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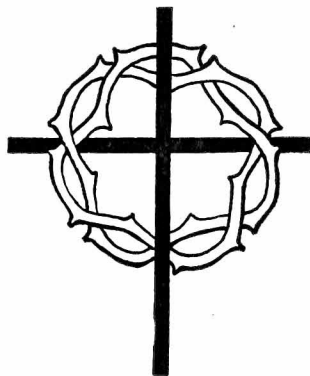
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a crown of thorns —

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Letter from Hong Kong

January 6, 1966

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

It has been almost 4 months to the day since I last wrote to you through the pages of the DEAF LUTHERAN. The days here in Hong Kong have been filled with many activities, and much time has been spent visiting Singapore, India, and Ceylon on one trip and Taiwan, Japan, and Korea on another. I hope to submit articles on both trips for future issues of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

New Lutheran Deaf Evening School

The most exciting development since I last wrote has been the opening of the Lutheran Deaf Evening School here in Kowloon right below my office in Concordia School. At the present time the enrollment is 26 students, divided into the four classes of Primary 1 to 4. Many of the students have had little or no opportunity for education. Thus the age of the student body ranges from 10 to 26, with the 26-year-old young man in Primary 2. Students do not mind the difference in ages in their class, because they all have come to learn.

The subjects taught include Chinese, English, arithmetic, social studies, speech, religion, and letter writing. Classes are held from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m., Monday through Friday. Many of these children must travel an hour or more one way on the bus, tram,

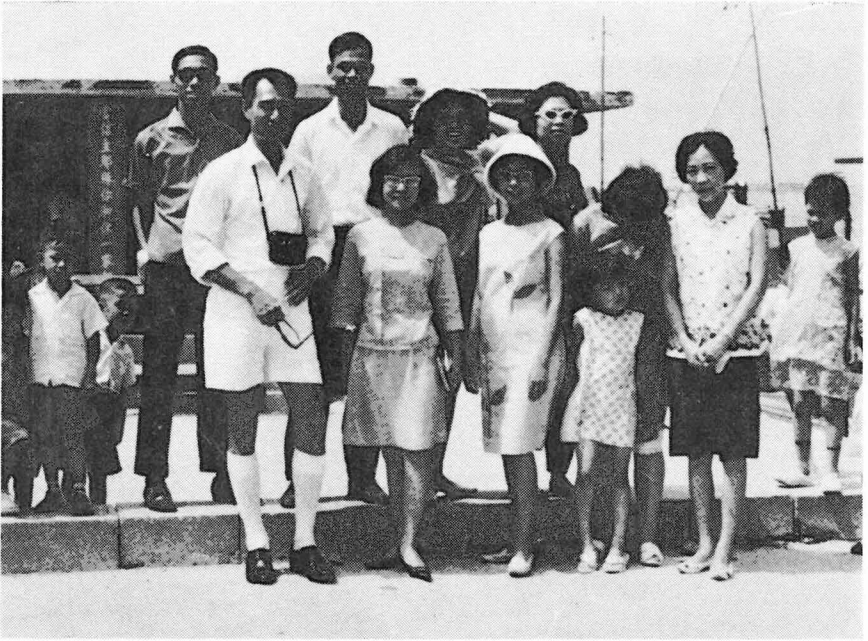
or ferry. Because some of the older students work during the day, they must complete their studies late in the evening after school hours. Their daily work allows no time for study during the day.

It is my privilege to serve as principal of this school, but actually I have done very little of the work. Much credit for organizing the classes and keeping things running smoothly must go to Miss Wong Suk Ming, our dean. Miss Wong also is the interpreter for the Kowloon Deaf Congregation.

Miss Wong is the sister of one of our deaf members and is a trained teacher for hearing children. She is in charge of the oldest group, the Primary 4 class.



