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Rugged Discipleship

By ROBERT I. BROWN

ABRAM is one of the outstandingly rugged characters in the Scriptures. Instant in obedience, valiant in fight, constant in fellowship, powerful in prayer, supreme in sacrifice, in every sense a friend of God.

“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, ‘I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.’ . . . ‘And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.’” (Gen. 17; 1 and 6).

Ponder phrase by phrase the words of Genesis 17: 1-9.

While it is true that God gives His visions to young men and women, nevertheless, when God is producing a spiritual oak, sometimes years have to go into the preparation of it. Abraham was no spiritual novice, he was ninety-nine years of age, well over half of the life he was going to live, and so far there had not been much fruitfulness. Then **God** appears to him.

Too often we have to admit that we have no open vision and our knowledge of the Lord is largely theoretical—something we learned in Bible School. This of course reveals itself in our fellowship, praying and service, and consequently there is much barrenness. **The Almighty** God appeared to Abraham and reminded him of his “Almightiness”. How we need to be reminded of this **Almightiness**. How different we

would be if we could just realize that our God is not the limited, distant, impersonal Being we sometimes imagine Him to be, but limitless—Almighty.

The Almighty God did not tell Abraham to **do** anything at this stage, because he was not yet ready for fruitful service. Abraham must first learn to walk before God and become increasingly perfect before he is ready to sacrifice. “Walk before Me.” Know Me intimately, deal first hand and directly with Me. “Be perfect”, or as the margin says, be “upright.”

Why should He say this to Abraham? Because Abraham was just not “perfect”. Turn over a few pages and your eyes alight upon the sordid story of Abraham passing off Sarah as his sister. How hard to understand. How hard it is to understand the fall of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David and Peter until we know the deceitfulness of our own hearts. “Say that thou art my sister.” True and yet untrue. The temptation of the missionary when he describes meetings, experiences, dealings with souls; how easy it is in these things to be less than “perfect, sincere, upright.”

Now we can come to the ultimate prerogative of God: “I will make you fruitful.” This is why God in all His Almightyness revealed Himself to Abraham, so that henceforth he would not look to man but to God for his fruit. “From Me is thy fruit found.” As we read on we are astonished at the vitality of this man. There

seemed to be no decline, no lessening of the powers, just continued fruitfulness. This is God's

plan and provision and desire for all who will walk before Him and be perfect.

“ I was There ”

THE AGADIR STORY: PART I.*

“ I was not in Agadir. I was in my own home in North Wales convalescing and still feeling rather weak. We were just living from news to news and were with you in spirit in all the terrible anxiety ” — so ran the letter from a fellow-worker — “and I just sat there imagining the Cookmans and Jacksons possibly alive and buried under all that rubble. I seemed quite unable to shake off the horror of it all or to think of anything else. I was trying to pray for them but getting nowhere, when suddenly these words came to me just as though someone had said them aloud: ‘ I WAS THERE!’ ”

“ I couldn't think where they came from at first, but I found them later in Proverbs 8. Then realised that even if our friends were buried under the rubble, they could be knowing Him as they never had before, and that there was really no situation in life or death that we need ever be afraid of because HE would always be there. What a wonder

ful moment it was when the news came over that they were safe!”

Do those who compile tear-off Scripture calendars pray over the choice of the daily texts? Sometimes the appropriateness of the verses to certain circumstances is quite remarkable. On Saturday, February 27th, the text for the day read: “Master, carest Thou not that we perish?”—not perhaps a very suitable text to lay hold of on a bright sunny day, under a cloudless sky, in the midst of a popular seaside resort, with people gay and unthinking, going about their usual business; and the large hotels crowded with visitors from many lands, seeking to escape the rigours of a Continental winter.

On Sunday the text for the day read: “Why are ye so fearful, O ye of little faith?” and on Monday morning, “Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee.” And the two missionary families in their homes in the Industrial Quarter of Agadir, about a mile and a half from the sea-front, were busy about their daily duties, and their six little children occupied at school and at play.

Maria Cookman was busy preparing the knitting and embroidery work for the Girls' Class on Tuesday morning. Jean Jackson, having finished her Baby and Ante-Natal Clinic, made a round of visits. At about mid-day there

*This moving account of the Agadir earthquake, and the wonderful deliverance of our two missionary families, is too long for publication in a single issue of the Magazine. Part II will appear in the July/August number, D.V.

