

Baptist Banner

Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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Pictured above is the family of Elder Koji Tajima, who is a Baptist Missionary in Japan. Left to right: Mrs. Michiko Tajima, Ruka, Kyoko and Bro. Tajima.

Missionary Report From Japan

Hiroshima, Japan
Oct. 30, 1972

Dear Elder Vanderpool and friends,

We are sending you our warmest greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Japan.

We hope you well and enjoy the blessings from above. We are remembering you all in our prayer from another part of the world and we feel this something wonderful that we can do humbly.

My family and I are fine and doing fine for His glory day and night. The care of struggling churches and of the lost come upon me and this makes me more busier, happier, and sometimes sick. However, we are always thankful unto the Lord for everything we meet on our way in the service of our Lord, especially for being remembered in your prayer and in your financial support. We thank you for your kind and encouraging words which you gave us in each different way.

Following is the offering received for the third quarter of 1972 with so much thanks.

JULY: Plunketts Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 100.66; North Carthage

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Bro. Don Curtis Preparing For Mission Field In Israel

Another God-called man is preparing for the mission field. Bro. Don Curtis has made public his call to the ministry and also his call to do mission work in Israel. He is married, has two children, ages 11 and 7. He is a member of Rocky Mound Baptist Church, Westmoreland, Tenn. This church represents annually in the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association.

Some time will be involved in his visiting the churches here and becoming better acquainted with the people. Also the churches becoming better informed about his call and his intentions in Israel.

Bro. Curtis is available for appointments in our churches. You may write him as follows: Bro. Don Curtis, Route 1, Westmoreland, Tenn. 37186. If you want to call him you may do so at (615) 644-2702.

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Missionary Report In Israel

P. O. Box 7305, Jerusalem, Israel
October 2, 1972

Dear Brother Vanderpool and Friends,

We send greetings to all our friends from Jerusalem in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our hope, our life, and our all. Without Him how lost we would be! But with Him thank God we are saved, and saved eternally!

It has been an unusual summer and this early part of autumn. The summer was very pleasant, and at times even chilly.

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Are We Missionary In Theory Only?

By Judy Doss
Detroit, Michigan

November 5, 1972

H. C. Vanderpool
1527 Glenrock Rd.
Louisville, Kentucky 40216

Dear Bro. Vanderpool:

I would like to submit the following for the Baptist Banner:

This morning, the subject of our Sunday School lesson was the "Missionary Church". It was pointed out that the name "Missionary" Baptist is a redundant name, as BAPTIST would imply missions. I would be inclined to agree except for a few startling facts which have become increasingly more apparent in the past few years.

I belong to Grace Missionary Baptist Church. We have always been taught that the "Missionary" in our name helped to distinguish us from the other sects of Baptist, because we believed in missions. Now, Grace church sends money to two missionaries, one in Japan, the other in Israel. We have in the past supported some others, but they are now back in Tennessee, or we cannot support them for other reasons. So, right now there are two, in the ENTIRE world. We are told, however, every Sunday that the gospel must be spread to the entire world and it is our God-given responsibility to do so. This

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REPORT FROM JAPAN

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Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 77.18;
Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, Louis-
ville, Ky., 150.00; Old Union Baptist
church, Bowling Green, Ky., 79.51; Faith
Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., 32.49;
Young Adult Class of South Carthage
Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00;
Total, \$489.84.

AUG.: Plunketts Creek Baptist Church,
Carthage, Tenn., 100.00; North Carthage
Baptist Church, Carthage, Tenn., 65.57;
East Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage,
Tenn., 141.96; Fairview Memorial Baptist
Church, Bowling Green, Ky., 174.12; South
Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage,
Tenn., 261.00; Calvary Baptist Church,
Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Total, \$792.65.

SEPT.: Faith Baptist Church, Nashville,
Tenn., 36.70; Plunketts Creek Baptist
Church, Carthage, Tenn., 81.00; Bethel
Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio,
57.97; North Carthage Baptist Church,
Carthage, Tenn., 104.86; Junior Class of
South Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage,
Tenn., 30.00; East Side Baptist Church,
Franklin, Ky., 100.00; Total, \$410.53.