Miss Sun Sau Ying teaches the Primary I class at the Lutheran Deaf Evening School in Kowloon. Here she is making the sign for "woman" as she touches her ear with her left hand



A group of young Lutheran deaf visit one of the Lutheran rooftop schools in the summer of 1965. The young man with sunglasses in the back row on the far left is Mr. George Wong, who died in mid-October, the first deaf communicant in Hong Kong to depart this life

Primary 2 and 3 are smaller classes and are taught by Mr. So Chung Leong, chairman of the Kowloon Deaf Congregation. Mr. So is deaf himself and has taught a few years at another deaf school. The Primary 1 class is taught by Miss Sun Sau Ying, who helps Rev. Titus Lee with work at the Hong Kong Deaf Congregation at Zion Church, North Point. All English teaching is done by a young college student, Mr. Poon.

Director of Deaf Education

Great opportunities exist for the further development of deaf education in Hong Kong. Because of this challenge, the Board for World Missions at the request of

the Hong Kong Conference has called Mr. Herman Holste, principal of the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, Mich., as director of deaf education for Hong Kong.

At the time of this writing we have not yet heard of Mr. Holste's decision. Whether the Holy Spirit will lead him to accept this call or not, we are confident that the Lord in His good pleasure will send us the person needed to take up this great task.

First Funeral for Hong Kong Lutherans

On Monday, Oct. 11, the day before I was to leave for India, I received a shocking telephone

call. Mr. George Wong, a 20-year-old deaf student and communicant member of Zion Lutheran Deaf Congregation, North Point, had died the day before of tuberculosis. George was a faithful member of the church and had been the type of person you could always depend on for help. This past summer he taught in our vacation Bible school and did an outstanding job.

George was a student in the Chinese Overseas School for the Deaf, where I taught English Bible class for one year. He had always been one of the most interested and active participants in the group. Recently he had been accepted for further study in the Taipei Deaf School in Taiwan to complete his high school education.

Why the Lord took to Himself this fine young Christian at this time we cannot understand, but we are grateful to God that through the efforts of the Lutheran church in Hong Kong this man had come to know Jesus as his Savior. Now he is with Christ. May the Lord continue to bless the work of Christians here to spread the precious Word of Jesus to many more deaf, that someday they too can enjoy the glories of heaven.

Veteran Missionary Dies

While I was in Korea in November, I received word from my wife that the Hong Kong Conference chairman, Dr. Elmer

Thode, died suddenly in his sleep of a heart attack. Dr. Thode had served as a missionary to the Chinese for some 40 years. During that time both he and his wife had been under house arrest by the Japanese and later by the communists.

Dr. Thode had always been a good friend of the deaf. In February of last year he served as the guest speaker at the special service commemorating the fourth anniversary of the first Lutheran deaf service in Hong Kong. Many of the deaf joined the hundreds of people who attended his funeral Nov. 22.

We in Hong Kong mourn the loss of one who has led the Hong Kong Mission for the past 12 years. The deaths of Mr. Wong and Missionary Thode serve to remind us of how close we all are to eternity and how short our time may be to do the work of Him who has sent us. As these two men, young and old, have fallen asleep in Jesus with the blessed hope of resurrection to eternal life, so we too have this great hope and comfort.

Christmas in Hong Kong

This was our second Christmas in Hong Kong, and once again we were thrilled to be able to share the Good News of the birth of Christ with our fellow Christians here. Hong Kong went all out this year with decorations, with main streets in both Kowloon and

Hong Kong decorated as cities do in the States. It added to the festive air of the city.

The Kowloon Deaf Congregation recently moved its place of worship from the small Chatham Road Chapel to the Nathan Road Chapel, located in the heart of downtown Kowloon's big tourist shopping, hotel, and restaurant area. The congregation decided that the Nathan Road Chapel should share in outside Christmas decorations, and some of our deaf young men were asked to place a manger scene outside the church on the second-floor balcony. Using a picture of a manger scene on a Sunday school leaflet, they painted life-size figures on plywood. It was extremely well done

and earned some well-deserved compliments.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, the deaf gathered at Concordia auditorium for the annual Christmas program. The program included the Nativity scene in pantomime by the students of the evening school, songs by the deaf choir, and a Christmas play by the young people of the Nathan Road deaf group. We were also privileged to view the excellent movie *A New Life for Jennifer*, which had been graciously loaned to us by the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf. It is a most excellent picture. The total attendance at the program must have been between 300 and 350 people — mostly deaf with some hearing relatives and friends.



