the world without Christ, and your gifts shall be the natural outflow of a heart burdened for others. Your surroundings will look different, for you will see them with His eye, and your eye will reach as far as His eye to see the need of all our fellowmen unto the ends of the earth, not forgetting the sin-laden and ill-guided down in dark Colombia. May we be true to the charge He has left us and thank Him for His unsearchable grace in permitting us to serve Him.

SEV. GJERDE.

Soatá, Boyacá,
Colombia, So. America,
January 10, 1938.

... Thanks for the letter. We received much mail today, and oh, how good it is to hear from relatives and friends! We find very little time for correspondence, however, so I am going to write two in one. Hope the

pencil will not be faded out before it reaches North America.

The "icicles" you sent in your letter reached here in time for our Christmas tree decoration, for we did have a tree with lights. Rev. Sand sent two light cords with us for it, but we forgot to bring bulbs, so the boys used flash light bulbs and batteries and we covered the bulbs with red and green cellophane. We also had a delicious meal Christmas eve.

Mr. Medina (Miss Thompson's language teacher) helped get our tree. He and his family have now left Soatá to make their home in her home town close to Bogotá. We had them up for supper before they left, and were glad to hear him say that even though he had seemed indifferent to the Gospel he knows that it is the right way and that we have something which the others do not have. He also asked about the Presbyterian school in Bogota and wishes to send his children there. We pray that God might humble him to such an extent that he will see his need of Christ.

The boys have been busy making our furniture, so we now have a nice collection of useful and necessary pieces, even the luxury of one rocking chair.

Our native worker and language teacher arrived last Thursday. He seems to be a very fine man and a good preacher of the Gospel, although we do not understand much of what he says yet. Last night there were about 15 people here, who seemed very much interested in what he said to them, so he asked them to come again tonight and we were surprised to see how many came out. We had to use all the chairs and benches in the house as there were about forty people in all. Some sat on the veranda just outside the door, and there were many more out on the street looking or listening at the window. Mr. Galdámez is a good singer, too. The priests are surely riled up here now, however, and we were told that one day at mass they talked about us for two hours, telling the people how bad we are and they say even our money is from the devil. They also threaten to burn our house. Well, they are made from thick mud and will not burn so easily. Persecution starts when their people come under the influence of the Gospel.

If we had a hospital here I know it would have been filled long ago as so many come here with their ailments. The sick baby went home well as could be three weeks ago. One girl about 16 years old with a very bad leg came for treatment every day for a long time and is fine now. Another little girl fell head first out of a window and they asked Miss Thompson and Miss Monson to come and see her. Others bring their babies who are teething, and a few days ago a man with a very bad cut on his hand came for treatment. It really is amusing how the news spreads as one tells the

other. God grant that through these many contacts their sin-sick souls may be brought under the influence of the Great Physician of their souls.

Love in Him,
HELENE OSTREM.

Soatá, Boyacá,
Colombia, So. America,
January 28, 1938.

Dear Friends:

"Oh, give thanks unto Jehovah, for He is good: for His loving-kindness endureth forever." Ps. 107:1.

We give thanks unto the Lord for bringing us to Colombia, and when we see the great need for the knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ we pray that we may, by His grace, be used to spread its good news.

It is now more than two and one-half months since we arrived in Soatá and about three months since we landed in Colombia. Little by little we are getting accustomed to our new surroundings. It is like getting into a new world where everything is strange — the people, the language, their way of living, and idolatry on every hand.

At present we are engaged in the study of the language of Colombia, which is Spanish, or as it is called here: idioma de espanol. Our teacher, Senor Juan Galdámez (Mr. John Galdámez) is a native of Guatemala, Central America. Besides teaching, he is also preaching the Gospel to these precious blood-bought souls in Soatá, who are in darkness and know not the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. We are very thankful to God for the way He is answering prayer, for at every service there are many who come and are eager to hear the good news of Him who came down from Glory and "bore our sins in His body on the tree."

At present we can not tell how long it will take before we will be able to speak the language and thereby be able to testify to these people of Him, but we know that, by His grace, which is sufficient for all our needs, we shall eventually acquire it. Needless to say, we are all looking forward to that time, with the exception of Miss Marie Thompson, who has now spent more than a year here and has acquired the language to such an extent that she is able to converse with the people.

On every hand we see the need of the saving grace of God, for here in Colombia are millions who do not know Him, "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." Friends, pray for us and for more laborers to be sent into this field which is white unto harvest, and that many may be gathered in before the great day of our Lord's return.

Greetings to all in His blessed Name, on behalf of the Sextette.

OLGER QUANRUD.

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The Annual Meeting

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Last year it was held in Radcliffe, Iowa, so the friends of the mission down there had the opportunity to attend. This year we hope many of the friends in the northwest will be present. Let us come together for a praise and prayer service in connection with our annual conference, as we look back upon the wonderful way in which the Lord has prospered His work for needy Colombia; praying also that we may catch His vision for the future, moving on in faith with Him, who, in the past has done "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Please note time and place, as this will be the only announcement.

MAURICE H. SAND, *President*,

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Pithy—Pointed—Pertinent

"God had an only Son, and He was a missionary."—David Livingstone.

"Indifference to missions is the worst kind of treason."—Henry Van Dyke.

"The world is my parish."—John Wesley.

"Faith goes up the stairs which love has provided."—C. H. Spurgeon.

"I see no business in life but the work of Christ."—Henry Martyn.

"The prospects are as bright as the promises of God."—Adoniram Judson.

"I am in the best of service for the best of Masters and upon the best of terms."—John Williams.

"Prayer and pains, through faith in Jesus Christ, will do anything."—John Elliott.

"The promises of God are moulds into which we pour our prayers."—D. L. Moody.

"Our missionary work is not completed unless we evangelize our neighbor, South America."—*The Missionary Broadcaster*.

A New Missionary

An air-mail letter from Colombia brought the news that a daughter was born to Missionary and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem at Bogotá on Mother's Day, May 8th. The happy father writes: "She is the picture of health as well as beautiful. She was committed to the Lord before her birth and we have placed her before Him again, and continue to do so, for Him to have His way with her. Yes, it is our continued prayer that she may live her life in the service of the Lord wherever He may choose to lead her. She bears the name of Carol Lois."

Little Carol Lois Ostrem bears the distinction of being the first baby born to missionary parents on our field in Colombia. Hearty congratulations to the parents and may God's blessing be with them and the gift with which the Lord has entrusted them.

The Lord Liveth

Ps. 18:46.

May we get personally acquainted with God — for to know Him is eternal life. When you open your heart to God, you open your heart to eternal life. When the living Christ dwells in your heart by faith; eternal life dwells in your heart and you are really living.

It is springtime now. We see life in every plant, every blade, every tree. We follow the foot-steps of the living God in nature, when we plant our gardens, when we work in our fields. When God is so willing to impart his life to things in nature, how much more is He longing to grant repentance unto life to lost sinners throughout the world. Throw out His life-line! May He soon be "for salvation unto the ends of the earth." May the living God through living witnesses by means of the living Word create life in dead souls the world over.

The living God is also our physical life, strength and stay. He has created us and sustained our bodies until today with physical life. How much more is He not anxious to grant us forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

The living God "who provideth food for the raven when his young ones cry" (Job 38:41), who knows my temporal needs and who knows my spiritual needs, will He not much more provide for all the needs of His own children, and grant eternal life, and sustain that eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord?

It was said about the great Napoleon that his presence on the battlefield was equal to an army of 100,000 men. What then about the living, saving Presence of our Living God. His living Presence was with the Psalmist in all his trials; therefore he sums up his experiences with the words: "The Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock and exalted be the God of my salvation." The living God was with the three young believers in the fiery furnace, moving all around them with His saving Presence. The living Lord with His living heavenly host was all about Elisha, so no enemy could set upon him and harm him. "My Presence shall go with thee," he said to Moses — all the way through that awful desert. "In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His Presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them, and carried them all the days of old."—Is. 63:9. How good to travel in this blessed company which is led along, guided and protected by His living, saving Presence.

We, His living children, are entrusted with the business of the living God. God has much saving business to do in South America. May our representatives down there hear the sound of the steps of the living God in the mulberry trees. May His living and saving Presence be around them, go before them, and be mightily at work through the living Word by living witnesses to rescue dead souls from the pit of corruption.

"No precipice is too steep for two," Ibsen says in "Brand." When the Lord's living, saving, Presence is with us, no precipice is too steep, no duty too high or duty too heavy every day, O'er all the take care of you."

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The True Condition In South America

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Bogotá, Colombia,
 South America,
 April 10, 1938.

Jesu Cristo es el misnio ayer, y hoy, y por los siglos. Hebreos 13:8.

Muchas gracias por la carta que nosotros recibimos la semana pasado, y muchas gracias por el . . . No, I'll have to write in Spanish some time later as it takes too much time now, as I would have to have the dictionary and grammar on a table ahead of me if I should write all Spanish. Am glad, however, to be able to speak it some and understand a large part of what people say, and in a sermon I do not know what percentage, but I understand enough to get a fairly connected thought of a whole sermon. Even in reading I understand the greater part, I believe, but it is most difficult, when it comes to speaking it, for then I fall short of words. Have gotten behind on study these last three weeks as Andrew Larson and Mr. Goldámez were on trek work to Cocuy and district, so we lost two weeks of classes then, and the past week we have been here. Hope to get at studies again next week.

Yesterday we heard Colporteur Navarro speak at the Worldwide Evan-

gelization Crusade Mission here in Bogotá. He related many of his experiences, and it was encouraging to note how God had led and protected him. O, may the Lord call out many of the men of this land to give themselves into His service thus. The natives in any land have a wonderful advantage over us foreigners, of course, as they are a part of the people, knowing their customs, ways of thinking, etc. They also seem to be able to know how to take the priests here, at least Senor Navarro does.

We regret that the Allans had to leave Paipa to take up work at Bucaramanga, which is so far to the northwest. At Paipa we were so near that we could have had fellowship with one another at times.

We had a preparatory missionary conference November 25 last, where representatives from the several evangelical missions were present. We will have another such conference in May here in Bogotá, and it is hoped that arrangements will then be made so as to have some territorial boundaries for the various missions, to prevent overlapping, as the field is so vast. Pray much for the May Conference. I think I will be representing our mission then since we will be here in Bogotá at that time anyway.

The trip which Larson and Galdámez made to Cocuy appeared to be successful. The people seemed to be very liberal there and the Alcade (mayor) too, was glad to have them come. He showed himself very favorable at that time at least. They had several meetings in Cocuy and three in Chiskas and had real good gatherings each time, chiefly men.

We are so glad for two young people in Soatá, Luis, a young man about eighteen years of age, and Margarita, a young girl about fourteen, who seem to have come through for Christ. Luis desires to get training so he can work and preach the Gospel among his own people. Join us in praying for them. Luis' father seems interested too, and has recently begun coming to the meetings. He has a house in Cocuy which he offered to us. There are people living in it at present, but perhaps when we are ready for someone to move there the house will be available. We'll place it before God who knows what is best.

God bless you as you represent the mission. We are praying for you. God bless the whole Board and all pertaining to the annual meeting.

Yours in Christ's service,
 GERHARD OSTREM.

Praise the Lord:

1.—That He has supplied every need "according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 4:19.

2.—That the Lord is beginning to "call out a people for His Name" in Soatá.

3.—That an open door for preaching the Gospel was also found in Cocuy and Chiskas.

House Visitation

Of the many avenues of Christian service that present themselves to a missionary, I have found house to house visitation to bring me the greatest blessing and joy during the short time I have been here. As much as this is an essential part of pioneer work, I am personally so happy for the privilege of having a part in this ministry, and I would like to share with you some of my experiences.

First, I have found that a little knowledge of nursing will unlock many closed doors. Although we may be known as heretics and foreign devils, a few deeds of kindness in the Name and spirit of Christ will disarm many an enemy.

Entering one home we found an old woman living practically alone, but for her chickens, and an occasional visit of some neighbors. She being ill, was confined to her bed most of the time. Her room was dark, the one door also serving as window. Her furniture consisted of a couple of broken chairs, a small table, and a hard wooden bed. The walls were superfluously adorned with pictures of their many saints, with candles burning before them. I tried to make her comfortable with the few available means. Then, the joy of telling such ones of the love of Christ, to read to them from the Bible, and pray with them.

On another occasion I visited a mother and child sick with smallpox. The mother had passed the crisis and was improving, although a pitiable looking sight. But the child was critically ill, and this is how I found them. A small mud hut of only one room, the door hanging on one hinge. No windows. In one corner an open fire on three stones. A few dishes and kettles on the dirt floor around the fire. In another corner some grass mats for a bed, above which was a little hammock holding the sick child, with a dirty cloth thrown over him for protection from the swarms of flies. The walls, many times coated with smoke and soot. The ceiling, (cane and grass) admits all the rain that it doesn't absorb. Again an opportunity to tell of the Great Physician to body and soul.

But not all homes are like these mentioned above. We are also kindly received and admitted into better homes. Better in the material things, but spiritually fully as dark.

Just recently I visited a lawyer's wife, who graciously ushered me into her "best room," and in the course of our conversation she asked me: "And what are you people teaching?" My answer was, that our chief aim is to make known and teach the Bible, that souls may come to a living and saving knowledge of the Lord. "And what is the Bible?" So I took out my Testament which I always carry, and showed her what the Bible is. "But these things are written that ye may believe

that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and by believing, ye may have life in His name."

And last, I also have the joy of visiting a few homes of those who are vitally interested in the Gospel. Not long ago I visited the mother of a young man who has recently accepted the Lord. The unconverted mother said that although she didn't understand much about these things, one thing she knew, that her son was a different person as compared with what he used to be. Which reminded me of the testimony of the man born blind. "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see."

Again we remind you that we covet your prayers. That we may be filled with His spirit and wisdom as we deal with the various classes of people and that they may be led to let go of their vain gods to know and to serve the one true and living God.

MARIE THOMPSON.



Colombia

The country was described in 1931 as the most important unevangelized field south of Panama. There are now several agencies — among them the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of U. S. A., the Gospel Missionary Union, the Scandinavian Alliance Mission, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Seventh-Day Adventists, the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade and the American Bible Society — at work in the Republic.—*World Domain.*

NOTE: We are happy to add to the above list of evangelical missions at work in Colombia, the name of our Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission, which has so recently opened the station at Soatá in Boyacá. Since it is so new the writer of the above item evidently did not know of it at the time of writing.—*Editor.*

The First Trip to Cocuy

"And there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Josh 13:1.

It had been planned that a trip should be made to Cocuy and the surrounding towns, so Tuesday morning, March 22, our teacher, Senor Juan Galdámez and I were ready to leave. Our Colombian boy had the horses ready at 3 o'clock in the morning because we planned to make Cocuy in one day which generally is a two days journey. After leaving Soatá we had to pass over a river in the valley 2,000 feet below. It was a great pleasure to view the mighty Andes mountains rise to thousands of feet, and the valleys below which seemed to be bottomless. How majestic is the handiwork of God in nature even here in this sin-cursed land.

Everything was quiet except for the barking of some dogs and some roosters crowing. The natives were sleeping in their mud huts with doors closed and no windows, no ventilation. A cry arose from my heart: O, Lord, when shall these people be saved? Lord have mercy on them! At six o'clock the sun arose, and its golden light painted the snow white clouds which little by little vanished away before the hot sun. A new day has come for the millions of souls of this land — one day nearer eternity!

We passed our first town, which is called Boavita. This community has a population of 14,000 souls and no evangelical work. Our place for lunch was La Uvita. This is a community of 15,000 souls and no evangelical work. These towns are very fanatical yet, but the Lord will open the doors that also these people may hear of the *finished work of Christ*. The priest with his spies are hounding the missionaries like the shark its prey.

After leaving La Uvita we commenced climbing the rugged mountains which seemed an impassable path, only stones and holes which seemed terrible to me but far worse for the horses that should carry the burden. We had to walk a few miles in the burning sun with no shades and no water to quench our thirst. Christ's word became real to me, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink."

Late in the afternoon we ascended to an elevation of 13,000 feet above sea level. From this point we could view the snowcapped Nevado in the distance, the many roaring rivers, the Colombians with their stone, mud and wood huts. Indeed a marvelous scenery. From here we began descending to Cocuy, which is located in the valley, at the foot of Nevado, the snow-capped mountain. Having felt the tropical sun and the burden of the day, we arrived 7 o'clock at Cocuy. The Colporteur had everything ready for our arrival, and the dinner was received with a great appetite. It was a typical Colombian dinner with soup and soup and some more soup. The

Colombians are noted for their soup.

After having battled a night through with fleas and insects we welcomed a new day with new opportunities and new strength to go on with the Gospel. We rented a pool hall and had three meetings in this place, which was filled with men who for the first time sang choruses and listened to the Gospel story. Juan Galdámez said our purpose in coming to Cocuy was "buscanda almas" (seeking souls) in Christ's stead. After three nights of meetings in the pool hall we received the theatre and school combined for two more nights. We stayed in Cocuy for five days during which time we visited the prison, distributed gospels and tracts, and also testified in the homes, stores and streets about our salvation full and free, having this assurance that His Word shall not return void.

Leaving Cocuy we visited Chiskas, which is also a liberal town. The doors were opened for two nights in the theatre and school combined. Many came to listen, which made the priests excited and told the people that we were devils. Bidding Chiskas "adios" we started for home, arriving safely at Soatá. It felt good to be back with the brethren again and to receive rest for our soul and body.

As the territory of thousands and thousands of souls has been given to our responsibility we may say with Joshua of old: "And there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

Praying friends, will you not pray for and with us, that as the sun is rising once more (maybe the last time for many souls) that the Sun of Righteousness may arise in many hearts of this land of Latin America.

Yours in Him,
ANDREW J. LARSON.

Soatá, Boyacá,
Colombia, S. A.,
Feb. 19, 1938.

At last this long silence is broken. I thought surely you had received the letter I wrote you at Buenaventura, but since you did not it means that this is the first you hear from me directly, which is too bad. However, I know you realize that our time is so very well occupied that there is not much time for writing.

You perhaps know that we will be moving soon. This house is to be used for the government school. We have as good as rented another house, which is larger, more convenient and which we know, will serve our purpose much better. How wonderfully the Lord provides for His own. We have very definitely experienced divine guidance in this matter, for which we are truly thankful. We expect to be moving about March 1st.

Rev. Allan has now been here and we all enjoyed his visit even though it was short. He surely is a kind and fatherly man, and one, who, at the same time demands respect and admiration.

He has been over much of the territory which is considered our field of labor and it is very extensive. May the Lord lead and guide so that the many in those places may soon hear the blessed Gospel. Rev. Allan was very pleased and delighted to see how the people here are coming out to the meetings. He thinks too that Mr. Galdámez, our native worker, is a fine man.

The last evening Rev. Allan was here he led us in our devotion, and he read Ezek. 2 and left with us many beautiful and helpful thoughts. Shall mention but one. He said he believed that we Christians need to wait more in God's presence that we might know what His thoughts are concerning us. Isn't this striking? After all, God wants us to listen to Him and behold Him and then He will clothe us with spiritual power to minister for Him.

Last Sunday was the opening of our Sunday School and there were thirty present, including adults and children. The people continue to show genuine interest. We have meetings Tuesday, Friday and Sunday evenings at 7:30. Last evening it rained, but even so we had a fair attendance. An elderly lady and others with her came in spite of the rain. Just a few years ago this woman's son was killed at the order of the priest. It was some political affair. O, that God might save her soul. Then there is a man, whom we call the "electrician," since he works for the light plant, whom, I know you will be interested in hearing about. He comes to every meeting, has bought a Bible, and has been to see Mr. Galdámez. He quite often has to go out during the meeting since he meets the bus for some reason, and he is so anxious to hear all he can that when he comes back he is invariably running. He brings others with him, too. O, that God may continue to speak to him and reveal His love and saving power to him!

I find the study of Spanish very interesting. We women do not have enough time for study, but we hope to be relieved of many of our household duties soon, for Rev. Allan is going to help us get a cook.

"God answers prayer—answers
always, everywhere.

I may cast my anxious care,
burdens I could never bear,
On the God who heareth prayer."

Lovingly,
ALMA MONSON.

Holy Week in Colombia

The week before Easter, or Holy Week, is one of great significance in this country. Almost all work is suspended and people are supposed to give themselves to prayer and fasting. This, of course, is in order to merit something or gain the favor of the Lord.

They have feast days throughout the whole year when processions take place, but the greatest processions

take place during Holy Week. They begin on Palm Sunday when they imitate the Triumphant Entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Christ's image is placed astride a donkey which they lead about the market place and the people strew palms in the way. They also take palm branches to the priests to get them blessed and then place them in their fields as that is to assure a good harvest!

Wednesday and Good Friday they have what may be called the Procession of Images. The one we viewed here in Soatá had over thirty images. The images of the saints (Virgin Mary, the disciples, and various others which they worship) are taken from their churches and are placed in what looks like low grain tanks. These are carried on the shoulders of men by means of staves. In these processions are also people who are doing penance. They walk barefooted and are dressed in long robes which fall from head to foot, tied at the waist by means of a girdle.

The processions consist of scenes of the events such as they are recorded in the Bible. The scene in the Garden of Gethsemane, the soldiers, Jesus before Pilate, Peter and the cock, on the way to Calvary, the Crucifixion, and even Judas hanging from a tree, are all imitated.

Before they started from the church there was a great deal of noise made. This was supposed to represent the earthquake that took place.

Bringing up the rear in the procession was the priest who sanctions all of this. To think that he is supposed to lead the people! How true it is, "When the blind lead the blind they both fall in the ditch."

Pray that the Gospel may penetrate into the far corners of this land!

In His Name,
OLGER QUANRUD.

Prayer is Requested:

1—That a large number of interested, praying friends may be present at the annual meeting of our mission (announcement as to time and place will be found elsewhere in this issue), and that we may enjoy a blessed time of fellowship in the Lord, experiencing His Guidance in the business transactions also.

2—That the General Council may be guided to know God's will in the matter of calling more workers to Colombia.

3—For the two young people, Luis and Margarita, in Soatá, who seem to be accepting the Gospel. Pray that they may not "turn back" when persecution arises, but that they may stand firm for Christ.

4—For Myrtle Nordin and Alvida Holmvik, as they are now traveling, presenting the needs of Colombia in different churches, that through their testimony friends in the homeland may be challenged to pray and "work while it is day."

CELMOSA CLARION



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Special Notice

If any of the friends wish to send gifts to the workers in Colombia, such parcels may be sent to Myrtle Nordin, Lake Lillian, Minnesota, and she will see to it that they are packed and sent with the rest of Miss Holmviik's shipment. Be sure that it reaches the above address by October 18th.

Farewell Service

for the two outgoing missionaries will be held Sunday evening, October 23, at the Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church, located on 53rd St. and 10th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn., M. H. Sand, Pastor. The service will be at 8:00 o'clock. All friends and Board Members are heartily welcome. Let us make this a triumphant praise service. There will be a special offering for Mr. Salte. For those sending last moment greetings and encouragements, send c-o Rev. M. H. Sand, 5316 11th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.

Praise the Lord:

1. For calling two new, consecrated workers who will soon be added to the group of laborers already in Colombia, making a total of nine missionaries on the field, including the native worker, Mr. Galdamez.

2. For the wonderful way in which He has opened the way for Brother Salte to present the need of Colombia among Christian groups in Norway, who possess an unusual missionary zeal.

3. For His protecting care which has rested upon Sisters Nordin and Holmviik (and later Violet Hinze) in their travels. Many new friends have been made for the mission by these contacts and let us praise the Lord for each new faithful intercessor for South America.

4. For the new applications which are continuing to come in from others who are willing to be spent for the salvation of the lost over there.

A Visit to a Future Part Of Our Field

Being invited by the Presbyterian Church to accompany their representatives in a visit to a field which the said church is turning over to us, the Lutheran Mission, as a part of our allotted territory in the Department of Boyacá, Mr. Gerhard Ostrem and I went on August 3 to Belén, about 45 miles from Soatá, to meet Rev. A. M. Allan and Rev. E. C. Mayorga, a Colombian, both of the Presbyterian Church. After an interview with Rev. Allan, Mr. Ostrem returned to Soatá and I accompanied the other brethren on the journey toward the mountainous district of Paípa, our destination. Upon arrival in Paípa we were heartily welcomed by the brethren living there.

We labored intensively in that place several days and experienced joy and spiritual victory. We had the opportunity of preaching and teaching the Word and of encouraging and establishing our brethren in the faith. We also had the privilege of organizing a church there. We had three services each day from Thursday evening through Sunday, which were all well attended. We partook of the Lord's Supper and baptized one infant, Rev. Allan and Rev. Mayorga officiating at both ceremonies.

On Sunday night I presided over the meeting, as the other brethren had to return to Bogotá to attend to their duties there. The following day I went in company with a large number of the brethren from the church of Paípa to the town of Socotá to conduct some meetings. In this place the priests agitated the people against us, persecuting us and persuading the mayor of the town to retract his word, as he had previously promised us the liberty to preach in the plaza, that is, the market place or town square. The priests gathered a large number of women and children to scream and hoot in order to hinder us from preaching the Gospel. But thanks be to God, who made it possible for us to preach it, as one man of the liberal party offered to us his house, which was in front of the plaza, that we might preach from there. The audi-

ence was quite large, chiefly men. After the meeting several Bibles were sold, as well as portions of scripture, and free tracts and literature distributed. The people appeared pleased and requested us to return to their midst to preach the Good News of Salvation.

On my return trip from the Paípa district I visited the towns of Socha and Belén. In the latter place I had the privilege to witness to three men who manifested a joy and desire to continue listening to The Word.

God is opening new doors and the fields are fast multiplying, hence, the demand for labourers and means to evangelize is very great. How true it is as our Lord says in Matthew 9:37-38—The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; *Pray ye therefore* the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth labourers into His harvest.

After a week's absence I returned to our present field of labor, with a greater vision of the great need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Colombia.

Juan V. Galdámez.

Date of Sailing

Miss Alvida Holmviik will board the S. S. *Santa Lucia*, November 5, 1938, for Colombia, South America. Her steamer address is as follows:

S. S. "Santa Lucia"—Grace Line,
Pier 57, North River,
Foot of 14th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

On the same day Pastor Trygve Salte will set sail for his native land, Norway, where he will remain until spring, traveling in behalf of the mission prior to his sailing for Colombia. His steamer address is as follows:

S. S. "Stavangerfjord"—N. A. L.
Pier 4, Army Base,
Foot of 58th St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

We hope many of the friends will remember these outgoing missionaries with letters or cards to cheer them on their way as they leave the shores of the U. S. A. to bring the glorious Gospel of Christ to our benighted sister continent.

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Alvida Holmviik

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living waters.—John 7:38.

It was the first year in high school that I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, and truly desired that this verse would become true in my life. How often I have thanked my God for the opportunity of taking my high school course at a Christian institution (Lutheran Bible School at Grand Forks, N. D.). While there I did not fully understand its meaning, but I do today. Nor shall I ever cease to praise the Lord for what He gave me, most of all, in my dear Christian home.



ALVIDA HOLMVIK

From the very beginning of my life in Christ I have experienced a pull within to some foreign mission field, and felt that I would never be satisfied and happy in any other place. In spite of this desire I continually fought with the thought of my unfitness for such a great work, and also wondered if this desire was of self or of God.

After four years of public school teaching I was led to attend the Lutheran Bible Institute at Minneapolis, where I also received great spiritual blessing. Following the two years there I worked for a short time in the Jewish Mission in Minneapolis.

It is a little more than two years ago now since I came into contact with the Colombia Mission and God spoke very definitely to me at that time, and until the day that I was yielded and willing to go to Colombia there was much disturbance and unrest within. Only in God's will is there true peace and joy. I can truly say that at no time in my Christian experience have I known the peace and good will of my Lord as I do now in planning to go to South America. There is no less of the feeling of unworthiness to such a calling of being a representative to a lost and dying people than before, but because I know this is where He wants me, I go forth with joy.

This shall ever be my desire and prayer also in benighted Colombia:

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In loving echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.*

*O, fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflows
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.*

ALVIDA HOLMVIK.

Our Bogota Trip

The crowning event, of course, on this trip was the birth of our little daughter, Carol Lois, who was born on Mother's Day, May 8.

While we were in Bogota we had the privilege to make our home at the headquarters of the World Wide Evangelization Crusade. We greatly appreciated that and enjoyed the Christian fellowship. We were glad to see how they were firmly looking to God for Him to direct the work and to supply the needs. They have more than thirty missionaries, I understood, in Colombia, four arriving while we were there. Mr. A. P. Symes of Australia is their leader in Colombia.

We also had the privilege again to meet the workers of the Presbyterian Mission, and also those of their school in Bogota. They have between five and six hundred children at their boys' and girls' schools.

We visited the Bible Depot of the British and Foreign Bible Society. This Society is doing a splendid work in Colombia, having many colporteurs of the local people who are saved. It was encouraging to learn in the conversation with Mr. Beckett, who is in charge, that in the part of Colombia in which the B & F Bible Society supplies the Bibles (This takes in all of Colombia except the departments bordering the Atlantic Ocean. The American Bible Society at Cristobal, Canal Zone, takes care of those.) there are about ninety-five missionaries of the various Missions working. Hence, I realized that here are more missionaries than I had knowledge of, but even with that large number of workers here are millions of souls untouched by the Gospel!

A conference of the various Missions was held on May 20. We represented our mission there. It is well for the missionaries to cooperate as far as possible here, too, as our missionaries do in the other mission fields.

We had the opportunity to see the processions as they have them in the large cities too while there. Shall mention the one we saw on Good Friday. It began and ended at the largest church, located in the center of the city at the one side of the plaza, an empty block which on common days is used for parking space for cars. The images (live size) were taken from the church and were carried by men around the city for several hours. We cannot say how many thousand followed in the procession, but they

were many. In that group were priests, seminary students, college girls (students above the lower grades), altar boys, orphan boys and girls, band men who were playing frequently (However, it was not difficult to tell that it was not the St. Olaf band!), about one hundred soldiers with full uniform and guns, and the rest were of the better class of the city folks. It was strange to see how oddly masked some of those who carried the images were — cloths over their faces with holes cut to see through.

Besides all those following the images there were people standing side by side literally filling the whole plaza. We cannot say how many there were, but believe there were a hundred thousand. You can find out by gathering that many in an empty block in your own city and then fill the streets a few blocks away too.

As we were watching that mob of people of whom the majority were in all sincerity worshipping those idols, our hearts were raised to God in prayer that the day might speedily come when they should know Christ as their personal Saviour.

During Holy Week those poor souls could be seen going from one church to another, as they were told that if they go to at least fifteen churches they would gain an extra amount of credit and merit before God. We stepped inside some of the churches and saw them bowing before the idols, "crossing" themselves, and sprinkling the holy (?) water. Is it not a pity, to say the least, how they are blinded? It reminds us of those of the Protestant faith who try to gain merits and salvation by their good morals and works. No, it requires more than that, it requires the acceptance of the free salvation in Christ Jesus.

You, our friends, at the home base can do VERY much to help further the cause of Christ here in Colombia. We remember well the words of our dear departed brother, Professor Broen, whose loss we mourn, but not as those who have no hope. He said: "The quickest way to reach you is by way of the Throne of God." That is true, as that way is never closed to a child of God. You can reach souls out here through your prayers. When the workers here deal with souls, your prayers may help that the correct words be spoken as well as that those souls may be led to see the truth in God's word and accept the full and free salvation through the finished work of Christ Jesus our Risen Lord and Saviour.

Yours in the Master's happy service,
GERHARD AND HELENE OSTREM.

NOTE: In order to avoid wasteful distribution of this paper we should like to hear from each one who is on our mailing list if you still wish to receive it or not.—EDITOR.

Pastor Trygve Salte

I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and the unwise. (Rom. 1:14). The Lord has clearly shown me that the way He wants me to pay the debt I owe to the millions living in darkness in Colombia, is to go there in person and witness for Him.



PASTOR TRYGVE SALTE

I was born and brought up in a Christian home near Stavanger, Norway. When I was at the age of fifteen years, my home community was blessed with a special visitation from God, and it was during that revival that I surrendered to Christ and have since, by the grace of God, been kept in His blessed fellowship. Already at that age I also felt a desire for the foreign mission field, but it was put off as something beyond my reach.

The winter of 1917-18 was spent at the school for young people, namely Indremisjonens Ungdomskule paa Jæren. Again the mission call came to me, but I did not have the courage to make it known. Later I attended a Bible School in Bergen, and while there I received a call from a mission society to travel as evangelist in the homeland. I accepted, thinking that this was God's will, but the thought of the foreign field would not leave me. Thus some years passed by, occupied mostly with farm labor and by taking part in the local Christian work.

In 1926 I immigrated to Canada, and in the fall of 1930 I entered the Lutheran Bible School, then located at Grand Forks, N. Dak., and graduated in 1933, having finished the high school and seminary courses. I am thankful to God and my teachers for what I received at that institution. Since that time I have been working in Canada, occupied with farm labor and evangelistic work. For the past two years I have been exclusively engaged in the latter, but in the midst

of it all I was not satisfied. The longing for the foreign field was still there, and after I had learned of the need in Colombia, the inner prompting became still stronger, and I had no peace before I had applied to be sent.

I am now thanking God for the privilege of going, and that He has chosen me to be His ambassador in that dark and neglected continent.

The Lord has also opened the way for me to visit Norway before going to Colombia. A trip to my homeland could not be justified if the only purpose were to visit relatives and friends there, but what gives me courage to go is the opportunity offered me to present the need of Colombia before the Christian people in Norway. Later I have learned that it has been the prayer of many that someone would be able to contact the people over there in the interest of our work in South America. So we believe that this is also in God's plan for the salvation of souls in Colombia, and that He has someone from Norway, too, whom He has chosen to have a part in this work.

My plan is to leave for Norway this fall and from there go directly to Colombia early next spring, God willing. I covet the prayers of the Christians as I travel in Norway and later in my field of labor.

In His happy service,
TRYGVE SALTE.

Missionary Conference

The coming of Mr. Norman P. Grubb of England, secretary of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade (Interdenominational) to Minneapolis into our Lutheran Church Fellowship here for two days of Missionary Conference, has perhaps, a deeper significance than many of us are prone to consider. These people, of whom he is an outstanding representative, have had the seal of the approval of our God upon them and upon their consecrated, joyous, missionary zeal. Their rapid rise into prominence as pioneers to the unoccupied fields has caused Zion's Watchmen to take keen interest in their contribution to the great movement of God's Spirit of Revival. Revival is surely on its way, our God is about to visit His people. The groundwork must be prepared. A World Vision gave continuity to the great outpouring of God's Spirit of revival upon the Moravian Church. Again God is calling to His people *loud and clear*: "Lift up your eyes and behold the fields, white unto harvest." Mr. Grubb is used by our God to broaden our world vision, to call Christians into a real self-sacrificing life of joyous obedience, into the Spirit-filled life of victory and soul rest.

The challenge that God laid upon my heart for us, as a group, through these meetings was this: "Are you willing to cooperate with all My chil-

dren of all Evangelical Denominations in a final triumphant assault upon the kingdom of Satan?" My only answer was, "Here am I, send me." So I stand pledged to do all He calls me to do, regardless of the cost, to further true revival to the uttermost parts. Brothers in Christ Jesus, let us, as true *Lutheran Crusaders*, join our forces and cooperate with all of God's true Evangelicals of all denominations in a mighty crusade to present to our Blessed Saviour a host of redeemed ones from every tribe and nation for His special gift at the great Wedding Feast, casting down our golden crowns (star-studded) before His blessed feet.

M. H. SAND.

My First Visit to a Hospital in Colombia

My first visit to a hospital in this land of Colombia has left an indelible impression on my mind. Before I begin the description I wish to tell you that the condition in the majority of hospitals in Colombia (although they do not deserve the name of hospital) is such as the one here in Soatá. In Bogotá and a few of the larger cities, progress has been made so the sick may receive good medical care. A medical student who has studied in Bogotá for four years and whose home is here in Soatá, acted as our guide.

The hospital is located on main street a little ways from the business district proper. It is surrounded by a rather high mud wall. On the wall and close to the entrance there hangs a small image of the Virgin Mary. Beneath it there is a small box in which alms might be placed to be used in caring for the sick and poor. (Several poor people are given food and shelter here.) You may ask why the image of the Virgin is placed there. It is because the people of the Roman church trust implicitly in the Virgin's blessing. This hospital is controlled by the Roman church. On entering the hospital we were greeted by a kindly old gentleman whom we understood to be the caretaker. He showed us the building and gladly offered information. This building is constructed after the old Spanish style with the court, which is called *patio*. All doors open to the patio. In the patio there were trees and flowers, but very poorly kept.

We saw only two rooms which were occupied by patients. These rooms were quite spacious and might well be called wards. How shall I find words in my limited vocabulary to really describe these wards!! I shall, at least, make an attempt. My observation was this: a spacious room very dark, gloomy and cheerless; only a door to admit light since the openings intended for windows were closed up with mud bricks; walls that were dirty and floors made from mud. We saw the men's ward first. In the furthestmost

corner there lay a sick man who was the only patient there. We went over to his bed and spoke to him. His bed, what was it — but three narrow boards raised about one foot from the mud floor by a few bricks. Bed clothes consisted of a woolen blanket. You perhaps wonder if they do not use beds as we do. We were told that there are ten metal beds in the hospital. We noticed that only a few were in use and why, I cannot say definitely. Perhaps one reason that they would cost more. This would be an important item since most of these people are very poor. Then we were shown the women's ward. There we saw the poor (beggars) and the sick. Several of these we recognized since they have often been at our door, begging. One was busy spinning wool while the others were seated on the floor unoccupied. Close to the door there lay a sick woman on a sugar cane mat, her only covering being her own black shawl. She didn't stir; she was undoubtedly sleeping. One patient occupied a spring bed but without mattress, sheets or spread. She was in a sitting position and looked very miserable and uncomfortable. On a bed in the corner there lay a new-born babe. Close to this bed there was another woman lying on a mat, completely covered with a black shawl. We learned later that she was dying. In this connection I might mention that they even had a casket in this ward. It was black, made from wood, and very odd-shaped, having eight corners. We have seen funeral processions where four men have carried these caskets by staves on their shoulders.

Then we were shown a far better part of the building, consisting of the operating room, delivery room and nursery. These rooms were clean, light and cheerful. They even had tiled floors; however, very little equipment.

Now I must introduce you to the woman who was in charge and who also cared for the sick. She was short and fat. Her black hair streaked with gray hung in a long braid down her back. She wore a patched and dirty dress and besides that she was bare-foot. She had a cheerful countenance and manifested a kind disposition. She invited us to see the kitchen where they also had two sick children. Her kitchen force consisted chiefly of beggars. Some were grinding meal; others were cooking things over little fires made on three stones. It is needless for me to try to tell you how filthy and smoky it was. And the poor little children! The woman picked up a little bundle from the mud floor, and in it there was a very sweet little baby. The dying woman whom I mentioned above was the mother of this child. The other child was carried about in the arms of a young girl, and I was surely surprised to learn that she was the mother. What care! or rather what lack of care!

I thought again of what a missionary in Girardot said about conditions

in the hospitals here. She made a statement to the effect that she supposed Florence Nightingale couldn't have found conditions worse in her day than what we see here today.

After such a visit it was natural to feel somewhat depressed, but, as a result I have a greater desire to do something for the sick and suffering of Colombia. Most of all, these people need to hear the gospel of Christ's redeeming love. When God's Word enters their hearts, heathen darkness, ignorance and fear will be dispelled; moral and social conditions will change; the sick will be properly cared for and suffering will be alleviated. However the ministry of healing has an important place. Many homes have been opened to the gospel as a result of care having been given to the sick.

Now I have tried to present the needs of Colombia. Is the Lord calling you to help meet this need? If so, will you not answer, "Yes," and join us soon to help in this great task? If He does not call you to go, we know He is calling you to pray. What a wonderful privilege is ours to unite in prayer for the extension of God's eternal kingdom!

*O matchless honor, all unsought,
High privilege, surpassing thought
That thou shouldst call us, Lord, to be
Linked in work-fellowship with Thee!
To carry out Thy wondrous plan,
To bear Thy messages to man;
"In trust," with Christ's own word of
grace,
To every soul of human race.*

—ALMA MONSON.

Prayer is Requested:

1. That "great grace" may be upon our Sister, Alvida Holmviik, and Brother Salte as they are now in the midst of busy days of packing and preparing to leave. Pray that He may go before and prepare the way both at home and abroad.

2. That the Lord will grant strength to body and soul to our Sisters, Myrtle Nordin and Esther Loiten, of Winger, Minn., as they now are traveling in parts of Iowa and South Dakota, and also that they may find open doors and willing hearts.

3. That the Farewell Service to be held October 23 may be both a challenge and a blessing to the friends who attend.

4. That if it is God's will, He will supply a car for the field from some other source than the regular mission fund.

5. That we all may continually look to our Great and Wonderworking God as the work continues to expand. "He is rich unto all that call upon Him." Rom. 10:12.

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A Greeting from the Land of the Andes

Is. 11:1-2, "And there shall come forth a shoot of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of Jehovah."

Just a Christmas greeting from the land of Colombia, where the lofty Andes, in their majestic beauty tower heavenward, from whence came this message in ancient times, and is as living today as it was then.

Now this message has also come to Colombia. His Word is here which tells us that He IS the Word, therefore HE is also here and His Word shall bear fruit. Yes, it has already borne fruit in this land even if the hand of Rome has ruled supreme for centuries. It is a joy to know and see the Spirit of the Jehovah working among these "people who sit in darkness and the shadow of death." Our text also speaks of that Christ came to bring "the spirit of wisdom and knowledge." How true! We see the lack of it here in Boyacá where at least eighty per cent of the people cannot read nor write. Yes, where the Gospel Light does not shine, there wisdom, knowledge and understanding are lacking also.

"The fear of Jehovah" — oh yes, they have fear of Jehovah, but it is a slavish fear, thinking that they must appease His wrath with works of their own. They know not of the childlike fear which is fear of doing anything that will grieve the Father's heart.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas season and a Fruitful New Year, I am,

Yours in Gospel Bonds,
OLGER QUANRUD.

"Whereby the dayspring from on high shall visit us, to shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:78-79.

As I meditate on these words I think of what they must have meant to those, who in that time, were wait-

ing for the coming of the promised Redeemer and King. We know it was a dark period — a time of despair and depression. It was, as it were, evening. But God had not forgotten His people. A partial fulfillment of Zech. 14:7 was then to be realized: "It shall come to pass that at eventide there shall be light."

HE CAME — "in Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men."

For nineteen hundred years this Light has now been shining, and many are they for whom, in the eventides of sin, there has come light.

Praise God, that Light still shines, and my sincere prayer to Him is that during this Christmas season it might shine brighter than ever, that souls, who are still sitting in darkness throughout the world, may enter into it by permitting the Lord Jesus to be born in their hearts.

Then, too, as we are reminded of His first coming the Spirit reminds us of His "second appearing, apart from sin to them that wait for Him." Is not the day of Grace also nearing evening? Are there not many hearts

in the world today who are fainting from sin and despair? "At eventide there shall be light."

May we then redeem the time during the time of "waiting," that we may have many souls with which to greet Him.

*Oft methinks I hear His footsteps,
Stealing down the path of time;
And the future dark with shadows,
Brightens with this hope sublime.
Sound the soul inspiring anthem;
Angel hosts, your harps attune;
Earth's long night is almost over;
Christ is coming — coming soon.*

*Long we've waited, Blest Redeemer,
Waited for the first bright ray
Of the morn when sin and sorrow
At Thy Presence flee away;
But our vigil's nearly over;
Hope of heaven, oh priceless boon!
In the east, the glow appearing—
Christ is coming — coming soon.*

A Blessed Christmas to all,
MARIE THOMPSON.

"For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men." Titus 2:11.

Blessed Christmas greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Once again we approach the Christmas season and heavenly peace and joy fill our hearts because we know the Christ, our Savior from sin. We unite our hearts in worshipful praise and adoration because our Lord so willingly left "the glory He had with the Father" that He might bring salvation to us — yes, to all men. How blessed it is to know that He says *all men*. His everlasting and infinite love is all-inclusive. He desires that all should become partakers of His wonderful grace.

As you gather again this year to bless and adore the Prince of Peace, the Redeemer of the world, may the Spirit of prayer move you to plead for the lost souls of dark Colombia. So many have never heard the blessed story of Redeeming Love. Before our Lord returns, may the light of His eternal truth and grace shine into many hearts.

Your Sister in Christ,
ALMA MONSON.



The Mission Station at Soatá

... where our missionaries walk in and out bringing the Gospel to a people in darkness, superstition and idolatry. The two doors to the right lead into the chapel, where people gather for services on Sunday and evenings during the week. The third door leads into the living quarters. Pray that many souls may be "born again" in this chapel during the coming year.

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The Farewell Services

A group of friends gathered in the Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Sunday evening, Oct. 23 to bid godspeed to the two outgoing missionaries, Alvida Holmvik of Bejou, Minn., and Pastor Trygve Salte of Torquay, Sask., Canada, before they sailed from New York November 5th.

This Farewell Service was held in an informal way with much singing and a number of Bible verses were quoted by individuals in the audience to the departing ones. They were passages of comfort and cheer and promises of His Presence to ever go with them. Testimonies were also given by the missionaries. Pastor J. O. Gisselquist, vice president of the Board, gave a very timely and brief message based on Isa. 64:4, emphasizing the necessity of waiting upon the Lord and also the assurance that He gives to GO FORWARD at His command whatever man may think.

At the close of the session the Consecration Service was held when the two workers were "set apart for the work whereunto the Lord had called them." It was a very solemn moment when they kneeled in prayer and the Board members "laid hands on them and sent them away" to the great soul-saving work in South America.

The service was in charge of Maurice H. Sand, who is president of the Board and pastor of the above mentioned church. A gift, in the form of an offering was received and turned over to the two missionaries.—M.N.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.—Matthew 2:10.

Once more the Christmas and New Year season is at the door, which reminds us that we have lived through another year of grace and are that much nearer Eternity. When we reflect upon the past, we see many failures and shortcomings in our endeavors, and a multitude of sins which we wish had never occurred in our lives, and it causes us to repent and stop to "take invoice."

It behooves us then to look up, to look to "The Star" and not to any merits of our own, because there are no such merits. The men of old looked to the star, a planet, which led them to the birthplace of the Christchild, and rejoiced at seeing it. We can look to the Bright and Morning Star, our New Born King. Are you, my dear friend, doing that? He came to this sin-cursed earth to take upon Himself our sin, and in so doing he made full atonement for all our iniquity. Is He shining in your heart and life today or are you living in the spiritual darkness of "I'll be saved by and by; I'm doing my best; I'm as good as the rest; I can do this and that and still be a Christian; to be a Christian means to be narrow-minded; I go to church! I am young and want to enjoy life (meaning thereby that you

must 'drink' the poison of worldliness to enjoy life), etc., etc.? May God have mercy upon you, save you, and lead you to look to Him is our prayer.

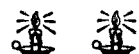
Those of us who are following the guidance of The Star may truly rejoice now as we enter this festive season of Christmas. Then too, a great responsibility rests upon us for the light we have received. What may be the cause for the calamity in the world today? May it not be partly due to the fact that you and I have shirked at least some of our responsibility of letting Christ shine through us? Naturally, we stand convicted when we think about that, but how good to know that from this moment onward we may re-consecrate ourselves to Him to be vessels meet for the Master's use!

We would like to send you all each a letter at this season, but then we would not be able to do anything else for several weeks as you are so many. Hence, we take this opportunity to extend to each one of you our most sincere wishes for a very Blessed Christmas and New Year in the Victorious name of Jesus Christ.

Yours for the salvation of souls,
GERHARD AND HELENE OSTREM
AND CAROL LOIS.

We deeply regret that Brother Salte's message for the paper did not reach us in time for this issue. We know, however, that the Lord is watching over him also, blessing him and making him a blessing to others in his native land. Let us continue to pray that he may be richly used of God in awakening an interest in this neglected field in South America among his brethren in Norway as he travels there throughout the winter months.

What that little land of the North has been used of God to accomplish for foreign missions throughout the centuries, eternity alone will reveal. Its population is but a little more than that of the state of Minnesota, and yet, in 1936 alone the different mission societies there sent out fifty missionaries to different foreign fields, twenty-five of them going out for the first time, and the others returning from furloughs. Even among the Sunday School children over there is instilled a real love and zeal for foreign missions. We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Sand's sister in Bergen who tells of a stirring scene in that city when thousands of children marched through the streets with banners bearing the inscription, "The World for Christ." How far behind we are as an American church when compared with the Scandinavian countries! May we permit the Lord to stir us up to realize that the charge of bringing the Gospel "to the uttermost part of the earth" is truly resting on us, His blood-bought Church.—Editor.



Soatá, Boyacá,
Colombia, So. Am.
Nov. 22, 1938.

Dear Friends in the Homeland:

Now that I have reached my "promised land" and am about to send a greeting to you friends back home I can truly say, "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise! The glories of my King, the Triumphs of His grace."

As I think of my safe arrival here and look back upon the four short weeks of the tour from my home, I feel that I cannot in words give expression to my overflowing heart of joy and praise to God. Surely He again proved that He watches over His own — He never slumbers nor sleeps.

November 5th the S. S. "Santa Lucia" set sail from New York to South America. We boarded the boat at noon, and the Lord has so arranged that a missionary representing the World-Wide Evangelization Crusade of England sailed for Colombia on this same boat. This faith mission society is an outstanding work of God. For five years they have carried on work here in Colombia and have already, in that short time, some forty workers on the field. While in Bogotá I had the privilege of visiting their mission one day. It was an inspiration to me, and gave me new courage to press on with the Lord as I here again had a little insight into what He is able to do through His Own.

The voyage was very pleasant except for the first two days. Our first stop was at Chrisobal, Canal Zone. While here we visited the American Bible Society House. Rev. Gregory, who is in charge of this work there took us around in his car to see the cities of Christobal and Colon. The following day, after passing through the Canal, we stopped a few hours in Balboa. In the late afternoon of November 12th we disembarked at Buenaventura. The journey inland took us through valleys and over mountains, a distance of one thousand miles or more. Here we traveled by train, automobile and bus. We were also privileged to visit some mission homes and stations enroute. Praise the Lord for these "Light Houses." May there soon be many more.

By November 18th I reached Soatá and was exceedingly happy to be received by these dear friends here at our station. It is now two years since Marie Thompson and Myrtle Nordin ventured out in faith to open this station in this spiritually dark and untouched part of the country, and one year ago five more workers were added. Their labors have not been in vain. I was much impressed at our Sunday service as I listened to a young man lead in prayer. He has taken a stand for Christ since this Gospel work was started here, and yesterday I went with some of the workers here to visit an old woman who is on her sickbed. She too is hap-

py in Christ today. What if no one had told her of the true way to glory?

The cry from Macedonia many years ago to "Come over and help us" is heard everywhere here. The door of opportunity is surely open in Colombia today. Vast harvest fields are ripe but where are the reapers? Can we, who are in possession of God's truth, sit still and remain silent to this call? May the Church of Jesus Christ hear the summons from heaven today, that it rest not till all has been done that can be done to witness among a people yet without the Light. There is power in the Gospel to bring even these people to repentance, to save them, to hurl down their idols, and to drive their superstition away. May God grant all His true children everywhere a growing passion for the souls of men. Yes, a passion which will, in faith, risk all that precious souls may be saved.

Thank you, dear Christian friends, for your prayers and all you have done for me in making my trip to Colombia so very blessed and pleasant in every way. And will you not continue to pray that God will prosper His cause here? Pray that not any of us here on the field may fail Him in our calling, but that we may speed the Gospel light, for souls are waiting and the fields are white.

When this reaches the homeland we will again be celebrating our Savior's birth. May God grant every one of you at this Christmas season an ever-increasing experience of His everlasting joy.

Greetings in the Lord,
ALVIDA HOLMVIK.

Praise the Lord:

1. That a pleasant journey was granted Alvida Holmviik and that she reached her destination safely before the winter rains had washed out the roads between Buenaventura and Cali. Let us also thank God that her goods went through the customs without duty charges.

2. That the workers have been enjoying health during the past year, in spite of the strenuous climate there under the equatorial sun.

3. That a family of believers have moved to Soatá from Malaga, a town some 30 miles north. The missionaries write: "They are all believers and we have some good testimony and prayer-meetings about the Word of God. Margaret also is coming out fine for the Lord and is testifying and praying."

4. That the men workers have already been able to do some preaching in the Spanish language.

5. For the many applications that are coming in from men and women who feel the call of God to go to Colombia.

The Christian on his knees sees farther than the philosopher on tiptoes.
—Selected.

The Losing that is Saving

"The way to make nothing of our life is to be very careful of it, to hold it back from perilous duty, from costly service, to save it from the waste of self-denial and sacrifice." So writes J. R. Miller, D. D. Every normal individual strives to "make the best out of life." And, if so, it is essential to be guided in youth, and be permitted to be led in the days of more active service. Surely, the humbler things God gives in the earlier years are for training pliable hearts and minds, and mold plastic characters. This to prepare us — make us ready — for the larger and particular service for which we were born. To our friends in the days of present youth I would say that to spurn these humbler duties, and to neglect them, is to miss your mission at length in the end. This is the way our Father works to get obedient and equipped servants.

The way in which to make our life an eternal success is to do with it as Jesus did with His. How beautiful to lay down our life, to take it and use it again in glorious service for our King. Of Christ, men said He threw His life away. So it seemed up to the morning of His resurrection. "It is losing it in devotion to Christ and His service that saves a life for heavenly honor and glory." J. R. M.

We think of our dear missionaries in Colombia. God grant you, our friends, to press on "Christ-like" to heavenly honor and glory. We read in your letters, and in the *Clarion*, that our work there is not proceeding with rapid strides. Satan might intimate that you are losing. Christ would speak: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Stood you alone in your own might, your striving would be losing. By heeding God's call you are saving yourselves and others. God bless you!

BENJAMIN OSTREM,
Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

Note—

We are very grateful to the many friends who have written in telling us that you like to keep in touch with this work for South America through the pages of this little publication. We receive such cards or letters almost every day and thank you all for this encouragement. Again we must remind you, who have not yet written in, to do so soon, for we do not want to cross any name from the list without giving you another reminder. Thank you!

May the Lord grant unto each reader of the *Celmosa Clarion* the true joy of Christmas in your heart, which comes from the assurance of sins forgiven, lasting not only for a short season, but throughout the whole year 1939 — yea, through all eternity.

Your co-workers in Him,
MR. & MRS. THOS. L. SAND.



With the Good Tidings

"In these lay a great multitude of them that were sick, blind, halt, withered — waiting for the moving of the water."—John 5:3-4.

It was God's pleasure that Mr. Galdámez, our Spanish teacher, and I should make a trip to bring the news of salvation to the great many which the Lord has given to our responsibility. First we spent a few days with our brethren at the World Crusaders' headquarters in Bogotá, where we always are made welcome. Their great hospitality never fails. On Sunday Mr. Galdámez gave his testimony at the afternoon meeting to a good crowd of people.

While we were in Bogotá, we attended the 4th centenary celebration. After having seen the progress of Colombia during four hundred years, we left for Paipa. Our stay in Paipa was primarily to contact people, and to give tracts to those that cared. This town is very fanatical and backward and not one believer could be found.

Our next stop was Duitama, also a fanatical city, with not a single believer. This city is more modern and has a railroad and highways leading to several surrounding towns. We gave out tracts, of which some were burnt and others torn in pieces. We testified to a number about our risen and living Savior, holding up the blood banner of Calvary. After spending a few days in this city we left for home. While traveling in the car, we gave out tracts and spoke the word of liberation and salvation to the passengers.

We stayed at home a couple days and then went to Málaga. Here the Gospel has been preached for several years, but the workers have left. Souls were hungering for the Word of God, and we had a blessed time, preached in a rented hall, and it was filled to capacity. The Word of God was received with open hearts, and it is good to know that His Word shall not return unto Him void.

After having made these trips we appreciated returning to our station. Traveling over these rough roads in tiresome and strenuous and sleeping and eating in Colombian hotels and homes is not always pleasant.

It is true, there is a multitude of impotent, blind, halt and withered souls, waiting for the divine Word of the Master, that can raise the withered, open the eyes of the blind, make the halt walk, and gives joy, peace and assurance that nothing can give except the Master.

We see so many, and from the heart we hear a cry: "I have been waiting and waiting and waiting, but none cared for my soul. In our Department of Boyacá the Gospel has never been proclaimed unto salvation of lost souls, and the voice of our Master, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk" is not yet known in thousands and thousands of huts and homes in our field.

Brethren, won't you pray that many young men and women may receive a call and come forth to help the multitude of spiritually withered, blind, halt and lame to be restored to life by grace divine.

Greetings to all our friends with the greatest and best message that the world has ever heard: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased."

A Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to you all,

ANDREW J. LARSON.

The Missionary Spirit

"Put It First" — The Bible Does.

The first message at the birth of Christ was a *Missionary Message*.—Luke 2:10.

The first prayer Christ taught men was a *Missionary Prayer*.—Matthew 6:10.

The first disciple, St. Andrew, was the first *Missionary*.—John 1:41.

The first message of the Risen Lord was a *Missionary Message*.—John 20:17.

The first command of the Risen Lord to His disciples was a *Missionary Command*.—John 20:21.

The first Apostolic sermon was a *Missionary Sermon*.—Acts 2:17, 39; 13:35.

Christ's great reason for Christian love was a *Missionary Reason*.—John 13:35.

Christ's great reason for unity was a *Missionary Reason*.—John 17:21.

The first coming of Christ was a *Missionary Work*.—Luke 4:18-21.

The second coming of Christ is to be hastened by *Missionary Work*.—Matthew 24:14.

Our Savior's last wish on earth was a *Missionary Wish*.—Matthew 28:19.

And the last wish of the departing Savior should be the first wish of His returning children.

Put it first;—the great commission.

Put it first;—the great command.

Put it first;—our standing orders.

Put it first;—on sea and land.

Put it first;—in every parish.

Put it first;—in every heart.

Put it first;—don't put it second.

God's own Bible is our chart."

—The War Cry.

Prayer is Requested:

1. That the Lord will quicken His Church and burden us for souls "that there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19) throughout the U. S., Canada, Colombia and all the world.

2. That the request for more workers which is continually coming in from the field, through the missionaries over there, may be filled according to God's plan and purpose.

3. That the Lord will continue to bless and use Myrtle Nordin as she so untingrily and unselfishly gives herself, without salary, to the work as traveling secretary here in the homeland.

A Correction

Kindly permit me to make a correction of an error which occurred in the printing of Mr. Galdámez's article in the July-Sept. issue. It should have read, "the district of Parpa," and not "Paipa," as the two places are distinctly different, the latter being much farther southwest. Hence, wherever "Paipa" is given, simply place or read "Parpa."

—GERHARD OSTREM.

A little lad in Central Africa had learnt to read the New Testament in the Mission school. Some time later the Roman Catholic "fathers" persuaded him to be baptized into the Roman Church. They gave him a medal to wear, on which was a representation of the Virgin. "It will be easier for you to pray when you look at that," they said, "and the mother of Jesus will pray to her Son for you." Several months passed, and the boy returned to the Evangelical Mission. Asked the reason, he said, "I read in the Gospels that Mary lost Jesus when she was on a journey; so I thought, 'If she forget her own little boy, she will surely forget me,' so I am going to pray straight to Jesus."—F. H.

A present dispensation of grace is like a good meal, a seasonable shower, or a penny in one's pocket, all which will serve for the present necessity. But will that good meal that I ate last week, enable me, without supply, to do a good day's work in this? or will that seasonable shower which fell last year, be, without supplies, a seasonable help to the grain and grass that is growing now? or will that penny that supplied my want the other day, I say, will that same penny also, without a supply, supply my wants today? The same may, I say, be said of grace received; it is like the oil in the lamp, it must be fed, it must be added to. And there, there shall be a supply, "Wherefore He giveth more grace."—Bunyan.

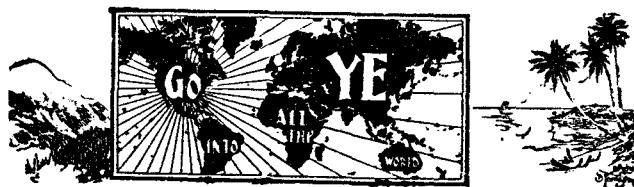
Joy is Love exulting;
Peace is Love reposing;
Longsuffering is Love untiring;
Gentleness is Love enduring;
Goodness is Love in action;
Faith is Love on the battlefield;
Meekness is Love under discipline.

—Selected.

What are the churches for but to make Missionaries? What is education for but to train them? What is commerce for but to carry them? What is life itself for but to fulfill the purpose of Foreign Missions, enthroning Jesus Christ in the hearts of men?—Strong.

A little girl in India was asked to write a definition of a Christian. She wrote: "A Christian is one who is different."—Selected.

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An Evangelistic Tour

Be it known therefore unto you that this salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles; they will also hear.—Acts 28:28.

Our town, Soatá, is surrounded by many towns, some close at hand and some farther away, where people have never heard the true Gospel. Last March, 1938, Mr. Galdámez and Larson visited two of these places with the purpose of bringing them the Word. The Lord blessed that tour and showed us that here are open doors which He intends we should enter and occupy for Him.

About midday, December 30, 1938, Mr. Galdámez, our Spanish teacher and preacher, and myself left Soatá, bringing the Gospel into territory where it has never been preached before as well as into places where some previous sowing had been done. Leaving the camion (passenger and freight bus) we arrived at the end of the car road about three o'clock. There we hired horses for the trip to El Cocúy, where Galdámez and Larson had been before on the above mentioned journey. About six o'clock that night we arrived in a small village about half way between the places where we hired horses and our first town to be visited, namely El Cocúy. After our horses were taken care of for the night we went to search for the town hotel, soon found it and were well received. Our meal, as usual, consisted of soup and more soup, thick black coffee, meat and potatoes. Before retiring we handed out a few tracts and also had the opportunity to speak to two soldiers about Christ.

Next morning after a breakfast of bread and black coffee we handed out a few more tracts and about 6:30 we were on the trail for El Cocúy. We arrived there at ten o'clock and started to make arrangements for our first meeting. We were permitted to use the theatre which seats about seven hundred people. Every service was well attended. One evening Mr. Galdámez chose as his theme "The Blessed Virgin," using as his text Luke 1: 26-56. This seemed to attract the people for about 250 or more came. Until that night there had been only a few

women present at each service, but this night there were about 50 women who dared venture out to hear. They seemed to be anxious to hear what we had to say about the virgin, who, to them, is the co-savior with Christ. Surely they are a people who are under the iron hand of Rome, who still bow down to wood and stone, not knowing of the saving power of Christ Jesus.

Before leaving Soatá we had planned to also visit the town of Chita, so a little after six o'clock on Saturday morning, January 7, we started out again on horseback with a guide. The trail leads over very mountainous country, almost barren of vegetation in places, and reaches to a height of over 12,000 feet above sea level. From there we could see the snowcapped mountains as we passed within five or six miles from them. They rise to a height of about 17,000 feet and are majestic in the tropical sunlight. They cover a stretch of about 25 miles or more. From our trail we could also see what is called "The Devil's Pulpit," a rock situated on top of one of the highest peaks and is about four city blocks square. As we crossed the highest part of our trail we had to put overcoats on because the wind from the snowcaps at that height is very penetrating.

We arrived in Chita about three o'clock in the afternoon, having spent about nine hours on the trail on account of the recent rains which had washed away bridges in places. As far as we know no gospel work has previously been done in Chita, which has a population of about one thousand people. We had no services there but distributed tracts and talked personally to people about Christ. One hour after we started working we saw the priest outside of his house with one of our tracts in his hand, talking to the people, very likely warning them about accepting our literature. After the evening meal we took a walk which leads into the plaza (market square), and here too, we had the opportunity to speak to two men about their relationship to Christ.

The following morning we left town about 4:15 o'clock. It was still

moonlight so we could see to travel before daybreak, which comes about an hour later at this time of the year. Again we passed over the trail where we had a good view of the snowcaps. It had snowed during the night, so they looked more beautiful than ever. At noon we were back in El Cocúy and that night held our eighth meeting there. Besides the public services here in El Cocúy our afternoons were spent giving out tracts in the streets, stores and homes, also talking personally to those who would listen to the gospel message. We also conducted services in the city jail where Mr. Galdámez spoke from Acts 16.

We left about six-thirty Monday morning and arrived in Chiscas where Mr. Galdámez and Mr. Larson visited last March. That afternoon our time was spent giving out tracts and arranging for a meeting. Our first two services were held from the balcony of the municipal building, since this also is a liberal town (the state being separate from the church) and the mayor himself gave us permission to conduct services there. The last two services of the four we conducted, were held in the theatre, where we also handed out tracts and did personal work.

We left Chiscas about eight o'clock Friday morning and arrived at a small place on the highway about noon. Here we found passage in a camion which took us to a town by the name of Capitanejo. From there we set out for home and arrived about six o'clock the same evening.

On our travels throughout the country we could see more plainly than ever the need of the Gospel in Colombia, with its more than eight and one-half million souls. Seeing the countless number of huts dotting the mountainsides, some built in places where it seems almost impossible for a human being to reach, where people are born, live and die without knowing of the truth in Christ Jesus, our hearts are moved with compassion for them. The Cross is much in evidence but they do not know its true meaning. They only know that Christ died on the cross, but to them it is the Virgin Mary and the saints and their own

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A Native Country Home in Colombia

good works that saves. How true it is here in Colombia that "when the blind lead the blind they both fall in the ditch." In both El Cocúy and Chiscas the people expressed their wishes that we should soon return. Colombia needs consecrated workers, for the darkness is great. Our prayer is that God may raise up many who will be willing to come forth with the Gospel Story. Pray for them!

In Gospel Bonds,
OLGER QUANRUD.

Correction

Kindly permit me to make a correction of my article in the Christmas number. It reads: "In our Department of Boyacá the Gospel has never been proclaimed." I meant to say: "In our territory in the Department of Boyacá the Gospel has not been preached before." The Presbyterians, Pentecostals and the World-Wide Evangelization Crusaders are working in other places in the Department of Boyacá.

ANDREW LARSON.

Greetings from Norway

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.—Psalm 68:19.

When I look back upon God's leading during the past year I can only say this: "He doeth all things well."

It is already more than three months since I left Canada. My sister traveled with me, and from Minneapolis Miss Alvida Holmvik joined us. On our way to New York we stopped off at several places, visiting friends and presenting the need of Colombia. Space does not permit to mention all the friends from whom we received hospitality and kindness, but shall just enumerate the places, and we send our greeting to each one, and again thank you for what you did for us. Hampden, Fairdale and Grand Forks, N. Dak. Bejou and Minneapolis, Minn., Eau Claire, Wis., Chicago and Brooklyn. We stayed in Brooklyn four days, and all of us were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Haaland. Mr. Haaland was of much help to us, as we were strangers in New York.

In Brooklyn, Mr. Hines of W. E. C. from Toronto, Canada joined us. He left for Colombia on the same boat as Miss Holmvik. Their boat, "Santa Lucia," and "Stavangerfjord" were scheduled to leave at the same hour,

but "Stavangerfjord" was delayed so we were still at the pier when the "Santa Lucia" steamed out the harbor.

The first three days we had the most beautiful weather, but Tuesday night we met storm and heavy sea, and that continued until we reached Norway. I was sick the first day but after that I could have enjoyed a little rolling, if it hadn't been for others that were seasick all the time.

It is difficult to express the feelings that grip the heart at the first sight of the homeland, after one has been away for some years. It has to be experienced. The last day in open sea was Sunday, Nov. 14th. It was getting dark before we neared the coast of Norway, and since it was a stormy and rainy day, there was no sign of land before we were close to it. It appeared indeed "furet og veirbit" that evening, but a billow of joy swept through my heart as I was standing on deck looking towards land. It was my homeland, where I spent my childhood and early youth. I was also reminded that soon our life's journey is over, and we shall sail into the heavenly harbor. For many the sailing here is rough and stormy, but soon we will anchor at Home Sweet Home.

Most of the time before Christmas was spent at home, and yet I did not reach around to all relatives and friends. Now I am out in the work. Beginning New Year's day we had two weeks of blessed meetings in my home community. More invitations from different places come than I am able to accept, but I am thankful to God for these opportunities. It is the plan to conduct meetings near Bergen during the month of February, and in the vicinity of Aalesund in March.

Next week I'll be at one of the most prominent Christian schools for young people, "Nordhorlands Ungdomsskole." I am especially thankful for that opportunity.

I am glad that God granted me the privilege to visit Norway, before going to Colombia, but I am looking forward to the day when I shall be able to witness for my Lord to the people He has called me to work among. God grant that many hearts also here in Norway must feel the burden of lost souls in Colombia.

Yours in His service,
TRYGVE SALTE.

Tract Work in Colombia

Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.—Eccl. 11:1.

This passage of God's Holy Word is a great encouragement to all of us doing tract work in whatever part of the world we may be, and not least to us in Colombia. What do we mean by tract work? By that we mean all attempts to bring the precious blood-bought souls the Word of God in written form of meditation and exhortation, and through that means also trying to win the unsaved for Christ, and for edification of the saved. We have

often experienced in our own life that a tract has brought us a message which seemed hard for any person to bring us by the spoken word. Therefore we desire to use this opportunity besides the effort of the spoken Word to reach our fellow men here.

Much grace from God is needed in this endeavor. It may seem to some that such should not be the situation when you may give a message as easy as that, and one may not "even need to say a word to the person to whom it is given." The center of the matter is that it is not the large number of tracts we desire to give out, but that the messages thus given may be received and be to great blessing.

We admit that at times it is found to be hard on our pride when we see that our efforts seem frustrated and do not turn out as we had intended they should. We, of course, have in mind that the messages thus given should be eagerly accepted since we know what blessings they will bring. Then when people refuse to receive them, or we see the tracts accepted, but immediately afterwards we see them torn in pieces, which often happens, we have a feeling of resentment, have we not? Well, that is an indication of pride still existing within us. We need grace from God to overcome that. Thanks be to God that He will give us that grace.

How are tracts received out here, you perhaps wonder. We have talked to other missionaries about it and they seem to have the same experience as we do. In the different cities, towns and countryside, along the highways and roadsides we go about, as do missionaries in other parts of the land, giving out the printed Word. Many of the people receive them gratefully and respectfully, which gives us joy and we pray that the Lord will bless the Word upon their hearts. Others receive them in a very different manner. For instance, some men who appeared very intelligent, received them with thanks, but on our return home we saw parts of the literature we had given them torn into shreds and scattered along the highway.

Another person, a young woman, accepted it, but turned immediately to run into her house, tearing it as she ran. In the plaza we met a number of young boys who eagerly asked for them. At first we became very happy, thinking, "What a response!" But presently we discovered that they merely were "put up to it" by others to ask for them simply to destroy them and throw them to the winds. Later we were informed that some of them had told the priest about it and he is said to have answered: "That is the way to do it. You are learning."

However, shall we discontinue by reason of such maltreatment? You say, "Absolutely NO!" We agree with you, as testimonies have been given by several Colombians too, stating that they were led to see their need of Christ as their personal Savior and to accept Him through the reading of

a tract. We believe that if we do as we read in Eccl. 11:1, "Cast our bread upon the waters," sowing the Word in as many places as possible, that there shall be derived far greater blessings and results than we at first think may come.

Some may ask, "But does it not cost much to carry on that work?" Yes, it costs. Therefore, we also wish to ask you to pray with us that funds needed to be able to continue may be provided, which we are confident the Lord will do. We are grateful to Him that it is possible to get good tracts in the Spanish language as that is the language of this land of Colombia.

