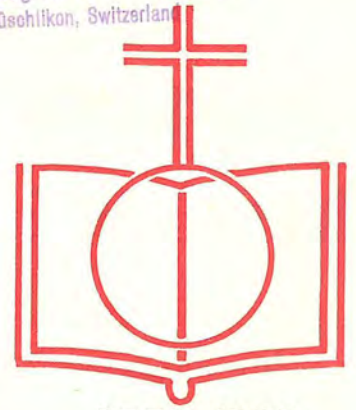


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**Gwyn Lewis** (18 April) and **Joyce Lewis** (19 April) have moved to Rangpur, also in Bangladesh.

**Frank and Rosemary Mardell** (23 April) were unable to return to Bangladesh as early as expected owing to a delay in obtaining a visa.

**Alan Wheeler** has not accepted recommendation as a treasurer of the Society owing to his being nominated as treasurer for the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

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There can be few who did not suffer physically from the intense cold which gripped this country earlier in the year when, for many weeks, the British Isles were blanketed in snow, yet the United Nations Association suggests that the decade of the eighties will be noted in history for a different type of coldness than that produced by the weather. It will be remembered for man's coldness toward his fellow man. The eighties, it is judged, will become known as the decade of the refugee.

This vast problem of homelessness and a feeling of being unwanted, or of being at risk, is occasioned, it should be noted, not by a series of natural disasters, but by man's action against his neighbour. No less than 1.4 million people have fled before the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and have sought refuge in Pakistan. The African continent, which contains some of the poorest countries in the world, also carries the burden of one refugee to every 75 people on that land mass.

There are, in fact, more than 25 million refugees in the world today of which 6,324,340 are to be found in Africa, 2,164,500 in Asia and 3,562,200 in the Middle East, to name just those parts with which we are, perhaps, more familiar.

## The help is too late

The United Nations and voluntary agencies like the Christian Church, through the effort and dedication of numberless people, make enormous efforts to feed, to shelter and to return or resettle the refugees. Our own United Kingdom contribution is fifth in the league, as it were, only surpassed by that of Sweden, West Germany, Japan and the United States. In 1980 (the last year for which we have complete figures) we gave 29.7 million dollars in help. So many people are seeking to alleviate the suffering, but is there not a sense in which all this assistance has really come too late? The lives of these refugees have already been disrupted. In fear they have abandoned their homes and their means of livelihood and suffered the agony of exile. For many of them, the ties with their homeland go back through many generations and all they sought was the right to live, to work, to laugh, and to grow old and die with dignity which befits every human being.

At Easter time the Church gives thanks to God for a Saviour who was prepared to die for mankind – One who spoke out again and again against those who did despite to their neighbour. He constantly urged us, in all our dealings, to have a due regard for the well-being of our fellows.

## A response to the resurrection

Our responsive thankfulness for Calvary and our praise for the resurrection of Easter-Day can, in one way, be expressed by a determination to oppose the systematic and flagrant violation of human dignity wherever it occurs. In the name of him who died for mankind we must appeal at all times for compassion and respect toward each individual as one precious in God's eyes. The task is great. The measure of success may appear minimal, yet we cannot avoid its obligation for it is the essence of the Gospel, which Easter proclaims.

# PUTTING LEARNING INTO PRACTICE

by David Norkett

Almost every year the *Ecole Baptiste de Théologie* (EBT), Yakusu, is invited to conduct an evangelistic campaign during the Easter holiday, in one of the Upper River districts of the *Baptist Community of the River Zaire* (CBFZ). We were invited to the Yalikina district for Easter 1979, but unfortunately there was a mild cholera epidemic in our area in March and April and the campaign was postponed until Pentecost. But from Easter until past Whitsun the river Zaire was in spate, riverside villages were flooded and most of Yalikina mission was under water — so again we did not

go. After returning from furlough in May 1980, I suggested to Pastor Basai, the senior pastor of the Yalikina District that we might evangelize there during Holy Week 1981. He believed God was giving him a gentle nudge and agreed.

## Two groups set out

From the beginning of March 1981 we made our preparations. We prayed about the outreach campaign during our weekly EBT prayer meetings. Students began preparing gospel sermons centred on the death and resurrection of Jesus. I had one meeting with the third year

students to discuss the aim and methods of evangelism and another to arrange the practical details of transport, division into teams, visual aids and song-sheets. Eventually on Sunday 12 April, five students and Pastor Lituambela, our Zairian EBT teacher, set out on the 70 mile journey by bike.

Late that Palm Sunday evening, the other five third year students, my wife Mary, and I, Mary Philpott and a 'chauffer' for the outboard motor, fitted ourselves, our deck-chairs and stools, our luggage, two bikes and two extra passengers, into the large Yakusu church canoe. Groups of three took it in turn to paddle us downriver through the beautiful, peaceful, moonlit night. For long periods we sang songs, in harmony and quite softly. It was an unforgettably beautiful experience and we were almost able to ignore the early morning cold.