The 27 deaf children baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Macao seated after their baptism. Each one holds the gift he received — a Chinese New Testament

Baptisms in Macao

The highlight of the Christmas season for me was to attend the Christmas morning service in Macao, where I witnessed the baptism of 27 deaf children, students of our Lutheran Deaf Evening School. This was the first class of deaf children our church has baptized since the work began here in June 1964.

Mr. Yip, a deaf teacher on the school staff, also professed his faith before the altar of God and was confirmed on Christmas morning. He was a former member of the Catholic Church but studied the teachings of the Holy

Scriptures with our pastor in Macao.

We give our thanks to God for His overflowing blessings upon the work among the deaf in Macao and in all the world.

My prayer for all of you in this new year is that our heavenly Father will give you generously of His Spirit so that you may have courage to live for Christ, the patience to live for your Savior even when suffering comes, the willingness to speak boldly for your Lord, and the hope of life eternal with Him forever. In His name,

REV. W. F. REINKING
Kowloon, Hong Kong

First Impressions — African Survey

LDMS Reports

The big news in the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society today is the 8-page report Rev. C. Roland Gerhold submitted about his recent trip with a survey team to Africa last November.

Rev. Gerhold was the representative of the society on the 4-man survey team and spent 3 weeks in Nigeria and Ghana. He made many contacts and covered many miles during his short visit, finding out what is being done for the deaf of these two African nations and what possible action our Lutheran church can take to help.

The survey report contains short summary statements of Rev. Gerhold's conversation with key persons in government, education,

and welfare agencies as well as with church leaders of our own church and of other denominations. These key leaders also indicated the number of deaf they knew about in their areas.

In a later issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN Rev. Gerhold will write his own impressions of the survey. However, since I know our readers are anxious to hear some word, I will give a summary of his report at this time and hope that this will answer your questions.

Western — Eastern Nigeria

The primary purpose of the survey was to see at first hand exactly what was being done at the Home for Young Deaf, Ibadan, as well as the needs and possibilities for expanding the school. As

you have read in previous articles in the DEAF LUTHERAN, the Home for Young Deaf was begun by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Oyesola, assisted by Mrs. Marian Yunghans.

Rev. Gerhold found other schools for the deaf in Western Nigeria and visited them. In Lagos, 90 miles south of Ibadan, a Federal School conducts classes for 70 pupils in a 7-room unit of new construction. In Ibadan itself a Rev. Foster conducts classes at a mission school of 8 rooms for about 75 children.

According to Rev. Gerhold's report it is quite possible that the way is open for our church to take over the Home and School for Young Deaf begun by the Oyesolas. However, the question is whether this is the *best* way for our church to take up the work with the deaf in Nigeria.

Ibadan and Lagos are in Western Nigeria. Our Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod together with the Synodical Conference of Lutheran Churches has been more active in mission work among the hearing people of Eastern Nigeria. Our church has been working there for many years and has established churches and many Lutheran elementary schools in the east. Rev. Gerhold feels we should investigate the possibility of joining classes for the deaf to these existing Lutheran elementary schools in Eastern Nigeria.

Rev. Gerhold also found two small mission schools for the deaf in Eastern Nigeria. However, be-

sides the limited work of the several small schools almost nothing is being done for deaf children or adults in all of Nigeria. On the other hand, almost without exception the key persons contacted showed much interest and willingness to cooperate and help our church in whatever steps we may be able to take to serve their deaf.

