

Latin America Now Called 'Greatest Mission Field'; Religious Vacuum Apparent

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For more than three centuries, Latin America has been known as a Catholic continent.

Today, church leaders are calling it the world's greatest mission field. Behind its nominal Catholicism, they say, lies a vast religious vacuum. Both Catholics and Protestants are moving energetically to fill it.

Catholic publications are filled these days with articles warning that the church is in imminent danger of "losing" Latin America to Protestantism, communism, secularism and a variety of pagan religions.



JIM CORNELSON
Korean Missionary Here

Mission Worker To Speak Locally

Trail - Jim Cornelson, a former pastor in southern California and a missionary in Korea for some years, is scheduled to speak Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at the Trail Community church.

At 7 p.m., he will speak at the Faith Advent Christian church, 2460 Roberts rd., Medford.

Cornelson is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., and has served under the Evangelical Alliance mission TEAM while in Korea. Under the program, he was especially active in the building of orphanages in Pusan, Korea.

For two years he served as a field chairman for TEAM's program, which included evangelism, literature, radio, and orphanage work with 35 missionaries engaged in the various ministries.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelson and their three children are now on a year furlough before returning to Korea in October. While appearing locally he is to show pictures of his foreign work.

Eastwood Baptists Plan Night Service

During the church school hour, 10 a.m., at Eastwood Baptist church, Mrs. Clara Harshman will continue her series on the Prophets, using as her theme for the adult class, "God's Hand in History."

At the 11 a.m. service, the pastor will give the message, "Broken Things," as a communion meditation. The Lord's supper will be observed, and the Scripture passage is 1 Cor. 11:23-28.

The first Sunday evening service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 4. At this service, the pastor will present the message, "What A Friend." Each member is urged to bring a friend, and John 15:15 is the text.

The services of this Lord's day are preparatory to the "All-Church Loyalty Crusade." A meeting of the Diaconate will be held Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

At the mid-week service, Sept. 7, Paul's second letter to Timothy will be studied. After the service, interested choir members will meet.

Boards of deacons, trustees, and Christian education, and the advisory council will meet Sept. 8.

Jacksonville Topics

Announced by Pastor

Jacksonville-The Rev. W. Elwood Irby, pastor of the Assembly of God church in Jacksonville, will speak Sunday at the 11 a.m. service about "True Sympathy." The junior choir will sing "Sunday's Best of All."

Sunday at 6:30 p.m., the Christ ambassadors will meet with Robert Vaughn Jr., in charge. At 7:30 p.m. Pastor Irby will give the second in a series of messages from Revelation, "The Persecuted Church."

Pope John recently underscored the urgency of the situation by calling on Catholic religious orders throughout the world to rush missionaries to Latin America "in the greatest numbers possible." He also urged Catholic laymen to volunteer for missionary service in Latin America.

Responding to the Pope's plea, the Catholic bishops of the U.S. have set up a special Latin American bureau in Washington to expedite the flow of money, manpower and other aid to Latin America. Canada's Catholic hierarchy has taken similar action.

Protestants Change Attitude

Protestant churches also are paying more attention to Latin America than ever before. In the past, the main Protestant missionary effort in Latin America has been carried on by two large fundamentalist denominations, the Southern Baptists and Seventh Day Adventists, and by numerous small Pentecostal bodies. Most of the big Protestant churches looked upon it as "Catholic territory" and concentrated their mission programs elsewhere. A radical change in this attitude is now taking place.

What's behind all this activity?

On paper, Latin America would still appear to qualify as a Catholic stronghold. About 170 million of its people - more than 90 per cent of the total population - have been baptized as Catholics. They constitute one-third of the world membership of the Catholic church.

But Catholic authorities say these figures are highly misleading. They estimate that no more than 20 per cent of Latin America's nominal Catholics - perhaps as few as 10 per cent in some areas - actually know the teachings of the church or make any effort to practice the faith.

