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How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings . . . that publisheth salvation." Isaiah 52:7.

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"A New Venture Of Faith"

Rev. George I. Straub, Supt.

GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCHES

With pleasure we announce the launching of a NEW VENTURE OF FAITH in the form of our church paper, entitled: *GOD'S MISSIONARY STANDARD*, which has been the object of much thought and prayerful consideration over the past several years. The main objective of the church is to promote Bible holiness, rebuild the old waste places, and lift up a standard

God's people. I trust that the *MISSIONARY STANDARD*, with its rich, wholesome messages, will be a great uplift to the discouraged and despondent heart. Religious periodicals and good church literature should be placed in every home to help combat the much bad literature now in circulation. The liquor and tobacco interests believe in advertising their products, and spend great sums of money to erect bill-boards along the highways, which have great influence in mis-leading the youth of America.

The theaters have launched a new drive to captivate the hearts and minds of the public, by introducing the "Drive-In-Theater" by the wayside with ample parking space for hundreds of cars. The showmen are doing what the Church was commanded to do—"Go out in the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

The writer returned from the mission field a few weeks ago. To my utter surprise I discovered Communistic literature in the hands of the natives, which promised them a bright future if they would but accept the offer. Furthermore, the American liquor interests had the shelves of native saloons loaded down with the American brands of beer and whiskey. Leaders of false cults and doctrines had already made their way to the interior, and had deceived many. It is our aim to have the *MISSIONARY STANDARD* published in Spanish for the benefit of our native Christians. A native printer has already offered to do our printing in Cuba for a small sum, as God favored us with a great revival in their

town during the winter months, thru which a number of his relatives were converted. He, too is a candidate for salvation, and covets the prayers of God's people for deliverance from sin.

GOD'S MISSIONARY STANDARD, an eight page monthly paper, will keep you well informed of the great work the church is doing at home and abroad. I trust that this NEW VENTURE OF FAITH will prove a great blessing to all who subscribe for the *STANDARD*. In the closing hours of this dispensation with the evening sun fast setting, shall we lift up our heads, join hands, and do our best to promote His great work, and spread Scriptural holiness and revival literature in which Jesus will be exalted and the Holy Ghost honored. The need of the hour is a sin-killing revival and a ministry that will go forth wielding the sword of truth before a lost and dying world. Let us rally to the cross, and re-kindle the revival fires about our altars, until the spirit of formality and deadness which has gripped hearts will be broken.

Let every reader join us in prayer for another venture of faith which will soon be launched by the way of a home missionary program. Several large tents have been purchased to promote the work on the home front. In order that such can be successfully carried out, we will need the co-operation and prayers of the various churches.

Let the young people organize prayer bands and serve as rope-holders. Begin to pray now for the neglected villages both at home and abroad. Let us marshall our efforts against the forces of darkness, gird up our spiritual loins against sin, and wage a good warfare. Let us rally to the standards of the cross, and lift up the blood-stained banner before a dying world.

EDITORIALS Thomas E. Frantz

"Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people." Isa. 49:22

"The STANDARD is 'set up'."

With considerable gratitude to God, Who has made it possible, we count it a privilege to have a part in "setting up the STANDARD" for the people. In the days of Israel's reign in the land of Canaan, God was continually raising a standard for His people. It is the writer's opinion that there is a definite need for the same action today, on the part of all true Christians.

It is with this thought in mind that the *GOD'S MISSIONARY STANDARD* comes to you this

month for the first time. Our aim in printing the Gospel is to have a part in raising the true Bible standard of a holy life, and pointing needy men and women to the Christ of the middle cross.

Wide-awake Christians realize that the time for the Church to work is NOW... or NEVER. The enemy of the souls of all mankind knows right well that this is true, as he is putting on new drives, and using terrible methods to ensnare all that will listen to his words of enticement.

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We earnestly desire thru the "Standard" to uphold the Scriptural doctrines of: The Conversion of Sinners (John 3:7), The Sanctification of Believers (Hebrews 12:14), The Healing of the Afflicted (James 5:14, 15), The Edification of Believers (Jude 20, 21), and the Second, Pre-millennial Coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11),

The news-stand is piled high with questionable magazines and printed matter of every description; some of it is so vile that the U. S. Government will not allow it to be carried in the U. S. Mail. This is the condition of this age. Pick up any newspaper, and note the many murders, sex crimes, and other revolting crimes being carried out by teen-agers. Much of the inspiration (?) for such crimes and terrible deeds is found in the comic (?) books, trashy love stories, and in the movies. The entire nation was shocked recently when a teen-aged boy, whose room was found to be full of comics and pin-up pictures, killed another young man, and then leaped on the body and jumped up and down. Possibly this very deed had been performed in the literature the lad was reading. Thus, more than ever before, it is the Church's duty to counteract this poison from beneath, and in its place offer good, soul-inspiring messages of Divine Truth in the form of Gospel books and papers. It is our prayer that *GOD'S MISSIONARY STANDARD* will play an important part in this ministry of the printed word.