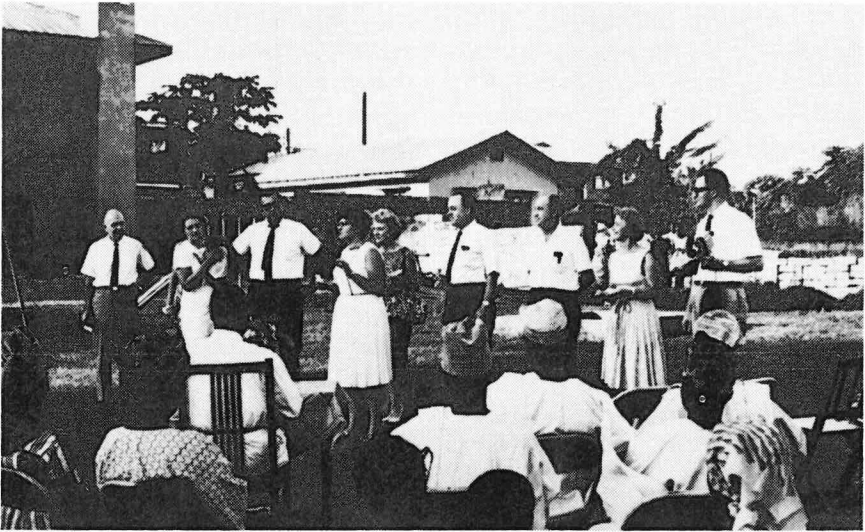
Ghana

Rev. Gerhold also visited the smaller nation of Ghana directly west from Nigeria. Here he found a government-supported school for the deaf with 100 children. The school was conducting classes in religion but without the help of a pastor. Government and church leaders here, too, expressed the plea that the Lutheran church would soon send a missionary to Ghana to serve the deaf.

Recommendations

As the survey report indicates, adult deaf in both countries have had no opportunity for good schooling and therefore cannot read or write. Very few of them are enrolled in deaf clubs or organizations designed to improve their condition. Any mission work among adult deaf must begin with classes to teach them to read and write.

Rev. Gerhold closed his report with the appeal that the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, our church's Board for Missions to the Deaf, the Board for Missions in Africa, the newly established Board of Missions of our church,



Mrs. Marian Yunghans (standing center) introduces members of the survey team from the Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf to the friends of the Home for Young Deaf in Ibadan, Nigeria, on Nov. 8, 1965

Standing, l. to. r.: Mr. John Eberlein, Jr.; Mrs. Melvin Luebke, Mr. Melvin Luebke, Mrs. Yunghans, Mrs. Philip Bauer, Mr. Philip Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. William Long (Business Manager, Lutheran Missions, Nigeria), Rev. C. Roland Gerhold

and the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf plan a long-range program to meet the tremendous needs of the deaf in Nigeria and Ghana. He further recommends that a trained missionary to the deaf be placed in Eastern Nigeria and another in Ghana to act as resource men in developing a total ministry for the deaf.

This matter will have to be studied thoroughly by the above-named boards and agencies of our church to determine how this mission field compares with other mission fields that are ready and waiting to be worked as well as what manpower is available to send, what funds are available, and so forth.

LDMS and You

Now what can you and I do? We can keep ourselves well informed by reading and studying available mission information. We can pray that the Lord will guide the leaders of our church and its interested agencies in their thinking and planning so that His wish may be done. We can show our interest in spreading missions to the deaf of the world by supporting our Lutheran Deaf Mission Society with our offerings.

It is expensive work to send pastors to other nations. The Lutheran Deaf Mission Society can help pay some of that cost if it has funds available.

As we read the survey report, it became very clear to us that our society has work to do. The deaf in the world at large need Jesus, and they need the Christian deaf of the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society to help bring Jesus to them.

Therefore let us declare **May 1966** as Lutheran Deaf Mission Society month, and **Pentecost Sunday, May 29**, as Lutheran Deaf Mission Society day throughout our Lutheran Deaf Mission.

May we encourage each con-

gregation and each mission field to use the Sunday sermon, the Sunday school lesson, the meetings of all organizations, the bulletin board, and every means possible to make known the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society. Inform our people about the society's work and give each one of our members the opportunity to make a special offering to its work. Look for more details of this special appeal in the April issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN.

REV. MARTIN KOSCHE
Delavan, Wis.

Notes from the Executive Secretary

December 31, 1965

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

Since you have not heard from me for several months, I decided to make a summary report of this past year's work.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not upon your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). This was the Bible verse on my calendar for the month of January, and it was a most fitting Word of God for me to begin and carry with me throughout the year 1965.

As we look back upon the past year, we can only thank God for His gifts and blessings, His grace and guidance. So much has happened in our work with the deaf, both here in America and in foreign lands. If you were to ask, "What's new?" I would have to answer, "Everything!" Every re-

gion has experienced change and growth.

