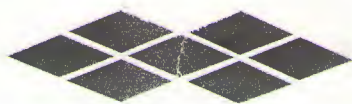


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New Year Message

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:" Isa. 26:3,4

The past and the present are fixed and the future takes shape according to them. The coordination in the things of which the human existence evolve can be found among other things in variables of surroundings and time. These indicate the human limits and outline inclusively its life.

It is urgently necessary to be conscious of the time in which we live and of the surroundings in which we are shaped. The seriousness of this subject is assumed as a fact but occasionally it is accepted as a medium for change and to us Christians, so it should be.

Each Christian should look into his religious experience in the framework of surroundings and time, as years come to an end one after another, bringing inerasable consequences into each one of our lives and of others.

The years lived in the knowledge of the truth, the words spoken, the motives and intentions fulfilled, the thoughts expressed or unexpressed, the treatment of others, the practical devotion, the influence exerted, etc are important facts to consider when taking an account of the past at this time, and on these our future will be based. Today I invite each one to do the final accounting in the following way:

1. ACCOUNT of the PAST

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." 2 Cor.13:5

1. What has been the history of the year that with its burden of records has now passed into eternity?
2. What fruit have we borne during the year that is now past?
3. What has been our influence upon others?
4. Whom have we gathered to the fold of Christ?
5. Are we living epistles of Christ, known and read of all men?

6. Do we follow the example of Jesus, in self-denial, in meekness, in humility, in forbearance, in cross hearing, in devotion?
7. Will the world be compelled to acknowledge us to be the servants of Christ?

Quotations of E. G. White, Signs of the Times 04.01.1883

2. ACCOUNT of the PRESENT

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8

1. Have I spent the precious moments today trying to please myself to entertain myself, or have I made others happy?
2. Have I helped those with whom I am in touch to render greater devotion to God and to appreciate the eternal things?
3. Have I taken the religion with into home, to work, to school revealing the grace of Christ in my words and behaviour?
4. Have I kept my lips from evil and my tongue from speaking deceit?
5. Have I honored Christ my Redeemer?
6. Have I honored with my love and obedience my parents, husband, etc.?
7. Have I attended gladly to the small daily duties, and fulfilled them faithfully?

Taken from the Messages to the Young People p 120.

3. ACCOUNT of the FUTURE

"But now they desire a better country that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city." Heb 11:16

1. Shall we not in this new year seek to correct the errors of the past?
2. Are we going to be happy in the Lord?
3. Are we going to renounce every evil tendency?

4. Are we going to walk by faith?
5. Are we going to surrender ourselves completely to Jesus?
6. Are we going to accept humbly the future?
7. Will Christ be the center of our life?

Let us answer each one of these questions and meditate on the answers in a way that within one year, the Lord willing, we can see results.

4. KEYS to SUCCESS

To help each one to obtain a positive record for this year 10 following keys are presented:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thy self." Luke 10:27

1. Read and meditate the Sacred Scriptures daily.
2. Pray daily in the family and in private.
3. Study the Sabbath School lesson regularly during the week.
4. Repent, confess, and make well the wrongs you have done soon as possible.
5. Speak of Jesus to others whenever possible.
6. Be concerned for the well being of others.
7. Participate in all church activities.
8. Help and show love in the family circle.
9. Fulfill faithfully all religious, family and work duties.
10. Take an account before going to bed and analyze what was left undone.

Sister white writes January 1, 1887 to M. Bourdeau the wife of one of the first pastors sent to Europe.

"I wish you a happy New Year. Another new year opens before us. May this year be happy.... Seek refuge in the arms of Jesus and do not forget them. Believe in God, praise Him and go forward. We are almost at home."

This is my most sincere and brotherly desire for all the members of the Canadian-Caribbean Union.

Raul Escobar

SATAN'S DECEPTIONS

As we are nearing the end, Satan's deceptions are multiplied and they will be harder to detect. To the human eye the work of Satan and the work of God seems identical. It is only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the difference can be seen. In the time of Moses, the rebellion of Korah was only in reference to authority and leadership. The rebellion was not in reference to any principle or point of doctrine being changed.

"The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both tracks may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error." [Spec. Test Series #2, Pg. #52].

"Many apparently good things will need to be carefully considered with much prayer; for they are specious devices of the enemy to lead souls in a path which lies so close to the path of truth that it will be scarcely distinguishable from it. But the eye of faith may discern that it is diverging, though almost imperceptibly, from the right path. At first it may be thought positively right, but after a while it is seen to be widely divergent from the way which leads to holiness and heaven. My brethren I warn you to make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way." [Evan. Pg. 590].