From McFerrin Baptist Church, Nash-
ville, Tenn., to Koi Baptist Church,
August, 100.00 & 60.00; and to Yamaguchi
First Baptist Church, 100.00. September to
Koi Baptist Church, 90.26.

Three weeks ago I made a three days
trip to Sanin and Tango area that are on
Japan Sea coast where I have never been
to before. I loaded cooking equipment,
sleeping ones, food, Christian literatures
and other things on my station wagon. I
passed by towns and villages, talked with
people at each different places. I saw a hot
spring in the valley which was steaming
up. Boiling water coming up and stream-
ing into the river. Women were washing
clothes along the stream. That was at
the end of the trip. I had a fisherman



Silent Night

Joseph Mohr

Solo or Mixed Voices

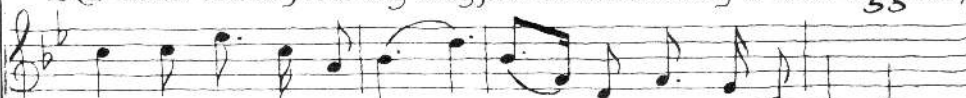
Franz Gruber



All is calm, All is bright
Si - lent night, Ho-ly night, Shep-herds quake at the sight,
Son of God, Love's pure light,



'Round yon Vir-gin Moth-er and Child. Ho-ly in-fant so ten-der and mild,
Glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far, Heav'n-ly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia;
Ra-diant beams from Thy ho-ly face With the dawn of re-deem-ing grace,



Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, — Sleep in heav-en-ly peace. —
Christ, the Sav-iour is born, — Christ the Sav-iour is born. —
Je - sus, Lord at thy birth, — Je - sus, Lord at thy birth. —

village, I talked also with men and women
at its sea shore in the sunset. As far as I
know, there is no church, nor Christian
workers, carrying the gospel in that area.
People are living without hearing good
news of salvation. This three days trip

brought me some idea to reach them in our
days. You and I have many things to do for
His glory, don't we? We can do this and
that, God's willing.

Yours sincerely in His name
Koji Tajima

Are We Missionary? Report From Israel

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fact in itself is very commendable, and also the fact that there are two missionaries to be supported, BUT we don't support any more because there ARE no more!

Which is exactly the point! NO ONE IS THERE TO BE SUPPORTED!!! Our preachers claim they are called by God to preach the gospel to all the lost, But I wonder if this isn't just talk, especially when we have the trouble obtaining pastors here in Michigan, which IS in the continental United States. Since we cannot get anyone who will preach to us, it isn't hard to understand why no one will go to India, Africa or Outer Mongolia.

We teach, although I doubt if many really do believe it, that anyone who is not saved is doomed to eternal Hell. I doubt this belief for the simple reason that if it was TRULY believed there wouldn't be any problem in obtaining pastors in Michigan or in Outer Mongolia!! We ALSO teach that the souls of those who haven't heard the gospel are the direct responsibility of those who are called to preach to them WHO DO NOT DO SO!!! But due to the lack of zeal on the part of "Missionary" Baptists, many people in the world are being preached to by those other sects who don't feel it necessary to carry the name "missionary", mainly because they ARE missionary-minded.

In the Siloam, Wiseman and Enon Associations, Kentucky and Tennessee are considered to be the CENTER of the world!! Certainly there are a few churches elsewhere, but as I said before, just let them TRY to get a pastor. We are often turned down 20 to 1. The argument used is GOD isn't leading them, however, GOD does lead them to remain in Kentucky and Tennessee and argue over the churches which are down there. Or does he?? God was the one who stated VERY CLEARLY that we should "Go unto all the world and preach the gospel". It would seem that perhaps GOD also thinks that the states of Kentucky and Tennessee are the center of the universe. Maybe when God said those things he just meant them to apply to only the apostles, if that is so perhaps the entire Bible was meant just for them also. Of course, we don't believe that to be true, but we don't do anything about it!!!