Statistics — Workers

In 1965 10 new men entered our work, including six full-time pastors and four vicars. On the other hand, three vicars returned to their respective seminaries in September to complete their studies, two pastors retired from full-time service, two full-time pastors left our service, one part-time pastor accepted a call to another church, and two parish workers terminated their work.

This brings our staff totals to 42 full-time pastors, 4 part-time pastors, 2 semi-retired missionaries, 4 vicars, 3 parish workers, and one lay worker. To these 56 workers we add the 6-member Board for Missions to the Deaf, which oversees the church's mission.

At the close of the year as I write this article, three pastors are considering calls: Rev. Leroy Mason, Chicago, Ill., has been called to Deaf Zion, Miami, Fla.; Rev. Delbert Thies, Juniata, Nebr., has the call to Bethlehem, Omaha, Nebr.; and Rev. Donald Hasse, Florida-Georgia Field, has a call to Holy Trinity (hearing), Rome, Ga. In addition Mr. S. G. Behrends has completed his course of study at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., and expects a call into deaf missions.

We may note other regional changes during 1965. Three new regional counselors were appointed: Rev. Harry Hoemann — Eastern; Rev. George Ring — Midwest; and Rev. Rodney Ryneason — Pacific Coast. Four new fields were established also: Trenton, N. J.; Flint, Mich.; North Florida-Georgia; and Boston; Mass.

New Building and Renovation

Changes have come for many congregations in the way of building programs or reconstruction. To briefly sum it up, Ephphatha Congregation, South Chicago, dedicated their new chapel on Jan. 31, 1965. Congregations in Columbus, Ohio; Dallas, Tex.; and St. Louis, Mo., look forward to dedicating new chapels early in 1966. Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., will dedicate a completed educational addition early in 1966. Renovations of the interior of chapels have been completed by Deaf Zion Church, Miami, Fla.;

Christ Church, Cleveland, Ohio; and Bethlehem, Omaha, Nebr.

New plans have been drawn for building projects in other areas. New sites have been purchased in Great Falls, Mont., and Winnipeg, Man., Can., and the congregations will soon begin their building programs. The Vancouver, Can., congregation is preparing for the construction of their new chapel. The congregation in Des Moines, Iowa, is considering the relocation of their church, and Alpha Congregation in Rochester, N. Y., has sold their building and is in the process of buying another. The St. Paul, Minn., congregation is making plans for a new educational building on their present property.

Retirement and Welfare Plans

Our Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod established new retirement and welfare programs for our pastors in 1965. The retirement plan is like the former pension program but with increased benefits. The new Concordia Welfare Plan covers sickness, hospitalization, and death benefits. We are happy to report that all our deaf congregations have gladly accepted these programs for their pastors and are supporting them with quarterly payments. We are deeply grateful for this fine cooperation and support.

Detroit Convention

The highlight of the year's events, of course, was the con-

vention of our church in Detroit, Mich. The emphasis was missions, which made it all the more exciting for us. One important decision of the convention was to reorganize all the departments of missions under one new Board of Missions. This new board will be formed on Jan. 21 and 22 this year, but it will take a year or two for it to become fully organized and work. In the coming months we will report the details to you and explain how our deaf churches will fit into the new operation.

On the Road

I would like to report to you about my visits to the many churches and cities I have seen in my travels this past year, but the list is too long to include in this brief article. In February I traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, to preach and meet with the voters while they were without a pastor. Later in February and March I visited all the cities served by Rev. Francis Gyle and Rev. Ervin Oermann in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. I returned to Pensacola, Fla., May 29 and 30, for the Dixie Regional Conference. In August I attended another well-attended Regional Conference of the Midwest Region at Lake Okoboji, Milford, Iowa. I traveled over half the nation in October visiting churches in north and south Chicago, New York City, Pittsburgh, Omaha, Sioux Falls, Minneapolis, and Cleveland.

In Sioux Falls I attended a

seminar with all the pastors of the American Lutheran Church sponsored by their executive secretary, Rev. Simonson. The president of Gallaudet College, Dr. Leonard Elstad, spoke of his desire to build an on-campus chapel to serve the increasing enrollment at the college. By 1970 they expect to have well over 1,200 students.

