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## BIBLES FOR UGANDA

### *Thank You, Mission to Children Family*

The year 1986 has most recently become history. Those of us who are privileged to serve with the Mission to Children cannot but sense a deep feeling of gratitude not only for the fact that our Lord has wonderfully led and directed us, but we are also grateful to our dear Mission to Children family for what you have done for this ministry and its vast outreach during the past year.

We thank you for upholding and supporting us; for your prayers on our behalf during the difficult months when our founder, Dr. Carlson was seriously ill, and then at the time of his passing; and now, for your continued faithfulness in "standing by" as we attempt to continue this ministry.

It is our desire to share with you a report and summary of the various Mission to Children projects, and thus familiarize you with the marvelous manner in which the Lord has used your love gifts in enabling us to complete the vision, plans and dreams that Dr. Carlson had in mind concerning the appalling and ever-present needs of our hurting world.

First of all, let me inform you that **THE HOME FOR ABANDONED CHILDREN** that is being constructed in Dr. Carlson's memory, is well on its way in spite of a serious drought that India is experiencing at this time. We are so grateful for the funds that have come in to make possible the building of this wonderfully practical memorial. Of course this is not meant to be an elaborate or costly monument to Dr. Carlson. It is actually intended to be a building that can be used to care for little children who have been forsaken and abandoned. We desire only an adequate practical facility that will bring glory to our God.

**THE MOTHER CARLSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** has now been in operation for more than a year, and how we do praise the Lord for the blessing and benefit that is being realized from this most worthy project. In this hospital 50 to 60 crippled children can be adequately cared for, and wonderful reports are reaching our Mission to Children office, telling of successful surgeries on deformed and crippled limbs that have been corrected, and these precious boys and girls are now able to walk for the

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Hear Guest Speaker  
**REV. ORD MORROW**  
of the Back to the Bible Broadcast  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
January 26 through 30  
**"THAT INCREDIBLE HUMAN FAMILY"**  
Mission to Children Broadcast

### URGENT AND DESPERATE NEED FOR BIBLES

Our dear, dedicated missionaries write to us from Uganda:

"A great spiritual awakening is taking place here, and precious souls are finding Christ in great numbers . . . BUT THERE ARE **NO BIBLES** AVAILABLE, EVEN FOR THE PASTORS."

We are informed that, in Uganda, there are seven languages spoken. The Bible is printed in each of these languages, but the largest tribe, the Baganda, consists of 2 MILLION people, and they have practically nothing available to them in the WRITTEN WORD.

Can you imagine what it would be like to try to live for the Lord Jesus Christ without owning a Bible? Then, just think of being a pastor and attempting to teach without a copy of God's inspired Word.

These guidelines for giving will assist you in your desire to contribute toward this most worthy project which we call "BIBLES FOR UGANDA."

\$ 25 will provide 5 Bibles.  
\$ 50 will provide 10 Bibles.  
\$125 will provide 25 Bibles.  
\$250 will provide 50 Bibles.  
\$500 will provide 100 Bibles.

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LET US REACH OUT TO A WORLD IN NEED, WITH THE WORD IT NEEDS." (J.T.C.)

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Since our monthly publication has brought tremendous blessings to such a host of people, we want your friends to receive it.

Please use the enclosed slip and as you give us the names and addresses of your special friends, please add one dollar for each name and the publication, "THE ANSWER," will bring blessing to the ones you choose.

If you have been a regular contributor to the ministries of MISSION TO CHILDREN you automatically receive "THE ANSWER" each month. You need not send in an additional amount to receive this publication unless you so desire.



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first time. Children's lives have been transformed because of the marvelous ministry of the Mother Carlson Hospital. We thank you, dear friends, for the major part you have had in making this possible.

**THE LEPER WING ON THE HOSPITAL FOR LEPROSY VICTIMS** in South India is now completed. Five hundred victims of leprosy are being ministered to as a result of this lovely Mission to Children Wing. May the Lord wonderfully bless each of you who has had a share in this building project.

