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I MUST  
WORK WHILE  
IT IS DAY

AT HOME AND ABROAD

THE NIGHT  
COMETH WHEN NO  
MAN CAN WORK



At Easter this year, Brother Omar Lozada from Venezuela and I were invited to El Salvador to participate in an annual conference. This was a very encouraging experience! After being met at the airport by Brother Kevin Flett and his wife Patricia, we drove to a place called Al Arnatal, where a three day conference was coordinated by seven assemblies in the west of El Salvador. Adjacent to the gospel hall, was a unique shelter made out of bamboo and a thousand palm branches, where more than 350 believers came to hear God's Word being ministered. This was only one of several conferences held over the Easter season in this small country of more than twenty assemblies. The Lord has indeed blessed the labour of His servants.





**Kevin Flett his wife Patricia, Hazel Brownie and I**

Omar and I were scheduled to minister three times per day during the Conference, plus a Gospel message in the evening and we were very conscious of the Lord's help. On the Saturday afternoon, following the last meeting of the Conference, a lady told us that she had accepted the Lord as her Saviour during the Gospel meeting. Apparently, some months before, this same lady who was expecting a baby, had a terrible accident, and lost the baby. She was heartbroken, very sad, but thankfully, now the Lord has saved her. **Below second on right.**

ministry meetings in different locations. We also visited an assembly four hours from the capital San Salvador, called Los Jotes. En route, we stopped to visit brother Raul, a full-time worker, living in San Miguel, which is the city where Brother and Sister Goatley lived and laboured for many years.



**Alan and Diana Clark, with Alba Aguilar a sister who works for the Red Cross in El Salvador.**



At the conference, we had the privilege of meeting our brother and sister Alan and Diana Clark, and our sisters Hazel Brownie and Helen Griffin, who have lived and laboured in El Salvador for many years. Following the conference, Omar and I had the opportunity to visit some assemblies in the country and had some



**Craig Saword and sons Danny & Jeffery**

We spent the last Lord's day of our visit with Craig Saword and his sons Jeffery and Danny in El Rosario. It was wonderful to meet up again with our dear friend and brother Jack Saword and his wife, Lilian.



**Jack Saword and his wife, Lilian.**

Prayer is valued for the progress and safety of the work and workers in El Salvador and it was indeed a joy to see what the Lord has done, and continues to do in this land.

T. S. Ashley Milne

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**The Late Robert T. Halliday  
Early Missionary to Cuba**

Marjorie Thompson, Anchorage, ALASKA

Having grown up in the old Camden Gospel Hall in New Jersey, afforded me the privilege of meeting many missionaries going to and returning from South America, especially those engaged in the Lord's work in Venezuela. This missionary spirit and interest in





**Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Halliday, Cuba late '50's.**

the assembly originated with, and was promoted by the late Charles J. Strom.

As a young girl in my teens, I admired Mr. Robert Halliday and his wife, Agnes who laboured for many years in Cuba – until they were expelled when Castro led the revolution in the late '50's. He and his wife even wanted to take me back to Cuba for a visit prior to the revolution. Mr. Halliday was from Edinburgh, Scotland and his wife Agnes Harley Halliday was commended from the Camden Assembly. Her father, Andrew Harley, one of the elders in the Camden Assembly, was originally from Scotland.

Mr. Halliday was a gifted evangelist. He came in to the Curran's Shoe Store in Camden in the early '30's, looking to purchase shoes. In conversation, he discovered that my father had recently been saved and was searching for a place to worship. Mr. Halliday told him to go to

915 N. Front Street, Camden and “observe the meeting” – which he did. This resulted in he and my mother being baptized and coming into fellowship in the Camden assembly in about 1935-1936. Mr. Halliday also had a radio broadcast in Camden, which resulted in Dad's Uncle Sam Curran getting saved. I feel very privileged to have in my possession (given to me by my father) “What God Hath Done for My Soul” – notes of an address delivered by Mr. Halliday at Central Hall, Detroit, Friday, March 22, 1935. He also wrote a wonderful booklet "The Cleansing Blood". I have found among my photos a picture of Robert and Agnes Halliday in Cuba, each carrying a satchel of tracts and literature. I also have another photo of Mrs. Halliday with a class of Hispanics in San Antonio, Texas where they resided and laboured among the Hispanics after leaving Cuba. This included a large children's work in the area. When his wife died, he married a lady from Waterbury, Connecticut and relocated to Florida where he resided until he passed away, some time later.

