

# People and Events



## SWANSON, FOUNDER OF ORPHANAGE PROGRAM, DIES

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Rev. Everett F. Swanson, 51, founder and executive-director of Compassion, Inc., died Nov. 15, 1965, after undergoing brain surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., in July.



Everett Swanson

Dr. G. A. Hemwall, Chicago surgeon, has been named acting executive-director, working with Robert Swaney, assistant executive-director. Compassion, Inc., today maintains 170 orphanage homes in Korea, caring for nearly 22,000 children. It also operates vocational schools and farms, as well as supporting an evangelistic ministry of about 400 national workers and an extensive literature program.

## MISSION ACTIVITY CONTINUES IN VIET NAM

NEW YORK, N. Y.—“The escalation of the war effort in Viet Nam has provided a variety of new and fruitful ministries for missionaries and the national church, the Evangelical Church of Viet Nam,” declared Dr. Nathan Bailey, president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, recently in an interview. The Alliance has been active in Viet Nam for 60 years.

Today more than 100 missionaries are still assigned to Viet Nam, after moving staff and students of the Dalat School for Missionaries' Children to a safer location in Bangkok, Thailand. Although many stations are considered dangerous, not a single missionary has requested transfer.

Despite restrictions on travel, new opportunities appear constantly. In the city of Hue, for example, residents appeared indifferent to the Gospel. Yet since the war began, tent campaigns have seen as many as several hundred crowd into a tent designed for 100.

At induction centers for Vietnamese young men, the national church and missionaries have combined to see that every man entering the service is given a Gospel witness. Hospital visitation is also reaching thousands. And positions for 12 national pastors to serve as chaplains in the Protestant chaplain's corps have opened up. In Saigon, 527 students are enrolled in an English language course using the Bible as textbook.

Bailey also noted that three Alliance missionaries kidnaped by the Viet Cong in 1962 are still prisoners of the communists. Rumors indicate the trio have been used as a medical and hospital team to care for wounded Viet Cong soldiers.

## ELO DIRECTOR TO TOUR AFRICA

WHEATON, ILL.—The Rev. James Johnson, executive-director of Evangelical Literature Overseas, leaves for a two-month tour of mission fields in Africa and South America January 20. Top item on his agenda is bringing together literature workers of various countries for more effective coordination of national literature outreach.

Countries to be visited include Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Congo, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica.

## US LEADERS HELP TRAIN KENYA WORKERS

NAIROBI, KENYA—“The spirit of the Kenya Literacy Mission is like that of the first century Christians,” said Dr. Paul Caudill of the First Baptist Church of Memphis. Caudill is one of the 30 Christian leaders who came from the US to demonstrate that



More than 430 Nigerians were trained to teach Laubach's "Each One Teach One" method during the visit of 30 U.S. Christian leaders. Now they pass on their knowledge to other Nigerians.

adult literacy education is an effective tool of evangelism.

After a four-day orientation, the participants in the Laubach Literacy, Inc., program dispersed to 11 mission stations to train missionaries and national Christians in the Laubach method. When they returned, they reported 430 new workers trained in the “Each One Teach One” technique.

Kenya's people eagerly received the mission. Jomo Kenyatta, the nation's president, entertained Laubach and other mission leaders in his home. Press and television provided excellent coverage of the group's efforts.

## NEW PORTUGUESE MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN BRAZIL

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL—First copies of the new evangelical interdenominational magazine in Brazil, *Mundo Cristao*, were mailed recently after one-and-a-half years of behind-the-scenes preparation by Peter Cunliffe, Christian Life Missions.

One of the problems plaguing Cunliffe has been the lack of a telephone in this city of 4 million. (Phones must be purchased from someone releasing rights to his at the going rate of \$1,000.) Erratic postal service has also slowed down production. *Mundo Cristao* is patterned after *CHRISTIAN LIFE*, with editorial content supplied by Brazilian believers.

“I have never seen a country so ripe for revival,” says Cunliffe. He reveals that a 1965 national evangelistic campaign resulted in 75,000 Brazilians making decisions for Christ. More than 130 new churches have been organized as a result. This report comes after only 60 per cent of the churches have reported on their participation. One small church in Rio Grande do Sul started the year with 80 members; now has nearly 400.

## NEWS FLASHES

► More than 4,500 official delegates and guests from nearly all parts of Burma attended the 100th anniversary of the Burma Baptist Convention at Rangoon.

► For the first time in 14 years, a letter has been received from 70-year-old Anna Zeise, an Assemblies of God missionary presumed dead in China. She elected to remain in 1949 after the Communists took over.

► Dr. Joel H. Nederhood has been appointed successor to the late Dr. Peter H. Eldersveld as radio minister of the Christian Reformed Church for its “Back to God Hour.”

► The third conference of evangelical missionaries to Islam will be held at Keswick Grove, N.J., April 5-7, 1966.

► J. Elliott Stedelbauer, president of El-Sted Investments, Toronto, Canada, has been elected chairman of Christian Business Men's Committee International.

► More than 200 Spanish Protestant ministers met recently at Madrid and agreed that prospects for their work are better than ever.