**THE MANILA MIDNIGHT STREET MINISTRY** has proven to be a most successful undertaking, and many of our Mission to Children family have expressed a desire to continue helping this most deserving outreach, by assisting our missionaries in befriending and feeding these dear children who actually live on the streets of Manila.

We are so grateful for **THE WELLS, THE LEPER HOMES AND CHURCHES, THE BLANKETS** and **MATTRESSES** that have been provided through the kindness of God's caring people. What a genuine joy and thrill it is for us to be able to send on to our missionaries the financial aid for these needs, so that they can supply these various provisions.

**THE PLAYGROUND FOR THE JUNE CARLSON HOME** which Dr. Carlson had begun to finance just preceding his "promotion to glory" has also been completed. We are extremely grateful for this much-needed addition. Pictures have come to our office, showing the smiling, happy children as they play to their hearts' content on the new playground equipment, enjoying themselves as never before in their young lives.

For **THE WORLD'S LARGEST CHRISTMAS DINNER** we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you. The necessary funds have come in for this annual project. Once again great numbers of boys and girls not only received a sumptuous meal on Christmas Day, but were privileged to hear the sweet story of Jesus and His love. Certainly many new names will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life as a result of this Christ-honoring effort.

We continue to thank the Lord for the many dear **SPONSORS** of our precious orphans as they faithfully provide for their sponsored children each month. Their consistent help is a genuine "life-line" for these needy boys and girls.

Dear Mission to Children family, surely you must feel uplifted when you realize that you have been used of the Lord in helping to lift burdens, to bring joy and happiness to orphan children, as well as to provide food, clothing, and the opportunity to receive education and to learn about the Lord Jesus; moreover, to have been instrumental in providing surgeries for crippled children, and the supplying of a blanket or mattress, also a well for the thirsty villagers, leper homes and churches for leper patients, along with hospital facilities for their treatments and care. Perhaps it was a much needed and much-appreciated bowl of rice for some hungry, hurting, helpless individual half a world away.

During the past year we have simply asked for your help, and you have responded, for which we thank you. To you who have assisted in the mercy ministries of Mission to Children, the sympathizing Saviour says in Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

May God richly reward and bless you for your concern, your love, and your kindness in sharing the burden of Mission to Children. May your generosity come back to you in multiplied measure.

In Christ's love and service,  
James T. Cunningham

**TEENS TODAY****FOUR STAGES OF TEEN DRUG ABUSE**

*(We are grateful to Dr. Joseph R. Novello, the Director of the Gateway Rehabilitation Program in Washington, D.C. for this most informative article on the stages of drug abuse. Our teens and parents of young people have asked our Mission to Children staff to provide current information on this plague that is taking over our youth—drug abuse.)*

The world of adolescent alcohol and drug abuse is not a pretty one. It is marked by pain, deceit, dashed hopes, and wasted lives. Chemical dependency, the name we give it, is an illness that can kill. Like other chronic illnesses, chemical dependency develops in stages. Recognizing the early stages is crucial to intervention and treatment because the signs are not always readily apparent. Complicating the problem is the fact that many parents tend to have an instinctive denial mechanism: A usual reaction from such a parent is "not my child," or "he's just going through a stage."

**STAGE 1: EXPERIMENTATION**

Alcohol and drugs are everywhere. No teenager is immune from experimentation—it is usually a result of peer pressure. Most high school students have tried alcohol and marijuana. Fortunately, for most kids, it stops right there. Those fortunate young people try it and forget it. Some never try it again. Others continue to dabble in small amounts, never going beyond this stage. But there are other young people who try it and like it. Why are some more susceptible? We don't have all the answers. Family influence and genetics are part of the reason, along with depression or the urge for peer acceptance. These teens don't remain experimenters.