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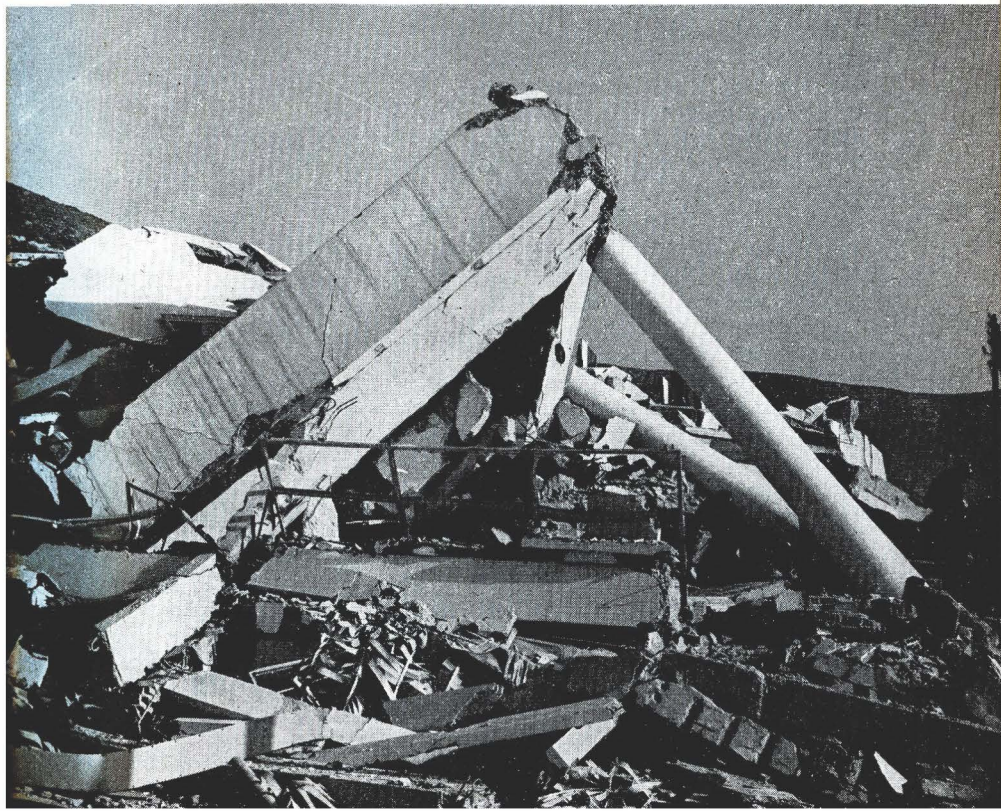
had been an earth-tremor, but it had quickly passed and life had gone on as before after a momentary alarm. Bernard Cookman spent most of the evening with some young men in a neighbour's house, glad of another opportunity of witnessing to them and talking about the things of God. "A few hours later", wrote Maria Cookman, "we were shaken out of our sleep — and Agadir was gone!"

Thank God for His guiding Hand in the choice of a mission house for both our families. The Cookman family had sought a house in the Talbordj quarter earlier in the year, but had not found one that was suitable. Previously the Jacksons had also look-

ed for a house in that area, which that night was almost completely wiped out. The houses in the Industrial Quarter had the advantage of being mostly of one floor only, and the district is some distance from the centre of the town. Although badly damaged and shaken, in most cases the little houses did not bury their occupants. Did anyone read the daily text for that tragic morning? "He careth for you"; and for the next day, "Trust in Him at all times . . . God is a refuge for us." It is no vain thing to trust in the Living God!

Rudely awakened by the roar of the earthquake and the crashing of things around them, the Jacksons said that their house

AMIDST THE RUINS



seemed to be swaying and rolling like a ship at the mercy of the sea. Their first thought, after getting their children out to safety, was for the Cookman family who lived not very far away. As they picked little Stephen out of his bed, they found a large stone on his pillow just where his head would normally have been. Little Janet, though frightened, was safe; and the baby Irene was still asleep, though her cot was filled with rubble. Stunned and bewildered by the suddenness of their awakening and not realising in any way the extent of the devastation around them, they did their best to make some kind of bed for the children on the pavement outside until daylight should come and they could see better what could be done.

Meanwhile, in the other house the Cookmans were awakened. "It seemed," said Maria, "as if our bed was like a cart with wooden wheels which was being driven over a rough road. I ducked instinctively under the bedclothes and great pieces of plaster fell just where I had been lying. Where were the children? There was no light, things seemed to be crashing all around them and the air was full of dust, choking them and making it almost impossible to speak. With an instinctive cry to the Lord for help Bernard began groping for the candle and matches which had been flung somewhere in the upheaval. At last they were found—and here was little Refka, frightened but apparently unhurt. Baby Miriam's cot was full of rubble and her hair and eyes were filled with dust. The wall beside the cot was badly cracked, but it hadn't fallen in upon her,

thank God! Where was Daniel? A wardrobe had fallen right across his bed, but underneath Daniel was safe, untouched!"

For a moment or two there was a feeling of real panic—keys had been flung out of doors and there was no way of opening them. The front door seemed to be jammed, there wasn't a table or anything in the bedroom on which to climb to get out anywhere. The choking dust was everywhere. But God heard the inarticulate cry of His imprisoned children and in an amazing way gave them calmness and even peace in that hour.

Maria soothed the frightened children. "Refka," she said, "you must obey me. You and Daniel must get underneath the bed and stay there in case anything else falls down on you." And the little ones obeyed. Miriam was also pushed underneath her cot, which made a little shelter over her. Slowly the minutes passed. A quarter of an hour seemed like hours. Then there was a crashing at the front door, which suddenly gave way; and Walter Jackson appeared. Tears of relief flowed as they found to their mutual joy that every member of the two families was safe and **unharméd.**

When morning came they prayed and took counsel together as to what they should do. They were able to get out their bottle-gas stove on which to cook some food, and they had providentially got in a week's supply of provisions, eggs and vegetables just before the end of the week. There was plenty of tinned milk for the children and they had a good

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Faithful Unto Death

HOMECALL OF A TANGIER CHRISTIAN

ABDSELAM ALCAZARI was known as a Christian. He had not been afraid to declare himself as such, and in spite of failing health and increasing weakness had given a bright testimony to the power of the living Christ to sustain in time of trial and testing.

More than once our brother had come to the very gates of death and had faced the prospect fearlessly, knowing that for him to depart would be to be "with Christ, which is far better." But again and again a respite had been given, and a measure of healing that had amazed his doctors. He had always used such opportunities to God's glory. His messages at the Sunday morning Communion service had been an inspiration to his fellow-believers, and in the home his wife said that he had read with them more frequently, seeking to teach them as much as he could from the Word of God in which he took such delight.