Several factors have contributed to this situation, according to Catholic leaders. One is an acute shortage of priests. In North America, there is one priest for each 700 Catholics in Europe one priest for each 800 Catholics.

Even in Asia and Africa, the ratio is no greater than one priest for each 1,500 communicants. But in Latin America, there is only one priest for each 5,000 baptized Catholics. In some areas, a single priest has as many as 30,000 people in his nominal flock.

There are more than 10,000 villages and towns which have no church or resident priest.

Miss Cunningham Accepts Position

Gold Hill-Miss Jean Cunningham has accepted the position as full time minister of the Gold Hill Christian church, where she is now living in her mobile home.

The minister, recently received a bachelor of science degree in secondary education at Southern Oregon college. She served as part time minister during the past two years at the Gold Hill church while she was attending college in Ashland.

"The Three Mountains of the Gospel," will be the title of her sermon Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Bible study group of the church will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. in the church with the minister in charge of the lesson.

Pastor Observes 35th Anniversary

The Rev. Thomas McCamant of the Congregational church celebrates Sunday the 35th anniversary of his ministry.

His anniversary sermon at the 10 a.m. service will be "Seven Churches I have Served." There will be a solo by Mrs. Norman Carothers.

The summer church school program continues through Sept. 11, with a unified program for pre-school and primary children. There is a nursery provided, and regular classes begin Sept. 18.

The Laymen's breakfast will be held Wednesday at 6:30 a.m., with the pastor leading the discussion.

New Age Group Tells Subject, Activities

"God's Ultimate Purpose and Goal for Man" will be the subject of Dr. Dell E. Millard's sermon-lecture at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the New Age church, north of Eagle Point on Hammel rd.

Preceding the lecture there will be a fellowship dinner at 1 p.m., and a musical at 2 p.m. The public is invited.

Efforts to train more native born priests are severely hampered by the high level of illiteracy which prevails in many areas.

Another factor stressed by Catholic authorities is the Spanish heritage of the church in Latin America. Hispanic Catholicism has traditionally been mystical, other-worldly, disinterested in social problems of the here-and-now. In their desperate quest for higher living standards, many Latin Americans have come to look upon the church as an obstacle rather than a contributor to progress.



PASTOR RONALD KEGLEY
To Assist Minister

Adventist Pastor To Help Director

Ronald Kegley, a Seventh-day Adventist minister, arrived in Medford recently to assume duties as an assistant to Pastor John Trude, director of the Medford-Eagle Point district Adventist churches.

Pastor Kegley is a graduate of the school of theology at Walla Walla college, and has worked in the Oregon conference for several years. Prior to coming to Medford, he was assistant pastor at Klamath Falls.

Mr. Kegley is married and has four children, three of whom will attend the Rogue River Junior academy this fall.

Former Pastor To Appear Here

The Rev. Dave McCollum will be guest speaker at the Apostolic Faith church, North Central at Third st., Medford.

Mr. McCollum began his ministry here in 1938 and held his first pastorate in Klamath Falls. At the present time he is pastor of the Apostolic Faith church in Yakima, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. McCollum are on their way to Dorris, Calif., where he will open a series of evangelistic tent meetings Wednesday. It was there in 1924 that Mr. McCollum's father and mother were converted under the ministry of the Rev. Charles W. Frost, former pastor and evangelist of the Medford church.

Musicians, singers and Gospel workers from Apostolic Faith churches in Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, and Eureka, Calif., will help in the Dorris meetings.

Those who formerly lived in the Dorris area include Mr. and Mrs. Frank Girard and son, and Mrs. Leola Girard; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Craig; and Mr. and Mrs. Champy McCollum.

'Buffalo' Concludes Week-Long Crusade

Indian medicine man "Black Buffalo" and son will conclude a week-long children's revival at the Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., tonight with an outdoor council fire service at 7 o'clock.