Perhaps the Lord is also reminding you of an opportunity to assist in this work in the material way. Are you willing to share this privilege and receive the blessing it will bring *you*, as well as the blessing it will bring others? You are thus "casting your bread upon the waters." I may add, in this connection, if anyone desires to send gifts for this purpose these will be gratefully received. Such gifts for the "Tract Fund" may either be sent to us directly by bank draft or to our treasurer, Mr. H. C. Kallevig, Spicer, Minnesota, U. S. A., specifying that it is for this work. As you send your gifts follow them up with your prayers, and remember that the progress of Christ's cause here, as well as on any other mission field, depends, to a large extent upon the intercession of God's people in the homelands. Pray, not only for the workers and their needs, but fully as much or more, that God may work by His Spirit in the hearts of the people in the respective fields. Thus we can share this privilege of "casting our bread upon the waters." O, friends and brethren, what a joy it shall be when we know that we have a share in helping some souls find peace in Christ Jesus!

*Thus let us go on missions of mercy,
Following Christ from day unto day;
Cheering the faint and raising the fallen;*

Pointing the lost to Jesus, the Way.

Sincere greetings to all friends and readers of *Celmosa Clarion*.

Yours in the Master's Happy Service,
MR. AND MRS. GERHARD OSTREM.

First Christmas Service In Soata

Praise ye Jehovah, Praise ye Jehovah from the heavens: Praise him in the heights. Praise ye him all his angels: Praise ye him, all his host. Praise ye him, sun and moon: Praise him, all ye stars of light.—Ps. 148:1-3.

With the Psalmist's words of praise I would greet you in His Glorious Name.

We believe it might be of interest to our many friends to hear of our first public Christmas service here, for we know how you will praise the Lord with us, as you see how He has been, and is answering prayer.

First, I want to take you back exactly two years. Dec. 21-24, 1936 found Miss Nordin and myself here for the

first time, being strangers then, and looked upon by all with a mixture of curiosity and fear, and not least, met with a hostile attitude from many. But the Lord permitted us to rent a house, a contract was made, and all arrangements for returning to take possession the 6th of January. On Dec. 24 we spent the day on the roads traveling back to Bogotá, tired from the much traveling we had done hitherto.

Last Christmas found our missionary family much larger, but we spent Christmas more or less by ourselves, with many visitors dropping in from time to time, but, as yet, we had not opened public work.

And now, this Christmas, what a difference! The evening of Dec. 24th found our little chapel far too small to accommodate the many who came. Our Sunday School gave a short program, and the dear old Gospel story of Jesus' love was given in every recitation and song. People for the first time heard the message of salvation given through the lips of their own town children. Yes, the Lord was very present and we were all greatly blessed.

The program given was as follows:
Opening Prayer—Juan Galdámez.

Song—Audience.

Scripture Reading and Prayer—Gerhard Ostrem.

Recitation—Gustavo Rodriguez.

Memorized Scripture—Rafaela Brand.
Song, "Away in a Manger"—Primary Children.

Recitation—Virginia Salzar.

Recitation—Margaret Avila.

Scripture Reading—Pastor Andrew Larson.

Recitation—Blanca Vasques.

Recitation—Amanda Vasques.

Talk, "Significance of the Christmas Tree"—Maria Thompson.

Song, "Silent Night"—Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem and Maria Thompson.

Short Gospel Message—Juan Galdámez.

Song—Audience.

Closing Prayer—Olger Quanrud.

"So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void." Isaiah 55:11.
Let us by faith claim the harvest.

In the Master's service,

MARIA THOMPSON.

Giving to Christ

A pastor was taking a missionary collection recently when he said: "I want each of you to give today as though you were putting your money right into the pierced hand of Christ." A lady came up afterwards and said: "I was going to give a half dollar, but I did not do it." "Why did you not do it?" the preacher asked. "Do you think I would put a half dollar into His pierced hand? I have ten dollars at home, and I am going to give that."

If we were putting our money into the pierced hand of our Lord, our contributions would amount to millions, and the world would be evangelized in ten years. —*Our Lutheran Monthly*.

Travelogue

Dear friends, it's a long time since I had a talk with you all. During the meantime I have not been idle.

Since the first days of May last year I have been traveling most of the time—visiting the Lutheran churches in behalf of the GREAT NEED of the Gospel being sent to Latin America, our sister continent. God has given grace and glory — all to His own praise.

Miss Alvida Holmviik of Bejou, Minnesota, traveled with me at first, until the middle of June. Most of our travels took us through central Minnesota and some of the northern part of the state. We found a blessed fellowship and great interest among God's people and the pastors of the respective congregations. Miss Holmviik then discontinued with me in order to begin to prepare for her going forth to Colombia, where the Holy Spirit was leading her and calling upon her to go.

From then on through July, Miss Violet Hinze of Webster, S. Dak., was with me. We visited the churches in northern Minnesota. Also visited the Home Mission field in Ontario, Canada where Miss Emma Isaacson had labored about five years under the W.M.S. of the Swedish Augustana before she went forth to Bolivia, S. A. together with Pearl Englund last October. They will enter into a Lutheran work which will be opened in the interior of Bolivia after studying Spanish in La Paz for a year. Even in that Home Mission field in Canada there were those who may go forth to preach the Gospel among those who have never heard. The Holy Spirit can call forth laborers from both far and near, as we pray for such. About July 25th Miss Hinze and I discontinued our tour when we went to our homes for about three weeks.

After that Miss Loiten of Winger, Minnesota offered her service as a companion and we went into Iowa where we traveled until in October, when we visited some churches in South Dakota and southern Minnesota, before coming back to my home to do the buying and packing for our dear representatives who are laboring in Soatá, Colombia. Miss Holmviik was then soon leaving for Colombia and all those things should be sent out with her on the field and so were ready for shipment, by freight to New York, the day after the Farewell Service, Oct. 23, for Miss Holmviik and Rev. Salte. We all know that Rev. Salte went on to Norway first where he is traveling among the Christian people on behalf of South America before he proceeds to Colombia.

After this rush was over, Miss Loiten and I went to Makinen and Duluth, Minn. and Superior, Wis. Again the Lord gave us souls for Jesus and laborers for the untouched areas. About November 10th Miss Loiten left me at Duluth for her home and I drove on to my home.

While Miss Loiten and I were in Iowa we were greatly blessed and encouraged by finding several prayer groups who were meeting to pray forth the Gospel into Latin America, and we know that such prayers are answered. These friends also put their prayers into practice through the preaching of the Gospel to the regions beyond by their purse, and we notice that from among those who put their prayers into deeds He sends forth laborers into those parts, for it seems that there He finds a listening ear to the call of the Spirit. May we, dear friends, move on with Him and we SHALL find souls up there to greet us from the four corners of the earth. We, the church of the Twentieth Century, have MUCH to do since half of the globe is untouched by the Gospel of Salvation through Jesus Christ. The first church performed their Savior's commission, Matt. 28:19-20, in permitting the whole inhabited earth then, to come to the knowledge of the truth. Oh, CHURCH OF CHRIST, let us arise with all that is in us and be His REAL Gospel bearers, no matter what place we may fill — in the kitchen, behind the counter, in the office, or on the farm. It all can be carried on for the preaching of the Gospel. May we be so yielded to the work of the Holy Spirit within us that it will be the "Love of Christ that shall constrain us" in this Christian warfare in order that souls may hear this blessed gospel. We are so thankful for those who have volunteered to follow on in the train of those who are already out there on the field in South America.

In all our travels during the above mentioned months we used the little Mission Car, a '29 model A Ford, which I called "my greatest delight." We thank the Lord for His safe keeping of that little vehicle.

The last part of November I went to Toronto, Canada, where I attended a World Missionary Conference at the headquarters of our friends, The World-wide Evangelization Crusade Mission. A very blessed time was enjoyed there with them. I then visited some churches in Chicago, on the way to Toronto, and again was much enriched and encouraged in finding some of His people living and working for the spreading of the Gospel.

On January 10th my parents, sister Lillian and I left our home for a tour south and then on through the western states visiting the Lutheran churches. We are living in a trailer house which belongs to a Lutheran Evangelist, Clarence Haaland of Minneapolis, which was secured at a very reasonable price. My folks care for all expenses, including the use of their car. The gas expense had to be met in some way and I am happy to report that the Lord has, until now, provided for one-third of that from unknown sources, which has saved the fund much. I know that He can continue in His own way, for I am very anxious that

the income through offerings or otherwise should go out to the field — untouched for gas expenses here at home.

I praise Him in providing for this trip in this way so it could be made possible to visit these churches without a big expense. I am therefore very grateful to my folks and the many friends who are sharing in this itinerary. We are now in Los Angeles, California. The Lord has given us a blessed time in our sister congregations throughout the southern states, including Texas. We have only the Missouri Synod represented in Mexico and Arizona. Too bad that there is such laxity of the other Lutheran Synods reaching into the many desert cities throughout those states where thousands of tourists flock for pleasure and for their health. The deserts of New Mexico, Arizona and western Texas are truly a paradise, especially when their native plants are in bloom, which is in the spring. There is a great need for missionary work along that southern highway No. 80. The Lord gave me a vision and a great desire to see a mission station erected down there. Other things have developed that reveal that this is likely the Lord's Will. I know that the Lord has those who will volunteer to serve in that capacity also. More may be said about this in the future.

There is a great need for workers to be placed here in California among the thousands of immigrants who make up a great part of the California population.. May He raise up workers for them also.

May we pray much for His mind about all these things and for the needs of the field in Colombia to be met — namely laborers, a car and a cemetery which is very needful.

I praise Him for my health to continue on so He can use me.

We covet the prayers of you all as we move on.

In Jesus' Blessed Name,
MYRTLE NORDIN.

SOUTH AMERICA

South America, our Sister Continent,
With her millions in forests, on plains,
Or huddled along the rivers
Like beasts in cages chained:
With her millions in mountain fastness
Tucked away from the marts of men,
Is She never to know of our Jesus
Nor the power of that wonderful Name?
Are her people to sit thus forever
In the shadow and fear of death
Ignorant of Christ their Saviour,
No peace in their trembling breasts?
Oh haste to our Sister Continent,
With the message of hope and love,
Give her people a chance to know Him,
God's wonderful Gift from above.
Take the Light that dispels the darkness
Let it shine in forests, on plains,
That Light brings life, for 'tis Jesus,
And He alone can break fetters and
chains.

—Clara Berchtold.

God never takes a thing from us without putting something better in its place.

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Our Missionary Family in Colombia

Left to right: Standing: Andrew Galdamez, Andrew Larson, Olger Quanrud, Gerhard Ostrem. Seated: Mrs. A. Larson, Mrs. G. Ostrem and Carol Lois, Alvida Holmvik, Marie Thompson.

The Annual Meeting

The Third Annual Meeting of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America will be held, God willing, at 1:00 P. M., Thursday, June 15, 1939, in the Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church, located on 53rd Street and 10th Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn., Pastor M. H. Sand's charge.

All friends of the mission are urged to be present at this business meeting which will close with a Praise and Prayer service. Reports will be read from the workers on the field as well as here at home, so let us come together for a real time of fellowship and rejoicing over what the Lord has done, and what He will continue to do in answer to prayer, for the lost in South America.

MAURICE H. SAND, President.
MRS. THOS. L. SAND, Secretary.

Note

Again we wish to remind friends not to send gifts to the missionaries on the field in the form of packages, for the duty is so high that it is beyond their means to pay the duty charges in order to get them out of the postoffice. Only 8 ounce packets can enter the land duty-free. Anything heavier than that should not be mailed, but arrangement can be made with Miss Myrtle Nordin to have such gifts sent out with the next party of outgoing workers.

Letter from Alvida Holmvik

Excerpts from a private letter received from Alvida Holmvik, dated March 13, 1939:

"Peter, therefore, was kept in prison; but prayer was made earnestly for him. And when Herod was about to bring him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards before the door kept the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shined in the cell; and he smote Peter on the side, and awoke him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands." Acts 12:5-19.

This was the text used in our Sunday School yesterday. As I continued to meditate upon it after I returned from the service the power of prayer became anew living, real, and blessed to my soul. And to think this power the Almighty God has entrusted to me, yes, to every blood-bought, redeemed soul. How often I have felt sad at heart since coming here, to see these people in bondage and not being able to speak to them as yet. Again, and He has done it before, God spoke to me through the above quoted scripture. PRAY! After all, it is God's work, and He alone can set souls free. Oh, how it just filled my heart and soul with a sincere yearning to, more than ever, exercise influence by way of the Throne. Surely we are in the midst of a people that are in prison, bound, not only with two chains, but many. Even as Satan used Herod in Peter's day so he is surely using the Roman church to seize these folks and put them in prison. He has placed them in chains, in dark cells, and there are plenty of guards!

How often I have faced the actual situation almost doubting that freedom can be possible for such. How blessed that God permitted Acts 12 to be recorded in Holy Writ. He is the same today! What courage and boldness it gives to consider the marvelous works of our Lord. Yes, not only to consider them, but first of all, to experience His power to set free in our lives; then also to really know that He has chosen us through whom this same power may raise many from

death unto life, from prison to freedom, from darkness to light.

I cannot tell you how exceedingly wonderful it has been to me, especially since coming here to Colombia, that God chooses to use His Children, yes, even me, to make known the excellencies of our Blessed Lord and Savior. Oh, may we really be willing to be God's methods by which sinners may be saved. How He yearns to make us such. Is it not true, as someone has said, "The church today is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. . . . What we need today is not more and better machinery, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men, whom the Holy Spirit can use — men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. Praise God! The past has not exhausted the possibilities nor the demand for doing great things for God."

I just cannot tell you how the days, weeks and months flit by here in Soatá. Each day is so full, so busy, so interesting. They have been and are blessed days for me, and the Lord has answered prayer far above that which I could ask or think. There maybe should seem there would not be so much for me to do since I am new here and cannot yet take part in definite service not knowing the language well enough. Yet it seems like every moment is occupied for each one of us, and what a blessed privilege. I am exceedingly happy in my new work and land. I have already learned to love this land and this people and should never again be satisfied to remain in the U. S. I like Soatá very much and have found the climate more favorable than I had expected. I soon became adapted to the various things so different than in our homeland. The tropical fruits make up for so many good things in the line of eats that you have back home which we cannot have.

How much Spanish do I know, you ask? Well, I guess it is not so much, but after some more patience and grief, I think I shall know more. Often it seems impossible to learn, but then just as often it all brightens up and looks hopeful again. I enjoy it, I really do. I have dared to pray and give one testimony in public so far, and tomor-

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row evening I have been asked to give a little Bible meditation at our services. At first when I was asked to do so I thought I had to refuse, but in Christ I know I shall be able to. Truly He has proven to be my faithful help and stay here. I am longing for the day when I shall really be able to speak Spanish. Yet, the longer I am here the more I must plead the Lord to each moment fill me with love, *yes Calvary Love*. Yes, that I may ever be in the position where He can reveal Himself to me, that I may be an emptied vessel that He may fill. A fluent language can do nothing for these people, but only a testimony born out of a real living experience with God. I feel that my responsibility increases as the days go by. Thanks for your prayers on our behalf. God bless you and fill you with His choicest blessings, and will you not continue, as never before, to cry unto the Lord for our work here? First of all, for a mighty revival and awakening over us as God's representatives. So many opportunities, with many open doors for service present themselves to us. Pray that each one of us may have open eyes to see clearly what the Lord intends should be done by us. Time flies and opportunities with us. Soon Jesus shall appear. What if our days should have been wasted. Pray that the open doors may really be entered.

The Lord has done great things in Soatá. How I was touched to tears many times, especially when I first arrived here, when I considered the short time this mission has labored here and today there are a few that can testify that they have been set free. The chains fell off when the angel of the Lord came to them. They are saved and free in Christ. How often I sit in chapel and silently praise God, as I watch people come to services, that in Soatá today is a place where the blessed Gospel story is proclaimed. Yes, after 400 years of longing, waiting, and yearning, this town really has such a place. Often only a few come out, but just as often the chapel is full. Missionary Symes said while visiting here at our mission some time ago, that in few places has he found the people so hungry for the truth as in this place. Services are held every Sunday, Tuesday and Friday evenings. Also Sunday School Sunday morning. Here are some of the names of the children that come: Graciella, Cecelia, Marina, Mariella, Trino, Bernardo, Jorge, Alfanso. They are very bright and love to memorize Bible verses. After classes they gather again in chapel and give their verses for us all. It is real joy to listen to them.

On Thursday evening this coming week we shall begin a Prayer meeting and Bible Study with the believers that come to our services. We are looking forward to a blessed time with them.

Yours in the passion of knowing Christ and making Him known,

ALVIDA HOLMVIK.

Visiting Socha and Parpa

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the Power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Rom. 1:16.

We are glad to know that this is true as we go about on the various evangelistic tours in this land. Two such tours were made to the Socha-Parpa district the first part of the year when the undersigned went respectively together with Mr. Galdamez. We are glad to say that the Gospel was received or heard by many and we trust many of them may be led to the Lord soon.

Galdamez and I (G. O.) left Soata January 19, changing bus at Belin (Spanish for Bethlehem). While waiting there for the bus we had the opportunity to give out literature as well as to visit a young man who is interested in the Gospel.

The bus for Socha arrived earlier than we had expected, hence much of the tract work had to be left until upon our return. By-the-way, when we speak of buses here, do not confuse them with the "Greyhound" and other coast to coast buses at home. Many of them are good, but I fear that many of them would be banned from service back home. We are, however, glad that we have at least as good a service as we do here.

We reached Socha that same day where we met Mr. Leal, a Colombian, who is living for and serving the Lord. He has his home in Parpa, but is at the present time working in western Colombia. Upon conversation with him our plans were partly changed as we had in mind for Galdamez to go on to the plains of Casanare together with Mr. Leal to spend about a month in evangelistic work, after we had been in Parpa a few days. We learned through him that due to a misunderstanding in the announcement of the visit to Casanare it was found most advisable to cancel it until some later days. We therefore decided to visit some more of the places in the Socha district, amongst them were Socha Viejo (Old Socha), Santa Teresa and Paz del Rio (Peace of the River).

In the first two places we conducted a few services which were well attended for the size of the town. Thereafter we went on to Parpa, the trip from Socha being made on horseback. In Parpa, where there is a group of believers, though no organized congregation as yet, we spent several days having services each day, especially in the evenings. These were well attended, and the people expressed desires for repeated visits. We hope not only to repeat them, but to establish a station in Socha soon, from where regular services can be given to the surrounding district, including Parpa.

During those days in Parpa we officially took over that territory to which the people expressed satisfaction and also their willingness and readiness to cooperate with us in the work.

After leaving that territory we went to Paipa and Duitama, where we gave out tracts and spoke privately with people. As there is train service through these two places on to Sogomosa, a place where a Pentecostal mission is established, we took the opportunity of going there to visit that mission before returning home. We are indeed glad for every consecrated missionary and mission represented in this land where the spiritual darkness hovers over hamlet, village, country, and city.

G. OSTREM. O. QUANRUD.
(To be continued.)

Salte, Bryne, Norway,
April 30, 1939.

Dear Friends:

"God is our refuge and strength."
Psa. 46:1.

Again I want to send you all a greeting through the pages of "Celmosa Clarion." In this way I can reach so many of you. It was my plan, as most of you know, to leave for Colombia about this time, but I had to change that, for I would not have reached around to half of the places I had intended to, if I should have left now.

I have been out in the work continuously since last you heard from me. Most of my time was spent around Bergen and Aalesund, and have found wherever I have traveled that people know very little about the true conditions in Colombia and South America as a whole. I am afraid that most of the Christians look upon the Latin American countries as similar to the United States and Canada. May God grant that many may receive a vision of the millions in darkness also in that continent. If we permit the Lord to open our eyes so we catch a glimpse of the need we can not but do our part that they must hear the message of the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus, "for the love of Christ will constrain us."

Just now I am home for a few days, but will leave next week, God willing, for Oslo and other points east. It is a blessed experience to come in contact with so many of the children of God in different places here, and find that there are also many things to learn. What has impressed me the most is the host of Christian young folks that I have met in many places here in Norway. That gives hope for a great future for the kingdom of God, if the Lord tarries.

There were many organizations here years ago, and there are even more now, and at times there may be some friction between them; but as a whole it is to be marveled at what a small country like this has been able to do, and is doing today, in the spreading of the Gospel. It is all because they have permitted the grace of God to work in their hearts.

Greetings to all friends in U. S., Canada and Colombia. It is so good to

know that you are remembering me before the Throne of Grace.

Yours in His service,
TRYGVE SALTE.

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the Name which is above every name!

As I sit here, pen and paper before me, with the purpose of writing a few words to the many readers of the Clarion, I find myself sitting in silence, asking God to direct my pen. I should like so much to take each of you to this window with me that you might see, as I see, the beautiful, blue mountains pointing into the very clouds, and feel the warm touch of the lazy southern sun. It is Monday morning, quiet after the feverish celebration of yesterday (Sunday), when the Romanists again went through the frequently repeated wild worship of their gods, with church bells, sky-rockets and masses of ignorant people following an image, marching, kneeling, chanting, crying. Today the town is quiet, but for an occasional passerby. The town square is forsaken. I can see beyond the city on the distant mountain sides little white specks here and there. These are homes from which the masses come to worship on such occasions as yesterday. The setting now is peaceful, beautiful in nature's gorgeous robe, but the quietness to me seems like the hush before a storm. The consciousness of the impending darkness and judgment is felt, because of sin. Sin in every form, and its remedy is not known. The result of the window study is a cry from the heart: "How shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard?" "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" Do you feel the same restraint? DO YOU CARE? I praise God this morning for the many friends and readers of the "Clarion" who do care, who form a mighty support in our background, and it is with joy that we report back to you what God has done in answer to your prayers.

We have come to the time now when we, who so far have formed the missionary family, will be spreading out, each to open work in new places. Up until now we have lived together, studying the language, etc., preparing for the time when we must step out each on our own. We are glad for this new step which we, as well as you, have looked forward to.

The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larson, have gone to their new place, El Cocuy, and are now in the midst of getting established there. Two weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Ostrem went to Duitama, the place where they feel led to work. They spent several days hunting for a house. Houses were there, but the owner, upon learning that they were evangelicals, refused to rent to them. However, they finally got a house, and made a contract for one year. Upon returning to Soatá, however, to get ready to move, they received a notice that they could not

have the house after all. Mr. Ostrem again returned to Duitama to see about it, and sure enough, they did not dare to let their house to evangelicals for fear that the house would be destroyed. Now Mr. Ostrem is trying again and if he fails to get a house this time, they will go to another place, taking it as an indication that the door to that particular place is closed for the time being, and another open in some other place.

Miss Holmvik and I will remain here in Soatá. We have rented a smaller place into which we moved last week and truly praised God for His wonderful provision for our every need. We have a lovely little house with an ideal room for chapel where we will continue to have meetings and Bible studies.

We praise God for what He has done here in Soatá. When we see how He has broken down so much of the fear and fanaticism here it does encourage us and strengthen our faith in Him. A goodly number as a rule attend our meetings, but the most wonderful of all is that this last month we have seen several souls saved. The break began at Easter time and there have been others since, who have definitely taken a stand for Christ, who now rejoice in His salvation. Praise His wonderful Name! I know you will all greatly rejoice with us over this, and be encouraged to press on "knowing your labor is not vain in the Lord."

Let us, by faith, step out and take the victory that rightly belongs to us as soldiers of Christ. The enemy is still strong, and how clearly we see it, but his power in reality was put to naught on Calvary. May we reckon it so, and act from our kingly position with Christ in the heavenly places, with the authority He has given us—by faith—Eph. 1:17-20.

MARIE THOMPSON.

Larson-Monson

The evening of March 29, 1939, was a festive occasion at our mission home, when two of our family, Pastor Andrew Larson and Sister Alma Monson, were united in holy wedlock. It was not only the first wedding at our mission, but furthermore, the first Christian and first civil marriage in all the history of Soatá.

An invitation had been extended to every one that desired to be present at this special service, so, by 7 o'clock, our large, roomy "patio" was filled with 300 or more curious folk. Seats were arranged on both sides of the "patio," leaving an aisle leading to the front. The front, which served as a platform, was beautifully decorated with palms, roses, orchids and the many other flowers so common here.

To the strains of organ music, played by Miss Marie Thompson, the bride's attendant, Alvida Holmvik, entered. Shortly followed the bride accompanied by Mr. Rexroad, who presented the bride to the bridegroom at

the altar. Mr. Olger Quanrud attended the groom.

Since the Christian marriage is not considered valid in this Roman Catholic land it was necessary to have the civil ceremony also, together with the Christian. The civil ceremony performed by the town judge was held first. Following that, Mr. Juan Galdámez and Mr. Gerhard Ostrem sang, "God Bless the Souls United."

Then a very timely message was given by Mr. Juan Galdámez. As a rule, it is not customary to give an evangelistic message at a wedding ceremony, but this was, however, a marvelous opportunity to convey the Word of Truth to so many souls that this night visited our mission for the first time. It was our only desire that the complete service would be a very definite testimony to the glory of God for every one present. In his message, Mr. Galdámez pointed out from the Word how God had instituted marriage and thus it is a holy institution. He further spoke of what God intended true home to be. Finally, that the Christians, the true church today, is the Bride of Christ. Surely it was a fitting message for these people to whom marriage has no holy meaning. Home relationships are most pitiful and deplorable. Morality stands at zero. Very likely it was the first time the many present heard and realized the true meaning of this holy institution. It means so much to establish a Christian home here, and it may be more of a testimony than many spoken sermons.

Following this message, the Christian ceremony was performed by Mr. Gerhard Ostrem. Miss Thompson and Mr. Ostrem then sang, "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus."

Later in the evening the missionary family gathered for a wedding supper. We were happy to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Rexroad from Bogotá, and Miss Shappell, another fellow missionary from Malaga, at this festive occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Rexroad are in the British and Foreign Bible Society work here in Colombia. At the table a little program, consisting of short talks, testimonies and song, was given. After a time of joyful fellowship the evening closed with devotion and prayer.

Shortly after the wedding the bridal couple set out for their new and future field of labor, namely El Cocúy. The trip was made partly by bus and partly on mule back. It was a long day's journey from Soatá. Although at two different times, evangelistic tours have been made to El Cocúy by our missionaries, there has so far been no permanent gospel work there. Now that God has placed Mr. and Mrs. Larson in this new field, our wish and prayer for them is that they may find much joy and happiness in their service for the Master there. May the Lord richly bless their future days with much strength and power from on

high to continue on in the great soul-winning work.

A Bride is being prepared also in Colombia for the Heavenly Bridegroom. Soon He cometh to receive His own. Glory to His Name! A. H.

Our New Station

"And there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

From the opening of our work in Colombia which began when Misses Myrtle Nordin and Marie Thompson arrived here two and one-half years ago, until today, we may say with Joshua: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

The Lord made it plain to us that we should enter into "the regions beyond" with the "Good tidings." Our place is El Cocúy as a main station, and from here we shall work out to six smaller towns and thousands of homes and huts.

We left for our new station April 15, reaching El Cocúy in one day. At four o'clock in the morning we were on our way in a truck in which we had packed all our belongings. Mr. Quanrud accompanied us, and after having been shaken and bumped around in the crowded truck for three hours we arrived at Morocoy, the end of the car road. From there we had to look to mules and horses to carry us and our goods to our destination, which is located at an elevation of 9000 feet above sea level. We spent five hours and a half on horseback over mountains, hills, rivers and valleys. The scenery is most beautiful. Weary and worn we arrived at the place which should be our home, and found it dirty and full of fleas, as it had not been occupied for over one year. We put up our cots, and after having partaken of a light supper, we were glad to retire, sleeping well in spite of the surroundings.

During the following days many things had to be done. The house, with its mud floors, had to be cleaned; the roof had to be fixed for the rainy season, furniture had to be made—tables, chairs, benches, and many other things that are needed to begin a new work.

After having spent a few days of hard labor at El Cocúy, we received a telegram ordering us to return to Soatá on Friday, April 28, and if we did not we would have to pay a fine. We had to return to sign some papers that were recorded in the office of the Notary Public. This was an error on the part of the judge who took care of our papers during the civil ceremony at our wedding. He told us at the time that everything was in order, that nothing more could be done, and that we could leave the city (Soatá). Now, what should we do—go or stay? Then the answer came from the Lord that we must go. The missionary life is not only roses, no, it is a life of death to self, and crucifixion of the old nature and a glorious growth of the new

man, the life in Christ. Horses had to be rented for a high price, and again we were on horseback in the burning rays of the equatorial sun. We arrived safely in Soatá, got our papers signed and received from the most fanatical Catholics, a smile, revealing to us what was on the heart: "that was good enough for those Protestants, those foreign devils."

After spending one day in Soatá, we returned to our new home, taking with us a Colombian girl, Margaret Avila, the one who stayed with Marie Thompson when she first came to Soatá. This girl was won for Christ and she will stay with us for further training to become a worker among her own people. Even if her father is an atheist and doesn't believe in anything, he had confidence enough in us to send his daughter with us to be trained for the service of the King of Kings. We believe that Margaret's father shall also be won for Christ by the life of his daughter.

Upon our return to El Cocúy, we found our brother, Olger Quanrud well, and he had the soup ready for us which indeed tasted very good, after the long strenuous journey.

To come to a new place of work is not the same as back home. Here we find not one believer, not one soul that has accepted Christ and is really waiting for our coming. It is so sad to know that after four hundred years since the Reformation, this region is untouched as yet, and the people are in just as great a darkness as in the day of Martin Luther.

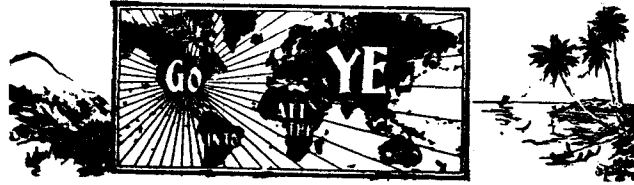
We will be remembering you friends before the Throne of Grace and are wishing that you all will be like Aaron and Hur to hold up our arms in prayer, and the glory for what we shall be able to do here shall be to our Savior and Redeemer alone.

Yours in His harvest field in Colombia,

ALMA and ANDREW LARSON.

All nature, animate and inanimate, is fulfilling the purpose of its creation. "Fire and hail, snow and vapors, stormy winds, fulfil His word." Are we doing so, who have been redeemed to show forth the virtue of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light? It is said of David, that "When he had served his own generation according to the will of God, he fell asleep." Are we serving our generation according to the will of God—doing all the good we can to our fellow-men while we have the opportunity—never losing sight of the higher privilege and duty of giving joy to the heart of God our Father, of Christ our Bridegroom, by obeying Him and keeping His commandments? How wonderful it is that we may make the Man of Sorrows the Man of Joy, just as loving, obedient children give joy to their parents!—J. Hudson Taylor.

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An Announcement

The newly elected treasurer of the Colombia Ev. Lutheran Mission of South America is Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont. Since Mrs. Sand is the secretary, the secretary's and treasurer's address is now the same.

Pastor Trygve Salte,

who has spent the past year in Norway, traveling in evangelistic work and in the interest of the mission over there, states in a recent letter that he plans to sail for Colombia some time in September.

We are all rejoicing over the fact that thus two new workers will be added to our missionary staff in Colombia. Let us not fail them, but continually uphold them on the arms of prayer, that the "Lord of the harvest" who is calling them into the "whitened fields" of Colombia may "go before them and make the crooked places straight." Is. 45:2.

A Special Request

comes from one of our missionaries in personal letter as follows: "We are so happy especially for the many souls that have been saved. Praise His wonderful name! And right here I must insert a reminder to pray much for them. I know you are praying, but at this time we ask for special prayer for this group. I can't mention numbers, for the Lord only knows the hearts, but enough to know that quite a large number have expressed their desire to know and follow Jesus. Some we know are saved, and happy; others have not shown the same freedom. But we do not know or understand the struggle it involves for many. Enough that the Lord understands and His love and grace is sufficient for all. I do not know if the Lord is dependent on our prayers, but I do know it is a powerful factor between God and man to which we are held responsible. And what a privileged responsibility it really is."

Secretary.

Our Newest Missionary

Miss Helen Danielson, Racine Wisconsin, our newest missionary will sail



Helen Danielson

for Colombia from New York on the 29th of September, the Lord willing.

A farewell service has been planned for her Sunday evening, September 17 in Trinity Lutheran Church, 40th Ave. South and 52nd St., Minneapolis. Neighboring congregations will be invited and all friends of Miss Danielson and friends of the Mission are cordially invited.

Her commission service will be held in her home congregation in Racine, Wisconsin. We have not been informed of the date for this service but it will be held the week before her sailing. Rev. Evald J. Conrad, vice president of our mission, will represent the mission at this service. Her pastor, Rev. Nels B. Hansen, will be in charge of her commission service.

Friends wishing to send Miss Danielson a farewell greeting will please note following: For the Minneapolis meeting send greeting in care of The Colombia Ev. Luth. Mission of South America, 40th Ave. So. and 52nd St., Minneapolis. These greetings will then be given her at the meeting in Trinity church.

Friends sending greetings to Racine will send in care of Rev. Nels B. Hansen, 520 Lafayette, Racine, Wisconsin. Those who send her a sailing greeting will note her sailing address: Steamer "Santa Rosa" of Grace Line, North River, Foot of W. 15th St., Pier 57. New York City.

It is hoped that all friends will remember Miss Danielson with a farewell greeting. It will cheer her to

know that her many friends remember her and that we have fellowship with her as she goes to Colombia with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

May God's richest blessing go with her and give her many souls for her hire. Isa. 45:2-3. II Tim. 2:7.

The open doors in South America invite us to enter and many workers are preparing to go. We covet the prayers of God's people for the workers we have on the field and for Miss Danielson, our new worker, and for those who are now preparing to go in the near future. May we go forward with God.

With kind greetings,

J. O. GISSELQUIST.

*I am become all things to all men,
that I may by all means save
some.—I Cor. 9:22.*

It was a year after my confirmation that I came to know Christ as my living Savior and truly desired that this verse become true in my life.

My mother died when I was but a child. When I arrived at confirmation age, through the influence of others, I asked my father if I might not be confirmed. His reply was, "No, you will not be able to keep your confirmation vow." I told him that I would if he only would let me be confirmed. He finally gave his consent.

Although it was my own desire to be confirmed, this did not bring me to Christ. But it kept me in the church and under the influence of the Word of God. And it was not long after my confirmation that I saw myself a lost sinner and I accepted Christ as my personal Savior.

From the very beginning of my life in Christ I have experienced a strong desire to serve him in full time service. But in spite of this desire I have continually fought the feeling of my own unfitness.

I was led to spend two years at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis. Since then I have been employed in the city of Racine, Wisconsin.

But God gave me no rest. It became the burden of my prayer that God would show me which way to go, and what he wanted me to do. And He who hath said, "I will counsel thee with

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If you wish to become a prayer-helper in this mission for South America, and keep in touch with the work, let the editor, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont., hear from you so she can put your name on the mailing list. There is no certain subscription price—only as the Lord puts it on your heart to give.

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my eye upon thee," He has clearly revealed to me His will and has directed me to Colombia, South America.

Now I praise Him for His leading and pray that I may be a vessel fit for His use.

"Brethren, pray for me."

HELEN DANIELSON.

Our Annual Meeting

The third annual meeting of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America was held at the Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church, Pastor M. H. Sand's charge, at 1:00 o'clock P. M., June 15, 1939.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Pastor Sand, and opened with a prayer session in which many took part.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved. This was followed by the reading of the annual reports of the secretary, treasurer, traveling secretary, mission secretary and financial secretary in Colombia. All these reports revealed the faithfulness of a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God, who has blessed the work for the millions of lost souls in Colombia.

The secretary was authorized to send greetings from the annual meeting to the missionaries, in response to their reports and greetings.

Pastor Evald J. Conrad, a member of the Board of Directors, was then called upon and brought greetings from the South American Mission Prayer League of which he is the president. He expressed his hopes that, not only the two Lutheran groups working for the evangelization of Latin America would soon unite, but also that all Lutheran Faith Missions might unite, forming a strong working unit for the salvation of souls throughout the world. It was agreed to pray that if this is the Lord's will, He might bring it about in His own good time and way.

Mr. John Carlson, who recently returned from the field in Bolivia, South America, was then called upon and spoke on faith mission work, pointing out the necessity of casting aside everything on which we might rest except the glorious promises of God, looking to Him alone for support.

A motion was duly made, seconded and carried that a committee of two be elected by the Board to confer with the South American Mission Prayer League about uniting with the Colombia Mission.

The election of directors or members of the General Council then took place. Following are members whose terms expired (term of three years) this year: Pastors B. K. Barstad, M. E. Sletta, J. O. Gisselquist, Sev. Gjerde. Lay members: Mrs. C. F. Erickson, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand. All the above were nominated for re-election. Other nominees were: Pastors G. Almquist, John Leaf, Baker and Okerblom. Lay members: Minnie Hove and Mrs. Eness.

Following were elected to serve for a term of three years: Pastors B. K. Barstad, M. E. Sletta, J. O. Gisselquist, G. Almquist; lay members: Miss Minnie Hove and Mrs. Thos. L. Sand. Motion was duly made, seconded and carried that our annual meeting date be changed from June to January and that our constitution be amended to that effect at the next annual meeting.

The meeting closed with a very blessed praise and prayer service at which time the friends present were asked to share with one another precious promises from the Word, and on bended knee we unitedly brought our praise and thanksgiving unto God, for His faithfulness to His promises in spite of our faithlessness and failures in His work. Intercession was made for the work, workers and new converts in Colombia, praying that God's work may continue to go forward to the salvation of souls, and that every plan of the enemy may be frustrated. The fellowship of saints was keenly felt throughout the meeting, as well as the Lord's living presence, so that, like Peter, at the feet of Jesus, we felt like crying: "Lord, depart from me, for I am a sinful man." But just at such moments, when our own unworthiness and sin is keenly felt, can He commission us anew, and we hear His loving voice: "Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men."

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned, and friends parted with a new vision of the needs, possibilities and great privilege of being "workers together with Him" in faith mission work throughout the world.

MRS. THOS. L. SAND, Sec'y.

Visiting Socha and Parpa

(Continued from last issue)

In April Galdamez and I (O. Q.) left for another trip to the Parpa district, intending to conduct Easter service there. We passed through Belin and Socha where we distributed literature and spent the first night in Socha. We had notified the brethren at Parpa that we were coming, and to meet us in Socha with horses, but as the letter, which had been sent two weeks before, had not reached them, we found none of them there.

We tried to get horses that evening, but could not find any until about noon on Sunday (Easter), hence we did not get started until late. When about an hour's distance out on the trail it commenced and continued to rain very heavily. Mountain climbing is not always pleasant. In such weather a person gets wet and the horses slip and fall, but through it all we experience the protection of the Lord. We arrived at Parpa about 5 P. M. Sunday, and our letter and also the telegram, telling them of our proposed visit there arrived at the same time, a person having been to Socota where they receive their mail. So we

arranged for a meeting that evening and had a fair audience. The following day we held two meetings and the brethren were glad that we had again shared the Word with them, "the Word which is able to make one wise unto salvation."

Due to excessive rains it was deemed wisest to return to Soata, so on Tuesday we returned as far as Socha on horseback. This is a town or rather two towns, the old and the new, being about ten minutes apart by bus. That evening we planned to have a meeting in the old part, but were "rained out." Talk about a cloudburst! Yes, the river between these two places rose about thirty feet in four hours and washed away the bridge. In times like this the water comes down through the mountains like a wall, carrying away everything in its path—animals and whatever it may be. We stayed there another day and held a meeting on Wednesday evening with a good attendance.

Thursday morning we left for home, stopping in Belin, between buses, where we canvassed the town giving out literature, some of which was received and some not. We arrived home that night none the worse for our experience, and glad that we again had the privilege of sharing the Word with the brethren and to have testified to others of the saving grace in Christ Jesus. Pray that the Word may bear fruit to the glory of His Name.

Yours in His service,
G. OSTREM and O. QUANRUD.

A Letter from Andrew and Alma Larson

El Cocuy, Boyacá,
Colombia, S. A.
August 4, 1939.

Dear Celmosa Friends:

Greetings in the Name of our Saviour!

"After these things I saw and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands." Rev. 7:9.

And so do we not now know that also from Colombia there shall be those who shall stand before the throne and before the Lamb, precious souls cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, giving praise to God and to the Lamb throughout all ages?

This precious verse brings much comfort and joy to every servant of God, I believe. Looking into the events of the future which God has revealed to us in His Word, grants to one a new impetus to live and work for the Lord and Saviour in whatever corner one may have been placed.

More than three and a half months have passed since we came to this little city. The last time you heard from us we were in the midst of getting settled. Now we are happy to tell you that we have our home quite in order.

Some of our rooms have been white-washed, much cleaning has been done and the necessary furniture has been made.

On June 4th we opened Gospel meetings in what we call our "Gospel Hall," which is a large room in our house. We have meetings regularly Sunday mornings and evenings and Wednesday evenings, and on the whole they have been well attended.

During the past week Mr. Galdámez was here to hold a special series of meetings. The people came out in large numbers, as many as 50, 60, and 70. Our prayer is that the Word may have fallen into good ground, and that it may bear fruit unto eternal life.

Perhaps it would be interesting for you to be introduced to some of our friends here. I shall limit myself to the small group who attends our meetings regularly, even though there are many who come from time to time.

Across the street from us there lives an elderly widow who seems to have special interest in the Gospel. She had said to someone, "Oh, how wonderful that the light of the Gospel has come to us." One day while visiting her, she told me that many years ago she had read a book entitled, "The Religion of Money." Its message had left a deep impression on her mind and it had helped her. Her eyes were opened to see some of the errors of the Roman Church. About a half a year ago she bought a Bible. She attends our evening meetings regularly. She's a real inspiration to us, sitting there in the front row and nodding her head to signify her approval of what is said. She also has a concern for others. She has been instrumental in bringing many of her friends to the meetings. She tells them that they should go and find out for themselves if we are bad and if we are teaching that which is untrue.

One of those whom she brings with her is her closest neighbor, who has a store. This lady is of the fanatical type, but it seems that she is changing. I feel prompted to tell what I heard the other day. My attention was attracted by someone reading and as I listened, I caught enough words to know that a tract was being read. Naturally I was curious, so I climbed up the window (our windows are high up) to see; and there was this lady, sitting in her store reading a tract. I believe she was reading to another neighbor lady. This was a blessed experience for me and again I turned to the Lord in prayer for this soul who seems to be seeking for light.

Then, too, I must tell you about the family who lives in the country, who also is faithful in attending the meetings. This family consists of a father, mother and seven children. This father has a very interesting story to tell. A number of years ago, he bought a New Testament from someone who evidently passed through here, selling literature. He had been told that the Bible was a bad book, and so he had

decided to burn the book if he found anything bad in it. He tells us that as he was reading, he had the match ready. He read and read until he had read it through, but found only that which was good. He liked it so well that he read it again. A little later the priest called in all Bibles and Testaments. Then about two years ago he bought a Bible from a colporteur, who worked in this territory. Since then, he has been reading, studying and searching the Scriptures. He confesses his faith in God and in Christ, but as yet, it appears that he has not entered into the liberty and joy in Christ. We pray that he may soon experience the joy of salvation. Do pray that this entire family may be won for the Lord.

Again we ask you to remember these people in your prayers, that many may soon experience the full and free salvation in our Saviour.

Yours for the lost in Colombia,
ALMA AND ANDREW LARSON.

Annual Report from the Secretary In Colombia to Annual Meeting

To the Colombian Evangelical
Lutheran Mission of South America,
gathered in Minneapolis, Minn., for
Annual meeting, June 15th.

Greetings in the Name of our
Blessed Redeemer:

The Word of God with which I wish to greet you is from the Prophet Jeremiah: "But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he hath understanding, and knoweth me, that I am Jehovah, who exerciseth loving-kindness, justice and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith Jehovah." "And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness in that they have forsaken me and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands." Jer. 9:24 and 1:16.

These words bring both sorrow and comfort to us when we think of them in connection with the people of Latin America. God, in His love, desires to draw them to Himself, but they, in their sin and wickedness, superstition and ignorance, formalism and vain worship, are slow to hear the voice of the loving God. We would not be discouraged, even though the work progresses slowly, because God is on the throne; and we believe that in these little towns and cities and country districts there are many who shall experience the saving grace of our Lord and Savior. We praise God for what He has done and for what He has promised to do. Here are some of the things that have taken place during the past year.

In Soatá

We praise our God today because souls are being saved in Soatá. On the evening of Good Friday, four souls expressed their desire to live for Christ and we believe that they were earnest and sincere. About two weeks ago we received the good news that

four more had yielded to the Lord, one of whom is an uncle of Margarita Avila (the girl who stayed with Marie before we others came), and also a young girl who is a cousin of hers. How blessed it is to see these precious souls led out of the darkness of Roman Catholicism and into the marvelous light of the Gospel of Christ. It seemed to take a long time for the break to come, but now we believe it has come, and we continue to look to God to do great things in the hearts of others.

The meetings have continued as before, with the two services on Sunday and meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings. In the month of March a meeting of Bible Study and prayer was begun on Thursday evening. God has blessed these meetings. The Sunday School has grown and we can report that the attendance is more regular than at the first.

Last September a Christian family, consisting of a mother, two daughters and a son, moved in from Malaga and they have been a blessing in the work.

A number of sick have been visited and cared for. This part of the work continues to help us make new contacts and break down barriers, especially that of fear. Many poor have also been helped.

One girl was taught to read and write. (The girl mentioned in the report last year who wished to learn to read the Bible.) We also believe that she has come to know the Lord as her Savior. She has been the servant in Soatá since last October and has proved faithful and helpful.

At present I believe Miss Holmviik is teaching a young girl. She is one of those who yielded to the Lord a few weeks ago. What a blessed time she must be having with her!

I feel prompted also to report concerning the death of an elderly woman who attended our meetings regularly. She spent many weeks on a bed of pain accompanied with much distress of mind and soul, but at last the light broke through and she experienced joy and happiness in the Lord. We believe that she departed to be with her God.

Due to the spreading out of our mission family to various new stations, the mission station in Soatá has been moved into smaller quarters. A very fine house was secured. Miss Thompson and Miss Holmviik are settled there and for the present will take care of the work.

New Stations

On April 15th, Pastor Larson and myself moved to El Cocuy, to open a new station. As perhaps most of you know, we had to make part of the journey on horseback. Our house is located in the heart of town, very near the plaza. During the past several weeks, most of our time has been spent cleaning the house, making furniture, and making things ready for the receiving of visitors and more es-

pecially, for the holding of meetings. The people of this town, although for the most part Liberals, are very fanatical. The priest has already warned the people about us, saying that we are here with a new religion, and that they must not buy our literature, nor visit us, nor attend our meetings. However, we expect to conduct meetings very soon. Already the music and singing have drawn many to our house and many have entered to listen. Last week we had a most interesting and blessed visit with a man whose home is in the country. He bought a Bible from a colporteur who labored in this district some time ago and with whom he had some studies in the Bible. It is wonderful how the Lord has enlightened this man and if he is not already a Christian he must be very close to the kingdom.

At the time of writing, the Ostrem's are expecting to move to Duitama. (This was later changed to Socha, as the Lord closed the door at Duitama.)

Trek Work

During the past year, several trips were made into the Socha and Parpa district and also one trip to El Cocuy and surrounding towns. These trips continue to prove profitable and blessed. Many are reached with the Gospel and literature is sold and distributed.

"The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." One of our greatest needs is that of more new workers, with an earnest zeal for souls. How happy we were to welcome Miss Holmviik and now we gladly await the arrival of Pastor Salte. We are also thankful for each one who has applied and who is waiting to go, and we hope and pray that they may come soon.

With the opening of new stations, expenses naturally increase, but God, who has provided every need thus far, will continue to do so that souls in darkness may soon see the light.

After having spent a year and a half here, we realize more and more the great need of prayer in order to be witnesses of power and blessing among a people so religious, but wicked and perverse, and where the power of Satan is manifested on every hand. For some time, our mission family has spent a part of Thursday morning together in special meditation and prayer for the work. These have been blessed hours.

As I close this report, on behalf of our mission family, I do thank you all for your intercessory prayer, your gifts of money and your continued interest and concern for the souls of Colombia. And to God, our Heavenly Father, we give praise and thanks for His gracious care for us all through another year.

"Have faith in God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou taken up and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that

what he saith cometh to pass; he shall have it." Mark 11:22-23.

Yours for the lost in Colombia,
ALMA MONSON LARSON, *Sec'y*,
El Cocuy, Boyacá,
Colombia, South America.

From Gerhard Ostrem

Dear Board Members and Brethren in Convention assembled:

"My God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19.

Often since my childhood have I read that verse and heard it quoted by different ones, but I have not had as good an opportunity of proving it as since coming out here. There are at least four great definite points of great importance in that verse, as you all know too, but permit me to just quote them again. 1. It is *God* that shall supply; 2. He shall supply *all* your (our) need; 3. He shall supply all our *need* (does not say all our "wants"); 4. He shall supply *according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus*. Those are inexhaustible riches, spiritually first, and also physically and materially.

I am very thankful that I can say that hitherto God has thus supplied all our needs out here, and that I can say including both our individual needs as well as those of the mission work. There have been times when the funds have been low, but then we have either had our personal resources to draw from or else the means have come from the treasury at home or from someone else. In one way or other God *has* provided. We are human as well as you, hence it is, we admit, at times trying and testing when we begin looking and thinking ahead and see things only from a human point of view. This we know that we should not do, but view the future through the eyes of God, because the future is as bright as the Promises of God. "Leave the unknown future in the Master's hand, whether sad or joyful, Jesus understands."

It would be interesting to be with you at the annual meeting, but as that would be impossible this year we shall do the next best and be with you in *prayer*. We have been, and shall continue to be praying that God will richly bless you as you gather and that He will lead you in all decisions and deliberations. We realize the responsible position that you have and therefore we are so very glad that we have the privilege of interceding for you. We are thankful to God for consecrated men and women on our Board. *God bless you everyone.*

All the rest of our missionary family join me in extending our most sincere greetings to you all with II Cor. 1:20 and Eph. 6:10-18.

In behalf of your co-workers on the field,

Fraternally,
GERHARD OSTREM,
Financial Secretary.

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Excerpts from Personal Letters From Our Missionaries

"I will give *great thanks* unto Jehovah with my mouth; Yea, I will praise Him among the multitudes."—Psa. 109:30.

The other day I received such a great blessing from reading this Psalm. It is such a clear picture of the condition we are in among these people. But we believe that God's Name shall be glorified here, that many shall know the God who is speaking to them through His Word. For His abundant grace and mercy we should always give *great thanks*.

Thank you so much for your kind letter. Messages as these from our dear friends at home strengthen us.

Last week we had special meetings here. A missionary working in Malaga (near here) came up with her national worker, a girl of 22, and a real preacher. The Lord has used her wonderfully. We had blessed meetings. Quite a number came out and they listened very attentively. We believe God's Spirit is working. Continue to strive in prayer for these souls that they might soon be led into the light. We do believe that God will save many souls here. We also ask you to join us in praying that the Lord will raise up someone who might help in the work here. There is a young man about 25, who comes to the meetings regularly. We believe that God is speaking to him, and we look to God to save his soul. We know that the Lord can and will call out someone to help in this great work here also.

We are all well and happy here. Soon our Christian girl, Margarita, who is with us for training to become a worker among her own people, will have her vacation of two weeks. She is getting along nicely. We do pray for more young girls who will give their lives to the Lord. There are twin girls here who come to the meetings quite often. They are about 17 or 18 years old and are orphans who live with some aunts. May God have His way also with them.

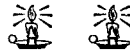
We are so happy to know that Miss Danielson is on the way out here.

May then, the God of peace be with you to bless and strengthen you.

Yours in Him,
ANDREW AND ALMA LARSON.
El Cocuy, Boyacá,
Colombia, South America.

Miss Danielson is now in Bogotá, where she will remain for some time to study the language. Let us praise the Lord for her safe arrival in Colombia and remember her in prayer as she now is struggling with a strange language, and has to adapt herself to a new country. May she daily find that "His grace is sufficient." Her address is:

Helen Danielson
Apt. 1643
Bogotá, Colombia, S. A.



"He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust."—Ps. 92:4.

It will be a surprise for many of you to see that I am still in Norway, as it was announced in the last issue of *Celmosa Clarion* that I would leave for Colombia in September. This was also the plan, but for reasons that I can not help the plan could not be carried out.

Arrangements had been made that I should travel together with two boys that were going out from London. My permit for entering Colombia expired September 17, and at the time I found out that these boys could not leave so we could reach Buenaventura for that date, it was too late for me to get a place on any boat that would reach down in time. Shortly after that I also had to go to the hospital for an operation, so there was nothing else to do but to apply for a new entry permit. Now I can not leave before this permit has come. In these times it is difficult to make any plans. We never know what the next day will bring, and that is true in a double sense now. The war makes travel very complicated and how much it will affect my plans I do not know.

In spite of the times in which we are living, we can look up with confidence because under the wings of the Almighty we can rest safely in the midst of all trouble and turmoil. He will never forsake His own.

During the Summer I have had the privilege to attend several conventions. Besides the blessings one receives from such gatherings, it is also a splendid opportunity to come in contact with the Christians from the different parts of the country.

Let us work while it is day, the

night cometh soon when we can work no more.

TRYGVE SALTE,
Bryne, Jæren, Norway,
Oct. 16, 1939.

I Am the Light of the World (John 8:12)

"Down from the glories of heaven, down to a world of woe; when there was no eye to pity, Jesus said, 'I will go.'" He came, and on the pages of Holy Writ we read that "though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich." II Cor. 8:9. Yes, so poor He became that He only had a borrowed bed at birth, a borrowed ass on which He rode into Jerusalem, and when He miraculously fed the 5,000 He did it with borrowed fish and bread. He borrowed the ship in which He sat when He taught the multitude, and had never a home He could call His own. When eating the Passover with His disciples He used a borrowed room. Yea, even the grave was not His own. But: "The thorns on His head were worn in *my* stead, For *me* the Savior died. For guilt of *my* sin the nails drove in, when Him they crucified. Though the crown that He wore and the Cross that He bore were His own, they rightly were *mine* instead."

Such was the reception of the lowly Jesus, the Light of the World. Such were His days here below, such His errand. His arrival was announced yon Christmas night, but sleep brooded o'er the land. It was truly night. Only a few poor shepherds were *awake* to hear the voice of angels. Perchance, and we fear, that only a few today give ear to the heaven-sent message of salvation, peace and light. Darkness broods over mountains, plains, homes and huts, but we cannot remain silent. Until the end of day we want to herald the glad tidings of Christ, the Savior, for yet some will hear. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, salvation." What a most blessed privilege is yours and mine. This is what I want to continue to do in Colombia.

When this greeting reaches you I have been in Colombia a year. How fleet-footed have been the days. God has truly crowned them all with His

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own abiding peace, and now, as I stand upon the threshold of a new year in this land, I would tremble to travel the future paths alone, if it were not for His soft whisper, "My presence shall go with thee." . . . So thus I welcome the New Year, knowing that it shall bring fresh blessings from my Lord and King.

May the Lord bless each one of you, dear friends, this Christmas season, and for the New Year may our united prayer truly be:

"Dear Master, let it be
On earth or else in Heaven
Another year for Thee."

ALVIDA HOLMVIK.

Greetings from Marie Thompson

"Who, existing in the form of God . . . emptied Himself . . . being made in the likeness of men."—Phil. 2:7.

Again the happy season of the year is nearing when we are in many ways and in a special way reminded of that great event when the Holy Son of God "took upon Himself the form of man." As I meditate upon the above verse, I find myself asking Him: Why did you do it? You did not have to do it. You could have created a new and perfect creation unto Thy praise and let this fallen race go . . . His answer is: "For so did I love you and your fellowmen."

No wonder the prophet said, "His Name shall be called Wonderful." No wonder the Heavenly Chorus rang out over Bethlehem's plains the night of His birth. No wonder the voice from heaven said, "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." No wonder when on Calvary He finished His work, the sun hid its face and the earth trembled. No wonder Saint John in his vision "saw and heard round about the throne ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands and thousands giving all praise and glory unto the Lamb that was slain."

The wonder would be if you and I, who have met Him and known His love, known His power to make all things new, known our sins forgiven, redeemed not with silver or gold, but with His own blood, known Him as the One Unfailing Friend, in whom the riches of heaven are at our disposal and who said: "Lo, I am with you always," . . . Yes, the wonder would be, if, when bathed in that Heavenly love, we should remain silent or unconcerned or too occupied with the "many things" to render unto Him the debt of love we owe. O, come let us worship, worship HIM, and crown Him KING . . . Yes, absolute Monarch of our lives, unto the praise of His Name.

*Lord Jesus Christ, dwell in my heart,
Yea occupy the whole;*

*E'er since I knew Thy mighty love
ferce passion fills my soul.*

*Lord! Lover! Who didst die for me,
I live when Thee I see;*

*For Thee I die to all the world, yet
live triumphantly.*

*Lord, clothe me in Thy blood-stained
robe — soft raiment I abhor;*

*Pain or death shall only make my
passion rage the more.
With Him I death and hell defy, and
fight to die and win.
To spread through all the world His
Name, and damn the curse of sin.
Till He come,
MARIE THOMPSON.*

Socha Station

Dear Brethren:

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."—Is. 30:15.

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to our many friends throughout the world.

We also wish to send a few words from our Socha station where we came to establish June 1st. We had another place in mind, but it appears that we were directed here for the time being at least. We can see reasons for that as here is much to do and many places in which to work. This is the territory about which we have written at times calling it the Socha-Parpa district.

Socha is the town in which we live. We were given the impression by some that it is a fanatical place, and we have found not so little fanaticism, but have also met many who are not so. We find many who at least appear to have a desire to learn about the gospel. Some have come to the house and others have expressed it thus as we have spoken to them elsewhere. We hope and pray, however, for much more than that, namely, that these precious souls may see their lost condition without Christ, that their eyes may be opened to see the great spiritual darkness in which they have been kept, that they will accept the full and free salvation in Christ Jesus.

We are very glad and thankful to God for the opportunities of witnessing of the salvation and saving power in the Blood of Jesus Christ. This we have the privilege of doing every day both in word and life, and also in series of meetings at different places. It is a great joy to talk to those who have accepted Christ as their Savior from sin, and to hear them testify of it, also to hear them pray. They express great gratitude to God for making it possible that the Gospel could be brought to them. It is so good to hear them pray, not only for the missionaries who are here in Colombia, but also for all servants of the Lord, in all parts of the world, and for all God's children. They pray for God's blessings to be upon all evangelistic meetings held in the various places in all countries.

In one of the series of meetings held in Parpa Mrs. Ostrem also was along. We left Carol Lois with two Christian Colombian girls who were staying with us at the time. The trip was made on mule-back, as usual. May say at this point that riding on these roads or trails is not exactly like that on the roads at home. Many places they are exceedingly stony, rough, and at times steeper than stairs, hence, often the mule or horse actually must

jump from one stone down to the next. Besides conducting the series of meetings which were well attended, we visited several of the homes which we enjoyed very much to do, and also visited the school. It is encouraging to see the children attend the Christian schools where they have Christian teachers and are taught the Word of the Lord as well as the secular subjects. God grant that those children may develop to be servants of the Lord among their own people.

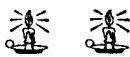
We wish to ask you all to pray with us for the school problem in Colombia. We find that it is well, and often necessary, to have at least small schools for the children of the believers as they meet so much persecution in the others and in many places are forbidden to attend the services at the missions if they are to attend the other schools, in which they also are taught doctrines which are contrary to the Word of God. Parpa has its own school, and in the Casanare district, which now forms a part of the territory of our Mission, are four such schools.

A large problem for these are the securing of teachers. Due to the variation in climate and condition in the different sections of the land, teachers should be trained from each of these sections and return to teach in their respective area. Hence, it would be well to train a number for the field of our Mission. This is not done without cost, therefore we wish to ask if some of you may not desire to have a part in this work first of all with your prayers and also with your material means? The average cost for each student thus preparing to be teachers appears to be from fifty to sixty dollars (U. S.) a year. Here are many young people who could be trained for that work, but many have not the means with which to pay. They would provide their own personal needs and transportation. We would like to have an Institute for that purpose somewhere in our own territory. This would mean a saving in traveling expense for the students and the amount thus saved could be used to pay part of their school. This should lead to that more would thus prepare for service, and may be a stronger assurance that they would take up work in their home districts, or at least in this part of the country.

In closing we greet you with Rev. 2:10.

Your co-laborers for soul-winning in Colombia,

GERHARD AND HELENE OSTREM.



Commissioning Service For Helen Danielson

The members and friends of Immanuel Church were granted a rare privilege Thursday, September 21, as they witnessed at a formal service the commissioning of one of their members to go forth as a missionary to Colombia, South America. This service has, no doubt, imprinted itself in-

delibly upon the hearts and minds of all who were present.

Helen Danielson, whose former home was Waupaca, came to Racine about two and a half years ago. She has been very active in Luther League and Sunday school work where she taught a girls' Bible class. She was also active in the mission work of the church, having served as secretary of the Kyushu Missionary Society. Helen has many friends in Racine, both in Immanuel congregation and in the other churches as well. She was a friend to all, and has endeared herself to many.

Rev. N. B. Hansen preached the first sermon using as his topic: "Sustaining the Weary Hands," based on Ex. 17:11-14. Following are a few of his thoughts: "It is a rare opportunity for the congregation to give of the best for the Master. Helen was one of the best workers in our congregation. We have received much from the Lord; now we may give one to His service. She is to go as did Moses, with the rod of God to part the waters, bring forth water, and to conquer the enemy. This rod was likened to the Word of God. But hands become weary; Moses' did, and so did the hands of Jesus, for He said to them, 'Watch with me,' but they failed Him. All the workers become weary at times. The spirit may be willing, but the flesh is weak. When others are indifferent, reject the message, or resent it, the hands become weary.

"Aaron and Hur sustained the hands of Moses. They did not take the rod and hold it up. God had commanded Moses to hold up the rod, but they held up the weary hands. Not all are sent out to preach, but we are all called to sustain the weary hands of those who are sent.

"Helen's hands will also become weary, and she will need someone to stand by her side to sustain her. She is being sent out with the Gospel that we as a church have been commissioned to bring to all the world. It is not her mission, but the mission of the church. We should, therefore, be concerned, and thus strengthen her hands. We should sustain her by prayer which is a mighty power. Let both young and old remember her daily; not just for a short time, and then forget her, but continue in prayer for her. We, too, should give of our means to keep her in the field and extend the work. We should give as the Lord would have us give; no more, no less. It is after all, little that we give to the Kingdom of God when we see how others give their all."

Rev. Evald Conrad, vice-president of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America, represented the board at this commissioning service. He spoke on the text found in Rom. 1:14-16. His topic was: "I am a debtor; I am ready; I am not ashamed." He said that we as the Apostle Paul have a great debt to pay for the great salvation which is ours in Christ Jesus. "South America is our neighbor, and yet so little has

been done for that country. Thank God for those who have felt the burden of that debt and have said, 'I am ready.' Thank God for Helen and others who are ready to bring the Gospel to our neighbors. Are we ready to send her, sustain her, and keep her there? I am a debtor; I am ready. Has God called you to serve on the foreign field? If not, have you received a call to remain at home?" How heart-searching! "I am not ashamed. We have a wonderful Gospel to bring to the people of the world. We should not be ashamed to witness for Christ at home and abroad. We have cause to be ashamed of ourselves because of our sinfulness, but surely never of Jesus."

Both pastors took part in the commissioning service proper, with Rev. Evald Conrad asking the questions, and Rev. N. B. Hansen answering with Scripture passages. Greetings were received from Rev. Naarup who confirmed Helen, and from the various organizations of the church of Waupaca where she had been a member. She spoke briefly at the close of the service stating that she felt so small, but that she knew that she had a great God who would go with her and keep her. She said she wanted in a small way to pay that great debt, and that she was ready to go to bring them the Gospel, but that she wasn't so sure she could always say she wasn't ashamed of that Gospel. She thanked the congregation and friends of Racine for what they had done for her. After a short greeting from Miss Myrtle Nordin, traveling secretary for the Colombia mission board, the service closed with the choir singing, "God be with you till we meet again."

The service was a very impressive one and touching as well. Although her many friends rejoiced with her because her desire to work in definite service had been granted, yet it was hard to see her leave. She will be greatly missed, especially by the young people and her Sunday school class among whom she worked so faithfully. Her great desire was to see souls won for the Kingdom, so we know that God will use her in South America, too. May her life among us these past few years be a challenge to us to be found faithful in the work the Lord would have us do. Won't you join us in praying for her that the Lord will give her many souls for her hire?

—Ansgar Lutheran.

A blessed farewell service was also held for Miss Danielson on Sunday evening, September 17, and "The Little Homelike Church" of which Rev. E. J. Conrad is the pastor was filled to capacity with friends who wanted to wish her Godspeed on her journey to Colombia. (EDITOR.)



An Evangelistic Tour Into The Plains of Colombia

"For our exhortation is not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile; but even as we have been approved of God to be intrusted with the Gospel

so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God who proveth our hearts. I Thess. 2:3-4.

On August 21, Galdámez and myself left Soatá by bus, going as far as Socha, where we had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem. Here we met our guide for the trip who had come there with mules. Leaving Socha shortly after dinner we arrived at Parpa in about 3½ hours by "muleback," where we met Gerhard Ostrem, who had left for this place the day before, holding services Sunday evening before we arrived. In the evening of our arrival we held services at said place and were almost frozen out as this place lies 11,000 feet above sea level. (Socha and Parpa have been mentioned in our reports before so the names are not foreign to our readers.)

August 22 we turned our faces toward the plains of Colombia, not knowing what we might encounter, for we had never traveled this way before, but with a feeling of confidence that the Lord never slumbers nor sleeps. Climbing to an altitude of about 14,000 feet above sea level, it started to rain and for about six hours we rode through a rain and wind storm which at times reached a velocity of about 40 miles an hour, accompanied with a downpour to which our guide, who has traveled across this mountain top many times, had never seen anything equal. Reaching shelter that night after 8 hours on the trail, wet, hungry and tired, almost unable to walk on account of the numbness of our bodies, we praised the Lord for having protected us through the day. After partaking of the food we carried (on trek work like this a pack animal has to be taken along as it is impossible to secure food for several days and also to carry our clothes, as the change in elevation from 14,000 to a few hundred feet above sea level necessitates the change of clothing), we held a meeting having as our audience a few travelers and the family at the place.

The following morning, after a night spent sleeping on the floor, we again took the trail, leading us farther into unknown territory, but knowing that the Lord is always at hand, we traveled for three days through mud and water, crossing rivers and brooks that seemed endless, with more rain and sleeping on mud floors where a person gets wet, as it rains almost incessantly, night and day, here during the rainy season.

On August 25th we arrived at the first town called Tamara, where, after much coaxing, we finally persuaded the proprietress of the so-called hotel to put us up for the night. My bed consisted of two boards laid across boxes and Galdámez slept in a hammock in a room shared by a young man who later told us that his religion was himself. The next day we worked the town in the forenoon, giving out literature and talking with the people about their relationship to their Maker. Gospel literature was given out in this way along the trail every day and meetings were held at

the places where we spent the nights. Taking the trail at noon, we arrived about 4 hours later at a place called Sombredero. Here we found a group of believers who have built a chapel where they gather for services. The Presbyterians have previously done some work in the Plains of Colombia and have now turned this territory over to our mission. Here at Sombredero we were met by the national pastor, who had come a half day's journey to meet us. This young man has been stationed in the plains for almost two years, but leaves this month (October) for the interior to continue his work with the Presbyterian church under which he has been working in the plains. This leaves these people without a shepherd. Holding services there that night to a group of about 55 souls, some of whom had traveled for a distance of 12 miles to be present at the meeting, and spending the night with a family of believers, was a joy to us. We were now also in a warmer climate probably about 2000 feet above sea level.

Sunday morning Galdámez and the national pastor, Senor Porras, left for the next stop, La Aguada, about four hours distant, where Galdámez held services Sunday, and where I held two services and administered the Lord's supper to the believers in Sombredero. On a trip of this kind it is a source of joy and strength amid trials and temptations of all kinds, both spiritually and physically, to meet with people who have come to know Christ as the saving power from sin.

Monday, August 28, the guide and myself set out for La Aguada, reaching there shortly before midday. At this place we stayed until the morning of August 31, holding meetings during the afternoon and evening as well as talking to people personally about the "Calvary Way."

Setting out on the last mentioned date, after a two hours journey, we arrived at Moreno where we rested for a while. Senior Porras accompanied us a few hours on the trail. We also had a new guide, for the other one had been left to care for the animals as we had to get new ones at this time. After another hour we arrived at a river where, after laboring about one half hour in crossing amid rocks and in water almost to a per-

son's armpits we reached shore and took our boots off to pour the water out of them. We were now in hot country only a few hundred feet above sea level, infested by snakes and insects of many kinds. Our destination was the town of Tame. Here again we were caught in a rainstorm which lasted about four hours until we reached Chire, our stop for the night. Here we found they were celebrating one of their annual feasts. That night we slept in a little entrance where the chickens, pigs, dogs, cats and drunkards walked in and out at will. At a time like this it is not wise to do any work for it is just to stir the people to a frenzy. All we could do was to hand out a few tracts the next morning.

Arriving at midday in a place called Corozal, we searched the town for something to eat and finally persuaded a lady to fry us some meat (which was impossible to chew), and for dessert we had a few green bananas. That afternoon we rode for more than three hours in a downpour, reaching our destination about dark, being wet, hungry and weary. Here we secured a few mouthfuls, and after speaking to these people about Christ we retired for the night. Our beds consisted of a carpenter's bench and a hammock, and instead of fighting chickens, pigs, dogs and cats, we this night fought against our enemy, the mosquito. Next morning we crossed the river in a canoe, while the animals on which we were riding swam across. We had now reached the town called San Salvador, which means Saint Savior. Here we were able to secure breakfast with eggs as the main course. Here all we could see was a few trees now and then with a house here and there along the way, grass and cattle. Thousands upon thousands of cattle roam these plains. About 4:30 p. m. we arrived at another river, which is very dangerous, its current being very swift, and huge rocks lie hidden in its bed. Almost every year there are people who lose their lives here. At times the animals fall and the riders are thrown against the rocks and carried downstream on its way to the ocean, often never to be found again, being battered to pieces.

OLGER QUANRUD.

(To be continued.)



Missionaries Gerhard Ostrem and Olger Quanrud mounted on mules for an extensive missionary journey into the plains and mountains of Colombia. Much suffering and hardship is often connected with such journeys as you will see from Brother Quanrud's article in this issue. May it truly be a call to us here at home never to fail them, but continuously uphold them in prayer as they thus scatter the seed of the Word of Life far and wide in that benighted land.



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The Gospel of Our Risen Lord

Gospel means good news. And the Gospel of our Risen Lord is good news both to saints and sinners.

To the sinner the Gospel says, *Christ did it all.* "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." When the Ethiopian, of whom we read in Acts 8, saw the finished work of Christ in Isa. 53, he exclaimed, "what doth hinder me to be baptized? And there on that desert Gaza-road he accepted Christ, was baptized by Philip and "went on his way rejoicing."

We have good news to proclaim to every sinner. It is both our privilege and our responsibility to make known to every man the good news of a full and a free salvation in Christ.

But the Gospel is also good news to saints. To the believer the Gospel says, *The Risen Christ does it all.* "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6. If it were left for us to finish that salvation which Jesus began, what an imperfect job it would be! How marred the divine pattern! But now Christ does it all. Therefore the work is perfect. Paul says in Ephesians, "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for it; — that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Our Risen Lord does it all *in* the believer. Self must be put in the place of death. Only as we die to self can we know the power of His resurrection. Paul prayed that he might know the power of His resurrection. It is "Christ in us, the hope of glory" who gives us the victory. Victory over self, sin and the devil.