## A tragic loss

We reached the scattered plantation town of Yangambi at 8 am on Monday. Mary and I then cycled 12 kilometres to the home of Pastor Lumo, one of last year's EBT finalists. Mary had only just learned to cycle and was very weary and saddle-sore by the time we reached our destination, but we were glad we went. Pastor and Mama Lumo had suffered a grievous loss two months previously when their only remaining son, a three year old, had unexpectedly died after a sudden illness. They had already lost three sons — although they have several daughters and had doted on Papijo. Some people in the village had suspected witchcraft. By the time of our visit, they were just beginning to recover from the loss and were able to tell us in some detail about Papijo's illness and death. We were grateful for the chance to listen and to talk and pray with them.



Mary with a welcoming committee



*An umbrella keeps off the hot sun*

**We could not refuse**

When we arrived back at the canoe we discovered that the senior Yangambi pastor was annoyed because we had not been to see him, so we trudged a mile uphill to his house and chatted with him for a couple of hours while a meal was prepared for us. To refuse this hospitality would have added insult to injury, though we were well behind schedule. Eventually we left Yangambi at 3 pm and, by using the outboard motor part of the way, we managed to arrive at Yalikina shortly before dusk, to a marvellous reception.

Ladies had come from all over the district, especially to welcome Mary Philpott, newly in charge of women's work in the CBFZ Upper River Region. They were nearly all dressed in white and danced and sang in two long columns between which we had to pass like royalty. The singing and dancing continued until nightfall with we visitors joining in enthusiastically once we had been shown to our rooms and deposited our luggage.

**Our reason was the gospel**

That night all the evangelistic team

stopped on the Yalikina mission after sharing a huge meal in Pastor Basai's house. The following morning I distributed the Christian books we had brought along to sell at give-away prices. The students were then reminded that we had not just come on an interesting journey to visit places and people previously unknown to us. The reason for our coming was Jesus Christ and his gospel which we proclaimed in our preaching and by our example to as many people as possible during the next few days.

Pastor Lituambela commended us and our missionary task and travels, to God in prayer. Then he and the students went in teams of two, some by canoe, some by bicycle, into the six outlying parishes of the Yalikina district. The two Marys and I had been asked to stay in Yalikina, Mary Philpott to conduct a conference for women's leaders and Mary, my wife, to preach the gospel with me in various places in the central parish of the district. We shared the work; when one preached the other led the worship and Pastor Basai and other local church workers helped too.

It was the first time Mary had been involved in gospel outreach of this kind and she was quite nervous. She preached at our first service in Yalikina, itself, on the raising of the widow of Nain's son, showing how Jesus in his great compassion can give us new life and liberate us from our fears and our sins. She found it very humbling when several people came forward during the final hymn in response to my appeal.

**Non-Christians were invited**

During the next four days we conducted six evangelistic meetings. We tried to keep them short and lively with plenty of singing. We stressed to local catechists (lay-pastors) and deacons the importance of inviting non-Christians to the services. I am a preacher of notoriously long sermons but we managed to keep most of our messages down to 20-30 minutes making use of pictures, flannelgraphs and other visual aids. At the Good Friday service in Isangi town I banged some nails into a wooden cross to illustrate a sermon on 'Why the Cross?'

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## PUTTING LEARNING INTO PRACTICE

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At the end of each service a number of people responded to the call of Jesus, either by enrolling in baptismal classes or by coming back into church membership. We wrote down the name of each person, spoke with them briefly and prayed with the whole group. However, we did not have enough time to spend with each convert and a lot will depend on the teaching and encouragement given subsequently by local catechists and deacons.

### **Greeted by flags**

Everywhere people seemed to be thrilled to see us and in several places we were the first missionaries to visit them and preach since Independence in 1960! In some villages there were flags, made of sheets or nappies, along the river bank for several hundred yards and choirs and drums heralded our arrival.

In Yasangandia we had to pass under more than twenty triumphal arches of palm branches. In Yaekela we were loaded with gifts, various locally made pots, a carved wooden spoon and boat, a model river-boat made of balsa wood and a duck. Sixteen young Yaekela ladies dressed in blue, paddled us across the river to Yalikina, singing lustily. We sat in cane arm-chairs like a king and queen. It's easy to be spoilt by such marvellous treatment.

### **We remembered Emmaus**

On Easter Sunday I had the honour of preaching to over a thousand people crowded inside and around the large palm-leaf hangar which has been put up inside the half-built walls of the new church building at Yalikina. The former church building collapsed some years ago after floods. Worshippers had come from all the places where we had held meetings and the offering lasted over an

hour with people walking halfway round the church to dance up the central aisle to present their gifts. In the sermon I encouraged them to recognize the presence of the risen Christ in their lives just as the two disciples had recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread at Emmaus and it had transformed their lives. It was appropriate that we followed the main service with Holy Communion.

That evening the local youth choir came to sing and dance for us behind Pastor Basai's house and were very pleased when we tried to join in with them.