Sunday at 9:45 a.m. there will be a presentation of the awards won during the revival, including recitations by the children who attended.

The pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Cull, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship hour on "The Cup of Blessing."

"Black Buffalo" will speak on "Future of Our Youth" at the 7:30 p.m. evangelistic rally.

OPENING POSTPONED

Rogue River-Opening date for classes at Rogue River junior academy on South Stage rd., has been postponed from Sept. 6 to Sept. 12, to allow for completion of the new building. The principal, B. M. Kurtz, has announced that hot lunches will be served this year as usual.

1957 Award of Merit Winner



CHURCH NEWS

National Religious Publicity Council

Paint, Message Highlight Week End for Nazarenes

This week end will feature special activities for the congregation of the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., Medford.

Saturday, members of the congregation will gather at the church to paint the exterior of the buildings. Sunday, the Rev. Harold M. Sanner will present the Labor Day theme in the preaching service at 11 a.m., which is broadcast over KDOV. The subject the pastor will preach is, "Work and Worship."

At the 7 p.m. service the pastor begins a series of messages on "Creeds Come to Life." This series will continue until the fall revival campaign to be held Oct. 13-23.

Monday, a Labor Day Sunday school picnic has been planned, starting at 10:30 a.m., and closing at 3 p.m. in Hawthorne park. There will be games, contests and special activities for all age groups. At 12:30 there is to be a potluck dinner, and special recognition will be given to the winners in a summer emphasis called "The Telephone Brigade."

The Rev. Harold M. Sanner serves as District Church School Board chairman for the Oregon Pacific District Church of the Nazarene and will tour from Sept. 6-19. He will be traveling with Dr. W. D. McGraw, district superintendent, and other departmental leaders.

Guest Soloists, Youth Activities Told for Baptists

"His Grace" will be the sermon subject by Pastor Edward Stauffer at the 11 a.m. worship hour at First Baptist church, Medford.

Mrs. Albert Gandt will direct the adult choir, and Diane Franklin is organist. Kathy Miller, of Bend, will be guest soloist.

Following the worship hour new members will be welcomed into the church and the observance of the Lord's table will be held.

Youth groups for junior through college age will meet in the church at 6:30 p.m. The adult Bible study will also be held at this time.

Pastor Stauffer will speak at the 7:45 p.m. gospel service. The youth choir will participate in the musical program, and Nancy Wilson, a student at Portland State college, will be vocal soloist.

The young people fellowship hour following the evening service will be held at the Albert Gandt home, 2200 Siskiyou blvd.

Portland Churches Emphasize Safety

Portland-UPB - Churches of all faiths in Portland united last weekend in a joint effort to cut down on traffic fatalities by impressing churchgoers with safe driving responsibilities.

The churches designated last Sunday as Portland's third annual "Traffic Safety Sunday."

The program, sponsored by the church committee of the Portland traffic safety commission, included "ten commandments of responsible driving."

Methodists Tell Sunday Subject

"Workers Together With God" is the theme of the sermon to be preached Sunday by the Rev. Melvin W. Dixon, minister at St. Luke's Methodist church, at the 10 a.m. worship service.

Sunday school with classes for all ages begins at 9 a.m. The commission on Christian education will meet at the church Tuesday at 8 p.m. to discuss and plan the fall quarter.

St. Luke's is located at 2940 Siskiyou blvd., across from the Kover Elementary school.

First Presbyterian Church

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SERMON: "The Story of Korea"

Dr. Francis Kinsler

A cordial welcome awaits you Sunday morning.

Services 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Church School classes for all ages

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Korean Missionary Set To Describe Struggles Of Religious Activities

Dr. Francis Kinsler, a missionary in Korea since 1928, will be guest speaker in the First Presbyterian church at both services Sunday. He will tell of the struggles and growth of the church in Korea through the militaristic occupation of Japan and the atheistic invasion of Communism.