Again, our Risen Lord does it all *thru* the believer. The real preparation for Christian service is Christ living and ruling in the believer's heart. Only as He is permitted to live in us can He live *thru* us.

The man Moses, we are told, "was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds." But when he sought to deliver Israel he failed miserably. It took forty years in the wilderness be-



Pastor J. O. Gisselquist, beloved president of the Colombia Mission. We know that our missionaries as well as the friends at home will be glad to see his picture. Pray for him as he continually travels as evangelist in the States and Canada.

fore God could use him to bring the people out of the house of bondage. And then, what a glorious deliverance! When God delivers, when God saves, He does it in a manner worthy of Himself. And the redeemed sing His praises forever. And they never tire of telling the story of redeeming love.

When our Risen Lord gave the great commission to the disciples, and thru them, also to us, then He gave them this assurance: "All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth. — And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Jesus has all authority. He lives in the believer. Then our task is not impossible. No situation too difficult for Him to handle. Christ does it thru us. Our work becomes a rest. Our rest becomes our strength. Isa. 30:15. The more we rest, the more we work.

A closer walk with Jesus is our one need. More time alone with Him in the prayer closet. More feeding on His word. "If ye abide in me ye shall bear much fruit. For apart from me ye can do nothing." Do we really believe these words?

Men and women of God who have accomplished the greatest tasks in the

vineyard of the Lord, have all known this abiding in Jesus. George Mueller read his Bible thru over 100 times. He spent hours daily in his private devotions. Here lay the secret of his great work.

The abiding life is the rest life. The self-life is the restless life. There is abiding rest in Jesus. Come to Him and rest. This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord to every believer. And in a special way this Gospel of our Risen Lord is sounding forth in our restless, discouraged, and defeated age. "Come unto me and rest." Let us heed these words of our blessed Savior. Then we shall be more happy, and we shall do more and better work in His vineyard.

J. O. GISSELQUIST.

From Helen Danielson

Soatá, Boyacá
Jan. 27, 1940.

Dear Brethren in the Homeland:

"And I bowed my head, and worshipped the Lord and blessed the Lord . . . who had led me in the right way." Gen. 24:48.

Four months ago I arrived in South America. I can only bow my head as did Abraham's servant of old, and worship and praise my Lord for His wonderful leading. What a wonderful privilege God has granted me.

Had a very enjoyable trip out to the field. It is an experience I shall never forget. I'm sure I entered the land by one of the most interesting routes.

On October 7th other outgoing missionaries and myself, strained our eyes through bedimmed skies to discern a glimpse of the new land. Our hearts beat fast with feverish anticipation to see our beloved new land where God has privileged us to labor for Him. What joys were ours as a few hours later we stepped off the boat unto dry land. Barranquilla was our stop. (Barranquilla is east of the Panama Canal.) The river boat was our next mode of transportation, on which we spent three days going down the Magdalena River. The river wasn't wide so could see the shores on either side. Imagine how thrilled I was as I saw the banana fields, the tropical fruits, the trees, the flowers of every description and color. And not least, the native homes and cities.

From Puerto Wilches we traveled by train, bus and car, arriving at So-

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CELMOSA CLARION

This little messenger, "Celmosa Clarion," is published quarterly for the information and edification of the friends of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America. The name, "Celmosa," is a word formed by taking the first letter of every word of the mission.

If you wish to become a prayer-helper in this mission for South America, and keep in touch with the work, let the editor, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont., hear from you so she can put your name on the mailing list. There is no certain subscription price—only as the Lord puts it on your heart to give.

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cha on October 18th at the home of one of our workers. In looking back over the long journey I cannot help but marvel at God's care and protection in bringing us safely every step of the way. Had anticipated many troubles but God so wondrously led in every detail. Praise be to Him.

Visited the field and workers before beginning my study of Spanish. I just cannot tell you how fast the weeks fly by. A missionary's life surely is interesting. Each day brings new experiences. And ours much more so, I imagine, because our work is so new. We are still in the pioneer stage.

I have already learned to love the land and people. I enjoy the language study very much. How I long for the day when I shall be able to speak to these precious souls. It spurs one on to study.

The great need, the great open doors, and the constraining love of Christ all draw us to be about our Father's business. "I would that not one should perish but come unto the knowledge of the truth." Oh what love! That not one should perish, even unto the ends of the earth.

But why such love? Surely there must be a reason, a reason why He had such a desire. A reason why this whole life was dedicated to this one end. A reason why He pleaded, He cried, He sought, He died.

Was it not because He realized the value of one precious soul in God's sight? Was it not because He realized the great yearning of God for His own? Was it not because He realized the awfulness of going to a Christless grave?

We, too, have a purpose in coming to the fields with the Gospel. First, because of God's great yearning love for all mankind that all should come unto the knowledge of the truth. Second, because none but Jesus can save poor, helpless sinners. Third, because of the great need of lights in the foreign fields. Fourth, we have found Him and would that others might know Him too. We stand ready to venture out into a dark and distressed land, to serve Him, who is worthy, and humbly follow in His footsteps.

"They that have not heard shall understand."—Rom. 15:21.

Your co-worker in the Lord,

HELEN DANIELSON.

From Alvida Holmvik

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the *Armor of Light*."

The new year, 1940, marks the beginning of the fourth year of Gospel work in Soatá. It is the oldest station of the three on our mission field.

It is two years ago since the first public service was held here at the mission. They have proved to be a great blessing and are continued today as when first started. They are held every Sunday, Tuesday and Friday evening. We also have a little Sunday school. They meet every Sunday morning at 9:30. To those that faithfully come we have tried to show

how they too may have a definite part in the mission work here. They gladly bring their donations in money and thus the rent we monthly pay for our chapel is taken care of. At these meetings hundreds have heard the Gospel story. A little flock, we believe, has truly heard unto salvation, while at the same time we fear that many, many shall permit that same Word to judge them on "that day." They refuse to let its light set them free, to lift them out of the miry clay and set their feet on the Rock. Thus our labors offers mingled joy and sorrow. How we yearn to see every soul set free from the bonds of Satan and truly made new creatures in Christ.

Since our mission home is stationed right in town the people in Soatá have easy access to hear the Word, but it is not so for the folk living in the country. In every direction from our little town we can see the many huts that dot the mountain sides. Marie and I have made several trips into the country to visit these homes. Since they are made on foot we do not reach out so far each time. We pack a little lunch in a basket as well as some portions of scripture and some tracts and are off for the day. The paths to choose are many, but as sure as there is a path we know that it leads somewhere, somehow to some hut and home, so we follow it. The receptions we receive vary. As a rule the country folk are more fanatical than the town folk. Maybe not at heart, for they feel very free in revealing their attitude towards us. Many tell us they will not listen to what we have to say nor will they receive any literature. However, some are friendly and will give of their time to hear from the Word about Jesus. We believe that this part of our work is as important as any and maybe more so. Most of these country folk will not come to us, but the door stands open for us to go to them. Lately these trips have been made by Mr. Galdámez and Mr. Quanrud. They have also made some longer tours which could not be made on foot. Quite some time ago they visited two little towns, Boavita and La Ovitá. Both these can be seen from the outskirts of our little town. They are only about three hours ride on muleback from here. Public meetings are not held in places like these. Tracts are distributed among the people and opportunities are often many to contact people personally. A similar trip was to be made last week but Mr. Quanrud's going to the coast to meet Rev. Salte postpones it for the time being. Another town visited in a similar manner is Duitama. This town is reached by bus. We believe the Lord will open the door for a permanent work in this place before long.

This week Mr. Galdámez is in Bogotá (capital of this Republic). He is there on invitation to conduct a series of meetings in the W.E.C. mission. There is no lack of places to work in Colombia. From everywhere there is the cry for help.

In November and part of December

Mr. and Mrs. Galdámez were gone from our station a month. During their absence the work was taken care of by the remaining workers. November 17, 1939 dated the second wedding in our mission. Mr. Juan Galdámez and Marie Thompson were that day united in marriage. They chose to make their honeymoon an Evangelistic tour. The morning following the wedding they left for San Cristobal, Venezuela. On their way they stopped off at Cucuta and Zalazar where meetings were held. While at San Cristobal they visited several neighboring towns. During their month's absence Mr. Galdámez conducted service every night except three. God blessed the seed that was sown. His Word does not return void.

So many of our Sunday school pupils can neither read nor write, so to those that desire we have offered them the privilege to come here to the mission and study. I have enjoyed these classes so much. The class has consisted of only four until the other day when another little boy came to ask if he might come too. These classes were suspended when Miss Danielson and I were in Socha. This is the station where Mr. and Mrs. Ostrem are located. Mr. Ostrem was gone several weeks on a tour so we went there to stay with Mrs. Ostrem as well as to help with the station work. Not so long after we had returned here two of the little boys came to ask if they could continue class again. They also brought four eggs (we like to get eggs, they are two for 5 cents in the market). Oh, yes, and in the basket was also a pound of sugar. Evidently this was pay in advance. I'm sure you will like the names of the pupils. They are: Gracielana, Trino, Hernan, Manuel, and Efraim. Above all, in my work with them I desire to point them to Jesus.

So the days go by. We see so much to do and often feel so little is accomplished. The night is far spent — but yet, maybe not long, we are in the day of grace. May we labor while it is yet time.

ALVIDA HOLMVIK.

From Trygve Salte

Soatá, Boyacá,
Colombia, So. Am.
February 24, 1940.

Dear Friends in the Homelands:

"If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me." Ps. 139:9, 10.

This passage has been so wonderful to me as I have traveled from Norway to Colombia. After having been on the water for about 15 days I had the feeling that I was at the uttermost parts of the sea when I finally arrived at the coast of Colombia. But the promise from God was true also then. He was there before me and opened the way, and also here He has promised to hold me and to lead me. How good to know that He is not bound to time and place.

I am glad to be able to tell you that at last I have arrived in Colombia. For a time it looked rather dark. It seemed as everything would close up, and the way was blocked for a while, but also that I was permitted to leave with God. If He wanted me in this land He would also see me through in spite of war and dangers on the sea.

It was hard to leave the dear ones in Norway under the present circumstances, not knowing what might happen to them in the near future. We never know what is coming, that is true, but we all felt the uncertainty more than ever. But then God has told us not to carry any burden, but leave it all with Him. This is the blessed privilege of a child of God.

I shall not take space here to mention any of the things that delayed my leaving, but through it all God was near. Left Norway January 26, on S/S "Bergensfjord." I did not expect that many people would cross the ocean in time of war, but to my surprise I found that we were about 450 passengers on the boat. About 15 nations were represented. We left Bergen January 26, at 4 p. m. in the finest winter weather that one could wish for, but it did not last long. Already on Saturday it began to be rough and many had to be in their beds. I was spared from being sick so I could be up all the time. We had service on Sunday. The Norwegian and Swedish languages were used. A missionary from Sweden who went to Brazil for the third time spoke in Swedish. We had intended to have more public meetings, but as the sea was more or less rough all the time we did not have any. But we had several fellowship meetings, and a few of us who could be present the last evening we were on the boat will not forget the gathering we had that night. It will be a blessed day when we shall meet up yonder.

There was more or less anxiety among the passengers going over the North Sea, and that is not to wonder at. It is not so easy to think of facing death and not be ready to meet God. Many of them retired at night fully dressed until we had come out in the Atlantic. I felt so safe as if I should have been at home. God had given me the assurance that we should reach our destination safely. Several of the other Christians had received the same assurance. I went to bed every night with the confidence that God would protect us. So in spite of war and troubles I had the best trip across the ocean that I have had so far. We came to New York Saturday, February 3. Ole Haaland was at the pier to meet me. I want to take the opportunity to thank all of the friends in Brooklyn for what you did for me. Perhaps you think it is not so much that you do, but it means so much to us.

On February 9, S/S "Santa Lucia" set sail from New York. After a couple of days we could feel the change in temperature. It was interesting to pass from winter to full

summer in just a few days. As a whole the voyage from New York was also a pleasant one, but it can not be compared with the trip from Norway. Also down from New York we had some days that we felt we were "rocked in the cradle of the deep." On such days it is usually quiet on the boat, except for the moaning of those that went through the agonies of being seasick. As I listened to them it made me think of one who said when he was in a similar condition: "It is too bad that I am married and have two children, otherwise you could cast me into the ocean."

My first sight of Colombia was when "Santa Lucia" made her first stop at Barranquilla. It was in the evening so I could not see much. The boat also stopped at Cristobal and Balboa in the Canal Zone, but as some of the other missionaries have written about that before I shall not repeat any of it. Will only say that passing through these places for the first time is very interesting. Going through the locks was a sermon to me. As I stood there and watched how the lock was filled with water, and the ship was lifted higher and higher until it could continue into the lake that is about 70-80 feet above the sea, I thought of how God is anxious to fill our lives with grace and peace and power, if we only permit Him. The boat could not lift itself one inch, but the water could lift it, and there was a rich supply in the lake above. In ourselves we are utterly helpless, but the grace of God is sufficient. The river of God is full of water. It is my prayer that His abundant grace may have a free access into my life.

Arrived at Buenaventura February 16, about 4 P. M. Olger Quanrud had come to the coast to meet me. It is needless to say that I was glad to see him. I can give the Colombian custom officers the testimony that they are the easiest that I ever have had to deal with. If it should be called an inspection at all, it could not have been less. Just as an example, I shall mention that my suitcase was never opened.

We had to stay in Buenaventura until Sunday morning, as the boat came in too late to get ready for the train on Saturday. It is rather a warm place. It was 120° in the shade when we were there, and there was little difference during the night. Most of the people are Negroes. The city looks very shabby. To describe some of the homes that I saw is impossible. If a person did not see that there were people in them one would never think they were dwelling places for human beings.

Left Buenaventura Sunday morning, and came to Armenia in the evening. Here we stayed at the mission station of the Gospel Missionary Union, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice. It was a rest to come into a clean place and a real home. The next night we were in Bogotá. Here we had the privilege to stay at the headquarters of the W.E.C. Had

to stop in Bogotá for a day and make some arrangements that are necessary. Came to Soatá Tuesday night, February 20. The trip up from the coast took four days. I am the first one of the missionaries that has made it in so short a time.

One outstanding feature of the journey on the seas was the Jewish refugees from Germany and German possessions. They were on the boat from Norway and also on the boat from New York. It is hard in these times to belong to the Jewish race. They were driven from their homes, and they were not very welcome to the countries they sought for refuge. It is a sign that the coming of the Lord is near at hand.

Again I covet the prayers of you all. I thank God that has led me out to this land and people. Greetings to all friends in U. S., Canada and Norway.

Yours in the service of the Master,
TRYGVE SALTE.

An Evangelistic Tour into The Plains of Colombia

(Continued from last issue)

Arriving in Táme at nightfall, about six o'clock, we found a rather neat, clean town with its whitewashed houses of adobe and palm-thatched roofs. This place has a population of about 3000 inhabitants. Here we found a hotel (so-called) where we were able to buy fair meals and secured a room but without beds. (A cement floor does not have springs.) Here we first received news of the outside world by means of a radio, after being cut off from it for about two weeks. Sunday we distributed literature most of the day under a hot sun. Cost of living is very high in this place as all things are brought in by muleback, requiring days of travel from the inland or by air. Flour sells for about \$13 (American money) a hundred; potatoes about \$6 a hundred, and the rest accordingly.

Monday, Sept. 4, we turned our faces homeward, which we knew would take another two weeks of hard travel, over burning plains and mountain trails, where, at times, if the animal slips and falls it means a tumble of probably a thousand feet and where both rider and beast are killed in a gruesome death. After three more days under the tropical sun, crossing rivers, brooks and ponds which seemed to have no end, and hours under heavy downpours, nights spent fighting mosquitos, sleeping on mud floors, we arrived in La Aguada Sept. 6. Here again, with the national pastor, we took up the work of holding meetings. Friday, Galdámez, the national pastor and a believer and member of the congregation at La Aguada, left for Moreno to distribute literature and hold a meeting while I stayed to carry on in La Aguada. Here, after the meeting, a few fanatics tried to have Galdámez arrested, but after appearing before the authorities the next morning all was settled.

Saturday the guide and myself left for Sombredero where a meeting was held that night. Galdámez stayed to

close the meetings in La Aguada. Sunday forenoon we conducted another meeting in Sombredero and being joined by Galdámez Sunday afternoon we held our last meeting in this place, at which I baptized a baby girl of three months, the first infant baptism in Colombia under the Lutheran faith.

The parents are believers. Join us, Brethren, in praying that she may grow to be a witness to her own people, if the Lord tarries.

Monday we started for Támara; ahead of us lay five days of hard riding. Arriving about noon we were refused lodging at the hotel where we had stayed on our way into the plains because we were Evangelicals. After some searching we secured lodging on the floor over a store. That afternoon it rained for hours and into the night. Here we had to secure other animals for the first ones played out. On a trip like this there are always expenses that are unforeseen when plans are made at the beginning. Tuesday, after buying food for the four day journey which lay before us (much of which later spoiled) we started climbing over trails where at times the animals bogged themselves in mud and water several feet deep and the riders sprawled with them. The last four days which I spent riding I was unable to eat much of anything, spending nights on filthy mud floors without much sleep, because of what seemed food poisoning.

Toward evening of Friday, Sept. 15, we arrived at Parpa where a meeting was held that night, and Saturday we set out for Socha, arriving at the Ostrem home about noon, praising the Lord for His guiding hand and protecting care. Sunday Galdámez left for Soatá where Miss Thompson and Miss Holmvik had been left to carry on in our absence, I remaining until Tuesday with the Ostrems to recuperate a little.

Thru it all we hope that the brethren will pray with us that the Word which was sown by preaching, personal work, and tract distribution may have fallen into good ground and bear abundant fruit unto life eternal, for we have His promise: "My Word shall not return unto me void;" but it is our duty as well as glorious privilege to be prayer helpers in bringing souls to the Master's feet. Pray also that God will continue to supply funds and workers that His work may go forward in Colombia, which has been under the hand of Romanism for centuries. Pray, not only for foreign workers, but for workers among their own people which is very needful.

Yours in Gospel bonds,

OLGER QUANRUD.

From Mr. and Mrs. Larson

El Cocuy, Boyacá,
Colombia, S. A.

Feb. 21, 1940.

Dear Readers of Celmosa Clarion:

In our message to you this time we shall attempt to tell you a little about the living conditions here, and in this

way perhaps these people for whom you are praying and to whom you are bringing the Gospel through your representatives may be brought a little closer to you.

We will not describe the condition of the very poor, but of the average. Bear in mind that the people living in Bogotá and other large centers may enjoy the same conveniences as you people do, if means permit, but life in the little towns and country districts is very different.

From the outside most of the homes look about the same, with whitewashed walls and red tiled roofs. Sometimes a beautiful flower garden in the patio attracts your attention. You are asked to sit down to visit in the receiving room which is the best furnished room in the house, equipped with chairs, table and a sofa. You may also see a table on which are placed pictures of the Virgin and the Saints. Then the sleeping rooms. In some homes there are several bedrooms, but in others only one. The kitchen is the most poorly kept room of all, because of the smoke which rises from the *fogón*. The *fogón* consists of three stones, the fire being built between them, and upon them is placed the kettle. Due to this inconvenience the housewife does very little cooking, but gives this work to the servants. The servants are busy from early in the morning until night preparing the food. Brick stoves are being installed little by little. Animals sometimes have perfect liberty in the homes. They may go in and out of the rooms as they please.

The Dep't of Hygiene and Sanitation is working to improve living conditions. Some of the things required by the dep't are installation of toilets and stoves, the use of a table for eating, to discard furs for sleeping purposes and to replace them with mattresses, use of windows in sleeping rooms, and covered container for garbage.

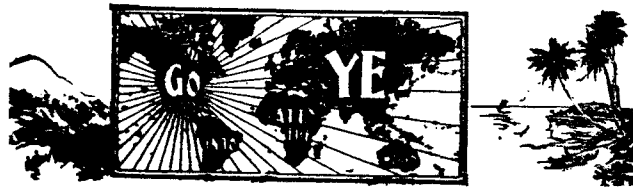
On the "farms" there is little machinery and oxen do the plowing with old fashioned plows. When threshing is done the horses and oxen walk around on the threshing floor. Hoes are used for cultivating corn. Here in the colder part of the country the farmer receives one crop of corn and two of small grains each year. Potatoes are raised to a great extent here. The soil is so fertile that sometimes one hill of potatoes yields one *arroba*, which is 22½ pounds. The products are carried on the backs of men or mules to market. Wages of the average working man is from 15 to 25 cents a day including board. (About 10 cents in American money.)

We want to remind you again that the greatest need of these people is the spiritual one. They live under primitive conditions and have very low moral standards, but their condition will change when the Lord Jesus Christ is granted admittance into the hearts and homes.

Yours for the lost in Colombia,

ANDREW AND ALMA LARSON.

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APRIL-MAY-JUNE and JULY-AUG.-SEPT., 1940

From Miss Nordin

Since last I wrote for the "C.C." the Lord has led me on several missionary journeys in our beloved land. My itinerary last fall reached into parts of Wisconsin and Illinois, and now this summer down into the Southern States again.

While down south during the winter of 1939, my eyes were opened to understand the great need in southern United States. My heart went out to them and I began to pray for a possibility to go down there. The Lord answered, as He always does, and raised up companions and gave me a trailer house for that work, which gave us a comfortable home.

April 27th, last, Misses Emma Rasmussen and Mable Shurson and I left Minneapolis. We stopped with friends throughout Iowa and Kansas. We remember with grateful hearts the friends at different places who did so much in providing for meals for us and also for the journey. We had no fund of any kind that met our needs, but we had His promise: "Lo, I am with you," which followed the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." And so we lived on from day to day, *perfectly* cared for. Praise His Name!

We visited Lutheran churches wherever there was an open door, where I acquainted the people with the conditions of Latin America and our mission field in Colombia, South America.

The greater part of this journey was spent in Texas. Wherever we traveled we visited parks and hospitals with tracts as time would permit. Personal work was my joy and the hospitals gave great opportunities and I can say it was blessed to be able to bring them comfort through His Word. Then, too, the filling stations were never forgotten with those silent messengers, the tracts. How thankful we are to the friends of the Lutheran Colportage in Minneapolis who made those tracts possible for us to hand out, for I can say that they have a line of tracts that give a real message of salvation and consolation through Jesus as the only Savior.

On our way through Iowa we visited a CCC camp where we were permitted to give a short message and distributed tracts to those 185 boys. Also handed out a great number of Gospels of John, for we learned that

only about 20 of those boys had a Bible in their possession. A blessed time was spent there.

In Oklahoma we held three Bible Schools for two weeks at Norge, located 50 miles from Oklahoma City, in one of Rev. Hjortholm's congregations. He lives 300 miles from there in Northwest Texas. Had a most blessed time with those children, for most of them gave themselves wholly to live for Jesus. Many souls were saved in that community — all to the praise of the power of the Holy Spirit. Will never forget the fellowship enjoyed with those friends. A great number of Bibles were placed in homes out there. Some of them paid for their Bibles and that money was placed back in that little Bible Fund we have which provides us with Bibles for those who cannot pay for them. While in the Rio Grande Valley with Pastor Rodeen and family we learned about the thousands of Mexicans in Southern Texas still unreached by the Gospel. My heart goes out to all the Latin American people and I am filled with joy wherever I can speak to them about Jesus.

Misses Rasmussen and Shurson remained in San Antonio when I returned to attend the Colombia Mission Meeting at Medicine Lake, Minn. in July. They are opening a Lutheran Book Store where they will handle

Christian literature, such as Bibles, tracts, Sunday School supplies, mottoes, etc. Miss Rasmussen has an unusual talent as an artist and paints some beautiful Christian mottoes. This talent she has dedicated wholly to her Lord. They are now located at 227 Presa, San Antonio, Texas. We covet your prayers for them in this work for the Master.

In November I expect to return to Texas together with two or three of our volunteers for our field in Colombia. We then hope to open a Lutheran Mission Center in San Antonio where missionaries will study the Spanish language and work among the Mexican people for about a year before they go out to South America. This Mission Center in San Antonio will be carried on on a strictly faith basis, looking to God for our daily needs to be met. We will not live out of the mission fund, for that is for our workers in Colombia. "God is able." Let us, who know Him, pray for guidance and fearlessness to press on in this great program we have to bring the Gospel to the World. May we attempt great things for souls for Jesus — for our God is the God of the impossible when we are *totally* sold out to Him.

I am at present in Montana, making an extended tour of this state and North and South Dakota. Miss Violet Hinze, a volunteer for our field in

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

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Balance in Treasury, May 31, 1939.....		\$ 155.86
Receipts, May 31, 1939-May 31, 1940:		
Mission Fund.....	\$2,001.25	
Paper Fund.....	84.23	
		<u>2,085.48</u>
	Total.....	\$2,241.34
Disbursements for the year May 31, 1939-May 31, 1940:		
To missionaries' allowances, station expenses, etc.....	\$1,724.90	
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		<u>2,127.97</u>
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Colombia is my traveling companion. She will also go with me to Texas this fall for a year of work in the above mentioned mission.

We have just spent a week in the blessed fellowship of our beloved treasurer and secretary, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sand and their precious baby boy, Thomas, born to them January 24th. How thankful we can be for their untiring work. Mrs. Sand also is the editor of the "Celmosa Clarion" and they have charge of that big job of addressing the envelopes and mailing out all those papers. It was blessed to find them rendering all their service with the joy of the Lord filling their souls.

On this journey we have found some time for extra missionary work, though I wish we did not have to move on so fast. We visited a CCC camp close to Red Lodge, Mont. The captain of the camp arranged for a meeting for us. Here too a great number of tracts were handed out. Two Bibles were given to two who desired to possess the Word of God.

Am happy to be able to tell you, dear friends, that I have not had to draw anything from the mission fund for traveling expenses since Sept. 1, 1939, for the Lord has in a wonderful way met my daily needs, as I have looked to Him in faith.

My prayer is that every day may mean Jesus for some soul. I trust the rest of this journey may glorify Him. Coveting your prayers, I am, yours in Jesus' blessed service,

MYRTLE NORDIN.

Annual Report, 1939-1940

To the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America gathered at Annual Meeting.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Grace and Peace!

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Your group of eight missionaries gathered last week for a few days of conference. It was truly a season of refreshing for all. It was good to be together praising and thanking God for His many blessings and seeking His guidance and help in the future work. We are thankful to our God that during the past year our missionaries have spread out to other towns, two new workers have joined our group, and several souls in darkness have come to know Jesus as their only Savior.

The work done at the various stations is as follows:

Soatá

Olger Quanrud, Trygve Salte, Alvida Holmviik, Helen Danielson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Galdámez are stationed there. Miss Danielson and Mr. Salte are studying Spanish under our language teacher, Mr. Galdámez. (The Week Mission in Bogotá was not able to take them in.)

The work right at the station has been much the same as the previous year only more doors and opportunities for service have presented themselves. The regular meetings continue

as before with two meetings on Sunday besides Tuesday and Friday evenings. During the past year several of those who faithfully came to the meetings and who even confessed their desire to live for Christ have dropped out. It seems that the price to pay to truly follow Jesus was too much of a sacrifice. In spite of this we do rejoice and praise God for the remaining faithful ones. Of these one family has especially given us much joy — their name Senores Ariza. At first the father came to the meetings under the influence of liquor and could barely stumble into the chapel. Before long he came as sober as any of the others. Jesus came into his heart and a wonderful change took place. Later his wife also opened her heart to the Savior. They can now tell us of a changed and happy home. We often visit their home and truly sense the Christian spirit. They never miss a service nor do they fail to bring their children. Four are old enough to attend Sunday School, two are yet too small. These children are a real joy in the S. S. Last Sunday, which was Mother's Day, the S. S. had a special part in the services dedicated to Mother. Their part made the service so much more impressive since by their recitations they rendered their tributes. In a special way this night did our hearts go out to the many children in this our land who could not praise God for a Christian mother nor Christian home. Dark the night of sin has settled over these homes.

One door which has been opened for service this last year is the week day school for children. Alvida Holmviik has had charge of this work so far. School equipment has not been what it ought to be, but as time goes on we shall be better equipped and thus can carry on the work more efficiently. Pray, dear friends, for the children—future missionaries of God.

Home visitation is also an important part of our service among these people. We try to regularly visit the homes of those who come to our services, but besides these there are many homes where we may enter and in some way leave our testimony. There are also the sick — we find them in their homes and they come to us seeking relief for their ailments. We are happy to help them bodily because at the same time we have opportunities to minister unto their souls.

Several trips have been made into the country districts. This phase of our work we feel is very needful. After all, it is only a handful we can reach at our mission in the town itself, when we consider the thousands scattered round about.

Socha

Socha is the town where Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem are stationed.

Work was established June 1, 1939. The making of furniture and other necessary improvements to the house occupied much time in the beginning. It was reported to be a fanatical place, but contacts have been made. A good number appear glad to re-

ceive the tracts and the testimonies given them, even if many tear the tracts to shreds as is done in so many places. Meetings have been conducted in Socha as often as visits to the other places would permit. Though the attendance has not been large, yet we are glad to say some have ventured to come. Many have secured Bibles and Testaments besides the literature which is given out several times a week.

Other places visited regularly have been Socha Viejo and Parpa. In the latter several days are devoted to services once or more daily in each visit. There are several believers in Parpa whose desire is to glorify Christ and to see others saved. They have been subject to much persecution. They have a day school also in operation this year.

Mausa and Cómisa are other vicinities around Parpa where several services have been held. Interest was manifested in both places for continued services which we hope to hold every month or at least every six weeks. Visits are to be made to Parpa, Mausá and Cómisa once a month. The journeys to these places are generally made on mule back, but at times, because of lack of animals, it has been necessary to go there on foot.

Santa Teresa and Paz del Rio to the west call for our service which we have given. The town of Tasco and district of Ormesque was visited recently. Good attendance was recorded and interest revealed.

At present we have a young man with us who desires to prepare for the Lord's service. This man comes from the Mausá district, his parents being members of the Parpa congregation. Hence, we are glad to begin our Institute work for men.

Casanare

The territory of Casanare was previously occupied by the Presbyterian Mission and was turned over to our Mission since this territory lies closer to us.

There is organized work in La Aguada and Sombredero and it is in these congregations that Mr. Godoy is working. He began to work there last January during the last Casanare trip.

There are about 12 families in these two congregations.

There is a day school in session in each place. It was the teacher of La Aguada who was snake bitten last year, but God healed her and she is teaching again this year.

During the two trips made to those parts, five persons were baptized — one infant and four adults.

Two evangelical marriages were celebrated — both couples having already had the civil marriage. We do not give the Ev. marriage unless the civil marriage has been had before, since the Ev. marriage is not recognized by the law of the land.

Communion was celebrated at both places during both visits made.

Work has also been done in several

parts of Casanare — Flor, Llano de Perez, Moreno and Santa Elena.

A girl from this district is at the El Cocuy station for training.

El Cocuy

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Larson are stationed at El Cocuy. This station was opened April 15, 1939 as reported last year. Six weeks later (June 1), meetings were begun. Two meetings are held regularly on Sundays and a weekly meeting on Wednesday evenings. We have had a series of special meetings conducted by Mr. Galdámez, Mr. Godoy, Miss Shappell and her Colombian worker, Dr. Rafael Escobar, and our own missionaries.

Several have opened their hearts to Christ. Six partake in Holy Communion. One infant has been baptized (from a believer's family). We have a day school for children from homes of believers and sympathizers. Six girls (including the one from Casanare) and three boys are enrolled.

A Vacation Bible School of two weeks was conducted at the opening of the year.

Visitation work: Many of the homes in town have been visited. Trips have been made to El Espino, San Mateo, Chita, La Salina, Panqueba, Chiscas and the country districts round about. Large and small groups from near Chiscas have come here at various times to attend the meetings.

Hundreds of books have been sold such as Bibles, Testaments, portions, and other books, and thousands of tracts have been given out.

Report of the Annual Conference of the Missionaries on the Field.

The first annual conference was held at the mission station in El Cocuy, May 15-18. The time during the day was devoted to devotional hours and business sessions and in the evenings meetings of song and testimony were open to the public.

The first session was opened Wednesday, May 15 with a season of prayer and meditation. Rev. Salte gave a very inspiring and searching message on Luke 3:1-6. In the afternoon a short devotional hour was held which was followed by a business session opened by the appointed chairman, G. Ostrem. Reports of the work at each station were given. Mr. Salte gave a report of his travels for the Mission in Norway. The financial report was given by Mr. Ostrem. An auditing committee consisting of Mr. Salte and Mr. Larson was elected to check this report. The books were found O. K.

On May 16 (Thursday A. M.), the devotional hour in the form of a Bible Study on I John was given by Mr. Quanrud. A season of prayer followed. There was also a short business session.

In the afternoon, a short meditation on Acts 10:33 was given by Miss Danielson.

The devotional hour consisted of meditations by Miss Holmvik on I John 1:3 and by Mrs. A. J. Larson on Jer. 45:5 which was followed by

Holy Communion. Again we united our hearts in praise and thanks to God for the fellowship we have with Him and with one another and seeking grace to be servants who will truly prepare the way for Jesus into the hearts of these people.

We, as a group, also wish to thank the Board members and all friends of the Mission for your loyal support during the past year. May we continue to work together with Him "while it is yet day," that many souls may be rescued. It looks so dark in the world today — clouds are hanging low, but may we remind one another of this promise: "And it shall come to pass when I bring a cloud over the earth that the bow shall be seen in the cloud."—Gen. 1:14.

Yours for the lost in Colombia,
MRS. A. J. LARSON, Sec'y.

Visiting Casanare

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith the Lord, Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she has received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. Is. 40:1-2.

This message we desire to bring to all people of all lands and not least to the precious blood-bought souls of Colombia, most of whom are still laboring under the "warfare," under the "endeavoring by works or merits" way of trying to save themselves. Brethren, pray for the people of this country!

Some months ago two nationals, Mr. Godoy and Mr. Ayala, and I made another trip to Casanare. We visited Sombredero, La Aguada, Tame, Lope, Ten, Llano de Perez, Flor and El Oso, conducting services from one to four days in each place. We passed through towns, villages, and districts enroute where we also did personal work, sold Bibles, Testaments and portions, besides giving out of the Christian literature which we always carry along. This is part of that which each Missionary does in all his travels.

We were glad to find a desire among the people to hear the Word of God. There are many believers, especially in Sombredero and La Aguada where congregations are established. In both of those places we had the joy of seeing souls going all the way with Christ, also in baptism, one being bap-



Members of the congregations of believers at La Aguada and Sombredero, gathered at services during the above mentioned visit to Casanare.

tized in the former and three in the latter place. They had proven their sincerity of true christian experience of personal salvation and answered satisfactorily to an examination we gave them in the presence of the representatives of the congregations. Of the three latter mentioned, one was an elderly lady about eighty years of age who had come a distance of nearly a three days journey on horseback to attend the meetings and to receive the baptism. She said she did not expect to live very much longer and wanted to do the whole will of Christ. The other two from the latter were a young couple who, immediately after baptism, celebrated their evangelical wedding, having already had the civil marriage. I also administered the Lord's Supper to the brethren in these two congregations, a feast which they always look forward to with great joy and pleasure. It will encourage you to know that day schools are conducted in both these places for the believers' children and others who wish to attend.

In Tame, the most distant point visited, we were glad also to conduct some meetings, and to learn of the desire of some of the people for an evangelical day school. They desire a place of instruction where their children may receive the secular education without the teachings of Rome. This is our opportunity to give them the Gospel, but we lack funds and workers! Brethren, will you help us in this project? First pray sincerely, then do what God may ask you to do. Schools have been conducted in Llano de Perez and Flor also, but are not in operation this year, chiefly due to the lack of teachers. We hope that situation shall not continue thus very long. The children from there go to attend at Sombredero or La Aguada, but that involves a walking distance of three or four hours each day which is difficult for them.

Mr. Godoy remained to carry on the evangelical work in those regions. We ask you all to remember him in your prayers as the work there is no easy task either. We should have several workers there instead of only one. Indeed the harvest is great, and it is true that the laborers are few!

We returned to Socha, being very grateful to God for His bountiful blessings upon us all the way. We had practically no difficulty in any place in securing food and lodging, for which we are also thankful to all the people who provided us those needs which were within reasonable prices. One finds it thus both in rainy and dry seasons that it varies according to whom one may meet. There are pleasures and difficulties in both periods of the year as is only natural. At times we may encounter the one more than the other, but anything that we may appear to suffer is nothing compared with that which our Savior suffered to bring us the great Salvation through His precious Blood.

We covet your prayers for the cause of Christ in this part of the world.

May He bless the Word sown from time to time. May He also be permitted to bless His Word for the people at home.

As a detailed report has recently been given on a similar trip I merely give this in brief, not to occupy too much space in the *Clarion*.

Greetings to all in Jesus' Name,
GERHARD OSTREM.

From Mr. and Mrs. Larson

El Cocuy, Boyacá,
Columbia, So. Am.
March, 1940.

Dear Praying Friends:

Greetings in the Name of our risen Lord!

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of heaven over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10.

What a profound thought this verse contains! Oh, to realize more and more the value of a single soul.

We feel prompted at this time to send you, our praying friends, a little message, telling you about God's work here. We have had as it were, a mountain top experience during the past few days. We want to tell you that your prayers for these people are being answered. To our God be glory and praise!



Andrew Larson explaining the Word of Life to a farmer boy.

Last week, which was Holy Week, we were privileged to have with us an ex-priest from Bogotá, who was converted about two years ago thru one of the evangelical missionaries there. He arrived here on Tuesday and left us on Saturday. During his short stay he took part in five services—morning and evening. He gave a very clear message of salvation by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and stressed the fact that the Christian life is one of daily experiences with the Lord. The people came out in large numbers to hear his testimony. For two of the evening meetings more than 100 people gathered. A very quiet and reverent spirit prevailed. We believe many are hungering for that which will satisfy the soul.

For this series of meetings we had also invited our friends from Chiscas, a distance of 15 miles on foot from here. (They are the ones whom we mentioned in our letter written shortly after Christmas to some of you.) The first ones from there, 12 in number, arrived late Wednesday. The following day others came in the morning and still others in the afternoon, and so 30 in all came to be with us. (They prepared their meals and slept here at the mission station.) Thursday afternoon we gathered in the patio for an informal meeting of song and testimony, which lasted for about two hours. Among the songs we sang some were the following (most of which were suggested by them): "Redeemed," "Nearer, Still Nearer," "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus," and "Beautiful Words of Life." From the interest they manifested and by personal conversations with some of them we know that God's Spirit has wrought a mighty work of grace in their hearts. They told us of how their lives had been changed and of how they experienced joy in Christ as they read the Word. We had the joy of praying with some of them. There is truly a great joy in teaching these people to pray to the living God. We must teach them as we do children. Then, too, they are making the Gospel known to others. They are testifying as did the first disciples as we read in John 1:41, "We have found the Messiah." The response which arises from our hearts is this, "My God, how wonderful Thou art!"

Some of these dear friends had to leave us on Friday afternoon, but several remained until Saturday morning. They didn't seem to want to leave, but they couldn't be absent from their homes any longer. We know you will again join us in prayer for them that they may continue "to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour," and that they may be faithful even though they must suffer persecution.

We also wish to mention that on Palm Sunday we had our first baptismal service. A little baby was baptized and given the name Rachel. Her parents have both accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

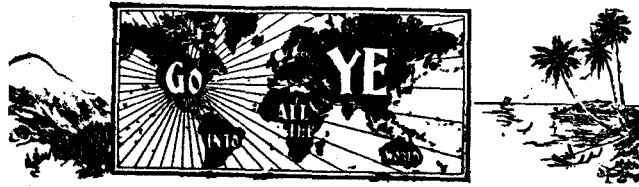
Then, too, we must make mention of our school which was opened February 18. We have nine pupils, one of which is from Casanare, Isabel Diaz is her name. She is to receive training for teaching. Also, Rose Marie from the above mentioned group remained with us for training. We have, therefore three girls with us now, Antonia from the believer's home here, Isabel and Rose.

And so we bring to a close this little message to you, again thanking you for your interest, prayers and gifts. Let us look to God for continued showers of blessings upon His work.

God's peace be with you all.
Yours in His vineyard,

ANDREW AND ALMA LARSON.

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From the Editor's Desk

As I am writing these lines my thoughts and prayers go out, first of all to our dear representatives in Colombia, and then to the many dear friends and prayer-helpers in this great work. We are scattered over different continents, but one in Him, our blessed Savior, each one having a share in this work of bringing the Gospel to benighted souls. Whether at home or in the foreign field, if we are true to Him, we shall all share in the reward when Jesus comes. Wherever we are, may we be a mouthpiece, yes, hands, feet, etc. for Him, remembering that He can only reach as far with the Gospel as we, His body of believers, are willing to go for Him.

He might have chosen angels for this glorious work, but they know not the wonder of being a sinner, saved by the marvelous grace of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore in His infinite plan He chose us, hell-deserving sinners, yet saved by His grace, to be His witnesses on earth. Are we true to the trust He left us? Surely we cannot fail Him, who gave His *all* to save us.

We praise God for every one who has written in and told us they want to be prayer-helpers in this work. What our united prayers can do, eternity only will reveal. Let us be much in prayer for our dear representatives in Colombia, whose work the enemy continually opposes through the religious leaders of that land. Our intercessory prayers shall put the plans of the enemy to naught and souls shall continue to see the light from Calvary, beaming from the little mission stations here and there. "Satan trembles when he sees, the weakest saint upon his knees." May the Lord truly burden us.

Remember also the many requests that come for prayer through the missionaries' letters from time to time. Let us recall some of them. First the urgent need of more workers. "The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest." If we pray thus, He will see to it that only those of His own choosing, who are willing to count *all things* loss for Christ and souls will go out.

Requests come to our missionaries from young believers in many parts of the field for training, in order that

they can become teachers and workers among their own people. Thus far the missionaries have taken such young people into their own homes for training, as you will recall from some of the letters. They have done it in faith, trusting the Lord, through friends at home, to supply that need for the added expense. We see the urgent need for a Bible training school for our field, and God is able to meet this need as we pray. Also for the evangelistic tours into the surrounding districts. Our men missionaries have taken many such trips on mule or horseback. Well, "God is able"—II Cor. 9:8. "We must cash in on God's glorious promises" as Brother Gisselquist put it so beautifully recently.

Let us praise God for the many precious souls that have been won for Him during these four years since the first station was opened at Soata in January 1937. We now have three stations, with a married couple at each station, besides Helen Danielson. Olger Quanrud recently returned home on furlough. In addition we have the national workers. Remember the ones at each station and mention them in your prayers to God. Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem at Socha, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Larson at El Cocuy, and Rev. and Mrs. Trygve Salte and Helen Danielson at Soata, and other workers. May we soon see more stations opened. "All things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

Yours because of His marvelous grace,

MRS. T. L. SAND.

News from Home and Abroad

Missionary Olger Quanrud returned home on furlough the latter part of October. Address all communications to him to his home address, Buxton, N. Dak.

Our missionaries, Trygve Salte and Alvida Holmviik were united in marriage at Soata station December 3, 1940. Friends in the homeland unite in wishing them many years of fruitful labors together for the salvation of perishing souls in dark and needy Colombia.

Sunday, October 6th, 1940, Miss Violet Hinze of Webster, S. Dak., was set apart or consecrated for work in Colombia. A beautiful and impressive

service was held for her in her home church, Pastor Kildahl officiating, assisted by Pastor Albert Holm of Florence, S. Dak. Pastor Kildahl spoke on the Vacancy, the Application and the Commission of a missionary based on Isaiah 6:8-9. Miss Myrtle Nordin brought greetings from the Board and friends. Miss Hinze gave a testimony, relating some of her experiences as a Christian.

On November 29th, she left Minneapolis with a party of five workers for San Antonio, Texas, where a Lutheran Mission Center has been established to reach the many unevangelized Spanish speaking people, giving also an opportunity for outgoing missionaries to Colombia to study the language and acquaint themselves with work among these Latin American people, as well as experience in faith mission work.

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Miss Nordin writes in part: "We are now in San Antonio, Texas, and at the very place we believe that He had picked for this work, located less than two blocks from an entirely untouched Mexican district with many hundred souls who must have the Gospel. We are looking forward to reaching into many of these neglected towns and villages in southern Texas after continuing here for a while studying the Spanish language, continually praying the Lord of the Harvest to raise up more workers. As the Lord leads, we also hope to enter Lutheran churches down here to acquaint them with the needs of our mission in Colombia this winter. Three of us just returned from a mission tour to the Gulf for a week.

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down here. Held a few meetings in Iowa and Oklahoma and were greatly blessed in meeting with the dear friends, praising God for all that they and other Christian friends in Minneapolis and other places did to make this journey and work possible. May souls have found Jesus more precious because of His Word being proclaimed by tract or public testimony along the way.

"We are very busy for Him. Our daily schedule after breakfast at 7 o'clock a.m. includes Bible study and prayer, Spanish lessons, visitation work, meetings, and correspondence work, besides all the other duties in a missionary home center. He giveth grace for it all, but we earnestly covet the prayers of God's people that we may daily find grace to be willing to "spend and be spent" for the souls of these people. Misses Lindahl and Peterson are already doing a blessed work among the Mexican children here in the American language every Sunday afternoon. Miss Lindahl also has a Bible class for mothers of the white children here on Friday afternoons. I will soon open a Bible Class in the Spanish language for the Mexican mothers. Mr. Holm is looking forward to working with the Spanish speaking men here. There is room for many more workers. May the Lord send them. Our address here is Lutheran Mission Center, 226 Gladstone, San Antonio, Texas."

Mrs. E. E. Nordin,

mother of our traveling secretary, Myrtle Nordin, went home to be with the Lord, whom she so dearly loved and served so faithfully, January 14. She was ill with pneumonia only a few days and had only reached the age of sixty-five years.

In her passing our mission has lost a faithful intercessor, friend and supporter. She had learned the blessing of tithing and gave liberally of her means to missionary work everywhere. The writer of these lines cherishes



Pedro Godoy, our national worker in La Aguada and surrounding district in the Plains of Casanare. He has now been in the work in that part of our mission

field since January 1940. He is a native of Colombia, coming from almost the central part, but has been in the west most of the time. He is very much used to conditions as found in Casanare and seems to fit in well there. He is a young man, about thirty years of age, and a very sincere Christian worker. He visits about a dozen places in those parts, spending some time in each place according to the season. Pray for him and also that more workers may be sent to that vast territory.

her memory as a dear sister in the Lord. When our five missionaries sailed for Colombia in 1937 the Lord definitely moved the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Nordin to pay the fare for two of the party. They obeyed this prompting of the Holy Spirit and received the spiritual blessings connected with such obedience.

It was also through her guidance that Myrtle, as a little seven-year-old girl, was led into a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, definitely accepting Him as her personal Savior and later dedicated herself to missionary work. Mrs. Nordin was a true Christian mother. May we have many more like her, and may the "joy of the Lord" and His abiding Presence and Peace comfort the husband and family that are left.

EDITOR.

Canadian Branch of the Colombia Mission

We rejoice in the fact that the many friends of the Colombia Mission in Canada have been led of the Lord to organize themselves into a Canadian Branch for the sending forth of the Gospel to Colombia, especially in view of the fact that three of the workers on the field are from Canada, namely, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ostrem and Pastor Trygve Salte.

The Secretary of the Canadian Branch, Pastor S. J. Rude of Ardena, Alberta, writes that their first meeting was held July 15th, 1940, while they had Pastor J. O. Gisselquist in their midst doing evangelistic work. He also states that there is considerable interest in this mission in Canada and that the aim of this branch shall be to gather the friends of the various synods in fellowship meetings with special programs relative to the mission field and its work. The following are the officers: Pastor A. K. Odland, Bawlf, Alta., president; Arnfeld Morck, Lutheran Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask., vice president; Pastor S. J. Rude, Ardena, Alta., secretary; Arnold Hoveland, Camrose, Alta., treasurer. Pastor Benhardson of Camrose and Mr. Anderson were elected advisory members of the Board.

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In answer to inquiries that have come from friends in Canada as to the best way of sending funds to the field in Colombia, I wish to state that it is preferable that all funds be sent directly to the field through your own treasurer, Mr. Arnold Hoveland, Camrose, Alta., due to the fact that there is at present a loss of 25% from Canadian into U. S. money. Any time we can be of service and help to you we rejoice in being able to do so.

T. L. SAND, Treasurer.

I do not know that I shall live to see a single convert, but I would not leave my present field of labor to be made king of the greatest empire on the globe.—Adoniram Judson.

From Andrew and Alma Larson

El Cocuy, Boyacá
Colombia, S. A.
Sept. 30, 1940.

Dear Brethren:

"How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things," Rom. 10:15.

This verse from the Book of Books to me is a great joy and a wonderful promise from God, as we walk upon the Colombian soil and over mountain, rivers and through valleys and towns with the good tidings of peace. Many times it may seem hopeless and no results are seen, but the promise from God's Word is that His Word shall not return unto Him void. Is. 55:11.

We have had some blessed meetings here recently. Our national worker, who is our evangelist, stayed here in this town for three days. He had the meetings in our chapel and it was filled to its capacity. From 80 to 100 people attended each evening. They all took part in singing the hymns, and listened to the message which was brought to their hearts with conviction and power. Then we went to one

He is able to change, transform, regenerate and save lost souls.

We arrived at our home quite tired after almost one week of hard traveling. One horse could only be rented for this trip, so we had to take turns about walking in the tropical sun. We felt that the devil was hindering us in going forth with the good news but, by God's grace, we could go on. "Night cometh when no man can work."

The priests are angry; they have told the people that they are tired of warning them about us and the only thing to do is to kill the Protestants. Well, we know that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church of Christ.

So glad to know that we are having you at home praying for us, pleading, giving and remembering us out here. So may the Lord bless you all and give you "joy in the night."

The horizon is gathering with war clouds, and the storm is drawing nearer, but His people are like Mount Zion which can't be moved.

Greetings to you all in Jesus' name.

ANDREW AND ALMA LARSON.

2:30 and here comes Carlos, the bus and all. We waste no time getting in. The bus has only three seats so there isn't much of a choice. Each seat, or rather bench, rooms five passengers. The ticket amounts to \$3.00 for all. Some of the believers desired to go with us too, so we are quite a little group going. In fact it was one of the believers that arranged for this trip this particular day. We are on our way. It is a beautiful, calm, sunny afternoon. We wind along the snake-trail road. The surrounding scenery, the mountains and all exhibit a scene that cannot be fully described.

Tippacoque is a little village only a short distance from Soatá. It has a Catholic church, a store, and some other buildings. It is also supposed to have some sort of an agricultural school. For some time it was known to us that this village was very liberal and thus open to the Gospel. Arrangement was made beforehand with the manager of the place for our coming this Sunday. Sunday afternoon was a good time, for then so many of the country folk come in for market.

We have reached our destination. We spent only half an hour on the road. Tippacoque is a busy place today. Along the road we see the country people, mostly women, coming into town with their burdens for the market. We enter through a big gate into the patio. Here, too, we meet people everywhere. There is no difficulty getting rid of the tracts. Everybody wants one, yes as many as they can get. We move on and find ourselves in a long wide alley. Here seems to be the market place. In a nice long row on both sides of the alley are seated on the ground men and women exhibiting their wares for sale. Fruit, chickens, cheese, sheep, etc. Here seems to be gathered most of the people. The idea of an open air service suggests itself right away. Some songs are sung. People start to draw closer up to us. Guess they have never heard a gospel hymn before. We are surrounded by a group of ardent listeners. A few testimonials are given. Later some songs. Though we have the attention of many, yet several keep on with their market and sales as though to tell us "What business have you to come in here to intrude on our business." More tracts are given out and a short time spent in talking personally with some. It is late afternoon. We must be on our way back for at 7:30 o'clock tonight there is service at the mission in Soatá.

This Sunday marks the first time that the good news of salvation has ever been told in Tippacoque. God alone knows the kind of hearts into which the good seed fell. But because we know the power of His word to save we dare to hope that it was not given out in vain. What a blessed day it has been. What a joyous privilege is ours to go tell the Gospel story to those who have not heard.

Later, trips have been made to this same village. There are many little



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AT EL COCUY STATION, where Pastor and Mrs. Andrew Larson are working. It is less than two years since they began work in that town, then entirely void of the Gospel. The Lord has wonderfully blessed their labors so they now have a group of believers, who gather on week days as well as Sundays to hear the Word of God. Mrs. Larson is seen at the extreme right in the picture.

of our neighboring towns, Chiscas, which is located 15 miles from El Cocuy. There we had meetings in the school room and from 70 to 100 people attended the services. We sold scriptures, gave out hundreds of tracts and spoke to souls. After two days of work we went to a country place that is called Santa Ana. The people here are liberal and received us well. We had three meetings in one home of a believer, to which gathered up to 125 people. It was wonderful to see them come out to the services during those black rainy nights after a hard day of labor. The invitation was given and we could see most of the audience stand on their feet as a sign that they would follow the footsteps of the Master. We know that this doesn't mean much but that the main thing is that Christ may enter the heart, because

Go Tell the Gospel Story

Sunday School is just dismissed. It is almost 11 o'clock. At 1 o'clock the bus will be at our door expecting the passengers to be ready to step in. Concha (our servant girl) will hardly have time to prepare a hot meal. We better just have a cold lunch. The bus may be late, but who knows, we may have the surprise of our life to see it arrive just on the dot. You see we plan to take a trip to Tippacoque today.

It is 1 ... 2 o'clock. No bus. We could have known it. Didn't we say that if the bus driver said 1 o'clock he meant 2 or 2:30? Or could it be, that after all, he has forgotten that he was to take the "Protestantes" to Tippacoque today. No he has not forgotten, but after all, what's the hurry? It is

villages and towns just like this one. Some are liberal, some more fanatic, but anyway their doors are open for the Gospel messenger if he will only come, and come before it is too late. Heaven's door is yet open, but the Bible says it shall be closed some day.

ALVIDA HOLMVIK SALTE.

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

To build a road is no easy job. The more rugged the country the more work and patience is required. It takes time, strength and endurance. It was the work of John the Baptist to prepare the road for the coming of the Messiah. This was the last preparation that God undertook before He sent His Son. The task was far from easy. The days in the wilderness involved days of constraint and difficulties. His career ended in the prison and finally he was beheaded. This was John, but since that time there have been many that have prepared the way for Jesus, not for His coming in flesh, but for His entrance into the hearts of sinners. And likewise their lives record days void of ease and self-seeking. History tells us that Paul, after having been in all kinds of dangers, sufferings and persecution for Christ's sake, was at last beheaded in Rome. For Luther it also meant a lot of suffering in order to sever with the Church of Rome, but what an immense blessing it brought to the world. For Hans Nilsen Hauge it meant 10 years of imprisonment, suffering and trials. I shall never forget when I, a year ago, stood in the very cell where he spent so many years for the sake of the Gospel, and held in my hands the same chain that he had worn for Christ's sake. I felt so small, and as never before was it revealed to me how little I had done, how little I had suffered for my Savior. If we turn to the Mission Fields we find the same examples. How many lives have not been given for China, Africa, India and other fields. The account of their lives may differ, but all have this in common, they accomplished something for the Lord. Their lives counted much for the Kingdom of God. Their labors mark great results.

When we compare mission activities before and now, I think we can say that we have more work going on, but is the fruit of the labor accordingly? Why the meager result so many times? Why does so little happen? Is not God the same as He was in the by-gone days? Is He not as eager now that His Kingdom shall extend as He was before? Yes, we know He is. His love to the lost world is the same today as it always has been, but does He find so willing workers now? It is true there are many that have gone to the different mission fields, and many are willing to go, but we have so little of the spirit that the men of old had. That which Paul speaks of in Acts 20:24, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Je-

sus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Today the responsibility of making the way ready for the Lord, or as we often say it, to point sinners to Christ, is left with each one of us. In a conversation one time when our duty as Christ's ambassadors was discussed one that professed to be a Christian said: "I have never heard any call to do work for the Lord." The reply was given, "It depends on if you are within calling distance." That was one of the secrets of the men of old. They were always within calling distance. They heard the call and obeyed it. It is possible to be a worker in the Kingdom of God and not always be within calling distance of our Commander, yes, even be on the mission field and yet not have an open ear to the voice of the Spirit. When Paul heard the call he said: "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." He was true to the vision until his course was finished.

I have only been in the mission field a couple of months, but when I see how the people here are in bondage to body and soul the thought will come: Is it any use to try to help them? Will Jesus ever be permitted to enter their heart? Will the obstacles that are in the way be removed? Humanly speaking it looks hopeless. How shall the valleys be filled, the mountains brought low, and the crooked made straight? In ourselves we can not accomplish it, neither can it be done by good moral lectures. These people that are sunken to the lowest in immorality and degradation need something else to lift them up and set them free. Again two statements of Paul come to me. "We preach Christ crucified," and "The love of Christ constraineth me." When the first train came into Nanking in China it was a wonder to the Chinese who had not seen a train before, how this could move without anyone pulling it. One faithful observer who had been looking at the engine called out in a loud voice: "I know why, it has fire inside." This is the principal thing in our work, that we have the fire within. If we are lacking it we are useless. If the love of God is burning in our hearts, our lives shall be a blessing. Thus we can not help but be among those that prepare the way for our Lord to enter the hearts of men.

In Luke three where the heading of this article is taken from we also find in the sixth verse: "And all flesh shall see the salvation of God." There are many in this land that do not know of the salvation. In the midst of their worship they are ignorant of the true way of salvation. Also for these people did Christ die, but He has left it to you and me to prepare the way for Him, so that many from this land also may be God's gift to His son for His suffering and death. Shall we fail Him? No, we can not fail Him who gave His all for us.

TRYGVE SALTE.

Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, on his way to Rome where he was sentenced to die of the attacks of fierce beasts in the Coliseum early in the second century of the Christian era, wrote a noble testimony to the Christians at Rome. He said: "Now I am beginning to be a disciple. Come fire and cross, and grapplings with wild beasts, wrenching of bones, hacking of limbs, crushing of my whole body, and cruel tortures of the devil to assail me. Only be it mine to attain unto Jesus Christ." When he was brought to martyrdom, he said, "I am the Lord's wheat. If He wills that I should be ground today, so be it."—*Selected.*

As long as ever you have confidence in yourselves, you are like a man who keeps his anchor on board his boat, and you will never come to a resting-place. Over with your faith into the great deeps of eternal love and power, and trust in the infinitely faithful One.—*Spurgeon.*

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Be God's man, in God's place, doing God's work, in God's way.

God's work done in God's way never lacks supply.—*Hudson Taylor.*

*Dare we the sacred trust forget?
The great commission nullify?
Deny the Man of Olivet,
While countless thousands daily die?*

*Nay! Echoing through the circling
years,
Resounding round the arching skies,
The heavenly thunder smites our ears,
Evangelize! Evangelize!*

*Neglected, bleaching harvest waste,
Must they through our neglect be
lost?
Lord stir us! Give us prayerful haste
To tell the world—what'er the cost!*

—SELECTED.

"... When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you till it seems as if you couldn't hold on a minute longer, never give up then; for that is just the place and time the tide will turn."

—H. B. Stowe.

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Delivered from the Lions

"God hath sent His angels, and hath shut the lions' mouths and they have not hurt me." Dan. 6:22.

As you dear praying friends are having us on the prayer list here in Colombia, South America, we will tell you how the Lord has answered prayers.

We experience daily that the Christian life is a life of battles against darkness, against the power of Satan. We feel the evil spirit which is manifested mightily in the hearts of the unbelievers.

The 20th of July was the national Independence Day of Colombia. They came from a distance of 10 miles to be with us, believers of the Gospel. We had our Sunday School in the morning with good attendance. Then we went outside of town to have a picnic for all our believers and friends. Many took part in giving honor to their flag and to their liberators who gave their lives to give them a free country. Then we went back to the mission station for our evening evangelistic meeting. A number of more than seventy people were gathered. A hunger is manifested among these people to know the way of salvation, and many have begun marching on by faith. Many took part, in their testimonies giving Bible verses, others offered prayers. The same night a plot had been made to slaughter all the Protestants. Then after dismissing the crowd I met in the doorway three men and a woman. The leader of the group had a pistol, the others had knives hidden under their clothes, and stones in their pockets. They came right in looking for the pastor. The Lord blinded their eyes so they could not see me. So no shots were fired in the crowd of people. They were asked to leave, and obeyed orders and the outside door was shut, but did not stay shut very long. The rocks flew against it with such a strength that it was broken open. Then the next door was shut with a big pole as auxiliary stopper. The rocks and stones flew against this door too, with such a force that it went open. The women of our believers went screaming with their children in their arms hiding in the little garden among the potato vines and corn stalks, in the tropical darkness. The word was sent to the Chief of

Police. He came and we were saved. The bloodthirsty group who was armed, hired and sent by the priest and the bishop to take our lives, were captured and taken to the prison.

We felt like Daniel that the Lord had delivered us from death. Not only my life, but the lives of my wife and Naomi, our daughter, and the rest with their families were saved from "the teeth of the lions."

This just gives you friends a picture of Rome and its religion, which is false, pagan and antichristian. Won't you brethren continue to pray? Won't you who have mission calls come over and help us? Won't you who have vision for eternity rejoice with us that lost sheep in the mighty Andes are found and brought home?

Greetings,

ANDREW J. LARSON.



Mr. and Mrs. Olger Quanrud

whose wedding took place July 20 at the New Godtland Lutheran Church of the Augustana Synod, McPherson, Kansas, immediately after the morning services. The unattended couple marched to the altar where they were met by Pastor Gustav Nyquist who performed the double ring ceremony. "O, Perfect Love" was sung by Carl Engstrom, a brother of the bride. The many friends of Phoebe Engstrom, the bride, who were present could not help but feel that the Lord was calling a faithful member from their midst to serve the Lord in a larger sphere in South America. and realized the truth of the Psalmist's words:

"This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

On September 12, Mr. and Mrs. Quanrud will leave for Colombia, South America, sailing on the S. S. "Santa Clara" from New York City. Their pier address will be Piers 57 or 58, North River, Foot of West 15th or 16th Streets.

Dear friends, will you not add to their joy by sitting down now while you have this paper before you and send them a few words which can be of help and cheer to them, as they leave their native land and sail for foreign shores? Brother Quanrud will resume the work on the field which he left about a year ago, when coming home on furlough.

News from Home and Abroad

The annual meeting of the Colombia Mission held at Story City, Iowa in June voted in favor of amalgamating with the World Mission Prayer League, and a committee, consisting of Pastors E. J. Conrad and J. O. Gisselquist and Mrs. T. L. Sand was elected to work out the details of such an amalgamation.

We regret that the annual reports from the workers in Colombia and Texas were not returned to us since the Medicine Lake Conference and hence will not appear in this issue of the paper. Watch for them in a later issue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Galdámez have resigned as national workers on our field in Colombia, due to the ill health of Mrs. Galdámez.

All Christians who love the wonderful Sunday evening Gospel broadcasts of Charles E. Fuller will rejoice in knowing that they now also reach thousands of unevangelized by means of the radio in South America. How the Lord is answering prayer for the neglected continent. Let us rally around Brother Fuller with our prayerful support. His broadcasts are a great venture of faith and only as God's people stand by him, can this unique world-wide Gospel broadcast continue. Thousands of souls are being saved through his fearless scriptural messages. Let us pray that there may also through him, as well as all missionaries stationed out there, be a great harvest of souls for which we are all praying.

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CELMOSA CLARION

This little messenger, "Celmosa Clarion," is published quarterly for the information and edification of the friends of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America. The name, "Celmosa," is a word formed by taking the first letter of every word of the mission.

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Praise the Lord

... That also this year one new worker is added to the group already at work in Colombia, namely Mrs. Olger Quanrud (Phoebe Engstrom). Pray that the Quanruds may have a safe journey and many years of service together out there with many precious sheaves to lay at the Master's feet when He comes.

... That many blood-bought souls in Colombia and Texas have been snatched out of the clutches of the evil one through the sowing of the Seed by our faithful representatives. Do we daily pray for these "babes in Christ" that they may be nurtured by the milk of the Word and "kept by the power of God"? That is our glorious privilege and responsibility.

Pray Ye Therefore

That the Lord's will may be definitely known in accepting candidates who have applied for the field. Continue to pray also that every door may be opened by Him, for the going forth of those of His Own choice. A young, consecrated couple now serving temporarily a charge in Seattle, Washington, covet your prayers that they may know and do His bidding regarding their going forth to Colombia, as they wait upon Him.

A Few Reminders

Again it becomes necessary to remind our dear friends not to send gifts in the form of parcels to our missionaries in Colombia, for the duty on such parcels is often so high that it far exceeds the value of the gift. For instance, here is what one of our missionaries writes: "Some time ago we had a telegram from a town to which registered parcels are sent, saying we had a parcel there and the duty on it was \$12.99 (pesos). We took it out and when we got it we found it contained a gift worth about \$2 in American money." Well meant as this gift was you can see what a predicament it put our missionaries into.

Some time ago one of our missionaries sent a gift of \$4 to the *Celmosa Clarion* fund, requesting that we send the paper to some of her friends. This touched us and made us realize how much they are depending on this little messenger to reach the friends at home who through its pages may become challenged for the great cause of Christ in Colombia and all of Latin America. Are you also interested enough to write in so the paper may continue to be sent to you?

**The Challenge
Of the Open Door**

This year five weeks were spent in our annual visit to the Casanare plains of which approximately twelve days were spent on horseback going down and returning. Mr. Galdámez reports great enthusiasm and hunger for the Word among the people of

this region. He visited the two established congregations in La Aguada and Sambredero of which Mr. Godoy our national worker is in charge. These churches each have an approximate membership of about 25 baptized believers. Then out from there Mr. Galdámez visited many other towns and communities, preaching almost every evening and giving out literature during the day.

He reports from Táme (a city of more or less importance owing to the oil companies in that region) of meeting a middle-aged Indian who several years ago bought a Bible from a colporter. And with the Bible he learned to read and through the reading of it became saved. Now a small group gathers in his house on Sunday morning and the Indian reads a portion from the Bible and reads some articles from christian papers which are sent him, then he prays and the meeting closes. No singing and no preaching. But in this manner the Lord is raising up a congregation. What living proof of the power of the Word!

Nuchia, a town in this territory, was entered for the first time. It proved to be very liberal. The government offices were given Mr. Galdámez in which to preach. As he was about to begin his services a drunk entered the room and asked if he wasn't soon going to begin preaching. Mr. Galdámez assured them he was. So out he went. In a few minutes he came back with about 40 men. He had been at 10 different saloons gathering the men. In this town the people begged that a worker might come back and be stationed there to give them the Gospel. This was also true of Táme. Many are the open doors if we could but enter them. National workers could be stationed at both of these places if we but had the funds. Pray for this region, it is a vast region, and as yet only a small corner of it has been touched by the Gospel. There are many hungry hearts waiting for the Light.

Your Soatá workers,
TRYGVE & ALVIDA SALTE,
HELEN DANIELSON.

**When Will You
Come Back Again?**

It was the middle of Sunday afternoon in our little village of Tippacoque. There were scarcely more than a hundred people gathered for their market day in a street which to us appears more like an alley. People were busily engaged in their buying and selling.

Suddenly they all looked up, aware that the foreigners were stopping to pay them a visit. And this we did again with the Gospel story in song and word. This proved to be our most encouraging Sunday afternoon at Tippacoque. Many portions of the Word were sold that afternoon and one lady wanted a Bible. As we were about to leave after the distribution of much literature one lady asked, "Can't you come back again next week?"

Your Soatá workers.

THE CROSS

or

"Crosses and Crossings"

"For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the Power of God." I Cor. 1:18.

What does the apostle mean by that expression? Is he advocating that an instrument or piece of furniture in the form of an X or a plus sign (+) has the power to save a sinner?

Does he mean that it is sufficient merely to have two pieces of any kind of material, be it wood, metal, stone, cloth (or even the fingers placed across each other), anywhere on one's body or property?

Does he intend to say that all that is necessary is to make the sign of the cross any number of times, the more the better, that thereby a person would be rescued from sin and judgment and safe from danger of accident or anything similar?

Is he advocating that all we are to preach and proclaim is that people secure two poles, sticks, or its equivalent to make a cross and have it "blessed" (?) by a priest that thereby they will be saved and safe for time and eternity?

NO, far from it! What then does he really mean? Some who read to this point may wonder at these questions. You may be ready to say that all should know that a mere reference to the material of which the cross consisted was not made by the apostle, but to the redemptive work of Christ accomplished by His death upon the Tree. Certainly that is the interpretation as we also see by I Cor. 2:2 and other parts of Paul's writings. All of us who have accepted the Gospel and truly know Christ as our personal Savior are convinced of that truth.

We thank God that the Word of the CROSS has a far deeper and greater significance than an empty reference to wood or stone. If it were not so, then the strongest and richest person should have the preference and better privilege to be saved since the larger the cross one could carry and the more precious might be the substance of which it may consist the greater should be the opportunity of salvation and assurance of entrance to heaven. We praise the Lord that redemption and salvation is the same for all men of all tongues, nations, and degrees. God is no respecter of persons!

In one of our Christian periodicals from the U. S. we read a comment not long ago regarding the religious situation in one of the European countries. Remarks were made about Christianity prevailing amongst the soldiers since they in their marchings would kneel and make signs of the cross and that there were also found crosses about their bodies.

If that were a true sign of Christianity, Colombia would be very Christian. (By Christianity we do not mean

merely civilization, moral reform, nor mere culture, but the true regeneration of heart, a real born-again experience of salvation from sin.) The reality of the situation here is that though most of those who have not accepted the gospel are very sincere in "crossing" themselves and having "crosses" placed upon their property, yet they are unsaved and live in sin. Those who have surrendered to Christ often explain their former mode of living thus: we were slaves of sin, and hell-bound.

The people amongst whom we work are great admirers of crosses, but they fail to realize the inestimable value of Christ the Redeemer and the atonement made by His death upon the accursed Tree. It appears that to the majority a cross is practically the same as any of the other numerous images found throughout catholicism in Colombia.

Shall we leave them with that view and understanding of it or shall we continue the endeavors to lead them to see the true significance as meant by Paul? Shall we press forward that they may experience the "Power of the preaching of the CROSS" in their hearts and lives?

Yours in Him,

GERHARD & HELENE OSTREM
AND GIRLS.

From Andrew and Alma Larson

June 18, 1941.

Dear Brethren:

"This is Jehovah's doings; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which Jehovah hath made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118:23-24.

It is now quite a long time since we have written you friends to tell you about the work here. We will give you a report of two long years spent in this town. It is only God's grace that gives us power to work and to go on with the Gospel. It is and had been said that a Catholic land is the hardest place in the world in which to work. We will not deny it.

The fourth of June was our second anniversary. It was then two years since we opened the doors to preach the Gospel. Three children attended our first meetings. Then a man from the country became interested. He had the Bible and understood that it had power to change him and his family. He came to the meetings with his wife and eight children. After a while a young man came. He bought the Bible and also brought one of his friends. They both gave their hearts to the Lord and testified about the saving grace. We then had 15 people as our friends. Later another young man came who could play. We therefore bought a trumpet and made a little band with the organ, harp, tiple and the trumpet. Also house visitation was made and many friends have become interested in hearing the Gospel. We like to mention a lady that

comes with her family. They have recently bought the Bible. She told us that one evening, at one sitting, she had read the first 56 chapters of the Psalms to the entire family. They love the Bible and from it they are receiving great blessings.

It is with joy in our hearts that we will tell you that during the meeting, celebrating our second anniversary, some 45 souls entered our Gospel Hall. Several testified of the power of the "Miraculous Book" which has power to change the heart of every sinner that believes. Some took part in giving Bible verses and others offered prayers. Our young girls sang several Gospel songs. We thank the Lord for what He has done in the hearts of these people and we continue to look to Him to perform wonders in the lives of many more.