During this *soirée musicale* the EBT students arrived back two by two and there were excited welcomes and sharing of news. On Easter Monday we reminded local church workers of the importance of follow-up to the evangelization campaign. 'The seed has been sown, now shoots are sprouting, but the young plants must be carefully tended and weeded.'

We thanked the Yalikina Christians for their wonderful hospitality and then five students set off again by bike while the rest of us crowded into the canoe with



*One of the gospel meetings*



*Disembarking by a village*

evening gospel meeting. One man who asked us if he could come back into church fellowship was pursued to the front of the church by his former wife who insisted he had not given her a fair share of their possessions when they had separated. Some of the students had interesting tales to tell, as well. One team were alarmed when a village where they were staying presented them with two pretty girls for the night. The two declined forcefully and insisted on sleeping in the same room as each other. When chided the local chief said that was only what he was expected to do for any visiting dignity.

Another team had to persuade the local government official to release the lay-pastor of one village from prison. The official was incensed that the village had made much more fuss to welcome the evangelistic team than they ever did for his own visits! Most groups, including Mary and I, had been encouraged by discussion sessions with deacons and teachers and young people. We all agreed that we should have used a greater variety of evangelistic methods and that we needed more time on another journey to counsel new converts.

#### **Pray for the new disciples**

We will not forget that Easter in a hurry. Not only were the journey, the welcome and the response to our preaching

memorable but it was so grand to be doing the missionary's number one job, proclaiming the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, it has been said of Zaire and much of Africa that it is easy to win disciples but much harder to keep and train them. Please pray for the pastors and deacons of the Yalikina district that they may give themselves to teach and encourage the newly converted and reconverted.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

Has any reader a single size mosquito net and or a Tilley lamp for which they no longer have any use? These items are needed by a missionary and we would be pleased to hear from any reader who can help. Please notify the Overseas Department, 93 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4AA.

our luggage and our gifts, including about 30 chickens and a pig. The out-board motor stuttered until we changed one of the spark-plugs at Yangambi. But we could not find any petrol there and wondered if we had sufficient fuel to get back to Yakusu. Fortunately some communist Chinese, building a sugar factory not very far from Yangambi, agreed to sell us some petrol. Some of them stared hard at my T-shirt which advertized a Billy Graham Crusade in Singapore and had a Bible text in Chinese characters printed on it.

After narrowly missing some half-drowned trees and crashing into some fishing traps, our obstinate chauffeur at length agreed to steer the canoe farther out from the bank and we reached Yakusu tired, but satisfied, at midnight.

#### **God blessed our work**

A few days later each team presented in class a report of their evangelistic journey and we attempted an evaluation of the campaign. As a direct result of our preaching, 429 people had made decisions to follow Jesus Christ and 330 backsliders requested to be received back into church fellowship. We know statistics are not everything but we are confident they show God's blessing upon the outreach campaign. Certainly some people responded to the appeal from mixed motives. Mary and I suspected that some people were more or less pushed out to the front after some of our services. One of our students deliberately walked up and down to prevent this during his colleagues' appeals.

That team also insisted on a Bible study and question session with the new converts on the morning following each