**STAGE 2: ACTIVE SEEKING**

Not content to wait around for his next high, the teen goes looking for it. "Partying," as young people call it, is limited to weekends at first. Some young people, like social drinkers, can arrest their drug use at this stage, but close to 10 percent can't and don't. Soon their use spreads over the entire week. Curiously, their behavior at home and even their performance in class may not be noticeably affected. Armed with breath fresheners, eye drops and growing skills at deception, they continue to fool those around them.

**STAGE THREE: PREOCCUPATION**

The teenager is now preoccupied with getting high and begins to plan his life around it. Behavior is erratic. Grades usually suffer. If Mom finds a joint in his pocket, he'll claim he is "just holding it for a friend." If Dad pushes the matter, his son will deny he has a drug problem. If his parents suggest counseling, the teenager will threaten to run away—or he will admit to a few "experiments" with pot but nothing more. But it is probably more than pot now; most likely he has graduated to other substances: cocaine, PCP, and LSD.

**STAGE 4: ADDICTION**

It is not fun anymore. The teen is drunk, high, stoned or buzzed most of the time. Tolerance develops, and he is doing a lot more of the same substance just to maintain a hazy equilibrium. It's more expensive too. How to pay for it? Stealing is one way. Drug-dealing is another. For girls, prostitution can be the grisly answer. Left untreated, the Stage 4 adolescent faces a grim future. We tell newly admitted patients to our drug rehabilitation program that they have three choices: They can get locked up (jailed), covered up (an early death), or sobered up. Treatment is tough work. It takes courage and commitment from the teenager and his family. The goal is complete acceptance of a sober lifestyle.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

**YOUNG PERSON:** Do you recognize yourself or any of your friends in this preceding article? If you do, don't waste any more time. Your life can be salvaged. Early treatments may guarantee better results for recovery.

**PARENTS:** Don't delay! Solicit help! Even though your child may threaten and curse, remember, that is the "illness" speaking and reacting. When your child comes to the place where he realizes his drastic need for help, and that you have rescued his very life, he will one day not only thank you for it, but also express thanksgiving to the Lord for answering the prayers of his parents.





# The Women's World

## RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 1987

By June Cunningham

The time has come for us to pause and reflect. As we reminisce and look back over the past 12 months, we are filled with mixed emotions of joy and sadness. Praise comes to our lips as we contemplate the longsuffering and faithfulness of God in bringing us thus far. But there are also feelings of regret. Realizing that we cannot undo the wrongs of yesterday, our mistakes and sins would cause us to hang our heads in shame were it not for our all-forgiving God who loves us and cares for us. Yes, the book of another year, 1986, has been sealed, and we cannot rewrite its pages. They are now history.

As we stand on the threshold of another brand new year and are determined to make necessary adjustments and improvements in various ways in 1987, may I share with you a scrapbook recipe that promises to help provide a joyous and happy new year? It is my prayer that when 1987 has run its course, you will be able to say, "Truly these have been 365 wonderful days filled with joy, happiness, and rich blessings from the Lord."

### RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take twelve line, full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate, and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness, in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way) but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation, and one well-selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoonful of good and pleasant disposition, a dash of laughter, a pinch of gait, a sprinkling of fun, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour freely into the above mentioned mixture a liberal and generous amount of love, blending and stirring enthusiastically with much vim and vigor. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat. Garnish with frequent friendly smiles and a sprig of joy. Serve with quietness, unselfishness, tenderness, and cheerfulness and the warmth of the love of Christ that only He can impart; and a happy new year will be an inevitable certainty and reality for 1987.

## IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK

By J. D. Carlson



**KEEP LOOKING UP**  
**OUR FOUNDER'S FEATURE**  
**J.D. Carlson**

When I read my Bible and study the history of the Jew and the Gentile and the Church, I am sure of this one thing—it is later than you think!

Time hastens without consent and leaves us empty handed. We think we will always have time to do what we need to do; but we forget that it is later than we think. Our Lord said in John 9:4, "The night cometh, when no man can work."