The state of his health was such that a long term of life could hardly be expected, and at the beginning of March he had a relapse which sent him again into hospital. Once more he showed a preparedness for any eventual-

ity, which was in itself an evidence that his spirit was at peace with God. He expressed a wish for a Christian burial, and when the Lord called him to Himself on Sunday, March 13th, his wife was in perfect agreement that he should be buried as a Christian.

This may sound a simple thing, but humanly speaking it is almost impossible to have a Christian funeral for a Moroccan subject. But God knew the desire of His children at that time and in answer to prayer this was made possible. His body was taken into the Church at the time of the afternoon Arabic Gospel service, covered with a cloth on which were some beautiful white lilies. Another Moroccan Christian made arrangements for the grave to be dug in a near-by cemetery, and the "box" in which to carry the body to its last resting place was borrowed from the Mosque, according to local regulations.

The service started with two of Abdselam's favourite hymns. It was led by Mr. Harry Ratcliffe, in whose home Abdselam had so often met for fellowship round the Word of God. The two doctors who had cared for him spoke of his life and testimony, and Si Mehedi preached the Gospel

powerfully from the text 'The wages of sin is death' and 'He destroyed through death him that had the power of death.' Then the congregation sang "Soon we shall see Him, our beloved Redeemer" and four of the men connected with the hospital carried the body out. There were about fifty people present including some unconverted.

By this time it was pouring with rain, but even this was in the Lord's providence, for a football match which had been in progress was stopped and the streets emptied of the crowds which might have caused difficulty for this unusual funeral procession, going quietly to the grave without the usual Moslem chanting.

So although we have not yet a Christian burial ground, we certainly had a Christian funeral, and some of the Christians were much encouraged by this fact. Pray that the memory of the example and testimony of this true believer may still speak to many hearts.

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THE AGADIR STORY

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supply of bread. Water was the chief difficulty, but they found some still in the taps and with the aid of a pressure cooker, which did not require a great deal, were able to cook a good meal.

Relief authorities came on the scene next day, and they were given the opportunity of being evacuated with other Europeans to the Marine Base. But somehow they felt they could not leave

just then. For the moment they would rather stay among the stricken people of their district and they were sure that the Lord would send them help in His own good time. "That first night," wrote Maria afterwards, "under the open sky, lying between ruined houses, quite a number of people came to mind to whom we had not actually proclaimed the Gospel. What a responsibility is ours now that the Lord has preserved us!"

That first night, many of the neighbours who had escaped came and put their mattresses near to theirs in a friendly gesture. Next morning they were able to rig up an improvised tent with covers and blankets, more as a shelter from the blazing sun than from the cold. The poor tent women, who lived in a large colony of tents just beyond the Industrial Quarter, seemed so pleased to find their missionary friends there when they passed by with their water buckets. "You're just like us now," they said, and there were opportunities of talking with them. Indeed the opportunities were endless just then, and people's hearts seemed open to listen to the Gospel in the midst of such a tragedy.

It was remarkable, too, how God had spoken just before it all happened. In the Women's Meeting on the previous Wednesday Mrs. Jackson had been showing a film strip of the Life of Abraham. More women had come than usual, and they had been greatly moved by the picture of the destruction of Sodom. This had given the opportunity to speak very solemnly of the judgment of God upon sin and

the need to be ready to meet Him at any time. One of the women present at that meeting lost her husband in the earthquake, and it was to the missionaries she turned in her distress and sorrow.

In the Girls' Class on the Friday Mrs. Cookman had also been strongly constrained to speak to the group about God's judgment. One of these girls, living only a block away from the mission house, lost her life on the night of the earthquake. "During the hours that followed the disaster," said Mrs. Cookman, "everybody seemed ready to listen; and they kept saying, 'That is the Truth! That is the Truth!'"

Tuesday passed slowly. Wednesday came, and there was still no sign of relief. They knew that their names had been taken to be broadcast over the radio as among the "safe and sound," but they had no means of knowing how slowly the news was filtering through because of the enormity of the disaster, which they themselves did not fully realise at the time. Their bread was getting very dry, but they were able to eat it by soaking it in the juice of the vegetables they cooked. Water was rationed, and only a small cupful was given to each one, whatever size of receptacle was brought. Once, while Maria held her pan under the tap, the man in charge of the water-cart started to quarrel with another man, and so intent was he upon his wordy battle that he forgot to turn off the tap until she had quite a welcome additional supply!

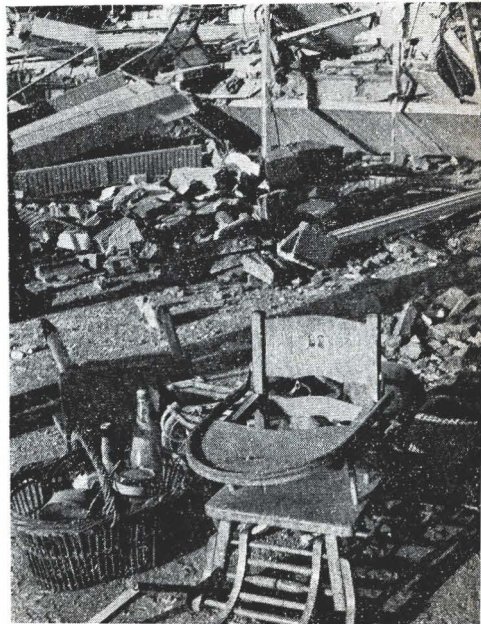
On Wednesday evening, as darkness fell and they were pre-

paring to spend yet another night in their improvised tent, a voice was heard speaking through an amplifier from a van that was touring the streets: "Everyone must leave the town within an hour" said the voice, "or else you will die!" Over and over again the voice proclaimed the doleful message. What could it mean? Were they going to bomb the ruined houses? What was going to happen? Back came the van and the voice said, "Everybody must leave the town at once, or else you will die!"