I was back on the road again in November, visiting Rochester and Rome, N. Y. Then to West Hartford, Conn., and Boston, Mass., to set up the new division of work in the New England area. I also visited Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C., where I observed 15 young men and women take their pledges as new members of the Gamma Delta, our organization for Lutheran college students.

LDMS

As I bring this article to a close, I want to encourage you to support your Lutheran Deaf Mission Society. Your help, support, and prayers given on behalf of the society can do great things for the kingdom of our Lord and Savior. Although we may feel that the "mite" we give does not do very much, yet when we gather the mites of everyone, the total grows and is able to do great things.

I encourage you to read the report of Rev. C. Roland Gerhold's recent African survey trip elsewhere in this month's DEAF LUTHERAN.

Another exciting possibility for

expanding work among the deaf of foreign nations exists in Brazil, South America. Watch the forthcoming issues of the **DEAF LUTHERAN** for the story of Dr. Martin C. Warth and his family.

Finally, may we plead with you not only to dedicate yourselves to the Lord and His church where you live, but also to remember the whole work of the church

throughout the world and fervently pray for it. Pray that God will continue to give all our pastors and teachers the fullest measure of His Holy Spirit, a growing and abiding faith, a real sincere love for the Lord and His people, and a zeal for the salvation of precious souls. In Christ,

REV. H. W. ROHE
St. Louis, Mo.



FIELD

GLEANINGS

News Notes from the Field

On Sunday, Feb. 13, **Rev. Alvin E. Ferber** interpreted the entire worship service of Holy Cross Lutheran Church (hearing) of Wichita, Kans., on Station KTVH-TV, channel 12. Pastor Ferber reports that his numerous opportunities to interpret on television has encouraged the friendship of many listeners over a wide area for his deaf congregation.

The Alberta-British Columbia District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League presented a check for \$1,000 to **Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Vancouver, B. C., Can.**, on Sunday, Oct. 3. Mrs. Martha Erickson, first vice-president of the district Lutheran Women's Missionary League, made the presentation to **Mr. Alex Brodie**, who accepted

the check on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Brodie is chairman of Trinity Congregation's building program.

A "horn of plenty" was filled with a thankoffering by the deaf of the **Dallas, Tex.**, congregation at their Nov. 21 Thanksgiving service. The food was given to a needy family.

Members of **Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Cleveland, Ohio**, also brought a special gift of thanks to God's altar on Thanksgiving Day. Five baskets of food were distributed to needy families in the congregation.

Oct. 31, 1965, will certainly be long remembered by **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Macek** of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf, **Omaha, Nebr.** It was on this date that Mr. and Mrs. Macek

celebrated their *50th* (golden) *wedding anniversary*. The celebration began with *Pastor Ernest Mappes'* conducting a short worship service of thanks and praise to God for His many years of grace to this couple. More than 140 friends and relatives joined in honoring the couple on this special occasion.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Wester-

mann, Greensboro, N. C., Field, are proud of their son, Rev. Ted Westermann, missionary among the Enga people of New Guinea. Missionary Ted Westermann and his family are now in the Western Highlands of New Guinea, living with the natives in the bush to study their living habits and their history. This will be their work for the next 2 years.



LIGHT FOR YOUR WAY

Daily Bible Readings

for March

- March 1** — **Exodus 18:13-27.** God's people choose their judges. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead His people to speak of their needs and their faith. Pray for Rev. O. S. Anderson, Jacksonville, Ill.
- March 2** — **Exodus 19:16—20:17.** God makes His covenant (agreement) of mercy and obedience. Ask God to keep our nation and its rulers faithful to His will.
- March 3** — **Exodus 32:7-20.** Moses prays to God for his people. Pray God to forgive the sins of your congregation and the whole church.
- March 4** — **Exodus 33:12—34:10.** Moses sees the glory of God's love. Give thanks to God for showing you the glory of His promise which He kept by sending Jesus.
- March 5** — **Numbers 20:2-13.** Pride turned a great man against God. Ask God to forgive us when we fail to honor Him.
- March 6** — **Deuteronomy 32:48-52.** God refuses to let Moses enter the Promised Land. Pray for the strength and courage to accept your place in life among the people of God.
- March 7** — **Deuteronomy 34:1-12.** Moses dies with a vision of glory. Pray that you may live and die with a strong faith in Jesus and with the hope of eternal life.
- March 8** — **Exodus 4:10-17.** The great leader is given a helper, his brother. Ask God to bless your pastor with a strong faith. Pray for Mrs. Lorena Mueller, pastor's wife, Milwaukee, Wis.