So since it is later than you think, I come to you today to say this:

### 1. IF YOU HAVE WORK TO DO—DO IT NOW.

Have you neglected some duty God has asked you to perform? Do it now for it is later than you think.

### 2. IF YOU HAVE A WITNESS TO GIVE—DO IT NOW.

Some of you have trusted Christ, but you have never shared this with your family, neighbors, relatives, your employer or employees. Do it now. Perhaps you have loved ones, and oh, how you love them. But you are saved and Heaven bound, while they are lost and judgment bound. Give them your witness for Christ today.

### 3. IF YOU HAVE A SOUL TO WIN—DO IT NOW.

Some of you have never won a single soul to Christ. How tragic: I can't imagine anything more tragic than to stand in the private judgment of believers, as a Christian, and be empty handed.

### 4. IF YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DISCHARGE — DO IT TODAY.

### 5. IF YOU HAVE A DEBT TO PAY—DO IT NOW.

I shall never forget how happy my dad was when at 70 years of age, he paid off his last bit of indebtedness. He was not an emotional man, but he almost danced for joy.

### 6. IF YOU HAVE A WRONG TO RIGHT—DO IT TODAY.

### 7. IF YOU HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE—MAKE IT THIS DAY.

### 8. IF YOU HAVE PREPARATION TO MAKE—DO IT NOW.

### 9. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN TO TRAIN—TRAIN THEM TODAY.

### 10. IF YOU HAVE A GIFT TO GIVE—DO IT NOW.

How much of your finances have you given to God? Time is passing and you are running out of time.

What time is it? It is later than you think. The Apostle Paul speaks of the lateness of the hour. "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:11-14).

In I Corinthians 7:29 Paul says, "But this I say, brethren, the time is short," and in verse 31 he says we are to use the world and not abuse it: "For the fashion of this world passeth away."

Yes, the hour is late. It is later than you think. In Scotland there was a minister who so loved the thought of Christ's return that he did this. In the morning he would go to the window as dawn was breaking and whisper, "Perhaps today, Lord, thou wilt come." And at night, before going to bed, he would look up into the sky and say, "Perhaps tonight, Lord, thou wilt come."

He could come now. Are you ready to meet Him? It is later than you think.



# BECAUSE . . . You Asked For It!

## THE BACKSLIDER'S CALENDAR

**JANUARY:** I hereby resolve to start church this year. But I will wait until February. Got to get over the holidays. They take a lot out of a person.

**FEBRUARY:** Weather is terrible. I'll start when it gets a bit warmer. My blood is too thin this time of the year.

**MARCH:** Lots of sickness just now. Got to keep away from those bugs.

**APRIL:** Easter . . . big crowds. They won't even miss me.

**MAY:** I've been confined most of the winter and now the weather is getting nice. It's time to hold family reunions.

**JUNE:** I'll wait until the baby is older. How on earth do some folks take their babies when they are just a few weeks old, and then never miss Sunday worship?

**JULY:** Boy! The heat is terrific! That air conditioning in the church might give me chills, and anyway, we've got that cabin boat for Sundays.

**AUGUST:** The preacher is on vacation. He will never know if I miss. Never liked those guest preachers anyhow, but when the preacher gets back . . .

**SEPTEMBER:** School has started. Vacation threw me behind in my work. Got to make one last visit to my relatives before the snow flies.

**OCTOBER:** Leaves are beautiful this time of the year. I can worship God outdoors anyhow . . . Kids will be cooped up all winter . . . so . . .

**NOVEMBER:** Getting colder . . . Can't stand warm church buildings with a lot of people in them. I'll start back to church when it gets warmer.

**DECEMBER:** Christmas! It belongs to children! I don't have time now for the church; roads are dangerous too . . . Anyway, next month is January. I'll resolve now to start going to church next year.



**Because you cared,  
these children will have  
a happier New Year.**

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