His family has twice been evacuated from Korea because of war. Dr. Kinsler has served as dean and professor of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Korea, and has been chairman of the Presbyterian Chaplains work of the ROK army.

When Dr. Kinsler first went to Korea, he began a night school for beggar boys found on the streets. This program so grew and matured to meet the demands of war-torn Korea that for the last ten years 700 different clubs all over Korea meet for spiritual, mental, social and physical training. This Bible club movement is declared one of the avenues of hope for Korea.

The worship service at the Westminster Presbyterian church will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, when the Rev. John O. Reynolds will return from vacation and preach "Christian Faith and Your Job."

During the service, Otis Swisher will sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." Church school classes will be held at 9:45 a.m.

At a meeting last week of the senior high fellowship the following officers were elected for the coming year: moderator, David Irving; stated clerk, Barbara Whalin; treasurer, Judy Van Gordon; program chairman, DeEtta Lawson; and sophomore representative, Mark McQueen. There will be no meeting of the senior high fellowship this week.

The junior high fellowship will meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garner Haupt, 222 Valley View dr. Incoming seventh graders and outgoing freshmen will be honored. After swimming, a light supper will be served, and all junior high students are welcome.

Valley Residents Intend to Enroll In Institutes Soon

Applegate Valley - Several young people are leaving this week to enroll in Christian colleges. The Rev. and Mrs. Lester Stevens and family left last week for Texas, where Mr. Stevens will enter Dallas Theological seminary. A former pastor at Provoit Community church and student at Southern Oregon college, he will study for his master's degree in theology.

Before leaving, the family visited Mrs. Stevens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Best, at Gold Beach, and Mr. Stevens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wise, of Portland.

Joyce Hawkins, a 1960 graduate of Medford High school, will leave next week for Portland to attend the Multnomah School of Bible. She was honored with an "off to college" shower at the home of Mrs. Harley Hall recently.

Those from Murphy who will attend Multnomah are Leonard and Russel Morrison, and Phil Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Burke, formerly of Thompson creek and now in Portland, also will enroll at Multnomah, where Burke has been taking missionary flying for the past year.

Fred DeVos will leave soon for Alberta, Canada, where he will enter his second year at Prairie Bible institute.

Following his ordination, Fr. Ehrlich served in the Missions of Fontana, Norwalk, and Trona, and also as assistant at All Saints' Episcopal church, Riverside, Calif. He went to Indiana university in 1957 to work for his Ph.D. in Christian education, which he will receive next June.

Elizabeth Ehrlich, his wife, holds her bachelor degree in biology from UCLA, and is also trained as a religious education worker. While in Hawaii, she was employed both by the Department of Public Instruction and the Hawaiian Board of Missions.

Following their return, she taught at Artesia, and Riverside, Calif., and since 1957 she has been employed as research assistant to Dr. Hermann J. Muller at Indiana university.

Their daughter Hermina will be a junior this fall at Medford Senior High school, and their son Edward, a sophomore.

Belief Through Personal Knowledge. Special music will be provided by Jacques Long and Sue White, who will sing "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

Thursday at 6:30 p.m., a buffet supper for the choir members will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hall. Persons interested in joining the choir are invited.

Church of Christ Announces Topics

Messages Sunday at the Central Church of Christ will be brought by John V. Heberling, minister, and Carl Hoover, elder.

Mr. Heberling will speak at the 11 a.m. service on the theme "Do You Want To Be Healed?", from the fifth chapter of the gospel of John. Mr. Hoover will bring the 7:30 message. His theme will be "Don't Fence Me In."

Central Church Bible school meets at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Opening exercises will be under the direction of Superintendent Carl Bennett, elder.

Topic for the adult and youth classes will be "God's Hand in History" with text from Isaiah, Chapters 10 and 14. Young people meet for discussion groups at 8:30 p.m.

Prospect-The Church of the Nazarene at Prospect is starting a series of evangelistic meetings Sept. 7 at the Chapel in the Pines.