# WITNESS IN TANZANIA

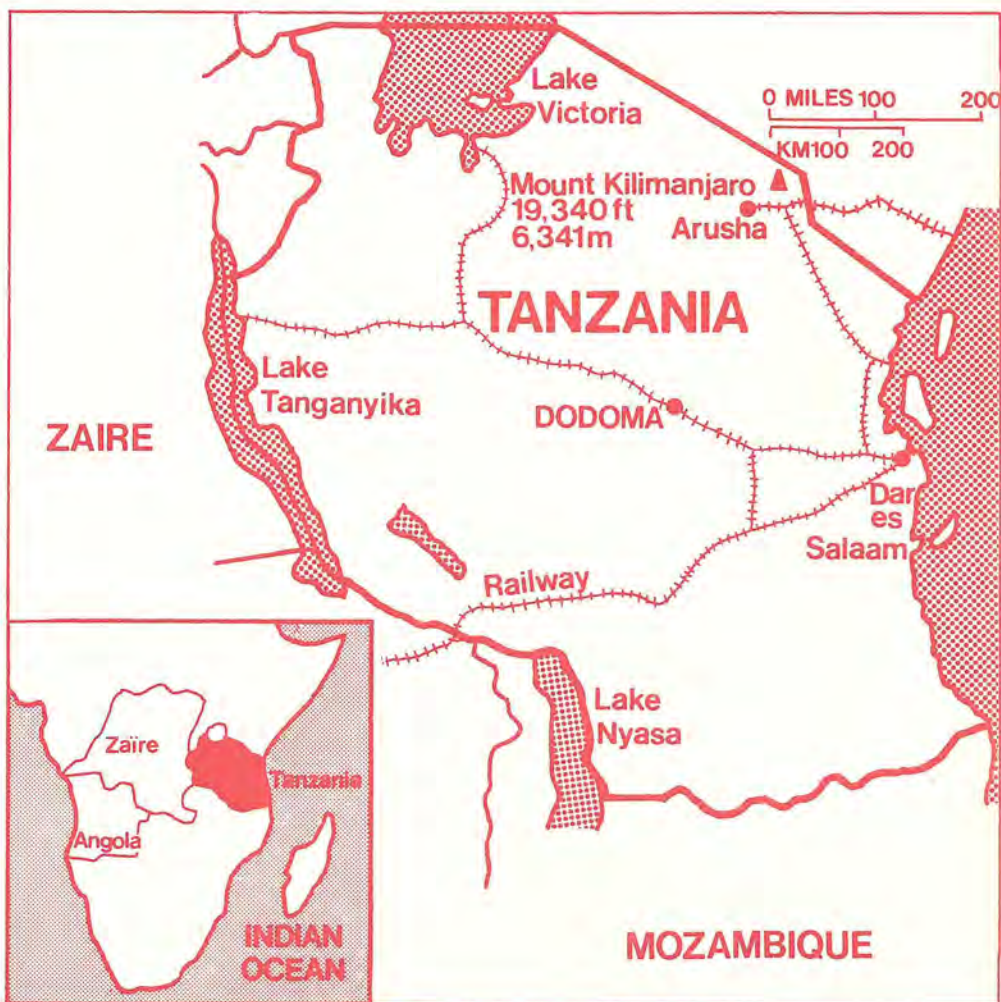
by Donald and Dorothy McLarty

The work in the Medical School at the Muhimbili Medical Centre, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, continues to be rewarding despite the problems which we experience in the hospital yet which only reflect the wider problems of Tanzania as a whole. The time is spent seeing patients, teaching and encouraging students and post graduates and, when time allows, doing some research work.

Being here as a Christian makes a vast difference because one is not completely limited by lack of material things. There is always so much to be done in the realm of the spirit by just being with people, speaking with them and encouraging them wherever possible.

We feel immensely privileged to be in such a situation. Livingstone, speaking to the students at Cambridge in 1857, said people often referred to the sacrifices which he made in going to Africa. 'For my part,' he went on, 'I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. . . . Can that be called a sacrifice which simply pays back, as a small part of a great debt which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the word in such a view and away with the thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice! We think we know just what Livingstone meant.

While Donald has been working in the hospital Dorothy has been teaching (part time) at the National Social Welfare Training Institute in Dar es Salaam. She has also been helping with the Scripture Union but unfortunately the Scripture Union has been going through a difficult period in the last year or two. Now,



however, there are signs of a new beginning. A Christian teacher, Justin Oforo, has just taken over as the new Organizing Secretary for Scripture Union. We know Justin and his family very well and he is keen for Dorothy to become more involved in the work.

### The door bell can ring too often

Being in such a centre as Dar es Salaam we seem to have a constant stream of visitors. Tanzanian brothers and sisters, friends, missionaries, travellers, patients, refugees and people from other categories all seem to arrive in our home

at some point. It is indeed a privilege to meet all who come and one thinks immediately of such people as Dr Janet Craven a missionary doctor with the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society, or Sister Elsy Dietiker of the Swiss Mission, who stay with us when they come to our city and who are a great encouragement to us.

There are occasions, however, when the constant stream of visitors tends to overwhelm us and we feel a need to escape. However good may be one's capacity for social contact there are



times when the strain begins to tell.

Another matter which could be a source of strain — and indeed is for so many Tanzanians and expatriates — is the question of 'daily bread'. We have come to appreciate for the very first time the phrase, 'give us this day our daily bread' and to realize just what are the essentials of life.

### God's faithfulness is demonstrated

However, we are so thankful to God for caring for us through so many friends. Shortages do bring out a new aspect of fellowship among Christians which is perhaps missed in the West, for example, the sharing together of things like food.

We can readily recall how a Tanzanian nurse from Iminga shared with us some rice as did a missionary friend in Monogoro. A patient shared with us a bar of soap and other friends have seen to it that we have had some margarine,



*The Muhimbili Medical Centre*  
some sugar, some fruit and some bread. A New Zealand friend gave us some butter. Admittedly butter is not essential but how very nice it was to have this little luxury.

On another occasion a Tanzanian doctor working in a wheat growing area saw to it that we received some wheat, and so

*(photo by Camera Press)*  
we could continue to tell of sharing and caring. So many people to whom we are so thankful and for whom we praise God.

### There is a constant change

One feature of life in Dar es Salaam is the very large turnover of people. The Tanzanians are, of course, here all the time, but expatriates come and go and often one is called to say 'goodbye' to one or another whom one has come to know and love. Just recently we had to say farewell to a very good and generous friend from the USA, Norma Brainard, who was a friend and very kind to many of the Tanzanian students. Not long since also we have said our farewells to friends from Thailand and New Zealand. Shortly a Russian Sister will be leaving — all of which goes to show what a cosmopolitan city is Dar es Salaam and how God brings together in His service people of all nations.