It shall be the *STANDARD'S* duty to cry out against sin and "spiritual wickedness in high places;" to present a full Gospel with marked emphasis on the necessities, and liberty in the non-essentials; to uphold the Scriptural doctrines of: The Conversion of Sinners, The Sanctification of Believers, The Healing of the Afflicted, and The Second, Pre-millennial Coming of Jesus; and to "Earnestly contend for the faith, once delivered to the saints."

We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people everywhere, that the Lord Jesus Christ may have precedence over the entire policy of the *STANDARD*, and that thru its pages souls may find Him, "Whom to know aright, is life eternal."

THE STANDARD PULPIT

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

"The Glory of His Presence"

Rev. Joseph Hoffman, Pastor

Centre County Charge

Text—John 14:23 "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

Here we have portrayed the marvel of Christ's condescension and abode. The Psalmist David while musing over the goodness of God and the interest of God in sinful, fallen humanity, spake these words: "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" Solomon, known as the wisest of all men declared: "But will God in very deed dwell with man on the earth?" II Chronicles 6:18. Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, spoke of the mystery of Godliness. Undoubtedly, his conversion had made such a profound impression upon his mind and heart, that he felt it to be the greatest mystery of all times. Jesus said on one occasion: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Whether we be rich or poor, learned or unlearned, the one and most important thing is His presence. His presence, however, is conditional, and unless we meet the required conditions, we need not expect His presence.

(1) Let us remember, the disciples had left all to follow Jesus. This meant turning their backs on kinfolk, their earthly ambitions, and all that would stand between them and their Master.

(2) They had believed the sayings and teachings of Christ, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." If we are to enjoy His constant presence, it means we must believe and live according to the teachings of the Saviour.

(3) The disciples of Jesus were not of the world. That is to say: the worldly spirit that had formerly indwelt their hearts, had been dealt with by the regenerating power of God in their lives. The three great evils relative to the world are: "The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life." These having been subdued, they enjoyed blessed victory over the world. Our greatest enemy lies embedded in our own bosom, and until we have it cared for by the regenerating

and sanctifying power of Christ, we will be the defeated victim of Satan.

***Let us note the meaning of the glory of His presence. . . What does His presence imply? Surely the message of the angel in regards to Jesus was not a mere insertion of words to fill space in Holy writ. "He shall save his people from their sins" is the message that has been testified to by thousands, yea millions, of adherents to the Christian faith. (1) His presence means *deliverance from sin, both actual and original*. Any religion that does not save it's adherents from their sins is a farce and is false. Multitudes of professed Christians claim that they must sin every day in word, thought, and deed. If that be the case, the coming of Jesus into the world to suffer and die was a sad failure. I John 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." If there is any criticism to be offered by the reader, let it be remembered, it is to justify himself. God help us to come out into the clear for God.

(2) His presence means *absence of darkness and presence of His marvelous light*. How many there are who profess to know Him and to love Him, yet their lives are out of harmony with the Word of God. Luke 1:79 "To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death." These words were not spoken amiss, but have a literal interpretation. The Psalmist said, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Hear me, reader friend, if we are out of sorts, or have an ill feeling toward a brother or a sister, then let us take heed, for Jesus said that he that hateth his brother is a murderer. Sad to say, there are multitudes in the ranks of religionists who have carried ill feelings toward a pastor, evangelist, or brother or sister in the church, and go right on professing over the top of it all. Let us quit fooling ourselves; he that is in the Light loveth his brother. Yes, I will proceed a step further; he even prays for his enemies. Amen.