In closing, we wish to thank you friends of the mission for remembering us at the throne of grace. We thank you for your interest and for your gifts. And when our task is done "we shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves." Glorious day for God's people!

Greetings to you all.

Yours in Him,

ANDREW, ALMA & NAOMI LARSON.

Why Evangelize Romanists?

Because, first of all we are commanded by our Lord to preach the Gospel "to every creature." (Mark 16:15.)

Because Romanism does not teach them the real Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Because Romanism does not encourage them to read the Bible.

Because Romanism does not offer any assurance for salvation and peace with God for this life.

Because Romanism does not teach them to "come unto Christ."

Because Romanism denies them the "right of private judgment," not only as to the Bible, but as to everything outside its own teaching.

Because Romanism thrusts itself and the hierarchy, and the virgin Mary and saints between the sinner and the Saviour.

Because Romanism substitutes a religion of works for salvation by faith.

Because Romanism falsely gives the priests prerogative belonging to God—that of forgiving sins.

Because Romanism continually takes money from them for Masses for the dead and other superstitious observances in which no real equivalent is rendered—that could be more usefully employed in the spread of the Gospel.

Because Romanism does not satisfy their spiritual natures, and because they are as amenable to the influences of the Gospel as any other sinners when brought face to face with it.

Because wherever the Gospel has been faithfully proclaimed in Roman Catholic lands, there have been conversions and the converts prove to be splendid Christian men and women.

Harvesting Golden Fingernails

In an "exclusive" article the Los Angeles *Times* says: "In Colombia lies the garden of golden fingernails.

It covers hundreds of miles in the valleys of the Colombian Andes. It is one of the wonders of South America.

The fingernails are of solid gold. They are yards long. They are worth millions of dollars. To harvest them, men pour tons of water from giant hoses into the garden every day.

To the men who handle the hoses, the garden is a gold mine. To an outsider, it looks like a fantastic Eden.

The average gardener first digs up the earth and later waters his crop. But here the water does the digging. It is brought down the mountainside in pipes which diminish in size as they fall. This increases the pressure of the water before it shoots out of the nozzles.

The fingernails were formed years ago by upheavals of the earth's crust. They were broken and carried away by mountain streams. The streams flooded, and, because the fingernails were heavy, they were deposited over the land.

No one knows why these shafts of gold are thin as fingernails. Because of this strange fact it would be impractical to dig shafts into the ground to get them out. So the streams of water plow the surface off the earth where the fingernails lie buried.

The water drives rock and soil into an hydraulic suction pump, which breaks the rocks and frees the golden fragments.

In this Arabian Nights garden, which stretches over several States of the Colombian Republic, any person, no matter how poor, has the legal right to go along the streams and wash out all the gold he can find. In the neighboring State of Choco, hundreds do that. With the gold, they get silver and a dull metal—they used to throw away as worthless—platinum."

But before rushing off to South America for gold, remember that there is something more precious than gold right where you are.

The Lord says: "I will make a *man more precious than fine gold*; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir" (Isa. 13:12). Although the interpretation of this passage in Isaiah belongs to the coming period of judgment called the "Day of the Lord," this value placed on man has its application today for the Lord Jesus asked: "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36-37).

A man being so valuable in the Lord's sight requires a redemption by something superior to gold. Hence the Word says: "Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold . . . but with the *precious blood of Christ*" (I Peter

1:18-19). That precious blood was freely shed for the remission of our sins at the place called Calvary.

This "more precious than gold" man with a "more precious than gold" redemption has also a "more precious than gold" charter. Speaking of the statutes and judgments of the Lord, the Psalmist says: "*More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold*" (Psa. 10:10).

Prayerful, consistent study of the Scriptures will result in the acquisition of wisdom and understanding far above the value of gold! "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver" (Prov. 16:16).

Living a godly, upright and spiritual life will bring this valuable, redeemed and enlightened man a good name which is "rather to be chosen than great riches," and loving favor which is "*better than silver and gold*" (Prov. 22:1).

A godly life in this evil world will spell trials to be sure, but even the trial of your faith is "*much more precious than gold* that perisheth, though it be tried with fire."

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Cor. 4:17-18).

Colombia's garden of gold is worth millions, but the worth of the garden of things more precious than gold is inestimable!—The magazine *Now*.

It CAN Happen Again!

A boy gave his lunch to Jesus—and five thousand people were fed.

A slave girl spoke to her mistress about God—and her master, healed of his leprosy, became a devout believer.

Andrew told Peter about Jesus — and three years later Peter preached a sermon that won three thousand souls for the Kingdom.

Young Francis of Assisi joyously gave his all to Christ—and the Church of the Middle Ages was led into a mighty spiritual awakening.

An aged monk counselled Martin Luther to trust in God's forgiveness of his sins—and Luther, finding peace with God, became the pioneer of Protestantism.

Hans Nielsen Hauge refused to let even prison bars stop his witness for Christ—and all Norway was shaken by the power of the living Gospel.

A Sunday School teacher visited Dwight Moody in the shoeshop where he worked and spoke to him about Christ—and Moody became a world-renowned evangelist, leading thousands upon thousands to the Cross.

Somebody left a mission tract on

the desk of Albert Schweitzer, a brilliant young theological professor in Germany — and Schweitzer left his cultured surroundings to pour out his great life in service in the fever-infested Congo.

Hudson Taylor said "Yes," unre-servedly, to God — and more than twelve hundred missionaries have gone forth to China under the banner of the Inland Mission which he founded.

A little group of students met by a haystack to pray for the lands where the Gospel was not known—and the great movement of American Foreign Missions was launched.

Two crippled friends in a little Iowa town gave a theological student a new vision of victorious Christian living—and wherever he preaches, their lives speak.

Somebody, somewhere, spoke to you and to me — and we found the peace that passeth understanding, the joy that shall know no end.

It can happen again!

Will it happen through you?

—Dr. B. M. Christensen.

Take Time to Pray

"The great people of the earth today are the people who pray—people who take time to pray. They have no time. It must be taken from something else. That something else is important, pressing, but still less important and pressing than prayer. There are people who put prayer first and group the other items in life's schedule around that after prayer. These are the people today who are doing the most for God in winning souls, in solving problems, in awakening churches, in supplying both men and money for mission posts, in keeping fresh and strong their lives far off in sacrificial service on the foreign field, where the thickest fighting is going on, and in keeping the old earth sweet a little while longer."—*Selected*.

The Safe Way

There is only one safe way for the Christian to do today, and that is to bring his reactions to the war news into the light of the Cross of Jesus Christ.

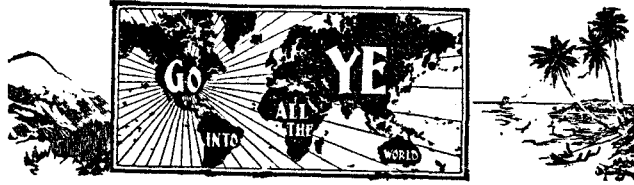
How else can he escape revengeful feelings? How else can he remain free from hatred? Righteous indignation has its place, but it must remain righteous and constructive.

How to keep it so in face of treachery, cruelty and rampant evil is a problem which only the Spirit of Christ can solve.

Evil must be stayed in its march, but Christians have a higher loyalty which must not be betrayed. Pity must not be destroyed by snarling denunciation. True freedom can never be secured by men who are drawn down into anger. It is a high standard! May God help us to live up to it!

—British "War Cry."

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The Past Two Years

Several interesting things stand out in my mind as I review the past two years.

Before coming, I wondered what So. Am. and life there would be like. Many of you wondered with me, and now two years have passed in this precious land. I wish I could make So. Am. live for you as I am experiencing it.

Since landing in So. Am. I haven't regretted coming, no not for one single moment. You wouldn't either, coming to the most congenial race in all the world.

Our first year while occupied with language study we are not in active missionary service. This surely is for the best as we would make many mistakes if we didn't get to know the people and their customs before laboring among them. Our days of language study are happy days, and much more so when we begin to venture out. We could make you laugh heartily if we told you of the many foolish mistakes we make as we begin.

I'll never forget the first day my teacher asked me to lead in prayer for a service. This was of course before we could hardly construct sentences. So he told us beforehand. First we had to write out our prayers, then he would correct the wording, and then they were memorized.

Our first sermons are much the same. We sit with the Bible in one hand, the dictionary in the other and the grammar before us as we prepare them. Of course they too need to be written out, corrected and the same process memorize them. The sad part was, at first, if we got stuck we were not able to help ourselves as we were not able to construct the sentences that we wanted to.

Perhaps our first venture to visit people is the hardest. We sit and wonder if we shall be able to carry on a conversation and will we be able to understand what they say? I don't know how many more thoughts entered my mind. But the day arrives for all of us when we have to venture out. My day, alas, came. I would have done anything rather than pay that visit. How I hated to go — but I went. It was a Christian home of some of our believers. My teacher had talked to them so the lady invited me over

Prayer Requests:

1. That the door for the Gospel to enter Latin America may remain open in spite of the conditions caused by the war.
2. That the Mission Conference at Soatá in January may be a great spiritual blessing to the missionaries.
3. That, at least, one more new station may be opened this year.
4. That the Lord will reveal unto each one of His Own our responsibility and privilege in His great program of evangelizing the world.

for the afternoon. She said, "You come, it doesn't make any difference if I don't understand you or you don't understand me, we'll get along all right." And so we did. Of course the forethought was the worst. The talking went fine. We had a blessed day. Self-confidence that was so greatly needed at that time grew each day as we spent it talking together. It wasn't long before I had courage to go and visit where I pleased. Not that I understood all that the people said to me but sufficient to carry on a conversation, and day by day continued to learn. But all this only adds to our thrills. Our real pleasures are derived from our contacts with the souls.

What we more than appreciate in our dear people is their patience and love. During our days of study they are so kind. They overlook everything. And put themselves in our place and wonder where they would be if they tried studying our language.

How did we begin working? Our first venture was teaching a Sunday School class. And as we began handling the language better, our visitation work began. Having been here two years, we are expected to help with all the work. It also falls upon us girls to help with the preaching. The men are often out on trips and it means the women keep the station work going, which is much as the church work at home. Services twice on Sunday and twice during the week.

I have just completed two weeks of daily vacation Bible school work with the children here at Soatá. This was our first venture at Soatá. We found a ready response from the parents, our only hindrance was an epidemic

of whooping cough among the children which kept many away.

Visitation work is a very important part of our work, as so few have the courage to venture out to be seen among the Protestants as they call us. Often we are very welcome in the homes. So personal work plays a very important part.

We find many serious problems to meet. Many times we are not able to understand them at once but as we continue on, we grow in wisdom and knowledge too.

It is not an easy task to try to inculcate or implant Christ in their hearts due to their background. Their old life holds many dazzling sights to them, but God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and He breaks through many of their hard hearts and finds a way.

One of my latest experiences of joy has been in dealing with one of the mothers of some of our S. S. children. This mother has heard the Gospel perhaps for three years, of and on. About four months ago she moved into a house very near ours. And began coming to services regularly. God worked mightily in her heart and one day she poured out her heart to me. She told me as so many have said, once she felt life wasn't worth living, so some time back she had planned to commit suicide. But the druggist had refused to sell her what she wanted, so it didn't materialize. She accepted Christ and today is a changed woman. She prayed in public last Tuesday night for the first time. I could have cried for joy to hear her.

And so regardless of the handicaps and hard hearts, God is breaking through.

Won't you also continue to remember these precious souls as you continue to remember the other foreign fields in your prayers? How they too need it.

As we think of other fields and see the doors closing to many, we are deeply moved by the fact that for some of us the door is still open. How long we do not know. It seems they have been open for such a short time. But we never know.

May we enter the door while it is open.

In Him,
HELEN DANIELSON.

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CELMOSA CLARION

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Commissioning of Mrs. Phoebe Quannrud

Mrs. Phoebe Quannrud was commissioned to go to Colombia, South America, in her home church in New Gottland, Kansas, August 5. This beautiful country church was filled with attentive listeners to the first commissioning service ever held in this church. The congregation rejoiced in the unspeakable privilege given it to send one from its church family to the challenging mission field of South America. The members and friends gathered promised that they would remember Colombia in their prayers and gifts. Pastor Conrad spoke on the tremendous debt we as Christians owe to the folks in South America. It is a debt we should have paid long ago. May many be ready to answer the call and volunteer to join Jesus' army of missionaries.

Mrs. Phoebe Quannrud confessed before the congregation that she had sensed the debt she owed to bring the Gospel to the darkened souls in South America, but also that she was ready to go in a life of surrender and obedience to the Master, not being ashamed of the Gospel. Mr. Quannrud brought a greeting from the field in Colombia.

The spirit of God was indeed present to convict, call and challenge. Mr. and Mrs. Quannrud have been used definitely by the Lord to present the challenge of South America to the large Lutheran constituency of the Augustana Synod in the area around New Gottland, Lindsborg and McPherson, Kansas. Many testified that this was the first time they had heard of the need of Mexico, Central America and South America.

After the service people lingered for hours to speak personally to the Quannruds and wish them Godspeed. We are thankful to God for the many friends we have of our Colombia Mission now in Kansas.

— EVALD J. CONRAD.

Excerpts from Letters from the Field

... Tipacoque is a little village only a short ways from Soatá. Here several Sunday afternoon meetings have been held. On Sunday P. M. the country folks come in for market. A long narrow alley serves as a place where they exhibit and market off their wares. In the midst of this group in the open is where we have our services. We usually bring our Folding organ and the song and music soon draws the crowd closer. We always find a group of quiet, ardent listeners here. Once there was one exception, however, but maybe we would not be justified in judging the disturber too harshly for most likely he didn't know better. In the audience are sheep, chickens, pigs as well as people. One fellow, who really wanted to hear all that which was said came very close. In his arms he had a half grown pig. For a bit there was silence

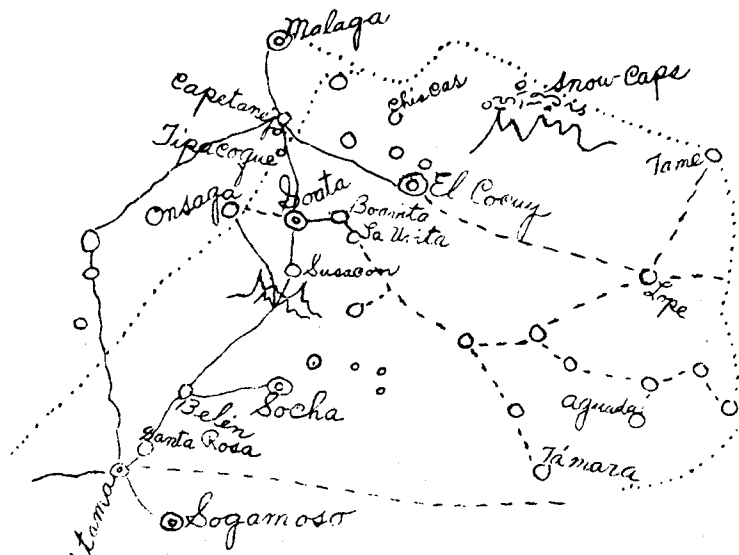
but it didn't last long. The pig let out one shrill squeal after the other. Either the preacher or the pig had to quit. The pig left. The people here are so anxious to receive tracts and literature. We have found more reception in this little village than in any of the other places we have visited. There are always those expressing their desire that we come back again soon."

... This is vacation time as far as the school is concerned. We closed in the middle of October and it will not be opened again until after the Mission Conference here in Soatá in January. Must say in passing that the first Conference of this kind was held last year. It proved to be a real blessing. The purpose is to gather for the sake of Christian fellowship as well as to discuss the many problems that continually confront a missionary in His work. Missionaries from 3 various departments (States) and from 4 denominations are represented. We are looking forward with joyful expectancy to having these various missionary friends with us. . . . In our public services here at the station we have lately made one change. Before we had three evangelistic service nights a week, namely Sunday, Tuesday and Friday evenings. Since we had no definite prayer meeting night we now have that Tuesday nights. Will you not, dear Christian friends back home, be with us in spirit during these weekly get-togethers? We covet your prayers that God, through these, may be permitted to reach many souls. Our Sunday School is always at 9:30 Sunday morning. The children's class, as a rule, outnumbers the adults. . . . We were happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Olger Quannrud after a year's furlough in the homeland. Mrs. Quannrud is here for the first time. They will stay here at Soatá for a while, but expect to open up a new station. This may be Duitama, though it is not definite yet."

— ALVIDA and TRYGVE SALTE.

"... 'Nothing evil shall come to those that fear Jesus.' This has come to me again and again and given me strength and courage when the enemy is trying to destroy the servants of God. It is true that the Lord has protected us from the hands of evil men. A short time ago we awakened at midnight when stones that sounded like cannon shots flew against our house. It did not hurt us. We only lost some sleep. They have said that they will take my life some day. One day a boy, who is a believer, came to our house telling us that they (the priests) are planning to kill us, so we have been ready for anything. . . . Fifteen miles from here are some believers who have found the Lord and the Lord has found them. They now gather for meetings and are going to build a chapel next month. I am glad that so much interest is shown.

Greetings to all in Jesus name,
— ANDREW and ALMA LARSON
and NAOMI.



SOATÁ—Alvida and Trygve Salte and Helen Danielson.

SOCHA—Helene and Gerhard Ostrem.

EL COCUY—Andrew and Alma Larson.

————— indicates car roads.

----- indicates horse trails.

Altitude ranges from 300 to 15,000 feet above sea level.

Our Territory

We are so happy to be able to print a map of the territory allotted to our Mission in Colombia. It includes a part of the State of Boyacá, which, in turn, is only one of the 23 States or Departments in the great republic of Colombia.

We have great reason to praise God for the wonderful preparatory work done by our pioneer missionaries these five years. It is no easy task to enter an entirely unoccupied territory, knowing neither the lay of the land nor strategic points from where the Gospel should go forth to the unevangelized in the shortest time possible. Yet the Lord has given great grace to our workers, as they, in co-operation with other missions and missionaries, have worked out these details.

Would it not be blessed now if they know that we, prayer-helpers in the homelands, would really make use of these maps? Let us keep them in a place where we can see them every day and thus be reminded of our missionaries and believers at the various stations, praying that the Word may speedily go forth to the many "regions beyond" those occupied stations.

Just as we are writing these lines, the news is being flashed over the radio that our dear country has also been forced into the war. May this sad news be a challenge to us who are saved. We are soldiers in the army of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Are we taking His command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel" very seriously, or do we do missionary work at leisure? To the men in the U. S. army, navy and marines it is a matter of life or death to fulfil the orders of the Commander in Chief. Should it be less so for us who are serving the King of Kings? Soon the Gospel day may be ended. Night may fall upon us without warning, giving

us no more opportunity to reach unto the "uttermost ends of the earth" with this glorious Gospel of salvation. May it grip us at last that we are responsible for those "other sheep," going into perdition without Christ.

I Go A Fishing

John 21:3

The disciples had been looking to Jesus for the establishment of His Kingdom and were enthusiastic about it. They had heard His messages the last years, hence were convinced as to what was His will regarding what He wanted to and could do. But lo and behold, something took place which removed, as it were, all the wind out of their sails. The opposition became so great and forceful that at last their Master was crucified, He died, and was buried.

That great disappointment was remedied some when the Savior arose on that glorious Easter morning. Yet they failed to realize the significance of His redemptive work since, even after having seen Christ revealed after His resurrection. Peter expressed in an apparently hopeless and disgusting way "I go a fishing." As though he meant to say, "It is no use to try any more to do anything because we are so few, and now see what has been done to our Master. Then who knows what may happen to us. No, listen men, it is no use, I go a fishing, then you may do what seems best to you." Their reply was "we also go with thee." As to say, "You are right, Peter, we might as well give up first as last."

But as we read on in the chapter we see what experience they had and what charges were given them. Reading on through Acts we see that those experiences led to that they did not give up, but that until today we reap

benefits from their perseverance.

What do you mean by this? It seems I hear some one ask thus. We have heard pastors and evangelists and S. S. teachers at home express themselves almost in the same way when to them it has appeared that their work has been practically in vain. Thanks to God for all those who regardless of difficulties and obstacles PRESS ON.

Yes, but out there on the Field you have no reason for such expressions, do you? some may say. Let us see!

Here the Missionaries work amongst people who are the same in so many ways as the people back there in the homeland. The Missionary goes about giving out tracts which so often are torn to pieces right there in his presence. He tries to lead the people to realize their need of having and reading the Bible, the Blessed Book, but in this, too, he is so often buffeted and scorned. Hence, he feels "It is no use, I can accomplish nothing."

Then, in visitation work he meets at least two prominent groups; at times, three. One argues and rebels against him furiously as if to say "what blasphemy that you can dare yourself to say anything which is not in harmony with my 'holy religion' or the precepts of my church." The second group may not say anything against, but rather agree with him and even say that, surely it is true and very good and beautiful all of it. But that is as far as they come, only to remain in their sin and lost condition the same as the first group. Hence the worker gets discouraged and may think that it is all in vain, "I talk until I almost lose my voice, but to no effect," yet he goes on serving in faith.

Continuing the work he goes forward inviting the people to the meetings and receives replies from many that they will attend. How downhearted he may become when the hour for services arrives and so many who promised to come fail to do so. After several such experiences he almost resolves to discontinue inviting so as not to cause the people to make promises which they do not fulfil. Yet he recalls how many of God's invitations so often are rejected and that even he himself has rejected so many of them, hence more invitations go forward.

At times there appears to be good results, people come to the meetings, where the Holy Spirit works in their hearts and some express their desire to accept salvation through Christ and accept the Gospel. Many do really surrender. Later, when storms of persecution by threats of excommunication etc. by the priests and boycotting and ridicule by others mount up, some of them are prone to not lay hold of Christ firmly enough to stand (Eph. 5:13). Thus the missionary, being human like other people, may be prone to think that it appears that the "battle" is too fierce, that it is as well to beat a retreat. However, he realizes that the Work is the Holy Spirit's and that he is not alone responsible for

their keeping, hence, he charges a forward march.

In addition to the things already mentioned there may be the temptation (or is it always only a temptation?) to think that those in the homeland who have borne the burden of support both by prayer of intercession and by material means perhaps are becoming "weary in the heat of the day, and in well-doing." Therefore he feels like one in the small army against a large foe or enemy awaiting reinforcements the arrival of which seems so far away and slow in coming.

Meeting such and other apparent discouragements he may be prone to say like Peter, "I go a fishing," I might as well return to the work I was doing before, because humanly speaking, I can do nothing here."

Reconsidering it all, he cannot but say, *Praise the Lord*, for, brethren, it is not all thus. No, there is the glorious side of it where the work shows fruit for Glory. Ours is the work and privilege to sow the precious seed and it is the Lord's part to give the increase. He recalls, as one of our Lutheran pastors also stated in a service where we were present a short time before coming to Colombia, that Christ did not commission His disciples to be successful, but to be faithful. He is aware of this that if even only one in ten or a hundred or should we say even in a thousand accepts the message and permits it to bear fruit as the Lord desires it to do the efforts are well worth whatever struggles may seem to be involved. Souls are being saved, people who, according to their own testimony, previously were steeped in sin and vice come through for Christ and live lives to the glory and honor of God.

For that reason he takes another point of view using Peter's words again and says, "I go a fishing," but now it is "Lord, at Thy Word will I let down the net."

In closing we extend to you all our most sincere greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And we also ask for your continued prayer for the Cause of Christ here in Colombia.

Yours through Him,
GERHARD and HELENE OSTREM
and GIRLS.

Colombia, S. A.

Dear Friends in the U. S.:

Many of you remembered us with pier letters for which we thank you. They were delivered to us on the ship as we pulled out of the New York harbor, Sept. 12, about 4:00 P. M.

The voyage out was uneventful but for an occasional sight of land off in a distance which caused a little excitement among the passengers. We were thankful not to be sea-sick although it gave us a queer feeling to be rocked to sleep by the swaying of the ship from one side to the other.

Our first taste of foreign life was at Cristóbal, Central America, in the Panama Canal Zone. Living conditions were very different from that of the States. Lottery tickets were sold open-

ly on the streets (this is true of Colombia too), flies were plentiful in the open markets where fish, meats, vegetables, fruit, and all kinds of merchandise lay side by side uncovered. Mostly foreigners inhabit this town, also Colón, laying next to Cristóbal.

The Panama Canal is a very interesting place to see. Precautions are now taken by the U. S. government so it is heavily guarded. Twenty-four soldiers and their captain boarded the ship and stayed on until we had passed to the other side which took from 4:00 until 11:00 P. M. We were not permitted to take pictures at this place.

Buenaventura was our landing place, we passed through customs in a short time, having arranged with an express agent to have our 1800 lbs. baggage to be shipped on to Soatá, we were free to look around for a room for the night. We left early the next morning for a Christian Mission Alliance station. After a day and two nights here we left for Bogatá, the capital of Colombia, to obtain permits for traveling (government regulations for all foreigners), also to get "Cedulas" for identification. At last we were nearing Soatá, much to our joy as traveling had become a little tiring.

Our first contact with South American life was when we stepped off the ship — Spanish, Spanish everywhere. What a comfort to know that one of us could speak the language and was accustomed to life here. First impressions are difficult to put on paper, but it would probably cover them all by saying—"I felt like a fish out of water." Outwardly everything was different but inwardly—that same calmness which comes from assurance of the Lord's presence and dwelling. So again we have seen that in having Jesus, the need of every situation and experience is met.

Contrasts here are very marked as far as the people are concerned. The better class or the rich have clothes and homes in accordance; the middle class, slightly different; and the lower class, rags and filth. However, underneath it all, they have the same need which can be met in only one way, one common meeting place, salvation through the blood of the Lord Jesus.

The people here know little of the night life that is so characteristic of the States. However, they are early risers. The children in one of the mission centers we visited started coming to school at 7:00 in the morning in order to be on time for class at 8:00. The pupils all studied out loud. From a distance it sounded like a bee-hive. The teacher is a Colombian.

Many of the people wear charms, either around their fingers or necks. Sometimes this is only a piece of string.

We are stationed in Soatá for the present, but we will eventually go to a new place to open a mission center. This location has not been decided upon yet. We are waiting upon the Lord to show us where it is to be.

You probably are wondering what duties a missionary has when he first arrives on the field—one of the major ones is language study. We have furniture to make, and have various household duties to tend to. For those who know the language, there are sermon preparations and visitations.

On one of our visits the other day, we called at a home where an old man

lives; he is paralyzed and is bed-ridden. He has wanted to confess to the Catholic priest but the family he lives with are professing believers and they have tried to tell him of the life they have in Christ and of the folly of confession to the priest. We are happy to see these believers witnessing in this way.

May He, who has brought us from darkness into His marvelous light, do His work through us that these people who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death may come to knowledge of the truth in Christ Jesus, this is our prayer. *Pray without ceasing!*

Yours in Gospel Bonds,
PHOEBE and OLGER QUANRUD,
Soatá, Boyacá,
Colombia, S. A.

News From Home And Abroad

We had the joy of having Pastor and Mrs. M. H. Sand as our guests on Thanksgiving Day. They were enroute to Seattle from Texas where they have taken up the work at the Mexican Mission at San Antonio. They came as a direct answer to prayer for a married couple there. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the work in that great and needy field also.

It is now about a year since Miss Nordin and a company of workers began work there in rented quarters. Souls have been saved as they have faithfully sown the Word; several missionary journeys have been made and the Gospel, through them, has reached even into Mexico.

Lots have now been purchased in a very favorable location for the building of a Bible School where Mexican youth can study the Word of God, become established in the Christian life and thus become prepared to go out as missionaries amongst their own people.

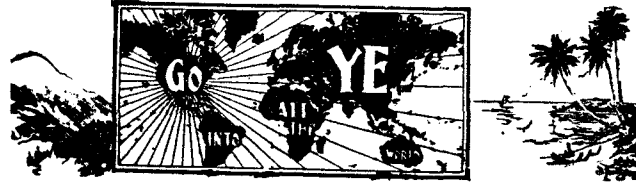
The present workers at San Antonio are: Pastor and Mrs. M. H. Sand, Myrtle Nordin, Aeleen Lindahl, Margaret Peterson, Mabel Shurson, Florence Christensen, all of Minnesota; Tillie Lee from Iowa, and Lawrence Knutson and Raymond Gall from Wisconsin.

Miss Nordin writes: "We thank God for each one of these workers. We are now thirteen around the table, including Sand's three children, and sometimes we are more, for visitors often come; but our Heavenly Father continues as before, ever feeding us and providing for every need. Matt. 6:33."

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And here is another reminder to the friends at home from our workers over there. When sending personal gifts to them, directly to Colombia, please buy bank draft and be sure the name of the one to whom you are sending it is spelled correctly. If not, they have great difficulty in getting them cashed. We also would prefer to have you write personal letters and send such money gifts for their personal use to them directly, if possible. Thus delay of having it pass through the treasury may be avoided.

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Duitama, Boyacá,
Colombia, So. Am.

Dear Brethren in the Homeland:
Grace and Peace!

As you see by the heading, there has never appeared in the *Clarion* a greeting from this place before.

We arrived here Dec. 23, 1941 from Soatá, where we had been since our arrival in Colombia a few months before. By God's grace, this is the fourth mission station to be opened by our workers in Colombia in five years.

Very little Gospel work has been done here before, since it has never had any resident missionaries. Duitama has a population of about 3,800 and lies about 8,500 feet above sea level. The average temperature is about 45 to 70 degrees above zero. We are about 155 miles from Bogotá, the capital.

Here are many souls who "sit in the darkness and the shadow of death." Pray that we may be instruments in His hand to bring them the "good news" that is able to save and keep them for all eternity.

Yours in Gospel Bonds,
PHOEBE AND OLGER QUANRUD.

News from Home And Abroad

Missionary and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem and family have been granted a furlo and will sail for the U. S. this spring. Let us pray that the Lord's protecting care may be over them upon the high seas, that they may reach home safely, and be used in a wonderful way to the glory of God and the furtherance of the Gospel in Colombia during their stay in the homeland.

The annual Missionary Conference of Evangelical Missionaries in Colombia was held this year at our station in Soatá in January, as was announced in the last issue of the "C.C." Our workers write: "We had blessed fellowship both with our own and the other missionaries who came to the conference. May the Lord bless so there may be worthwhile results from that gathering of missionaries from several different missions."

Helen Danielson writes (dated Jan. 6th): "I am with Alma Larson at present, while Gerhard and Andrew are making a trip through our Casa-

nere District again. They will be gone this month. After the first of February I shall be joining the Quanruds at Duitama until Phoebe can handle the Spanish language. They moved the 22nd of December, so now Olger is busy making some furniture for their home and station. The three of us will therefore have a new address, which you might mention in the "C.C." — Duitama, Boyacá, Colombia, So. Am. This is a railroad center, our largest and most modern city thus far, but very fanatical. Yet the Lord here too has precious blood-bought souls whom He desires should hear the Gospel and be saved. The work becomes more interesting as each day goes by."

Concerning a recent evangelistic tour to Mexico in January Myrtle Nordin writes: "The Lord blessed in unspeakable ways on this journey. Held several meetings in Cadereyta, the town where Arispe's married daughter lives (Mr. Arispe is a Mexican Christian from the work in San Antonio). There was a band of children there who remained with us all the time when I went to the different homes and spoke and sang the Gospel. These children were a regular chorus, for they had learned several choruses and sang them perfectly in every

home and also quoted Bible verses I taught them. Precious children! They all love Jesus now according to the light they have; but I learned yesterday that in that town the priest is beginning to persecute them severely and has also given me a name — the Devil. Held two meetings at the ranch I mentioned before. About one hundred people attended the second meeting in spite of the heavy rain for two days and one night. You cannot imagine what a hunger there is for the Gospel amongst these people! Poor souls, forgotten by the Church of Jesus Christ. What a privilege to bring them the Bread of Life, which alone can satisfy.

The infant daughter of Missionary and Mrs. Salte, born to them November 7th, was baptized last month. Brother Salte writes in personal letter: "We had a fair crowd out for the baptism service. Ostrem's were sponsors. After the service we asked all present to stay for a cup of coffee. I think that in this way, too, we can bring them a testimony, for it is almost a rule here that when a child of the upper class is baptized the priest comes to the home and they spend the evening smoking and drinking. We, instead, serve them coffee and send them away with chorus singing and prayer.

Salte writes further: "At the services here in Soatá we have had a better turnout lately and felt a more open spirit in the services. I had to discontinue the Tuesday evening meeting for a while for I have not been well, and, besides, we have started a catechumen class for some that have requested baptism. I am so glad that God gives strength as the day, and I feel better than I did a month ago. However, I have to be on a diet for two months. We expect the native young man from Ostrem's station to come this week and help out with the work here for a couple of weeks, so I can have more time to rest and gain faster. We are so thankful to God that Alvida and the baby are so well, which means so much to the work. Mail from the States has been scarce and irregular lately. The only letters that come through regularly is airmail." (Since airmail is the only dependable mail service in these war times, let us, dear friends, bring joy



A part of the happy missionary group in Colombia. They are from left to right: Trygve and Alvida Salte, Helen Danielson, Helene and Gerhard Ostrem and Ostrem's two little girls, Carol Lois and Ruth Helene.

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ing these uncertain times to send all
such personal gifts through the regu-
lar treasury too, and they will be sent
to the field with the regular monthly
bank draft, but designated as personal
gifts.

**The Suffering of Jesus
And His Reward (Isa. 53)**

The clearest and fullest Gospel pre-
sentation in the Old Testament is Isa.
53. Many a seeking soul has here
found peace and salvation. We remem-
ber the Ethiopian in Acts 8. He found
Christ in Isa. 53. He had come a long
way to worship and was returning
without having found the peace and
rest for which his soul hungered. Then
sitting in his chariot reading Isa. 53
he found Christ with the help of
Philip. And the Ethiopian went on
his way rejoicing. But not only to re-
joice, but to go back home to his own
country and people as a missionary.

In Isa. 21:11 we hear the cry,
"Watchman, what of the night?" And
the watchman answered, "The morn-
ing is coming, and also the night."
The watchman saw the coming judg-
ment, that awful night which was to
settle down upon the whole earth. But
he also saw Jesus coming, spoken of
here as the "coming morning." And
there is morning when Jesus comes,
an eternal morning of everlasting joy
and happiness.

Both the night of our judgment and
the morning of our salvation meet in
Jesus. Therefore there need be much
urgency in our day to find Jesus and
to make him known to the world, be-
cause our day is short.

We see Jesus in Isa. 53. He is seen
here as a tender plant and as a root
out of dry ground. v. 2. In all the
world there was, and is no life, apart
from Jesus. He grew up as a root
out of dry ground. We have no life
apart from Jesus. Again we see Jesus
in verse 11 as "my righteous serv-
ant." God has had only one servant in
this world who accomplished all His
will and fulfilled all the word of God.
With unutterable delight the Father
beholds His own son as "my righteous
servant" doing all His will even when
that will included the bitter cup of
Calvary.

We see Jesus suffer in Isa. 53. "He
was oppressed, yet when he was af-
flicted he opened not his mouth; as a
lamb that is led to the slaughter, and
as a sheep that before its shearers is
dumb, so he opened not his mouth."
He willingly submitted to suffering
and bore our guilt and shame. How

great is his love for us and how an-
xious he is to see sinners saved! And
what a great salvation he offers every
sinner!

Christ paid the full penalty of our
sins. He came to do the father's will,
and he did it. Let us forever be thru
talking about our doing in order to be
saved. That is an old trick of the dev-
il and it is very acceptable to the flesh.
Christ did the Father's will. And we
read in Heb. 10:10, "By which will we
have been sanctified thru the offering
of the body of Jesus Christ once for
all." If we try to add to, or take away
from, this finished work of redemp-
tion we shut the door of salvation
both for ourselves and for others.
May God forbid that!

But we need also to remind our-
selves that Christ suffered also as our
example. Not that we can suffer like
Jesus did for our salvation. There
Jesus suffered alone. But there is suf-
fering in the Christian life. We read
in Heb. 5:8, "Though he was a Son,
yet learned obedience by the things
which he suffered." And again in Heb.
2:10, "made the captain of their sal-
vation perfect thru suffering." And
Peter writes, "For hereunto were ye
called: because Christ also suffered
for you, leaving you an example, that
ye should follow his steps. I Peter
2:21. Paul sought fellowship in the
suffering of Christ and he rejoiced in
his afflictions. Let us not fear suffer-
ing. God has measured the cup of our
suffering and we take the cup from
our Father's hand. The promise he
holds up to us is, "If we suffer with
him, we shall also reign with him."

And this brings us to the final re-
ward for Christ's suffering. "There-
fore will I divide him a portion with
the great, and he shall divide the
spoil with the strong; because he
poured out his soul unto death, and
was numbered with the transgressors:
yet he bare the sin of many, and
made intercession for the transgres-
sors." v. 12. And in Philipians 2 we
read that "God highly exalted him and
gave him a name which is above every
name; that in the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, of things in heaven
and things on earth and things under
the earth, and that every tongue
should confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Fa-
ther." This is the final reward for His
suffering and it is victory over every
enemy and Christ shall be King alone
and of His kingdom there shall be no
end.

J. O. GISSELQUIST.

Someone asked Philips Brooks what
he would first do if he were called to
be a pastor of a broken down church
—a church that had lost its building.
was not able to support a pastor, and
was torn by internal dissension. He
hesitated only a moment and then re-
plied, "I should get all the people to-
gether, preach the greatest sermon I
could on world-wide missions, and
take the best offering I could get for
work in heathen lands."

Praise the Lord:

1. That the door to the Latin American countries continue to remain open, while many mission fields are hard and some impossible to enter due to conditions created by the war.
2. That He has answered our prayers for a fourth station to be opened on our field in 1941.
3. That He has also answered our prayers for a Bible School in Texas. The building was dedicated and school was opened in January.
4. For the wonderful way in which the Lord has filled every spiritual and material need, as we have looked to Him in faith.

Prayer Requests:

1. That we may have a greater vision of a lost world; a greater spirit of sacrifice for our Blessed Master; and a greater faith in our Wonder-working God in this great battle for souls for whom Jesus shed His life-blood.
2. That more consecrated young people may obey the call of the Holy Spirit to go forth to labor in the whitened harvest fields of Colombia.
3. That the Lord will fully restore Missionary Salte to health and vigor.
4. That the Lord will, in a special way, undertake for Missionary Larson and family at this time. They have been in a hard and difficult field and have suffered persecution for the Gospel's sake, having been stoned several times. Yet the Lord wonderfully saved them so they were never hurt, but they are in need of rest and have been granted a furlo. Brother Larson, however, is a citizen of Norway and has some difficulty at this time to gain entrance to U. S. As we pray, the Lord will open the way for them. The Lord, thru a Christian contractor in Montana has already provided money for their tickets.
5. That the Lord will richly bless and prosper the work at the new station just opened by the Quanruds and Helen Danielson.
6. Pray, pray for the native Christians. They face problems and persecutions from the R. C. church and their own kin, as well as being tempted by the old life of sin. Pray that they may be given grace to stand in the power of the Word of God.
7. Pray for the Indian in Tame, mentioned in an article in this paper, who feels called of God to go out into the woods and jungles to bring the Gospel to His own people. May the Lord give him shoes for his feet, food for the journey, and the fire of the Holy Spirit in his heart.
8. That the Word sown by our missionaries on their journey to the plains of Casanere during January may bear rich fruit to the glory of God.

"The world is my parish." — John Wesley.

Touring the "Regions Beyond"

Cast thy bread (the Word of God) upon the waters. Eccl. 11:1.

After conducting the Christmas services in their respective fields of labor, the Missionaries Larson and Ostrem met in Socha to set out on an evangelistic tour in the eastern part of our Boyacá territory which is known as Casanare. They had made arrangement before leaving to have someone stay with their families since plans were to be away about a month.

They left Socha on December 26, Larson on a horse and Ostrem on a mule, and their itinerary took them to the places visited on former trips and included some new ones. Thirty-eight services were held in fourteen towns and districts which were well attended. In addition to that they canvassed many others with Bibles, portions and other books as well as with tracts. Christian literature was given to people all along the way as they were traveling from one part to another. Mr. Ostrem had his harp along which gave many good opportunities to sing the gospel songs and to testify also at the stopping places along the way enroute to and from the Plains. Many would listen to the message in song that otherwise would not give attention to the direct preaching of the Word. They experienced God's blessings in the whole journey both in the Breaking of the Bread of Life as well as in the fellowship they had together. They report that they greatly appreciated the opportunity to be together those days, a privilege that does not present itself very often to the workers on the field.

Several were baptized during their visit including three adults and six children. One whole family, the parents and three children was included in that group. It had been an impressive service, first to hear the parents give their testimonies of their faith in Christ for salvation and state their desire to live for and serve the Lord all their life from that moment, and then to see them present themselves to receive the sacrament of baptism instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The business part of the work was attended to also. This included among other things, the election of new committees who are responsible for the direction of the work when the missionaries cannot be there, and also the arrangement for the schools for the coming year. The school year generally runs from February or at least from April to November. It is not always easy to get teachers for such places away from the larger centers as they prefer the better positions in Colombia as well as those in the homeland do. However, two schools will be in operation, one at La Aguada and the other at Sombredero.

That problem again shows the need of training our own teachers. Efforts are being made both for that as well as the training of young men who de-

sire to prepare for the Lord's work, but that requires extra work on the part of the missionaries and also extra expenses. New places are asking for teachers.

While in La Aguada the missionaries deemed it advisable to rearrange the itinerary that more extensive work might be accomplished. Therefore, Mr. Larson in company with a young man, who was home on vacation from the Bible Institute of the Presbyterian church, went to the northern area of the field and Mr. Ostrem wound his way through the southern sections. That separation was found necessary greatly because of limited time allotted them since both were to be in Soatá for the Missionary conference which was held in the latter part of January.

In Tame, the largest town in the northern part of the field, lives an Indian who came in contact with the gospel some years ago and has since been living for Christ. He tries his best to serve the Lord by giving out tracts and at times by gathering some people on Sunday mornings to study the Word of God. He realizes his limited knowledge, but desires that the others might know at least as much about it as he does. He wishes to go out with the gospel to others of his people who live in the woods and jungles as well as in the plains. Since he is a poor man he had asked if a little material help could be had for that purpose of getting sandals (footwear) and some food while on such trips. One of the missionaries on the field offered to give some, hence he will go forth in his humble though sincere way. He will be a point of contact. God bless him.

Hopes are expressed that it might be possible to have a worker in Tame soon. It may be that a national worker could best serve, but whoever the person be it will involve material outlay. Yet the field is large and the worker needed! The people in Tame have asked for a school. Shall they have it? *The fields are white unto harvest!*

The missionaries returned, Mr. Larson to Cocuy on January 18 and Mr. Ostrem to Socha January 26, both happy for the opportunity God gave them for testifying of Christ to many souls. Their desire is that God bless the seed sown.

Thanks are extended to all who remembered the above mentioned trip in prayer and who continue to pray about what was achieved. Thanks are also due to the missionaries on the field and a sister in Christ in the homeland who made that trip possible by their financial contributions that nothing was used from the mission treasury for financing it, but that rather there was a little surplus to turn in to the fund for extension in other parts.

Requests are made for prayer for the Word sown, for the people in the Plains, and the work at large. Many

are the problems which present themselves on the field as can be seen in this article and your representatives covet your prayers that the Lord's work may go forward in all parts.

Colombia Mission Fellowship

Enclosed find money order for the work in South America, and may it be used to the salvation of many, many souls. Kindly pray for us and we do pray for you all. — Colombia Mission Society, Chicago.

Jesus Only! Enclosed check for the Colombia Mission from our Mission group. May it feed the hungry souls on the fields that are white unto harvest.—Mason City.

May God bless this little gift as it goes forth that we may see it again in the form of saved souls on the Great Day.—Wisconsin.

Enclosed find contribution for work in South America. Let us work while it is day and the doors are still open. I surely do enjoy the "C.C."—Kansas.

Yesterday I felt the urge to send you a contribution for the mission because it was needed, so today I am forwarding it to you. God bless you in your missionary work.—Wash.

Enclosed gift for the Colombia Mission. May the Lord multiply the usefulness of this gift.—New York.

It is interesting and inspiring to read the letters in the "Clarion" from South America and we praise God that He opens the way even in places where it seems most impossible; but we have wonderful promises that are fulfilled in answer to prayer.—Sask.

Here is a little Christmas gift to the mission. I am now over 74 years old and do not have much of the vanities of this world that shall soon perish, but the Lord has been so good to me until today and I hope and believe that He will continue faithful the little part of the journey that I may have left. Please remember me in your prayers to God.—N. Dak.

Enclosed please find a money order sent in memory of my dear wife who passed away in the faith of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ October 4, 1941. It is to be used for the South American Mission. Thanking you kindly and may God bless you as you work for Him. 'Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.' Gal. 6:9.—Alaska.

The Lord has been good to us and we feel we would like to divide up a part of our income to those who are out and out in His service.—Iowa.

A small gift from us for the Lord's work in Colombia. May I say that we enjoy reading the little "Celmosa Clarion" and we pray that God will continue to bless the work in South America.

Enclosed find small check for the mission work in Colombia. We enjoy your little paper so very much. It is marvelous to read of the faith experiences of others. The Lord surely has been wonderful to us since we found Him over seven years ago. We

moved here into the Sierra Nevada in October 1939 and are snowbound about six months of the year, so these papers and other similar Christian magazines and the radio services are a source of great blessing to us. We are never lonely because He is with us here and we know that He has put us here for some reason. As long as we are in His will it matters not if we cannot always see the "why" of it. — California.

Just a small gift for the Colombia Mission. We praise God for answered prayer out in the Colombia field. Just read about the great need for workers also in Texas. May the Lord grant that the Holy Spirit may speak to young men and women who are willing to go and bring the glad tidings of salvation to lost sinners. Oh, that we who have experienced the joy of salvation through the blood of Christ, but are not able to go out into the heathen fields to work, may be more willing to carry this work on the arms of prayer and also use our means more fully to win souls for Christ.—North Dakota.

I am sending you a check for \$5.00. This amount was brought as a birthday offering by one of our little girls in Sunday school for spreading the Word of God where it is unknown. I believe she would be very happy to get a little note from you to know that it is used for the purpose she designated it. She had received a Gideon New Testament from one of the teachers and the next Sunday she brought the birthday gift and arranged with this teacher to have it sent to the South American Mission. I am glad to forward it to you. May the Lord graciously add His blessing and grant you His grace to carry on.—A Pastor in Minnesota.

Enclosed find gift for the work in Colombia. Since we moved out here from Mason City, Iowa we have missed our Mission Group. We would like to get a group started here, so will you pray about this with us? Then we would like to have you send our "Celmosa Clarion" out here too. We enjoy reading about our missionaries. May God's continual protection be upon our missionaries and may He richly bless you folks in your labors also.—Colo.

This gift for the work in Colombia is a gift of praise and thanksgiving for the safe arrival of our baby boy. Our hearts are filled with praise. Pray that we may live wholly unto Him.—Iowa.

Been thinking for some time to send you a gift for the mission. May get a chance to mail it today. My home address is Belmond, Iowa. Have been in the army 8 months. May God have His way in all things and also with me, and may He bless you in your work for the Kingdom. Let us remember each other throughout the world in prayer for His name's sake. Joshua 3:4; Job 5:17.—A Soldier in New York.

Am sending a gift. I pray God's blessing upon the Colombia Mission and its workers. I believe it will suc-

ceed manifold to the glory of God and the salvation of souls in Jesus' Name. Live and work in Jesus.—N. Dakota.

I send you hereby a check. Am glad to see that the work is blessed and souls have already been saved. Am glad and thankful to God that He has permitted me to be along in this as well as other mission work. We can never repay what God has done for us, and what little we do is all of grace from Him. God be with you.—Iowa.

Enclosed find gift. May God bless this mission and may we that are His blood-bought children continue to pray and give. Thanks for paper just received.—Wisconsin.

I have read with interest the letters and news written in the "C.C." and I am also pleased to hear about the new missionary work carried on among the Mexican and Spanish peoples in Texas and along the border line between us and Mexico. I pray that this work may be blessed, and grow among the Spanish people of both North and South America. — California.

"Every church should support two pastors — one for the thousands at home, the other for the millions abroad." — Jacob Chamberlain.

"Christ's call is to feed the hungry, not the full . . . not to build and furnish comfortable churches at home in which to rock Christian professors to sleep by means of clever essays, stereotyped prayers, and artistic musical performances, but to raise living churches of souls among the destitute, to enlist and train them for Jesus, and to make them into an Almighty Army of God."—C. T. Studd.

God Cares! Do We?

"Forget not that your first and principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the Gospel to those who have it not. *He who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian when the great day comes of bestowing the rewards of service.* Therefore ask yourselves daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions. Search carefully whether he would have you go yourself to the heathen, if you have the youth and fitness required for the work. Or, if you cannot go in person, inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is upon your property in the interest of Foreign Missions, *how much you owe to the heathen because of what you owe to Christ for redeeming you with His precious blood.* I warn you that it will go hard with you when your Lord comes to reckon with you, if He finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulations instead of being sacredly devoted to giving the Gospel to the lost."—Dr. A. J. Gordon.

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A Colombia Mission Conference

will be held in Salem Lutheran Church (Pilot Grove) Pastor Sev. Gjerde's charge, near Elmore, Minn., from Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 23 until Sunday evening, Sept. 27. The following outline for the Conference days has been arranged by Brothers Gisselquist and Gjerde. Keep the dates in your mind, pray daily for great blessings, and plan to attend. This will be the only announcement in the "Celmosa Clarion." Watch for further announcements in the "Morning Glory."

Wednesday, Sept. 23:

2:00 P.M.—Opening message by Pastor Wold

8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic message by Pastor J. O. Gisselquist

Thursday:

2:00 P.M.—Bible Hour by Prof. M. E. Sletta

3:00 P.M.—Missionary Address by Andrew Larsen

8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic services, Pastor Gisselquist

Friday:

10:30 A.M.—Prayer and Fellowship Hour

2:00 P.M.—Bible Hour by Prof. Sletta

3:00 P.M.—Missionary message by Andrew Larsen

8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic services by Pastor Gisselquist

Saturday:

10:30 A.M.—Missionary messages by several

2:00 P.M.—Business meeting

8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic services by Pastor Gisselquist

Sunday:

11:00 A.M.—Sermon by Pastor Gisselquist

2:00 P.M.—Message by Prof. Sletta

3:00 P.M.—Testimony and Fellowship Hour

8:00 P.M.—Closing services.

Due to lack of material from the field we could not publish the April-May-June issue of the "Celmosa Clarion." We are happy to be able to send the little messenger forth again in the first part of this quarter for July-August-September.

President's Report, 1941-42

Socha, Boyacá, Colombia, S. A.

May 12, 1942.

Board of the Colombia Evangelical Luth. Mission, Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.

Dear Board Members and Mission Friends:

Greetings in the name of Jesus with Psalm 98:1.

Sing a new song. We are often so prone to keep on singing the same old song, the content of which generally is that all things are so tough and hopeless, or look so dark and impossible. Here we are told to sing a *new* song for a definite reason: for the Lord has done marvelous things.

I think that we all when we begin to look over the days gone by, see many things which the Lord has done so very well. Then we must admit that one reason that we do not see more is, no doubt, because we do not let Him work it out through us as He would.

We often look at it as though the work here amounts to so little. We desire to see an abundance of fruit, but then again we hope and trust that the Lord can see more than we can. And we praise Him because He *has* done marvelous things in saving those who have been really saved, because when we consider what these people come out from and must go through and put up with when they really

come out for Christ, we see that the salvation of a soul is marvelous. Hence, when several have been saved throughout the land we can truly say it in the plural: the Lord has done *marvelous things*.

I believe that we can accept the results of the recent presidential election as a move on the part of God in permitting it to turn out as it did, and we thank Him for it. The result was that one who had been president before was elected. He manifested much and did not so little when he was in office before which proved favorable to the gospel work. Some of that was laws passed giving more liberty, and that includes more liberty for gospel work and prohibits molesting, that is, that no one shall be permitted to molest at any meetings like those which we conduct. That is written in the book of laws and we all try to have a copy of it in some form. Then too, he did not so little in road building, which helps much in the traveling involved in this work. Let us thank God for it and humbly submit ourselves for Him to make and mould us as He would.

Let us continue to ask Him (the Lord) to lead so that the open door may remain open and be made use of. There is an open door before us as a Mission, you at home and we out here on the field. But the open door is not without responsibility. In making a rough estimate of the number of workers, both foreign and national, here in



Tame, on the plains of Casanare, where a national worker has been stationed, but now there is none. This group of believers are waiting for more workers. Our Missionaries can only make occasional journeys there. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest."

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CELMOSA CLARION

This little messenger, "Celmosa Clarion," is published quarterly for the information and edification of the friends of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America. The name, "Celmosa," is a word formed by taking the first letter of every word of the mission.

If you wish to become a prayer-helper in this mission for South America, and keep in touch with the work, let the editor, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont., hear from you so she can put your name on the mailing list. There is no certain subscription price—only as the Lord puts it on your heart to give.

LEST WE FORGET — REMEMBER:

That in order to obtain the best exchange rates on *personal gifts* sent directly to the missionaries in Colombia, bank drafts should always be used.

That all contributions to the mission should be sent in the form of postal money order, bank drafts or personal checks to the Treasurer, Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Montana. If your gifts are not acknowledged within ten days or two weeks, please notify same address so it can be traced.

Colombia we find that here are about 270. Then to divide the population according to the last census which was given at approximately 8½ million, by the 270 we see that there are more than 31 thousand per capita to reach with the gospel. How shall we be able to accomplish that? Some have accepted Christ, but the number that has not is so far greater that we cannot but say: "God, how long, and when shall they know Thee?"

We are happy that we can say that some has been accomplished in our field as the reports from the various stations will reveal. There have been eight adults and nine children, besides the missionaries' children, baptized since the first part of 1941. Some of them are in the Plains of Casanare and the others here in the interior. Others have manifested their desire to live for the Lord and have asked for baptism. We cannot read the hearts and minds, God can and does that perfectly well, yet we believe many of them are sincere. Our prayer is that they may come through for Christ in every respect. Do not forget them before the throne of grace.

There are now five schools for public school instruction in session besides the Bible Institute for boys or young men at Socha. Two of these schools are in Casanare. In those schools we have from 90 to 100 children who are under the influence of the gospel besides getting the secular education. Should it not be possible that God can glorify Himself through that group and also call forth some into His direct service? I firmly believe it and let us hold unto Him for that. Pray also for the national teachers. They have many trials and need our prayer-help.

Where those schools are conducted the teachers help with the Sunday School work. We aim to have it included in the agreement with them that where there is no Missionary stationed the national teacher is to be responsible for superintending the Sunday school. There are generally many children below school age who also attend the Sunday school, hence the number in attendance is greater than that of the day school. We admit that we often become much discouraged when we see the irregularity in attendance, but we cannot give up. It is interesting to see many of the youngsters being very capable to learn Bible verses and the other assignments they may have. Others need coaching.

At the two Institutes, for young men at Socha and young women at Soatá, we have a student at each. Some might ask why not have them at the same place. We see it advisable to have them separately, but if in the future we should see it otherwise changes can easily be made. The young man at Socha, as I mentioned in the report from there sent by way of the secretary, promises well for a future worker. As we see it, if we

are to have workers who are of our own view and doctrine it is preferable, yes advisable, to train them ourselves. Let this rest upon you and all the Christians at home in a powerful way while in your prayer-chambers.

We are thankful to God for the improvement in health of those of us who were suffering ailments. We find that there are many trials as to health here in the tropics which are not found at home. Hence, special care is often needed and we are thankful to God that it can be had, at times directly through prayer and at other times God works by way of medicine and diets. The missionaries' children are all well also except for colds at times. That is of great significance too on the field, some of us have experienced that. May these youngsters grow in favor and stature, wax strong, filled with wisdom, and having the grace of God upon them.

The ministering to the souls through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God is always given first place. Efforts are made to encourage the people to have their own Bible or at least the New Testament. Many of these have been sold. Then too, the spreading of the gospel is done by means of tract distribution. As we have said before, many of them are torn to pieces, but many are also read. May God be permitted to work through it all to accomplish His good will.

Then too, there is, it seems, always in all parts a certain amount of ministering to the sick which presents itself. Though not in the way of doctors or hospitals yet we try to attend to what is within our limits and in so doing avail ourselves of the opportunities which thus present themselves to minister to the souls which otherwise might not be reached.

Oh how helpless we feel, but we are happy that we have a share in the work and press on in faith, praying God, who is the Lord of the harvest, to give the growth as well as to bring forth the many more needed laborers in His harvest.

We are thankful to God for our devoted Board members both in the United States and Canada. We remember them all before the throne of grace daily. Likewise are we thankful for the many other prayer supporters in the various parts of the world. And also do we thank the Lord for each of the financial supporters of the past. We pray God's blessings upon all mentioned in this paragraph and upon all God's children in all parts of the earth. Our prayers go forth for our brethren in the areas where they feel the effects of the war in such definite ways. God knows about it all, may He in His infinite love and mercy rule or over-rule it all to His good pleasure.

In closing we greet you all with Heb. 6:10.

Yours for His cause in Colombia,
GERHARD OSTREM, *Chairman.*

Secretary's Report, 1941-42

To the Board of the Colombia Evangelical Luth. Mission and Friends in Conference:

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Another year has passed and we look back upon this year too, with gratitude and praise to our kind Heavenly Father who has watched over us and has given us grace and strength to continue in the battle.

We again report to you briefly concerning the work which has been done at the various stations.

Soatá

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."—Deut. 33:27.

When we look back upon another year of work at this station, it is with thanks to God for His everlasting arms that have been underneath us in all the ups and downs that a missionary experiences on the field.

This station was taken over by us when Mr. and Mrs. Galdámez left us the first of July last year. Due to ill health very little has been done in surrounding towns and districts, but we have tried to keep up the work at the station. This chiefly consists of services, Sunday School, and house visitation. The attendance at services varies as in all places, but we have felt a more open spirit for which we are thankful to God.

Some time ago a few of the believers requested to be baptized. A catechumen class was started, which has been held once a week. During the annual conference, which was in session here last week, one of these believers was baptized. The others will continue in the class for some time. This is the first adult baptism in Soatá.

The school opened again in February. It is mainly to help out children of believers and sympathizers. There are at present seven children.

This year the training school for teachers is also here. There is only one student. Both the training of this one as well as the school is the charge of Mrs. Salte.

So again we want to thank you all for intercession on our behalf and we have the confidence that you will also uphold us in the future.

ALVIDA AND TRYGVE SALTE.

El Cocuy

"Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth."—John 17:17.

How blessed to look back upon one more year of labor and to see the Word of God work and sanctify His people.

We have been battling on by faith, even if the enemy has tried to take our lives and to destroy the Lord's work.

Thousands of tracts have been given out over the mountains, plains, valleys and in the towns. Many Bibles, portions and books have been sold. Personal work has been done.

At Santa Ana the chapel was dedicated for the service on Easter Sunday, April 5th. A wonderful time was experienced. About one hundred people were present. We thank God for His word which is able to save and sanctify His people.

At El Cocuy we have continued with the regular services and they have been well attended. Last December we had three weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 18 children. Last February we opened the Day School again. We have an enrollment of 24 children; a Colombian teacher gives her full time to this work. Mrs. Larson also dedicates a part of her time to the teaching. Pray much for these children. Again we plead with you to pray for us.

ANDREW AND ALMA LARSON.

Socha

In the Socha field services and meetings have been conducted as regularly as possible both in the town and the surrounding territories. There are four places outside the town which have been served thus. Some souls have manifested their desire to be saved and have expressed their desire to receive baptism which will be given them after some study in preparation for it.

The school in Parpa, which is as the other schools chiefly to endeavor to give the children a Christian instruction, but also the secular education, is in session with a good enrollment of about thirty under the direction of a capable national teacher with Mr. Ostrem supervising it. The mission gives some financial aid towards this work.

In Socha proper the Bible Institute for boys is in session although there is but one student. However, he is a young man who appears to have possibilities of becoming a good worker among his fellow-countrymen in this land. He was baptized last year and has manifested his desire to prepare for the Lord's service. Last year his brother, though only about ten years of age, attended taking however only the early grade work since their parents desired to have them both in the Mission School. May the younger one also become a worker in the Lord's kingdom.

A report of the Casanare field has been given recently in the Celmosa Clarion, hence it will not be repeated in this report.

A civil and evangelical marriage was celebrated in Parpa last year by two of the members of the congregation. The whole Missionary family from Socha attended although the chapel is several hours on horseback out in the country. The judge also went there to give the civil ceremony, after which the Evangelical was given, both in the presence of a large audience. The groom reports much opposition from the priest while the arrangement for the civil was in process some time before the big day of the

occasion. However, the bride and groom are firm and were not bluffed nor frightened neither to recant nor to give up their wedding plans.

GERHARD & HELENE OSTREM.

Duitama

On December 23, 1941, Mr. and Mrs. Olger Quanrud opened a station in Duitama, Boyacá and about a month later was joined by Miss Helen Danielson.

Preparation of equipment of station takes some time. Here the necessary furniture was made by Mr. Quanrud which is always a slow and laborious task as lumber is not bought finished, as in the homeland.

So far the work done is mainly that of visitation and personal contacts, although services have begun.

We find that some problems confront us here as in other parts of this country, namely that of living down that which is said against us by the enemy.

We are looking to God in faith to accomplish His work through us, and we covet your intercession before the throne of grace on our behalf that His name be glorified, through the salvation of many people.

In Gospel bonds,

MR. & MRS. OLGER QUANRUD
and MISS H. DANIELSON.

As secretary on the field, I pass on the last thoughts and words expressed by our small group of missionaries in conference: *The need of more workers.* Colombia's door is open. She will have a President of the Liberal party for another term of four years. Now is the time to bring the Gospel to these people. If the Lord tarries, may we not have 25 workers by 1950, which we stated as our desire and prayer in our first annual report to you in 1938? Unitedly we will seek God to send them forth.

In closing we wish to thank you for your loyal support through prayer and material gifts. May the Lord's blessing be upon you all.

Yours for the lost in Colombia,

MRS. A. J. LARSON, *Secretary.*

"Come to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all;
In a full perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died."
In the service of the Master,
ALVIDA SALTE.

How much should a government, in exile and hounded by war with all its attendant evils, pay toward the support of its foreign Christian missions? Norway has broken all records in this respect by voting from its seat in London the sum of \$200,000 for this purpose.—*Wesleyan Missionary.*

"Get on fire, and people will come to see you burn."—*D. L. Moody.*

News from Home and Abroad

We have nothing definite as yet to report regarding homecoming of missionaries. If Larson can get his papers it appears that he and family will return for furlò this fall, and the Ostrem's later, according to later decisions on the field. Ostrem writes that they prefer to wait until they have served five years in Colombia, since he has conferred with other missionary leaders, and they seem to think it will be less difficult to gain re-entrance to Colombia without having to pay the required deposit fee, if they remain for that period of time.

According to a recent letter from Missionary Larson he states that they hope to be present at the Colombia Mission Conference to be held Sept. 23-27. The program for the Conference has therefore been planned accordingly, but things are so uncertain regarding passages, etc., these days that we do not know what tomorrow may bring. Yet we know that the Lord can open doors according to His will.

We rejoice and praise God for the invitation extended by the faithful friends of Salem Lutheran Church (Pilot Grove) and our dear Brother Sev. Gjerde, Elmore, Minn., to hold a four day Colombia Mission Conference in their midst. This will be the first Conference of its kind in the history of the Colombia Mission. Let us pray that the Lord will go before and prepare the way for a blessed meeting that many Christian lives may be rededicated to the Lord for His great work of evangelizing the world, and that sinners may find their way to the Cross. Let us also pray that many of the friends will find it possible to attend. These are days when we need to pray that the Lord will hold His hand upon our cars and tires for His service. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples." — John 15:7-8.

Here are a few excerpts from a recent personal letter from Saltes:

"We spent about a week in Occuy in May, and it was nice to meet with the Larsons, believers and others. We conducted six meetings while there. On Saturday afternoon about 15 believers from Santa Ana, a place up in the mountains, came down and stayed over Sunday. Sunday afternoon we had a testimony meeting for them. It was wonderful to hear these men and women, rescued from the path of sin and from a life in disgrace under the falsehood and bondage of Rome, testify about experienced grace and salvation. One old woman wanted to testify, but her son had told her she could not because she can not read. He meant well, but did not understand better. However, "gamle mor" could not keep silent. She was one of the first ones that got up and in a few words told that she was saved and wanted to serve the Lord. She quoted

the first verse of Psalm 23, but being unable to read it herself she got mixed up on the words. Nevertheless, she struck the spirit in the Psalm anyway for it was so sweet the way she said it. The first verse in Spanish is: 'Jehová es mi pastor, nada me faltará', but she said: 'Jehová es mi pastor y él me guardará', meaning 'The Lord is my shepherd and He keeps me.' — As you saw by the report sent home, we have decided to buy a place for burial ground here in Soatá, and that we allowed 100 pesos from the fund for that purpose. It may be difficult to get a piece of ground for that price when they find out what it is to be used for. Will you join us in prayer also about this, so it can be arranged and that God will lead us to the right persons to deal with? At times I almost tremble when some of the believers are sick in case it should be the last call and we have no place to lay them to rest. To get them into the cemetery involves Catholic burial and that would give the priest the last word and be no testimony to us. Now he tells the people that they cannot be Protestants for we have no place to bury them and that they would have to be cast out to the 'gribs'. A short time ago Alvida went to see a very sick woman, but she was already beyond reach because she was unconscious. Later Alvida took the servant along and went over with some food as they are poor, but as they came to the house the woman was dying and she passed away while they were there. She said it was so sad to witness the proceeding by the Catholics for a soul that was dying and already beyond reach. While Alvida was witnessing the death, superstition got the best of our servant girl, for she began to tug at Alvida and told her to get out of the death-room. It was all of concern for our baby, for they believe here that if a mother witnesses a death that the coldness from the dead body is carried by the mother to the child. How these people need Christ!"

We received the following lines from Myrtle Nordin the other day: "My dear friends: Jesus never fails! He is everywhere present. Have had most blessed times here in Mexico. Great open doors for the Gospel. Have never seen anything like it. The Holy Spirit's work because of His people. Going out to ranches all these days until we return to San Antonio next week. Am going to Medicine Lake Conference, but cannot stay North very long. So glad for the new workers who came to San Antonio after we left for Mexico. God bless you all."

The strength of the vessel can be demonstrated only by the hurricane, and the power of the Gospel can be fully shown only when the Christian is subjected to some fiery trial. If God would make manifest the fact that "He giveth songs in the night," He must first make it night. — *William Taylor.*

The Women of Colombia

Two sweet little girls attend our day school. Elisa is 5½ years, Cecelia is 7. They are good little girls and in their big bright eyes we read purest innocence. Little do they realize the wicked snares that will be laid out for them in the future. May they, by God's grace, ever be sheltered from them.

The women of Colombia are not a fortunate lot. Especially the lower class, and they are by far the majority. The conditions described here refer especially to this class. Not that they are not found among the higher class, but as a rule they are not.

It is truly pathetic to see how the girls in their early teens are ensnared by the evil one. The childhood days slip by so fast, the girlhood days are hardly known. The sweet sixteen are rare specimens. At the age of 14 or 15 they must have sweethearts and think about marriage. One mother just recently came to us and told us about her girl. She is 14 years and plans to be married. The mother in her disgust came to us wondering what she could do to evade the realization of this early marriage. Another girl we know well, now 16, is on the verge of marrying a man 42 years old.

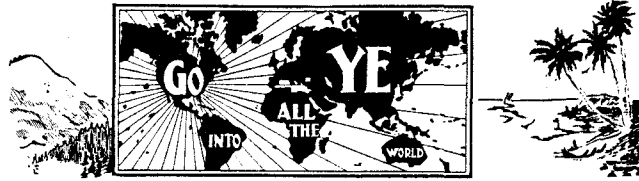
What is even more pathetic are the many, many unmarried mothers. One of our inquirers here is an unmarried mother of four children. One time in speaking of the two girls we have with us here in our house she said, "Watch your girls, don't let them go out alone, for from every side they are watched. I'm talking from experience. A miserable life, now I'm left alone with four children not knowing from where shall come the bread that I need for them for the morrow." Many, many like her can tell the same story.

Thinking, for instance, of the country women, what slaves they are! They serve as the beast of burden. The lazy proud man walks listlessly besides her empty handed. On market days as the evening draws nigh we often watch the folk as they start the homeward trail. It is a common scene to see the man so drunk that the woman must steady him along. If he has gotten into a scrap, which is also a common thing, she is the peacemaker. A little, weeping innocent child stands by wondering what it's all about. Tucked away in the arms of the mother is another little being who must share the miseries of such a pitiful life.

It is a common statement here that the women are more fanatical than the men. This is very true. If it is anyone the priests have in their power it is the women. We realize more than ever a benighted Colombia. The darkest shadow cast from the Catholic Church has fallen upon the woman. What shame and degradation!

When you pray for Colombia will you not in a special way also remember these many unfortunate ones that many of them may heed the invitation?

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The Colombia Mission Conference

It was with joy in our hearts that we returned home from attending the first conference of the Colombia Mission. The Lord was truly present with His Spirit and gave us a gracious time of refreshing as we had fellowship one with another about His blessed Word, prayer, praise and testimony, considering God's great plan for our lives, that of world evangelization.

There appears to be very little true Christian hospitality left in these days, and how refreshing it is, therefore, to find a Christian group like the one in Salem Lutheran Church near Elmore, Minnesota, together with Pastor Gjerde and his wife who still have this Christian virtue in abundant measure. We who were their guests those days shall always cherish the memory of their kindness and generosity — all so undeserved on our part, but all are "blessings of His love divine." God bless each one of you and may He, "the Giver of every good and perfect gift," return it to you in rich spiritual blessings in the form of saved souls both in your own midst as well as in South America.

When our gatherings are centered about the bringing of the Gospel to others, we truly experience spiritual blessings before undreamed of. Continually reaching out to those who have never heard, was always the impelling motive of the apostolic church, and only as we are willing to put world evangelization first on our program as Christians can we expect God's blessing upon our own lives.

We had several spirit-filled witnesses in our midst, among them Professor M. E. Sletta, Pastors Gisselquist, Gjerde, Ostrem, and Sand, Missionary Weinhardt and Evangelist Philip Hansen. The afternoon Bible studies conducted by Prof. Sletta of the Fergus Falls Bible School were a real blessing to our souls, as were also the evening evangelistic services conducted by Pastor Gisselquist and others. Rather than crowding too many of these wonderful messages into this one issue, we shall spread them out into several later issues of the "Celmosa Clarion" so we can all be blessed by them throughout the days to come.



Missionary Gerhard Ostrem on his way to bring the Gospel to hungry souls over the mountains in Colombia. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation"—Isaiah 52:7.

In another place in this issue we have attempted to give a few high points from one of Sletta's Bible studies.

Missionary E. R. Weinhardt, home on furlough with his family from Bolivia, South America, spoke Friday afternoon and depicted the moral and spiritual degradation existing in Bolivia as well as in all of South America and Latin American countries in general. This is all due to the absence of the Gospel light thru the Word of God. He said that in the city of La Paz, with a population of 150,000 one cannot buy a Bible. People live in open sins of adultery, stealing and lying. Pastor Weinhardt also pictured the illiteracy and the oppression of the Indians in Bolivia. They make up 75 per cent of the population of Bolivia and have not had a single right for four centuries under the Roman yoke. What a challenge he brought us to bring the Gospel to the Neglected Continent. We were so happy that Pastor Weinhardt found it possible to be with us as a representative from missionary work in South America, since Missionary Larsons could not reach home in time for this conference. May the Lord continue to richly

bless him and all the workers in Bolivia.