Some of the fellow-workers who spoke very highly of Robert and Agnes Halliday were Ed Dougherty, whom I met at the San Diego Conference in 1994 and Arnold Adams, whom I met at a Vancouver Conference some years later. Arnold recalled Mr. Halliday having a series of gospel meetings in Toronto when

thirty souls professed faith in Christ, most of whom went on, were baptised and received into fellowship. When some of the elders asked him to return and have another series of meetings, he refused and told them that it was a work of God, not himself – certainly, a very humble brother with discernment!

## **Springdale, AR Spanish Assembly**

Harry and Rebekah Rodriguez

We continue to teach and preach amongst the Hispanic people in this young assembly here in Springdale, Arkansas amongst the Hispanic people. It is an all Spanish assembly with only one of our Sunday School classes of teenage

girls in English. The meeting has grown this past year, which keeps us very busy. We still translate for those who need it for the school, immigration office, hospitals, etc. We are going to have our annual Bible conference on May, 26 & 27. Our conference is mostly in Spanish, but we will have an English speaker too, Mr. Matthew Cain. Our Wednesday meetings have been enriched since three brethren moved to the area and have the exercise to study and teach the word of God. We meet for an hour and a half for prayer and bible study.

The various believers and needs in Mexico are always close to our hearts. I make multiple trips during the year to help there. Including the visits to Pachuca and Monterrey, as well.

In addition to these travels, much time is spent helping relatives in Venezuela that need some relief. I am planning to visit Colombia to meet my Mom and brother there. The plan is to help my brother's family to get established in the city of Medellin, and then I will bring my Mom to the USA. Fortunately, there is work going on in Medellin, but no assembly yet, so I will try to help the believers during my time in that city.

## Venezuelan Outreach in Peru

Gelson & Carmen Villegas

Huaral, Lima, Peru: "We started meetings for the preaching of the Gospel in the outskirts of the city as it was not possible for us to rent a central location in the city itself." We met at the home of Brother Alejandro Ollarves and his wife and family, who had started a Bible Class for children there. "

"Lev.26: 3 - 4 "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit."

By the grace of the Lord, through contacts of brethren from different Assemblies in Venezuela, we have managed to meet up with other brethren who now find themselves in Lima, Peru. These have the desire to gather only to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, with

the sound doctrine that we have received: Two sisters Nubia de Barragán and Yanerit López (from the El Cementerio assembly in Caracas) Brother Reinaldo Montoya and his family also from Venezuela had already started family meetings in the afternoon at their residence). Brother Felix Carrillo (from Morón, Las Plcelas, Venezuela,) recently moved to Tacna, for a better job. Recently, Brother Daniel García (Paya, ARA) was also able to contact Brother Francisco Alarcón (from Barinas, Venezuela), who is also in Lima, with his wife who has been sick. His wife and children are not yet saved; please, pray for them.

Several of us went to visit them, which was very pleasing to them and us. On a previous Lord's day, brother Francisco attended a Devotional meeting with brother Rubén Castillo (also from Barinas, Venezuela). The Lord has provided us with 15 more chairs for meetings. We continue asking your prayer for the work here and, if it is His will, for us to get a larger place to hold the meetings. Also, that our brethren who have come from Venezuela, may find jobs that allow them to have the Lord's days free so that they can be available to serve the Lord. Some of the believers do not have this freedom at the moment because of the way of life and work as it takes place here in Peru.

For now, we do what we can here in Las Palmeras, at the residence of the Coqui sisters, where they also have a family meeting in the afternoons. Likewise, a family meeting is carried out in another suburb in the residence of the Plaz Family. The area, where they live is also visited before the meeting at 5 pm. We ask you to pray for this exercise of sowing the seed.

We received word from brother (Yilber González, who wrote:

"The Word has been well received by the neighbours in this area, but we know that the enemy always tries to hinder. We are praying, and expect to visit this area soon in the will of the Lord. We try to maintain contact and fellowship with the brethren and the works in Chosica where (Rolando Acosta and family) and Huaral (Alejandro Ovalles and family), live. Please con-

tinue praying for the progress of the work in those places.

Piura, Peru La Arena: "Recently we had a lovely visit from Brother Cristóbal Beresford, who is already more free to speak in Spanish." We made a brief visit to Sechura (50 km south of Piura, the state capital) where another two Venezuelan Christian families have settled. In the will of God, we have agreed to start preaching in that locality, on our return to the North of the country "(Gelson & Carmen Villegas Apr. 26, 2018).