(3) Again His presence speaks of *comfort*. We are living in a cold, selfish world. Indeed it is not

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THE MISSIONARY MESSAGE

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

A Call For The Word

The following letter was received by the editor recently from some natives in British West Africa. If any readers should like to take it upon themselves to supply the need mentioned here, address:

John Osolu
P. O. Box 157
ABA, Nigeria, BWA
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Dear Father:—

Please I with my five brothers wish to beg you something, which we are able that you will help us. We are parentless. We are here seeking the Word of God, and we are sure that you will help us. For if you fail so it means that we will die in sins. Please in your great favours and honours,

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please send us six Holy Bibles and Books. Please we beg you to help us to save our souls. For without God we can (do) nothing. We need your help so much that we always think of you. Kindly reply us by air-mail before sending them to us. We are now waiting to have your reply very soon. May the Graces, Blessings, and Favours of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

We are,

Your ever-loving sons,
John Osolu & Brothers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MISSIONARY WORK IN CUBA

Rev. J. Hoffman, Foreign Missionary Treasurer.

For a number of years our churches have been supporting foreign missions among various denominations, and in several different parts of the world. However, the past few years our brethren and churches have felt the need of a work of our own. Five years ago our Supt. Rev. Geo. I. Straub, being providentially led to the Island of Cuba, found it to be a land of wonderful opportunity in the possibility of starting a work there under supervision of God's Missionary Church. This, however, did not materialize until the month of January, this year of 1949, when Reverend Straub, Brother Clair Bailey, and the writer made a visit to this island of five million people, many of whom are lost in heathen darkness and sin.

Rev. Paul H. Eversole, our representative and missionary worker, had been to the authorities of the Cuban government and made all arrangements necessary for our incorporation in the island. Upon our arrival this past January, we found all things in readiness. Papers were signed, the legal procedures pursued, the required sum of money paid, and we are happy to tell our readers of the *MISSIONARY STANDARD* that we have a field to which we can send those who have a missionary call. At the time of this writing, we have two churches which are active and conducting regular services. Both of these churches are located near Bejucal, Cuba, a village of about

20,000, located within an hour's drive of the capital city of Havana. We conducted services in both of these churches, and found people that love and serve God. Bro. Manola and Sister Pauline are the pastors of these churches. You that know how to pray, will you pray for these workers?

From Bejucal, we took a train to Eastern Orienta, Cuba, a distance of about five hundred miles. Our trip was a thrilling one, at least to the writer. After going as far as possible by train, we took a taxi. At one time we came to a stream, which was not bridged. There was no way of getting to our destination, we were told, without crossing this stream, and it was a rushing torrent. The taxi driver got out and shook his head as much as to say that he didn't know if he could drive across. Finally, we risked it, forded the stream with the water rushing over the running boards, and climbed up the slippery bank on the other side. We arrived at our destination after about twenty-four hours of traveling. We found all things in readiness for a revival service, as Reverend Eversole had preceded us to this town. The meeting was started, and in a few nights the altar was lined with seeking souls. A number prayed thru to wonderful victory, as God saves the natives just as He does us. When the victory was won, they

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YOUTH'S MESSAGE

"Remember now thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

"Giving Our Best"

Miss Ellen Bressler

"Give of your best to the Master
Give of the strength of your youth,
Throw your soul's fresh glowing
ardor
Into the battle for truth."

Have you ever lain down upon your bed at night, and asked yourself the question "Have I given my best to Christ this day?"

Day after day, business men give of their best to their business. The carpenter gives his best to his work, in fact, everyone who wishes to make a real success in life gives his very best. But...do we as Christians give our very best to Him? Especial-

ly when we remember that He has done His very best to save us from sin, should this not stir our hearts?

How often we arise in the morning, take a glance at the clock and say, "Look what time it is! I'm late to work now, Good-bye." We go out the door to work, without even a note of thanks for His care through the night.

Late at night we return, tired and weary, and kneel beside our bed. We start praying, but before we finish, our heads drop lower and lower. Finally, with a start we awaken and discover we have been asleep. While that guilty conscience throbs would be an excellent time to ask: "Am I

giving my best?"

Young people, we must awaken to our responsibility. The older people in the church are going to their reward, and there are so few young people who are taking their mantles, that we should, rightly so, be somewhat alarmed. It is up to us to carry the blood-stained banner high and keep it waving for Jesus Christ. Only in one way can this be done. We must give our best to Him. But you say, I cannot do the best. That will be understood. God does not ask for "THE" best, as many of us, the writer included, could never give that. But he asks of us "OUR" best, and that we willingly give.