We were also happy to have in our midst a representative from the Mexican work in San Antonio, Texas, namely Miss Aileen Lindahl, who brought greetings from Miss Nordin and the other workers in that field, and also gave a personal testimony of how the Lord had definitely led her into this work, and what joy she found in thus serving the Master. Through this faith work many souls have been saved both in Texas and Mexico, a congregation of believers has sprung up in San Antonio, and a Bible School was built last year for the training of Mexican young people to become Christian workers among their own people. Miss Lindahl read Psalm 111 as a greeting from Miss Nordin. Let us uphold all these workers in prayer and we shall also, by His grace, share in the harvest of souls if we are faithful.

Several volunteers for the field in Colombia were also present and brought us ringing testimonies of their joy in Christ and their prospects of serving Him in the mission in South America. One of these was Kaleb Sunwall who brought us some wonderful messages in song, accompanied by Geraldine Mandsager. How the simple Gospel songs can lift our hearts when coming from consecrated hearts. Others who brought us blessing by their testimony in song were Mr. and Mrs. Askeland, Misses Ihle and Askeland, and a Spanish number, sung by Pastors Weinhardt and Sand and Miss Lindahl. Spanish is rated as one of the most beautiful languages of the world and we believe it is. What a wonderful day that will be when we, together with the redeemed from every tribe and tongue and nation, shall sing praise to the Lamb, who alone is "worthy to receive the power and riches, wisdom and might, and honor and glory and blessing." (Rev. 5:12.) Oh, dear Brother and Sister, doesn't it stir you to the bottom of your heart that we, sinners saved by His marvelous grace, have been given the glorious privilege of bringing this Gospel to the ends of the earth, a privilege that angels would covet? "Lord, stir us, Give us

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CELMOSA CLARION

This little messenger, "Celmosa Clarion," is published quarterly for the information and edification of the friends of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America. The name, "Celmosa," is a word formed by taking the first letter of every word of the mission.

If you wish to become a prayer-helper in this mission for South America, and keep in touch with the work, let the editor, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont., hear from you so she can put your name on the mailing list. There is no certain subscription price—only as the Lord puts it on your heart to give.

LEST WE FORGET — REMEMBER:

That in order to obtain the best exchange rates on *personal gifts* sent directly to the missionaries in Colombia, bank drafts should always be used.

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prayerful haste, To tell the world, whate'er the cost."

Saturday morning at nine o'clock the Board members and friends gathered for a blessed season of prayer, led by Pastor M. H. Sand, and at ten o'clock the annual business of the Colombia Mission Corporation opened, this being a continuation of the annual meeting held June 18th. This meeting continued throughout the entire day, with a noon recess at which time the women of the church again served us a fine lunch, gratis. The Lord bless them all.

It was good to feel that we had plenty of time to discuss the various matters pertaining to the future welfare of the mission. It was decided that the by-laws of the constitution of the Mission be amended to the effect that the number of board members be reduced from 12 or 18, as it now reads, to 7, and also that the annual meeting be held at any time between the dates of September 1 and November 30 in any state in the Union. Let us pray about these matters and come to the next annual meeting prepared to vote for or against. A copy of these amendments will be published in a later issue of the "Celmosa Clarion" and the time and place of the next annual meeting will also be announced later. Remember that all praying and contributing friends of the Colombia Mission are members of the corporation.

All reports from Colombia as well as the treasurer's and auditing committee's reports were read, but had already been accepted at the June meeting. A letter written to the Colombia Mission Conference by Gerhard Ostrem, the chairman of the committee in Colombia, was read, and brought new challenges from the field to us in the homeland to be faithful in praying and giving as the Lord puts on our hearts.

The following were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for a term of three years: Prof. M. E. Sletta, Pastor J. O. Gisselquist, Prof. Paul Nyholm and Mrs. T. L. Sand. We are happy that Prof. Nyholm of the Danish Lutheran Seminary of Blair, Nebraska, finds it possible to serve the Colombia Mission in this capacity, for we know he is a very busy man. He is the first one of our Danish brethren to serve on the board. His keen interest in the evangelization of South America is manifested in an article, "South America is Calling," which appeared last year in one of the publications of the Danish Luth. Church. The article will also be printed in the next issue of the "Clarion."

At three o'clock in the afternoon the annual meeting was adjourned and the friends continued with a testimony meeting led by Pastor Gjerde in the church auditorium, while the board of directors proceeded to the basement where a meeting was held and important matters were prayerfully considered.

From among the members of the

board of directors, the following officers were elected for a term of one year: President, Pastor J. O. Gisselquist; Vice Presidents, Pastors Evald J. Conrad and B. Ostrem; Secretary, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand; Treasurer, Mr. Thos. L. Sand. This constitutes the executive committee. The advisors elected for one year are: Prof. M. E. Sletta and Mr. H. C. Kallevig.

There were several applications from volunteers for the field to consider, and the Lord gave much joy and liberty in the Spirit in accepting the applications of Miss Ella Heerde, of 3501 23rd Avenue South, Moline, Illinois, who last year completed a medical missionary course at Toronto, Canada; and Mr. Arnfeld Morck, a student at the Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Blair, Nebraska. We know that the Lord of the Harvest, who has Himself called these consecrated young people into the whitened fields of South America in answer to the prayers of God's people, will supply their every need and send them forth to join the staff of workers in Colombia, who long have waited for more reinforcements.

Another application which was favorably considered was that of Kaleb Sunwall of Homestead, Mont., but the board found it necessary to defer decision, due to the fact that the doctors have told him he has a heart ailment, because of which he is advised not to go into the high altitudes of South America. However, if the Lord wants him in Colombia, as he himself feels so definitely (and truly we covet such a consecrated young man for the field) then He is able to heal him, or as Kaleb says, that the Lord may glorify Himself in his weakness as He so often has done. Mission history often proves to us that the weak in body have often been mightily used of the Lord. James Hudson Taylor, founder of the great China Inland Mission, was very weak and frail throughout his childhood and youth, often subject to illness, yet the Lord used him to found one of the world's greatest foreign missions and labored over a long period of years in China under extremely difficult circumstances and conditions. So let us pray for Brother Kaleb that the Lord will have His way and we, as a board, may be guided by Him in our decisions.

Sunday preaching services were conducted by Pastor Gisselquist, and we hope to print his sermon in a later issue. The friends in Salem had made known the desire that an offering be lifted for the work in Colombia at this service and thus a gift exceeding \$200 was realized for the fund by this small group of faithful friends and supporters of the Mission. We do praise the Lord for this great gift and each one who had a share in it. Funds are never solicited for this work, but the Lord moves hearts and so this work can go on and increase to the glory of God and the salvation of souls over there.

MRS. THOS. L. SAND, Sec'y.

Partakers of Christ

We are become partakers of Christ if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. Hebr. 3:14.

We are partakers of Christ. If we could become partakers of the riches of Henry Ford people would consider us fortunate, but here is something greater. There are many passages in the New Testament where it says we are partakers of Christ. So in II Cor. 8:9 we read: For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that we, through His poverty might become rich.

While serving as pastor in Norway I knew a man who wanted to build a new house and for this purpose asked to borrow money at the bank. The banker told him to get three men to sign his note, and he would get the needed sum of money. The man got one signature, and went back to the banker, who said: "You may borrow all the money you need on that one name," for he was a man of means. So it is with Christ. We can ask in His Name for the riches of His grace are ours.

When we came to Christ as lost and hopeless sinners, we received more than we asked. It was with us as with a man in Norway who was owing a store-keeper quite a sum of money. He knew he had nothing with which to pay, so one day the merciful merchant forgave him the whole debt, and not only that, but he also gave him a sum of money besides on which he could get a new start in life. So it is with every sinner that comes to Christ. God not only forgives us our sins, but makes us partakers of the riches of His grace.

The Lord has nothing on which to start when He creates a new man in Christ Jesus. He does not reform the old nature, but creates a new nature in His own image. The old nature continues to be a suffering to the Christian, and what a glorious day it will be when we shall be free from it, yes, entirely free from the presence of sin.

We are partakers of Christ if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. What is our confidence? The Word of God — His promises. That is what gave us confidence to come to God and believe that our sins were forgiven. That Word holds. We may have confidence in it until the end.

We are not only partakers of the riches of His grace, but in I Peter 4:13 we read: "We are partakers of Christ's sufferings. The world hates us and this has been manifested throughout the ages. Even in this day persecution of Christians goes on to the extent of taking their lives.

We have the privilege as Christians to share in His sufferings for the salvation of the world. Suffering out of love for souls is what we Christians need more than all else today. Moses

chose rather to die with his people than to become a great nation himself. When Israel sinned he identified himself with them, interceding for their salvation. John Knox had the same love, for he said: "Give me Scotland or I die." Oh, if we all had such zeal for mission work and the salvation of the lost!

The Lord puts special burdens on different ones of His people, so He burdens some especially for China, some for South America, some for Colombia in particular and others for Bolivia in particular. And so He works through many different groups here and there in order to glorify Himself and save souls in many ways and directions. Let us bear the special burden the Lord has put on our hearts that He may glorify Himself in and through our lives, for Jesus wants to share His love and concern for the lost with His saved ones.

—Bible Study by Prof. Sletta at Mission Conference.

Prayer Requests

That the Lord will, out of His abundant riches in Christ Jesus, supply every need of Missionary Larson and family while home on furlough. Pray that many doors may be open for them to speak of the work in Colombia, and that God's people through these messages may be blessed and challenged.

That the Lord will keep Colombia's door open for missionary work, as well as all of Latin America.

That the Lord will graciously protect His servants in Duitama and give them grace to suffer persecution for the sake of the Gospel with joy, knowing that the spirit of glory and the spirit of God resteth upon them. I Peter 4:14.

Let us these dark days "bear one another's burdens" as a Colombia Mission family. Many of the faithful intercessors and supports of the mission have loved ones in the service of our country. Let us pray for the salvation of the souls of the young men in the armed forces and that the Lord will give Christian fortitude and grace to the loved ones in this dark hour. The Hand of the Lord is heavy upon us. How we need to humble ourselves and identify ourselves as Christians with our nation, confessing sins and pleading God's mercy. Let us pray definitely for a revival over our beloved country, as well as over South America.

Mail service to Colombia is extremely slow and uncertain these days, taking as much as three months to reach the field. We must therefore again remind the friends in the homeland to send all their letters via air-mail. Even though all letters are now censored, air-mail reaches the field in a week or ten days.

Come and Help

"And they beckoned unto their partners in the other boats that they should come and help." Luke 5:7.

This is a beautiful story of how the apostles on Christ's Word threw out the net and received a marvelous drought.

When the Board granted us our furlough we thought it would be necessary to go home and present the needs of South America to the many friends. It would, however, have been easier to have saved ourselves from much traveling so far with two small children. Yet we are glad we have reached home safely and that we now can beckon to you, friends, to draw in the net, which we have, by God's grace, been able to set out in Colombia. You may be along and draw in this net by the means of which the Lord is reminding you.

The door for evangelizing South America is open today as never before in the history of the continent. One can travel all day in the Andes mountains on horseback without finding one that knows that his name is written in the Book of Life. You may think that the lost souls just receive you with joy, but such is not the case. They will rise up against you in their ignorance, talk evil about you, burn the Bible, tear the tracts and stone your station. Yet the love of Christ within us is able to win their confidence and some will come and listen to the Word, which is able to save their souls from Satan's power and hell. Thank God, that after these five years of labor we have seen miracles of His grace wrought in hearts over there, and He is able to keep them and bring them to sing in that glorious choir among the great white-robed throng.

For this reason we have come thousands of miles in packed trains, on the awfully hot river boat, in the crowded plane, and in cities, with two small children, keeping their parents day and night to protect them and satisfy them when they cried.

May the Lord help you, when He speaks, to answer, as Samuel of old: "Lord speak, thy servant heareth."

ANDREW AND ALMA LARSON
AND CHILDREN,
222 Vasa Avenue E.,
Fergus Falls, Minnesota.



Missionary and Mrs. Andrew J. Larson and children, Naomi and Baby Daniel. Taken in Duitama, Boyacá, Colombia September 5, 1942

"When Foreigners Meet"

"When foreigners meet" has been our experience over and over since coming to Duitama. Many a time we have to almost pinch ourselves to see if we are not back in the dear U.S.A. again.

A car just drove up with a handsome young man and woman in it. A knock at the door. Yes, we are the Americans. Well we are Germans (spoke English fluently). Happy minutes followed. They had come to inform us that fifteen days before they had moved to Duitama. And were here to become acquainted.

This afternoon Phoebe (Mrs. Quanrud) and I were invited out to tea. Yes at home of some more foreigners — Jewish refugees. How at home we felt. No, we were not the only ones present. Mrs. — had invited five other Jewish refugee women and the lady referred to above also for the afternoon. Sitting there in the coziest little home with the most elaborate furniture we began to wonder if we were at some wealthy home back with you. We eagerly listened as they told us about their departure from their homeland. We were told how they were not permitted to take not even one cent with them but other things were not forbidden so those that had money brought their home furnishings, etc., and too, other things that could be used in business. This accounted for their very elaborate homes and furnishings. Last but not least, our coffee — nothing was lacking. It was indeed a treat to all of us. Get together such as these are rare out here in our work. But perhaps shall not be so rare in our Duitama work. Several times now we have been together for an afternoon. We have amongst us here between 20 and 30 Jewish refugees. They receive us with wide open arms. And as we continue to mingle with them it is our prayer that Christ will be welcomed with just as open a reception. These gatherings and also our welcome into their homes at any time give us wonderful open doors to bring the Gospel to them.

Another night — A rap at the door — Who's there? Your German friend. No time was wasted to get to the door to welcome in a young man whom we had a bit earlier met. Now he was here to have supper with us. We sat in rapt attention as he unfolded unto us his life story. Fifteen years now he had spent in Colombia. (He too told us all this in English.) He spoke of his S. S. days and said "I'm a Protestant too." But we soon began to realize he was not a child of God. Nevertheless he has not missed a single service since coming to Duitama. We enjoy his visits often. He is not to stay here indefinitely, for he is just here on business. But we have enjoyed acquaintance with him and God has been mightily working in his heart.

Next door to us we have found a dear neighbor. They were not slow to inform us that the husband was a

cousin of the President-elect of Colombia.

But not all we come in contact with are so friendly and dear to us. Duitama is very fanatical and we feel it from right to left. But this is to be expected so we don't let this bother us. Opportunities and surprises we find as each day goes by. What a thrill to go just as the Lord leads.

Thus far our work has included mostly visitation work, with services every Sunday. Not putting too great a stress on the services as yet. Some times we wish we could go faster but by the old and experienced on the field we are advised to go slowly and especially so in having public meetings. Already we realize it cannot be otherwise. It is wonderful to see God work as we wait for Him.

We are rejoicing as elections have passed and again a liberal president has been elected. This means at least four more years of Gospel work in Colombia. It was a day never to be forgotten here, and too, a day we hope we shall never see again. A bloody day it was. People were clubbed to the ground before our very eyes. How thankful we should be for the freedom in our land. One can never imagine the price the dear people must pay here to gain theirs. Many a man has to give his life for it.

Because of this election a great and open door as never before stands before us. "If Jesus Christ be God and died for us, then no sacrifice can be too great for us to make for Him," to enter the door before us.

May we therefore pray: "Take my life and let it be; a hidden cross revealing Thee."

Oh friends, pray for us who have entered the door. May we, with you, lift up the Christ that souls may be drawn to him. There are big things ahead. Join with us. You must be our right hand.

God bless you.

HELEN DANIELSON.

Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.—John 4:35.

Praise the Lord:

That our dear missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. Andrew Larson and family arrived safely at Mrs. Larson's home at Fergus Falls, Minnesota on October 21st after a strenuous journey.

For the gracious time of refreshing we experienced at the First Colombia Mission Conference.

For the two new workers that have been accepted by the Board and are willing to go out to the field in Colombia.

Never let a day pass without at least a quarter of an hour spent in study of the Bible.

From the New Station At Duitama

A month or two ago while reading the Bible, Isaiah 26:20 seemed to hold a definite message for us, as it fits into our circumstances perfectly and therefore blessed our souls. We took it as the Word of the Lord directly to us. Here is what we read: "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment until the indignation be overpast." This comforting Word came to us when the first wave of persecution reached its height and we, so to speak, were the center of attraction, the topic of the sermons at the Roman church, our house being the target for stone and mud throwing. For two months stones have been thrown every night and occasionally during the day. Orders had been given not to sell us any food, water or light.

Some of you perhaps wonder why we should stay where there is so much opposition. However, the fact is that if we were to work only in places where there is no opposition, little work would be done in this land. We have the assurance that God sent us here, so we can claim all that we need. In Christ we have all authority, for Jesus said to His disciples: "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth — go ye therefore."

From the very beginning of our work here we have seen that God would have us wait for His guidance and to let Him present the opportunities for serving this people. So far we have only one preaching service a week with an occasional mid-week Bible study.

Since the opposition has increased, several persons have called to express their regrets. Among them were two of the city officials, who offered their services if they are needed.

In various ways we have seen that God is fighting for His cause. There are very few saved souls in this city of approximately 4,000 inhabitants. Very few have the Bible (a New Testament was sold to one of the city officials), much less having the saving knowledge of the Word and knowing Christ as their personal Savior. God will save souls in Duitama and we pray for wisdom and spiritual discernment as He ministers to souls through us.

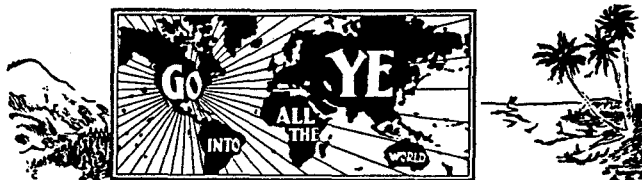
The door for Gospel work is open in Colombia today. May many heed God's call to go forth, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Yours in Gospel Bonds,

PHOEBE and OLGER QUANRUD.

In the south of Wales, shortly before the great revival, three hundred extra prayer groups were formed. Wales became as one great prayer meeting. Within two months seventy thousand turned to God.

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Miss Ella Heerde

of Calvary Lutheran Church (Augustana Synod), Moline, Illinois, is our new worker. She was scheduled to sail from New Orleans on a Chilean line, February 3rd, but was delayed, and had to return to Chicago, as the Lord had another plan for her. She writes from Chicago, February 12th, as follows:

"Greetings with Psalm 91. I am now waiting for permit to enter Colombia. It is obtained from the Minister of Foreign Relations in Bogota, though the Colombian Consul here in Chicago, where I had to appear in person and present all the necessary documents, seemed well satisfied with them. Therefore I believe I will receive the permit in due time. This I must have before the visa can be granted. There is so much red tape to contend with these days.

"I am now living at the Scandinavian Alliance Mission Home here in Chicago, and will sail with two of their missionaries approximately February 24th (the exact date cannot be revealed). We will be together as far as Puerto Wilches and there someone from our mission will meet me. I am assured that these arrangements too are of God. Truly, He cares for His own.

"We were so happy to have had Pastor Gisselquist and Missionary Larson with us in Moline. God used both of them in definite ways, and we were richly blessed through their ministry.

"As I have been delayed in sailing, these many experiences have brought me much closer to my Master. I praise Him for His revelation of Himself which comes only when self is crucified and Christ lives in us. It is with great joy and anticipation that I am looking forward to South America to tell the many, many souls who are still bound in that darksome prison house of sin that 'Jesus saves.' My, what a glorious sound and what a blessed privilege to 'Go tell' at Christ's own command.

"The Lord provided so abundantly for my needs for outfit and passage—some over \$1200. Praise His Holy Name! My heart can't praise Him enough. 'Yesterday He loved me, Today—He's just the same. How long

will this continue? *Forever*, praise His Name!"

In Him, ELLA HEERDE."



MISS ELLA HEERDE

Must the Harvest Be Lost?

Perhaps you have all discovered by now that vacation months, November, December and January here, are often our most rushed months and that means correspondence neglected.

It is with shame, I begin answering my Christmas mail the last part of January. But this year has been no exception.

Since the middle of November, I have had very few days in Duitama. Returned for Christmas but with preparations for following weeks awaiting, we hardly knew it was Christmas.

Two days ago, we again returned to our post of labor, tired, but rejoicing in the Lord.

November 16th a group of us left Duitama, Soatá bound, to attend a Child Evangelism Conference for ten days. We were represented by almost all denominations at work in Colombia. And spent blessed days at the feet of our Lord receiving new visions of our great responsibility and privileges that are ours in our work among the youth of this land. A child evangelism worker was secured as our instructor and we spent blessed days together.

From here, our teacher, together with Mrs. Ostrem and myself, left for Cocuy where we began to give out of the many riches we had received. Daily vacation Bible school was conducted for a week together with evangelistic services at night. We spent a blessed week in Cocuy.

The following week found Mrs. Ostrem and myself again preparing ourselves for continued journeys. This time to Santa Anna, a country work out over the mountains from Cocuy. Six hours by horseback brought us to their door. Happy to get off our horses, especially myself, as it was my first experience on a horse, we were warmly welcomed at a believer's home. The hard bed felt good. (Don't find springs in your bed in Colombia.) We were awakened now and then by the fleas that we no doubt had taken with us from the dirt floor in our bedroom. (You may ask, Is that the kind of houses we find in Colombia? Yes, we find many such houses, but too, the most modern. South America is a land of contrasts. One can wake up in an air-conditioned room of a modern hotel, and before noon be in an almost unexplored jungle. One moment we could be in a modern home, while the next moment we could be in a little old 'dobe house. Both modes of living we meet constantly, even though they are a century apart in progress. The jungles and mountains are still here, but so are the modern buildings. Mules are still essential, but the streets too are lined with automobiles, especially in the larger cities.) Morning found us rested and eager to meet the shining faces that awaited us, to begin our day of school. We spent a blessed week here with around 40 enrolled. Perhaps our greatest encouragement here was our evening services which we conducted every night. After having worked in a place like Duitama for a while, it was indeed a treat to visit a place like Santa Anna, where it seemed they drank in every word. One evening we were almost floored when over 50 souls came forward desiring to find peace with the Lord. The work in Santa Anna has gone forward in a wonderful way. Perhaps five years ago, a colporteur went throughout this mountainous territory selling the word of God. Bibles were

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This little messenger, "Celmosa Clarion," is published quarterly for the information and edification of the friends of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America. The name, "Celmosa," is a word formed by taking the first letter of every word of the mission.

If you wish to become a prayer-helper in this mission for South America, and keep in touch with the work, let the editor, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont., hear from you so she can put your name on the mailing list. There is no certain subscription price—only as the Lord puts it on your heart to give.

LEST WE FORGET — REMEMBER:

That in order to obtain the best exchange rates on personal gifts sent directly to the missionaries in Colombia, bank drafts should always be used.

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sold, and people began to read them. Two men in Santa Anna were among them. Under cover of course. This continued until five men got together to read and study the Word. A couple years later this territory was visited by John Galdamez and Andrew Larsen while out on an evangelistic tour. The interest of this group grew as they heard and continued to read. A while later Rev. and Mrs. Larsen began a work in Cocuy, and these precious souls were among some of the first to come in to see them. To make a long story short, today we find in Santa Anna a fine group of believers. Often these dear souls walk in these many miles to Cocuy to hear the word of God. And, too, our workers in Cocuy visit them as often as time permits. Last year this group built themselves a chapel, and hope some day to have someone assist them in their great task. We almost hated to leave them when our week was up. But Christmas with its activities was calling us so we were homeward bound once again.

New Year's day found us in quite another part of Colombia. Mrs. Ostrem was again to have joined me but her little "Ruthie" became very ill, so was compelled to return to her home again. But as our plans were made, I went on with a Colombian girl.

We arrived at Socha to end the old year and were met again with horses to go forth to Mousa, another country work out about 6 hours by horse. Again we had a blessed week with the children, about 20 in number and with the adults at night. We found a different spirit here, one that we often find at home, the believers came but forgot their neighbors. So after a couple evenings of evangelistic meetings we switched over and began preaching to the believers, and had a blessed time. By the time we closed we were very pleased.

From here we left over the mountains again to another country work at Parpa, about 4 hours ride. A nationalistic spirit has more or less crept into the work there. So we knew we were not wanted, but because of the great number of children in this territory, we left on the invitation of the national pastor. In Parpa we have a school of 35 children. We arrived on Saturday night just before a pouring rain that continued night and day for half of the week. Sunday morning we went forth to begin our school. Only about 10 were present. But the ice broke immediately. These 10 went forth and at night we had 25 out in this pouring rain for an evening service. We knew a blessed week was before us. Monday's class greeted us with 25 present; Tuesday, 53; Wednesday, 66; Thursday, 77, and we closed with 82 enrolled. A greater interest we found nowhere. Evening services were equally as encouraging. By Wednesday night we were awakened at midnight by the most beautiful music. The young men had gathered to serenade us. I didn't know what it was all about, had never had

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any experience like this before in Colombia. But was told in the morning, "That's the way we show you our love." So we were not disappointed. When we left they begged us to return, and they meant it. How the Lord works in ways past finding out!

As we could not catch a bus back to Socha until the next afternoon, our national pastor wanted us to go with him to another group of believers out about another hour's ride from Parpa. So we left Saturday morning by mule-back again and conducted another service before we got on our bus to leave for Socha.

We were indeed tired as the trip came to a close, but in perfect health and rejoicing for the blessed days we had been privileged to spend with these precious souls.

These country districts are calling us. Many are the souls but where are the laborers? Our men visit these places as often as possible but strength and time just cannot reach. In February or March Mr. Ostrem leaves again for a month's visit throughout these mountains and plains. These continued trips are our only means of reaching these multitudes until more laborers come forth. Oh, friends, how can we stand by and see these souls going on to a Christless grave?

The harvest beckons before us day after day. Look on the fields for they are white already unto harvest. We become impatient with our inability to reap the harvest fields, but our physical endurance has its limits. In the meantime souls go on to eternity, without Christ. Yes, the fields are white unto harvest. Shall they be lost? Must Christ also say, HARVEST LOST?

HELEN DANIELSON.

Tract and Bible Distribution

Greetings from Isaiah 35:1-5. This is a wonderful promise, and we are claiming it for Colombia. Here in Duitama it is also dry, spiritually speaking, but we have seen God work in hearts that will let Him.

A student (national) that was employed by the mission for a few months during his vacation made a trip to two towns nearby. In this trip he sold 122 portions of Scripture and distributed about 800 tracts. In this city of Duitama we have sold nine New Testaments and five Bibles and some portions of Scripture. We have also started a mid-week Bible study class. It is a joy to share the Word with those who will listen, but a sad thing to see the thousands who will have nothing to do with Christ as Savior. They have put their trust in wood and stone, also in their good works for salvation.

Pray much for these people who are bound by the chains of darkness and who know nothing of the freedom which is in Christ.

Yours in Gospel bonds,
PHOEBE and OLGER QUANRUD.

News from Home and Abroad

Missionary Andrew Larson is at present conducting evangelistic meetings in various Lutheran churches, and as the Lord opens the doors, he is also presenting the needs of Colombia.

Missionary Ostrem and family are now at the station in El Cocuy, taking Larson's place while they are home on furlo. In a letter from him to the Board members we quote in part: "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. Rev. 21:6. — We are located in El Cocuy now since Larsons left on their furlo. We did not like to leave our former field unless someone could take our place. Glad to inform that we have hopes of getting a man to do some work there. In one of the districts the interest was, so to speak, just awakening to where it was possible to accomplish something. Without any hard pressure of any kind, but simply making it clear to them the urgent need of salvation, some fine young boys made known their desire to accept Christ and His Word at one of our last meetings in that district. Two other young men used to walk in to Socha, about five hours' walk, to spend a day with us, taking classes in Bible study. It was almost like leaving my parental home to leave those dear friends. It was hard to leave the others too, realizing we were leaving them almost as sheep without a shepherd. I expect to go back there for the closing of the school. Hope to see the new worker from the western part of Colombia too then. — We must have more workers soon. Some time ago the missionaries on the field agreed to pray for 25 workers by the end of our first ten years of work here. May they come soon! The need for more workers is so great that the people in the homelands cannot realize it. — We expect to celebrate the first civil marriage in the history of Cocuy soon. A couple who has accepted the Gospel was here last week to make their solicitation to the judge to that effect. It likely will mean persecution for them and us, but God will see us through. Generally the R.C. and its followers try to avoid such a marriage, but we are glad the law of the land approves such a marriage. Pray with us for this couple, and also that this will serve to advance the Gospel since it can show the people that the evangelicals and non-Catholics can celebrate marriages in a very legal way. — Yours in the Lord Jesus, Gerhard Ostrem."

Through a very generous gift from our dear brother and building contractor, Mr. Elling Halvorson and wife, of Billings, Mont., it has been made possible to begin a building fund out on the field. What a joy to our dear workers who thus far have been housed in rented quarters and have often had to move during these years.

Let us join in praying that this fund may increase, so we may soon see the day that each station has a building of its own. God is able.

Idol Worship in Colombia

Excerpts from a personal letter from the Saltes at Soatá:

"It is true that the devil tries to hinder those who work in the homelands, but I think it is still more true about the worker on the foreign field. Here he attacks us mentally, physically and spiritually. How blessed under all circumstances that we have a great God, and by Him we shall more than conquer. But how we need to be upheld on the arms of prayer by the friends at home, that we may not become slothful and indifferent. — The last few months we have felt the workings of Satan as never before here in Soatá. The priest is preaching against us all the time. Just a short time ago a woman asked Alvida if we were molested much. Alvida said, 'Not openly, but in secret.' Then the woman said: 'I don't go to *misa* any more for all the priest preaches about is you folks, and it is not right nor fair.' This was a woman that is a Catholic. She has never been inside of our door, to say nothing of attending our meetings, but even she thought it was going too far. I told in my last letter that some took their stand during the Evangelism Course that we had here in November. One couple has been coming faithfully ever since, and here the other night they were chased out of their house because they came to the services at the station. The man came to one of the believers and said they were thrown out on the street. The believer opened his home to them which was more than full before. Now there are three families with 12 children in a little three room house with an earth floor. The three families using the same kitchen which is a shed of old tin plates, the two wives making the meals on some stones on a shelf made from a large flat stone. The third one cooks between some stones on the floor or the ground. What saves the situation is that they are used to living in cramped quarters.

"There was much life in town Christmas eve. In the forenoon a big statue of the Virgin, newly erected on the mountain top above town, was dedicated. We, of course, did not go up there, but we could see it all from our balcony and could even hear most of the speech that the priest made. All forenoon people were climbing the mountainside beside the hundreds that followed the procession that started out from the church. Here is some of what the priest said: 'The Virgin was born without sin. All the faithful that today before this holy monument prays and says in his ejaculatory that the Virgin Mary was conceived without sin will have thirty days of true indulgence. From today and hereafter remains this holy monument inaugurated and given to the service of all the

inhabitants of this town and its neighbors that we may pray and ask for her protection and blessings. Now while all kneel we are going to dedicate this holy monument, which is the image and remembrance of our sacred Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, Queen of Soatá. From today and hereafter we dedicate and give for the service and benefit of all the faithful of this enthusiastic town of Soatá that ye may pray to it and ask her protection in all and for all. May the Virgin Mary, the Queen of Soatá live.'

"Talk about darkness! No wonder that the town was full of drunk people the rest of the day, and that those that sell intoxicating drink had a record day. Thus they kept it up all night. We, together with the Colombians that we have in the house, gathered for a few moments of worship all by ourselves, and we felt the blessings of God over His great gift to us, the Lord Jesus Christ, even if our words and prayers were mingled with the screams of the drunken men and women on the street. It was doubly true and precious to us that night what we sing in a Norwegian song: 'Hør hvor det stormer derute, her er det fredfuldt og trygt.'

"We had the public Christmas tree service here at the station on the evening of Christmas Day, and about thirty turned out including the children. Tomorrow is the last day of the year and we will try to have a watch-night service for the first time here in Soatá.

"We want to thank you for the blessed fellowship by correspondence that we have enjoyed with you the past year, for your support to body and soul and the work, and we count on the same in the coming year. — Yours, Alvida, Trygve & Ragnhild Salte."

Prayer Requests

That the Lord will keep His hand above and underneath the ship on which Miss Ella Heerde and her missionary traveling companions are sailing, that it may reach port safely without being molested by submarines. Let us also pray that the Lord will undergird and uphold her in every difficult situation.

That we may see 25 workers on the field by the tenth anniversary of the Colombia Mission in 1946. The missionaries have been praying for this for a long time, so let us not fail to join them in this prayer.

A need has been presented by our missionaries for support for orphan children, or such whose mothers are left without support after becoming believers. Let us pray that the Lord will supply also this need. (Four dollars per month will clothe and feed a Colombian child.)

"God Himself is a cheerful giver, hence He loves to see His own character mirrored in His children."

Bible and Missionary Conference

January 18th was to have been the closing day of the Conference in Calvary Lutheran Church, Moline, Ill., but the congregation decided to continue with the meetings until over the following Sunday. The Lord was very near and we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, and we truly feel that this conference produced fruit that will abide. We praise God for His blessing.

On Wednesday night, Missionary Larson showed slides and spoke on Colombia. Many in that audience were children and seldom have I seen an audience so quiet and attentive as I saw in Calvary church that night. Pastor Larson was mightily used of God to present the great need for the Gospel in South America and many who attended these meetings had their eyes open to our responsibility to give the Gospel to our neighbors in Latin America.

The commissioning service for Miss Ella Heerde was very impressive. Her pastor, Rev. Erlander, was the commissioner, assisted by Missionary Larson and the writer. A large audience of both church members and friends attended the service. The offering lifted for her traveling expenses and other needs amounted to \$175 that night. In all, the friends and members of Calvary have given her more than \$1,200. Another evidence that God marvelously and abundantly provides for all our needs. Miss Heerde is a girl of simple, childlike faith in her Heavenly Father, and they that put their trust in Him shall never be put to shame. God never fails those who trust in Him.

A beautiful prayer-reminder folder with Miss Heerde's picture on it will be sent free to anyone who will write for it to Mrs. John Aasland, 2337-25th St., Moline, Ill. Place this folder on your piano or dresser and it will be both an ornament as well as a reminder to remember this work in Colombia and all her co-laborers there.

I left the conference with a deepened assurance that the Lord has called the Colombia Evang. Lutheran Mission to be His messenger to bring the Gospel to Colombia. The work is the Lord's and we are His messengers. May there be on our part a ready willingness to run His errands. If we cannot go we can pray and send. "For as his share be that goeth down to battle, so shall his share be that tarrieth by the baggage; they shall share alike." I Sam. 30:24.

By next summer we hope that Mr. Arnfeld Morck, now a senior at Trinity Seminary, Blair, Nebraska, will sail for Colombia.

On behalf of Missionary Larson and myself as well as the mission, I want to thank Calvary Church and Pastor and Mrs. Emory V. Erlander for the Christian fellowship we enjoyed while in their midst. It was good to be with you, and words cannot express our appreciation and joy for the

God will richly bless you all. To our hosts while at the conference, Mr. and Mrs. John Aasland, we extend special thanks. Their house was turned over to Miss Heerde to be used in making everything in readiness for her departure. Things needed for her equipment were brought to their house and the basement was turned into a storehouse. The Lord will reward in His way.

J. O. GISSELQUIST.

South America is Calling

"There are contrast and variety, light and rags, robes, huts, palaces, deserts, flowers, beggars, officials, toilers, idlers, homeless girls, butterfly daughters of the rich, garbage piles, exquisite gardens, bare walls, fountains, crippled dogs, danaries, vultures, birds of paradise, flea-bitten donkeys, limousines, crumpled-up old men, smiling, chubby children"—such is South America.

For over four hundred years the Roman Church has had an almost unrivaled opportunity to Christianize this rich and wonderful continent, but she has failed miserably. South America needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and we of the United States, the closest neighbors, must see our opportunity and our responsibility.

Anyone familiar with the situation will know that the kind of Christianity which one meets within the Roman churches in South America generally is of a far less spiritual nature than that which is ordinarily found in the Roman Church in North America. The emphasis on Mary-worship, the stress on the superstitious elements, the tendency to syncretism with primitive Indian religions, and the very low moral standards of the clergy are some of the reasons for the failure of the Roman Church in South America. A certain bishop in Bolivia wrote concerning the priests of his district: "I have done all in my power to pull them out of the cesspool of ignorance and vice. . . They are always the same—brutal, drunken, seducers of innocence, without religion and without conscience. Better would the people be without them. . . There are exceptions, but so very few that they are not enough to mitigate the pain." (R. Glover, *The Progress of World-Wide Missions*, p. 279.)

Of the religious condition in South America, Dr. Warneck rightly said, "The Catholicism is of a kind that, according to even Catholic testimonies, is more heathen than Christian. There are many crosses but no work of the Cross; many saints but no followers of Christ." (E. Singmaster, *The Story of Lutheran Missions*, p. 201.)

The result is that the Roman Church has only in a nominal way christianized the people. Of the educated classes many have either left the church or retain only a very loose connection; they abstain from contact with the sacraments until the time for the ministrations of extreme

Of the Indians the vast majority are yet pagans. The Gospel has only been presented in any intelligible form to a small minority. "After four hundred years of cathedrals and domes and art and gilt and gems and robes and incense, and pomp and power and profit, the Indian is exactly where he was when the conquerors came and began the ten-thousand-a-day baptizing of the unresisting inhabitants of a subjected land." (G. A. Miller, *Adventures with Christ in Latin America*, p. 23.)

South America is, from a Christian point of view, a sadly neglected continent. The greatest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world lies in the center of South America, including the interior of Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Paraguay. Alone in the first named of these seven states there is more undiscovered land than there is in the whole continent of Africa. A territory about two thousand miles long and from five hundred to fifteen hundred miles wide has only two or three missionaries. Sixty million people in South America have no reasonable chance of hearing the Gospel. (K. Grubb, *An Advancing Church in Latin America*, 1936, p. 55.)

The need for the proclamation of the Gospel is overwhelming. The health conditions among the people are extremely poor. It is estimated that at least 75 per cent of the children die before they have reached two years of age.

The educational standards are unbelievably low. The budget for education in the city of New York equals the national budget for education of all the twenty republics, which have more than eleven times as great, and of course, a far more scattered, population than the metropolis.

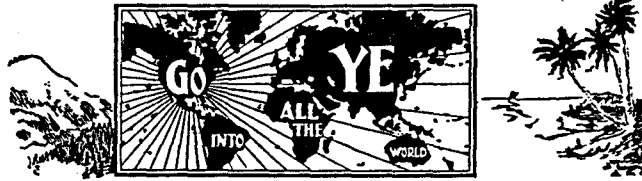
Yet far worse are the religious situation and the moral conditions. A prominent South American scholar has said: "You of the North little realize our position. With you religion and morality are associated, with us they are divorced, and the worst enemies of our homes are sometimes our self-appointed religious teachers." Vital statistics returned by the priests themselves give illegitimacy ranging from 50 to 95 per cent.

Almost as great as the need is the opportunity afforded the evangelical churches to preach the Gospel. Generally speaking they are welcomed both by the governments as well as the intellectuals, the leading classes of the people. At times even Roman Catholic clergymen have expressed the desire to see evangelical missionaries begin a work as they have acknowledged this a help to raise the standards among their own clergy and laity.

Is not the conclusion of the above presented facts self-evident: South America is calling also us of the Lutheran Church to come to her help? What shall we answer?

—PROF. PAUL NYHOLM.

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Dear Friends in Christ:

Many, O Jehovah my God, are the Wonderful works which Thou hast done—

If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered. Psalm 40:5.

It gives me great joy to write to you from our Mission Field in Colombia, South America. My trip has truly been an evidence of God's marvelous guidance and protection. This gives reassurance and confidence for the future — not only to master the language — but please God, may innumerable blood bought souls be won throughout this land, for Thy honor and glory alone.

After finally being extricated from the web of customs, consulates, etc., we were able to sail on March 7th from New Orleans, La. on the Aconcagua (Chilean Line). We were fifteen missionaries on board ship, a few civilians, and the others being our U. S. soldiers and sailors.

Two of the missionaries of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission left in the States their most precious possession, namely their 1½ year old baby boy, whom they loved to no end. Our state department would not grant a passport for him as they were going to South Africa. Their lives having been spared on the Zam Zam they felt definitely led to try once more to reach South Africa, this time by way of South America. It was too sweet for words as well as very touching to see little Douglas extending his hands to his mother and father as our ship was being pulled from shore by a tug boat. His parents with tears streaming into the Mississippi reconsecrated their lives for service on the foreign mission field. Truly it made me realize anew my solemn responsibility as well as blessed privilege to bring the Gospel to the lost — whatever the cost may be.

We were fourteen days on the water as compared with four or five in ordinary times. It being a Chilean ship we had native food which on the whole was very good and always plentiful. The first day we found ourselves upon arising anchored in the Mississippi, waiting for our convoy. There wasn't much one could do. I felt like

a bird in the wilderness being perched on the upper bunk of our cabin while reading "Life on the Highest Plane" by Ruth Paxson.

Everything concerning our trip was very secretive. One of our passengers asked his steward if we were moving. He not being able to speak or understand English very well replied, "Dunno—not even the captain knows."

Our first day in the Gulf I was seasick. However, I was able to stay on deck until we could no longer see land. It was most interesting. Watching the flying fish darting about and the porpoises tumbling about the bow of the ship was also a new experience. Many of the days on board ship were spent reading and playing various games. Usually in the evenings we missionaries would gather for a "singspiration," and one Sunday we were permitted to hold a service. Our third Sunday we arrived safely in Panama! It on the whole is very picturesque. Many people even here live very primitively. Carrying washings, baskets of fruit on top of their heads is a common sight. I was much impressed with the spiritual need even here. The cost of living is very high, hence, we took care of necessary details as quickly as possible and then took the plane to Barranquilla (the Colombian port). Being subjected to the vibration of the airplane for a bit more than two hours was long enough for me.

Colombia is literally infested with beggars and many, many others who have no aim or purpose in life. I have already fallen in love with this land and am well aware of the vastness of work yet to be done. Even now I feel like calling — "Come over and help us." It was indeed a blessing our first day in Colombia to meet two missionaries from Calamar, who had come in to buy a supply of vegetables. We soon caught their exuberant enthusiasm for missionary work. Yes, the opportunities are limitless.

After a week in Barranquilla taking care of necessary details, we left on the river boat up the Magdalena. The scenery was beautiful — but how the poor people can live in such crude, mud, thatched roof huts, with such scant necessities is beyond me. Naked children was a common sight when we would stop at the small towns for

food, mail, or meat. Most of the people came running to the boat—if they were not already there. They would have with them fruit, beads, candy or something to sell. Stooping to drink of the dirty river water which previously the pigs had wallowed in meant nothing to them. They killed the animals on the barge which was attached to our boat. However, I never got up at 5 A. M. to watch them!

We spent four hot days on the Magdalena River to Puerto Wilches. Fortunately we got a train to Bucaramanga the same day. The following day we left for Pamplona. The mountain air is very refreshing, especially so after the intense heat we had to endure since leaving the States.

Arrived in Boyacá Saturday, April 10th. It is so good to be here — and I don't doubt for a minute but what this is where God would have me to be. Colombia is exquisite in its natural beauty and gorgeous coloring. At time I was lost in wonder over the height of the mountains which always left me silent and worshipful in the presence of our Almighty God. After a most pleasant trip with our own missionaries here, namely Alvida and Trygve Salte, I once more tumbled into bed physically tired but spiritually renewed.

Thank you, for your prayers. Although the trip at times was trying, I had power which was not my own.

Sincerely, in His blessed service,
ELIZBETH ELLA HEERDE.

P.S.—A letter from you will be deeply appreciated. To write by ordinary mail takes from 6 to 8 weeks. To write by air mail takes from 8 to 10 days. 35¢ per half ounce (two air mail sheets of paper written on both sides.)

Because Ella means *she* in Spanish, it is better that I go by my middle name *Elizabeth*. Hence my address is as follows:

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Duitama, Boyacá
Colombia, South America.

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Daily Life in Soata

It might be of interest to you friends at home to hear a little about daily life at the Mission Station. As a rule we would rather not write about the common everyday things. I think all of us are more or less prone, when telling about the work out here, to comment on the high-spots. That is, we like to write about the good attendance at services, the many conversions, describe in exciting words the opposition from the evil forces and the victories won in the battle against them. Perhaps that is what you like to hear and read about but it is, however, only part of our life here. Missionaries are as human as can be. Every day we meet joys, disappointments, then there are the amusing happenings that are the spices of our daily life.

Before leaving America an old missionary asked me: "Can you while all alone laugh heartily thinking of something funny that happened?" "Yes," I said, "I can." The reply was, "Then you will get along O. K. on the mission field." There is a lot of truth in that statement. A sense of humor saves many a situation, and woe to the missionary that does not have it. There are plenty of things that will press you down. Personally I think we can say, that we have shed more tears these few years out here, than many a year at home, but not one of them have been shed regretting coming to this land, nor because of homesickness. Tears are often a release, but when one gets so pressed within and without that there are no tears, no words, and your whole being is a wordless cry unto God, what then? Yes, just then remains the sweet consolation that God knows and cares.

If you are to stay with us for a while, you will have to subject yourself to the rules of the Station. We will expect you at the breakfast table at seven o'clock. Sometimes it happens that the servant gets slack and does not ring on time, but we never like that, as it throws our morning sched-

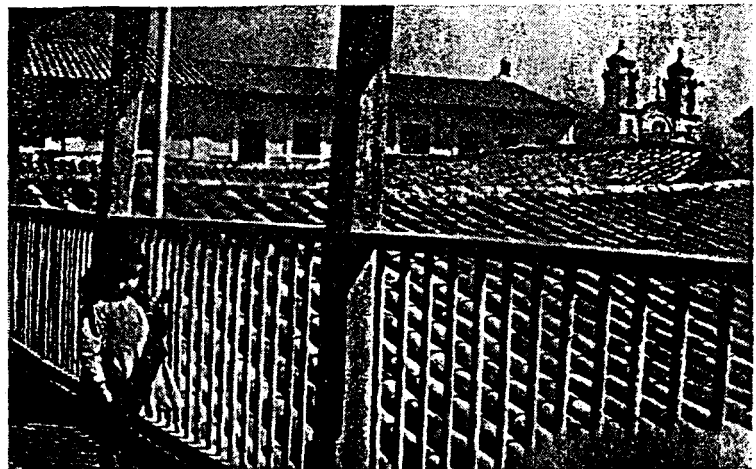
ule out of order. The breakfast finished, we gather all for a time of devotion in Spanish. At 7:45 class starts for the girl that is training for teacher. At 8:30 she takes the first period for the children that come for the day school. We consider ourselves very lucky if all come on time. Promptness is not their strong side. Sometimes the mothers are to blame, other times the children themselves. Too often it happens that some of them come very dirty so we have to give them a good scrubbing. Once after I had done that to a little fellow he came back the next day and said: "I am to tell you from my mother that I could not wash yesterday for I had a cold." The children can't wash when having cold and the men can't shave.

While the girl has the first class with the children we have a chance to get the mail. If we then get a letter from any of you it helps much to cheer the day. Then again from 9:45 to 12:30 we are both occupied with teaching.

The afternoon and evening is taken up with other duties which follow the work. Duties around the house, receiving callers, house visitation, preparation for the services, correspondence and many other things.

Any time of the day one has to be prepared for interruptions. Often these may be beggars. Some come because they are really in need, others trying to see how much they can get out of us with their tears and sad stories. Once an older barefooted woman came and asked if Alvida could not give her some white cloth to wrap her dead child in. "Sure," Alvida said, "I'll help you out, but first I will go with you to your house and find out where it is." Off she went before we could say another word. Needless to say, she never returned. The whole thing was as we expected, a lie.

Others think they are sick. They complain about pain in the head, back and stomach. In most of those cases an aspirin pill does wonders. As soon



LITTLE EMA.
the sweet, four-year-old Colombian girl who has been making her home with the Quanruds for some time. Her mother is a believer. This picture is taken from the corridor of the mission house in Duitama, the newest station, opened December, 1941. Here Miss Heerde will stay while studying the Spanish language, with Missionary Quanrud as teacher.

as it is swallowed they feel so much better. Off they go with a smile and shower upon us all the blessings of the Virgin, or Santa Barbara, or San Antonio, or whoever happens to be the favorite of the individual. Again others that come have open, dirty sores, especially children. A little dab of salve satisfies them. Just as often the interrupter may be someone who wants to sell things. One may have a couple of eggs, others some tomatoes, flowers and what not. At times it happens the mothers come and offer us their children, and they are the only thing we can get for nothing. One time a woman came and offered my wife her four-year-old daughter. The girl was along and when she heard it she clung to her mother's ragged, dirty, stinking skirt and said, "No quiero mamá, no quiero mamá." "I do not want to mama, I do not want to mama." On the other hand there are many children that would welcome such a deal.

At times we have to break loose from the daily routine and get some recreation and change. Then we pack a little lunch and walk down to the creek to enjoy a few hours in the free all by ourselves. To find a secluded spot isn't so easy at times on account of the many women washing clothes.

In the public services we have our encouragements and disappointments. At times it feels as if there is no response at all. The words come back to us, and after such a service there is reason for self-examination as the question is bound to come to every honest worker in God's Kingdom: "Was it my fault that the Word did not reach the hearts?" But then we also feel times of refreshing, when there are visible results of the workings of the Spirit.

So the weeks and months slip by. Our prayer and wish is that each day may count for Him who gave himself for us and also for the lost of Colombia.

TRYGVE SALTE.

God Gave the Increase

Our mission is growing; and we thank God for this evidence of His presence with us and blessing upon us. Paul, the great missionary wrote to the Corinthians, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." I Cor. 3:6. It takes yielded hearts and minds to carry on mission activities at home, as well as directly on the field. God gives the increase only when we are yielded to the heavenly vision. I was thinking about WHAT COULD BE DONE for the Colombia mission if all interested individuals and groups would do all they could to help plant and water.

I have been inspired to see what can be done by such small groups as those at Hamar, N. Dak., Pelican Rapids, Minn., Stoughton, Wis., and not least by a group of my own pastorate here at Rothsay, Minn., the friends of little Bethany congregation. They try to meet faithfully ev-

ery Friday evening for Bible Study and prayer, and once a month an offering is lifted for some mission cause.

"God gave the increase!" We need spiritual power, too. Could we as a COLOMBIA MISSION FAMILY meet together before the throne of God each evening at nine o'clock? Meet to pray for our missionaries, and the people with whom they work—the Board members, and their problems and decisions—the spiritual condition of each of us at home and on the field—for an ingathering of precious souls into God's kingdom? "Draw nigh to God, for he will draw nigh to you." James 4:8. If so, be it so flexible that no transgression would be involved if all could not be with in prayer every time. God knows the heart's desire.

BENJAMIN OSTREM.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Greetings from Isaiah 55:11. This is a wonderful promise. It shows us that we are instruments of His and also that as instruments we must sow the seed.

We can say that we have been sowing the seed here at Duitama. Many times we have wondered what might be the result. We praise God that we can say we have seen the first results of the Word sown here, also that a family has moved in from another part of Colombia that testify to their faith in Christ. Tomorrow we open our Sunday School and we are looking to the Lord to do great things. Pray that His will may be done.

We are sending you a picture taken from the corridor upstairs in our house, looking toward the market square. The Catholic temple can be seen in the distance. It is a great structure but, sad to say, the Truth is not taught nor preached in that place. It reminds us of Matt. 21:12-13.

Greetings in His Name,

OLGER AND PHOEBE QUANRUD.

Topics for Praise are:

That Miss Heerde arrived safely on our field despite the hazards of ocean travel these days. Praise God for answered prayer.

That Missionary Salte's health is much improved since he had his tonsils removed. Let us continue to ask the Lord to bless our workers with health and strength to carry on for Him.

Prayer Requests are:

That the Lord will wonderfully bless our other new recruit, Arnfeld Morck, as he is making preparations for going forth to Colombia; that his every need may be supplied for passage and outfit, so it will be possible for him to sail some time this summer.

That the Lord will undertake in His own blessed way for Missionary Larson's baby boy, Daniel, now nine months old, who has not been well since their arrival in the U. S. Trials

are for a purpose to make us even more fitted for serving the Lord, and Larson writes: "We must not complain, but take it all to the Lord. He is our refuge in sorrows as well as in joy."

That it will be possible for the Ostrem's to take their furlo this year. They have been on the field nearly six years, and are, no doubt, in need of a change and rest.

News from Home and Abroad

Mr. Arnfeld Morck, who has been accepted by the Board to go to Colombia this summer, graduates from the Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Danish Lutheran Church, at Blair, Neb., this spring and will be ordained at their synodical convention at Racine, Wis., June 6th. As he is a Canadian citizen he will likely be commissioned by the Canadian Branch of the Colombia Mission and sail from Canada. In the next issue of the "C. C." we shall publish his picture and give further details concerning his sailing plans.

Missionary Salte writes from Soatá April 12th: "Now Miss Heerde is here. As you know she traveled with some workers of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission, and Miss Soderquist met them in Puerto Wilches, and Miss Heerde came as far as Pamplona with her. Hope you can send us more workers of her type."

"Missionary Ostrem has been in the plains on an evangelistic tour. He is on the way home now and may come here tonight. Hope he had a blessed stay out there. Helen Danielson is in El Cocuy with Mrs. Ostrem and the children carrying on the work with her in his absence. She likely will come through here on her way to Duitama next week.

"The national worker, Pedro Estevez, who was with us for three months last year, will be coming back for another three months. We expect him next week. He will do some house to house visitation in the country and nearby towns. He is a very nice and humble man, and humility is not the strongest side of all Colombian workers."

Missionary Andrew Larson, home on furlo, has found many open doors and invitations to conduct meetings, for which we praise the Lord. If anyone wishes to get in touch with him, he may be reached at 222 Vasa Ave., East, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Several friends have been moved of the Lord to send in contributions to the Building Fund recently started for the field by Brother Elling Halvorson. Friends, let us continue to rejoice as we see God move hearts in answer to our prayers.

We are sorry that an error slipped into the last issue of the *Celmosa Clarion* regarding the estimated cost of support for orphaned children in Colombia. It said: "Four dollars per month will clothe and feed a Colombian child." It should read: *Four dollars will feed a Colombian child. Clothes are extra.*

Colombia: The Gateway To South America

By ETHEL COLLIER

History: Spain was a great colonizer, the greatest perhaps the world has ever known. Not a ship set sail for "the Indies" that did not carry seeds, plants, livestock, and even flowers. Within a few decades fruits and flowers of Europe were common in all Spanish America. There were colleges in Bogata and Popayan, schools even for the Indians, masters of music, the arts, fencing and even drug stores, a century before such things were dreamed of in North America. The Spanish were exquisitely legal minded. The first marauding explorers founded their cities with meticulous formality; the organization of government was surprisingly complete and even the riotous and high-handed swashbucklers in the provinces did not question the authority of emissaries duly accredited by the King, but meekly submitted, even though submission meant disgrace and death. An organized society, a standard of gracious living, the amalgamation of the Indians into the scheme of things, the establishment of the religion of Spain, these were the fabric of Spanish domination of the New World. Whatever the faults, and they were many, Spain built not unworthily an empire that was to last for 330 years. The first break came in 1781 when there was an insurrection, Indian in character, caused by taxation; this had nothing to do with the Aristocratic movement for independence, yet it was the forerunner of a hundred years of bloodshed and unrest.

Bolivar freed Colombia from Spain. Santander made it a nation. One is the adored of half a continent, the other, the guiding hero of the country that bore him, followed him, cast him out in shame, and summoned him to govern it in its hour of need. His death in 1840 was mourned as a national disaster. He served as president of the republic from 1832-1836 and is called the Founder of the Nation. He inculcated deep in the consciousness of the Colombians a respect for law that persists today, and due to his influence Colombia enjoys greater freedom, and abuses it less, than almost any other Latin American country.

Geography and People of Colombia

Colombia holds a key geographic position in South America, with access to both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It is bounded on the north by the Caribbean Sea, on the east by Venezuela, on the south by Brazil and Ecuador, and on the west by the Pacific Ocean and Panama (until 1903 a part of Colombia).

In topography, the country presents strong contrasts. Perpetual snow covers the summits of the Cordilleras, which enter Colombia from Ecuador, run northward in three diverging ranges, and spread out like a fan over the western section of the country. The valleys between the snow-capped

mountains are smothered in the rich vegetation of the tropics.

Colombia is divided in two parts, the mountainous and the flat. The three parallel ranges of the Andes traverse its length with summits 16, 17 and 18 thousands feet in the air; in the far north the independent group of the Sierra de Santa Marta rises nearly 19,000 feet in 30 miles. It is in this territory, in the valleys hemmed in by towering mountains and on the uplands, that the life of the country is centered; here are farms and pastures, the cities and factories, mines and oil fields and more than 98% per cent of the population lives and moves. The remaining 1% per cent is scattered over the second part of Colombia which comprises more than half the total area of the Republic. This is the Oriente, the immensity beyond the mountains to the east. The upper and middle portion of this are the plains, in the south is soggy impassable jungle, the whole region is cut by innumerable rivers which reach the Orinoco and Amazon. There are no towns worthy the name, no roads beyond the new one that reaches out for 60 miles beyond the foot of the Cordillera to Rio Meta, and almost no farms.

Great herds of cattle, watched by plainsmen, or hard llaneros, roam the Casanara and Aruca, the dry seasons they roam at will and in the rainy season they become almost amphibious. The nearest markets are weeks or months on the hoof away.

The Goajira pushing into the sea between the Sierra Nevada and the Gulf of Venezuela is also largely flat and it too is a region by itself. It is sandy scrub for 8 months of the year then from September to December when it rains the grass grows higher than a man and the rivers are full.

The Peninsula is inhabited by an imperfectly tamed aboriginal people whose index of wealth is in goats, cows, and big-headed, fleet and hardy horses. Although this section was the earliest Colombia territory discovered it does not rank as a municipality and contributes no taxes to the Republic. Down in the gashes between the mountains along the river courses it is vey hot and in the coastal jungles it is hotter.

More than half of Colombia is unfit for cultivation or habitation. Through four centuries the greater part of the accessible acreage has been patiently and painstakingly turned to usefulness. It is not just a question of tilling the earth, the regions that are cultivated are rich and rewarding, but even more a question of communizations.

The West Coast of Colombia is somewhat unknown to Colombians because of its inaccessibility. There are two ports, Buenaventura and Tumaco. Except for a few villages, principally of ex-slaves who have returned to the carefree life of their ancestors, the Pacific border of Colombia is not much changed in all the centuries. It is not a desert land; there is a lot of rubber

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in the forests, and tagua, a kind of dwarf cocoon palm bearing fruit the size of a man's hand, which is rich in oil.

It rains almost every day and the average annual rainfall is 300 inches, and where there is so much rain God has arranged that there shall also be rubber trees, so the rubber shortage may yet be taken care of. Waterways are the high ways of this region.

Colombia only started to develop after 1902, when foreigners came in and did things Colombians had neither the money, the manpower nor the training to do by themselves. There have been changes so rapid and so great that a man who left his country during the first World War and came back today would feel like Rip Van Winkle.

There are the same rugged mountains, the timeless stretch of the plains, the jungles and lonely rivers—but there are air-conditioned office buildings, electric kitchens and interior decorated houses. Mules are still essential, but city streets are filled with shiny American automobiles and the hair-raising roads are dusty with trucks and busses and sedans.

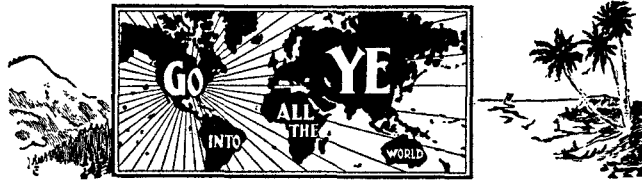
Airplanes are the chief means of transportation. One of the first regular scheduled airlines was established by the Germans in 1919 and last year taken over by the Government. Planes cast their shadows on forests that have never known the feet of men, land in villages that never saw a road or cart. There is no other way of getting by land from the interior to the Atlantic. All kinds of people use them.

When one goes to Colombia, one goes to another world, a world of extremes and contradictions. Mountains are higher, jungles are thicker, summers are colder, winters are hotter. One may go from an air-conditioned room of a modern hotel de luxe and in a few hours be at a camp in the center of almost unexplored jungle country, inhabited by hostile bow and arrow Indians. There are the most up-to-date bungalows and villas which go in for glass bricks, tricky bathrooms and libraries upholstered in white pigskin, and within a short distance the secretive walls and barred windows of old Spanish houses. (To be continued.)—*Wesleyan Missionary.*

Missions are the special work of the Holy Spirit. No one may expect to be filled with the Spirit if he is not willing to be used for missions. No one who wishes to work or pray for missions, need fear his feebleness or poverty: the Holy Spirit is the power that can fit him to take his divinely appointed place in the work.—*Andrew Murray.*

David Brainerd used to say: "I care not *where* I go, or what hardships I endure, so long as I can see souls won to Christ. When I sleep I dream of these things; and when I awake it is my first thought. All my desire is the conversion of souls and all my hope is in God." — *Selected.*

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Visiting the Colombia Mission Field

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The area of Colombia is equivalent to that of Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and Colorado, and its population is about 8,700,000. Most of the people live in the western half of the land. Fifty per cent of the population are of mixed blood (mestizoes), ten per cent are white, another ten per cent are Negro, and the remaining thirty per cent are Negro mixed with various other races.

Eighty-five years ago, the first missionary to Colombia, the Rev. Henry Pratt, landed at Barranquilla in response to the invitation of Col. James Fraser of Boliver's army. He found a vast, undeveloped country with an illiterate population which was dominated by the Church of Rome.

Today the situation has changed with almost snowball speed. Rich oil reserves have been discovered beneath the Colombian soil, coffee growing is being developed, and other varied economic resources have been exploited. We are told that Colombia is second only to Brazil among the Latin American countries in its potential importance on world markets of raw materials. Politically, Colombia is one of the most democratic of the South American countries. Olaya Herrera, who was a liberal man and educated in a Presbyterian school, was elected president. He broke the fifty-year monopoly of the conservatives. His successor continued his policy with important reforms such as the separation of church and state and the removal of the church control over education.

From Barranquilla we flew southward to Bogotá, the capital, which is 8,500 feet above sea level. By steamer this trip would have taken seven days up the winding Magdalena river. We made it in three hours by plane. Bogotá was founded in 1538 and is a thriving, expanding city of over 350,000. Our arrival in Bogotá held a particular significance because we were approaching the first main stop of our tour, the Colombian Evangelical Mission, located northeast of the capital.

In the afternoon of the day of land-

Important Notice

Owing to the fact that the missionary conference which was to be held at the Lutheran Bible Institute the first week in October, has been indefinitely postponed, the annual meeting of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America, scheduled to be held at the above school Oct. 8th, also has been postponed until a later date.

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ing, we boarded a one-car motor train and sped towards Duitama. About eight o'clock in the evening we stepped off the train at Duitama and were welcomed by Missionary and Mrs. Olger Quanrud. The town is located up in the clouds about 8,300 feet above sea level. This is a new station opened about a year ago. Prospects for this place are bright.

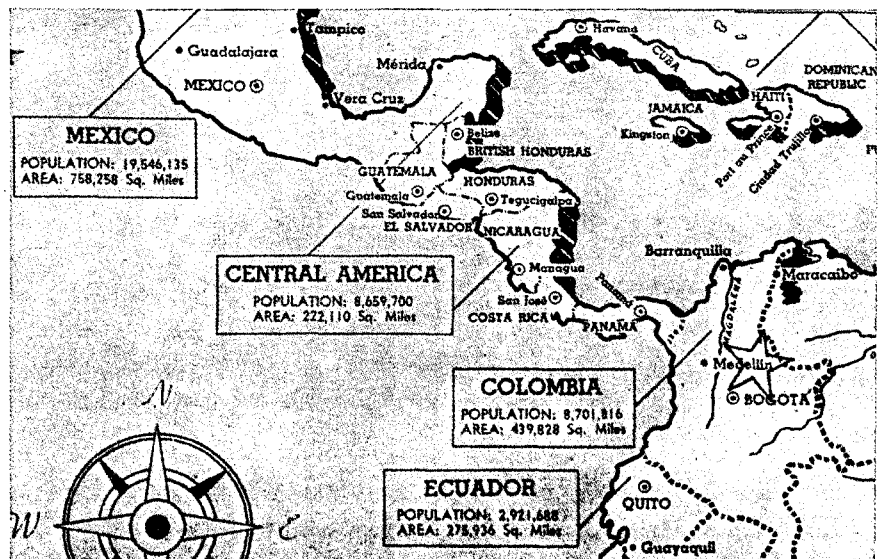
We decided to push on to Soata and Cocuy and to visit Duitama again on our return. So, early the next morning we took a crowded mail bus to Soata. The roads were terrible and a heavy rain did not improve them.

Late that night we were welcomed by the Rev. and Mrs. Trygve Salte at Soata. At four o'clock the next morning we were tucked into a cargo truck and started off for Cocuy, which is the station of Missionary and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem. This station is also on the 8,000 foot level and nestles back in the Andes mountains.

A Colorful Market Day

Missionary Ostrem took Dr. Gronli and me into the center of the city to visit the Friday market. This is the outstanding event of the week for the people of the surrounding territory. Early in the morning the winding, narrow trails among the hills are spotted with dust columns raised by bands of people heading for the city. The women, with heavy packs or babies in brightly colored shawls on their backs, hurry along with a strange, half-running gait to balance baskets of vegetables or fruit on their heads. Their homespun skirts often drag on the ground, their bare toes and heels appearing as they shuffle along. The men wear red woolen ponchos and ear muffs. They drive their donkeys or mules loaded down with potatoes, salt, or vegetables.

The wares are spread in the city plaza, and the market day begins. We walked among the stalls and over feet



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which were stretched along the pathways. The merchandise consists of oranges, bananas, articles of clothing, dried beans, dried peppers, coca leaves, woven bags, or a shawl which has taken weeks to make. A man wanders through the crowd with a roasted goat carcass which he holds by the hind leg Bit by bit he sells it to the hungry crowd. At one side lies a heap of potatoes which are called "papa" in Spanish. A market day in South America is something worth seeing and not easily forgotten. We were particularly struck by the opportunity for missionary efforts which these markets might afford if there were men and means available for this purpose. The people of South America are eager to read, and Christian literature is accepted with gratitude.

Santa Anna Congregation Welcomed Us

We visited a large outstation called Santa Anna, about five hours mule-back ride from Cucuy. The people in that valley were most friendly and hospitable. They insisted that we sleep on their beds and gave us a feast three times a day. On Sunday they came for the services from a vicinity of many miles, about ten families in all, dressed in their brightly colored clothing, which made a pleasing contrast to our sombre apparel. They took part in the meetings conducted by Missionary Ostrem in a whole-hearted manner. We found the work at Santa Anna very promising indeed.

At Cucuy there was a good-sized day school conducted by a Colombian teacher. Missionary Ostrem was preparing a fine young man for the ministry. Regular services were held in a chapel just off the plaza or center of the city. Miss Helen Danielson was busy with evangelistic work.

We Retrace Our Steps

From Cucuy, the northernmost mission station, we retraced our steps through Soata and Duitama. The Saltes have a day school and are also busily engaged in evangelistic work.

At Duitama the work is in its early stages, but it promises well for the future. At every station we were impressed by the deep and earnest zeal of the consecrated missionaries. The Lord is promoting His kingdom in Colombia through them.

When we left Colombia we began to understand the great task before the missionary in Latin America. The illiteracy of the people is a loud cry for teachers. Distressing diseases and infant mortality are urgent demands for doctors and nurses. The Roman Catholic Church has monopolized the spiritual lives of the people for over four centuries. Latin American Catholicism has never become acquainted with the Protestant Reformation. It still retains the abuses and traditions of the pre-Reformation era. The missionary must meet much fanatical Catholic opposition, due to ignorance and superstition. But the missionary knows that when Christ is known, loved, and obeyed, the people will be free from this age-long bondage. He is also aware that the government and the people are more favorable to evangelical work now than at any other time.

Echoes from the Annual Meeting

We who had the privilege of attending the Annual Meeting at Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minnesota, June 17th, are thankful to God for the blessed fellowship of the day and also for the great blessing and challenge brought to us by Missionary and Mrs. Larson, and Pastor Andrew Burgess, Mission Field Representative of the N.L.C.A., who together with Dr. Gronli had just returned from a tour of the Latin American countries. His article entitled "Visiting the Colombia Mission Field" in this issue speaks for itself. We are also indebted to Pastor Burgess and the Augsburg Publishing



MISSIONARY AND MRS. GERHARD OSTREM WITH MISS DANIELSON (EXTREME RIGHT) VIEWING COCUY, WHICH IS 7,500 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL

House for the free use of all these pictures for this issue. We praise God for the interest Pastor Burgess has manifested in this work. At the evening services at the Annual Meeting he showed the films he had taken of the work and workers of the Colombia and Bolivia Mission fields to a large audience. What joy it was to see before our very eyes the fruit of some of the seed of the Word sown by our faithful missionaries out there. We saw them going about their daily routine, bringing the Word to children and adults, and traveling by horseback over narrow mountain trails to the out-of-the-way places, and groups of believers gathering to praise God for salvation through the Blood of the Lamb. If we had not sent them the Gospel perhaps they would still be in darkness and the shadow of death. Truly, dear friends and prayer-helpers, our labors are not in vain in the Lord, so let us continue looking to Him for great things in the future as we obey Him in bringing the Word to the needy souls over there through our prayers and means.

The Constitution was amended to the effect that the annual meeting may now be held at any time between September first and November 30th instead of the third Thursday in June as heretofore. The place for the annual meeting may also be held in any state in the Union. Another change was made regarding the number of members on the Board of Directors. Heretofore, four to six members were elected yearly, and the new amendment provides for the election of only from two to four members yearly.

A *FURLO FUND* has been started, according to a decision made by the Board, and already before it was announced to the friends in Canada, one of the faithful ones up there sent in a gift of \$25 for Ostrem's travel, so we can see God's leading in this. Up to the present time, \$69.38 has been received for this fund. Let us look to God in prayer to move hearts

to give to this fund so that when Missionary Ostrem and family are ready to come home on furlo there may be sufficient funds for their passage.

A *BOAT FUND*, mentioned by Pastor Gisselquist in another article of this issue, is also growing, and at this writing the Treasurer reports that \$67.38 has been received. May the Lord move hearts for this fund also, in order that a good motor boat may be purchased, enabling someone by this means to bring the Gospel to the thousands of unreached souls living along the many rivers on the plains in our territory. The people in this region are less fanatical, not being under the influence of the priests as in the mountain regions and elsewhere, we were told by Missionary Larson, whom the Lord, for some time, has in a special way burdened for this work.

CELMOSA CLARION will be printed every two months instead of quarterly according to a decision made by the Board. Since January 1 marks the seventh anniversary of the opening of the first station in Soatá, we hope to begin the new semi-monthly then and make the Jan.-Feb. issue a bit of an anniversary number.

No elections were made for Board members and officers at this meeting as it was decided to adjourn to continue our annual meeting Friday, October 8th, at the Missionary Conference to be held at the Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis.

We are grateful to Calvary Lutheran Church of Willmar for granting us the use of their beautiful church and also to the friends from Spicer, Green Lake and Lake Lillian who so bountifully provided for our temporal needs, serving hot lunches gratis at noon and supper time. Remember the promise in Matt. 10:42.

A. S.

Read your Bible. A chapter a day keeps Satan away.

"And They All Ate, And Were Filled"

In Matt. 15:29-39 we have the account of Jesus feeding the four thousand in the wilderness with seven loaves and a few small fishes. And "they all ate, and were filled, and there remained of the broken pieces, seven baskets full." Jesus fed this multitude because, "I have compassion on the multitude."