"Under the zeal of Satan some have for a time the appearance of men in a flourishing condition; but it is only for a season. Satan carries them so far that they do despite the spirit of God. They spread themselves like a green fig tree. The Lord suffers them for a time. He allows them to manifest their envy and hatred against the people of God as He has allowed Satan to develop his character, that he might stand before the world unfallen and the world in his true attributes, as a deceiver, and accuser of the brethren, a murderer at heart." [Test. to Ministers pg. 404-415].



1995 RESOLUTIONS

(Take Time To Be Holy)

These resolutions were made by the Toronto Church on December 31st, 1994.

Read Bible through and know it. (3 chapters/day + 5 chapters/Sabbath).

Stop watching TV.

Come closer to God in the church, in the family, at work, in everything. (a life of constant prayer).

Be on time at church (all the time).

Serve God with all my heart.

Use talents; music & singing.

Trusting Him in everything. (Walk on water, widow with last penny).

Study the earthly life of Jesus and copy it.

[* Can be done *; 1st cleanse your thoughts].

Prayer for the young people to be more spiritual.

Read more religious books, do more missionary work.

To be a better person with God's help. (Look to the mirror: "Jesus").

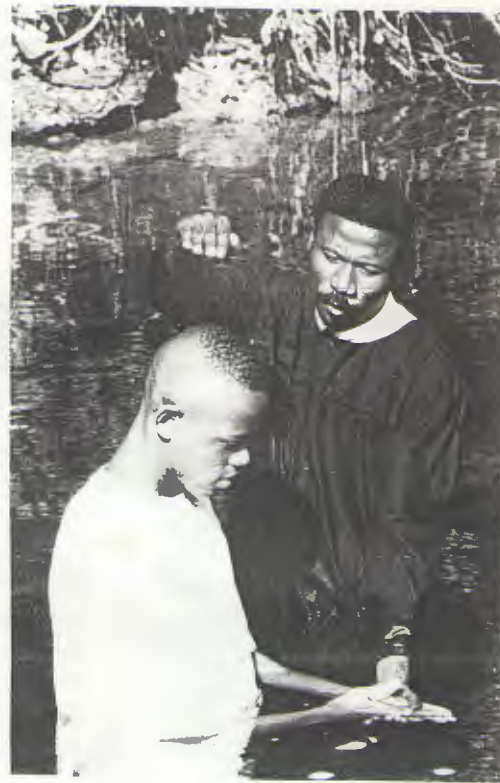
**Win a soul for Christ. (Go with Christ)
Psalm 23.**

Love, Unity and Peace in our church.

Home life: love & unity in the home.

Building faith by exercise. (See if God answers prayers).

More orderly in the church: "Sanctuary".



Baptism at Enfield, Jamaica.
top: Sis. Karlene Lindsey & Suzan Thorpe
bottom: Br. Rodrick Stubbs & Oliver

MISSIONARY REPORT

Canada-Jamaica-Cuba

Grace and peace be to you from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen Gal 1:3-5.

The formation of the Canadian-Caribbean Union in July of 1994, brought along with it major challenges to each of the countries included in it: Canada, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba. The Challenge which we are facing as a Union is to spread the everlasting Gospel in these six countries. These countries with three different official languages besides their respective dialects, geographical distances, scattered places of worship, meager self-financing, lack of workers and other basic problems. Nevertheless, by faith and in the name of the Lord we went forward declaring "hitherto the Lord has helped us." The first step consisted in visits to the different enclaves of the Reform Movement in Canada, which was done immediately in the province of Ontario as well as in Quebec, especially in Montreal and also Vancouver, British Columbia. In each of these cities missionary contacts were made in the form of health lectures. The possibilities are very advantageous which I was able to prove by improved work of the brethren in charge in various places. But we should plan on helpful materials to take care of the foreseen occasions.