The effect must have been somewhat like that of Jonah's cry around the walls of Nineveh, only the time limit was considerably less. Bewildered and terrified, the majority of the people still camping amidst the ruins of their houses were seized with panic and started to flee.

The Jacksons and Cookmans, listening and wondering as to the purport of this strange announce-

AFTERMATH



ment, heard the people rushing past their tent and away out into the open country beyond. What should they do? The children were now asleep. If they roused them where could they go? How carry six sleepy children, with even the smallest amount of clothing and provisions, through the darkness of the night to an unknown destination? They had just had their evening devotions and had committed themselves into God's Hands for the night: they would do so again, and trust Him to undertake for them all and make His will clear.

With this they settled themselves to get what rest they could, feeling more completely cast upon God than ever before. Of one thing they were certain: they must not stay in Agadir any longer, as it was evident that an order to evacuate the place had been given.

Strangely enough, that same night far away in Switzerland, Maria Cookman's mother had been awakened with a strong urge to pray for her children in Agadir. They still had not received news of their safety, but, she told herself reassuringly, if God has given me this urge to pray for them, then they must be alive! So she and her husband prayed very earnestly for their loved ones, whom they felt must be in some special need, and received the assurance that help had been given. . . In desolate and panic-stricken Agadir the little family slept in peace, the men taking it in turns to watch.

Next morning they were astir early, realizing that whatever happened they must leave the town that very day. The children

were still asleep as the parents began quietly to collect their things together. Then they stood and prayed that the God who had never failed them yet would guide and help them now. And He was still there: for just as they waited in great perplexity they saw two cars drawing up outside one of their houses. Could it be that help had come, just when they needed it most? With a blanket wrapped round her Maria ran towards the cars, and her cry of joy told the others that their prayers had been heard. Were ever friends more warmly welcomed anywhere than those missionary brethren from further North? Jim Harris was there, accompanied by a National Christian brother and a group of G.M.U. missionaries from Central Morocco. Tears of joy and relief mingled as together they praised God for His wonderful goodness to each one.

As they drove away shortly after and saw how widespread was the devastation, they realised more fully than ever how great their escape had been and marvelled again at God's wonderful deliverance. On the outskirts of the town they met a very dear Moroccan friend, whose wife had been one of Mrs. Jackson's patients and had had her fourth child, a lovely baby boy, only a few weeks before. Now he was a broken-hearted man—wife and children had all been killed in the earthquake. It was hard to drive away and leave him standing there — a picture of hundreds, even thousands, of other saddened lives.

Do you wonder that our friends left Agadir with the

prayer in their hearts that God would soon send them back to the South lands to which He had

called them and where the need is so great?

J.C.S.

Across the Field in Praise and Prayer

IN the last issue of the magazine under the heading of **Agadir** there is a note of praise "for encouraging work among the men." How little one thought that before the words would be read, the Agadir station would have been literally "wiped out"! In view of this fact we do indeed praise God that so many opportunities had been given, and taken, to preach faithfully the Word of Life in that town and district before the disaster which cut short so many lives.

Many will have wondered what actually happened to our two missionary families, the Jacksons and the Cookmans, on that fateful night of the earthquake. Details of their wonderful deliverance from death are being given elsewhere, but we would again put on record our deep thanksgiving to God for His merciful care over them all and pray for His clear guidance as to their future sphere of service. Their hearts are still in the needy southern region of Morocco and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have already been prospecting for a suitable mission house in **Taroudant**, an important town some sixty or seventy miles distant from Agadir.

Taroudant was once a Mission Station. It will be good to know it is occupied again. Let us uphold Mr. and Mrs. Jackson in their new beginnings, praying that many whose hearts were softened and touched by the recent

disaster may be receptive now to the Gospel message. Mr. and Mrs. Cookman are at present in **Marrakesh**. Let us pray that for them too the door of God's own choosing may be opened in His good time. Let us pray very specially for those in the Agadir region who had heard much of God's Word through the lips of His servants there and who escaped death in the earthquake, that the Word may speak with convicting power to their hearts now.

Praise God for the thirty to forty girls who came to the daily classes in the Bab Doukala house in **Marrakesh**. About twenty of them seem specially interested and come also on Sundays. Let us pray that some of them may come to know the Lord Jesus as Saviour. Let us also uphold Mr. and Mrs. Don Harris in their anxiety over their youngest child, Dorothy, who has been very unwell. Pray for a definite touch of healing for her if it

TANGIER HOSPITAL: A YOUNG PATIENT



is God's will. Mr. Don Harris has been greatly encouraged by the gifts and practical help given him in the preparation of the Recording Studio and would value prayer for God's guidance in the further development of this side of the work. At the time of writing it seems likely that Mr. and Mrs. Harris will be taking an early furlough so that they may have further medical advice and treatment for their little daughter.

In the Mission house in **Derb Toubib, Marrakesh**, Miss Logan and Miss Jacobsen have a busy dispensary three mornings a week, on Tuesday afternoons a Women's Prayer Meeting led by Lalla K—, on Wednesday afternoons a Women's Meeting and on Fridays a large Girls' Class, now divided into two groups. Many of these girls come also on Sundays. Pray that in all these gatherings there may be truly receptive hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan returned to **Safi** at the end of March, but will be going to Tangier again during May for another spell of "special service". We thank God for their willingness to fill a gap so often when needed and pray that the work in their own station may be richly blessed.