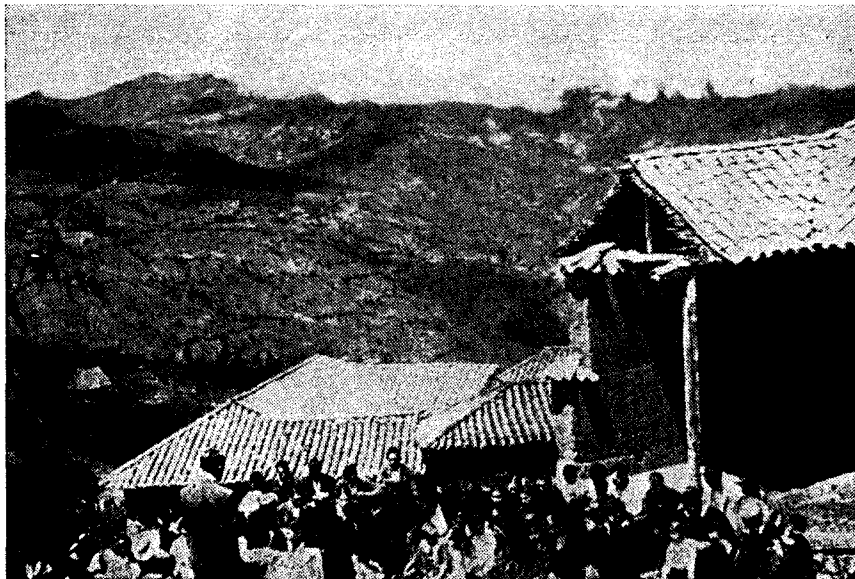
It would appear from the narrative that his own disciples were less concerned about the need of the people. Probably they were not aware of the true situation. They did not see that the people were hungry, nor did they notice the empty dinner baskets. Or it may be that they were concerned, but not having the wherewithal to supply the need, said nothing about it. *But the Master saw and knew the need.*

How like the situations among us today! For that reason the Holy Spirit has recorded this narrative for our benefit and comfort. We see Jesus for whom nothing is impossible, and we see him as our Savior and friend. How we need to get our eyes on Him. And we do that as we spend time with Him in His Word and prayer. The Word of God shows us the wilderness of our own sinfulness and helplessness as a terrible reality. But, praise God, in the wilderness, the Holy Spirit, through the Word, shows us the reality of the all-sufficiency of Jesus. He satisfies the hungry, and there is a surplus. You never can drain His fulness, nor exhaust His supply.

The disciples distributed to the hungry the food which Jesus supplied. We read "He gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes." (v. 36.) Thus Jesus gave them a part in feeding the hungry.

There are hungry multitudes in South America and they have not the Bread of Life available as we have in the homeland. We have received the Bread of Life that we may share it with others. Are we doing it? It is a great privilege and a joy unspeakable to have a part in bringing Jesus to the lost and perishing. And there is great reward for such labor. You too may have a part in this blessed work. Go and tell them about Jesus. If you cannot go yourself then help to send others who can go, and support them with your prayers and gifts. Let us work while it is day.

At our annual meeting at Willmar we heard encouraging reports both from the field and from our treasurer who reported a substantial surplus in the treasury. We thank God for that. Rev. A. C. Burgess, recently returned from a tour of inspection of missionary possibilities in South America and who had visited our field, spoke warmly and sympathetically of our work and workers. But he also told us that we needed to give our workers on the field more equipment for the work. In other words more "bas-



SANTA ANNA CHURCH AND CONGREGATION NEAR COCUY, COLOMBIA.
BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED BY BELIEVERS.

kets" were needed to facilitate the distribution of the bread. Friends from Rothsay and Pelican Rapids, Minn., responded immediately and they raised over one hundred dollars with which to buy a good horse for Miss Danielson. Miss Ella Heerde will need a horse as soon as she has mastered the language and is ready to travel out among the people bringing them the Gospel. And other equipment is needed. A car was mentioned and a boat for doing missionary work down on the plains where it is almost impossible to reach the people except by boat. Thousands of natives are living in this malarial infested region and no Christian work of any kind is done among them. But God has laid the burden of these plains on the heart of his people. Funds are already coming in. Our faithful friends of Colombia Mission, Pastor I. O. Melom, Montevideo, Minn., and Ole Solberg, Ringstad, Iowa, brought the first gifts. Liberty Lutheran Sunday school, Rev. G. W. Busse, pastor, Minneapolis, was third. Now the laymen from the West Coast, the Puget Sound Innermission Federation comes with \$40.00. Thank you friends. Pray for the balance. And pray for "sailors" to man the boat. Who will enlist in the "navy of God"?

The Lord will supply all needs. Jesus is the same.

Kind greetings.

J. O. GISSELQUIST.

Soata

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

Once more we are to send in a report of our work and we do it with both joy and sadness. With joy for the privilege of having spent another year in the service of the Lord out here, and for the evidences of God's blessings. With sorrow because we seemingly have accomplished so little.

The regular work at the Station has been carried on as before. This consists of services, Sunday school and house visitation. It has been our desire to contact every house in town this year, but as yet we have not reached that far. For some time we have had with us a Colombian man who is attending a Bible Institute and has been in our Mission working during his vacations. The time he stayed here in Scatá he visited homes in the country. He, with another young man, also made a trip to nearby towns. This trip took about two weeks and about ten towns were touched. In some of them they were well received.

In November last year a Child Evangelism Course with a special instructor, combined with a daily Vacation Bible School was held here. The course was to offer some help to missionaries in that line of work. Besides the ladies of our own Mission, there were representatives from three other denominations. At the same time

evangelistic services were held in the evenings. The believers were renewed. A woman who had been confessing faith before, but had not lived a life that corresponded to her confession, came to a fuller conviction of her sins and we believe she really was saved. She soon saw that she also had to change her life and way of living even though it meant to part with two of her children. At the same time two others took the stand for Christ and they have been with us since. These are a few of the encouraging things in the work.

Also this year we have had day school for the children of believers and a few others. At present there are eleven pupils.

The Training Institute for teachers for evangelical schools has also been here this year. Two girls are preparing themselves for that line of work. As both schools together gets to be more than 40 class periods a week it naturally occupies much of our time. Often we have wished that we could have had more time for the other part of the work, and we trust an arrangement to that effect can be made for the coming year.

So often we have come back to the verse quoted at the beginning, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts." Things that are done in our power might flourish for a short time but it will soon fall and vanish. Only that which is done by the Spirit of God will stand the test. Pray with us that God's Spirit might work mightily in our midst.

ALVIDA AND TRYGVE SALTE.

All my wealth is in the Bank of Heaven, and if it does not break I am a millionaire. — Sam P. Jones.

The world has yet to see what God can do through a fully consecrated man. — D. L. Moody.

After reading the "Celmosa Clarion" a friend was inspired to write the following poem:

Why do you tarry, my Brother,
To bring us the message of love,
And tell us the way of salvation
That was given to you from above?

Long have we waited in darkness
Sunk deep in the clutches of sin,
Fumbling and grasping at footholds—
Yes, struggling redemption to win.

Barefoot we've walked up the mountains
For the sin that we must atone,
Still feeling the guilt on our conscience
As we pray to the Virgin of stone.

Alone, in ignorance, dying
Yes, dying in sin and despair—
Brother and Sister, in mercy,
Answer, please answer our prayer.

For four hundred years we have
wandered,
Not knowing the true Gospel light.
Four hundred years in a darkness
As deep as the blackest of night.

So long have we waited, my Brother,
And longed for the truth and the
light.

Come quickly and gather the harvest,
Behold, already 'tis white.

—ALVIRA PEDERSON.

Canaan, land of promise, represents victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. God gives us vision of the land before He brings us in. The land of promise speaks of the life of victory, rest and fellowship. — Dr. Oswald J. Smith.

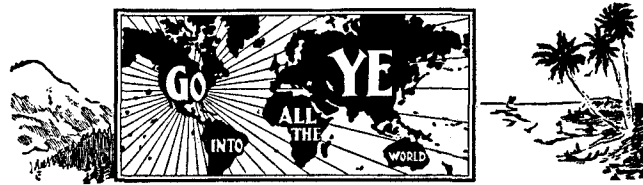
The Lord's answers to prayer are infinitely perfect, and eternity will show that often when we were asking for a stone that looked like bread, He was giving us bread that to our shortsightedness looked like stone.

J. Southey.



MISSIONARY GERHARD OSTREM SPEAKING IN FRONT OF SANTA ANNA CHURCH

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To the Friends of Colombia Mission:

Space permits only a short greeting. To each one of you we extend sincere and happy Christmas greetings. Thank you for your gifts, your interest, but above all, for your prayers. May God give you His Peace this coming Christmas.

God said to Hudson Taylor one day, "I am going to evangelize inland China, and if you will go with me, I will do the work thru you." And Hudson Taylor left all and went with God to China. He was in a strange and hostile land, with access to the interior not opened as yet, and as the promised support failed him, he learned to trust God and look to him only for everything. These were days of real testing, but God failed not. Today the China Inland Mission, which continues a strict faith mission, is the largest missionary society in the world, with 1500 missionaries.

The God of Hudson Taylor is our God. If we walk with Him and abide in Him, He will do His work thru us and the people who today are sitting in darkness shall see the light. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty."

Kind greetings,

J. O. Gisselquist.

Christmas Greetings

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.—II Cor. 9:15.

Christmas again. One year past. What a change in many, many homes. The chair is vacant, and many loved ones are missing in family circles. Some have gone to the Great Beyond. This we find true about our next door neighbor, yes, even to the multitude that have not heard about the unspeakable Gift of God.

We want to greet you all, pastors, missionaries, friends, yes, everyone who has interest for God's Kingdom that it may find entrance into many lost hearts and lives. It is *His* mission, *His* work, *His* Church.

To all our friends in the states of Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, New York and Connecticut, we want to say again a hearty "thank you" for your hospitality, gifts and love. May the Prince of Peace give you all a blessed Christ-

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All friends who contribute to the support of our mission are voting members of the association.

J. O. Gisselquist,

President

Mrs. Alma Bratberg Sand,
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mas, in spite of war and bloodshed, with thanksgiving in your heart for His unspeakable gift.

Yours for the lost in Colombia,
Andrew and Alma Larson,
Naomi and Daniel.

Missionaries' Conference

Our missionaries held their fourth annual conference at the Duitama Station July 22-26. The report did not reach us in time for the previous issue of the *Celmosa Clarion*, and now space does not permit the printing of

it all, so we shall give some excerpts from Mrs. Quanrud's splendid report.

It is blessed to note that their time was spent in Bible Study and much prayer. The epistle to the Philippians was chosen for study and the missionaries took turns about leading these meditations.

With Missionary Ostrem presiding, the first session was opened with Scripture, prayer and hymn singing. (The Ostrems donated eight Concordia Hymn books to the mission.) Miss Heerde brought a message using the topics: Salvation, Sanctification, and Service. She brought out these striking facts: "Some Christians stay in the babyhood stage as the Corinthian Christians had done, remaining helpless and dependent on others and are in need of attention. We need to take the place of Mary and sit at the feet of Jesus to learn of Him. The lack of growth is due to neglect of the Word and meditation. We are sanctified by the free gift of grace in Christ, His Spirit filling us. God wants our wills and lives first and then our service. The sanctified life is a perfectly natural life (a supernatural life). God uses the fully surrendered life and not the half surrendered one, for the two do not supplement. We are sent forth even as Jesus was sent, for He says, 'As the Father has sent Me so send I you.' Jesus' one desire was to



Chita, a city in the mountains near El Cocuy having a population of some 18,000 precious souls (including the surrounding countryside), where there is no resident missionary and where the message of salvation, by grace alone, has not been heard. Pray that a worker may soon be sent there.

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do the will of Him who sent Him and that must be ours also." — This was followed by a blessed prayer session.

Friday morning, July 23, we note they met at 6:30 A.M. for a prayer session, led by Mrs. Salte, who based her meditation on the life of Paul. His wonderful missionary life was due to his prayer life, as well as his obedience to God. Heb. 4; Eph. 3:14; I Tim. 2:1-8. (We could not help but be impressed with the early hour our dear workers in Colombia chose for their morning prayer. How like the Master, who "arose a great while before day, and went out into a solitary place and there prayed." A worthy example for us in the homeland to follow. Ed.)

Missionary Ostrem gave the first study on Philippians, Ch. I, stressing the fact that it is God who has begun to work in us and He it is who continues to work. Paul's desire was that the believers might grow in the grace of God that love might abound—and that they might be filled with the fruits of righteousness, Christ working in them that they might not only believe on Him but also suffer for His sake.

For Ch. 2, Missionary and Mrs. Salte showed how Christ is our Example for our life in (1) relationship to one another, (2) one-mindedness, (3) unity in spirit, (4) doing nothing in strife nor vain glory. In relationship to His Father, Christ humbled Himself, being obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross, through which He was glorified. Our need of obedience to God was underscored, for in the life of Jesus His obedience to God was first and foremost. Our obedience to Him is our greatest testimony, as obedient hearts prepare the way to God. When God put a Christian into the world He put a light there. "Be on fire for God and people will come to watch you burn," said Moody.

Friday afternoon prayer session was led by Miss Danielson, calling to mind the following "Take Heeds": Joshua 23:11—Take heed unto yourselves that ye love the Lord, your God; Col. 4:17—Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received; Acts 20:28—Take heed to the flock.

The early prayer session Saturday was led by Mrs. Ostrem, bringing out some blessed truths from Hebr. 4.

The Bible meditation on Phil. 3:1-14 was led by Missionary Quanrud. He brought out that there are two spheres of life—"In Christ," Christ, our Righteousness. God's working in me brings me to yieldedness. Altho Paul would have had reason to glory in himself, he did not do so. Second sphere, "In the flesh" — Paul counted all these things loss for Christ.

Phil. 3:15-21, led by Mrs. Quanrud, pointing out further exhortations to the Church or body of believers to follow the Apostolic example to beware of the enemies of the Cross and to be heavenly citizens. Some of the marks of perfection or the mature Christian life are: love, faith, spirituality, consistency and Christlikeness.

Paul warns again carnal walk, the marks of which are gluttony and carnal mindedness. The final exhortation is to be waiting for the appearing of the Lord.

Phil. 4:1-9. Here Miss Heerde struck the note of joy from the beginning. Joy and rejoice are the key words. When there is joy and rejoicing in the work of the Gospel there is also progress. Three names are mentioned, but not accidentally, for God remembered their works. They are workers with Paul. Many times we want to be leaders and are not willing to be helpers, but we must first learn to be helpers, then we may be fit leaders as well. We are admonished to rejoice always, for the Lord is at hand, thanking Him for conviction, saving power, trials and joys. We only have the peace of God in our hearts when we are fully surrendered to Him.

Closing meditation on Phil. was led by Miss Danielson (Phil. 4:10-13). The spirit of Paul's life was rejoicing in all circumstances. (1) Contentment: Paul had learned in whatever state he was in therewith to be content; (2) Our sufficiency is in Christ, not only is Christ our necessity but our *all*. He is enough; (3) Giving of our means is also a fruit of the life of a Christian.

At the Sunday afternoon session they had the joy of partaking of the Lord's Supper together. Missionary Quanrud used I Cor. 11:23-28 as a basis for a short meditation.

Reports of their business sessions also reveal that they are truly trying, by God's grace, even as William Carey, the Father of Modern Missions, to "attempt great things for God and expect great things from God." We know they shall not be put to shame.

Missionary Ostrem has served as chairman of the Committee of Four which transacts all business on the field. He is now succeeded by Pastor Salte, due to the fact that the Ostrem's soon hope to come home on furlough. Ostrem is now vice president, Quanrud treasurer, and Mrs. Quanrud secretary of the committee. This committee system works splendidly as each one of our workers then have a voice and vote in important matters as well as the direction of the work instead of the whole responsibility being in the hands of one person called Director, as some missions have. This corresponds to the set-up in the homeland and the Lord has seen fit to graciously bless this arrangement for us both here and on the field with a blessed spirit of unity among the workers of the Colombia Mission. (We say this with due respect for all missions having a different set-up. *Thus the Lord has guided us.*)

Gleaning from the report we see that their God-given plans for the coming year, besides the regular station work, are somewhat as follows: To continue, as heretofore, the training courses for believing young people, who wish to become workers among their own people, such courses or institutes to be held for a period

of six months, beginning May 1st and continuing until first part of November, Miss Heerde to have charge of the training school for young girls at Soatá as soon as she is able to master the language, and until then to be assisted by Mrs. Salte, who has had charge of it before; to conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools at the various stations as last year with Miss Danielson as teacher and the other women missionaries working with her in making plans and securing material; to hold special evangelistic meetings in various parts of the field, with Pastor Salte directing this work; to employ four or five national workers for the Plains as well as a part-time worker, a national Bible School student during his next vacation (such a student was employed last year with blessed results in colportage work at outstations and unevangelized places); to continue to conduct day-schools for believers' children in as many places as possible with national young girls as teachers.

Echoes from El Cocuy

Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into His harvest.—Luke 10:2.

We are all familiar with echoes, and know that the echo can reveal only in part that which we might wish to say and perhaps the louder one calls the clearer the echo; but in the quiet conversations it is possible to tell all in detail. The latter is what we out here, would enjoy doing, but as that cannot be done we shall pass some on as mentioned in the heading. The echo we would desire most definitely should reach you is the message of the verse quoted above. As we look upon our field in Colombia we indeed see that the harvest is great, but alas! the very few workers! Will you *pray*, and if God indicates anything that you can do to bring the laborers, will you do your utmost?

We are happy to have a part in the continuation of the work begun here at El Cocuy by the Missionaries Larson. We thank God for what He has done through them and pray that the seed sown bears fruit and more fruit.

We have been here since a short time after the Larsons' departure on furlough and have endeavored to "water" and also continue to "sow." A fair attendance at the services has been enjoyed on the average, and at special occasions, as on Bible Days, Christmas, Easter, etc., we had full chapel. The various phases of the work has kept us busy and really we "gasp for breath" as we are unable to accomplish all that there is to do.

The routine has been as follows: services twice on Sundays; on Wednesday and Friday evenings with the Wednesday evening service being prayer meeting; the Bible Institute work for the men; visitation; and also direction of the day-school, al-

though we have a national teacher for the latter, but yet our attention is required. Visits have been made to the out-stations of Santa Ana and Carizal as often as we have been able to go. The attendance at the out-stations has been very encouraging and much interest has been observed.

Due to the need of my traveling through the other parts of the field of our Mission several times, it has fallen to the lot of Mrs. Ostrem to be in charge of the home-base here at El Cocuy a great part of the time.

It was our privilege to supervise the day-school in the Parpa district. A large number of children attended with a national teacher in charge.

The classes for boys who stayed with us for study were conducted daily during the school term. It is interesting to see that there are some of the men of this land who desire to prepare to serve the Lord amongst their own people. We find it difficult, however, to do justice to the teaching when we are to attend to the work in the various out-stations also besides that of the home-base.

Two young men who live a half day's walk from Socha, who accepted Christ as their Savior at some of our meetings walked to town several times—often every two weeks—to receive Bible instruction. After some time of such study they manifested their desire to be baptized and we had the joy of administering that sacrament to them. Others who have taken the "stand" for Christ have also expressed their desire to be baptized.

A civil and evangelical wedding was celebrated some time ago. It was the first of its kind here in El Cocuy, according to information we have received. The young couple who gladly endured the persecution which a marriage of that type brought them, are faithful in attendance at the out-station of Carizal.

Three funerals have been held, two in El Cocuy which were for two small children whose parents have attained knowledge of the Gospel and wished their children to have an evangelical burial. The third was a young man from the out-station of Santa Ana, Gabriel Wilches by name, who was one of the first to accept the Gospel in that region. He was very active in helping along in the direction of the work there and did much personal work. Just a few months before his death he sat at the deathbed of an elder sister of his who had been very contrary to the Gospel before, but he said that after he had spoken a great deal with her and prayed, she seemed to see light in Christ. When arrangements for the burial of Gabriel was in progress such definite opposition was made by the priest against interment in the already established cemetery that our people decided to establish an evangelical burial place at their own expense.

It so happened that Dr. Gronli was here visiting us at that time, hence we had the joy and privilege of hav-

ing him with us both at the dedication of the cemetery and at the funeral, the latter taking place immediately after the dedication services. A large number of people were in attendance at both services which naturally was conducted in the Spanish language.

On October 17th last, we again celebrated "Bible Day" services in El Cocuy. At both morning and evening services we had good attendance and especially in the evening when our chapel was filled to capacity. Extra benches, boards placed across chairs, etc., put in the aisles served together with the usual seats to accommodate the people.

One of the young men who has been with us studying in preparing himself to serve the Lord is now in military training as Colombia now has obligatory military service. In a letter from him, and by other means, we learn that he meets much persecution because of his firmness in Christ and the Gospel, but he manifests that he wants to remain true to the Lord regardless of the "price" he must pay. Pray for him. Juanito is his name and he is a very promising candidate for the Lord's service in the future.

The house we have occupied here since the Larsons came to El Cocuy a few years ago, has now been sold. Although the new owner has promised to let us rent it again, it shows us more clearly the very great need of Mission property at the mission stations. Will you pray with us that the Lord, by way of His people, will provide the greatly needed buildings as well as the ground and other things needed to carry on the work at each station?

We take this opportunity of greeting you all in Jesus' Name, wishing you all a very Blessed Christmas. May we all see anew the great importance of the coming of our Savior to this world.

Gerhard and Helene Ostrem,
Carol and Ruth.

A Trip to Santa Ana

Santa Ana is getting to be well known to the people at home, but I hope you don't mind to hear more from the place that is one of the brightest spots in our field.

It was the week after Easter that I had the chance to get up to that region. Left Soatá at 4 A. M. Friday in a truck that went to Cocuy for market day. Came to Ostrem's sometime before dinner. That night we had service in Cocuy.

Saturday morning we were up early as we had to catch another truck that left about 6 o'clock for El Espino, a town below Cocuy. Little Ruth Ostrem was very anxious to go with us and begged her father to be taken along. When she saw there was no hope she called out at the top of her voice as we rounded the corner of the street half a block from the house: "Lleveme tio, lleveme tio!" "Take me

along uncle! take me along uncle!"

In El Espino we met many from Santa Ana that had come into town for the market. One family from there has a little house in town where they take in boarders on market days. We had breakfast with them which consisted of good thick chocolate and bread. If you are fond of chocolate come to Colombia, but woe to the one that does not care for it nor can get used to it. I am sorry to confess that I belong to the last class. We also had a much enjoyed dinner with the same family. The silverware consisted of a good strong wooden spoon.

The friends from Santa Ana had brought in horses for Ostrem and me. We were about 8 or 10 of us in the company but we were the only ones that had horses, the rest walked. All of them carried something that they were bringing home from town. One even had a school desk on his back. The climb up the mountain from El Espino is very steep and long and I could hardly enjoy the ride when I thought of the horses that were striving so hard and the people walking, carrying their burdens. Any offer from us to change off with them met with a unanimous protest from the group. "No," they said, "we are used to this and you are not." True enough, they are, and we could never have made it at the speed they kept up. At last we reached the summit to the great relief of both man and beast. For a while we saw nothing but trees and mountains. But even those high and cold regions have their particular beauty. The beautiful flowers I saw up there spoke to me. They did not grumble because they were placed in that cold, windswept and barren region, but they showed off all the splendor they have from the Creator to all who pass by them. May we manifest the glory of Christ wherever we are.

At last we reached the other summit and there below us I viewed one of the nicest countrysides I have seen in this part of Colombia. It was Santa Ana. The descent was short and we arrived at the home of one of the believers. The doors were opened and we rode right in to the "patio," or the open inside court that most of the houses here have. Willing hands took care of the horses and administered to our needs. We had hardly got down from the horses before we were served a glass of warm milk with sugar in it. An hour later, lunch was served. Good thick chocolate again. Somewhat past an hour after lunch it was supper. There was to be service in the chapel that evening, but before we left we had to have another glass of sweet milk. A large crowd came out in spite of rain, and dark slippery mountain trails. When service closed we were invited to a family living a stone's throw from the chapel for lunch. It was served outside the house. With many thanks and handshakes we bade our "buenas noches" and "hasta mañana." Before we went to bed that night we had to take another glass

of milk. I had made up my mind not to refuse anything, because I did appreciate much more their sweet attitude than their sweet things.

On Sunday we had a very good turnout, both to Sunday School in the morning and for the service in the evening. It was easy to give out the word of life. That night we were to follow another family and stay with them. The hospitality knows no limits in that group and to give as many as possible a chance we stayed only one night at each place. The night was very dark and the paths slippery. Some had lanterns, most of which were of fancy colored paper and lighted with candles. I shall not tell how I managed that night, but I can not get over wondering how the many mothers could manage, crossing swollen creeks on a narrow, slippery plank and climbing the steep, muddy paths while carrying their little ones in their arms.

Monday night we had the last service. We started out for the chapel before dark set in, as the paths continued to be bad on account of rain. As the time for the service approached, people came, some from above, others from below. Most of them barefooted. That way they had no worry about shoes and stockings getting wet or muddy. Some of them went to a creek that runs by the chapel and washed off most of the mud, others entered the way they were. Can't you in your imagination see them at the service? The benches are rough logs placed on stones. The front row showed off a dozen pair of bare feet. Some clean from the wash in the creek, others with the mud sticking up between the toes. Again others with big wet muddy spots on their clothes, evidences that not all of them had been able to keep on their feet in coming.

When service was over and people dismissed, not one made a move to go. At last someone said: "Sing some more." Ostrem had to get the harp out again and we kept on for another half hour. At last the service was broken up, the lanterns lit, and with many handshakes and good wishes they left for their homes. That night we stayed with the family that lives close to the chapel. For a while I stood outside watching the departing people. Of course they could not be seen except for the lanterns that went higher and higher up the mountain sides. As I watched the departing lights I could not but wish to God that we, by His grace, had been able to give them something from His word so they had not come in vain.

We had to have a lunch before we went to bed. That was served in the kitchen on account of the cold. We all sat around the open fire between some stones on the floor. The women huddled up in their shawls with the mud floor for a chair. One child went to sleep on some branches in the corner, another one closer to the fire. The fire was kept up and the conversation

went on. Oh, yes, we can have it very cozy in Colombia too.

Trygve Salte.

A Great Door — Many Adversaries

Dear Friends: Greetings from Daniel 4:17.

Since you last heard from us we have had varied experiences in Duitama. Our work is going forward by the grace of God, and even if man opposes it, God's cause shall be victorious.

Last May 23rd our house was stoned by a mob led by the so-called spiritual leaders of this place. Twelve doors and windows were broken, some completely and others partially. Some of these were in the owner's house who lives next door to us, because of the fact that he lets us rent the one we occupy. The stoning was quelled by the intervention of the police, and since then many of the townspeople have come to us expressing their regrets for such treatment. This has resulted in making our work more widely known and has aroused the curiosity of many so we have had opportunities to testify for the Lord. We believe it will tell for the furtherance of the Gospel work, not only here but in other places as well.

There has been progress in the work lately. Many scripture portions as well as Bibles and Testaments have been sold. We also have a day school, although small. The Christian education of children, we believe, will mean much for the future of the Gospel work in this land.

As far as work out from this place is concerned, five towns have been visited and some of these twice by a colporteur. Several thousand tracts have been distributed, and several hundred portions of scripture, some Bibles and testaments have been sold. In this town some colportage work has also been done.

At the station regular Sunday evening services have been held and since the first Sunday in May, Sunday School, with one children's class, and one adult has been conducted. Mrs. Quanrud has taught the children's class, while Mr. Quanrud the adults. Attendance has been varied. Since last January a Bible Class for men has been held on Tuesday evenings with an attendance of from one to four. Spanish classes for missionaries have been held five days a week.

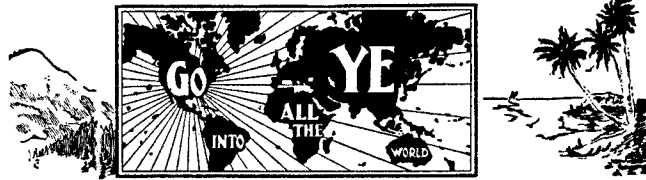
We are praising the Lord for fruits in Duitama and continue to look to Him who doeth all things well. We have believers who have moved in from other parts and that is a great help to the work as they are lights here. Since the stoning last May, we have had many come to our home that had never been here before which gives us an opportunity to speak for Christ.

Again asking that you remember us and Colombia's millions in your prayers, we are,

Yours in Him,

Phoebe and Olger Quanrud.

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Seventh Anniversary Greetings

*To the Members of the Board,
Friends and Workers on the Field,
Greetings in Jesus' Name!*

"And my God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19.

God's supply is inexhaustible and therefore more than sufficient for our every need. "They that seek Jehovah shall not want any good thing," says the Psalmist. As we seek the face of God and go on in His will, we experience that He supplies our every need. This we have found to be true in the Colombia Mission. God has supplied our financial needs in a wonderful way; we have a large door and effectual opened unto us in Colombia; and friends are rallying to the work. For this, and much more we have reason to thank and praise God on this seventh anniversary of the opening of the first station at Soatá.

As a faith mission, we look to God only and directly for the supply of our every need. If He sees fit at times to withhold the supply, He is either testing our faith or else there are hindrances in the way. When the testing days are over, or the hindrances are removed, He begins to supply. This is a law in His kingdom, or else what shall we make of the above verse?

May there be nothing in our lives that should hinder the expansion of His work nor the sending forth of more laborers. May we pray with David: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." David feared sins in his own life, and he turned to God for help. First to find out what those hindrances were, and secondly, he asked God's help in the removal of the hindrances. The last clause in his prayer seems to indicate that there was a standstill in David's life. He was not going on in the way everlasting. This standstill caused him to fear and ask God to search and find hidden faults and sins. Are we willing to make David's prayer our prayer? If the Holy Spirit reveals anything in your life that is grieving the Holy

Spirit, are you willing to ask God to remove them?

Pray for the work. Pray for new workers. Pray much for the workers on the field. May our seventh anniversary bring us, as a mission, rich blessing from our Heavenly Father. May we face the future with a greater vision of our responsibilities and privileges in bringing the Gospel to those who have never heard it.

Yours in the Lord,
J. O. Gisselquist.



Alma and Andrew Larson, Daniel and Naomi

From Andrew and Alma Larson

"Unto Him that loved us, and loosed us from our sins by His blood." Rev. 1:5.

Upon this blessed promise and our experience with the Saviour, we are making preparations to go back to Colombia, S. A. this spring. We will again attack the stronghold of Satan by God's word which is able to deliver those who are captive by sin, fanaticism and darkness; those who are ready to be slain; those who are about to meet their Maker without knowing they were loved, and loosed by the Blood of the Son of God.

We know there will be many testing moments. We know the power of Satan. We know what it costs to go forth. But the joy of being in God's will and service surpasses all which this empty world offers.

We are your messengers. Won't you pray for us? And so holding the rope, "while we go down digging gold."

Pray for our Daniel. We must leave

him with some who love Jesus and desire to see "His Kingdom come" in the hearts and lives of the lost. Our little boy is so beautiful and dear to us. We love him so much. Pray for the right home for our boy.

Pray as we travel on crowded buses, trains, ship or plane. These are days of travail. Pray for our transportation. It costs much at present, but all the silver and gold in this world doesn't compare with one soul saved and rescued like a "brand out of the fire."

Greetings to all the friends.
Andrew and Alma Larson,
Naomi and Daniel.

The Executive Committee has found it necessary at this time to defer printing of the "Celmosa Clarion" every two months due to lack of material from the field. When more workers are sent out we hope things will adjust themselves for them on the field so they will all find more time to write for the paper.

"The promises of God are only for those who undertake the program of God."

"Can I have the Spirit of Christ without having a missionary spirit?"

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of the Colombia Evangelical Luth. Mission of South America will meet at the Lutheran Bible School at Fergus Falls, Minn., Thursday, April 27th, 1944, beginning at 10:30 A. M. and continuing throughout the day. In the evening at 8 o'clock a Colombia Mission Fellowship meeting will be held especially honoring the Larsons who plan to return to the field in Colombia soon. All interested friends are cordially invited and urged to attend.

Let us pray that the Lord will give us a gracious time of fellowship about His Word and work.

J. O. Gisselquist, Pres.
Mrs. Alma Sand, Sec.

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CELMOSA CLARION

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If you wish to become a prayer-helper in this mission for South America, and keep in touch with the work, let the editor, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont., hear from you so she can put your name on the mailing list.

LEST WE FORGET — REMEMBER:

That in order to obtain the best exchange rates on *personal gifts* sent directly to the missionaries in Colombia, bank drafts should always be used.

That all contributions to the mission should be sent in the form of postal money order, bank drafts or personal checks to the Treasurer, Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Montana. If your gifts are not acknowledged within ten days or two weeks, please notify same address so it can be traced.

Important Dates in the Annals Of the Colombia Mission

- June 20, 1936—Lutheran Christians, including pastors and laymen from various synods, who had become burdened for the Neglected Continent, and had for some time been praying for the establishment of a Lutheran Faith Mission in Colombia, met at Fergus Falls, Minn. for prayer and fellowship, and out of this meeting the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America was born; a Board of Directors elected; and the two first volunteers for the field accepted.
- August 1936—Incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota.
- November 1936—Miss Myrtle Nordin and Miss Marie Thompson, the two first missionaries sailed for Colombia.
- January 1937—Just seven ^{weeks} ~~years~~ ago—the first station was opened at Soatá, Boyacá, Colombia, in the unevangelized, mountainous interior.
- October 1937—Five new recruits sailed: Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem, Sister Alma Monson, Pastor Andrew J. Larson, Mr. Olger Quanrud.
- November 1938—Miss Alvida Holmvik, another new worker sailed for Colombia.
- April 1939—The opening of the second station at El Cocuy. Pastor and Mrs. Andrew J. Larson opened this station, as well as the country work at Santa Ana, shortly after their marriage at Soatá, March 29th.
- June 1939—The opening of the third station at Socha by Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem.
- September 1939—Miss Helen Danielson sailed for Colombia.
- February 1940—Pastor Trygve Salte arrived in Colombia after having spent more than a year in Norway.
- May 1940—First Annual Conference of our missionaries on the field, held at El Cocuy, May 15-18.
- July 1940—Canadian friends organized the Canadian Branch of the Colombia Mission.
- October 1940 — First furlo granted Missionary Olger Quanrud.
- December 3, 1940—Pastor Trygve A. Salte and Miss Alvida Holmvik united in marriage at Soatá.
- September 1941—Mr. and Mrs. Olger Quanrud sailed for Colombia after he had spent a year home on furlo. Mrs. Quanrud was, before their marriage July 20, 1941, Miss Phoebe Engstrom of McPherson, Kansas.
- December 1941—Opening of a fourth station at Duitama by Mr. and Mrs. Quanrud.
- October 1942—Pastor and Mrs. Andrew J. Larson, Naomi and Daniel return home on furlo.
- March 1943—Miss Elizabeth (Ella) Heerde sailed for Colombia.
- April 1943—Our missionaries on the field enjoyed the first visit from friends in the homeland when Dr. J. E. Gronli and Pastor Andrew S. Burgess spent a few days with them while making a survey trip of South America.

From Helen Danielson

"Rejoice, and again I say rejoice—for He that is for us is greater than he that is against us!"

Such has also proven true in our work throughout the past year. We can do nothing but praise Him and rejoice. Many are the times when the enemy seemed strong, but the Lord has always proven Himself stronger. Because of this we close another year rejoicing in our Blessed Lord. Not that we have any exciting reports to give. The work here in the Lord's vineyard is no different from that in other countries. Encouragement and discouragement we meet as we minister to the precious souls, but we rejoice that our Lord is able to break through these hard hearts also.



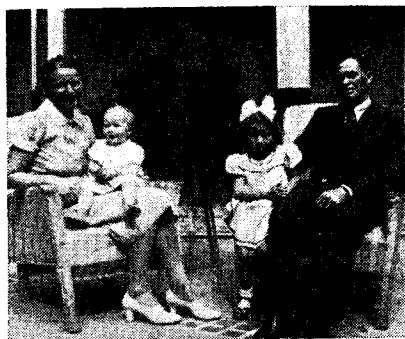
Helen Danielson

We have tried to sow the Word through conversation, visitation, preaching and teaching, and only our blessed Lord knows what has taken place in the hearts.

Our work, as women, is to a great extent among the women and children. Although we try to fill the pulpit also when the men are absent.

I have had the joy the past year in my work in Duitama, to work with two different groups of women. The first class was one of mostly believers. It was not a large class, but even though we were few we had blessed hours together studying the Word of God. All these women and girls have moved to other towns now.

After I returned from Cocuy, new doors presented themselves with the women and children, so we began another class. Most of these were not believers. I asked them how often they would like to meet for study and one woman said, "We'll come every night if we can." But, of course, that was not possible. However, we have met twice a week since. Some of these women had never heard the Gospel before, so it was such a joy to study the Word with them. Many of these have left town also now, so that means that we are just a few again, but we are not discouraged as we still have seven children and a few mothers. We are happy for the opportunities of ministering to them while they are in our midst, and trust in God's promises that His Word shall not return unto Him void. Two families of believers from other parts have also moved into



Helene and Gerhard Ostrem,
Carol Lois and Ruth



Phoebe and Olger Quanrud



Alvida and Trygve Salte, and Ragnhild

Duitama. We are so happy for this as no one can testify as their own people can. In spite of what they have had to suffer here because of their testimony, they have been faithfully showing their colors. Pray much for the believers.

We realize too the great responsibility that is ours in ministering to the youth of this land. Someone has said that a "nation moves forward on the feet of its children." I was just reading an article which said that only 4 per cent accept Christ after the age of 12. If this is true, our work with the youth is also what will mean salvation for Colombia. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We were permitted to conduct Bible Schools in our country districts also the past year. Three different schools were conducted in the country and also at two of our stations. Those of us who were permitted to go to the country also made use of the evenings in conducting services for the adults. Two months of the past year, I also had the pleasure of spending in Cocuy together with Mrs. Ostrem while Mr. Ostrem was away on an evangelistic trip to the plains.

Our work has merely begun, but we look up and forward to greater things in the days to come. Much time has had to be spent in preparing the soil. We praise the Lord that His ways are higher than our ways. Then, as we look back upon our experiences of the past year, even though they have been many and varied, we realize how it all fits into the Lord's plans. May He continue to go before.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Helen Danielson.

Canadian Branch Holds Rally

Dear Friends in Christ,
Greetings with Matt. 11:28.

We thought perhaps you would like to have a little glimpse of our Colombia Mission Rally held on December 1st. We met at Scandia Congregation near Armenta, Alta., Pastor S. J. Rude's charge. Evangelist Philip Hanson from Calgary was our guest speaker.

His message in the afternoon was on being "Mission Minded," centering

his thoughts around Phil. 2:5. First, the Appeal, proving that every congregation must be mission minded if it is to carry out the command of Christ to save others, and if it is to grow itself. According to Phil. 2 four things are required if we are to have the mind of Christ: 1) love, 2) one mind—unity, 3) humility, 4) unselfishness.

Second thought, God's Provision. Jesus came, humbled Himself, became like us, became obedient unto death. All this for us that we might receive power from God to win others.

Third thought, How Expressed. There must be obedience. We ought to see souls through the eyes of Christ. We must work out what God has worked in us. There must be growth. We are to be lights, not stumbling-blocks, but blameless and harmless. This high ideal can be reached. Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus are examples.

The evening sermon was centered around the theme, "The Missionary and His Message," based on Acts 9:1-9. First, the Missionary. Perhaps Saul met Jesus at Stephen's death. But he met Him as a light from heaven on the Damascus road. A China missionary once said, "When God is to use a vessel, He breaks it in pieces first, and then He takes the broken pieces and shapes the vessel as He will." This vessel He can use. Just to be in the presence of Jesus shows what we are. Life begins, not at "forty," but when we meet Jesus. Second, Paul listened to God. He was ready to listen. The lost soul is first Christ's loss (why persecutest thou me?) We serve by being interested in other souls. Be still and God will direct. Third, Obedience. "I would sooner live a short life in obedience to God, than a long life in disobedience," said a missionary from Calgary. The only safe place to be is in the will of God. God can keep His own if they obey. The Lord placed an army of angels around the missionary and his sick wife in China. Meanwhile a Christian over in Minneapolis was praying for them during the same night. Fourth, being filled with the Spirit. God works through such witnesses. We must desire to be filled with the Spirit that we might be used in winning souls.

The Missionary's message is the Gospel of Salvation. Christ's way is to take us out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay. We cannot get out alone. While my father and I were digging a well on our farm we struck quicksand and I could not get out of it, but only sank deeper and deeper. My only help was from above. Father lowered a rope. God's remedy for sin is Christ. Through Him God offers a finished work. He saves to the uttermost. We are reconciled to God. God makes the missionary. God gives him the message and Colombia cries, "Come over and help us."

Since Pastor Odland was unable to be present, Pastor Bernhardson presided at this rally. At the close of the service an offering was lifted for the Furlo Fund for Gerhard Ostrem.

Your Brother in Christ,
Edwin C. Peterson, Sec'y.

From the Language School at Medellin

Dear Friends in the Homeland:

"Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." — II Cor. 4:6.

As at creation God called the light into being by His divine word of power, saying, "let there be light," so also He has caused the spiritual light, even the knowledge of His saving grace in Jesus Christ to shine in our hearts. Thus it is in the glory of His face old things—self righteousness, envy, jealousy, strife, love of money, etc., grows dim, yea, and even pass away, for behold all things are become new. Not only does our outward countenance change but we experience an inner transformation to be changed into the very likeness of Christ. For of His fullness we all received and grace for grace.

Already several months have passed since writing to you friends concerning my leaving the States and making the trip to Colombia. Many have been the letters expressing their same desire. Perhaps not in this particular field but somewhere in the uttermost parts of the world. Truly, this is a worthy cause and desire; but it is well to remember that all have not the same gifts of ministering. Many who can not go have a special ministry

of prayer, which indeed is an essential and effectual ministry, for we have been admonished to pray without ceasing, not only for ourselves but for *others*. Then too, where would the missionaries be, were it not for the ministry of giving by God's own children who love Him, and thus desire that others too may come to know Him, through the ministry of giving. Thus though having varied and many gifts we are of the same spirit.

How difficult it is to write interestingly to friends and loved ones back home, when all one does is study the language. Yes, indeed, even though one feels very useless at times we realize the language study too is an important task, for it is an indispensable tool with which to reach these precious souls; whom to know is a privilege and to love is unavoidable. By now many of the strange sounds and syllables have become words and phrases, which is encouraging. I love the language and think it is beautiful. To be in a language school together with some over twenty other missionaries of various denominations is a wonderful privilege. I am so thankful to have this opportunity. At times when one thinks the mastering of the language is hopeless, one can see one of the fellow-missionaries going through the same stage. And thus it seems "misery loves company."

As traveling is a bit difficult here in South America, we find Medellin not the easiest place to reach from our mission field in Boyacá, unless one goes by plane which simplifies matters considerably. This I did upon arriving here but hope to be spared that misery when returning. In plain words, I can't take it. This term ends December 16th, when we have vacation until January 31st, when the new term starts. I plan to stay in Medellin during this interval to continue study of the language and resume with the others when the new term begins. Hope to finish the study here in May, although the full course is three terms. The people and conditions here are a constant reminder and challenge to me to study the language faithfully and thus in due time be able to minister to these also.

Medellin is considered one of the most aggressive cities in Colombia. It has many beautiful, wealthy homes, as well as the very crude, poor mud dwellings. However, even in the better section of town one can see cows, pigs, horses and other animals loose trying to find a bit to eat in the streets or thereabout. To me this seemed very strange at first, or in fact it still does. Have often been reminded of a time back home when my brother and I were out walking in the country road drinking in the beauty of nature, he remarked, "You can't beat a cow path for beauty, can you?" He meant, of course, seeing God's great out-of-doors just as it is, without pavement and all the other modern means of improvement for our comfort. How true it is. God has given us this beautiful creation to enjoy, but also that through

it we might worship and adore Him, the Creator.



Elizabeth Heerde

With such beautiful sunny weather here it is difficult to believe we are soon entering the blessed Christmas season. However, as I am teaching in the English Bible School on Saturdays, and we too are now preparing a Christmas program for the many English speaking families here in Medellin, it brings the same spirit of Christmas into my heart. In the midst of a world of strife and distress it gives me a strange feeling to send best wishes to those of you who especially now so keenly feel the absence of your loved ones who are in the service of our country, perhaps not even knowing their whereabouts. Thus may God, who alone knows and understands, grant to each one of you His comforting presence and peace. May we all do our part to serve Him faithfully.

Sincerely, to serve till He cometh,
Elizabeth E. Heerde.

Praise and Prayer

Praise the Lord for the evident blessing of God upon the work these seven years since the first station was opened at Soatá, in January, 1937; for the precious souls that have been won for the Lamb of God; for the faithful, consecrated missionaries He has given us; that He so abundantly has supplied every material need for His work and workers; for the great and open door in Colombia because of its liberal government which is friendly to U. S. and its missionaries.

Praise Him for seeing Missionary Olger Quanrud through a severe case of typhoid fever recently. Pray now that his fever-wrecked body may feel the healing touch of the Great Physician, restoring him to perfect health as he is needed so much in the work.

Pray ye therefore, that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest in Colombia. Our greatest need is young men and women who are willing "to spend and be spent" for precious souls. Pray for

the speedy occupation of the vast and practically untouched part of our field. If our missionary staff were doubled it would hardly scratch the surface. Pray that the young people whom God is calling may not be disobedient to the heavenly calling.

Pray for the Larsons as they now are making plans to return to the field very soon. Pray that the Lord will grant them journeying mercies.

Pray much for our missionaries that they may be given mental, spiritual and physical strength. Pray that they may be given grace daily to deal with every individual problem. Pray also for our four national workers on the Plains that they may stand true to the Lord, as living witnesses of His power to save from sin.

Pray for the two new recruits, Mr. and Mrs. Kaleb Sunwall, whom, we hope, will be able to go out before the close of this year.

Pray that the Lord will supply another nurse and teacher for our field in Colombia. The need for such workers is great.

The King's Business Requireth Haste

During our first term in Colombia, a tract was sent us by a young Christian girl, bearing the above title. She had underlined some sentences and I quote them in part. "Perhaps He will send you. We must go. We must behold the great unfinished task and the part we are to play in completing that task."

This young Christian girl, frail in body though she was, wanted to serve her Lord wherever He would send her. She expressed her desire to go to South America, but a short time afterwards the message came that God had taken her Home.

Those of you who read these lines, do you have the vision this young Christian had? Truly, the King's business requireth haste. We do not know when our Lord will return, but He may come soon.

Then too, there is a great unfinished task in South America. In Colombia, with a population of about nine million there is only one evangelical missionary for every 38,000 people.

Who is going to complete the great task of evangelizing the Neglected Continent? If God calls you, are you ready and willing to go? You who are constrained by the love of Christ and His Word, will you not respond to His call? A missionary has so beautifully written this response to God's call:

"Lord, send me. Oh, send me forth, I pray,

The need is great; Thy call I will obey.

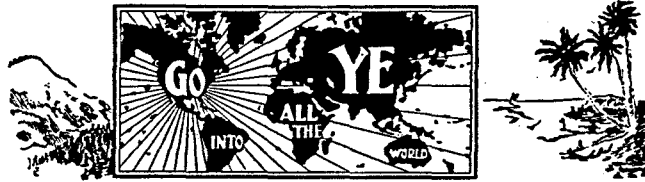
Thy love compels me, I must go, I'm willing, ready, longing to go."

Mrs. Andrew J. Larson.

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The Open Door — How Long?

We thank God for the vision He has given to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Norwegian Lutheran Church and the Danish Lutheran Church of the neglected fields in South America. Last year these two church bodies jointly began preparation for opening work there by sending Dr. J. E. Gronli and Pastor Andrew Burgess on a survey tour through the Latin American countries in view of finding the most suitable field in which to locate.

Argentina was decided upon as their new field of labor, five workers were called, namely Pastor and Mrs. Harold Olson, Pastor and Mrs. Hans Thoresen and Pastor Arndeld Morck, the latter representing the U.D.L.C. These workers were sent to Mexico City for a year of language study prior to their sailing for Argentina, the proposed mission field. What great changes, however, have taken place in some of the South American republics we need only to have read the daily newspapers to realize. In the overthrow of the Argentine government and the setting up of a Nazi regime, which is anti-Christian, anti-Semitic and anti-United States, the doors to that needy field have been fast barred to the Gospel; and what is more, it is becoming increasingly difficult day by day for Protestant missionaries to gain entrance to almost any of the South American republics, except through the established missions already at work there. This is due to Roman Catholic propaganda, which is strongly at work even in our own State Department at Washington. To verify this statement we quote the following from an article entitled "Missionary News of Note" in the April issue of "The Gospel Message": "The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism sent three new Missionary couples into Colombia last year, the first from that Society to enter Colombia. But our own State Dept. has just lately refused passports to Colombia for one more couple, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Foden. A personal conference with the Chief of Passport Division of the State Department elicited the information that the religious situation in Colombia just now is very tense because of the increasing opposition of the Roman Catholics to Prot-

estant activities in that country. . . . The State Department feels that if many more Missionaries are permitted to enter Colombia just now the result may possibly be legislative action which may set the whole Missionary cause in Colombia back many years. That, of course, is a question of opinion. The truth of the matter is that right now Washington is refusing to let Missionaries go to Colombia rather than the government of Colombia refusing to permit Missionaries to enter the country. This shows to what extent the powerful political lobby of the Roman Catholic Church has made its influence felt in Washington. . . . Our own country pledged to religious liberty and the rights of minorities, in the midst of a war to preserve the Four Freedoms, has now capitulated to the power of Rome and is refusing to issue passports." — The Message.

"The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of U. S. (Southern) and the Reformed Church of America have sent protests to the State Department against the Catholic hierarchy's campaign against Protestant Missionaries in South America."—The Converted Catholic.

In the light of the above quoted articles we do not know how long it will be possible for our Colombia Mission to send workers either. The future looks dark, but "with God all things are possible," and unsurmountable difficulties have, in the past, been overcome by persevering, believing prayer on the part of Christians down through the centuries. So, dear, faithful prayer warriors, this is only another call to prayer. The enemy takes no rest, and so let it be with us who are Jehovah's remembrancers," pleading for a world without Christ and His saving Gospel.

Due to the closed door in Argentina and elsewhere, the Board of Foreign Missions of the N.L.C.A. and U.D.L.C. have asked the Board of Directors of the Colombia Ev. Lutheran Mission of South America if they may be granted the privilege of sending their missionaries, who are all trained and ready to begin actual missionary work, to our field for a period of six months to a year in order that they may thus gain entrance to South America while waiting upon the Lord

for guidance and open doors. Such an offer could come at no more opportune time, since Missionary Quanrud, who is slowly recovering from a severe case of typhoid fever, will be unable to do any work for months to come, and Missionary Ostrems, whose time for furlough is long overdue, must come home for a much needed rest, leaving a real shortage of workers at this time, since Mr. and Mrs. Kaleb Sunwall, who are called out, may not be able to sail before next spring, since he wishes to complete his college course first.

After prayerful consideration, the Board of the Colombia Mission has voted to accept this offer, which in no wise changes the working methods of our faith mission. The workers of these church bodies will be taken care of by their respective Boards while our Colombia Mission workers will be cared for as heretofore.

At the same time that we are helping these candidates of the N.L.C.A. and the U.D.L.C. gain entrance into the country while doors are still ajar, we are also helping ourselves by obtaining the service of these consecrated young people for a year, or until they find a field of their own.

When our missionaries first came out to Colombia, they were indeed strangers in a strange country. But other evangelical missions working in Colombia kindly took them in and helped them locate a field and get the work started. We owe a big debt of gratitude to these missions for the brotherly kindness extended to our workers. Now it is our opportunity to extend similar kindness to others. And this we should do so much more gladly when it concerns our own Lutheran brethren. And surely it will cause great rejoicing among our workers when these new workers arrive on the field.

The territory allotted our mission has a population of one-half million for which we are responsible.

Pray that missionaries to South America be granted passports and that there be no delay in bringing the Gospel to those who so long have waited for us to give them the Light of God's Word, which alone can set them free from the bondage of sin.

A. B. S.

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If you wish to become a prayer-helper in this mission for South America, and keep in touch with the work, let the editor, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont., hear from you so she can put your name on the mailing list.

LEST WE FORGET — REMEMBER:

That in order to obtain the best exchange rates on *personal gifts* sent directly to the missionaries in Colombia, bank drafts should always be used.

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December 17th, 1943, was a happy occasion at the Soatá station when Pastor Salte had the joy of administering baptism to three of the believers who requested it. They were: Antonio Ariza, his daughter, Graciliana Ariza, and Isabel Diaz. Salte writes: "Especially was it a joy to us that Antonio at last, by the grace of God, had come to this point. He has been a



Sunday School at Soatá

believer for about six years but there have been things in his life over which he did not have full victory. One was drink, his besetting sin, among others. He never got drunk, and made scandal, but, it seemed as if he could not leave it alone, but tasted it once in a while. He has, during these years, been the object of much prayer. His wife was baptized two years ago, at which time he also received instruction. We were very much concerned about his condition then, as we sensed that he was not fit for baptism, and prayed that God would show it to him, and God did. Over a year ago he had a renewal and from that time there was a definite change in his life. The night of the baptism he gave a very good testimony of the saving grace of God. He stands now as a living testimony of the power of the Gospel. He and his wife, Ceneida, are our most faithful ones. They have given us much joy and comfort in the work. We hardly know of a service held during these years unless at least one of them was present, and that is saying a great deal when we have four regular services a week. Thank God with us for them, and pray that they may continue to grow in grace and knowledge. They have five children who always come to Sunday School and three of them attended the day school last year.

"Isabel Diaz, a young homeless girl from the Plains east of the Andes Mountains, has been with us for a year, but will have left by the time this reaches you. She is a very fine girl who has given us nothing but joy the time she has been with us. She is going to teach an evangelical country school which belongs to the Cocuy district. Support her in her work by remembering her in prayer.

Gertrudis Avila is another young girl who confesses faith in Christ, but is timid. She stays here in town with relatives who will not permit her to come to the services. She needs courage to break with chains of relatives for Christ's sake.

"Senora Juana de Avila and two of her daughters, Augustina and Marina, also profess faith in God. They live far out in the country and it is very seldom they can come in for services. Juana is the mother of Gertrudis, the girl mentioned above. The mother can not read so we just wonder, with the little she has heard, how much light has penetrated into her soul. They live in a community called "Jutua Chiquito." We are praying for an opening to have services in that place. Pray for this family and community that doors may open up.

"We are at the end of the dry season. Next month (April) the water will pour down and soon the burnt off vegetation on the mountainsides will flourish again. Life will sprout where there is a speck of soil. Will you not pray and expect with us showers from above to water the dried up hearts?"

"Also this year a Missionary Conference was held in Bogota during the last part of January. I was there and represented our Mission. As you perhaps remember from what we wrote about it last year, it is a Conference to talk over problems that we have in common in this field. In all 25 missions are now at work in this land. Fourteen of these were represented at the Conference. These fourteen have signed an agreement of co-operation and agreed to a joint doctrinal statement. This is to be able to present a united front to the existing church, the Colombian people, and the respective governments. The doctrinal statement contains only the fundamental things in which all of us agree. The independence of each group is not hampered in any way."

The Queen of Colombia

To find the real truth from the people regarding their belief in images and their worship of saints is rather difficult, for it is so wrapped up in superstitions and tales without end. When we think we know all about a certain image we are told new tales. The whole thing is involved in such a shroud of mystery that it is a question if anyone is able to give a definite account. What I intend to tell here is taken from what I have read, heard and observed.

The Queen of Colombia has her abode in the Cathedral of Chiquinquira. This town has a population of about 20,000, including the surrounding districts and is about 350 years old. It is situated close to the western boundary of the Department of Boyacá.

"The miraculous virgin, which is called the Queen of Colombia, is a rather dark painting that long ago belonged to a laundress named Maria Ramas. One day a terrible storm swept the valley, and Maria's poor ranchito was destroyed by the rain and water. The canvas of the Madonna was found in shreds in a puddle, when lo, in a twinkling it had grown together again, and no one could even detect the joints. Now it is above the altar of the Cathedral of Chiquinquira

in a gold and silver frame, much ornamented with jewels, and before it kneel people from the farms near by, as well as from the whole land and even from foreign countries." (Quoted freely from the book, *Colombia Gateway to South America* by Kathleen Roneoli.)

Now that you are introduced to the virgin or the Queen of Colombia as she is called, a little about how the worship of this painting is carried out in practice might interest you.

The time which, in a special way, is set aside for adoring her is Christmas. Then people come from far and near to "pay promise" as they call it. This promise may consist in that during the year they have prayed to the "Virgin of Chiquinquirá" and promised a certain sum of money if she helped them. How much money is taken in no one knows, but one may guess it is an enormous amount when thousands of people come just in a few days to pay their tribute, and that many of these also pay for others who can not get away.

Other favors may also be obtained by making a pilgrimage to Chiquinquirá. One of these is this. The step-ladder to Heaven has seven steps. If one reaches the seventh step there is a fair chance of getting in. For each pilgrimage to Chiquinquirá one step is gained and so if seven pilgrimages are made one is quite sure to reach the goal. Now, this was true some years ago when there were no roads and the trip had to be made on foot and took several weeks for those that lived far away. It will not surprise me at all if the religious deceivers have changed this now when the trip can be made in trucks and with comparative ease if they have the money.

Even now, however, the trip is not a pleasure ride. As our town and house too is located on one of the most important highways of Colombia, there is a good chance to observe the pilgrims as they pass through. This year there seemed to be more than ever. For several days trucks passed by day and night loaded with people. One night I went out and counted those that for a few moments had stopped in town and there were eighteen of them, all loaded to capacity with people. Some trucks will stay over night and the passengers sleep right on the street. Thus I once saw the sidewalks in a whole block full of people, and there they spent the night. The point is that the more they suffer the more favor is obtained.

One would almost think that the pilgrims would be a serious-minded group, but far from it. The noise from the drunk persons in the crowd is accompanied by guitar music, and wherever the truck makes a stop, more alcohol is consumed. At times some of these drunks have to be thrown into the trucks so they can be on their way again. It is a pity to see the mothers with babies in their arms trying to calm down their drunken husbands. When at last the man has raved all he can he settles down on the sidewalk to sleep while the wife

sits down beside him and waits till the spell is over. At times we have to step over them to get into our house.



Our Present Day-School at Soatá

When they return they are in lower spirits and more filthy than ever. They have reached the limit of their endurance and their money. For many, a whole year's savings is gone and what do they get in return? When will the light of the Gospel penetrate into their darkened souls and lives? This class of people is not easy to reach, but nothing is impossible for God.

Trygve Salte.

Easter in El Cocuy

Yes, friends, we had a very happy Easter. I cannot say "holiday" as it was one of our busiest weeks. To the people of Colombia, however, Easter seems much more a holiday than Christmas. A very great amount of extra baking and cooking must be done. Everyone in the family from the baby to the mother and father must have a new outfit of clothes, yes, even the servants.

From Wednesday to Sunday, perhaps with the exception of Saturday, in that week, no one must work — it is sin, they say. Not even the church bells are rung. Some person walks through the town shaking a "matraca," a sort of large wooden rattle, to call the people to church. Yes, working those days is considered sin, but to work on Sundays otherwise is deemed perfectly legitimate. Then the stores are open for full business and in many places the main market is on Sunday. True, Sunday observance seems to be difficult for even the believers to realize also, due to the perverted idea they had before knowing the Gospel.

Tuesday was the last day of school before Easter vacation. We had Parents' day that afternoon. A short test was given the children in most of the

subjects taught in the presence of the parents after which we served lunch to all and had the opportunity to visit with those who came. It was appreciated to have a few days' vacation as we have the school here in the house where we live and a large group of children thus are capable of producing much noise.

On Wednesday some of the people from the out-station of Santa Ana came in and stayed with us until Monday. It is so pleasant to have them as they are such dear people. They love the Lord and did not count it too great a sacrifice to walk all the way. They left their home in the early morning hours before dawn and arrived here at 2 o'clock P. M. One little five year old girl was in the company and had to walk all the way as the rest all had something to carry. One had a basketful of eggs, one peas, another cheese, some wheat and corn flour. They also had some of the bread they make (how I wish I could give you all a slice of it!), all of which was gratefully accepted. Our teacher in Santa Ana came in with them also to spend the days with her sister who is the teacher of our school here in El Cocuy.

In the afternoon on Wednesday a young girl came to our house to borrow six dessert dishes for her grandmother. After about an hour she returned them full of our kinds of fancy desserts and also had some of the cake they make from corn flour resembling "Johnnie-cake." She had one trayful for us and one for our teacher and her sister. A little later another woman sent us a trayful of buns and a jugful of some rice drink they make which generally is very thick. Others from the country also brought in eggs, peas and flowers. Surely it was all greatly appreciated and the motive of self-sacrifice and love which prompted it all was appreciated even more than the gifts themselves.

We had services every evening of the week from Tuesday through Sunday and also on Friday and Sunday mornings. We did not plan to have services on Saturday evening, but, they wished it then too, if possible, which naturally it was. On Friday and Sunday evenings the Sunday school and day school children contributed the greater part of the service by a program appropriate for the occasions. Our chapel was full with much more extra seating space arranged for. So many come out for special services and extra occasions and then is our opportunity to present the Gospel to them. Some accept it, others think that it is all right for some people, and others reject it and think it is all foolishness.

One man had said about his aged mother that it made him laugh to see an old lady still going over there (to the Mission Station) to sing. Poor blinded soul! Will he still laugh when we, old and young, in heaven shall be singing praises unto Him whose Name we preach; whose Name we praise in our hymn-singing; when we adore the Lamb of God who died for

us on Calvary in the Holy Week long ago? Will he still laugh if he is on the other side? Oh, dear ones at home, pray for souls! So few, so very few are on our side, that is, on the Lord's side, in comparison, it seems, to the thousands living and dying in their sin and superstition.

Pray for more workers, for more missionaries. Are there none who want to come to help rescue these souls who are as dear to the Master as we are? Sometimes it seems so very little we can do, and all appears so hopeless, but, praise the Lord, the work is His.

Yes, friends, our Holy Week, our Easter week, was a busy, but a very happy and blessed one. Greetings to you all in the Name of Him, our Risen, Glorified Savior,

Helene Ostrem.

Carizal

One day in the beginning of our pioneer mission work in El Cocuy we rented a horse and started up the mountains to do house visitation work. The Spirit of God guided us to a house, the home of a young man named Proceso Mora. His experience with the Lord and his acceptance of the Gospel is beautifully portrayed in the following letter which we just received from him:

"Senor Don Andreo Larson, esteemed Pastor and brother in the faith of Jesus: I am sending you my cordial greetings and my firm desire that you may have the richest blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How great to think of you and always I give thanks to my God for His servants who gave us the light of the Gospel so that we should know the admirable light and be converted from *darkness and idolatry* to a living God. I don't know how to express myself and my feelings of gratitude.

"It is a long time since I felt the desire to tell you things that have happened here in this region of Gutierrez, but have not had the opportunity. The first is that the Gospel is beginning in our house. Missionary Ostrem visits us every month, and about 25-30 persons gather in our home. We thank God for this and for His many blessings that we have received. In Santa Ana it appears that the work is marching ahead. Brother Gabriel departed for eternity. I am planning to visit the brethren. My living desire and passion is to be an instrument for my Savior, Jesus Christ, and serve Him in His vineyard. In my heart there is a flame continually for the Gospel. I can say like the apostle, 'I know in whom I have believed,' and 'the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all that believe.' I am asking you to pray for me.

"Receive greetings from my family and the believers here. We are all well. How are you? We are desiring your soon return to this region again. We are waiting with anticipation and joy. ~~Thousand greetings to your wife and children.~~

Your Brother,
Proceso Mora."

Out East

The Lord said: Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel (Mark. 16:16).

In compliance with that command we also endeavor to bring the Gospel to the many people and places out here, although we are greatly handicapped by the shortage of workers. We try to make at least an annual visit to the area of our field that lies OUT EAST of the Andes Mountains. There are many believers and baptized members in those parts who also desire such visits although they manifest their longing for a resident missionary to be located in our Casanare field to which I refer. When shall they see their wishes fulfilled?

I made that annual visit again in the first part of the year together with Mr. Leal, who is our worker in the Parpa territory, taking six weeks from the time I left El Cocuy until I returned here. Again it fell to the lot of my good wife to direct the work at our home-station during my absence. It was my privilege to visit our fellow-missionaries both in Soatá and Duitama on the way out to the Plains as well as on the return. We greatly enjoy those opportunities as we do not have them except on special occasions and we need one another's help and counsel in every way so much.

Immediately upon arrival Out East we began the Conferences which were held at several different places, generally lasting several days. They were in the form of Bible Studies, giving of spiritual advice, and Evangelistic meetings. Our worker in Casanare, Moses Forero, joined us in the Sombrero congregation, hence the three of us took part in all the services. We had good attendance in all places and the people were attentive, hungry for the Bread of Life. Many of the believers have moved farther out into the Plains, endeavoring to improve their economical situation, but nevertheless, at the main Conference, which was held in La Aguada, they came together from all regions, which meant several days' traveling for many of them either on mule or horses, and some even walked.

At the La Aguada conference the business matters were attended to in more detail. Arrangements for the schools for the present year were considered and also reorganization of work for the present was effected.

Nine men and women had manifested their desire to be baptized and had made preparations towards it. Together with the Committee in charge of the work out there we met with the candidates one by one for an examination and they were accepted. Hence, we had the joy of administering baptism to them at the Sunday evening services, which indeed was a very impressive service. Will you place them on your prayer list?

After the baptismal service that evening those new members together with 24 others participated in the Lord's supper. It truly was an enjoyable occasion thus to feast together in

the Presence of the Lord. We felt His nearness in a powerful way and we pray that He may work out His Will in the hearts and lives of all who were present. A large audience witnessed the event and we pray also that God might work in their hearts to His glory.

After the La Aguada meetings Mr. Leal made a ten-day trip through the southern part of our field, visiting several places conducting meetings every day, besides doing house visitations. He reported precious moments about the Word together with the people.

During that same time I, in company with Mr. Ferrero and Mr. Silva, who is one of the principal members out there, made a trip through the northern part, going as far as Tame. We also had services daily besides the tract and house-visitation work. We sold all the Bibles and other scripture portions we had along for sale. In fact, we did not have a large enough supply with us for the demand.

It was my privilege while in Tame to visit with some fellow-citizens from U. S., namely some oil-men. They invited me to take my meals with them which I accepted and did it ever seem pleasant to have some good meals! It was also interesting to speak to them about the Gospel and remind them that though they be far from home and church yet they must not forget the Gospel they had heard back home. One of them gave me a generous gift toward our work.

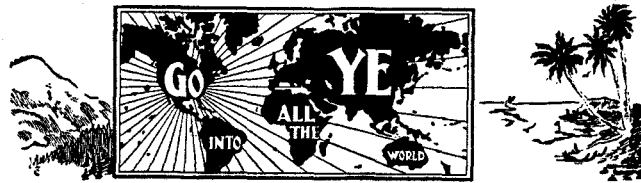
While on the trip we had many practical experiences applicable to Christian life. We saw beautiful flowers blooming and shedding their fragrance "far away from nowhere" where only the occasional traveler pays little or no attention to them. Thus should a Christian life be, regardless of where the Lord has placed us, shed abroad the fragrance of Christ in every place. A lesson of the danger of playing with sin was revealed to us when one of the believers was playing with a hornet's nest, pretending that there was no danger for him, but, lo, bang! one its inhabitants found happy landing squarely on his face, leaving a swollen profile. Thus many think that there is no danger if I do this or that, I will not fall. But beware, you that stand take heed lest you fall!

I also had the opportunity on this journey to spend a few days in our former field of labor, that is in the Socha territory. It was interesting to meet the believers in Parpa and the other places. I had the joy of helping to arrange for the opening of another school in that region, namely in the area called Mausá.

I realized anew the great need of your prayers for the work Out East, hence in closing I covet your intercession in its behalf and likewise for the missionaries and the work in the interior.

Yours in the Lord's happy service,
Gerhard Ostrem.

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Annual Missionary Conference

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The Fifth Annual Conference of the Missionaries of the Colombia Mission was held in Soatá, July 16-19, 1944. All the missionaries were present, eight in number.

We were richly blessed as we called upon our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving during our morning prayer from 6 A.M. to 7 A.M. We were also drawn nearer to our blessed Lord through inspiring messages, as we "Beheld the Lamb of God" in the following aspects: In Prayer, Power, Witnessing, Obedience, Ministry, Self Denial, Humility and Love.

Sunday, 2:30 P. M. The first session of our conference was opened Sunday afternoon with a devotional hour led by Miss Elizabeth Heerde. John 12:20-26 was the text and "We would see Jesus" was the theme. Seeing Jesus requires all around obedience even in the little things of life. We cannot make this too emphatic for envy, strife, and an unkind spirit all defile the heart and obscure the vision of seeing Jesus. But the more we meditate upon Jesus and His love the more real He becomes. Aside from prayer and Bible study, if we would see Jesus we must walk with Him in the fields of unselfish service for others. All else in this world will fail, but Jesus never fails, He never disappoints, He satisfies! In spite of our feeble strength and many blunders — wonder of wonders — God longs to use us in bringing "the other sheep" into the fold. That is a precious thought but also a solemn responsibility. God is depending on you and me!

After a blessed prayer session in which all took part, Mr. Ostrem gave the first topic using the conference theme. "Behold the Lamb of God in His Prayer Life." John 1:29 & 36 was the basis of his study. Christ saw our nothingness, our unworthiness, and yet He came to give Himself for us. He who was perfect in every way, not wavering in any part. We who call ourselves Missionaries, oh, how we need to learn of Jesus, also in His prayer life. Christ had continual communion with God through prayer. It was spontaneous. The devil is a great helper when a worker wants to devote

time to prayer in that he is a great reminder of all the things we have to do. In John 17 Christ asked God to glorify Him that He might glorify the Father. He prayed for His enemies, and pleaded the mercy of God for them — showing us how we too should pray for anyone who may be our enemy. Many times we find Christ in prayer in the mountain, or at the tomb of Lazarus. He was not ashamed of prayer. Are we? "Of course not," we would say, but perhaps there are times when we are. Christ never was! He prayed always and He was heard, for in John 11:42 He says: "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hearest me always." When we pray, are we always willing to let God answer our prayer? Are we willing to have Christ have His way with us? If we sincerely do, then God can use us to the fulfillment of His will. May we, by the grace of God get a better understanding of the privilege of prayer which is ours.

After the singing of "We Would See Jesus," the chairman, Pastor Trygve Salte, bid us welcome to the conference, and with tears in his eyes said, "We have no new missionaries to welcome this year."

Monday morning — Prayer session (6-7 A.M.) Led by Miss Helen Danielson. Prov. 28:13, seeing our own sins, and Num. 32:23 "be sure your sins will find you out" was the basis of her meditation. It is better to let God reveal our sins here now than to spend all eternity without Him. Let Him show us where our fault lies that we might be used of God. Our responsibility is to God, not man. God holds us responsible for everything in our life. Have we really repented of our sin? True repentance is forsaking and confessing sin.

Bible Study Hour (9-11:30 A.M.) — Behold the Lamb of God in Power. Led by Mrs. Ostrem. Perhaps what we think of most of all in connection with Christ's power is His power to save us. Hebr. 7:25, Paul knew the power of the Lamb of God, and therefore had no doubt. II Tim. 1:12, "For which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed, for I know Him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard that which I have committed unto Him against that day." Because Jesus was tempted in all points just as we

yet without sin (Heb. 2:18), we do need to sit at His feet to learn of His power. Many times we are tempted — seemingly more than we can bear. Christ also gives us needed strength here. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above what ye are able, but will, with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Cor. 10:13. The power of Christ is glorious, and because of His victory over death we too shall have the resurrected life. "Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be; we know that if He shall be manifested, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him even as He is." I John 3:2.