### **Editorial Note:**

These are brethren and sisters from assemblies in Venezuela who have gone to Peru in search of a better life for themselves and their families. It reminds us of what took place in Acts 8:4 "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word."

## **Spanish-speaking Outreach, Pennsauken, NJ**

Peter Higgins



For the past two years, the believers in Pennsauken have undertaken a work to reach Spanish-speaking contacts in the area of the assembly's hall. This includes a Friday night outreach with up to 70 youth and teens attending. On Sundays, there is a bilingual Sunday School class with a Spanish Gospel message presented following the Sunday School time. As the Lord has blessed in salvation, time has been set aside on Sunday afternoon for a bilingual discussion of assembly truth. Also for the last year, the assembly has held an ESL class on Saturday mornings which has been an encouragement to existing contacts and fostered new contacts in the gospel including some Vietnamese families from the neighbourhood.

The work has been furthered by the faithful witnessing of Spanish-speaking sisters from the assembly and with support from preexisting Spanish language outreaches being carried out by believers from Barrington, Olney, and Hatboro and the work at Castor Avenue in Philadelphia.

## **NICARAGUA**

Tony & Danelle Flett

The past two weeks have been very troubling here with the unexpected turn of events.

We are all well and are in constant contact with all the workers. For me it brings back memories of El Salvador as a child, when many of those I knew were beaten and others just disappeared. We trust that the Lord will intervene in this most difficult situation and bring about calm once again. As you know we have to be very careful of what we say both here and abroad. We value your prayers as one who understands what we are going through here at this time.

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The assembly in Dolores, Nicaragua, was established shortly after we moved here a little over 13 years ago, and over the intervening years, the work has changed in character. The initial gospel focus was accompanied by the enthusiasm of new believers sharing their testimonies and obeying the Lord in baptism. While the gospel is always a central part of the work, the focus has shifted in Dolores to an emphasis on teaching and stability, which requires even more patience and wisdom. The believers have had to learn to live out God's word in every aspect of their lives, despite having few if any, examples to draw upon from their childhood. As they mature, their developing gifts are seen more clearly and are used more effectively to build up the church. We are grateful to the Lord for sustaining the assembly, and that we still have the joy of seeing people receiving His gift of salvation and being gathered unto His name. In recent months, the assembly has received the wife of one brother and the daughter of a sister into fellowship, and will soon add a young couple who were saved during gospel meetings last year.



As Dolores matures and becomes more self-sufficient, it has freed me up to be able to help out in other assemblies in the southern part of the country, seeking to build up and encourage the Christians. Some of the assemblies are relatively small, without the variety of gifts that Dolores enjoys, and the burden of responsibility can be heavy when there are not enough to share the load. We are still waiting on the Lord to raise up leadership in each of the assemblies here.

The workers in the country have made a point in maintaining strong relationships between assemblies and supporting each other in special activities when possible. In the past few years, we have been involved in the building of a camp facility on some land that was donated for this purpose in the northern part of the country. The facilities have been used for children's outreach and youth camps, as well as the annual conference, marriage teaching, and development of youth leadership. God has blessed this area of the work in Nicaragua as youth and children's work is growing in most areas of the country.

We would you value your prayers for peace and stability in Nicaragua as some political unrest over the last month has made travel more difficult. When the tension is highest, we have even had to cancel some meetings. We trust that nothing happens outside of God's knowledge and control, and we pray that there will be no hindrance to the gospel continuing to be preached freely. A little unrest did not deter the Christians from helping Danelle, and I celebrate our 25th anniversary with a meal after the ministry meeting and a good time of fellowship. It did, however, cause the cancellation of our son Craig's last two weeks of classes at his university, but he was able to finish all assignments and tests online. Amy and Brenda are both studying at online universities, so they have not been affected. We are very thankful that each of our children is exercised to serve and be involved in the Lord's work.

So then neither is he that planteth anything,  
neither he that watereth but; God that  
giveth the increase. I Cor. 3: 7.

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## Lviv, UKRAINE

Edmund & Agnes Johnson

**“And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased” Mark 4 v 8**



**Edmund & Agnes Johnson**

We are thankful that the Ukrainian winter is a distant memory of snow, ice and minus temperatures and spring has arrived with light breezes, sunshine, and temperatures more than +20C. Surprising to us that the locals never mention the weather and for us, N Irish “blow-ins” are always murmuring!!

