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Our Forty-Day Campaign will soon come to a close, but we will not lessen our efforts to find God's children and lead them into the Divine Principles. We have all extended our efforts to find at least three converts during this time.

According to reports, there have been some converts in other areas and at least one convert in this area.

The name of this new convert in Portland is Mrs. Jane Olson. She has heard the important points of the Principles. She believes that Christ will come as another person. She responded favorably to the fact that Christ is already on earth, who He is, where He is from, His methods of counter-attacking the evil elements on earth; also she was very impressed with reports of His interview with Mr. Eisenhower and of His world travel in this work.

Mrs. Olson has begun a weekly Thursday night meeting at her house. She is also anxious for her husband to grow in an understanding of the Principles. Mr. and Mrs. Olson plan in the very near future to move to Australia, probably to Sidney. Jane hopes her husband will respond to this Message so they both can work in the Principles while in Australia.

Another young woman, Mrs. Marlette Rogers, is also responding to the Divine Principles. She plans to attend the weekly meetings at Jane Olson's home. Marlette is beginning to witness and encourage others to attend the Thursday night study group with her. She is very anxious to read and study our material.

A man here in Portland, Mr. Ralph Bunnell, is reading our material and he is very interested. We have had several very rewarding talks regarding the Divine Principles. He has read portions of our material to his step-father in Eugene who is a Sunday School teacher. Mr. Bunnell's step-father is thrilled with our material and he wants to use it in his Sunday School teachings.

Eugene, Oregon

David Bridges

This past month, the United Faith has welcomed a new member to the family, Lenore Glenn. Lenore lives in Eugene, Oregon. She first heard of the Principles through Mrs. Eileen Welch several years ago.

About three months ago, Lenore was contacted again by Mr. David Kim and David Bridges. After about a month of studying the Principles, she accepted Them and our Master. Presently, Lenore is working in Vancouver, Washington. She plans to come to Portland frequently to study and witness with Mrs. Esther Carroll. In January, she will return to her home in Eugene to work with David Bridges at the University of Oregon.

Two weeks ago, David Bridges and Lenore Glenn designed a small pamphlet titled "The Cross that Blocked The Path". On July 24th a few copies were printed and distributed during the following week. From the few copies that were distributed, there was a good response and a two hour lecture was given to answer questions

concerning the pamphlet. On July 31st, more copies of the pamphlet were printed in their final form and they are now ready for distribution.

Mrs. Virginia Hackett, president of The New Era Spiritualist Camp, has recently responded favorably to the witness of Arthur Ford as presented in the biography, "Sun Myung Moon", published in Washington, D. C. She is going to arrange for David Bridges to give a lecture on our Master's teachings at the New Era Spiritualist Camp soon.

Let us pray that these special efforts during this Forty-Day campaign will continue and that the coming school year at the University of Oregon will be fruitful for our Master.

Victoria, B. C. Canada

Chunghi Hall

On July 19, 1965 I left Portland, Oregon on a missionary trip to Victoria, B. C. Canada. I spent three days in Port Angeles, Washington witnessing in that area. Friday, September 23rd I left for Victoria on the Black Ball ferry boat.

I was thrilled as we approached the shores of Canada. I prayed that soon our United Faith will have a chapel here. I prayed for the souls of the country.

The father of a young woman in Oregon that is reading the Divine Principles, welcomed me and showed me some of the country.

The meetings that I had planned to attend while in Victoria were discontinued for the summer. I was disappointed in this, but knew I would be back another time when I could attend these meetings.

On Sunday evening I attended a Presbyterian Church. Mostly there were only elderly people there, but as I entered the sanctuary I noticed a young woman sitting alone so I sat near her. We left the church together and began talking. She had a car and she asked me to ride with her around Victoria. She is an English teacher in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Saskatchewan is the name of the province, or State as we say in our country. She was there taking a class and visiting her sister. Her sister has the Christian Elementary School in Victoria.

This young woman was interested in my work as a missionary, and this was the beginning of a very good friendship. We made plans to get together later in the week to see Marineland, but due to illness I had to return to the States. When I called her to explain that I must leave Victoria she was very sorry and we agreed to correspond with one another.

I was disappointed that I could not stay longer in Canada, but in a short time I will return again to begin a study group in Victoria.

Extension of 40 Day Campaign

In accordance with many responses to our efforts, we will extend our 40 Day Campaign from August 9th to the 31st of August. Pray many souls will be won in this extended period.

Date of Examinations on The Principles

On August 15, 1965, Sunday, the Northwest family will participate in the first examination on the Divine Principles. Those who have read through the Seattle manuscript (1964 edition) at least eight times are eligible.

The exams shall have three parts: (1) Divine Principles - Part I; (2) Divine Principles - Part II; (3) Comprehensive exam of Divine Principles (this covers everything in United Faith)

Wanted: Christian Interpretation of History

This article by Peter DeJong was taken from the March 12, 1965 issue of "Christianity For Today".

In the interpretation of history the point of view from which sources are selected, presented, and evaluated is all-important...."Our final interpretation of history...is our decision about religion, about our total attitude to things, and about the way we will appropriate life".

The role of a Christian student in this academic world resembles in some respects that of Daniel in Babylon...Having the light of God's revelation, he could point out the true meaning of events as the unbelieving wise men were powerless to do... Entrusted with divine revelation Daniel, God's prophet, had to speak for Him to Israel and to the pagan world... Is this not the job of the Christian scholar today? ...

... The Christian scholars must be quick to consider the meaning of whatever truth they discover and to put their best efforts into their own work - the more so because they have a key to interpret what is being unfolded that unbelievers lack.

This is not to say that the Christian has all the answers...But what is significant for an age that grows increasingly skeptical about everything is what he could say about the things that matter most.

The Christian historian must give an interpretation of the course of events that will differ markedly from that of an unbeliever...Let us consider some aspect of a Christians interpretation of history...

In reviewing the Puritans we find that they are not long-faced pessimists as often portrayed. We discover their human qualities and weaknesses but whose difference lies mainly in the seriousness with which they took their Christian faith. The Christian appreciates the efforts of such scholars as Perry Miller to rehabilitate the Puritans...

Charles Beard's "The Economic Interpretation of the U.S. Constitution" is an attempt to explain that document as the selfish effort of a group of property-owners to protect their own interests. As a study of one factor, his work has value; as an explanation of the whole document, it is a caricature.

Frederick Jackson Turner propounded the thesis that American history can be largely explained by a consideration of frontier conditions and the free land that kept attracting settlers farther westward...Yet the tremendous influence that he attributed to material factors in determining human life and action ought to be challenged by the Christian...Although man may forget or deny that he was created in the image of God, that does not make him merely a food-eating and landgrabbing animal.

Certain interpretations of European history also call for criticism. R. R. Palmer in his "Twelve Who Ruled", reveals not only a close acquaintance with the leading figures of the French Revolution, but also his view of human nature,... A paraphrase of one of his statement is, "Men are good; circumstances make them bad!" The Christian needs to expose this for the error it is.

There is an urgent need for Christian vision in the interpretation of history in countless classrooms...There is urgent need for Christians to enter the field of history as scholars and teachers. They need to stop repeating what their textbooks and professors have been telling them and work toward developing their own Christian critique of what they have been taught about the past. But they ought not to be content with mere criticism: they need, as their insights grow, to attempt

to make positive contributions in teaching and in writing...

We urgently need men who, guided by God's Word and Spirit, will see and speak to the Church and the world of what God is doing in human history...

"The Cross That Blocked the Path"

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