How apt is the exhortation 'Be joyful in hope, patient in affection, faithful in prayer . . . and may the God of hope fill you with all joy as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'.



*Roadside industry in Dar es Salaam*

*(photo by Camera Press)*

# AN HISTORIC OCCASION

by Donald McLarty

One of the highlights in 1981, for me, was the privilege of attending a conference at Limuru, Kenya. It was the first ever Africa Region Conference of the International Conference of Christian Medical Students (ICCMS). I had the honour of being one of the speakers but quite frankly that which I received spiritually from the Conference was far in excess of anything that I was able to give.

There were not far short of 100 participants, mostly medical students. If travel in Africa were easier there is no doubt at all that many more would have attended. It is difficult for those living in Europe and America to appreciate the problems of travel in Africa today. They have to be experienced to be understood. Because of these problems, those who were able to be present felt that it could most aptly be called a miracle conference. It was a miracle because, apart from the travel difficulties, those attending found other barriers which have to be surmounted by any traveller in Africa.

## No money was available

There is, for example, the major problem of obtaining foreign exchange if one wishes to travel to another country. Most countries in sub-Saharan Africa are desperately short of foreign exchange. Those who travelled to the conference from Uganda were unable to obtain foreign currency from the Bank of Uganda. Those of us who attended from Tanzania were not able to obtain any either. The week-long conference cost those present 500 Kenyan shillings. One of the students from Uganda told us that 100 Ugandan shillings were the equivalent of three Kenyan shillings so that the cost to a Ugandan student was immense, by their standards, even if they

had been able to obtain foreign currency. Although, in fact, the cost of the conference was modest, most students could not have afforded it if left to their own resources.

It was because of these difficulties and many more that it was considered a miracle that any students from outside Kenya were able to attend.

The difficulties over money were overcome by the remarkable generosity of Christian friends within and without Africa who realized the strategic importance of the Conference for medical missions in Africa. As an example of help so willingly given, the contribution of the pastor at the Baptist church in Dar es Salaam was outstanding. He is a pilot and kindly flew three of us straight from Dar es Salaam to Nairobi. If anyone knows the road from Dar es

Salaam to Nairobi then that person will appreciate what a wonderful gift this was.

## A larger view of God

A Ugandan doctor, Dr Lulua, who did so much to organize the Conference said afterward, 'Personally, looking back, I am refreshed of the Lord for all He had promised and all that He did.' I believe in the Lord of miracles. It still thrills me to reflect on how everything worked out. An intern from the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in northern Tanzania reported that as a result of the Conference a budding fellowship had been started in the KCMC, while a student from Uganda spoke of how at Limuru he had realized that we were one body with saints from all over the globe. At a prayer meeting another Ugandan student thanked God that his vision of Him had been enlarged and that now he



The multi-cultural University, Nairobi

(photo by Camera Press)

saw Him as a truly international God!

For me it was the highlight of my five years in Africa. Thirty-two of us travelled from Tanzania. There were six doctors, one nursing consultant and the rest medical students. There were representatives from Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia. One white medical student came from South Africa and it was wonderful to see the reaction of the Tanzanian students as it was the first time they had ever met a representative of the 'enemy' in the flesh. It was the first time also that the South African had shared fellowship with black Africans – but it was thrilling to see how Christ united them all in love.

### **Equal to the best in Europe**

There were a number of guests from outside Africa, too. A former travelling secretary of the Christian Medical Fellowship, Dr Steve Richardson represented the British CMF. Dr Oomens, the chairman of the International Conference of Christian Medical Students (ICCMS) came from India and Dr Konety-Ahulu, a very distinguished physician and much respected African Christian Statesman travelled from England where he is at present living. All of these guests agreed that the spiritual content and tone of the Limura Conference was perhaps greater than anything they had experienced in Europe.

The Conference was opened by Dr Gatu, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, and a well known ecclesiastical figure in East Africa. The Bible readings were given by Bishop Festo Kivengere of the Anglican Church in Uganda, who had had to flee that country during the reign of Idi Amin.



*Coronation Avenue, Nairobi*

*(photo by Camera Press)*

The climax of the week was the final Saturday evening when representatives of each country spoke, sang or did something to illustrate an aspect of their own culture. The last group to sing were from Uganda and in it were three doctors and fourteen students. Their testimony and singing was powerful beyond words. They sang so beautifully, so joyfully and radiated a spiritual reality and sincerity which had to be felt because it is impossible adequately to describe it. The media of the world, as most will know, has been presenting little but bad news of Uganda for years, but here indeed was good news. These students and doctors had come out of 'great tribulation', refined as gold in a fire and they were a living testimony to the fact that nothing, not even the most terrible of experiences, can separate us from the love of Christ.