So life marches on with joy in our hearts to be able to open, read and preach the Word of God daily.

We continue our regular visits to the different orphanages speaking to both young and old about their soul and their need for salvation. Recently at Loupaton orphanage, nearly 100 gathered in the “zal” (large hall) including teachers and staff to sing, learn scriptures, and we spoke on that great text Jesus said “I am the door” using the door of the hall as an illustration.

At the latter part of 2017, it became apparent that we needed to change our aging assembly minibus which we use every day for the Lord's

work. Our search to find a suitable replacement was proving difficult. After much prayer and waiting on God at the end of January we went to Kiev to view two vans returning to Lviv 20 hours later with a “new to us” 2012 Ford Transit passenger van. “But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.”

We continue to give God thanks for the tons of clothes, shoes and other helpful items that arrive in Lviv from assemblies in Canada and USA throughout the year. The sisters in the meeting have the responsibility to sort and make ready for distribution firstly for believers and then for the Ukrainian people, orphanages, Carpathian mountains and personal contacts, gypsies and homeless shelter.

Please remember in prayer a recent visit to the village of Krossnae and Bealy Common. The first call was with Victor who lost his wife three years ago, and he now lives alone. He is very “religious” and “churchy” but has an ear for the Gospel. We hope that he will soon trust Christ and know for sure his sins are forgiven. Next call was Lydia a lady in her 70’s a lovely Christian who has asthma. When we go, we try to encourage her with reading the scriptures but always come away feeling richly blessed. Her husband died many years ago, and her only son has left home. Lydia lives in deplorable conditions but is “rich towards God.”

We rejoice in the evidence of a changed life in the salvation of Daria, a 26-year-old young lady who was saved in February. She has been attending all the meetings in the assembly since the beginning of 2017 when Rene Samson introduced her to the Gospel while on a visit to Lviv from Nova Scotia. After he went home, she continued to come and showed great interest in her soul and eternal destiny. She visited us many Lord’s day evenings for supper and always brought her Ukrainian bible to read

and asked many questions. God was working, and the gracious “Holy Spirit” was striving with Daria, and on the 10th February on a bus traveling to Germany she bowed at the cross of Calvary and acknowledged her sins and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray that she will grow and be built upon her most holy faith. We meet with her weekly for bible study, and she also has requested helping at the orphanages when we visit.

### Items for Prayer & Thanksgiving

- “Forgotten War” in the East of Ukraine, 36 killed last month.
- IGOR that soon he will confess Jesus as Lord.
- Protection, Preservation and Progress of the assembly in LVIV.
- Thankful for the increase in Sunday School numbers.
- Thankful for the provision of a new vehicle.
- Thankful that God again has opened His hand in Salvation.
- Sincerely thankful for the many opportunities to preach “the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

We wish to thank all for they're continued prayerful and practical support for us and the Lord's work in Lviv Ukraine.

## Chitokoloki, ZAMBIA

Gordon and Ruth Hanna

Greetings from Chitokoloki we are watching the Zambezi River change daily as it floods the surrounding area. The rains are tapering off in our area but they are still going strong north of us so we expect the river to rise some more.

A couple of days ago I opened parcels from you dear folks. I really appreciate the dresses and groceries that you sent along with your careful packing and labelling of the parcels. The



supplies that come in parcels really do help us to keep things going here between shipments of medical supplies. I have just been trying to get caught up with correspondence as I have the time while out here in Lusaka but I have a few people that still do not give an e-mail address and for those folk it will take a few months for the mail to reach them. It has truly become snail mail so I am thankful I can communicate with you folk by e-mail. Thank you so much for your kindness as done unto the Lord.

I have come out to Lusaka with my husband as he has a week of meetings here and I can use a change of pace and a little respite from the constant demands of the station and people in need of either work or food or something else. It all starts very early in the morning and the night before we left was still seeing phone calls at 2:00 am. We are getting past our "best before" date and trying to keep up gets harder especially with Gord's constant neuropathy in his feet that prevents him from sleeping more than three or four hours each night.

The station has been full to overflowing with short term helpers and we do appreciate what they bring to the station. Tim and Mary McDougall from Ontario have been working very hard on a new building for nutritional support and the introduction of the Gospel to children at a level they can understand and take on board. Mary has been spending many hours at Hospital making up a program to improve the nutritional support of patients. There have been a lot of adult patients as well as children that were in bad shape lately.