In **El Jadida** Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris praise God that such a good number of the older school girls are interested enough to come to Sunday worship service. Pray that God will very richly bless this service and that out of it may grow a living branch of Christ's Church in the land. A group from Azemmour join them each Sunday. Thank God too that so many men take advantage of the Night Shelter in El Jadida and pray that the preaching of

the Gospel there may definitely bear fruit.

God has had His Hand upon two families in **Azemmour** for many years now. The two grandmothers had many contacts with Miss Isa Ross years ago and now two grand-daughters are showing real interest. They are both married and one is being hindered by her family from coming to the mission-house. The other plans to attend the National Christian Conference in Khemisset at Easter and to bring her husband too! Miss Henman praises God for the way the Friday class has grown. They have the little girls in the morning and teen-agers in the afternoon. Pray that it may be possible for some of these girls to go to Camp in July.

Please pray also that it may be possible for some of the girls from **Settat** to go to Camp this year. (There was disappointment over this last year.) Ourdia, a believer of many years' standing, was really blessed and revived at last year's Khemisset Conference. This year she has determined to make a public confession of her faith in baptism. Pray that the Lord will make her a true witness of His transforming power. Continue to pray for M—, who comes so gladly and so often for Bible reading and prayer, but who still has not yielded to the claims of Christ upon her life.

Ask for physical strengthening for Miss Carty, that in all the calls made upon her she may know the Lord's enabling grace. Remember Miss Bente Andersen too as she studies the Shilha language in order to be able to reach more of the Berber people in days to come. Miss Helen Wilson

is studying the same dialect in Casablanca.

At the recent Conference of the South Moroccan Region in Marrakesh, Mr. Stalley, giving a survey of the past year's activities, said that one of the main objectives in moving Field Headquarters to **Casablanca** was that we might see the indigenous Church **grow** in this Southern region. "We want to see a Church that will stand" he said, "a Church that will witness and be able to carry on without 'outside' help, if need be." Pray with us that others may be added to the little group who meet Sunday by Sunday in the rue Ahmed Sebbagh (rue Mannevy) School-room and above all that there may be growth in spiritual life and vitality. Let us pray very definitely that there may be a linking up in Christian fellowship of the isolated believers in this great city, that they may indeed come to realise that they are "all one in Christ Jesus".

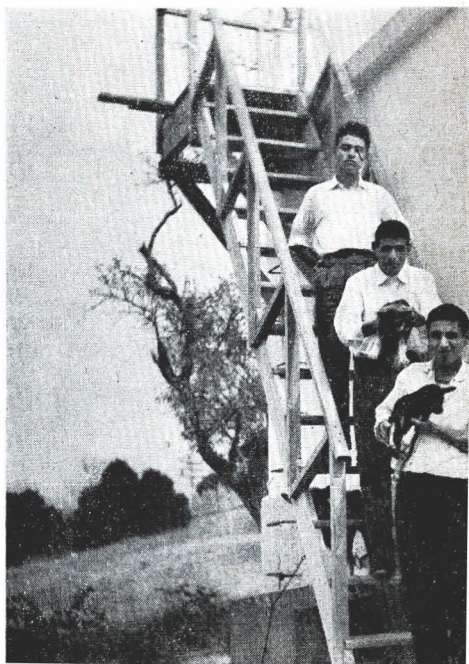
Special prayer is also asked for the witness given at the **Casablanca Fair** which continues until May 15th. This is an Inter-Mission effort with a continuous rota of helpers drawn from the ranks of many Missions working in Morocco. Pray that the Holy Spirit will use every portion of the written Word that has been bought, and bring to the remembrance of many some convincing facet of the Truth as displayed or spoken from our Stand day by day. Follow with prayer the Christian books that have gone into so many homes as a result of this effort.

Pray that on the material side the expenses incurred may be fully met.

From the Casablanca School Miss Sharpe, Mlle. Hauenstein and Mrs. Hollinshead would value prayer that there might be definite conversions amongst the girls before the school year ends, and that they might have clear guidance as to which girls should go to Camp this year.

Praise God for the opening of a new Hall for evangelistic witness in the centre of **Rabat**. The responsibility for this is shared by French and Moroccan believers, so it is in a sense a truly indigenous effort. Pray that many may be attracted to the services which will be held there week by week and that many may thus be reached who would not otherwise have heard the Truth. Pray that there may be real encouragement in the Book Store during these last weeks before Mr. Tom Wilson goes on furlough. Pray for God's special enabling for Mr.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME "DOWN ON THE FARM"



Ralph Burns as he gets "initiated" into the Book-store work which he will take up when Mr. Wilson leaves.

Miss Dew asks continued prayer for the "difficult" girl who professed conversion at the beginning of the year. Let us continue to place before the Lord Miss Dew's need of a new house to be built on the plot acquired some time ago not far from her present home. There is still not enough in hand for the building.

In **Alcazar** the work goes on with much to encourage from day to day. It is good to see the progress made by the girls in their reading as well as in their handcraft and many homes have a friendly welcome for Miss Chipperfield and Miss Klau. Pray that the Holy Spirit may do a deeper work in the hearts of some who have shown a real interest in the Word.

Continue to remember in prayer the National Christians in **Fez** that the Lord will strengthen each one in the faith, supplying the daily needs of those who are still without work. Pray that F——, who helps Miss Souter in the Dispensary, may be a real blessing there and give a fearless testimony at all times.