Highlights Of Our Missionary Work In Cuba

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shed their lipstick, jewelry, and other worldly habits. The American people might be able to learn a lesson from this. Amen. Brother Straub and the writer stayed at this place about two weeks, and then had to start back for Havana, and the United States. However, the revival continued with Reverend Eversole, and Brother Bailey. Reports of victory have been noted in their letters to us. Surely it was sad to leave these precious, needy people, who are so hungry for the Gospel. We are trusting God to stir the hearts of the readers, until some will get the call to go as missionaries to these people. If you are not called, lay aside a few dollars and help to support this needy cause and field.

Since we were privileged to visit this island and see the great need, and have been recognized and incorporated by the Cuban government, we feel the need of a means of transportation, for this island, so that we may reach more people with less expense, as travel by taxi and train is high. Our missionary has decided we need a truck on the order of a station wagon, and has suggested a Chevrolet Carryall Suburban. This can be used as a means of transporting materials in building and erecting new churches, as well as a personnel carrier. The truck has been ordered, and we are expecting it's arrival sometime this month. The total cost is \$1750.00, plus the freight charges in getting it to Cuba. We already have a good part of this

amount, but still need about a thousand dollars or more for the truck, and funds for some additional items so much needed on the mission field, including: a typewriter and a washing machine. If God should speak to you concerning these needs, will you kindly pray about them, and do as He lays the matter upon your hearts. The Cuban government has given us six months time to get our necessary equipment on the field. If we get it there inside of six months we need not pay import charges. May the Lord help us to work, pray, and give, that this cause may be established, and many souls be saved before Jesus comes. Send all offerings for foreign missionary work to:—Rev. Joseph Hoffman, For. Missionary Treasurer, Elizabethtown, Pa.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter.

If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it.

If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it.

If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire.

If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you.

If the truth is revealed in all its intrinsic splendor, entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate the hemisphere of your life.—F. Meyer

THE POET'S CORNER

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels." Proverbs 1:5.

Rev. Marlin E. Moore, Treas.
GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH, INC.

The following was written by Mrs. Gilbert Bailey, a young mother, who with her husband, was saved at the M.E. Church at Martha Furnace, Penna., where the writer recently conducted a revival service.

"MY TESTIMONY"

"At a little old church in the valley,
Jesus came to me out of the blue.
And He gave me His love and salva-
tion,
And He'll do the same for you...and
for you.

"As I knelt at the altar each evening,
I just couldn't seem to pray it down
right,
The struggle and strain was terrific,
The devil put up such a fight.

"The saints kept on praying and
pleading,
For Jesus to open my heart,
They seemed to be pushing and lead-
ing,
I had only to finish my part.

"I really don't know how it happened,
So wonderful it all did seem,
As I walked up the aisle and knelt,
I could smile—
So beautiful, so precious a dream.

"As all sang, 'Softly and Tenderly,'
Dear Jesus did open to me,
I knew that I wasn't mistaken,
It was too plain for all to see.

"So, dear Jesus, just give me the
courage,
To help others to find you, I pray,
To live my life a good Christian,
And hurry and hasten the day"

Mrs. Gilbert Bailey
Port Matilda, Pa.

"THE FIRST EASTER"

"As the gloom and the darkness of that night so long ago,
Gave way to light, with coming of the dawn,
Came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary too,
They came, though hope with them was almost gone.

"They came there bearing spices, which along they had prepared,
To place them near the body of their Lord,
But behold, the stone was gone, nor was the body there,
For He, the Saviour, never breaks His word.

"Then were they quite perplexed and wondered what to do,
But two angels in garments brightly clad,
Stood near to them that morn, and spoke they thus to them:
Why seek the living here among the dead?

"Recall ye not His words while yet in Galilee,
The Son of Man must suffer many things,
Must be crucified, and die, and the third day rise again?
Yea; they remember, how their hearts do sing.

"And so they saw again their risen Lord, their King,
And as they spake together one fair day,
The Lord said, 'Watch for me, for I will come again,'
Then with, 'Peace be unto you,' He went away.

"Dear friends, have we forgotten the message of our Lord?
Acts one eleven calls it forth today,
For as the Lord has gone, so He shall come again,
Oh, let us therefore always watch and pray.

"Now soon the Lord's great dawn, to His saints it shall appear.
It will send its rays across the eastern sky,
The dead in Christ shall rise, we'll meet them in the air,
And forever we shall reign with Him on high."

Rev. Marlin E. Moore.

"The Glory Of His Presence"

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a friend to help us to God. The currents of evil are ever tending to lead us astray from the God we love. Modernism is chilling the religious fervor and holy enthusiasm of scores of Christians. However, amidst all the evil influences and tides of evil we are assured of His gracious presence of comfort.