The promotion of the canvassing work with religious books as well as with the books on health with current information adapted to the necessities of each territory opens the door in two positive ways to work. One is presentation of the message to a large number of people and the other is to give incentives for the missionary work to our members constantly, meaning, full-time and or part-time canvassers. The diversity of the different ethnic groups, especially in Canada, offers a very wide field of labor, as mentioned also by the Spirit of Prophecy: The new comers from other countries are more sensitive and accessible to a friendly missionary contact than long time residents. Therefore we should concentrate our efforts in this direction also. After the prospective visits in the northern part of the Union, I traveled south visiting first, Jamaica. On this Caribbean island I was able to visit the souls who were preparing for baptism and thanks to God, I believe that there should be given aggressive incentives to the missionary work in this country, as already I was able to arouse a great interest for the message of truth and not only among the brethren, by holding a short seminar, but

also among the general population. Organizing series of public meetings divided between spiritual and health subjects, continuous missionary activity by lay members, holding seminars for the workers and members, reviving the canvassing as permanent work by putting out sufficient efforts will be in short besides other subjects, the possibilities to be achieved. The political, social and economic situation in Cuba at the moment is known or at least partially known by the majority, but among them there are those who are directly related to those on the island by birth, family ties, emigration etc who are especially concerned, and this is exactly how the "Macedonian call" came to us to visit this country. Our brethren in Florida, USA paid voluntarily for the trip to extend the hand of fellowship to the souls who already knew much of the truth by the Bible correspondence course which was sent to them especially by Sis. Irma Suarez. That is how by the grace of God and the enthusiastic co-operation by the brethren I was able to make contact with these souls who had tender and sincere interest for the truth. Although at the moment the situation is not favorable, the interested souls are firm and

continuing faithful to the message, and not only this, but they have proven themselves active in communicating the truth to others. In short- they must be visited again to firmly establish an enclave for the truth in Havana the capital city. Even that the financial difficulties are trying to hold us back, we trust in the Lord knowing that he will help us to go forward.

Already now as the urgent need for a meeting place is growing day by day I feel forced to appeal to the generous hearts of all in the Canadian Caribbean Union to give donations for the meeting place in Cuba. At the moment the amount needed would be \$5000 U.S. dollars.

I myself continue in prayer asking God of Heaven to work wonders. Please sent your donations to the Union treasurer, John Bescec.

The progress of the Canadian-Caribbean Union depends on each one in it. The urgent need to work actively, continuously and with enthusiasm is necessary in order to fulfill the commission of the Lord Jesus which He delegated to each one of us.

- 1) "GO" : We must become active, make plans, put them in practice and move on.
- 2) "MAKE DISCIPLES" :Go out seeking new souls, being concerned of the spiritual well being of humanity.
- 3) "BAPTIZING" : To work for the souls with definite purpose, knowing that they will converted to the citizens of Heaven.
- 4) "TEACHING THEM" : Instructing the truth to the

souls is not done only initially but it must be continued throughout the life. The souls must be cared for and instructed.

It is of vital importance to our own souls that we begin to work actively in our own neighborhoods for the redemption of the people. There are many countries in the Canadian-Caribbean Union that needs to be visited, but as I see it with the small number of workers that we have it is not humanly possible at the present to accomplish so extensive work. Therefore I appeal and invite each one of our brothers and sisters to involve regularly in some missionary activities for which the following list offers enough variety:

- 1) concentrated missionary visits.
- 2) missionary surveys.
- 3) occasional missionary visits.
- 4) Voluntary work during holidays.
- 5) missionary co-worker
- 6) full-time missionary worker.
- 7) administrative co-worker
- 8) occasional missionary apprentices.
- 9) pioneer worker.
- 10) canvasser.

Every one should involve in one of these ten types of work, so that with the Lord as our Guide we can advance forward and upward, keeping in mind the Bible verse: "And whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Col. 3:17. May we all progress in unity that we can stay together and accomplish the work for

which we are chosen. I hope for your prayers and notices of the advancement of the work in the Canadian-Caribbean Union.

Raul Escobar



Our Dear Brother Chesley Peter Moore passed away on Dec. 19.1994 in Hamilton, Ontario at the age of 96. He was accepted into Reform Movement 1953. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Ps.116:15

JAMAICA YOUTH CONFERENCE

DEC 23 - DEC 26

ENFIELD, ST. MARY

Friday afternoon we arrived to the beautiful campsite called **FOUR SQUARE**. It is situated among the mountains covered with trees, tropical vegetation and a breath taking view in every directions. The camp was divided to the men's and women's dormitories in the different buildings complete with dining room, sanctuary and surrounded with mango trees loaded with ripening fruit.

The motto at the conference was **"ARISE AND SHINE"**, Isa 60:1 and the majority of the topics presented referred to this very timely subject.

Brother Gowie welcomed the members and visitors to the conference and spoke few words of introduction and brother Martin continued with the topic of peace. In the midst of the turmoil and trouble we can have perfect peace of Jesus in our hearts. We are called to be peacemaker which always requires sacrifice. David wrote the 23rd Psalm while fleeing the wrath of the King Saul and dwelling in the caves hiding for his life.