I have been hearing a great deal lately about how poorly our churches are doing. This, of course, is blamed on the influence of the devil and the rest of the world. So instead of trying to help the outside world, we are exhorted to keep apart from it and the people in it. We are so concerned about images that we fail to be concerned about souls and love. I am reminded of the Jews in the New Testament who didn't want to preach to the Gentiles, but God told them to do so . . . with fantastic results!!!

Maybe we should take a lesson from the Bible and just this once not try to lay blame to anyone . . . just take action and try to improve a situation which has been caused by no one but ourselves.



Elder and Mrs. J. H. Smith

but September and this early part of October is extremely hot, in fact, the hottest part of the year. But the rains should soon begin to fall and the air cool up, and these old brown hills will begin to green up and show signs of life once more. All this will remind us of the resurrection, for the hills look so dead, but then will come a reviving power, the autumn rain, and something that is asleep in the earth will show itself alive. This to me is a beautiful picture of the resurrection of the dead in Christ at His coming.

There is a very tense situation in this little country again, because of the terrorist campaign prevailing in and outside of Israel, directed, of course at Jews wherever they can be found. However, other people can very easily become victims of this terror also. If it has not been for the loving providential care of almighty God, I myself would have become a victim. Last Friday morning, September 29th, I was in a supermarket to do some shopping for our table, and a time bomb exploded just in front of me, having been planted there by one of these terrorists. This bomb was attached to a little wrist watch, and it was ticking away as I tried to get through a crowd of people who had packed the store doing their shopping for the Jewish feast. I was looking for an empty basket to get my groceries in, and I saw some empty ones a few yards ahead of me and I started for one, and a lady was stuck with her push cart in the one little narrow space left open to get through, and while I waited for her to get loose and out of the way this little wrist watch was ticking off the last few seconds toward the deadline, or the death line, and if I hadn't been held up for those seconds, I wouldn't be here to tell the story. Because if I had gone through without interruption I would have been right at the spot where that deadly charge was planted. It was a terrible blast and there were screams of fright and

horror, but nobody was killed, three people were wounded, the fire was soon put out which started from the blast, and we all filed out of the building in fairly orderly fashion. So I am once more convinced that God isn't finished with me yet, and I am also persuaded that no force can destroy us until He is through with us. Thanks and praise to Him for all His mercies and loving care.

We are grateful to all our friends, brethren and sisters who remember to pray for us. May the dear Lord bless you and give you peace in a dangerous world.

Yours in His dear name,
Henry and Annie Laura Smith

Report of offerings for first quarter, 1972.

JAN.: Jordan Baptist Church, Oak Lawn, Illinois, 35.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., 20.00; Lafayette Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., 102.15; Ebenezer Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., 191.69; Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., 150.00; Russell Springs Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., 50.00; Bro. and Sister DeWitt Boze, Gallatin, Tenn., 100.00; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., 40.00; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 17.80; Sulfer Fork Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., 10.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 11.97; Old Pleasant Point Baptist, Ingle, Ky., 30.00; Old Union Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., 80.94; Bro. Joseph Rock, Summer Shade, Ky., 20.00; Koi Baptist, Hiroshima, Japan, 30.00; Hendersonville Baptist, Hendersonville, Tenn., 115.73; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 167.61; Faith Baptist, Roseville, Mich., 75.00; Becker Drive Baptist, Louisville, Ky., 20.00; Total for Month, \$1,281.36.

FEBRUARY: Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 10.30; Fellowship Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., 200.00; Concord Baptist, White House, Tenn., 199.84; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., 35.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 25.00; Parkwood Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 46.97; Harmony Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 25.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., 20.00; Salem Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., 126.52; Sulfer Fork, Gallatin, Tenn., 10.00; Bro. Thomas Dickerson, 50.00; Mt. Zion, Holland, Ky., 97.00; Bethel Baptist, Indianapolis, Ind., 22.50; Bethany Baptist, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., 60.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Pleasant Shade, Tenn., 16.25. Total for Month, \$944.38.