The evangelist is the Rev. Walter C. Morris, of Phoenix, the former pastor of the Prospect Nazarene church. Mr. Morris has had much experience throughout the U.S., as well as being a missionary in India for several years.

The meetings are to begin each night at 7:30, and will conclude Sept. 18.

ANNOUNCEMENT! ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

4th & Oakdale Ave.

Will have 2 Services thru September:

Early Service 8:30 A.M., Church School at 9:45 A.M., Late Service 11:00 A.M.

Pastor H.C. Covert



MEDFORD

CHURCH DIRECTORY

"Truly God is good to the upright; to those who are pure in heart." Psalm 73:1.

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
North Central ave. at Third st.
Loyce Carver, pastor

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Radio broadcast KMED
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
7:30 p.m.—Young people's meeting
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Tuesday & Friday: 8 p.m.—Evangelistic service

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
2201 Barnett rd.
Elvin S. Colleson, pastor

Sunday: 11 a.m.—Divine worship
Wednesday: 8 p.m.—Inquirers class

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
North Central ave. at Jackson st.
John V. Heberling, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Bible school
11 a.m.—Worship service
6:30 p.m.—Youth groups
7:30 p.m.—Evening worship

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1036 Court St.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Program KMED
10:30 a.m.—Worship service
7:30 p.m.—Worship service

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1701 West Main st.
Rouss V. Long, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Bible classes
10:45 a.m.—Morning worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening worship
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Bible study

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
343 North Main st.
Eugene Hiser, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Worship service
7 p.m.—Group study meetings
10 a.m.—Worship

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
11 block south of East Main on
Grove (at 2nd ave.)
Thomas McCamant, minister

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship

EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
(American Baptist)
North Keneenway dr. at Ridgeway
Clifford J. Young, pastor

Sunday: 10 a.m.—Church school
11 a.m.—Morning worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening sermon
Wednesday: 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting

FAITH ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
400 Roberts rd.
G. E. Walton, minister

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship hour
7 p.m.—Evening service
Wednesday: 7 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
1108 W. Main St.
Robert E. Cull, pastor

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.—Sunday school
11 a.m.—Worship
6:15 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service

Tuesday: 7 p.m.—Prayer meeting
Wednesday: 7:45 p.m.—Bible study

Members To Observe Labor Day Holiday With Sunday Sermon

First Methodist church will observe Labor Day with Dr. George Roseberry preaching the subject "A Christian and His Work" at both morning services.

The youth choir will sing "Be Thou Our Guide" during the 9:30 a.m. service, and special music for the 11 a.m. service will be "God Speaks To Me" sung by Sharon Smith.

A workers conference will be held for church school workers at 7 p.m. before the commission of education meets Tuesday. The commission on social concerns will meet Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. in the church. Full choir rehearsals of the Chancel choir and the youth choir will be held Wednesday evening at the church.

The monthly potluck supper of Methodist men will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Dr. P. Malcolm Hammond of Ashland will be the speaker with the subject "Men Make Decisions." The Shipmates potluck supper Friday is at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Outing, Rally Planned by Church

Central Point-Activities at the Central Point Church of Christ include an all-day outing Monday by the senior youth group. Arrangements are to be made at their 6:30 p.m. meeting Sunday.

"Demas Forsook Me" is to be the sermon topic for the Sunday morning service, and the evening evangelistic service will feature "The Secret of Abraham's Greatness."

A post-camp rally has also been scheduled for Sept. 10 at the Phoenix Church of Christ for junior and senior high church students from several different churches.

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995 South Oakdale
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Rev. Dave McCollum
Pastor of...

Apostolic Faith Church
Yakima, Washington

GUEST SPEAKER—
Sunday—11 A.M.

Young People's Meeting—3:00 P.M.
Evangelistic Service—7:50 P.M.

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH
3rd and Central Phone SP 2-2757
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