On Sabbath we began with morning worship and Sabbath School, and the service that followed.

Brother Ian Grant spoke on the topic **"CHRIST BUILT A CHURCH."** Christ is the sure foundation upon which the church is built. He is the Master Builder and He is the Architect. It is a great honor to be co-workers with Him especially in these end times when the finishing touches are being put on His spiritual temple of which we are the living stones.

In the afternoon four candidates for baptism were examined and accepted after which the children and youth presented their program.

For the Sabbath closing brother Smikle spoke on the topic of **"THE MIND."** It is important to keep our minds pure from the world and develop it like the rising sun into the full noonday.

Sunday morning we descended to the bottom of the valley for the baptism. There we found a clear flowing mountain river where the four dear souls made their covenant with the Lord.

In the afternoon brother Gowie spoke on money management. In food buying, clothing, and other necessities the cheapest is not always the most economical.

Later brother Moody presented a subject on sex, courting, marriage and drugs, which are ruining thousands of lives.

After this we had a panel discussion on family and children. In the evening we finished with missionary presentation by brother Gyles. He had made a large canvas advertising poster which will be used in open air meetings, and if they prove successful they would be conducted in other parts of the island.

Monday this conference came to the end with a nature walk (by the river) and a time for personal fellowship.

Timo Martin

**Newly Elected Officers:
Toronto Church**

Church Leader: Timo Martin
Secretary: Christina Mc Tavish
Treasurer: Timo Martin

Deacon: Abel Conde
Assist. Deacon: Len Ferguson
Assist Ordained Deacon: Kanagarajah P.

Deaconess: Beulah Ferguson
Assist. Deaconess: Joy Turner
" : Rosario Conde
" : Cecilia Chernuska

Missionary Leader: Morris Lowe
Asst. Missionary Leader: Lynne Martin
" : Rose Powell
" : Errol Fletcher

Young Peoples Leader: Kathleen Garcia
Assist. " : Lynne Martin
" : Michelle Magee
" : Sesciah Urizar

Librarians: Zulma Alfaro
Lynn Ferguson

Health Consultant: Rose Powell
Assist. " : Norma Husbands
" : Helen Martin
" : Abel Conde
" : Mabel Urizar

Organists: Christina McTavish
Helen Martin

Pianists: Lynn Ferguson
Michelle Magee

Choir Leader: Helen Martin
Assist. " : Christina Mc Tavish

Ushers: Xavier Chelliah
Monoco Urizar
Robert Bescec
Daniel Garcia (Jr.)
Errol Johnson
Keila Urizar

Junior Teachers: Abel Conde
Errol Johnson
Joy Turner
Lynne Ferguson

Caretakers: Lloyd Magee
Errol Fletcher
Rafael Serrano

Social Activities Leader:
Brenda Formosa
Assist. " Rhonda Magee

Church Committee:
Timo Martin, Christina Mc Tavish, Abel Conde,
Beulah Ferguson, Peter Garcia, Morris Lowe, Rose
Powell.

Sabbath School Superintendent:
Len Ferguson
Assist: John Bescec
Norma Husbands

Sabbath School Secretary:
Maurine Gerald
Assist: Keila Urizar
Sesciah Urizar

Children's Teacher Director:
Brenda Formosa

Children's Pianists:
Lynn Ferguson



Children's Music Teacher:
Natalie Powell

Nursery Teachers: Natalie Powell
Eleanor Konkle
Zulma Alfaro
Rhonda Magee

Primary Teachers: Veronica Fletcher
Hyacinth Millwood
Sharon Lowe
Beverly Johnson

Earlyteen Teacher: Lynne Martin
Rose Powell
Lloyd Magee

Youth Teachers: Kathleen Garcia
Timo Martin
Morris Lowe



THY GRACE- MY NEED

*The morning finds me at Thy feet;
A suppliant poor and weak,
I come before Thy mercy seat
A blessing there to seek,
And, looking up into Thy face
One gift alone I plead-
The gift of Thy abounding grace
For my exceeding need.*

*The noonday sun is fiercely hot,
The morning strength is gone;
And in the battle to be fought
I cannot stand alone.
Again I seek the sacred place,
Again my want I plead-
The gift of Thy abounding grace
For my exceeding need.*

*The evening shades are falling fast,
The day draws to its close;
The race is run, the warfare past.
But, ere I seek repose,
Once more I kneel a little space
For one last gift to plead-
The gift of Thy abounding grace
For my exceeding need.*

E. Rosser