After the singing of the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Mrs. Salte conducted a Bible Study entitled "Behold the Lamb of God — in His Witnessing." What a privileged group we are to be numbered among the saved ones. Peter hardly finds words to show forth the excellency of Him. As a group of privileged missionaries we surely should Behold the Lamb of God to follow His example. The Lamb of God was sent to preach the simple message of glad tidings, the message of salvation to a lost world, to heal the blind and the broken-hearted. Lastly turning to His disciples He said, "Ye are my Witnesses" all power is given unto me in heaven and on earth, go ye therefore, in love and compassion. Looking over Jerusalem He had compassion for the souls. When He said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Jesus gave a message not to please the crowds but a clear message of salvation. He never shirked in His witnessing, but took every opportunity to witness, in the night to the rich young ruler, when He was on the cross in the last minutes the dying thief found Jesus. His Way is a marked Way, endowed with power from on high. The two disciples on the way to Emmaus walked joyfully and happy for they had seen Jesus — this is the secret

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of power for witnessing. When we
look away from self and up to Him,
our witnessing will bear fruit.

(To be continued)



Missionary and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem
Ruth and Carol

Greetings

In everything give thanks: for this
is the will of God in Christ Jesus con-
cerning you. I Thes. 5:18.

We wish to take this opportunity to
greet you all in Jesus' name. We thank
you for your prayers in our behalf
since we have been in Colombia and
appreciate the continuance of them.

We arrived in U. S. on July 28th
and are happy for the privilege that
lies before us to be enabled, by God's
grace, to see our loved ones and all
of you as we hope to soon. Now, to
use the characteristic Colombian way
of putting it, "we put ourselves at
your orders." We desire to serve the
Lord in every way we possibly can
also while here on furlo, and if we
can do so through a meeting we would
appreciate hearing from anyone de-
siring a visit by us in the interest of
the Mission and the work in Colombia.
Letters will reach us through our Mis-
sion secretary or the forwarding ad-
dress given below.

It was hard to leave our fellow mis-
sionaries to come home, seeing we
were so few and it was likewise hard
to leave the believers and friends.
They pleaded with us that we should
not leave them, and that if we did
come away that we return very soon.
We are happy to see that the Govern-
ment in Colombia and the people in
general welcome and want the evan-
gelical missionaries to come and stay
there amongst them.

It was encouraging to hear the be-
lievers pray for the Christians in
North America, and they ask the
Christian's prayer in their behalf. We
too, beseech you to remember them,
both the missionaries and the believ-
ers, and all, in prayer.

We covet your intercession for our
travels in U. S. and Canada during

our stay in the homeland. We wish
for you all God's choicest blessings.

Yours, in His, the greatest Cause,
Gerhard and Helene Ostrem.

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**"Where There Is No Vision
The People Perish"**

"It is easier to serve God without
a vision, it is easier to serve God
without a call because then we are not
bothered about what God requires.
You will be more prosperous and suc-
cessful, more leisure-hearted if you
never realize the call of God. But, if
you receive a commission from our
blessed Lord, the memory of what God
requires will always come like a goad."
—Oswald Chambers.

As we close another year of service
the only thought that fills our mind is
our responsibility before God. Did we
fulfill the ministry He entrusted to us?
Can Christ say: "Well done, good and
faithful servant?" We ought to be
faithful in the little corner where
each of us have been placed. Each
year brings new experiences and this
year has been no exception.

After spending a short while in
Medellin I was called back to Duitama
where both Mr. and Mrs. Quadrud
were going through testing days of
illness.

During the time that I was sta-
tioned alone at Duitama the work con-
tinued to open up, and I was kept
more than busy. The regular services
and the Sunday School were conducted
each week in the chapel. Many new
doors opened up to us also, and we
found it possible to begin services
and studies in many homes. A hotel
also opened its doors to us where we
conducted weekly services. I'm sure
you all realize that what Colombia
needs is not just men in the pulpit.
Very few souls are reached in that
way. Thus the need for personal work-
ers. So very few dare to come near
the Mission Station because of the
persecution they may encounter, but
many will open their homes to us who
would not dare come near us other-
wise. At these homes we just contin-
ued to study with them sufficient times
to create an interest in their hearts
for it. It was interesting to see God
work. Fears and excuses soon disap-
peared. The little meeting at the hotel
of two mothers and a couple of chil-
dren soon grew into a larger group, so
we were obliged to move from their
little old bedroom into the dining room
in order to accommodate the people.
Upon the request of the hotel manager
this service still continues weekly.

May first I was asked to take over
the Soatá work, which the Saltes have
had charge of the past three years.
It was hard to leave Duitama and yet
it was with joy that I entered Soatá.
Our work here at Soatá is quite differ-
ent as the Word of God has been
sown here now for seven years, and
yet it is our smallest work. But let us

continue to look up to Him, who is able to save souls also here. We have been encouraged by an increased attendance at both our Sunday School and services, and homes are opening up to our entrance to study the Word with them. We also hope to reopen the day school next month.

Yours for Christ,

Helen Danielson.

Praise and Prayer

Praise the Lord for supplying the needed funds for Ostrem's travel and their safe arrival in the U. S. July 28.

Pray for Moises Forero, our national worker on the Plains of Casanare, whose wife went Home to be with the Lord, July 19th. He is left with five small children. May the Lord comfort his heart. His wife was teaching a large school for children in La Aguada, where they resided. Pray for someone to take her place. Pray for the other national workers and teachers.

Pray that Andrew Larson may soon be granted a passport and that funds for their travel may be supplied speedily in order that they may sail for Colombia without delay, as they are needed so much on the field.

Pray also for the missionaries of the church bodies, who will go to our field in Colombia for a year, that they shall not be hindered by our State Department in Washington.

Praise God for the four young people, three men and one young woman, at our Bible Institute at Duitama station. Pray that, through them, the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified on our field. Pray also that they may be kept from sin and unspotted from the world.

Before addressing letters to the missionaries be sure you have the correct, present address as always given on page 2 of the paper. Remember they change location from time to time.

On March 20, 1944, Nathanael Lauren was added to the list of our missionaries in Colombia. He has come to bless the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olger Quanrud. Many blessings on the little man!

From the Duitama Mission

For all the promises of God in him are ye, and in him Amen unto the glory of God by us. Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us is God. Who hath also sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.—II Cor. 1:19-21.

All these wonderful things we have in common and I like to think of these things that bind you at home and we as workers on the field together. God has given all what we need for our work in his Kingdom. We like to look upon ourselves as yours and God's ambassadors in this land, and together we are God's representatives to these people.

As the years go by, the seriousness of our calling becomes clearer and the burden heavier. Indeed it would be too heavy if we did not have the promises of God to fall back upon. We are fighting against a strong foe and we can expect a hard battle, yet the battle is not ours but the Lord's.

The opposition to Gospel work in Colombia is stronger than ever. When this opposition has been able to make itself heard and obeyed in Washington and has refused in refusing passports to missionaries, how do you think it is felt out here? The Colombian government has not closed the doors for God's messengers, but the government at home is preventing God's chosen ones to enter the open door.

But in spite of opposition we have God-given opportunities to work, perhaps more opportunities than ever before and we praise God for these. Thus the past year has been a year of open doors here on the field. The work has been carried on unhindered at each Station, and although the results are not always so visible we have the promise that the Word shall bear fruit.

As you know, sickness among missionaries has made itself felt the past year, but had we not ought to thank God also for these things? God does not send trials like that unless it is for a purpose, and may we, as a group, as well as the individual that may be laid aside in that way, reap the blessings God had intended for us.

This year we have 6 day schools for children in our territory. All teachers are Colombians. Four of the schools are self-supporting and the remaining two receive some help from the mission. There are about 120 children in these schools. Our purpose for sponsoring day schools is not just to give the children an education, but to give them the word of God and to guard them from evil influences which otherwise would surround them if they were to attend the schools which are under the direction of the enemies of the Gospel.

The institutes for the training of young men and women are at one place this year. As Ostrem's are leaving for furlough we decided to have them together, and it is now in session in Duitama. There are four students this year, three men and one girl. Two of these young people promise well for future workers, while the girl and one of the boys may not be usable as preacher or teacher but will be better equipped to help along in their respective home communities. They have about 22 classes weekly. Mrs. Salte and Miss Heerde teach the secular subjects while your reporter has the Bible subjects.

Up to now it has, for several reasons, fallen to Ostrem to make the annual visit to the plains of Casanare and so he did also this year together with the national workers we have had here in Boyacá. They spent about a month out there. Last year we obtained a worker for the plains and at

the writing of this we received a telegram from him that his wife passed away the 19th of July. Pray much for him. He is left with five small children. His name is Moises Forero. As he is not a native of Boyacá, neither was his wife, it might result in that he leaves for his home place. He has done good work out there. His wife was teaching a large school in La Aguada where they resided. Many of the members of the congregation in La Aguada have moved farther in to the plains and the worker has tried to follow them up, with the result that there are about 12 preaching places outside the main point. In all there are about 50 baptized members out there, nine of these were added to the group by baptism while Ostrem was out there on the last trip. It would be well to have a foreign missionary couple in the plains. They could reside in Tamara and from there supervise the work. But where is the couple? Intercede much for the Casanare.

This year has been a year of changes. The Saltes took over Duitama the first of May while Miss Danielson took over Soatá at the same time. We all felt we were in the will of God in making these changes. Ostrem's have left for furlough. In order to release them we obtained a national couple to take charge in Cocuy until reinforcements can come out from the States.

We have not been able to expand during the past year on account of shortage of workers. Just a couple of days ago came a plea from a town for a missionary, but what can we do? So our plea to God and to you, as a board, is more workers, God-called, consecrated men and women to occupy while the doors are still open.

Trygve Salte.

Duitama, Boyacá,
July 25, 1944.

Passion for Souls

"I could wish that I myself were anathema (curse) from Christ for my brethren's sake." . . .

What a passion for souls is described by the Apostle in these words. He was running the precious race on the race track for the salvation of His soul. He counted everything as dung for the excellency of Christ. He was saved only by grace. But looking at his fellow brethren in the flesh, he saw their unbelief, he saw their hardness of heart, he saw they would not accept his Saviour. In his travail and concern for their salvation he was grieved. He would, if it could help them, even go lost or become a curse and go to eternal perdition. He was willing to take his name out of the Book of Life. That is passion. That is love for the lost. Is there anyone in our time concerned for souls? Yes, we praise God, there are many, even in our Colombia mission. We know the task ahead is tremendous. We see the obstacles, we see the need for workers, that are yielded and in travail for souls, willing to go, willing to live the Christ life and to die for

Him. How God's Kingdom needs reapers today more than ever! Is your passion increasing? Then blessed are you. Is your concern for souls and His Kingdom decreasing? If so, may you wait in the Presence of our Lord, "who loved you and gave Himself a ransom for you," to do His will.

Andrew J. Larson.

Greetings from the Quadruds

Soatá, Boyacá,
July 22, 1944.

Dear Fellow-workers at Home:

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. For He hath broken the gates of brass and cut the bars of iron in sunder."—Psalm 107:15-16.

As we look back over the year since we last reported on the work of the Duitama station, we do rejoice in what the Lord has done.

We feel that, little by little, the seeming "brass gates" of opposition and the "iron bars" of superstition are removed in this fanatical place by the "All-Powerful One." Although the opposition still dominates we know that God is quietly working, though perhaps in ways unseen.

From last August until the middle of October, Mr. Quanrud conducted Sunday School and Sunday evening services and a small Bible Study class on Tuesday nights. Mrs. Quanrud taught a Sunday School class of children until illness prevented her continuing last August.

Miss Elizabeth Heerde and Miss Helen Danielson, who had made their home at this center and helped in the work, left in August to continue language study in Medellin. Miss Danielson returned after three months study.

God works in peculiar ways, yes, in ways we do not always understand nor even enjoy, but with the assurance that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord" as we read in Rom. 8:28. We rejoice to know that "He doeth all things well." This was a comfort to us when Mr. Quanrud took ill with typhoid fever last October, thus preventing him from carrying on the much needed station work and at the time when the work seemed to be opening up for expansion. We were fortunate at this time in securing a graduate of a Bible Institute. This national worker stayed with us until the last days of December. We are happy to report that during his stay many Bibles and portions of the Bible were sold. He also found considerable interest for the Gospel in the surrounding countryside as well as in the center.

For some time we had felt the time had come for launching out a bit, but evidently God's plan was not for us to do it as we were put aside for any outward ministry. Our ministry became that of intercession. Our hearts were burdened to pray for the "Word" as it was being read by individuals wherever they were in private or listening to it being preached. We were also burdened to pray for a down-

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America will be held at Minneapolis, Minn., the first week of November, 1944. Detailed announcement will appear in the next issue of the "Celmosa Clarion."

J. O. Gisselquist, Pres.
Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, Sec'y.

pouring of His Spirit upon this fanatical place so that souls would come to the knowledge of the truth and salvation.

When the national worker left, Miss Danielson took charge of the station work, and continued until leaving to take up the work in Soatá.

In February we left for Bogotá and March 20th the Lord blessed us with a baby boy, Nathanael Lauren.

From time to time Miss Danielson reported on the work in Duitama, and we are grateful to her for carrying on the station work during our absence, as well as her ministry to us during times of illness and trial. Hers was not an easy task to take over a work in its first stages. We were happy to secure an elderly Christian Colombian woman who made her home with Miss Danielson and also helped in visitation work and teaching a Sunday School class of children.

It was during these days that the doors opened for services in one hotel and in some homes. The services in the hotel are being continued by Pastor and Mrs. Salte. While we were still in Bogotá we were shown that our days in Duitama were over. At first it seemed hard to leave the work after two and a half years and just as the work seemed to be expanding some. However, we saw that it was best, as always, to obey His command. On the first day of May, Pastor and Mrs. Salte arrived to take over the work at Duitama.

As we left, it was with rejoicing that the Lord had opened the door for the Gospel there. We praise Him for His sustaining power, guidance, and assurance that "He who hath begun a good work" will also continue to work in the hearts of sinners who need Him, to lead them into His marvelous light. We praise God "for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men."

Due to Mr. Quanrud's physical condition he has been relieved of station work during the next few months. During this time of recuperation we shall go to some place where Mrs. Quanrud can continue language study.

Sincerely yours in Him,
Phoebe and Olger Quanrud.

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From Alvida & Tryge Salte

"Be strong and of good courage for unto these people shall thou divide an inheritance." "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed." — Jos. 1:6, 9.

Fears are a deadly hindrance against advancement so no wonder God warns us to throw all fears aside. We do not fear stones or open attacks, neither do we fear for our lives, but some time fears of a different kind will sneak in. Fear that the converts shall fall in sin, fear that the persecution shall scare away those that are interested in the gospel and many other things that follow with the work of a missionary. We ought to have holy concern about these things and leave it with God.

In Soatá the work has been carried on as before during the year. It is perhaps the Station that has shown less results in comparison to the time the gospel has been preached there. But we have not felt we should give it up. If one place is given up the enemy makes so much greater efforts to get us out of the other places also. Then too, the little group there would be left to the mercy of the enemy. From time to time several families have moved away which we always have felt very keenly. Thus also this past year when the most faithful family we have had in Soatá was transferred to another place. Shortly after that they were again transferred to Duitama.

The day school and Institute for girls closed in November. One of the girls who attended the Institute is teaching this year and is doing good work. At the end of last year we had the joy to administer baptism to three believers. It was not possible to open a day school this year (the schools here open in February) as Mrs. Salte could not take it this year and no other teacher could be secured.

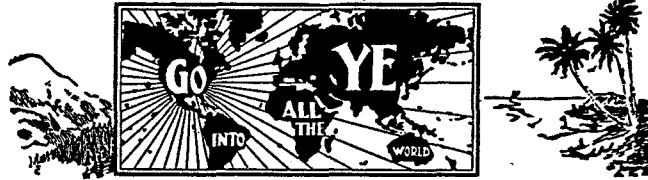
As most of you know by now we took over Duitama the first of May. One week after the Institute opened and four young people are attending and later one more will come. Miss Heerde came a week later to help with the teaching.

As others are giving a report on the work in Duitama we will not say anything as we have been here only two months. The places before worked out from Socha have now to be worked from here, since the national worker we have had there is at present in Cocuy. In two of those places, Mause and Cómiza, the interest is increasing and there is good turnout to services. In Parpa there are various difficulties that have crept in, one of which, and perhaps the main one, is a worldly and indifferent spirit. Many have the name of living but are dead. We request special prayer for this place.

Sincerely,

Alvida and Trygve Salte.

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Missionary Trygve Salte

Our dear missionary, Rev. Trygve Salte, has gone to the Heavenly Home which he looked forward to and to which he so wholeheartedly worked to point others that they too might prepare to enter.

Yes, it was with exceedingly great sadness we received the cablegram from our Field in Colombia, South America, telling of the death of that dear servant of God on September 30 of this year. He had been sick a few weeks only. At first it was thought to be a hard case of malaria, but then a blood test was made which revealed that it was typhoid. To date we have not heard particulars about his death except the cable referred to above. More will be written about that later.

Missionary Salte was a man of God. He had the burden of souls on his heart. He did not spare himself. He gave his life for the people he loved. He gave his all.

It was a great joy to work together with Brother Salte on the Mission Field. It was our privilege to be school mates in the United States, to travel together singing and preaching the Gospel, and to work together in the Cause of Christ in Canada. We learned to know each other most intimately and had the greatest confidence the one in the other.

How precious and blessed were the times, which were not as often as we would have desired due to the great distance separating us on the Field, when we could sit down to meditate on the Word of God and pray for each other and for the Cause of Christ so dear to us in Colombia. We seldom were together without spending until the early hours of the morning in that manner. And then when the time would come for us to return to our own stations we would often spend the whole night thus and talking about the work out there with its many problems, difficulties and great need.

It was our privilege to serve on our Field Committee together and with the other members we were led to see more clearly each day the crying need of our fellowmen in Colombia. How happy we were for men like Mr. Salte, but now the Lord told him to come home to that which is far better for him. But, O, how he shall be missed, by us as individuals, by the Mission,



Pastor T. A. Salte

by the believers and the people of Colombia, by his dear wife and that very dear little daughter of theirs.

Missionary Salte was now the Director of our Bible Institute for the preparation of young men and women for the service of God in Colombia. We hope this will be a beginning towards a more advanced seminary work. This was also Mr. Salte's great desire. He had a special gift for that work and his heart was in it. He was along starting a great work. Will you and I help it forward to a finish?

Rev. Salte was born in Norway

Important Notice

The annual business meeting of the Colombia Evangelical Mission of South America, Inc., will be held, the Lord willing, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 944 - 14th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. L. C. Masted, pastor, on Friday, November 3, 1944, beginning at 9:30 a. m. All friends who contribute to the support of our mission are voting members of the association. We invite and urge the friends to attend. Afternoon session at 1 P. M. and Board meeting at 3 P. M.

J. O. Gisselquist, Pres.
Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, Sec.

where he spent his childhood days and received his early preparation for his life-calling. While still in his native land he was active in the Cause of Christ, singing and preaching the Gospel. He came to Canada while yet a young man and worked around Torquay, Saskatchewan, where his brother, Lars, lives. In the school year of 1929-30 he went to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he studied at the Lutheran Bible School, graduating from the high school and seminary. Later he returned to Canada where with his wholeheartedness and zeal he gave himself to the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom. He served congregations in southern Saskatchewan in the Lake Alma district and took active part in teaching at the various Bible courses held in that province. He also traveled with other young men, singing and preaching the Gospel.

In the fall of 1938, after accepting the call from God to go as a missionary to Colombia, he went to Norway to pay a brief visit to his aged father and other relatives. He remained there about sixteen months, taking active part in Bible Conferences and Mission meetings in the various parts of the land, speaking also the great Cause of missions in Colombia and making many friends for the Mission in his native country.

In the beginning of 1940, a short time before the invasion of Norway, he went to Colombia to begin his missionary career. He told us of the full confidence he had in God in crossing the Atlantic. While many others were filled with great fear he had great calm under the promises of God, and looked forward to the "promised land" of Colombia.

Upon arrival there it was necessary for him, as for the rest of us, to devote his time to the study of Spanish, which is the language used. This he mastered sufficiently to be able to do the work he so greatly loved.

In the fall of 1940 he was married to Miss Alvida Holmviik, another of our missionaries. To them was born that dear little daughter, Ragnhild, who was such a great sunshine in their home and in our missionary family.

Missionary and Mrs. Salte were in charge of the Soatá station from shortly after that until May 1944,

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CELMOSA CLARION

This little messenger, "Celmosa Clarion," is published quarterly for the friends of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America. The name, "Celmosa," is a word formed by taking the first letter of every word of the mission.

If you wish to become a prayer-helper in this mission for South America, and keep in touch with the work, let the editor, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont., hear from you so she can put your name on the mailing list.

LEST WE FORGET — REMEMBER:

That in order to obtain the best exchange rates on *personal gifts* sent directly to the missionaries in Colombia, bank drafts should always be used.

That all contributions to the mission should be sent in the form of postal money order, bank drafts or personal checks to the Treasurer, Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Montana. If your gifts are not acknowledged within ten days or two weeks from the same address so it

when they moved to Duitama to take over the work at that station. They had been in charge of the training school for girls while at Soatá, but after arriving in Duitama were also charged with the direction of the Bible Institute for young men, since Mrs. Ostrem and myself with our family were to come away on furlo, we having been in charge of it previously. Miss Elizabeth Heerde assisted them at the Bible Institute.

Since our Annual Mission Conference of 1943, Missionary Salte served as president of our Field Committee. This he performed very ably and had a great vision and zeal for the Cause of Christ in Colombia.

Now he is gone. His living, true testimony lives after him, but still, his place as a worker is left vacant. Where is the one who will heed God's call to come forward to help fill his place and carry on the Cause of Christ in the needy land? Is God speaking to any of the readers? Will you heed the Master's call? Today is the day of salvation, not only for you and me, but equally for the Colombians. Will we be obedient to bring them the Gospel that they may know the Truth that shall set them free? If you cannot go in person, will you go with your prayers, by your encouragements and by your material gifts? Perhaps God has given you wealth that you should give of for His Cause in Colombia! Missionary Salte gave his life, are we willing to give what we have received of the Lord?

Will you remember in a very definite way Mrs. Salte and her little three-year-old daughter? Pray for them! A gift at this time of need would mean much to them. Remember also the Mission in your prayers.

God bless his memory!

Gerhard Ostrem.

From Helen Danielson

Luke 14:16-25 — "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and maimed and blind and lame. And the servant said, 'What thou didst command is done, and yet there is room.' And the Lord said unto the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges and constrain them to come in that my house may be filled'."

For the past seven years a great feast has been set before our people here at Soatá, and they have with one consent begun to make excuse. So many have failed to come in to the feast because of some excuse; some because of their love for sin; others because of fear of publication; and many because of fear of losing their jobs.

Nevertheless, God doesn't ask us to stop there, but adds: "Go quickly into the streets and lanes, also go into the highways and byways and constrain them to come in that my house may be filled."

Because many have turned down the invitation does not release us of our responsibility here. The streets and lanes are still full — also in

These few months and weeks here have been one of study to make plans how we might best capture this town and the surrounding territory for Christ. We confront various problems as we do all over in our work. A great one is class distinction. The better class of people will not mix with the more sinful class; the rich will not mix with the poor, so in order to reach all, we have to use different tactics.

The group that comes to the house for services is of the lower class. Many of them are unmarried folks living together, their families, etc. The upper class will not stoop to mix with them. Yet Christ came to save sinners, so we have no right to turn them away.

Where there is a will there is a way. No one turns us out of their homes. Thus we can reach in the homes those we cannot reach here. We have found it possible to have systematic studies and services with families or with mothers in the homes. No greater opportunity could be given us. One can do so much more effective work thus. So far I haven't approached any family that would be classed real upper class, but have my plans to do so as soon as possible. We are received very warmly by the upper class.

If we cannot get them one way, there are many other ways to try. "Compel them," says Christ. Yes, friends, we have every reason to do more compelling. If these many souls are going on into eternity without Christ, shouldn't we do all in our power to stop them? And not only a few, but reach out to the lame, the maimed, the poor, and the blind. Yes, friends, we have every group among us.

We are still looking forward to great things in Soatá. Pray with us for them. Thursday we are opening our day school again with a Colombian teacher. We are so happy for this.

We have three regular services at the house every week, and Sunday school on Sunday mornings. We have been happy to see new faces, and we pray that God might work in their hearts to the salvation of their souls. "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith Jehovah."

Thank you, friends, for your kind letters. As I cannot take time to answer you all personally, receive this as an answer, won't you, and write again.

Yours in His happy service,
Helen Danielson.

Annual Missionary Conference

(Continued from last issue)

(By ELIZABETH HEERDE)

Monday afternoon (2-5 P. M.) Mr. Quanrud based his meditation on Romans 12. Our bodies are a living sacrifice to be used as God would, not being conformed to this world. Even though we do not all have the same gifts we are one in Christ. If God can have His way with us He will see to that we are serving, for we are part of His body. After the singing of the

hymn "Break Thou the Bread of Life" Mrs. Salte and Mr. Ostrem led in prayer.

Monday evening the meeting was led by Mr. Ostrem and Mrs. Ostrem gave the meditation for devotions based on Eph. 5: Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children. Our lives should be so filled with Christ that others may see Christ in us. At times it may seem hard not to do what others are doing and to be separated from them, but the Word forbids us to be partakers with them. As children of the light we should walk in the light. It was once said of an old missionary who had lived such a godly life among the people that after he left the people would refer to him as Jesus having once lived among them. We can hardly expect such an exhortation, but, oh, that Jesus might be seen in us!

After the singing of the hymn, "Oh, Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," and "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me," Pastor Salte again took up our conference theme, using as his topic, "Behold the Lamb of God — in His Obedience." All of our other topics center around obedience. From the early stage of His life to the end He was obedient. His whole life was an act of obedience. He had to be baptized by John, the Baptist, in obedience to God as the sin-bearer of the world, and from then on He takes upon Himself the sins of the world. In the moment that He was baptized He was led by the Spirit to the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He was obedient to the Spirit without hesitation. In His public work He testified, "My meat is to do the will of Him who sent me." Can we too, say that my will is to do the will of God? Many start but never fulfill. How discouraging. Was it a natural thing for Christ to be obedient? No, according to the Word of God He had to learn obedience. Our suffering cannot be compared with His, and yet the most valuable lessons in obedience are learned that way. Jesus bids us "Learn of me," and we learn as we suffer.

Miss Helen Danielson spoke on "Behold the Lamb of God — In His Ministry." Mark 10:42-46. "For the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." He ministered unto the sick, the poor, the dying and to all with whom He came in contact. His real interest was to win the souls of men. The general rule is that we must first win the confidence of man. We cannot gain their confidence by lording over them, but we must let the love of Christ flow out to them, and whosoever would be first among you shall be servant of all.

Tuesday — Prayer Session (6-7 A.M.) Mrs. Quanrud gave the meditation using the 100th Psalm as text. In this Psalm we are admonished to praise the Lord, the Almighty, in great adoration, but some people cannot praise Him for they do not know Him. One day all nations will praise

Him together in Heaven. Prayer should consist of praise, thanksgiving and confession. There is a great joy in revealing the Lamb of God to others. Praise Him for He is good and His lovingkindness endureth forever. His truth and mercy is everlasting and endureth to all generations. After a blessed prayer session we sang, "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing My Great Redeemer's Praise."

Tuesday morning — Bible Study Hour (11:30 A.M.) It was opened with the singing of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Mr. Quanrud then gave his topic, "Behold the Lamb of God in Self Denial." The word Lamb is used in John 1:19 instead of using Christ, the Son of God, that the people might understand better. In John 1:1 we see His denial of His possession in that He took upon Himself human life. He denied Himself of His kingly birth according to His lineage. John 17:5 — He denied Himself earthly needs that the Gospel might prosper. He denied His own will that God's plan of Redemption might be completed.

"I see Thee standing, Lamb of God," was sung. Mrs. Quanrud then spoke on the following topic. "Behold the Lamb of God in His Humility." Isa. 53 brings out the characteristics of a Lamb which are meekness, gentleness, humility — all of which are opposite of pride. We first see Christ's humility in His birth. He stooped down in order to lift us up. He humbled Himself willingly — it was His choice. He became flesh to live and dwell on earth. Can we say, "Learn of me for I am meek"? No, oftentimes much in us is not meekness or lowliness.

Leaving the chapel for a few minutes recess, what did we find but our precious missionary children having their own service. Using an old flat toaster for a harp and singing "Viva el Evangelico" (That the Gospel May Live). Little Carol Ostrem was leading the meeting.

The open forum session was begun with the singing of "My Heart is Longing to Praise My Savior," and "Oh, for a Closer Walk with God." We enjoyed these periods as we shared with one another what God had been giving to us through these messages.

Business session followed at which time the needs and problems of the mission were discussed and decisions made.

Wednesday morning — Prayer Session (6-7 A.M.). "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung after which Mrs. Salte gave the meditation on prayer based on Rev. 3:20 — Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Jesus has gifts He would give to us, thus He knocks at our door to give them to us. Prayer is the very breath of the soul. Prayer is to let Jesus come in to take care of our needs, to let Jesus glorify Himself in our needs. All depends on if we let Jesus come in to take care of our needs. It doesn't take much

strength to open the door and let Jesus in. We must look to Jesus with the eyes of prayer for our answers.— Truly a sweet hour of prayer followed this meditation.

Wednesday morning (10:00 A.M.) "Behold the Lamb of God in Love" was Miss Elizabeth Heerde's theme. Many talk about their love but God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Prompted by love, the Lamb of God had compassion for the needy, He comforted the sorrowing, He wept over the indifferent, when He was reviled He reviled not again. Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end. We can never understand love — it is beyond us. That is why we can never understand the power of the Holy Spirit within us, the love that will not let us go. There is a strange consciousness of being loved, and yet very few of us live in the very sunlight of God's love. This was the secret of Paul's mighty life, the consciousness of the love of God, which constrained him to go forth. So God would give us His own love and thus bid us work, not according to slavish rules, but love — love worketh no ill to his neighbor. We find too, in the last judgment that lives are weighted in the scale of human love. Matt. 25: 34-40. I was hungry and ye gave me meat. I was a stranger and ye took me in, naked and ye clothed me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me. Are we showing forth brotherly love to those around us? Unless we yield ourselves in self-sacrificing love to minister to their need we will not be able to say, "I testify unto you this day that I am pure from the blood of all men." Acts 20:26.

Holy communion service was conducted by Pastor Salte and Missionary Ostrem at which time we again lifted our hearts and voices to God in prayer and thanksgiving for this blessed occasion and for answered prayer, for surely we had longed to be drawn closer to God and to one another, for the sole purpose of being united of God in this needy land to the salvation of many precious souls.

Services were open to the public on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. God's presence was keenly felt. After the Wednesday evening service we met for our last session.

The auditors' report, as well as the minutes of the conference were read and accepted. Pastor Salte gave a word of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ostrem and Helen Danielson for being host and hostesses at the conference, as well as a word of farewell to Missionary Ostrem as they were soon to leave on furlough. A gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Quanrud in honor of their third wedding anniversary.

And thus drew to a close another blessed conference. Oh, the moments how rich in blessing! We humbly praise and thank God for it all.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Heerde, Sec'y.

Greetings to the Friends and Supporters of Colombia Mission

It saddened our hearts greatly when the cablegram arrived from Colombia informing us of the untimely death of Rev. Trygve Salte. He seemed almost indispensable to our mission at this time with a shortage of workers on the field and both the Larsons and the Ostrem's home on furlo. However, we question neither the wisdom nor love of our heavenly Father when he took to himself the leader of our mission at the present time and a loving and kind husband and father. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord." He doeth all things well, and that includes also those things which we do not understand. But some day we shall understand and all our tears shall He wipe away. In the meantime we draw the closer to Him and trust His fatherly love and tender care for His own.

The following cablegram of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Trygve Salte: "Heavenly Father's ways best, tho we may not understand. Deep sympathy. Deut. 33:27."

I know the many friends will want to remember our sister and her little daughter in this hour of sorrow. Only God can comfort but He gives to us the privilege to speak a word and do a deed which are the tokens of His love and sympathy thru His own.

Many would desire to give memorial gifts in our brother's memory and we suggest that such gifts be given direct to Mrs. Trygve Salte as personal gifts. The Executive committee has agreed that the full allowance in salary be continued until such a time as the board shall meet and decide otherwise.

I also wish at this time to share with our friends for their prayerful consideration several matters of importance to our mission.

1—The first concerns the furlo of Mrs. Salte. She has been on the field seven years, going out with the first group we sent to Colombia. She has not been any too well lately and now with this great sorrow visiting her home, ought we not as a mission grant her furlo this fall rather than wait till next summer? We expect the Larsons to return to Colombia this fall. Then the three candidates with their families sent out by the church are ready to sail for Colombia this fall. One of them has already secured his passport and will be on the way this month. This will in God's way relieve the shortage of workers and Mrs. Salte can feel free to come home on her furlo. If you are reminded to give to her furlo fund then such gifts should be sent direct to our treasurer stating its purpose.

2—Our secretary and treasurer both plan to resign their respective offices owing to the pressure of work. The Sand's have been from the very beginning of our mission the mainstay of the work and we are reluctant to see them withdraw. Their work as treasurer and secretary and editor of

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. TRYGVE SALTE WILL BE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH OUR ANNUAL MEETING. MISSIONARY GERHARD OSTREM, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE FIELD AND A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE DEPARTED, WILL GIVE THE MEMORIAL ADDRESS. REV. ANDREW LARSON, WHO IS PLANNING TO RETURN TO COLOMBIA THIS FALL, WILL ALSO HAVE A LEADING PART IN THIS SERVICE. PLAN TO ATTEND.

the "Celmosa Clarion" has been considerable. And all this work they have done as a labor of love without one cent cost to our mission. May the Lord abundantly bless and reward them for their service. Hope that some way may be found by which we can retain them in their important places on the Board. Let us pray for that.

3—Our mission needs a Home Director. If we are to continue as a mission and the work is to go forward then it becomes very necessary that we find a man called of God to represent our mission here at home. He will needs give his full time to this work. May the Lord give us such a man.

4—We have planned our annual meeting on the Friday of the week of our Missionary Conference. See announcements of this meeting elsewhere. We would urge our friends to make use of the opportunity to attend this conference in connection with our annual meeting. We are looking for great blessing from the Lord and real guidance from him in our work of bringing the Gospel to those who know him not. This is the Lord's work. He is the Lord of the harvest and we are his servants. And we want to be faithful serving him with all our hearts. And remember the night cometh all too soon, when no work can be done.

Pray much for our conference and annual meeting and plan to attend.

Kind greetings,

J. O. Gisselquist.

Conference in Minneapolis October 29 to November 5

Dr. Walter Manuel Montano, converted Dominican monk from South America, will be one of the main speakers at a missionary conference October 29 to November 5 at Trinity Lutheran Church, E. J. Conrad and Maynard Force, pastors, in Minneapolis. This conference is sponsored by the Lutheran Inter-Synodical Evangelistic Committee.

Rev. Thomas MacDonald, General Secretary of the European Christian Mission, will be the other main speaker. Rev. MacDonald is an authority on European missionary work, having traveled in Europe several times in connection with the work of his mission. Dr. Montano and Rev. MacDonald will speak alternate evenings during the conference.

Sessions each weekday will include a devotional Bible study at 3 p. m., led by members of the Evangelistic Committee; a missionary survey hour at 3:30 p. m.; missionary moving pictures at 7:00 p. m.; and the evening service at 8:00 p. m. The survey hours

will be on different areas of the world each day, and will be led by men who are well-acquainted with the area under consideration. The following men will lead survey hours: Rev. George D. Strohm on the Pacific Island area, Rev. B. A. Helland on India, Dr. John E. Gronli on China, Rev. Andrew S. Burgess on Africa, Rev. Thomas MacDonald on Europe, and Dr. W. M. Montano on South America. There will be opportunity during these survey hours to hear from other missionaries of the field, thus furnishing a many-sided view of the work. Friday at the conference will be Europe Day, with all sessions on European missions. Saturday will be South America Day.

Friends of the Celmosa will be especially interested in the life and testimony of Dr. Walter Manuel Montano. Dr. Montano was brought up in the upper social class of Bolivia as a Spanish Catholic. After drifting into atheism, he returned to the Roman church and entered the Dominican monastery in Lima, Peru, in his search for peace with God. For seven years he sought for peace with God through the disciplines, rituals, and superstitions of the monastery. At last, realizing the deceit and wickedness of the priests and monks, he escaped from the monastery to the home of the Protestant missionary, where he found peace with God thru the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Since that day early in 1927, he has been a powerful witness to the true way of salvation through Christ. He has been a leader in the work of the Evangelical Union of South America and the Western Hemisphere Evangelical Mission.

Programs for the conference or reservations for lodging during the conference may be secured by writing Orloue Gisselquist, 1725 Portland Ave. S., Apt. 21, Minneapolis 4, Minn.

Canadian Branch Annual Meeting

The Canadian Branch of the Colombia Mission held its fourth annual meeting at the C.L.B.I. building in Camrose on May 25, 1944 in the evening.

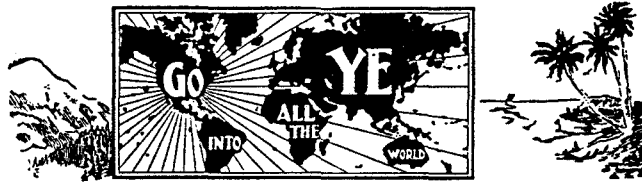
That which brings us much joy is the prospect of having the Gerhard Ostrem family come to visit us. This being their home community, the tie that binds is that much stronger. We are sure that they will have many interesting things to tell about the work out in Colombia.

Rev. Kandal, Mr. Andrew Anderson, and Rev. Eklund were re-elected and Mrs. Bertina Skaret was elected as a new member of the board. (Mrs. Skaret is a sister of Missionary Ostrem.)

At the board meeting, Rev. Kandal was elected president; Rev. Bernhardson, vice president; Rev. Peterson, secretary; Mr. Arnold Hovland, treasurer.

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God who says to all helpless and condemned sinners, "Look and live," also says to those who have experienced this grace of God to cleanse and make whole, "Look and see." The har-



MISS VIOLA SHELDAHL

vest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. (Matt. 9:7). As we behold the Christ who dwells within, that He is filled with compassion, then within the child of God arises the prayer to the "Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest."

Christ told His disciples to come and receive, and He would make them "fishers of men." So today the indwelling Christ not only invites us to "come," but commands His redeemed ones to "Go and tell," that His house might be full.

While I wait upon the Lord to open the way for me to go to Colombia, I am "confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you (me) will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6. Realizing my own helplessness, and that there are "many adversaries," I rely on His unchanging grace of which the Word assures me in II Cor. 9:8 "God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye having always all sufficiency may abound unto every good work."

Looking back, I marvel at the work-

ings of His grace on my behalf, for which cause I have all the more reason to look forward in trust and confidence, knowing that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20.

Viola Sheldahl,
Belmond, Iowa.

The Bible Institute

During Pastor Salte's illness he requested that I write an article concerning our Bible Institute here at Duitama, which was formerly located at El Cocuy, with Missionary Ostrem in charge. Due to the fact that they were to leave on furlo it was moved to Duitama. At the time of its opening in May we had four very fine Colombian young people, and a fifth one joined us later.

Pastor Salte taught the precious Word of God to them, while Mrs. Salte and I taught the secular subjects. Even yet I can hear the corridor filled with laughter and talking in between classes and during recesses. However, during the exams it was quite different, when they all huddled in their own selected corners to study, study, study. One of the students all during the week of exams complained of a headache, but somehow, after the exams we heard no more about it! These Colombians possess many characteristics that we do not have. Therefore we continually sought God's guidance and His wisdom and understanding, in order that we could best deal with each student according to their individual needs and problems.

The students were very appreciative for the opportunity of studying together in our Bible Institute and living in our home. For two weeks after Pastor Salte took sick Mrs. Salte and I carried on with the Institute and station work, but found it too much, and thus four of the students were sent to their respective homes. We chose to keep one of them to help us, and he is still here, having proven himself wonderfully to be a very fine, promising young chap. In the particular territory from which he comes, they have only heard the Gospel for the past seven years, since our mission took up work in and around El Cocuy. It hardly seems possible that

we have been so slow to answer God's command to bring the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

The purpose of our Institute is to equip our young people for Christian service that they might aptly adapt



Bible Institute at Duitama. Standing — four students. Seated, left to right, Pastor and Mrs. Salte and Elizabeth Heerde.

themselves to the work amongst their own people. This is indeed an important work, and we do trust that by next May this work too might again be taken up. The students are very anxious to continue. Two of the boys have come back to visit us, mainly to express their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Salte in her present bereavement and also manifesting a real longing to resume their studies with us again.

God is calling yet. . . . Are we truly giving of our best to the Master? Many Colombian Christians must suffer real hard persecution for Christ's sake. Have we suffered at all for His Name's sake? We long and pray for the day when not only Duitama, but all of Colombia, will be released from her bondage of sin and darkness to behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

"Behold how many thousands still are lying
Bound in the darksome prison-house
of sin,
With none to tell them of the Savior's
dying,
Or of the life He died for them to
win."

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This little messenger, "Celmosa Clarion," is published quarterly for the friends of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America. The name, "Celmosa," is a word formed by taking the first letter of every word of the mission.

If you wish to become a prayer-helper in this mission for South America, and keep in touch with the work, let the editor, Mrs. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 1146, Butte, Mont., hear from you so she can put your name on the mailing list.

LEST WE FORGET — REMEMBER:

That in order to obtain the best exchange rates on *personal gifts* sent directly to the missionaries in Colombia, bank drafts should always be used.

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Dear friends in Christ, will you continue to heed His call and share in this great work of releasing these precious ones for whom He died — died that they might be free for time and eternity.

Sincerely in His service,
Elizabeth Heerde.

From Larsons

New Orleans, La.
December 4, 1944

Dear Brother and Sister Sand:

"Ye did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you that ye should GO and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, He may give it you." John 15:16.

We are thankful for His plans and guidance with and for us. God is still on the throne. We were exempt from paying the 1,000 pesos entrance fee into Colombia, and what is more, we got place on a ship that sails directly to Buenaventura, Colombia from here, so we shall be on the high sea by Wednesday. Hope to spend Christmas in Colombia with Alvida if the Lord tarries, but we can plan only one day at the time.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas season, and a Happy New Year.

Love,
Andrew and Alma and the children.

Precious in the Sight of the Lord Is the Death of His Saints

The Lord has seen fit to call one of His own to His eternal abode, where He has Himself gone to prepare a home for His children. We are again reminded of the fact that our days on this earth are numbered.

It was with saddened hearts that we were gathered together in Duitama for the funeral rites of one of our fellow missionaries, namely Pastor Trygve Salte.

Pastor Salte passed away Saturday morning, September 30th, and because of conditions in this country it was necessary to have the funeral services the following day, October 1st. The first service was held in the chapel in Duitama. This beautiful service was opened with the singing of a hymn, followed by prayer. One of the believers spoke on behalf of himself and his family expressing his appreciation for what he and they had received through Pastor Salte's ministry both in Soatá and Duitama. Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Bystrom of Malaga then sang a duet. Missionary Quanrud gave the message, choosing as his text John 11:25-26, after which the congregation sang another hymn. The service was closed with prayer.

As there is no evangelical cemetery in Duitama the remains were brought to Sogomoso, a distance of about fourteen miles, for burial. Another service was held there in the chapel of other

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fellow missionaries at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The beautiful service was opened by the assembled group singing the hymn, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is Mine." Pastor Howard Coffey of Sogomosa read I Cor. 15:51-57 and led in prayer. Senor Forero, one of our national workers, and Senior Correa of Duitama each spoke, paying a tribute to Pastor Salte. Mrs. Kenneth Bystrom sang a solo, "Face to Face," accompanied by Jack Richey of Bogotá. Miss Cora Soderquist of Pomplona brought a message from Hebrews 12:22, after which Olger Quanrud spoke on John 11:25-26, and Pastor Kenneth Bystrom of Malaga on I Thess. 4:13-18 and Isa. 40:7-8. The obituary was then read, after which the assembled group sang, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Pastor Albert Yeaden of Bogotá closed this very impressive service with prayer.

Olger Quanrud officiated at the grave, assisted by Pastor Howard Coffey. As the casket was lowered, the assembled group sang another hymn. At this time a very dear Colombian Christian mother asked if she too might say a few words for her heart had been beating so hard she could no longer withstand unless she too, would be granted this opportunity. She gave a very lovely tribute to Pastor Salte for his ministry here in Colombia.

Many beautiful wreaths of flowers were given by Colombian friends and fellow-missionaries of various denominations.

Thus was laid to rest our beloved brother and fellow-laborer, Pastor Trygve Salte. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Mrs. Olger Quanrud.

From Elizabeth Heerde

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord — for their works follow with them."

Although we sorrow not as those who have no hope, the death of one of our most consecrated missionaries, Pastor Trygve Salte, is indeed a great loss to his dear wife and little daughter whom he adored, as well as to his many friends and loved ones, to our Mission and to his fellow-missionaries.

Since last May I have had both the joy and privilege of working together with Pastor and Mrs. Salte here at our Duitama station. It is only with much happiness that I think back upon these memorable days, for we worked together in perfect harmony, always sharing our joys as well as the many problems that often confronted us.

Until the time of Pastor Salte's sickness he was carrying a very heavy load, having not only the station work with its services, personal contacts, etc., but also the responsibility of our Bible Institute. To be sure all of this he wholeheartedly did and without murmur nor complaint. His untiring

efforts and consecrated spirit have left an everlasting impression upon me. Pastor Salte was highly esteemed by the members of his Mission as well as by the Colombians.

Pastor Salte so often wept during the first stages of his illness because, as always, he sensed his responsibility so keenly and now there were so very few to carry on. Oh, how he prayed and pleaded with God to send workers, who were truly fit for the Master's use, that the work might go forward and that precious souls would be brought into the fold. The first Sunday during his illness, when the people were gathering for services, he said, "Oh, how I love these Colombians."

For 36 days we centered all our attention and efforts on caring for our brother and at times we felt so utterly alone, as far as human help was concerned. The doctor, even from the very beginning, refused to come, but finally one of our most faithful believers brought him. When the injections for malaria, which he had prescribed, were finished, but to no avail, he came once more to take a blood test to determine if it might be typhoid. This test was sent to Bogotá and the answer came back positive. As the doctor made daily calls he would also prescribe various things, and we did all in our power to see Pastor Salte through, but God, in His infinite wisdom, only saw fit to take him unto Himself.

Our brother had a very peaceful death, and he and his dear wife were privileged to spend the last minutes together. I too, am happy to have been with him to the end, as also was one of our previous students and one of our national workers.

God wonderfully undertook for all necessary details of arranging for the funeral. The Colombian friends took this responsibility completely out of our hands. The services were beautiful and many friends gathered from far and near. Interment took place in a neighboring town as there is no protestant cemetery here in Duitama. Coming home in the car Salte's little daughter said: "Mire mi papa" (Look my Daddy). This she said several times as she pointed to the heavens. She is so precious. Surely Jesus was speaking and comforting her little heart too.

I have never before been with a mourner whose dearest in this world has been taken away, who could, under such circumstances stand up so beautifully as did Mrs. Salte. She has so often said, "It is only God's grace that enables me." In this respect too, she has been to many a real testimony, as to the sustaining power of Jesus Christ.

We are still together in Duitama, and we trust she will be able to carry on the work here until spring as this is the time Pastor and Mrs. Salte had anticipated their furlo. It would truly be a real victory for her as well as for

the work to wait until that time before returning to the homeland.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them."

Pastor Salte's final admonition to the Christians I am sure would be — "Blessed is that servant whom the Lord when He cometh shall find so doing."

To the unsaved he would say — "My heart's desire and supplication to God for you is that you may be saved."

Most sincerely,
Elizabeth Heerde.

Memorial Service for Rev. Trygve Salte

Memorial services for Rev. Trygve Salte were held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Revs. E. J. Conrad and Maynard Force, pastors, on Sunday, Nov. 5th, the last day of the Missionary Conference sponsored by the Evangelistic Committee.

We feel entirely unqualified to report in any measure the blessing of this service. Both Pastor Andrew J. Larson and Mr. Gerhard Ostrem spoke, the latter stressing especially the blessed work which brother Salte did in Colombia the short time he was permitted to labor there. Mr. Paul Lindell also brought a greeting and so did the president of the mission. God was there and spoke to hearts that day.

The church was full and a large part of the audience were young people, many of them from the various church schools, academies and Bible schools. Seldom, if ever, have we sensed the call of God to missionary work, come so forcibly and so clear as it came to us that afternoon. God calls some workers home, while others are called to take their places. We believe that many of our dear young people heard the call of God that day. Eternity alone will reveal the fruits of that Memorial Service.

We thank God what he gave our mission in brother Trygve Salte. Blessed be his memory. May we take up the sword which he layed down and carry forward the work of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

J. O. Gisselquist.

I do not believe that there is such a thing in the history of God's Kingdom as a prayer offered in the right spirit that is forever left unanswered.

—Theodore L. Cuyler.

The only faith that wears well and holds its color in all weathers is that which is woven of conviction and set with the sharp mordant of experience.

—Lowell.

Echoes from Our Annual Meeting

The 8th annual business meeting of the Colombia Lutheran Mission was held in St. Paul's Lutheran church, Minneapolis, Minn., L. C. Masted, pastor, Friday, Nov. 3rd, 1944. A large number of friends gathered and the interest manifested gave evidence that Colombia Mission has many true, loyal friends. We were especially happy to welcome Rev. A. K. Odland, Bawlf, Alta., Canada, the representative of our Canadian Branch of the Colombia Mission. He was introduced by the president and was given a seat both in the convention and later in the board meeting. Rev. A. S. Burgess, a warm friend of our mission, brought a greeting and assured us of the friendly relation of the church toward our mission and our work in Colombia. Representatives from the World Mission Prayer League and the Lutheran World Crusade were present and welcomed by the president. Mr. Gerhard Ostrem and family and Pastor Andrew Larson and Mrs. Larson, all home on furlo, were given a warm welcome.

We are happy for the brotherly relation existing between the Colombia Mission and the various groups doing missionary work in South America. We felt that we were united in Spirit and in purpose even tho we may be working in different groups. Our prayer is that nothing will hinder this brotherly relation, but that it may be carefully fostered, and that our love to each other may abound yet more and more.

We have for some time been burdened for more workers, especially ordained men. God seemed to withhold workers until we really became burdened and began to pray earnestly for reinforcement. God wants us to accept new workers as His ambassadors sent forth in answer to our prayer. And God did hear our prayers. We thank Him for that. As many of you know the candidates from the N.L.C.A. and the D.U.L.C. were prevented from entering Argentina as the government shut the doors to protestant missionaries. These workers were invited to Colombia and will work under our mission, while awaiting further leading of the Lord. Already Rev. and Mrs. Hans V. Thoreson have arrived on the field and the last report from them is that they are at Duitama where Mrs. Alvida Salte and Miss Elizabeth Heerde are stationed. I am sure their coming to Duitama at this time was particularly welcomed by our workers. Rev. Harold Olson with family left the early part of this month and so did Rev. and Mrs. Anfeld Mork, from Canada. They no doubt have arrived on the field by this time.

Pastor Andrew J. Larson and family, after an extended furlo, have started for Colombia. When last heard from they were at New Orleans awaiting transportation by boat. With the Larson's also arriving, this will give

some welcome help to the workers on the field and strengthen their hands in the Lord.

The report of the treasurer showed a substantial balance in the treasury. The matter of allowances to our workers was carefully considered, and a necessary increase was voted.

Two members were elected to the board. Rev. C. M. Hanson, Thompson, Iowa and Mr. Philip Hanson, Crystal Lake, Iowa, reelected. Rev. Benj. Ostrem was elected editor of Celmosa Clarion to replace Mrs. Thomas Sand, resigned. The Sands were given a hearty vote of thanks for all they have been for the Colombia from the very beginning of the work until now. Their resignation from the work was therefore not approved by the friends but we realized that these two dear friends had shouldered a big part of the work on the home front. The board acted to remedy this situation.

The little Ostrem daughters, Carol Lois and Ruth sang two songs in Spanish which was greatly appreciated by the friends. These little girls know Spanish as their mother tongue having both been born in Colombia.

The meeting closed with thanksgiving to God for his many blessings to our mission.

The board met in the afternoon. Election of officers after some readjustments later resulted as follows:

President—Rev. Benj. Ostrem.
1st Vice Pres.—Philip Hanson.
2nd Vice Pres.—Rev. M. C. Sletta.
Secretary—J. O. Gisselquist.
Fin. Secretary—Mrs. T. L. Sand.
Treasurer—T. L. Sand.

We are happy to retain Mr. and Mrs. Sand on the executive board. Mrs. Sand was relieved of her work as editor of Celmosa Clarion and also as secretary. But she was appointed as financial secretary and in that capacity she shares with her husband the burdens of the work of the treasurer.

The board considered the applications of candidates and the following

three candidates were extended a call by the board: Miss Viola Sheldahl, Belmond, Iowa; Mr. Henning Olson, a senior at Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, and his fiance, Miss Gladys Johnson. Let us also remember to pray for these new workers as they prepare to go out to the much needed fields. Pray that they may be spiritually prepared first of all, and that hindrances in the way may be removed. God is able and He delights to hear and answer the prayers of his children.

It was recommended that missionaries home on furlow travel in the interest of the mission as opportunity is given them.

The time for board meetings was discussed. Suggestion made that the board meet twice yearly and at one of the board meetings arrangements be made for an annual Colombia Mission Conference.

It was also moved and carried that we welcome with gratitude a member of the Canadian Branch as member of the Board of Directors, to be elected by the Canadian Board. This will give us a representative from our Canadian Branch on our board.

Mr. Gerhard Ostrem spoke at some length about the work in Colombia and brought fresh greetings direct from the workers on the field to the board members.

The meeting adjourned with prayer and thanksgiving.

J. O. Gisselquist.

Praise and Prayer

Praise the Lord that He is so wonderfully upholding our dear Sister Salte in her bereavement. From a personal letter we glean the following precious thoughts: "I know that my Redeemer liveth. Never before have I known this truth as I do today. He lives for me, intercedes for me. All my sufficiency is from God. I can say that God's excelling love and all-sufficient grace is able to carry through

even in deepest grief. I know the Lord has done all well and I truly believe more souls are going to reach glory because of this." Let us continue to uphold her in prayer.

Praise the Lord that our united prayers for the Larsons have been answered, in that a Christian young couple heard and obeyed the call of the Holy Spirit to care for their boy, Daniel, so that our missionaries could return to the field. Pray that these dear friends will be given strength, wisdom and love needed to care for a sick child. Great will be their reward, for "whatsoever ye have done unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

Pray that our new missionary, Miss Viola Sheldahl of Belmond, Iowa, may soon be granted a passport and may reach the field safely. Praise the Lord that He has again answered prayers for more laborers.

Praise the Lord for the blessed annual meeting He gave us in St. Paul Church, Minneapolis, Nov. 3rd. Truly it gives cause for rejoicing that the Board members are willing to share the work connected with the mission in order that no funds will have to be paid out for workers nor office help in the homeland in the future either. The officers of the Board of Directors need your continued prayer. Do not fail them.

Praise the Lord for the good report from Duitama station. Mrs. Salte writes: "God is blessing His work here in Duitama. Many people are coming out to our services. Hope they will continue. Pausanias, the Bible school student, who has been with us is still here and expect he will be the rest of this year. He is proving himself wonderfully as a very promising national worker." Pray for him.

Remember Helen Danielson as she labors on alone with the help of believers in Soatá. Reports are that she is doing a good work and may the Lord continue to strengthen and bless her.

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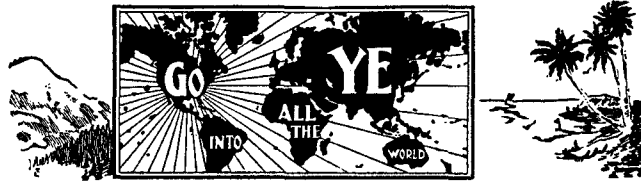
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Report on Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Colombia Mission was held April 12, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. L. C. Masted, pastor. Several matters of importance were considered by the Board, mainly the calling of a new worker for Colombia and to clarify our relation to the N.L.C.A. and the U.D.L.C., whose candidates are at present assisting our workers on the field.

Two Missionaries Return Home

We had the joy of having with us Mrs. Alvida Salte and her little daughter Ragnhild and Miss Helen Danielson who arrived from the field the day before the Board meeting. They made the trip safely from Bogota, Colombia, to Minneapolis in five days. They were welcomed home by our president, Rev. Benjamin Ostrem. Mr. Gerhard Ostrem, who is spending part of his furlough studying at Luther Theological Seminary at Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, also arrived for the Board meeting.

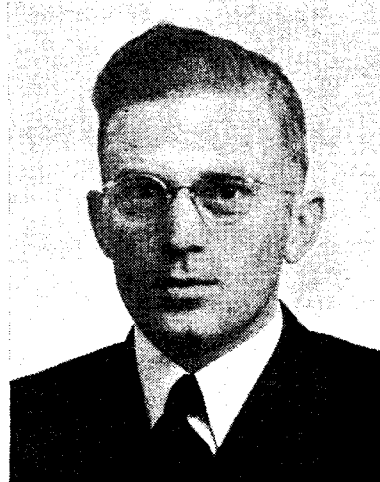
The morning session was devoted to the discussion of our work in Colombia. And as we had missionaries direct from the field with us we received fresh news. We thank God for the open door our workers have to preach the Gospel in Colombia. *And the need is great, much greater than we here in the homeland can imagine!* To have a share in this blessed work is not only a responsibility but a great privilege. And it is heaven on earth to serve our Lord and Savior. He has done, and is still doing, so much for us, that our utmost for Him is but a small return we can render Him.

We hope that many of our friends will have the opportunity to hear our workers, and through them come into closer contact with our work on the field. They will spend part of their vacation enjoying a much-needed and well-deserved rest, but they also intend to do some traveling in the interest of the mission, as the Lord opens doors.

Territorial Expansion Discussed

Our relation to the church was discussed at some length. Dr. J. A. Aasgaard and Dr. J. E. Gronli of the N.L.C.A. had been invited and attend-

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ARNFELD C. MORCK

Los Llanos de Casanare

(The plains of Casanare)

The friends of the "Celmosa" who have intelligently followed the work and studied the field know that only a narrow strip along the border between Santander and Boyacá has been occupied by our workers. In this mountainous interior region are our three stations, manned by foreign workers, Soatá, Cocuy and Duitama. Several other places have been served by Colombian workers and many more should be. Many are asking for workers (foreign or Colombian).

Some of these places are found in the far larger but less populated area of our field; namely, the plains of Casanare, which have not as yet been connected with the interior by railways or highways. All transportation, excepting the recent, regular plane service, has been done by mule. Never has the wheel of the covered wagon traversed these plains as the prairies of North America, nor have the miles and miles of fertile soil been turned by the plow. A few square yards of soil are loosened, with a hoe, near the palm thatched house, where bananas and "yuca" (a starchy tuber plant) can be grown. Here and there we see a small coffee plantation or a few orange trees. The diet of the plainsmen con-

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NEEDS ON THE FIELD

LARSONS WRITE:

"Be still and know that I am God."

They were days of testing when we came back to our field of labor to know that the station that we had rented for soon six years was bought by a very fanatical man. One day he came and told us that we had to give up the house. We had no place to go, which would be suitable for the work. The school of almost 30 children would have no place. The chapel services for the people could not be continued. Then we heard the voice from our Father: Why not buy?

Brother Halvorson from Salem, Ore. had already given a gift for this purpose. So we acted in faith. One house was for sale. We had to get another man to buy it for us. He will turn it over to us later. It cost \$2600.00 American money.

We are now looking to you friends of God's Kingdom to listen to His voice. He wants men to hear the good tidings and be saved. He wants us to give all to lift up the Son of God so man might look and live. This undertaking we know is from God. We ask you whom the Lord has blest with all spiritual and material blessings to help so this first station which is bought in Colombia, might be paid within the set time of one year.

Greetings to all in His Saving Name,
Andrew and Alma Larson
and Naomi.

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FROM GERHARD OSTREM:

Missionary Gerhard Ostrem writes as follows: "We would like to take some musical instruments with us back to Colombia in July this year. We have in mind especially a *FOLDING ORGAN* and a *PIANO-ACCORDION*. It seems these cannot be purchased new now. Therefore, if anyone has either of these instruments to sell for the sake of the cause, kindly write me. Address: Rothsay, Minn."

Editor's Note: The Colombians love music. If you have (or know of someone who has) a folding organ, piano-accordion, regular organ, or small piano to sell for the sake of the cause, kindly write the missionary. Some have shipped pianos, and they have come through in fairly good shape when crated well.

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CELMOSA CLARION

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LEST WE FORGET — REMEMBER:

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REPORT ON THE BOARD MEETING

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ed the forenoon session together with Dr. R. Syrdal and Rev. A. S. Burgess. The N.L.C.A. has two ordained men, and the U.D.L.C. has one ordained man who are working on our field in Colombia. The church is prepared to send out several more workers, but on account of closed doors they are limited to helping us on our field. This is not a satisfactory arrangement for the church, and together we faced the



MRS. ALVIDA SALTE

problem prayerfully seeking to know the mind of our heavenly Father in this matter. Shall we seek to enlarge our field in Colombia and then divide our field with the church? This seemed to be the best solution. We have on our field some 250,000 souls, and there is a possibility of still further enlarging it. This will give to the church a field of her own, and still we as a mission retain all the field we can possibly care for for some years to come. We have not been able with our few workers to cover our entire field, and other missions have already begun to occupy part of our territory.

We believe that this will bring about a satisfactory arrangement and help build the kingdom of God in Colombia. Later, when doors into other parts of South America are opened to protestant missions, we can send trained and experienced workers into new fields. *As Dr. Aasgaard said to us, "We should have been in South America thirty or forty years ago." May all this time lost give us a sense of urgency in our day and that there be no delay to bring the Gospel to those who sit in darkness. They are waiting for the light of the blessed Gospel. Let us send it forth now! May the Lord Himself anoint us for this task.*

The outcome of the forenoon's discussion resulted in the following motion passed unanimously: "That the executive board of the Colombia mission submit plans to the annual meeting whereby we may enlarge our field and determine its boundaries. Also to find out to whom application shall be made in Colombia for this extension, and to confer with missionaries on the field and with the Joint Committee in this matter."

Another New Missionary Going Out

Mr. J. L. Walla's application was then considered. Mr. Walla gave his personal testimony and told us how God's call had come to him for work in Colombia. Brother Walla is an able and consecrated young christian of considerable experience in Christian work. He is also in full sympathy with our faith principles and the practice of our mission. He promises to become a very valuable addition to our force on the field.

It was with thankfulness to God for an assured answer to our prayers for more workers that the board unanimously called Brother Walla to full-time work in Colombia. He was also urged to go out as soon as possible. He will probably accompany Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem when they return to the field late in July. Let us pray for this new worker and follow him out to the field with our intercession. God hears and answers prayers. With the many hindrances and obstacles in the way for the Gospel to go out to needy places, we need more than ever to *pray, pray, pray*.

It was also decided to hold annual meeting as early as possible this fall in order to hear reports from the committee on the enlargement of our field. Hope many of our friends will make plans to attend this important meeting. Place and time will be announced later. Pray for it.

Sverdrup's Explanation to be Translated

It was also decided to translate Sverdrup's "Explanation" for use on our field. Let us give to our friends in South America the same blessed "barnelærdom" (child-training) which we have enjoyed and still have for the instruction of our young.

Building Fund Established

A Building Fund was established as the need to secure mission owned property is very urgent on the field. It is almost impossible for our missionaries to rent any building for mission use. A beginning has already been made. Let us prayerfully remember this fund.

The Lord gave us a blessed board meeting. A spirit of unity and brotherly love prevailed, and we went home with the assurance that our work in Colombia is the Lord's work, and that to us He has given the unspeakable privilege of having a part in building His church in South America. To Him be all the praise.

With kind greetings to all the friends of Colombia and a hearty "thank you" for the fine financial support you have given this work. Our treasury is in a healthy state.

Yours sincerely,

J. O. Gisselquist, Sec'y.

A saint of God once said, "The promise cannot give way. Our Lord will not give way. If I refuse to give way, then the devil must give way."

LOS LLANOS de CASANARE

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sists largely of bananas, yuca, coffee and meat.

Trips to various parts of these plains have been made by our workers about once a year, for the purpose of visiting the older Christian communities as well as preaching and making contacts in new places. A recent trip was made by Quanrud and Morck. It proved impossible to contact all the points intended due to the shortage of animals for travel. Five places were, however, visited, twenty services held, and three children baptized. Some Scriptures were also sold. Interest in the Word was evident, and we pray the Lord of the Harvest that the good seed sown may bear eternal fruit in the lives of those who heard.

Space does not permit a detailed account of the trip, but only these observations. In spite of the comparatively sparse population the work in the plains will undoubtedly have great importance in the future, because of the increasing settlement and the important role which these fertile areas will play in the agriculture of the Nation, once the problem of transportation is solved. La Aguada, at which is a congregation formerly served by the Presbyterians, has been the main evangelical center of these parts. It has a chapel and parsonage but is at present without a Colombian pastor. Several of the Christians from this congregation have moved farther into the plains to La Chapa, a very promising new settlement with excellent soil, and people of a liberal and friendly attitude, who in their simplicity of life feel themselves as free as the breezes that blow across their extensive plains. They are asking for a worker, a school and a teacher. So is Trinidad, a larger place which we were not able to visit but spoke to two men at the air field who were interested and who had written to Bogotá, requesting literature and a worker. It may be difficult for foreigners to establish themselves permanently in these plains, due to the danger of the malaria mosquito and other plagues which are prevalent during the rainy season. But with the opening of this territory for agriculture some change could also be expected in climatic conditions. And with the proper scientific measures foreigners can exist in the plains. In the dry season the climate is very agreeable with scarcely a mosquito but some "garapatas" (a loathsome little creature which fastens itself deep into your skin to draw blood). With the increasing, regular plane service a worker here is not as isolated from the interior as formerly. Much work could also be done during the dry season by two married couples traveling in a jeep (if the mission owned such a thing). The women could teach Bible in the larger villages while the men travel to the outposts. We must be ready to meet the developments which will inevitably take place in these plains and to minister to their

increasing population, who even now need the Gospel and the soul care of the Christian pastor.

Arnfeld C. Morck.



MISS HELEN DANIELSON

Miss Danielson Returns Home

As I was about to open the Word of God for the last time in Colombia before leaving for the home land, I turned to the 121st Psalm and read: "The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore."

I could read no more. This promise was the last one handed me by one of my pastors as I left the States, and now on the day I was to "come in" God brought the same message to me. I was deeply touched. "I shall preserve thy coming in" said God and He has. Praise be to Him!

We have had a most wonderful trip home in every way. We experienced His guiding hand all along the way.

Now we place ourselves "at your orders" again. May God grant a blessed year to the furtherance of His cause both at home and abroad.

My home address: c/o Rev. Neils B. Hansen, Hutchinson, Minn.

Yours in Christ.

Helen Danielson.

Just as we love God shall all His providential dealings, whether afflicting or comforting, bring a ceaseless joy to us; for, if we love God, we shall be perfectly pleased with all that He does. Just as we love Him shall duty be a pleasure, worship an exquisite enjoyment, and self-denial sweeter than any self-indulgence could be. Just as we love Him shall earth become like Heaven; this waste, howling wilderness shall be lovelier to our vision than Eden was. It shall be a Holy of Holies, filled on all sides with the tokens of our Father's majestic presence.—*John Dickie*.

"It is impossible to be obedient to God's Word unless we are perfectly acquainted with it."—*Gospel Herald*.

Mrs. Alvida Salte Returns Home

MRS. SALTE RETURNS HOME

I look back upon the years spent in dear Colombia and can truly praise God, for all His paths are lovingkindness and truth. They seem such short years and yet so full both of blessed and trying experiences. I have often thought of the day back home when I really decided for Colombia for it has been a source of strength and comfort to me here on the field. God spoke to me that day through His Word that my faith would be proved as gold by fire but He also bade me commit my way unto Him, to trust Him. He assured me He would go before and make the rough places smooth. So I came to Colombia in the strength of my Lord God. I have found Him to be true to His promises. I have been led to a deeper experience of Christ's tenderness and my Father's love. I have better learned that in sorrow or joy my blessed calling is to abide in Christ and I find He doeth all things well. It has been a joy to make known and convey God's wonderful love to my fellowmen here in Colombia.

My home address will be: BEJOU, MINNESOTA. I expect to be home the first of April.

Since so many, many of the Celmosa friends have remembered me in a special way during this time of deep sorrow I want at this time to express my appreciation to you for your kind remembrance of me, for your prayers, your letters and your gifts. God only knows what comfort they have brought me. Thank you. God chooses to glorify His name through ways so much higher than ours. "God has thrown a veil across my way, but I only cling to Him the more. He will lead me till this life is o'er" . . . then I shall know and understand.

Very sincerely,

Alvida Salte.

Prayer and Praise

Pray for the various missionaries and their needs. Our missionaries are laying down their lives to save souls.

Pray for the various needs. As the mission work develops and grows the needs become more numerous and varied.

Praise and thank God for His blessings upon Mrs. Salte and Miss Danielson as they journeyed homeward. God bless you missionaries while home on furlow.

Pray God to supply the needs of Missionaries Ostrems as they prepare for leaving for Colombia in July.

Thank God for Mr. J. L. Walla who has been accepted as a missionary to Colombia. Pray God to open the door of Colombia for him.

"Can I have the Spirit of Christ without having a missionary spirit?"

They Pray

Behold he prayeth. These words we find stated about Paul in Acts 9. Ananias doubted the validity of this information, and began to think about what "Saul," as Paul was called at that time, used to do. But Saul did pray because he had found the One to whom he could pray, and who could help him.

Many in Colombia have similar experiences. **THEY PRAY!** They are persons, who, according to their own testimonies, formerly lived in sin of various kinds, but, who, upon the arrival of the missionaries, heard the Gospel and realized its truth and power. They received the Gospel, and accepted Christ as their personal Savior from sin.

They know the truth of the song: "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart." Now they pray. In the past they would repeat something merely memorized and directed to some saint, but now they actually pray. They realize that one can go directly to God in prayer, and that Christ is the only mediator. I Timothy 2:5.

The natives thank God for sending missionaries, and manifest their gratefulness to them for coming, and to the Christians in the home-land for helping to make it possible for these to go forth in obedience to God's Word. Then too, they pray for the Christians in our lands, that the eternal God would give them grace to remain firm in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior—the Savior for North and South America alike. I wish you could hear these dear friends' prayerful plea which rises continually to the throne of grace for the furtherance of the Kingdom cause in Colombia.

In turn, let us remember these dear fellow-Colombian-Christians in our prayer! They are subject to trials and temptations, but **GOD IS FAITHFUL**. Let us permit God to answer their prayers in our behalf, and daily carry them on the arms of intercession before the Throne of Grace.

Gerhard Ostrem.

From the Treasurer's Corner

A dear aged brother in Iowa writes: "Please find enclosed check for the Colombia Mission to be used where it is most needed. I thank you for the 'Celmosa Clarion' you send me so I can see the great things that God is doing through His witnesses among those people. It is true, as Larson writes, that the Mission must get property of its own, and if you make appeal through the 'C. C.' about this I know that the money will come, because it is God's will to establish his Kingdom on earth."