- March 9** — **Exodus 7:1-12**. The authority God gave to Moses was proved by a miracle. Pray that God will give you the power to trust His promise when you pray.
- March 10** — **Exodus 32:1-6, 21-24**. A weak faith gives in to temptation and sin. Ask God to forgive us when we worship the things of the world instead of Him. Pray for Mrs. Martha Beyer, pastor's wife, Seattle, Wash.
- March 11** — **Leviticus 8:1-12**. The first high priest is consecrated (made holy to serve the Lord). Pray for our deaf mission in Hong Kong.
- March 12** — **Numbers 17:1-13**. God supports Aaron against his enemies. Ask God to support you as you believe and teach the truth. Pray for Mrs. Sonja Leonhardt, pastor's wife, Devils Lake, N. Dak.
- March 13** — **Numbers 20:22-29**. The priesthood passed from father to son. Thank God for the parents who have confessed their faith in Jesus and taught their children to love God.
- March 14** — **Exodus 17:8-16**. God appoints a general for His army. Ask God to help your voters' assemblies to choose officers of your congregation who are faithful to Him and His Word.
- March 15** — **Numbers 14:1-10**. A coward's report is accepted with fear. Ask God to give you the faith to trust Him even when facts cause your mind to doubt. Pray for Mrs. F. Finke, parish worker, St. Paul, Minn.
- March 16** — **Numbers 27:12-23**. The Lord chooses Joshua to be Moses' successor. Pray that God may give you the strength to accept and do your responsibilities to others.
- March 17** — **Deuteronomy 31:1-8**. A strong and courageous man is encouraged by God's people. Ask God to give you the eagerness to go and do what God wants you to do.
- March 18** — **Joshua 1:1-11**. God's people prepare to take over the Promised Land which God has given them. Pray for your congregation that it be prepared to do God's work.
- March 19** — **Joshua 5:13—6:7**. God's people begin their united attack. Pray for all the members of your congregation that they all join hands and hearts to do the work of the Lord.
- March 20** — **Joshua 23:1-16**. Joshua's last command to God's people. Ask God to take away all your doubts and fears and hesitations.
- March 21** — **Joshua 24:14-29**. God makes His covenant (agreement) again in the Land of Promise. Remember God kept His promise to you in giving you forgiveness through Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. Pray for a stronger faith in this blessing.
- March 22** — **Judges 4:1-10**. A strong woman encourages a leader of men. Pray for the women of your church and their work for God.

- March 23** — **Judges 5:1-31.** A song of praise after God's victory. Pray for those who lead you in worship and praise at church.
- March 24** — **Judges 6:11-24.** God calls a humble man to do His work. Ask God to give you a full understanding of your work for Him.
- March 25** — **Judges 6:25-32.** A false family altar to an idol is destroyed. Pray that God will give you the courage and the faith to worship Him with all your heart, mind, and soul.
- March 26** — **Judges 6:33-40.** God gives proof that He will help Gideon in his time of trouble. Pray for the deaf in Nigeria and Ghana, West Africa, that God will send His church to tell them of Jesus.
- March 27** — **Judges 7:1-14.** God's people prepare for an unequal battle. Pray that God will bless the efforts of the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society to finance the cost of foreign deaf mission work.
- March 28** — **Judges 7:15-23.** God defeats His enemies by a miracle. Ask God to show His power in the nations of the world today.
- March 29** — **Judges 8:4-21.** A forceful man takes vengeance on those who refuse to help the Lord's cause. Pray for the power to forgive those whose work is small.
- March 30** — **Judges 8:22-35.** A great man weakens under temptation. Ask that God keep you as His child through all your life. Pray for Mrs. Ellen Lange, pastor's wife, Denver, Colo.
- March 31** — **Judges 13:1-25.** The promise and birth of a deliverer. Pray that the children of your church be kept in faith and truth.

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