MARCH: Hendersonville Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn., 103.46; East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky., 102.00; Shiloh Baptist, Chicago, Ill., 20.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 133.39; Jordan Baptist, Oak Lawn, Ill., 35.00; Maple Grove Baptist, Lafayette, Tenn., 92.00; Fairview Baptist, Woodburn, Ky., 40.00; Sulfer Fork Baptist, Gallatin, Tenn., 10.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00. Total for month, \$624.80.

The offerings listed above were recorded in the month in which they were received, and I think that I have acknowledged each offering with a letter to each church. But may I say thank you again, and may the Lord bless you,

J. H. Smith



Pictured above are Bro. Don Curtis, his wife, Pat, and their two children. They are preparing for the mission field in Israel. He is in Israel at present on an investigative mission. Let's remember them in prayer and also financially.

WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MET IN 81st SESSION

The Wiseman Baptist Association met in its eighty-first annual session on October 20-21, 1972, with Grace Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. Officers elected were: Elder F. L. Ray, Moderator; Elder W. T. Russell, Clerk and Elder A. G. Gregory, Treas.

Elder Harold D. Linville preached the Introductory Sermon the first day and on the last day Elder W. T. Russell preached the Doctrinal Sermon. A good session was enjoyed for the two days. The 1973 session is to be held with Cedar Bluff Baptist Church about ten miles southwest of Lafayette, Tenn., beginning on Friday, Oct. 26, 1973.

MINUTES MAILED

The Minutes of the 1972 Session of Siloam Missionary Baptist Association have been mailed to all churches in the association. Any church not receiving their minutes should notify me at once.

H. C. Vanderpool, Clerk
Siloam Baptist Association

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING IN LOUISVILLE

The New Year's Eve Singing will be held at Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Bagel Ave., Louisville, Ky., on Sunday night, December 31.

Some of those who will be singing will be The Havestime Singers, The Chapel Trio, Sherman Tones Family, The McCubbins Family, Hymntime Quartet, The Hardesters and others. The public is invited to attend. Services will begin at 8:00 P. M. and continue past midnight.

BOOKS FOR GIFTS

The publisher's suggested sale price was \$3.50 per copy for which most of the books have been sold.

This book, "TRAVEL WITH ME THROUGH BIBLE LANDS," was written after my tour of Italy, Greece and Israel in 1969. It has 16 chapters with nearly 60 pictures. THIS BOOK WOULD MAKE NICE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS AS IT DEALS WITH THE BIBLE, BIBLE COUNTRIES AND BIBLE CHARACTERS. The rest of these books will be sold at the price of \$2.00 per copy postpaid. Order them early for Christmas gifts from H. C. Vanderpool, 1527 Glenrock Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40216.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas. We trust you will enjoy more than ever before the eternal blessings of God through his greatest gift of all gifts, (John 3:16) Jesus. May His eternal love so burn in your hearts and lives that the glow will ever be a witness not only at this season but throughout the coming year. God's greatest blessings be upon you all.

Editor and Mrs. H. C. Vanderpool

A Wonderful Lesson

By Laura Gregory
Franklin, Ky.

In the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes there is a wonderful lesson to the young and the old.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Ecc. 12:1.

The Greek word — ekklesia — means an assembly or church as in the New Testament. In verse 3, the house refers to the physical body. The keepers of the house are the hands which shake and tremble in old age. The grinders are the teeth which become fewer as the years pass on, while those that look out the windows are the eyes which grow dim toward the end of life.

The doors in the streets are the ears which often lose their keenest in ripper years. The daughters of music are the vocal chords of those who sing. The almond tree may hint at the appearance of gray hair, the grasshopper may symbolize any trifling weight which to old people may seem heavy.

The silver cord is the spinal cord, the golden bowl to the skull, the pitcher is the heart, the wheel broken at the cistern or other parts of the body which give way during failing years.

Verse 7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." And finally we look at the two last verses. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

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