Since this brother mentions the need of Mission property his gift was applied to the fund for the recently

purchased property at El Cocuy, Larson's station. How we thank God for this forward step. Two smaller gifts also came in for this project at the same time, proving God's faithfulness again. Let us therefore "attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

From Miss Heerde

Duitama, Boyacá
Colombia, S. A.
February 22, 1945.

The Missionaries of the Celmosa Mission, together with our new workers who have come out to help us, namely Rev. and Mrs. Thoresen and Rev. and Mrs. Morck, gathered together in Soatá February 7th for a one day conference. We began the session with all partaking of the Lord's Supper.

God's presence and guidance throughout the day was keenly felt as the various important problems were discussed and decided upon.

After the evening service an informal meeting was held in honor of Mrs. Salte and Miss Danielson, who will now be leaving us in April for their furlos. Our hearts were united in prayer and praise to God for the fellowship we had with Him and with one another. As God's servants we desire that all of our efforts may ever be well pleasing to Him, and that we may be able to say with Paul, "I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: For whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him." — Phil. 3:8-9.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth E. Heerde.

"Lord, Teach Us to Love!"

Teach us to love, not only those that first love us

But all the world, with that rare purity

Of broad outstretching love, that bears no trace

Of earthly taint, but holds in its embrace

Humanity. — And seeks to see

Only the good in all, reflected Lord in Thee.

And teach us, Father, *how to love the most*

Those who most need our love, — and all that host

Of people who are sick, and poor, and bad.

Whose tired faces show their lives are sad,

Who toil along the road with footsteps slow

And hearts more heavy than the world can know. —

People whom others pass discreetly by,
Or fail to hear the pleadings of their cry

For help, amidst the tumult of the crowd, —

People whose very anguish makes them cold and proud,

Bitter, resentful and stubborn in their grief, —

We want to bring them comfort and relief,

To put our hands in theirs, and at their side

Walk softly on as faithful, fearless guides.

O Savior, Thou the Christ, Truth ever near,

Help us to find these sad ones, *doubly dear*

Because they need so much. Help us to seek

To help them find that which they thought was lost.

Teach us to speak such words of cheer, that as we pass along

The wilderness shall blossom into song.

Lord, teach me to sacrifice and pray and love

That these may find Thee and Thy home above.

—Selected.

"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man thou shalt surely die, if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way that wicked man shall die in his iniquity but his blood will I require at thy hand."—Ezekiel 33-8.

Seated one day with my Bible, God's Holy Word on my knee,
I was startled to find that at judgment a soul was required of me!

Then it seemed that I was transported to another time and place

Where I saw in a vision the Master and I gazed, in awe, at His face.

Before Him a form was kneeling, yet the Master was turning away—

Too late now to plead for mercy—and I heard the Savior say

With a stern and sorrowful countenance as His eye was fixed on me:

"Thou art thy brother's keeper, his blood is required of thee."

I bowed my head in anguish, there was nothing that I could say

As I turned, but my steps were arrested by the lost who barred the way.

They screamed their accusations as they groveled in misery,

And sinking into an abyss they turned and gazed at me;

While out of the distance thundered a cry from eternity

Of a myriad wailing voices, "Our blood is required of thee!"

Dear Christian friend, will you waken, as I was awakened that day

To pray and give as directed? Squander not time away.

In all that the Master bids you, be diligent, faithful, and true.

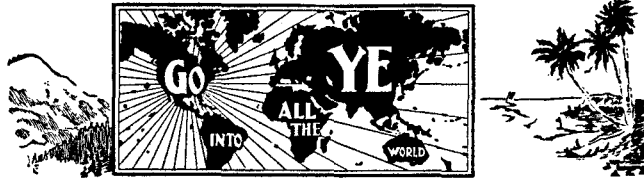
For you are your brother's keeper, his blood is required of you.

—Alvira Pederson,
Winger, Minn.

"He walks uprightly who leans upon his God." — Selected.

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HAVE FAITH IN GOD

Elsewhere in this issue you see announcement of our Spring Conference and the special business meeting of the Colombia mission. We kindly ask God's people to remember these meetings in earnest believing prayer. Jesus Himself says, "Have faith in God". God can and will do mighty things for those who really trust Him. Faith in God is a real thing. Paul tells us in Heb. 11:1, "Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen". We need your prayers for we need God. Pray that the Spirit of God may have full control in our lives that what may hinder and grieve Him will be removed. It avails little what we do for God if we ourselves are not living in vital and living union with Him so that "the Father abiding in me doeth his works" John 14:10.

In the second place pray that we may know the will of God. We thought we had our relation with the church on our field settled when we voted at our last annual meeting to continue as a faith mission in Colombia. But evidently we did not. The unanimous request has come from the workers on the field that, rather than lose the help from the church candidates, whose help they so sorely need, we turn the field over to the church. The board, therefore, has called this special business meeting to give further consideration to this matter.

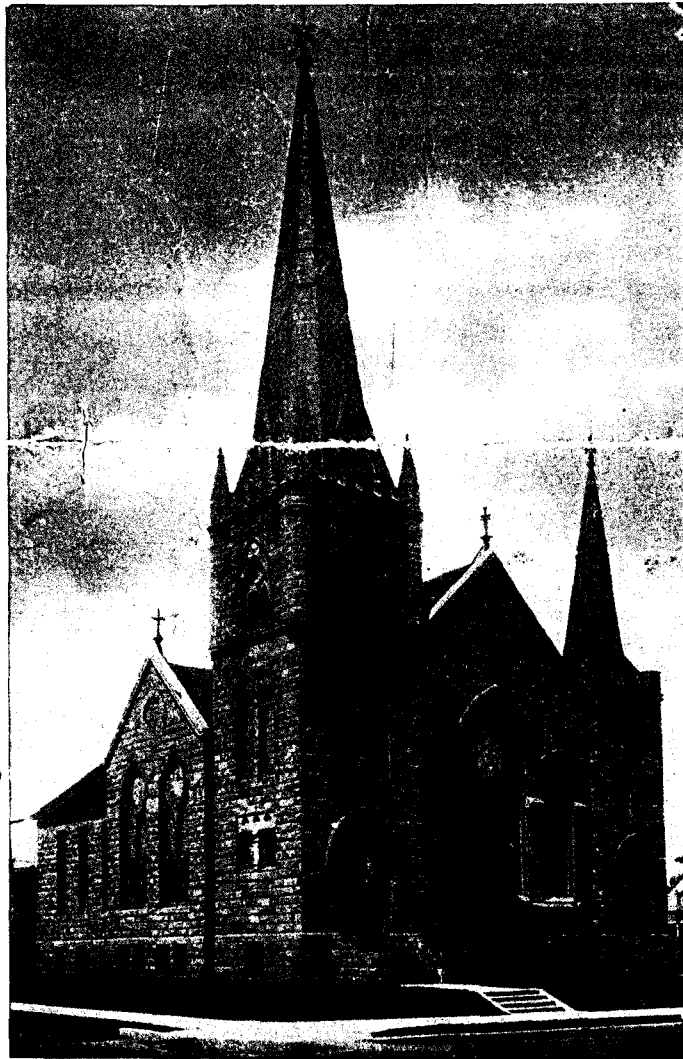
To change the decision made at the annual meeting, and at the same time save the unity of our mission, is to steer a difficult course. Therefore we covet your prayer. I want to come to this meeting with an open heart and do what is pleasing to God. God is the Lord of the harvest and to Him we must look.

With my present light on this problem it seems to me that we have one of three possible choices before us.

1. That this meeting reaffirm

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stand taken at our annual meeting and continue as a faith mission in Colombia.

2. That we support the motion from the field and we give our field to the NLCA and to the UELC.

3. That we unite with the World Mission Prayer League

and thus help unite and strengthen the Faith Missionary Movement in the Lutheran church.

Whichever way it is settled, this meeting will speak the final word in the case. We cannot postpone final settlement any longer. Candidates ready for the field hesitate to go not knowing under whose auspices they will be working, and financial support here at home will begin to dwindle as rumors and often unfriendly criticism will begin to circulate. So far the Lord, thru His people, has supplied our needs liberally. Each month about \$1,000 is sent to the field in allowances for station expenses and in special personal gifts. For this we thank God, and also our many faithful friends. Four candidates are ready to sail for Colombia and we are corresponding with others who are seriously considering Colombia as their field of labor.

But that our mission is facing a crisis we admit. However, that is not always an unhealthy sign. Anything which has life will face crisis not only once but often. This is true also of the Christian life and Christian work. In that way we are delivered from going into ruts which hinder true progress, and thru crisis our spiritual life is renewed and strengthened in the Lord, and the work of God goes forward. May it prove thus in our present crisis.

We invite and urge as many as possible to come to our Spring Conference and to the business meeting. If you are prevented from coming, let us hear from you.

With kind greetings to our many friends, we remain,
Sincerely,
J. O. GISSELQUIST,
Secretary.

Pray for this conference. It is very important. Our relation to the Churches on the field must be decided now. Plan to attend and bring others.

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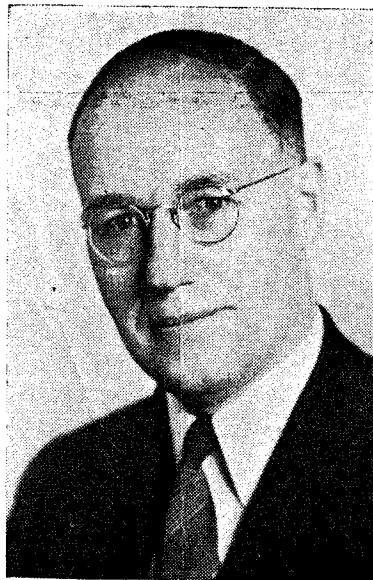
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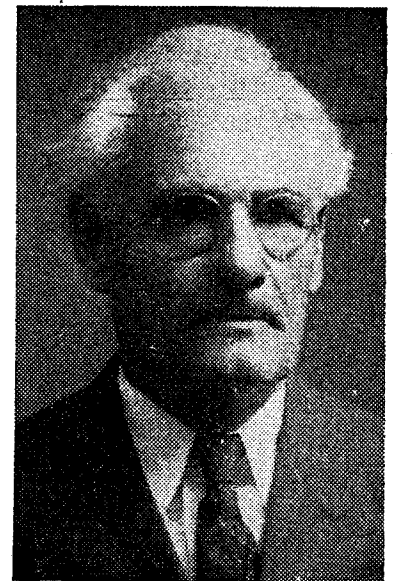
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Pastor Emory V. Erlander



Dr. C. W. Landahl

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

March 12-14

TUESDAY

- 10 a. m.
Prayer Session.
- 11 a. m.
Message by Dr. C. W. Landahl, St. Paul, Minn. This man of God has been a successful missionary for many years in China. Be sure to hear him.
- 2 p. m.
Business Session. (Be sure to read Pastor Gisselquist's article in this issue.)
- 7 p. m.
Latin American Pictures by Pastor A. S. Burgess, Minneapolis. He has very good pictures, mostly colored. Some pictures in sound, others silent. Do not miss this special feature of the conference each evening.
- 8 p. m.
Message by Pastor Emory V. Er-

lander of Moline, Illinois. Miss Elizabeth Heerde, missionary now in Colombia, is from Pastor Erlander's church. Special singing. Do not miss this service.

WEDNESDAY

- 10 a. m.
Bible Study by Prof. M. E. Sletta of Fergus Falls, Minn. Sorry we have no picture of Pastor Sletta for this issue. He is a Bible scholar and you will receive blessings from his studies.
- 11 a. m.
Message by Mrs. Alvida Salte. She has served on the mission field for several years, and will have a Christ and mission centered message for us. You will love both Christ and Colombia more by hearing her message.
- 2 p. m.
Business Session. See "THE SPECIAL MEETING ON THE FIELD" repeated from last issue—read it, and pray for God's guidance in the business sessions.
- 7 p. m. Latin American Pictures by Pastor A. S. Burgess.
- 8 p. m.
Messages by Pastor A. M. Vinge, Camrose, Alberta, Canada and by Pastor Wm. Berg, Rock Island, Illinois. Special singing.

THURSDAY

- 10 a. m.
Bible Study by Prof. M. E. Sletta.
- 11 a. m.
Message by Pastor A. M. Vinge. He is the secretary of the Canadian Branch of the Colombia mission, and comes as a representative from Canada to the conference.
- 2 p. m.
Open.
- 7 p. m.
Latin American pictures by Pastor A. S. Burgess.
- 8 p. m.
Message by Pastor William Berg, Rock Island, Illinois.



Mrs. Alvida Salte and daughter



Pastor A. S. Burgess



Pastor A. M. Vinge

News From the Field

Missionary and Mrs. Olger Quanrud are making preparations to leave Duitama to continue the work in Tunja.

The Girls' Institute in Soata closed February 1st.

Miss Elizabeth Heerde, who has been teaching in the institute in Soata during the past month, will remain there temporarily in charge of the station work.

Pastor and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem left for the Plains of Casanare, the 8th of January on itinerary work. They are expected soon in Duitama, and shall take up the work there.

Preparations are being made for the opening of our Day Schools in February and March.

MRS. ANDREW LARSON,
Field Editor.

EDITOR: Thank you, Mrs. Larson. Send us all the news you can. The Clarion readers appreciate this news.

Fill in your membership application blanks, and mail to Pastor J. O. Gisselquist, 611 East 37th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

STATEMENTS—

"May the Lord help us always to be loyal first to the larger view of the Kingdom without losing sight of the smaller segments of God's battle line."—A. M. Vinge.

The Special Meeting On the Mission Field

To the General Board:

A special meeting was held in Duitama Nov. 27th, 1945. All Celmosa missionaries were present. The following is what we arrived at after very careful and prayerful consideration:

Due to the fact that the Celmosa (the present Colombia Mission) or the Church with its present personnel is **not** able to carry on the present program alone; we the Celmosa missionaries on the field, have unanimously agreed to appeal to our home board to consider the following motion which was made and unanimously carried:

Motion: Rather than have the Church bodies withdraw that we turn the present Celmosa field over to the N.L.C.A. and U.E.L.C. bodies, but that Celmosa still exist and work together with the Church bodies if they (the Church) should so desire, as long as the present need exists. Later Celmosa to locate and work another field.

Suggestions: 1) Should a Celmosa missionary desire to remain with the Church, and the Church accepts him, that this privilege be granted him. 2) That the Celmosa and the Church boards together work out the financial problems; such as salary, housing, itinerating, etc.

Additional recommendation: We, the Celmosa missionaries, recommend that in the acceptance of our unanimous motion to our board at home with reference to our location of another field, it would not be adjacent to the present Celmosa field.

Meeting adjourned with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH E. HEERDE,
Secretary.

COLOMBIA'S GREAT NEED—

The Lutheran Church faces a task in Colombia today that is stupendous to say the least.

There is an immediate need of buildings here that will mean an expenditure of \$50,000 (American dollars). There is a vast territory that could be occupied which includes three quarter million people, and it needs hundreds of workers, both foreign and national.

—OLGER QUANRUD.

A Sunday School Class in Duitama



OLGER AND PHOEBE QUANRUD

Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not

We have found it interesting as well as very challenging to watch how the Saturday afternoon class of children is developing. For a couple months we have met for a class sometimes consisting of only one person present — the teacher on the inside of the room sitting at the folding organ playing and singing, in this way trying to draw them in. The children, not so few at times, have lingered close to the door to listen, not daring to enter, perhaps due to fear of warnings. Adults too, have stopped, looked and listened.

In spite of discouraging things outwardly, there is inwardly a rejoicing at what our God is able to do. We thank you for your part in praying for this class, as some of you have told us you are doing.

The picture is of one of two Sunday school classes in Duitama.

How to Get Rich . . . and Stay Rich

(By Prof. Iver Olson)

This is an Oriental legend: There was once a man who was very rich, so rich indeed that a large storehouse was required to contain his gold and silver—his diamonds, jewels, and costly stones. He also had two sons, and a faithful slave that followed him wherever he went. Being old and knowing that death would soon overtake him, he made his last will and testament, thus arranging for the disposition of his property when he would be no more here on earth. The will was placed in safe-keeping in the storehouse together with the riches, and the two sons were waiting for the father to die so that they might inherit the riches. In the course of time the father did die, and all his wealth (including the slave, for he was chattel property) was placed in the large storehouse. The will was opened, and the brothers listened in breathless anticipation as the executor read these provisions of the will: "To each of you, my sons, I leave as much of my wealth as he can carry out of this storehouse in one trip; the rest shall belong to my faithful slave." The boys were very much disappointed over the scanty provision their father had made for them, and they sat speechless for some time brooding over their state. But, thought the older of the two to himself after having turned the matter over in his mind, that is not so little after all; he proceeded to find two of the largest gold crowns and filled them with gems and jewels of the costliest kind; he staggered under the weight of these as he lugged them over the doorstep of the storehouse—he must have had millions now, even though that was only a fraction of what was left after the father died. The younger was about to follow his older brother's example when a happy thought struck him and made him change the course of his action; instead of carrying out gem-filled crowns, he went over into the corner, picked up the old slave, and carried him out of the storehouse.

Which of these two was now the richer?

Riches have been offered to us in the form of a person. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). But if we are going to benefit by all these things that God is ready to give us, we must receive them in the form that they are given; that is, we must receive the Son. He who receives the Son as Savior and Lord becomes as rich as Christ is rich, for all that is Christ's belongs



Professor Iver Olson

to those who own Him as Savior. The hymn-writer has expressed this truth in these words:

We have all things, Christ possessing;

Life eternal, second birth;
Present pardon, peace, and blessing,
While we tarry here on earth;
And by faith's anticipation,

Foretaste of the joy above,
Freely given us with salvation,
By the Father in His love.

Godliness has a promise for the life which now is, and for the one which is to come. So anyone who would be rich both for time and for eternity must seek his riches in Christ. While it is not true that every one who is rich is a Christian, it is nevertheless true that God takes care of His people in a way that is wonderful to behold.

Having laid hold of Christ, we are sometimes at a loss to understand how we might continue to have Him as our own. We easily fall into the error of thinking that we need to guard Him carefully within our own hearts so that He does not slip away from us; we seek to imprison Him in the cell of our own soul. The best way to keep Christ is to give Him away. God's arithmetic is in so many ways just the opposite of what ours is; according to God, "He that will save his life shall lose it, but he that loses his life for Christ's sake shall save it." He that will keep Christ to himself soon loses Him, while he who gives Him to others finds Him more abundantly in His own life.

Do you feel that you have so little of Christ in your own life? If so, try giving away what little you have, and you will soon discover that He gets a stronger hold upon you every time you give. Do not make the common mistake of trying to nurse Him to strength and vigor in your own heart

first before you let others see Him; give Him to your friends today, and tomorrow He will belong to you more than ever.

We surely want to keep Christ in our country. God has been very good to us in permitting Jesus to rule in as many lives among us as He does. Christ in our land is the secret of our wealth and progress. Theodore Roosevelt was once asked by a prominent South American how it could be that people in North America are on the whole rich, while those in South America are poor; Roosevelt replied, "Those who settled in South America came to find gold, while those who came to North America came to find God; the latter consequently found gold too, while the former found nothing." Just the way it happened in the Oriental legend above.

What North America needs to do now if she would retain Christ in her land is to exert herself to the utmost in giving Christ to the people of South America. She needs to give with reckless abandon. That is what our missionaries are trying to tell us too. The more we give Him away, the more we have of Him at home too.

Here is another story to show how God's arithmetic works: There was once a man so poor that he had to beg for a living. As he was returning to his hut one evening after begging all day and having in his script a loaf of bread and a kernel of rice that kind people had given him, he met a man apparently more destitute than he. This man was really the king in disguise, and this king had the power of working magic. When the stranger asked for a gift the beggar was hard put to it whether he should give the loaf of bread or the kernel of rice; he finally gave the latter. Upon reaching his hut, he found in his script a loaf of bread that was just ordinary bread and a kernel of rice that was made of pure gold. The beggar smote his breast and said, "Why did I not give him the loaf of bread instead!"

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Prof. Iver Olson is teaching at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, and the University of Minnesota. We wish to thank Prof. Olson for this article, and hope to hear from him again.

LEST WE FORGET—REMEMBER:

That in order to obtain the best exchange rates on **personal gifts** sent directly to the missionaries in Colombia, bank drafts should be used.

That all contributions to the mission should be sent in the form of **postal money order, bank drafts or personal checks to the treasurer, Mr. Thos. L. Sand, P. O. Box 227, Willmar, Minn.** If your gifts are not acknowledged within ten days or two weeks, please notify same address so it can be traced.

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BOARD MEETING

A special meeting of the Celmosa board was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. L. C. Masted, pastor, May 14th, 1946, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

Present were:

Rev. A. M. Vinge
Rev. Benjamin Ostrem
Prof. M. E. Sletta
Rev. D. A. Erickson
Mr. Philip Hanson
Rev. Gisselquist

Advisors:

Henry Kallevig
L. C. Masted

Visitor:

Geo. H. Johnson

Absent were:

Rev. A. E. Windahl
Mr. T. L. Sand.

Meeting began with a short season of prayer. The president then declared the meeting open in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted. Communications from the field were read, including a letter from Rev. Morris Sand, our first president. Also a letter from Mrs. Alvida Salte was read.

Mr. Geo. H. Johnson was given the privilege to speak in the meeting.

Motion made and seconded that we as a board meet with the Foreign Mission board of the NLCA and the UELC then in session, or with any committee from that body, as soon as possible during the day. Carried. Following matters to be presented to the above board:

1—The division of the field as per our motion at annual meeting.

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Our Sympathy

The Celmosa wishes to express its sympathy to Pastor Arnfeld Morck and daughter Agnes in their recent bereavement. The passing of Mrs. Morck is felt very keenly among the friends of Colombia.

May the Lord comfort and strengthen you, Pastor Morck, and give abundant grace in every time of need.

THE CELMOSA
BOARD

Annual Meeting

St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
944 - 14th Avenue So., Min-
neapolis, Minnesota, Septem-
ber 3-5, 1946.

The annual meeting is of great importance. All interested in the souls in Colombia, and the Colombia Mission, should make plans to attend. Read Pastor Gisselquist's article again. Pray much for the annual meeting. If possible, let nothing hinder you from being present.

PRAY—

"Let us pray often, organize well and work hard. Giving is the one pleasure that never wears out."—Dr. A. J. Bergsaker.

An Emergency Confronts Us

As one of the two advisors of the Colombia Mission Board, I have been asked to write an article for the CELMOSA CLARION. On May 14 we met as a Celmosa Board with the Foreign Mission Board of the N.L.C.A. Representatives of the U.E.L.C. were also present. The question for discussion was the last decision of our association, offering to divide the Colombia field with the Church. We had a very good meeting with the Foreign Mission Board concerning this matter. We were made to understand that the Church desired only the best of feelings between us all. An excellent spirit prevailed.

However, the Church felt that for certain practical reasons it would be inadvisable to divide the field. The Church is willing that the Celmosa should run the entire field, or it is willing to take over the field, just as we desire.

Now this is the emergency that confronts us. The Missionaries of the Church helping Colombia are on tour looking for a new location for the Church. This withdrawal of these missionaries seriously affects our work in Colombia. We are shorthanded as it is. It appears that the Quanruds will have to leave Tunja because of the high altitude; and Soata, where we began our work, may have to be vacated also.

With so few missionaries on the field, and no one going out to help us, we feel a real emergency confronts us. We are in grave danger of losing the field to non-Lutheran groups.

Since our offer to divide the

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May 1, 1946
Duitama, Boyaca
Colombia, So. Am.

Dear President and Members
of the Celmosa Board:

Another meeting of the missionaries on the field was held to-night. Those present were: Olger Quanrud, Andrew Larson, Gerhard and Helene Ostrem and Elizabeth Heerde.

Olger Quanrud opened the meeting in prayer after which the following was decided upon:

Motion: To send our approval to our Celmosa board that we favor their motion made at the March conference concerning the dividing of our present Celmosa field with that of the Church. Carried.

Motion: That the Bible Institute and Teacher's Training course be under the direction of Celmosa and be staffed by both the Celmosa and the Church missionaries. The Seminary be under the direction of the Church and be staffed by both the Church and the Celmosa missionaries. Carried.

Motion: Realizing the great need of a field representative in the homeland we missionaries on the field move that the field representative be called now, and that missionaries while home on furlo be given the opportunity to study. Carried.

Urgent suggestions:

1. That a visit be made to the field now by the field representative and that afterwards he devote all his time in this work in the homeland.
2. Having definite opportunities for buying some of the necessary property (for stations), we ask that the money on hand in the States and Canada please be sent to us now, to be used for this purpose.

Meeting adjourned. Gerhard Ostrem closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH HEERDE,
Secretary.

"In this (God's) service the really important question is not how much you know about His Word, but how much use you have for it in your own personal Christian life, and how effectively you can use it in winning souls for His kingdom."—Dr. J. R. Lavik.

MEETING, SEPTEMBER 3-5,
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SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS,
MINNESOTA.

Greetings From Pastor Morck

Irene Norre Morck was born on October 3, 1921 in Basano, Alberta, Canada. She was baptized and confirmed in Dickson, Alberta where she also received her education.

On September 10, 1944 she was united in marriage with Pastor Arnfeld Morck whom she accompanied to Colombia in December of the same year, and together with whom she served in the Lutheran Bible Institute at Duitama the past year.

On May 15, 1946 she passed away after a brief illness. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband and little daughter Agnes of nine months, as well as her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Norre, and two sisters Anna and Selma, all of Dickson, Alberta, Canada.

Blessed be her memory!

To the many friends who in this trying hour of bereavement have prayed for us and in so many other ways have shown their understanding kindness I wish to express my sincerest gratitude and thanks. "We sorrow not as they who have no hope."

ARNFELD C. MORCK.

SHE WANTED TO SING

Irene Morck loved to sing, and before her illness used to raise her lovely voice often in song—songs and hymns of praise and love about her Saviour, songs that came out of a happy heart because Jesus dwelled there.

When she came, a bride of a few months, to Colombia, it was a happy discovery to me that she could sing so nicely. I think of occasions when we were together and enjoyed blending our voices in the singing of Gospel songs. I remember in particular, today, a couple of occasions: we sang a favorite Spanish duet at one of the services of our Reformation Day celebration when the students and teachers of the Bible Institute from Duitama were guests of our Girls' School at Soata; at Christmas the Morcks visited us, and on Christmas Eve with the maid to help us celebrate The Birthday, we gathered in the "sala" and sang carols, both in English and Spanish.

When it became necessary for the three men to make plans to travel through the continent in the interest of future mission work, they took their families to the city of Bogota, Irene, Opal (Mrs. Olson) and I with our little ones would live together until our husbands' return. We would be busy caring for the children, and studying our Spanish, and some-



Rivers are often crossed on horse-back. Above you see Mrs. G. Ostrem crossing a deep river on the way to the Casanare Plains. The guide is seen leading the horse.

times there would be time out for singing. But, no, we (some of us) had been here but a few days when "Irene-Arnt", as the children called her, fell ill from Diphtheria. She rallied after some weeks, and her husband rather reluctantly left on his trip. She hasn't been her former self these months, but seemed quite well, although her throat has not been perfectly normal and so she has not been able to sing, as formerly. Patient in her suffering, I believe that Irene's greatest trial was the fact that she has been unable to sing. I asked her one day, "Have you prayed about it?" And she said, "Oh, yes, about every day!" And then she added, "But I know that if I can never sing again, the Lord has a purpose in it."

How she wanted to sing! She could not know that the Lord in His infinite wisdom and love had decided, "My child, you shall soon sing—more gloriously and beautifully than you have ever dreamed of doing." For He gathered her into His heavenly presence the other day, and we believe she awoke singing. This thought came to the troubled hearts of both Opal and myself after Irene had so lately left us, "Why, she's singing now!"

Yes, now she can sing! Our youngest missionary has already "finished the course". We who miss her are confused and earth-bound in our understanding, faltering in our praise. But Irene? She is free and inexpressibly happy as she SINGS with hosts of angels and the Redeemed, the praises of the King of Life!

IRENE THORESEN
(Mrs. Hans V. Thoresen)

We need not fear the will of God. Young people may, without fear, commit themselves to God's will."—Dr. Selmer A. Berge.

Visit to Casanare Plains

(Continued from previous issue)

MAIN CONFERENCE HELD AT LA AGUADA

From Sombredero we marched on to La Aguada which is the main center of our work in the Plains of Casanare. Our Mission has chapels both in Sombredero and La Aguada. Much time was passed in La Aguada; Mrs. Ostrem, especially, spent much time there.

The main conferences were held at La Aguada to which people would come long distances of a few days journey to attend. Some would come walking and others riding on mules or on burros (donkeys). What joy to give out the Precious Word of life to the hungry souls. To hear them testify, pray, thanking God for the light of the Gospel which had come to them through the work of the missionaries and native workers, and hear them sing to the glory of God encouraged us and revealed the result of the work you and we are trying to do for them. NOW, does mission work pay when souls are rescued from darkness of sin and despair to the glorious light and life in Christ Jesus?

A communion service was held in conjunction with the main conference. Oh how precious were the moments when we partook of the Lord's Supper together with the brethren gathered at that meeting. Eleven children were baptized at the services held at the different places. May these grow both in grace, spirit and stature before the Lord to be true witnesses for Him as the years roll by.

The various business matters relative to the direction of the work were attended to at the La Aguada meetings. We were happy to notice the desire among them that the work progress. Many of them have been faithful in tithing which has helped the local work in that area. We were happy to be able to take a teacher along for the school in La Aguada and arrangements were made for her board and room, etc., and other matters in connection with the school. Pray for the teacher, yes for the children and their parents also. The school is one of the most important factors in the work out here.

Besides the main conferences, several trips to different parts were made. Mrs. Ostrem and the teacher accompanied us on a three day tour farther out into the Plains, each of us riding a

mule! Services were held every evening at the place we lodged. Bright moonlight was enjoyed, so a few times we gathered in the open air for the meeting. A candle lighted the speaker's table. Then we stood while singing. Then when all were to sing others would come with candle stubs to light from ours that they might see better. This was a serious message to us—that we should let our spiritual light so shine that others might be helped thereby. O to be lights shining for Christ!

SUPPLY OF BIBLES—NEW TESTAMENTS TOO LIMITED

Juan Montoya and I made two similar tours visiting towns and country places. Meetings were held every day. We carried supplies of Bibles, New Testaments, and other religious books, but the supply was too limited. It was exhausted long before reaching the end of the journey. However, it was gratifying to find so great a demand for the Scriptures, hence some material will be sent out there by mail to meet the solicitations made.

While we were on these other two tours Mrs. Ostrem and the teacher conducted services in La Aguada. We were glad to learn that the attendance had been good and the people had been blessed.

ANOTHER VISIT PROMISED

Almost everybody asked when we would come back for another visit, and therefore the realization of the urgent need to go to see them again. Although we will be exceedingly busy here in Duitama, I promised them a visit during vacation days between July 20 and August 7. An invitation to a fellowship conference of missionaries from north-east Colombia at that time has been received, but we see the need of attending to our own comes first.

Much could be said about the work and the varied experiences, but more than our share of space has been used. However, this question first before signing off: (to use the words of a friend when we were home on furl) are you "siding us up" because sometimes the "backing up" gets so far back it gets out of sight.

We place these precious people before you, before everyone of you who have tasted and seen that the Lord is good, who really have experienced the comfort of the passage at the beginning of this write-up. **You** have a definite responsibility towards them. May we all joyfully shoulder this our responsibility before God.

Greetings in Jesus name,
GERHARD OSTREM

AN EMERGENCY CONFRONTS US

(Continued from page one)

field was found impracticable, and since a real emergency confronts us, we as a Celmosa Board voted to present this matter to the Association once again. What else can we do? The Board was divided concerning a recommendation to the association. So we need to pray much that God will reveal His will by an overwhelming majority vote next time.

We are all concerned for the precious souls at stake in Colombia. Some feel that the Church can best take care of Colombia. Celmosa has been used wonderfully by the Lord to pioneer a new field. It is a real honor bestowed on us by the Church to be willing to accept our missionaries and our field. We should praise God for that. This is the way the Church took over mission work in China. An independent organization pioneered the field at the beginning, under the consecrated leadership of Daniel Nelson, Sr.

There is no lack of fields. I suggest for your prayer the possibility of continuing as an association, pioneering in a new field, or else joining with the World Mission Prayer League. We've got to reach the 700,000,000 souls who have never heard the Gospel once. Christ's return, it seems to me, is dependent on our faithfulness in getting the Gospel to the ends of the earth. "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Mt. 24:14.

—L. C. MASTED.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

If the cry from the lips of our Savior, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel", was ever pertinent, it is today. May our Heavenly Father give us the grace to accept the challenge and thank Him for the opportunity to serve Him.—E. C. Haavik.

PRAYER SUBJECTS

- that the new workers may go out soon.
- that God will give health to the present workers.
- that \$50,000.00 may be raised for buildings soon. **VERY URGENT!**
- that God's will may be done at the annual meeting of the association.
- that the friends of the mission may continue to send in their gifts to the mission treasury. Friends, a great deal more is needed before the annual meeting.

Greetings From The Larsons

Palm Sunday was planned for our out-station at Carizal. We started out early in the morning, and arrived after climbing and walking some four miles. We were a whole crowd—some 25 people. Arriving in good time we rested, and looked into our basket for candy and fruits brought along. The meeting which was held in the school room was conducted with a very good attendance. All could not enter. With open hearts they listened to the message, "E Rey Viene" The King is coming.

We then had our midweek services in Cocuy. People came from all parts. In our little house we had some 20 guests for meals, and they had to sleep on the floor because of lack of beds. It was a wonderful time. God was near. Several new testimonies. They stood up and gave ringing testimonies of the Savior entering into their lives and saving their souls. Then we went to Santa Ana on Good Friday. Alma was in Cocuy keeping the house open, and having the meetings with the help of the natives. Then in Santa Ana a mother left the world. It was so sad to hear her big flock of children crying, "oh madrecita, mi madrecita", (oh, mother, my mother). So good the Word of God could give comfort to the soul in a time like this. We had very good meetings. The large chapel was filled. Then at our last meeting five students gave their testimonies. They were going to our institute in Duitama. They gave very fine testimonials how God found them and called them to service. We were happy returning home, knowing that the Word sown in the hearts of the people will bear fruit unto salvation. Pray for us now in a time like this. We are going through some real crisis and struggle.

Greetings,
ANDREW, ALMA
AND CHILDREN.

ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN? Sept. 3 - 5.

WHERE? St. Paul's Lutheran
Church, 944 - 14th Ave. So.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Who should attend? YOU! Come!

BOARD MEETING

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2—Recommendations from the field.

Motion made and seconded that we write the Canadian Department of Education, Edmonton, Alberta, thanking them for the very splendid offer made our mission

regarding correspondence study courses for our missionary children. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we send \$4,000.00 to the Building Fund immediately, and that approximately one-half of that amount be contributed by the Canadian Branch. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the above sum be sent to the treasurer of the conference on the field, and that it be used to acquire mission property, and the conference decide where it is to be used. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we defer to the annual meeting Pastor Larson's request for a two-year leave of absence from our mission to go to Norway. This was to give the Larsons time to think and pray, and ascertain if this is of the Lord or not. Carried.

Decided to call Mr. J. L. Walla to travel for the mission this coming summer and longer if he delays his going to the field, and that he be paid for the time spent in the field. Carried.

Decided that the translation of Sverdrup's Explanation now completed by Rev. Gerhard Ostrem on the field, be submitted to Christian Spanish scholars for any corrections and improvement in the translation.

Following offer submitted to the Foreign Mission Boards of the NLCA and the UELC regarding division of field:

The Celmosa Board, in special meeting assembled, May 14th, 1946, hereby offers to the NLCA and the UELC the larger South portion of our field in Colombia, running East and West, subject to the approval of our workers on the field.

To this offer the churches made following reply:

Be it resolved: That because of practical difficulties we do not deem the suggested division of the field of Colombia, as of the suggestion made May 14th, 1946 as feasible. We renew our offer as churches to take over the field and the present missionary staff on the field, if they so desire. We suggest further, that Celmosa continue as a supporting agency of the work in Colombia as conducted on the field by the churches. On the strength of this offer we will instruct our missionaries that they return to the field to continue their work there until the Celmosa Association can be called for consideration of this offer, provided that the Celmosa Board will recommend such action for the approval of its Association.

To this the Board responded with the following motion passed:

In view of the fact that the Churches, for practical reasons, have rejected our offer made to them regarding the division of the field, and in view of the precarious condition on our field at present, we, the Celmosa Board, hereby kindly ask the Celmosa association to continue negotiations with the Churches and at our next meeting vote on the following proposition as made by the Churches: "Be it resolved: That because of practical difficulties we do not deem the suggested division of the field of Colombia, as of the suggestion made May 14, 1946, as feasible. We renew our offer as churches to take over the field and the present missionary staff on the field, if they so desire."

Meeting adjourned.

J. O. GISSELQUIST,
Secretary.



The three riders in the picture are Pastor and Mrs. G. Ostrem to your right, and a native teacher, Miss Diaz, to your left. In the background stands the guide and two cargo mules which are hired at either the expense of the mission or the local missionary.

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The Unfinished Task

Recent surveys have brought to light that there are still in the world no less than one thousand tribes which have not yet been reached by any missionary of the Cross, nor has the Bible been translated into their language. Of these thousand tribes about three hundred are found in South America, where they roam the wild mountain sides and summits, or they dwell in the impenetrable forests, where they are hard to find and still harder to contact with the Gospel.

But missionary efforts have demonstrated that there is fertile ground for the Gospel in the hearts of these wild and roaming children of the wilderness. Their sad plight and much suffering make them open and receptive to the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Savior.

The task may seem stupendous and impossible for many more generations of accomplishment. But there are today various factors to take into account which help make it possible of achievement within the limit of our generation. We are living in the atomic age. Just what that means is hard to say. But we do know that recent invention, unheard of, and even undreamed of, only a few years ago, have helped to poen the door of opportunity to reach into unknown and untrod areas which otherwise would remain closed, humanly speaking. Bible schools are advertising flying lessons for missionary candidates, and wealthy believers are placing planes at the disposal of missionary societies. Several are already in use as the messenger of the Cross goes out into all the world. Praise the Lord for this.

—J. O. GISSELQUIST.

COME TO THE ANNUAL
MEETING, SEPT. 3-5

PROGRAM

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SEPTEMBER 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 1946

- TUESDAY:** 2:00 P. M., Board Meeting
8:00 P. M., Message, "Streams In The South"
by Pastor Morris Sand, lately returned
from Colombia
- WEDNESDAY:** 10:00 A. M., Prayer Session
11:00 A. M., "The Unfinished Task", by Mis-
sionary John Carlson
2:00 P. M., Business Session
8:00 P. M., Moving Pictures from the field.
Short Messages from various speakers.
- THURSDAY:** 10:00 A. M., Prayer Session
11:00 A. M., Business Session
2:00 P. M., Unfinished Business
(NO EVENING MEETING)

POEM BY FREDERICK GEORGE SCOTT

The great world's heart is aching fiercely in the night,
And God alone can heal it, and God alone give light;
And the men to bear that message, and to speak the Living Word
Are you and I, my brothers, and the millions that have heard.

Can we close our eyes to duty? Can we fold our hands at ease,
While the gates of night stand open to the pathways of the seas?
Can we shut up our compassion? Can we leave one prayer unsaid,
Till the lands which hell has blotted have been quickened from the
dead?

We grovel among trifles and our spirits fret and toss,
While above us burns the vision of the Christ upon the cross;
And the blood of God is streaming from His broken hands and side,
And the lips of God are saying: "Tell my brothers I have died."

O voice of God, we hear Thee above the shocks of time,
Thine echoes roll around us, and the message is sublime;
No power of man shall thwart us, no stronghold shall dismay,
When God commands obedience and love has led the way.

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**The Quanruds
In Tunja**

We had been told they would be there at 6:00 in the morning, but at 5:30 the truck driver honked outside the door in Duitama. Here they were to move us to Tunja—well, we were ready for them, having worked until midnight getting the kettles, coffee pot, frying pans, all in their place. Everything was piled into the "patio" upstairs. We were wondering during the night if the floor would hold the weight until morning!

Yes, moving day in Colombia is quite an event—packing and unpacking, trying to find the most suitable place for this and that thing. In Spanish we say "Putting" house (poniendo casa) and it really is "putting" alright.

So we have moved again, this time to Tunja. It would be difficult to describe the city to you so the thing to do is for you to come out and see it. We can say a few things of interest perhaps. It lies high and is cold; has less rainfall, perhaps, than some places here, but when it rains, it pours.

Tunja is the capital city of Boyaca, which means the same as State Capital in the U. S. The Indians at one time worshipped the sun here. There are still marks of this in two flat stones up on a mountain slope about half a mile from our house.

Again and again we are reminded of the Bible verses in Romans 10:13-14: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. HOW then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and HOW shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and HOW shall they hear without a preacher. These are questions we often ask ourselves as we pass through town after town by railroad or by bus or as we see the crowds of people or just individuals all around us not having had the opportunity to hear the real Gospel message and see the evidence of its working power in the lives of men.

As the blessed Easter season approaches we see and hear the things that are done to merit favor with man and supposedly with God.

We are happy for the two faithful Christian families attending the Sunday School and services. A third Christian family has recently moved in, for the term of school at least. Tunja is an educational center, some over 2000 young folks come in to attend what is called colleges here. What a group for an Evangelical or

Christian youth organization—out and out for Christ—an army indeed for Him. Again the three "HOWS" come to our minds—How?—How?—How? The answer is "Go tell!"

We have seen the value of the personal testimony of the believers. One of the families here have family ties in a nearby town where there is no work being done by Missionaries. A boy of this family of about ten years of age attended Sunday school and evening services yesterday (Sunday). Through the believers he had memorized some Gospel choruses. Little by little they are getting more and more of God's Word, and perhaps some day some more definite work can be done through a center there. "HOW" shall they call on Him—HOW shall they believe—HOW shall they hear? Go tell!

We know that you are having your part in that "Go tell" by your prayer support. So, together we labor on that they MAY CALL on Him on whom they BELIEVE because they have HEARD His message to them.

**PHOEBE AND OLGER
QUANRUD.**

VALUE OF TIME

Time flies, and is soon cut off. "Time and tide waits for no man." "Time moves on with rapid pace." How much is it worth?

Mr. Carnegie offered a high price for time. He wanted to live ten years more, and said that he would be willing to buy, and pay 200 million dollars for them. That amounts to \$54,794.00 for a day; or \$2,283.00 for an hour; \$38.00 for a minute.

Could you buy many days at this price?

They do not need to be bought. **EVERYONE IS RICH IN DAYS.** The heavenly Father has given each one a whole lifetime of days. And they are filled with hours and minutes. Everyone has his or her job to spend their days to make them most profitable for self, for others and for the kingdom of God.

It is profitable to visit the widow and orphan in their need, to bring them comfort and cheer. It is profitable to look up someone who is far from God, and to win for Christ. It is profitable to spend time in prayerful preparation for the many tasks our Christian lives call for. It is profitable to fill our days in communion and fellowship with Christ and fellow Christians. It is profitable for us, and for others, and for the kingdom of our Lord.—Lutheran Voice.

Another Challenge From The Founder of Celmosa

Calle Ramos Arizpe - 813
Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico
August 18th, 1946

Board Members of the Colombia
Evan. Luth. Misison of So. Am.
Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

"Therefore they . . . went every-
where preaching the Word". Acts
8:4.

It is now a long time since we
had communications, directly,
however my thoughts have been
with you much and have been so
thankful for each copy of the Cel-
mosa Clarion that we have receiv-
ed. So glad to hear and know of
the progress of His Work in every
place and how God moves to get
the Gospel out more and more
over the world.

I know that most of you know
that I am here in Mexico, and
how God brought me to this
place and that God has been with
us, my husband and me, here to
the Glory of Jesus only. We have
seen some very hard and difficult
things—severe trials—but His
grace has been sufficient for all.
Praise His Holy Name.

My purpose for writing to you
friends is that my sister Lillian
wrote and told me that she had
been told at the Deeper Life Con-
ference that the Colombia Mission
might be turning over the field in
Colombia to the E.L.C. and U.E.
L.C., and as a result will be ready
to work elsewhere, and that they
are thinking of this place in Mex-
ico, as one place.

We were very happy and
thankful to hear this, and take it
as from the Lord. We have prayed
much for guidance from God as
to where we should be connected,
and can say that we have peace
in our hearts about this if this is
the time for it; and if you folks
feel thus.

Will say that our work here is
of the humble type, humble folks
that work with us, but consecrat-
ed to the Heavenly Father, and
preach and teach the Word so
people find the Lord Jesus as
their Savior, and live separated
lives from this world, and that is
what our Lord requires.

We have much that we could
tell you about the Work, however
will try to tell some. And after
Mr. Walters has visited here he
can tell you more.

Here we have six workers, or
missionaries, with their families.
Three of these have a regular
support, that is from different
groups. The others we give what
we can, not more than \$15.00 per
month, and they have to work
and gain more so as to be able to

eat. They should have from \$35
to \$45 per month, according to
their family, etc.

By faith we have taken the
seventh to come in with us the
30th of this month. We will be
giving him \$38 per month. He will
take over a large valley with all
its villages.

There are three or four more
workers that want to come in
with us, that now know the Luth-
eran Doctrine, and that we know
well, and would love to take
them but cannot until more help
comes.

We have in mind to open work
in another state where there is
hardly any Missionary work car-
ried on. God is speaking to us and
has so been doing for some time.
We will see more about that after
Mr. Walters has come so we can
get around with his car. We then
will make a trip into that coun-
try and see.

That is a state northwest of
Mexico City, the one city we
might consider is about 200 miles
from the Capital.

We have been thinking and
praying for some time for a place
where we can plant, so as to gain
some for the Work. This is an ideal
climate here in Saltillo, but it is
very hard to get water for irriga-
tion and it costs very much for us
to get water down here from the
mountains so as to be able to
plant a tract of land.

The state of Guanajuato, of
which I have just been speaking,
they say has much irrigation and
good climate, some parts hotter
than here but nothing like they
were where we lived in the be-
ginning. And so we are consider-
ing an Agricultural Center for
that place, if God wants us there.

Another thing is the Bible In-
stitute. We are still waiting to
find the man that can help us
with that. He should be a citizen
of the land. We have one in mind
that we are hunting for, and in
His Own time he shall come
forth. He is some where in Tam-
pico or Mexico City. We believe
that the Institute should also be
in that state, so that the people
can see and learn from the stu-
dents, and thereby little by little
open their hearts. For no literat-
ure can be distributed in that
place. Our witnessing will have to
be with much care, only personal
work, and then begin to hold ser-
vices, etc. We will not have any
students from down there for
some time, but they will be
brought down there to attend the
Institute and in that way also
learn to know those people and
conditions; then when they can
enter into the work, and it will

not be such a shock to them.

Then too, as to the hospital we
are waiting upon God to show us
the place. It seems as though that
would be such a help in opening
the eyes of the people to accept
the Word, for in such a place we
can deal with each one individu-
ally. Therefore that should be in
the same state of Guanajuato. That
can be started on a small scale,
just renting a large house and be-
gin to serve in that way. They
say there is very little hospital
work down there, and so it would
find great service.

As to the material for these
divisions of the work: We have at
hand a good Christian who knows
the work of planting in the ir-
rigated districts. And for the hos-
pital, there is a Presbyterian
nurse that has had years of ex-
perience in Central America, who
has been here in Mexico for a few
months, and the way I under-
stand it, she would be very will-
ing to work with us for a while in
a hospital; at least until some of
our people from the United States
can get on their feet with the
language, so as to carry on effi-
ciently. We would at once begin
training some nurses in that place.
This Presbyterian nurse is a very
spiritual girl, or we would not
think of her. She is not young;
very stable, and loves to come to
see us often, for she craves the
Christian fellowship. There is a
Methodist doctor who is ready to
work with us at any time in a
hospital.

We will talk over all these
things more when Mr. Walters
comes here, but we wanted to let
you know how things stand, and
what the program is.

Our immediate need on the
field besides the support of work-
ers, etc., is a car, which is absol-
utely essential for us so we can
get around.

One thing that we have desired
from the beginning is that our
hands shall not be tied so we can-
not press on or go ahead in the
Work as we see God indicates
from time to time. We therefore,
desire full liberty to that extent.

May God bless and guide you
to do His Divine Will, fearlessly.

We are now getting ready to
leave in the morning for a Bible
camp here in the mountains, and
the 26th we go to General Teran
down in the hot country, for a
Bible camp for that week. We
covet your prayers for those days.
God is on His Throne and every-
where present, and so we expect
great things from Him to the
Glory of Our Savior Jesus.

As ever, yours in Jesus,
MYRTLE NORDIN HUERTA.

What Can We Do?

(Dr. C. W. Landahl)

(Numbers 11: 24-30)

WE NEED A GREATER FORCE TODAY IN FOREIGN MISSIONS. We must go out among the masses, and there bring souls to Jesus. The work of missions is a work of patience, faith and courage. The Cross has never failed. Jesus said go and tell, that they may be saved.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

OUR TEXT relates how Moses called in "the seventy" to help him. They didn't cease. However, two were not there—they were in their tent prophesying. There was a kindred and cooperative spirit. The body of Jesus Christ cannot be torn asunder. If we are to go forward we must pray together; we must work together; we must give together. We must not cease.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET MORE FIRE?

WE MAY learn from Nehemiah and Ezra. They were builders together. There were walls without, and the temple within. How did Ezra begin to build? He was brought to feel and realize the scattered group, and began with confession—as did Nehemiah—I and my father's house have sinned. Ezra completed the work in fifty-two days. They worked all along the whole wall at that time. The reason why the Church has failed is they should have been in every land long ago, instead of trying to finish one field first.

They were builders together working all over in harmony. In this we have failed. We have fought against each other in the Church instead of fighting the devil—while the devil has been fortifying his work. In every land where a revival has started, the people have come to an acknowledgement of "our sin". We need a Biblical awakening.

WHAT, THEN, IS THE SITUATION WHICH WE FACE?

IN EVERY country where mission work has been carried on for years, there are only a few Protestant Christians. In Colombia about 8,000,000 souls for whom Christ died. Very few Christians! We speak of giving the widow's mite, WE SHOULD GIVE OUR VERY BLOOD FOR THOSE WHO ARE GOING LOST WITHOUT CHRIST. Almost 300,000 graves "over there" as a result of the war. HOW MANY GRAVES ARE THERE OF MARTYRED MISSIONARIES? The sin today is against the First Commandment more than any other. If we loved our God more—above all

else—we would do more at home, and on the mission field, for Him. I say with Moses, "... would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them."

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thank you, Dr. Landahl. There surely is much to do. May our young people catch the vision, and go-tell the glad Gospel story to 8,000,000 souls in Colombia, and to millions elsewhere who have never heard.

God saves—God rewards—God glorifies.

Warnings and Hints for Intending Missionaries

From Messrs. Stanley Smith and C. T. Studd to a Cambridge Friend

Ping-yang Fu, Shansi, November 3, 1885

We thought we would send you some warnings and hints for Cambridge and other men who may be thinking of coming out to the foreign field. These are our humble but candid opinions, and are mainly the results of not a little trying experiences.

1. Let the Christian men wait on the Lord to know His mind and will as to where He would have them go. It is true the Master says, "Go into all the world," but that is "all the world," and may not mean England or France to some, or Asia or Africa to others. We are not independent officers, but deeply dependent soldiers. There are some of whom God says: "I sent them not, yet they ran and prophesied." God will guide those who wait on Him.

2. Let them beware of thinking. "Now that I have made up my mind to this 'great sacrifice' in going out to the heathen, I shall grow in grace very easily, temptations will be almost gone, and worldliness will have no power over me." As a matter of fact, temptations are far stronger and far more subtle. This is our united experience.

3. Let them beware of thinking, when they get out, that "learning the language," or later on, even "preaching," is the great thing. THE great thing is to maintain a close personal walk with God.

4. Let them beware of thinking that the body is nothing at all and not to be cared for; while on the other hand, if a man is very particular about his food, the foreign field is not the place for him.

5. Let them not come out unless they are grounded in the conviction that the whole Bible is the

revealed Word of God. They will have to face deep mysteries; if the Bible does not explain them, let them be content to wait for the right time "when we shall know as we are known." At the same time, if they do not believe that men who are not saved are lost, why do they think of becoming missionaries?

6. Unless in the foreign field they are prepared to find their joy and satisfaction in the living God, and not in circumstances (neither being discouraged by failure, nor puffed up by success), they will not have with them the weapon which is "their strength," namely, "the joy of the Lord."

7. Let them beware of riding one side of truth to death; take the whole Word. Beware of the Devil, who is strong here; (China) and beware of fanaticism—by "fanticism" we mean "unbalanced truths."

8. Let them beware of being carried away by the distractions of everything new.

9. Lastly, let them seek to be led of God, and not of man.

Blessed be God, all these dangers are avoided by being in communion with God—abiding in Christ.

First Martyr In Colombia

Cucuta, Colombia
January 30, 1946

On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 26, Josè de la Cruz Boliva became a martyr for the sake of Christ. In August of 1944, just eighteen months ago, Brother Cruz found Christ as Savior. Although just a simple-hearted mountaineer, his growth in grace and in the knowledge of the Word was phenomenal. Our newest church in Norte de Santander is that of El Paramo. It was officially organized last June, just seven months ago. Brother Cruz has been serving as elder and leader of this new flock. El Paramo is a remote isolated mountain district surrounded by fanatic towns. The little flock has suffered much persecution. Attempts have been made on the lives of three of our missionaries on recent trips to El Paramo. Last Saturday the enemy succeeded in ambushing and shooting brother Cruz. He died almost instantly. It is touching to learn from his brother that his last words were a prayer for his enemies.

YOUNG PEOPLE—

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A Brief History of the Colombia Lutheran Mission

The Colombia Lutheran Mission was organized in Fergus Falls, Minn., June, 1936, by a group of Christian friends who had assembled at the Lutheran Bible School during the annual meeting of the Hauge Innermission Federation. Miss Myrtle Nordin and Miss Alma Bratberg had prepared for this meeting by a tour among the Lutheran churches in the middle West presenting the cause of mission in South America. The response was so hearty and encouraging that they felt free to call a meeting for the purpose of organizing a society to carry on missionary work in South America. And as Miss Nordin had worked in Colombia previous to this, but under another mission, her heart was particularly drawn to that place. The time had come for the Lutheran Church to take up work in what Dr. Glover terms "the neglected continent."

The first two missionaries sailed for Colombia in November of same year. They were Miss Myrtle Nordin and Miss Marie Thompson, a nurse from Clearbrook, Minn. They located in Soata, a city of some 2000 inhabitants, strategically situated in the mountainous interior of Colombia, beyond the capitol city, Bogata, in the Department (state) of Boyaca with a population of 1,600,000. Here a large territory of some 500,000 inhabitants was assigned Colombia Mission and the work started.

True, it was a small beginning, but the Lord was in it. To make the picture still more dark, Miss Myrtle No din, after only three months in Colombia, had to return to the homeland, owing to ill health. The climate in Colombia together with the hardships of pioneering a new mission, proved too much for her. This left Miss Thompson alone on the field. But faith looks to God, and God alone. Therefore, faith is never put to shame.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

will be held in

Mitchell, South Dakota

Pastor Clifford Anderson's Church

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOV. 29—DEC. 1

Plan to Come!

OUR MISSION SHALL CONTINUE

Our mission association has not been turned over to the Church bodies—E.L.C. and U.E.L.C. The Field in Colombia has been turned over to these Churches, but not the association as such. We felt God leading in that way, and trust that this is His will.

Our mission shall continue. Just where we shall take up work is not certain as yet. We ask our many friends to pray for guidance that our gracious heavenly Father's will may be done in the future, and that He will direct its course. We ask for your continued financial support just as much now as before!

A door appears to be open to Mexico where the founder of the Colombia mission is now working. Read the article "Another Challenge from the Founder of Celmosa" in the last Celmosa Clarion. Then too, there is another door wide open, and apparently the hinges are off, to a field in Texas. In these fields the Spanish language is used. There may be other places to which God would have us turn, but let us all be united in prayer that we might find God's Field For Us.

New Editor

Address all your Celmosa Clarion communications now to Pastor M. H. Sand, 633 Andrus Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Pastor Sand was elected editor of our paper at our annual meeting in September. Greetings to all our Clarion readers.

—Benjamin Ostrem.

Before the end of the first new year five new workers had arrived. These were Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem, Rev. Andrew J. Larson, Sister Alma Monson and Mr. Olger Quanrud. The year following saw Miss Alvida Holmvik joining the staff. A year later Miss Helen Danielson and Rev. Trygve Salte came out. Still later Miss Elizabeth Heerde from Moline, Ill., heard the call and came out to join the workers in Colombia. And in 1941 Mrs. Olger Quanrud (nee Phoebe Engstrom) joined the group. These, with several nationals, constituted the working staff for the first decade.

But further testings were in store. Rev. Trygve Salte fell victim to the dread typhoid fever and passed to be with the Lord in 1944. Rev. Salte lies buried

in Colombia soil, the first Christian martyr on our field in South America. Severe persecutions also broke out and only through the miraculous intervention of our heavenly Father were our workers spared. Added to this was the difficulty of getting new workers out owing to the stringent immigration laws during the last years of the war. Four candidates called two years ago, Miss Viola Sheldahl, Miss Alice Bakke and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Walla, have been unable to reach the field.

But testings and persecutions are not to be bemoaned. Rather they ought to be the cause of rejoicing even as the apostle Paul says, "Now I rejoice in my suffering." Who has suffered more than Paul

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Whither Shall We Go?

Ten years ago the Celmosa Mission was organized by a group of pastors and lay-people who had heard the call of God and had received a sense of commission to help in the evangelization of Latin America.

During these years young men and women have not only consecrated their lives but also have laid down their lives in this great work as Missionaries of the Cross. Christians have given of their means, have spent many hours in prayer, and have in many other ways helped to promote the cause. All these sacrifices, prayers and good works have gone on before, into God's book of remembrance. Not even a cup of cold water given in His Name is missing from that record. It was for His Name's Sake, that all this has been accomplished and there in His hands all are content to leave the sacrifices, prayers and tears.

Now Celmosa Mission comes to a new chapter of her work, for the large Boyaca field which we as a Mission were never able to fully occupy has been turned over to the Norwegian and Danish Church bodies. It is with a sense of regret mingled with joy that this action has been taken. We regret that we were never able to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities this large field offered, yet at the same time we rejoice to know that the two Church bodies have as missionaries and candidates true and earnest Christians who are filled with a passion to save souls. Besides this there is now a much larger sum of money at the disposal of the Missionaries on the field to help them in evangelizing their great area.

At present we are confronted with the need of further guidance from the Lord as to what should be our next step. Some

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are wondering if it would be better to cease and call our work completed. To this we cannot agree. Celmosa Mission is an expression of a free movement and we believe this movement is of God's Spirit. Thus it will continue to find channels for its expression outside the regular channels of the organized Synods.

Celmosa Mission is not anti-Synodical. It believes in the Organized Church. In turning over the Boyaca Field to the 2 Synods we have demonstrated in a concrete way that we are not anti-synodical. Nevertheless we sincerely believe in the free movements amongst Lutherans of all the Synods. These free movements have been used and blessed of God down through the history of the Church. Perhaps it would be well here to state the aims of a Free Missionary Movement.

First of all, its purpose is to obey Christ's Command to evangelize the whole world. Secondly, it looks to God for guidance as to what areas He desires to give them as their fields. Thirdly, it sets up whatever organization is necessary to provide the channels for missionary volunteers to get to such fields. Fourthly, it endeavors to lay before interested people the needs of the fields. Fifthly, it provides the facilities for handling the funds for such work, etc., etc.

In all this there is no sense of competition with the organized Synods. Neither is there a desire or intention to start a new Synod. Neither is there a desire to discredit the mission work of the Synods; rather we as a Free Missionary Movement feel a real desire to encourage the Synods to greater missionary activity.

We realize that organization is necessary, we also realize that forms of organization differ in many Lutheran Synods and Churches. We are keenly aware that there is a natural human desire for ef-

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FRIDAY:

2:00—Opening sermon, by Rev. Benj. Ostrem

8:00—Rev. J. O. Gisselquist and Mr. Rudolph Johnson of Mexican Lutheran Lutheran Mission, San Antonio, Texas, will speak.

SATURDAY:

10:30 a. m.—Prayer Fellowship and Bible Hour, conducted by Rev. A. E. Windahl.

2:00 p. m.—"Mexican Mission" by Mrs. Myrtle Nordin Huerta.

3:00 p. m.—Business Meeting of the Celmosa.

8:00 p. m.—Missionary Arthur Nyhus from China will speak.

SUNDAY:

11:00 a. m.—Divine services. Rev. A. E. Windahl will preach.

2:00 p. m.—Rev. Morris Sand and Missionary Arthur Nyhus will speak.

8:00 p. m.—Closing session. Mr. Rudolph W. Johnson and Mrs. Myrtle Nordin Huerta will speak.

Special music will be provided by local congregation.

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efficiency and that because of that it seems desirable to have one large super-organization but the warning of history is also keenly upon us. Rome is a glaring example of super-organization. We wish to remain free to continue to be a blessing in the whole Christian Church and especially in our Lutheran Church. Therefore we shall go on, but the question is HOW?

At the last Annual Meeting three propositions were placed before us and we would like to state them here for the prayerful consideration of our many friends.

1. It was suggested that we now join forces with other Lutheran Missionary Free Movements. This has been the prayer and desire of many of the Celmosa members from the very beginning. It would appear to be a commendable and pleasing thing both to the Lord and to His people. It would help to erase considerable confusion in the minds of many friends of all such Free Missionary Movements in our Lutheran Church. But here too, we are not interested in setting up a super-organization just for efficiency sake, but if it is the Lord's will we believe He will lay it upon the hearts of His people and we all will sense a real joy and freedom in contemplating such a merger.

2. It was also suggested that inasmuch as Mrs. Myrtle Nordin Huerta was the founder of Celmosa (together with many pastors and lay-people) that we consider taking over her field in Mexico. To this end Mr. Forrest Walters is making a trip of survey to recommend to us what could be done. We expect Mrs. Huerta to be with us at our 10th Anniversary, also.

3. It was also suggested that perhaps it would be well for Celmosa to take over a New Tribes commission and start sending Missionaries to some unreached Indian Tribe in Latin America.

Perhaps both of these last two or either of them could be attempted and still No. 1 be achieved also.

Another suggestion was that Celmosa could possibly get behind unofficially, with prayers and gifts the going forth of such families as the Stadskevls, families of lay people going out to Latin America to pioneer and witness for Christ.

All these things and perhaps many others are now before us for prayerful consideration. We call upon all friends of Celmosa to join in prayer for guidance. Please feel free to send in your suggestions, especially if you feel led of the Lord to do so. We are now looking for further light and through you who love Celmosa that light will no doubt come.

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The tenth annual conference and business meeting was held Sept. 3-5, 1946, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 944 14th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Rev. L. C. Masted, pastor. The first devotional meeting was held Tuesday evening with Rev. Morris Sand, recently returned from Colombia, speaking on the subject, "Streams in the Southland." He called attention to divine blessings following already in the Southland. Doors for the Gospel were open as people were ready to hear and receive the glad news. This is the day of opportunity in South America. Wednesday morning, after a short prayer session, Mr. John Carlson, co-director of the World Mission Prayer League, spoke on the "Unfinished Task." He referred especially to the some 300 tribes of Indians still untouched dwelling in the hard to reach mountains and forests and out-of-the-way places in South America. He stressed that only experienced missionaries should attempt work among these as they were difficult to contact and dangerous to work among. But blessed work has been done among these native sons of the land of which we have many glorious examples. Mrs. A. Hoveland and Mrs. Ervick, both of Camrose, Canada, sang several beautiful selections. Wednesday evening Mr. Carlson showed sound films depicting tribal life in South America. May the Lord soon send forth laborers into these untouched regions.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The business meeting convened Wednesday afternoon at 2:00. As president Ostrem was prevented from attending owing

ing to illness in his family Mr. Philip Hanson, first vice-president, took the chair. The report of the last business meeting was read and accepted. Rev. A. M. Vinge reported from the Canadian branch. Reports from the field were read. The attendance at the first session was fair. Rev. Vinge, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hoveland of Camrose, Mrs. Ervick of Ohaton, Mrs. Bertine Skaret, Armena, and Mrs. G. Ostrem of Ryley, all from the province of Alberta, had travelled 1200-1400 miles to the conference. Mr. Hoveland is president of the Canadian Branch and Rev. A. M. Vinge is the secretary and Canadian representative on the Celmosa board.

The matter of our relation to the church on the field was first on the regular agenda of business.

Motion made and seconded that we, The Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America, Inc. give our field in Colombia to the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Applicants for membership into association, who had applied after the last group was accepted, was recommended for membership by committee on membership, composed of Vinje, Masted and Gisselquist. Applicants accepted.

Motion called for. Result of voting, which was by ballot, resulted as follows: In favor of giving field to the churches 23
Against 5

The executive board was authorized to negotiate the transfer of the field with power to act. Carried.

LIGHT FOR THE DARK MAP?

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that *God is Light*, and in him is no darkness at all." John 1:5.

If we drew a map of South America and colored black all the parts that have never been touched by the Gospel light the result would be a very, very dark map. Truly the dark night of sin has settled upon this our sister continent. Colombia alone has more than 9,000,000 benighted souls and only a small per cent of these have had any reasonable chance to hear the Gospel.

That God is light is our only hope for Colombia. To you and me, dear Christian friend, has God entrusted that service to go forth with the light. "Eager eyes are watching, longing, for the lights along the shore." For hundreds of years they have waited for someone to come to them and they are still waiting.

God's work has not been in vain over there. Many can testify today of the power of the Gospel in their lives, of how they were brought out of darkness into God's marvelous light. They can tell of how they spent all their money in search of peace, how they spent hours prostrate before some saint in search of light. All in vain. One day a messenger of the Gospel of light came their way and the light dawned in their soul and darkness had to flee.

May God awaken God's children every where to realize their responsibility to benighted South America. No service offers such rich returns as that of going forth with the gospel. Let us not forget that God gives to us the keeping of the lights along the shore.

Motion made and seconded that we recommend to our workers on the field that they continue to work under the churches, if they so desire. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned to meet following morning at 11:00.

THURSDAY:

Meeting called to order by vice-president. Moving pictures were shown by Mr. Stoleson, depicting the work done by Mr. Rudolph Johnson at San Antonio, Texas, and the work done by Mrs. Myrtle Nordin Huerta in Mexico.

Motion made and seconded that we rescind motion referring to the executive board. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the board be given authority with power to negotiate the transfer of field and that members present be given power to act. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we authorize the board to carefully investigate new field for the Celmosa and to report at a later meeting. Carried.

Adjourned at 12:20 to meet again at 2:00.

Meeting called to order by the secretary in the absence of the chairman. Rev. Masted was asked to serve as chairman. After a short prayer session the minutes of the forenoon session was read and accepted. Rev. K. Jensen gave a short report of the joint session held during the noon hour at Hannah's Cafe. Joint board recommended following for adoption by the association:

That the Celmosa grant to the ELC and the UELC the right to continue the use of the official name of mission on field.

That Dr. Gronli and Rev. Gisselquist be appointed to draw up papers with an attorney for the transfer of the Mission and that they be authorized to make said transfer.

Motion made and seconded that we accept recommendations. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that where-as the Mission has \$3700.00 invested in property or earmarked for property on the field, that the church shall reimburse the Celmosa to the amount of \$2500.00. Carried.

Rev. Morris Sand was elected editor of Celmosa Clarion for one year.

Rev. Benj. Ostrem and Mr. T. L. Sand were re-elected to board for 3 years each.

Recommendation made that the board arrange for a tenth anniversary for our mission to be held some time this fall.

Meeting closed with a session of prayer. Motion to adjourn prevailed. So ended the 10th annual meeting and a big milestone in the history of our mission. We thank God for abundant blessing. May He guide and lead on into new fields of service for Him. Amen.

J. O. GISSELQUIST, secretary.

A Brief History...

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for the cause of Christ? and who has been a more successful missionary than he? It is under such experiences we learn to really know our own insufficiency and the sinfulness of our hearts, but also the abundance of God's grace in Christ. As we draw for our every need from the Fountain of Redemption we grow strong in our Christian life and the work of God grows apace. After all, "God's work is God working." In this respect we have much to thank God for as we gather for our 10th anniversary.

When the language had been somewhat mastered by the new workers the work was begun in earnest. April 15th, 1939, Pastor and Mrs. Andrew J. Larson, who in the meantime had taken time off from language study for their wedding, located in El Cocuy which is two days' journey from Soata. Here the work prospered greatly and especially at Santa Ana, a small village in the mountains near El Cocuy where a group of believers built their own chapel which was dedicated on Easter Day 1942. Many Christians live at Santa Ana. Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ostrem established work at Socho, another needy town some distance from Soata, June 1st, 1939. Ostrem also had charge of the work in the Parpa and the Casanare districts on the plains. Also here the work prospered and believers were the more added. A Bible Training School for young men was opened by Mr. Ostrem where young men, especially from the Plains, have been able to attend at different times, which will mean much for the future in these districts. Rev. and Mrs. Salte took over the work at the main station in Soata where Rev. Salte labored most of the time till his death. Much solid work was done at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Olger Quanrud finally settled in Duitama where they are still laboring. Miss Danielson and Miss Elizabeth Heerde have been working together with the married couples at the various stations. In the winter and spring of 1945 three couples from the E.L.C. and the U.E.L.C. became associated with the work in Colombia. With this needed and appreciated re-enforcement much progress was made especially in the field of Christian education. Not only has work begun in various strategic centers but much precious seed has been sown by itinerating throughout the territory. Our workers have not neglected to reach out to the regions beyond.

But the fruit of such work ought to be the establishing of Christian churches. Where born-again believers assemble there we have the body of Christ. Where He is there the work will continue to grow and expand as believers live out the life which is in Christ Jesus.

Now after ten years of labor in Colombia the work has been established on, what we believe, a firm Biblical foundation. Only the light which is Christ Jesus himself can lighten the darkness. This light is now shining in Colombia, not only in our mission but in the many missionary societies now working in Colombia. May these build together the church of Jesus Christ in Colombia.

In a certain sense Colombia Mission is through in Colombia since our field has been turned over to the E.L.C. and the U.E.L.C. who will carry on the work under a joint board. But in another sense our work is not finished in Colombia. Opportunity to support the work is given us through the respective synods and we can, yea, we will, continue to pray for the work. Our sole aim, our one desire, is that Christ may be brought to these people. He is the Truth, the Way and the Life. Apart from Him there is no way to the Father. But through Him the vilest sinner is welcome and cleansed in the atoning blood and adopted into the family of God.

We hope that our work in Colombia is but the first chapter in the history of our mission. There are still many places where the Gospel has never reached the people and the time is short, very short. As we meet at our 10th anniversary we look forward to new fields to enter. I cannot believe that God is through with Colombia Mission. More testing may be in store, but true faith will endure and grow stronger through testings and the promise is still "according to your faith be it unto you."

As most of our friends well know we are a faith mission. All our income for the work comes from free-will offerings and gifts of God's people. We do not solicit nor are subscriptions taken. In this way we do not interfere with the regular budgets of the congregations. We look to God for the supply of our needs and He graciously and freely supplies. No guaranteed salary is given the workers, but an allowance is promised. The mission does not run into debt and it has been debt-free from the beginning. To the praise of God we can state that from the very beginning the full allowance promised our workers has always and regularly been sent to the field.

But we also wish to thank our many friends for their liberality and regularity in their support. Your help has kept the work going.

Hope to see many of you at our 10th anniversary to be held at Mitchell in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Aug.) Nov. 29-Dec. 1st. If you cannot come will you not let us hear from you? A word of encouragement from the brethren will be greatly appreciated.

—J. O. GISSELQUIST, sec'y.