On the Sunday morning I had been asked to speak on the subject 'Hope and life after the present life'. The last verses of Romans chapter eight came to my mind. 'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?' I was impressed that Paul used the pronoun 'who' and did not ask 'what'? As I listened to those Ugandan

singers on the Saturday evening the verses which had been given me for the following Sunday morning really came alive in a wonderful way. Now I knew what Paul meant when he used the word 'who'. Those radiant Ugandan Christians had experienced all the oppression of Idi Amin and his administration. In them I could see what it meant to be 'more than conquerors'. Anyone watching and listening to them could have been excused for thinking they had just arrived from a holiday rather than from years of suffering. Not only had they been given strength to cope with this period of hardship but they had found strength in reserve – quite literally they had over-conquered!

During the Conference the doctors who attended decided to explore the possibility of forming a branch of the International Congress of Christian Physicians (ICCP) in Africa while the students planned to continue their work and witness and chose as their chairman a student of outstanding spiritual maturity from Zambia. Please support with your prayers these ongoing fellowships because they can mean so much for the Christian witness in this vast continent.

# NOT JUST YOUR MONEY

by **David Martin**, the Young People's Secretary

The 1982 BMS Young People's Project is in support of Angolan Christians. We can share in the vision and endeavour of the Angolan Baptists as they consolidate and extend their witness.

Angola is a war-torn and troubled land. Our media makes sporadic mention of the ongoing armed resistance to the Cuban-backed government, incursions by South African forces, and the famine conditions in southern regions of the country. But against this sad background there are signs of great vitality and development among our fellow Baptists.

Since Portugal granted independence in 1975, the Evangelical Baptist Church in Angola (IEBA) has grown dramatically among the Bakongo people in the north. Refugees returning from Zaire have begun to restore old villages and, more often, build new towns. Of some 140 Baptist church buildings in use before the troubles only two had survived, and of those only one remains today.

With great faith and enthusiasm the Christians set out to restore and develop their work. From an estimated 8,000 members in 1975, numbers have now

increased to more than 22,000 baptized members and a total community of over 40,000.

New places of worship have been and are being built. The one surviving chapel — at Mbanza Kongo — has been patched up and repaired. The IEBA has broken new territory and established itself in the country's capital, Luanda. New buildings are being erected there to serve the growing congregations.

Some funds are needed for these building projects. Local stone provides



*'Church work' takes on a new meaning*

# RAISE THE ROOF!



## BMS YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT, 1982 TARGET £15,000

The Angolan Baptist Church is growing rapidly. They are restoring old buildings and erecting new places of worship. Foundations and walls can be made with home-made bricks but roofing is expensive. We aim to provide corrugated iron roofing sheets for five or six churches. Please help!

the foundations, and mud bricks can be produced by willing volunteers, but satisfactory roofing for large buildings is a problem. Smaller structures can be covered with thatch but, ideally, metal roofing sheets are needed for the larger buildings. These sheets cost an average of £5 each, and hundreds are needed for each chapel.

Angola is a potentially rich country, with fertile soil and a wealth of mineral resources, but for obvious reasons these are hard times. Gross National Product per capita is about £220.

Apart from those in Luanda, members of the IEBA are mainly in the rural areas, and their cash resources are minimal. Even though they had laid the foundations and erected their chapel walls, it looked as if open air services were to be the order of the day for a long time to come. This is where we can help.

### Young people in Britain will help

Our Society has pledged £15,000 for these Angolan building programmes. This amount will make it possible to cover five or six church buildings.

This, then, is the background to our Young People's 'Raise the Roof!' appeal.

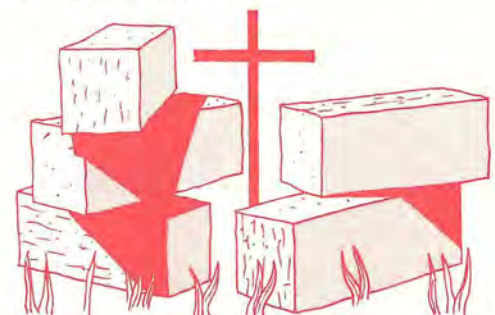
Every year, energetic and imaginative support is given to our appeals. Happily, the response usually exceeds the target by a comfortable margin — making it possible to widen the scope of the project.

This year we have a selection of materials which will enable the young people in your church to share in this partnership with our fellow-believers in Angola. There are notes and suggestions

for leaders, background data, stories and a playlet which give a 'feel' for life in north Angola. There are also colouring pictures, texts and songs in the languages used in the IEBA, a prayer calendar, mini-set of slides, and even the odd recipe for Angolan dishes. This information is offered because it is not just your money that we are after. We hope that the 'Raise the Roof!' appeal, and all our projects, will enable us to find out more about the world church; enlarging our vision and prayerful involvement.

We trust that we will pass our target figure once again, but hope that our

giving will be just a reflection of the fact that we have first given ourselves to the Lord and to the Angolan believers, and that this whole project will be a further stimulus to our understanding of, and commitment to, what our Saviour is doing around the world.



# OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The Secretaries retire at the Annual Meetings

The Rev Alberic Clement joined the Mission House Staff in 1952. His work as Secretary of the Manchester Baptist College Committee; his witness in the City of Coventry and his contribution in educational matters had revealed to others his many gifts, not least his ability in writing. He was invited to become the Editor of the Society and, at the same time, to be Editor of the Carey Kingsgate Press. His editorship of both these bodies led to a high standard in publications for which he is still remembered.

When the Rev J B Middlebrook retired from the office of General Home Secretary in 1962, the Society invited Mr Clement to be his successor. Since then he has ably steered the Society and forwarded its work.

He has represented the Society, with

The Rev Henry Frederick Drake offered to serve with the Society from a pastorate at Hanwell in 1944. He and Mrs Drake sailed for Zaire in the February of 1945 and spent the first nine months in that country at Yakusu. They then moved to the Yalikina/Irema area where they spent the next eight years, before moving back to Yakusu for another year.

In 1955 Mr Drake was called to Leopoldville as it was then called (now Kinshasa), to take over the school work in that district.

From September 1959 to 1960 he studied at the Union Theological Seminary in the United States of America where he graduated STM.

In 1962 the Society appointed him Congo Field Secretary when the wealth

distinction, as a member of other bodies. The Baptist World Alliance was pleased to elect him as a Vice-President of this worldwide fellowship of Baptists and he has been a member of the Conference for World Mission Executive.

Mr Clement has read and travelled widely and this has enabled him to see matters in a world perspective, bringing to his work a clarity of thinking and a vision which has brought strength to the Society.

We thank God for the 30 years of devoted service he has rendered to the Baptist Missionary Society and we look forward to his continuing support through the years of his retirement which we trust will be rich and rewarding both for himself and Mrs Clement.

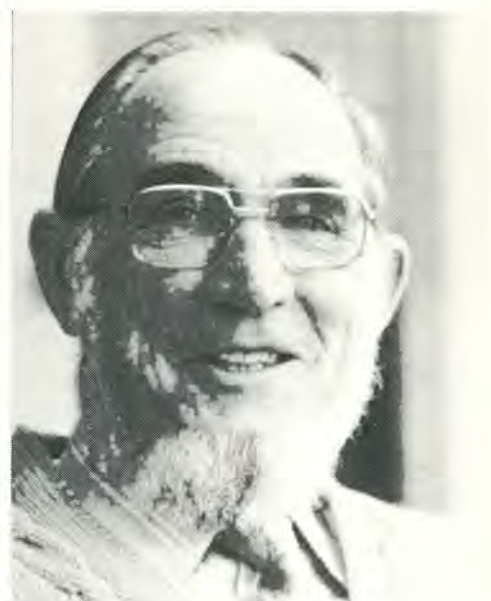
of his experience was used to see to the welfare of his BMS colleagues in Zaire and to attend to the business of the Society. He steered the work safely through the difficulties which surrounded the period of Independence with its attendant violence and did much to bring about a covenant between the BMS and the Baptist Community of the River Zaire (CBFZ).

When a vacancy occurred in the Overseas Department at Mission House in 1966 unanimous support was given to the proposal that Mr Drake should be appointed Associate Overseas Secretary of the Society with responsibility for Africa, Brazil and the Caribbean.

Then when the Rev E G T Madge retired in 1975 from the position of Secretary (Overseas) the Society once more turned to Mr Drake and appointed him to be



Mr A S Clement



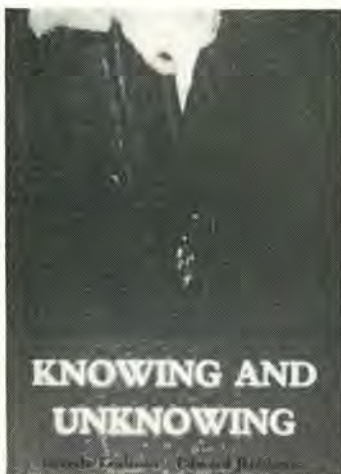
Mr H F Drake

the successor to Mr Madge.

In recognition of his services to Africa the Queen appointed Mr Drake an Officer of the British Empire in 1965.

We wish Mr Drake and his wife Marjorie every happiness in their retirement.

# BOOK REVIEW



## KNOWING AND UNKNOWING

by **Brenda Lealman and Edward Robinson**

Published by the Christian Education Movement Price: £2.25  
(Supplementary Teacher's Book: 75p)

This is an unusual Christian book, both in format, which is attractive, and in

thought. Most of the book is devoted to paintings and photographs, each coupled with a short poem or reflection.

The idea behind the book is that scientific knowledge or logic cannot lead to God because God is ultimately mysterious to man. 'He may be reached and held close by means of love, but by means of thought, never.' Christians must open their imagination if they are to be close to God, and this, art can enable them to do. The artist does not reproduce, but makes things visible, forcing us to see the familiar in a new

way and recognize something in the unfamiliar.