We would ask prayer again for the proposed new Book Store in **Fez**, that the right place might be found for it and the necessary funds come in for its furnishing and equipment. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson as they take up their work again after furlough.

Wherever there is progress in the spiritual realm there will surely be conflict and opposition.

We have seen this in two of the ventures which God has blessed during recent months—the Vocational Training Farm at **Tetuan** and the Nurses' Training Centre in **Tangier**. Both these centres seek to train young people in Christian character and to fit them to make a useful contribution to the life of their country as Christian men and women. God has, we believe, permitted a "sifting" process amongst these young trainees during the past months and we feel that His purpose is for greater blessing in days to come.

May we commend both groups very specially to your prayers—(i) that God will bring to us those of His choice for training; (ii) that each one may know the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in daily life and conduct; (iii) that a special anointing of spiritual wisdom and physical strength may be given to those in charge of the training centres; (iv) that the necessary funds may be forthcoming for the maintenance of this important work. (Those who read the article about the Tetuan Farm in the last magazine will remember that it takes twenty-four shillings or three dollars forty cents to provide for **one** young man per week. There is also the question of the desirability of purchasing the farm if the work is to develop as it should.)

From **Tangier** comes a note of real thanksgiving to God for making it possible for Abdselam Alcazari to have a Christian burial according to his own wish. Praise God for his consistent Christian testimony until the Lord took him on Sunday, March 13th.

Pray that his wife may follow on to know the Lord and to prove Him for her own needs and those of her family of three little girls.

Pray for K——, another of our student nurses who has gone to England for further training and will be in Mildmay Mission Hospital later in the year. Pray that God will guide M——, as she finishes her nursing course in Geneva shortly.

ALGERIA

Pray for the young people who have recently bought portions of God's Word in **Cherchell**, that as they read they may come to the knowledge of the Truth. Praise for God's keeping through continued days of stress and strain and pray on for God's intervention in the situation in this land.

Praise God that it has been possible for Dick Heldenbrand to find a lodging in the University Hostel in Algiers. Pray that God will use his testimony to many of the young people there. Pray that in spite of continued tension and difficulty God will greatly bless the **Camp Programme** in Algeria this Summer and that all needs may be fully met. Muriel Butcher, Marge Ballard and Kathy Morris hope to join the Algerian workers in the Camps in July. Pray that the necessary visas may be forthcoming.

TUNISIA

Praise God for a very encouraging D.V.B.S.—the first one in the Gastons' new home in **Tunis**—at the beginning of April. Twenty-five boys and about sixty-five girls attended. One of the young Christians, Abdullah, gave valuable help and some of the language students had the joy of

speaking in Arabic for the first time.

Continue to pray very much for the young National Christians in Tunisia. The group is somewhat scattered now: pray that each one may be given steadfastness. Special prayer is asked for one of them who seems to have lost some of his first spiritual keenness. Pray for a fresh touch of the Holy Spirit on his life.

Praise God for the safe arrival of the five new recruits and ask for help for them as they plunge into language study. They are Mr. and Mrs. William Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith and Miss Lilian Monus.

In July it is hoped that the two nurses Ingie Larson and Margie Hiestand will be going to join the medical team in Tripoli. Remember them in this new beginning. Pray too for Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Brown as they begin their furlough in the middle of June. Ask

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for God's special enabling and wisdom for those who will have the oversight of the M.T.C. during their absence.

The **Camp Programme** for Tunisia begins in August, probably in Ain Draham. Pray for God's guidance in all the planning and that the material needs may be fully met.

Let us continue to pray that if it is God's will permission to do medical work may soon be granted and that Divine wisdom may be given as to its beginning.

Praise God that Mr. Miles has been able to reopen the **Bible Shop** in **Sousse** and that he has been granted a colportage permit. Pray that God will bless both Mr. and Mrs. Miles in all the contacts He is giving them and that it may be possible to get a Gospel service started soon.

Let us uphold very specially in prayer our fellow-workers Miss Mabel Jones and Miss Ada Clack. Their plans, as mentioned in the last magazine, had to be changed at the last minute and they returned to the U.S.A., where Miss Jones is having the best possible medical care. Pray that in her weakness of body she may know

in a wonderful way the Lord's sufficient grace day by day.

LIBYA

Praise God for His undertaking for K—— and his family in a matter which had caused them real hardship. Pray that through this answer to prayer his faith may be greatly strengthened and that the members of the family who are not yet Christians may be drawn to the Saviour.

We would commend to your prayers Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearce and their little daughter Rosa as they return to England for family reasons. The parents of Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Russell, are known to many of our readers who have visited Herne Bay Court in Kent, and we would uphold them also in our prayers, that as they have lovingly ministered to so many through the past years, so now in physical weakness they may know the gracious upholding of the Everlasting Arms. The absence of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce will throw a greater burden on the medical team in **Tripoli**: let us ask that they too may know strength sufficient for each day's need.

J.C.S.

Are Camps Worth While ?

By JOYCE MORGAN

TWO years ago Zahur was invited to come to a Vacation Bible School held in her town, and there for the first time she heard the Gospel story. It sounded new and strange to her. A Man called Jesus had come down from Heaven to die for the sin of the world.

Was she a sinner? She didn't think she was — but sometimes she **was** naughty, as her teachers found out! Jesus loved sinners very much, she heard, even though He hated their sin. He wanted to make their hearts clean. Did He really love her? Anyway she wanted to hear about

Him and how He was making a place in Heaven for all who believed in Him. So she listened quietly to the words which came from the lips of these ladies who seemed to be so much in earnest about what they were teaching. They said there was no other way to have eternal life except through trusting in the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour.