Phil Horne and his friend Dave from Ireland have been a huge help in the building end of things. They have also said they would be willing to come back in September when we can finally reach the solar water pumps that are currently submerged in the flooded river and pull them out to see what is wrong with them. They may be blocked with debris or there may be other problems but it is a huge job and we sure would appreciate their help.

Dr Peter Norris and his wife Cathy are here from Sault Ste. Marie Ont. and have seen over

280 patients and given out 200 pairs of glasses in two weeks. Dr Rosalind Jefferson has been with us for three months and will be returning to England for a couple of months and she plans to return to us late in July. She is a paediatrician and a huge help with the medical work.

Dr David McAdam has had his son Dr. Andrew McAdam and his wife Jennie who is a Canadian from Newfoundland visiting for a month and it has been a great bonus for the two of them to be able to work together at Chitokoloki. Andrew grew up at the station and he has enjoyed returning.

The end of this month will see the station downsized by two couples - the Baileys and the Markle's are returning to Canada for a few months furlough. Dr and Mrs David McAdam plan to be away for a much needed break for the month of June.

We would value your prayer support as we struggle on here. The enemy never lets up and it has been particularly difficult this past few months.

Once again I would like to thank you for your continued interest in the work here at Chitokoloki. May God richly bless your labour of love .

## Angola, Prayer Update

Dr. Samuel & Elizabeth Simonyi-Gindele

"Why let the nations say, "where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens and he does as he wishes." Psalm 115:2,3

If there is a phrase that may be universal in the introduction of a missionary update, it has to be this: "It has been a busy few months." However, one doesn't have to be a missionary to be busy, as those reading this update can likely attest to. The problem comes when we begin to equate being busy with being of more value to God. Our value to God is never linked to what or to how much we do, not in salvation and not in service. None would quibble if I stated that faith in Christ plus nothing makes me a child of God. Yet, many would pause or



outright disagree with me if I stated that as a servant of God if I became an invalid unable to leave my bed, I would still be as beloved by God as if I laid my life down over many years in active service for Him. Scripture is clear on both points. Romans tells us that sin makes us dead to God, and a dead person could never be described as busy. Salvation is the work of a loving God to make a dead person alive with no contributions from the corpse! Then, when

Romans goes on to say of God: "Since He did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else?" Paul is saying God's valuing of us is based on His valuing of Christ, not on what we do! We see God's value system illustrated in Christ's life on earth. God declared publicly that Christ is "My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" before Christ did a miracle, preached a sermon, resisted the Devil, or gave His life in sacrifice. Christ's busy three years of ministry, following this heavenly declaration, flowed from the fact that He was already the

beloved Son, not because He was trying to earn God's love! God does not value us more or less based on what or how much we do. He loves us because He loves His Son, and that love was measured in currency of the highest value — the precious blood of the Lord Jesus!

### **Biula**

These last few months have brought circumstances that have deepened relationships we

have with people who live in Biula and our understanding of how they live. We had a lady named Tembo brought to us badly burnt from falling into a fire during an epileptic attack. She was alone in the village with no family except her children, the youngest two months old, so she sat in her home for two weeks with the burnt skin rotting from her large leg wounds, unable to move from her house. A Christian neighbour, moved by pity, brought her to us on his bicycle. After surgery to clean her wounds and a week of dressings, we skin grafted her burns. We "happened" to have all the special-



ized supplies needed without planning for this procedure — God’s provision. Then followed more than a month of daily visits by Elizabeth to her home for dressing changes. Local believers helped with her care, preparing food for her family as she recovered. It is a challenging social situation as her older children are known as drinkers and thieves, and neighbours were reluctant to help. We don’t see a long-term solution for Tembo’s family without a work of God, and so we ask you to pray for her and her family.

For three weeks in February, we had a visitor, Andrew Schwartzentruber, from Ontario, Canada. He helped with a long list of "to-do-jobs" from repairing leaks in the clinic roof, to felling large dead trees, to building a base for the village water tower, to repairing the water rams here in Biula and Luma Cassai, too many other tasks. We sincerely appreciated the interest he took in the spiritual outreaches here and in getting to know people we work with, despite the language barriers. The sacrifice of his wife, Kathy, who encouraged him to come as she cared for their six children at home, was just as significant.