'Knowing and Unknowing' is certainly a provocative book, which should be reflected on over a period of time rather than read from cover to cover and then put away. Although some of the pictures and poems are somewhat obscure, much of it is stimulating and I think many readers would find the book an interesting departure from the usual Christian reading matter.

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	<b>June 19-July 3</b>	<b>Pitlochry</b>	<b>'Scotland Explored'</b>	<b>£235.00</b>	
	<b>July 5-July 17</b>	<b>Torquay</b>	<b>'English Riviera'</b>	<b>£150.00</b>	
	<b>July 21-July 28</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>'London Panorama'</b>	<b>£ 82.50</b>	
	<b>July 29-Aug 5</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>'London Panorama'</b>	<b>£ 87.50</b>	
	<b>Aug 7-Aug 14</b>	<b>Durham</b>	<b>'Christian Heritage'</b>	<b>£125.00</b>	
		<b>Aug 25-Sept 4</b>	<b>Oxford</b>	<b>'Back to College'</b>	<b>£145.00</b>
		<b>Sept 11-Sept 18</b>	<b>Llandudno</b>	<b>'Seaside and Mountains'</b>	<b>£ 75.00</b>
	<b>Oct 14-Oct 21</b>	<b>Falmouth</b>	<b>'Autumn Break'</b>	<b>£ 99.00</b>	
<b>OVERSEAS TOURS:</b>	<b>May 26-June 9</b>	<b>Virginia, USA</b>	<b>Leader: Rev Dan Weller</b>	<b>£450.00</b>	
	<b>May 28-June 11</b>	<b>Majorca</b>	<b>Leader: Rev Alan Easter</b>	<b>£219.00</b>	
	<b>July 2-July 16</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Leader: Rev Alex Duncan</b>	<b>£325.00</b>	
	<b>July 30-Aug 13</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Leader: Mrs Brenda Forward</b>	<b>£339.00</b>	
	<b>Sept 25-Oct 7</b>	<b>Jordan/Holy Land</b>	<b>Leader: Rev Ernest Forward</b>	<b>£499.00</b>	

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# ANNUAL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY 1982

(at Westminster Chapel, London)  
**PROGRAMME OF BMS MEETINGS**

## Monday, 26 April

**11.00 am INTRODUCTORY PRAYER MEETING**  
Westminster Chapel  
*Conducted by:*  
Rev A T Hubbard BA BD

## Tuesday, 27 April

**1.30 pm WOMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING**  
Westminster Chapel  
Luncheon at 12.30 pm  
in the Junior Hall (£1.30)

**2.45 pm ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING**

**4.15 pm MEDICAL TEA**  
(50p)

## Wednesday, 28 APRIL

**11.00 am ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERVICE**  
Westminster Chapel  
*Preacher:* Rev P H Barber MA BD

**4.30 pm MEETING OF ELECTED MEMBERS  
OF THE COMMITTEE**  
(Preceded by tea at 4.00 pm)

**6.30 pm ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING**  
*Chairman:* Rev D Monkcom BA BD MTh

Valediction of missionaries for overseas

## BRIEFLY . . .

### MISSION CONFERENCE IN SHILLONG

The Zoram Baptist Mission, which grew out of the work of the Baptist Missionary Society in, what was then known as, the Lushai Hills of India, but later to be called Mizoram, recently held a conference at Shillong in Assam. It was hoped that permission would be obtained for the BMS to be represented by Stanley Mudd but the government of India felt unable to alter its decision of some standing that no expatriates should be allowed into this militarily sensitive zone.

About 500 missionaries from the Zoram Baptist Mission, together with their families attended and forty other people, including members of a choir, travelled to Shillong from Mizoram.

At the public worship meetings there were never less than 400 people and these heard challenging and inspiring addresses. The theme of the Conference was 'Jesus shall reign' and each speaker in turn dwelt on an aspect of this theme.

The Secretary of the Mission, the Rev K T Chungnunga reports that all concerned were convinced of the usefulness of such a Conference although some might feel that the expense was rather high.

Following the Conference the Rev K T Chungnunga and the Rev Luaia toured the areas in which the Mission has workers. These include Bhutan, Assam, Tripora, Manipor, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtia. The total of their missionaries is 34.

### RAISE MONEY FOR THE BMS

An opportunity is afforded to all Baptists to contribute to the work of mission

overseas by sending some article to the Wallington Missionary Auctions. The services of qualified auctioneers and expert advisers are all given voluntarily and the proceeds of the sale goes to the Society nominated by the donor of the article. If you have something of value you may wish to use in this way for God's work please send it to:

Wallington Missionary Auctions  
20 Dalmeny Road  
Carshalton  
Surrey SM5 4PP.

Remember clearly to state that the proceeds are to be donated to the Baptist Missionary Society. Last year £2,444 was raised for the Society in this way. Dates on which auctions are planned for this year are, 13-14 May, 17-18 June, 7-8 October, 11-12 November and 2-3 December.