A little while after this Zahur was given permission by her Moslem parents to attend the Bible Camp at Khemisset. That was a miracle! But an even greater miracle happened while she was at Camp. As she listened attentively to the Bible lessons, one day she decided that she would like to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and give Him her heart. As she shyly told me of her desire, her little face was radiant with joy when we had finished praying and talking together. But cries of "Traitor" and "Christian" greeted her upon her return to the cabin, for the other girls knew what she had done. However, Zahur stood unshaken. The remaining days of Camp helped to establish her more in her new-found love for the Saviour and she returned to her home with a New Testament. Then for over a year we had no news of her at all.

Until a few months ago the Bible class work in her town had been closed down because of the missionary's furlough. There had been no one to take her place. Now the classes have begun once again and among the first to appear at the class was Zahur, as bright and eager as ever. She hadn't forgotten what had happened in her life and wants to go on to know the Lord better. She

is eager to attend camp this coming summer too.

Are Camps and Vacation Bible Schools worth while? I think you will agree that they are some of the finest means we have of reaching young people and children today. Because of this Satan will do all he can to hinder this work and snatch away the Good Seed that has been sown in their hearts. But our trust is in the God who is **ABLE TO KEEP**.

So please pray with us for a mighty blessing and much fruit in all the camp work this summer. Pray for all the preparation now being made, for both missionary and Moroccan personnel, that God will fill each one with His love and patience. Pray that the campers may have permission from their parents, that needed funds may come in and most of all that hearts may be prepared by the Holy Spirit to receive the Truth.

If you would like to help to send a little girl like Zahur to camp (or a boy if you prefer!) please get in touch with the **Secretary, Camps, North Africa Mission**—in Great Britain at **34 Bisham Gardens, London, N.6.**, and in U.S.A. at **7034 Terminal Square, Upper Darby, Pa.**, and

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OFF IN CAMP!**



your gift will be forwarded to the right quarter. Then if you wish we can give you the name of some special child or group of children to support and pray for.

There will be camps in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. In Morocco Senior Girls from July 1-12; Junior Girls from July 12-23; Boys from July 23 to August 3. In Algeria Camps are in July and in Tunisia in August. Please remember them **all**.

NEW VENTURE OF FAITH IN RABAT

An attractive, conspicuous plaque, with wording in French and Arabic, advertises the new evangelical Christian meeting place in Rabat. Perhaps for the first time in the history of Christian Missions in Rabat, evangelical services are being publicly advertised in the Arabic language. This meeting hall is the outcome of the unifying of missionary forces in Rabat. The monthly rent, which is a very reasonable one, is the responsibility of the local French and Moroccan believers.

Over one hundred people attended the Dedication Service on

the afternoon of Sunday, March 13th. About twenty of these were local French and Moroccans who had not had previous contact with missionaries. They had come as a result of hand-bills given out and a notice in the local paper. A group of Christians from Casablanca and Khemisset joined us and Mr. Jean Padilla preached the dedication sermon. A message in Arabic on the unity of all believers in Christ, of whatever race they might be, was a blessing and a challenge to all who understood that language. As was emphasized, we believe that the Lord has led in this united effort and venture of faith, in order that He may further bless the ministry of His Word in Rabat and district.

A bi-lingual worship service is to be held each Sunday morning. During the week there will be an evangelistic service either in French or in Arabic, as well as an evangelistic service in French each Sunday evening. Pray that this attractive meeting place in the centre of the town will be a place where many shall come seeking after the Truth and find Christ as Saviour.

Fern A. Wilson.

GUIDED GIVING

To meet the very simple personal needs of each missionary, a minimum allowance of £15 a month is required, exclusive of "overheads".

The amount sent from the London Office to missionaries for the month of March averaged £12.

A small legacy helped to make possible the sending of a full allowance for April.