### **Education and Literacy**

" Last month we sold the last of ten bicycles we bought in Luanda, each sold at a reduced cost to students in Biula who go to the high school in Dala, 17 kilometers away. The students often end up walking one or both ways or living in tenuous conditions with a friend or distant family member through the school week. These are good quality bikes built for Africa (see Buffalo bicycle), so we often see the owner of the bike sitting on the rear rack while someone else gets a ride by providing the pedal power! Few could pay outright the subsidized cost we were asking, so most worked one or two months for us and used the wages earned to buy the bicycles. We are thankful to Medical Missionary News (see MMN) for their donation that subsidized the cost of these bicycles for young people in our community.

Development research and our personal experience has shown that education is more critical than even access to proper medical care regarding its long-term benefits in alleviating poverty, allowing spiritual growth, and reducing deaths from preventable causes. So, Elizabeth has started two Chokwe literacy classes with five young ladies. All are young mothers in their late teens or early twenties who have never had the opportunity to attend school or have only reached third grade, and yet they are making excellent progress with just one class per week. This rapid progress, unfortunately, shows how weak education is locally as most students at the grade five/six level in Biula are still unable to read and write; teachers are often away, students are absent working in their parent’s (or teacher’s!) fields during rainy season, and classes only run a couple of hours a day. This is why a school started by Ruth Hadley in Camandumbala and now guided by the Howdens continues to have such a far-reaching impact in that community and assembly (see here for the latest Camandumbala school report).

### **Outreaches beyond Biula**

I have started visiting a large assembly in Dala on a monthly basis since December, teaching basic gospel truth. It has been good to get to know the believers and practice my Chokwe there. I have also started a weekly Bible study with a group of ten young adults who are the Our family at Sakeji School, December 2017

Sunday school teachers in Dala. We speak in Portuguese, and this has led to many interesting questions and required less preparation time for me. Every week I create a 10 question “prova” or test for them, and I am rarely able to stump them. I am not sure who learns more, them or I.

We have also been doing outreach evangelism from Biula. With about eight young men and an elder from the assembly, Zachary, Ethan and I have visited two villages with a month series of weekly open-air gospel meetings in each. I am the speaker while the young men help with set-up and singing and a time of prayer before or after we leave the village. Between the two se-

ries, we distributed gospel calendars to eight villages. In the last series in a village about thirty kilometers away, we passed a large police training camp on the way, so we would pick up eight to ten police officers who came along, sometimes traveling with up to twenty men crammed in the vehicle. There was evident interest in the messages, and as one of the village headmen said on our leaving: "Our hearts are hard, but you have spoken the words of God to us, and it can still speak to us." Please pray that it will. Both villages had 50-150 people at each meeting.

In May we will do a "how to prepare a gospel message" seminar with the young men. They have not grown up hearing clear gospel messages so do not have many examples worth following. They also do not get opportunity to practice preaching, though the great majority of Chokwe men seem to have a natural fondness for public speaking! Many struggle with reading fluency and comprehension, so message preparation is not a simple exercise for them. Many of these young men have spent the last three years listening to our Saturday morning teaching in the assembly, and so they have fairly complete exposure to Bible truth now. Our goal is for them to catch the vision of reaching out on their own to their neighbors. At times I hear messages which I have given, repeated by a Chokwe, and they are so much more gripping and clear when repeated by a native speaker and thinker to their people, so we look and pray for God to build His work here through local men.

### Medical Work

The clinic is busy, but the majority of patients are attended to by our nurse and midwife. However, this is the rainy season, so we have many who come to our door after the clinic is closed for the day or over the weekend with fevers and infected wounds. Elizabeth is often busy following up patients at the door and those who are sicker in the village. I help in the more complicated cases. We are thankful that with the steady supply of medicine, we see sick ones brought for care sooner in their illnesses rather than when they are in extremis. Howev-

er, malaria can be frighteningly aggressive, as we saw in a recent case of an eight-year-old boy who went from healthy to unconscious in a matter of hours. His mother carried him a day's walk from her field to our home in this state. We are thankful to MMN for the medical supplies we have to treat cases like his. The grace of God spared the boy's life.

The gospel continues to be faithfully presented by two brethren and myself at the clinic each week. Please pray for them and the word of God. The gospel messages are often linked to health lessons, a bit like in Jungle Doctor stories, so people listen well.

Thank you for your care and interest in God's work in this part of Angola. We value your prayers.



**Above:** from left, Andrew Schwartzentruber, Ricardo, Marcelino and Ethan riding home from a gospel outreach in the back of the truck.

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