(4) Lastly, we would like to say that His presence means *unmerited favor and love*. What have we done that we should merit His love? The

song writer expressed in these words the condition of us all: "In my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling." Such love that should reach down to the once hell-bent, devil-possessed, darkened, sin-benighted mass of humanity! To be lifted at last from the mire and the clay until we can take up the chorus: "Far below the noise of strife upon my ear is falling." Thank God for His love to the unloveable, His friendship to the unfriendly, His holiness to the unholy, riches for rags, joy for sorrow, hope for despair, Light for darkness... and in the consummation: A home in the land of un-ending day.

AMONG OUR CHURCHES — ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Beavertown, Pa.—Sunday, May 29, will be the Home-Coming Day at God's Missionary Church, located on Beavertown Rural Route, two miles north east of Beavertown, Pa. Different speakers will bring the messages in the 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. ser-

vices. The Lebanon Valley Gospel Band will furnish special music and singing in both afternoon and evening services. Come and hear this group of thirty consecrated and talented musicians. You will enjoy this feast of sacred music and songs. We

covet the prayers of the *STANDARD* family for these services, and the work of the Lord here at Beavertown. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

—*Pastor, John Neil.*

Milesburg, Pa.—God's Missionary Church of Milesburg, recently organized as such with 43 members, will hold their week-end convention and dedication services, May 13-15, with Rev. George I. Straub, Supt. of God's Missionary Churches, as guest speaker. Three services are planned for Sunday, May 15: Sunday School Rally at 9:30 a. m., followed by the Morning Worship Service. The Dedication Service will be held at 2:15 p.

m. The evening service will begin at 7:00, with the old-fashioned evangelistic services. Reverend Mr. Straub will speak in all of these services. The Pennsylvania Gospel Band is expected to be present to help in music and song on Sunday. A warm invitation is extended to both pastors and laymembers to be present at this feast of good things from the hand of the Lord. God is working here at Milesburg, and when the records

are opened some day, the report of what Christ has done for us will be revealed. We earnestly desire the entire *STANDARD* family to pray for us, that God may give us a real time in this convention and in the dedication service. If you are in the vicinity of Milesburg, which is just west of the city of Bellefonte, we invite you to worship with us.

—*Rev. C. W. Rachau, Pastor.*

REPORTS:—

Millmont, Penna.—God has given us some old-fashioned times here at Millmont, in God's Missionary Church. We have had several very profitable revivals, with Rev. N. O. Stucky and Rev. Dean Confer. The last revival began at a three day meeting, but ended up with a three week revival, with the Reverend Dean Confer, Beech Creek, as evangelist. The fire of God's

grace has been burning high on the altars of our hearts thru the efforts of these meetings. Besides the revival efforts at home, the pastor has conducted some meetings here and there over the countryside. God has blessed, and some souls have been saved. We attribute the success of our meetings to one thing, and that is the way the people come out to the two prayer meetings. Ninety-

six is the record attendance in the prayer meeting, with around 100 average in the Sunday School. The pastor requests your prayers that he may be able to move closer to the pastorate. He now reminds the people of a circuit rider, as he travels 50 miles to services. Pray for the work of the Lord here.

—*Rev. Fred Wetson, Pastor.*

Report—A letter has just been received from Brother Jesse Dixon, a local pastor, of Nady, Arkansas, telling of the building program, which is being launched in Arkansas. Rev. Henry Tharp is the pastor of this fine group of Christians and covets the prayers of the various churches for the work now in

progress in the west. Truly it is a venture of faith on the part of these few faithful Christians in the southern part of Arkansas. The lot, and much of the lumber to build the church is being donated by some of the fine brethren, who are anxious to see a spiritual church in their community. Brother Dixon is in

charge of the building program and is encouraging all who have pledged toward the building fund to forward the pledges as soon as possible, so as to hasten the work there. Send all contributions and pledges to: Mr. Jesse Dixon, Nady Arkansas.
—*Rev. George I. Straub, Supt. God's Missionary Churches.*

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Campers of previous years told of the manifest presence of God on these grounds. We do trust that the standard of spirituality may be kept high. Pray that God may visit us in a heavenly way.

This camp meeting is under the personal direction of the officers of GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCHES. For further information and other particulars as to rates, etc., address: Rev. John Noll, Beavertown, Pa.