THE N.A.M. PRAYER CALENDAR

DAILY PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES AND OTHERS

1. **Tangier:** Rev. L. J. BOCKING & Mrs. BOCKING (1928), Mr. C. A. HARVEY (Field Treasurer) & Mrs. HARVEY, Miss G. FOX (1956).
2. **Tangier: Tulloch Memorial Hospital:** Dr. F. A. R. ST. JOHN (1945) & Mrs. ST. JOHN (1950), Dr. & Mrs. W. CAMPBELL (1956). *Nurses:* Misses K. B. CARTER (1950), K. M. DYKES (1952), W. LLOYD (1949), G. W. THEAKSTON (1945), J. WILBERFORCE (1948) (on furlough), E. SMETANA (1954), M. SMETANA (1954).
3. **Tangier (contd.):** Miss C. BOWRING (1930). *Nurses' Training School:* Miss P. M. ST JOHN (1949) (on furlough), Miss L. HUGLI (1959).
4. **Tangier: Schools:** Mrs. L. J. BOCKING (1928), Miss D. RICHARDSON (1945), Miss E. PRIDEAUX (1948). **Beni Makada:** Misses W. DRURY (1929) & N. ANDREW (1945). Spanish believers.
5. **Tetuan:** Misses E. BRADBURY (1929) & E. Low (1931), Mr. & Mrs. S. R. SMURTHWAITE (1952), Mr. B. LEAT (1952), Mr. & Mrs. (Dr.) J. TRINDLE (1954). Spanish believers.
6. **Alcazar:** Misses M. E. CHIPPERFIELD (1945), S. KLAU (1954).
7. **Fez:** Mr. & Mrs. J. THOMPSON (S.M.M.), Misses G. LINCOLN (1935), E. SOUTER (1946). **Rabat:** Miss I. DEW (1924), Mr. & Mrs. T. WILSON (1952).
8. **Casablanca: Field Headquarters:** Rev. H. W. STALLEY (Field Director) & Mrs. STALLEY, Miss W. DAVEY (1957). **Spanish, French and Italian Work:** Mr. J. PADILLA (1929) (retired). **Moorish Work:** Misses G. SHARPE (1938) & M. HAUENSTEIN (1953), Mr. B. HOLLINSHEAD (1956), Mrs. B. HOLLINSHEAD (1948), Miss J. MORGAN (1954).
9. **Settat:** Misses G. CARTY (1939), B. ANDERSEN (1951). **Azemmour:** Misses D. M. HENMAN (1935), G. HAVELL (1958). **Safi:** Mr. & Mrs. H. J. H. MORGAN (Associate Members).
10. **Marrakesh (S.M.M.):** Misses F. LOGAN (1949), E. JACOBSEN (1953), Mr. & Mrs. D. R. HARRIS (1953) (on furlough), Mr. & Mrs. B. COOKMAN (1955).
11. **El Jadida (S.M.M.):** Mr. & Mrs. J. A. HARRIS (1953).
12. **Taroudant (S.M.M.):** Mr. & Mrs. W. JACKSON (1953).
13. **Algiers:** Miss R. STEWART (1954 (on furlough), Miss K. CASTLE (1954).
14. **Cherchell:** Mr. F. EWING (1932) & Mrs. EWING (1931).
15. **Djemaa Sahridj:** Rev. & Mrs. B. COLLINSON (1950).
16. **Tunis:** Rev. R. I. BROWN (Deputy Field Director) & Mrs. BROWN (on furlough), Mrs. C. W. MORRISS (1927), Mrs. A. STRAUTINS (1938), Mr. & Mrs. W. GASTON (1954), Mr. & Mrs. C. ADAMS (1955) (on furlough).

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17. **Language Students. Tunis:** Miss M. BUTCHER (1957), Rev. and Mrs. R. LILLEY (1957), Miss M. BALLARD, Mr. W. EVANS, Miss K. MORRIS (all 1958); Mr. & Mrs. M. HILES, Mr. R. KLAUS, Miss B. NORTON, Mr. & Mrs. R. RAWLS, Mr. S. SCHLORFF, Miss A. SWANK (all 1959), Mr. & Mrs. W. BELL, Mr. & Mrs. G. SMITH, Miss L. MONUS (all 1960).
 18. **Language Students. Algiers:** Rev. & Mrs. I. HOFFMAN (1957), Mr. R. L. HELDENBRAND (1958), Miss R. McDANIEL (1958). **Rabat-Salé:** Rev. & Mrs. R. BURNS (1957), Misses D. EVANS (1957), D. PARILLO (1958). **Casablanca:** Miss H. WILSON (1957).
 19. **All Testimony among God's Ancient People.**
 20. **Sousse:** Mr. R. S. MILES (1921) & Mrs. MILES (1926), Misses A. CLACK (1924) & M. JONES (1932) (both in U.S.A.).
 21. **Tripoli: Medical Mission:** Dr. and Mrs. P. MCCARTHY (1955), Mr. N. PEARCE (1940) & Mrs. PEARCE (1945) (temporarily in England), Miss V. BRADSHAW (1954), Dr. & Mrs. J. CARLILE (1955) (on furlough), Miss D. BROWN (1957), Miss M. HIESTAND (1958), Miss I. LARSON (1958).
 22. **Deputation Work in Britain:** Mr. & Mrs. E. J. LONG, Rev. A. COFFEY, Mrs. E. L. LILEY and (part time) Miss E. H. FRASER. **In U.S.A.:** Dr. F. STEELE.
 23. **All believers in N. Africa, Secret Believers, Backsliders and Enquirers.**
 24. **Translation Work; Distribution of Scriptures; Publication of Evangelical Literature; Bible Shops; Colportage.**
 25. **Children of Missionaries, and Children of Converts in North Africa.**
 26. **Members of North American Council and U.S.A. Headquarters Staff.**
 27. **U.K. Council Members and Headquarters Staff.**
 28. **Local Secretaries and Prayer Groups.**
 29. **Retired Workers. In the homeland:** Miss A. BUXTON (1919), Mrs. E. FISHER (1922), Miss E. HARMAN (1921), Miss E. HIGBID (1921), Miss V. HOUGHTON, Mrs. J. W. KENT (1948), Mr. P. PADILLA (1926), Mrs. P. PADILLA (1922), Miss G. E. PETTER (1913), Miss K. REED (1922), Mrs. E. A. SIMPSON (1898), Mrs. T. J. P. WARREN (1911), Mrs. F. M. WEBB (1899), Mr. & Mrs. A. G. WILLSON (1922). **S.M.M.:** Mrs. M. NAIRN (1896), Mr. J. HALDANE (1912), Mrs. J. HALDANE (1913), Misses E. ALDERSON (1913), I. ROSS (1926), C. POLLOCK (1936). **In U.S.A.:** Miss E. BROOKES (1932). **In France:** Mrs. S. ARTHUR (1923). **In Algiers:** Mrs. A. ROSS (1902). **In Denmark:** Miss E. M. S. DEGENKOLW (1913). **In Switzerland:** Miss I. COULERU (1923) and (S.M.M.).
 30. **Dispensary Work; Classes; Visiting; Work among Europeans.**
 31. **Special Remembrance of Financial Needs.**