Four Years of Progress

Four years of progress is indeed a correct heading for this article, as we review some of the progress during the past four years in the Foreign Missionary work, especially as it relates to the Oklahoma City Church. We have just passed our fourth anniversary of the organization of the Missionary Society of the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Oklahoma City, and we feel it to be of interest to note some of the statistics of the past few years. The organization of this society in the Oklahoma City Church marks an epoch in the history of the Foreign Missionary work in Pentecostal Holiness ranks in Oklahoma. Previous to the organization of this Society, our Missionary figures were extremely low. But dating from this Missionary Society's inception, the progress of the missionary work in Oklahoma began. For instance, the total offerings for Foreign Missions from the Oklahoma City Church, ending with the conference year 1916 was only $32.03, and of the entire Oklahoma Conference it was only $90.78. In 1917 it amounted to $110.65; 1918 brought the local missionary offering to $162.48, while 1919 nettcd a total of $123.45. During this four-year period a total of only $428.61 was raised in the Oklahoma City Church for the Foreign Mission work. During the same period of time the entire Oklahoma Conference only raised a total of $1,354.81. On November 11, 1919, God began to answer prayer wonderfully in the missionary work in the organization of this society, and for the year ending August, 1920, the Oklahoma City Church alone gave to Foreign Missions $711.5, while the Oklahoma Conference went to $1,300.93. In 1921 the Oklahoma City figures reached a total of $1,011.15. In 1922 the figures were $710.65, and in 1923 the figures reached a total of $915.44. Making a total during the four-year period of $3,348.85 for Oklahoma City church alone, while the figures for the four-year period for the entire Oklahoma Conference reached a total of $8,411, a considerable increase, indeed. To summarize From 1916-1919 before the organization of the Missionary Society, Oklahoma City Church gave $428.61 to Foreign Missions. The four-year period from 1920-1923 inclusive after the organization of the Missionary Society, Oklahoma City Church raised $3,348.85 for Foreign Missions. In the four-year period 1916-1919, the Oklahoma Conference gave $1,354.81. The four-year period after the organization of the Oklahoma City Missionary Society the Oklahoma Conference gave a total of $8,411 to Foreign Missions. In the four-year period of the existence of the Oklahoma City Missionary Society it has raised a total of $4,073.46, making an average of over $1,000 per year since its inception. Praise the Lord. And again we say, praise the Lord. An organized effort in the missionary work pays. Systematic giving is far better than spasmodic giving. Let's go forward with the missionary work.

A noteworthy progress in the missionary work has been that of the Enid Mission, of which J. A. Campbell and wife are pastors. During the past conference year only one church in the entire conference gave more to Foreign Missions than this mission. Despite the fact that it was a new mission and had many obstacles to overcome, it responded admirably to the mission work. Sister Campbell is a missionary enthusiast, and has recently organized a missionary society at Covington.

From a personal letter from Brother Joel E. Rhodes, one of our missionaries, located at Krugersdorp, Transvaal, South Africa, he states. "Our work here is taking a much better move, the open doors are many. There are open doors in the Northern Transvaal and East Africa and at different places here on the Rand. We need money and workers to enter these open doors. Pray, pray."

No work touches the heart of God more than the missionary work, we feel sure. For surely this work had its origin in the heart of God, for has not the Scripture said that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should have everlasting life."
FOREIGN MISSIONS

We appreciate the response to the Foreign Mission work, and we trust that in these busy and hard times that we will not forget to send of our means to send the Gospel to the heathen world.

Coffeyville P H church......$2.20
Carr P H church............7.86
Seminole P H church......25.83
Emmanuel P H church......3.40
Grace L Davis................1.00
Leavenworth P H church....2.35
Ada P H church.............6.56
C E Neukirchner............6.00
Battlesville P H church...15.40
Rossville P H church.......3.00
Bethel P H church...........2.16

Elta Milliron................1.00

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Chas. J Phipps...............2
Sallie Hinkle...............1
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C E Neukirchner..-----------1
J A Campbell................1
O C Wilkins..................1
Walter Pruitt.................1
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G B Tims.....................2
Laura Hopkins.................2
K E Jolliff...................1
Matthew Bell................1
Walter Teague...............2
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The Methodist Episcopal church claims a total of 769,091 converts in heathen lands during the past four years. “In India an average of 100 converts are received into the church daily,” according to Bishop Fisher of Calcutta and Bengal. The Methodist Episcopal church has a total of 1,232 missionaries in active service abroad and maintains 2,498 schools. According to their report, polygamy in Africa is the chief obstacle to the conversion of natives in that country.

Cleveland, Okla.—Am thanking God this morning because I am one of His children. Oh I praise Him for His many blessings, for saving, sanctifying and Baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I do love Jesus because He can heal. I just got back Tuesday from Bro. Richey’s meeting at Tulsa, he prayed for me and the Lord wonderfully touched my body and as I had never sent in my testimony I felt like I ought to, for I want to do all I can for my Saviour He has done so much for me. I mean to make heaven my home by the help of Jesus.

EULA LOVETT

Caddo, Okla.—Dear Faith family. I am sending 50 cts to renew my subscription to the Faith. This beautiful morning still finds me saved, still holding on to the Lord for everything. I have been shut in from all services for so long on account of my husband’s illness. I am really hungry for a Pentecostal meeting. I enjoy going to meeting so much. I am still praying for the Lord to send a preacher this way that is filled with the Holy Ghost. I want the whole Faith family to pray for my husband to be healed that we may get out and do something for the Lord, He is so good to us. Glad to say my husband is some better than he has been. I am holding on to the Lord. So glad to say He keeps me healed and able to do my work. Pray for us.

Your sister in Jesus.

Mrs. J L Bell

Cleveland, Okla.—This morning I am happy with Jesus alone. I have a little grand daughter that is very sick. Seems to be growing worse all the time. I ask all the readers of the Faith paper to go to prayer for her. I am willing to do God’s will. I have just give her up to the Lord. While her mother will have the doctor, I am praying that God will get hold of the hearts of the parents. Also pray for the very few saints at Cleveland. There are no services here. I am longing to be among the saints. Your sister in Christ, looking for Jesus soon. Eller Powell.

Lookeba, Okla.—Greetings in Jesus name. I am sending in my renewal to the Faith paper as I don’t want it to stop coming. I certainly do appreciate the good testimonies, most especially the dear saints I have known so long. I also want to add my testimony with the rest. Glad this morning finds me on victory side with a real halo of glory in my soul, really saved, sanctified and Baptized with the Holy Ghost, with a Bible evidence as in Acts 2:4. You know the Word says, Whom the Son hath made free is free indeed, and I am so glad I found that true. I once was bound but now I am free, happy and glad. You know the Word says, with food and raiment therewith to be content, I am so glad He is able to help us be contented, not letting the old enemy torture and worry us, not go around grieved and carry heavy burdens when He has promised to bear them for us. Your sister in Christ.

Mary J Garrison

N. T. Morgan, box 168, Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City, Okla., Secretary-Treasurer, Oklahoma Pentecostal Holiness Sunday School Association, also Secretary-Treasurer Camp Meeting Association.
Reports From the Field

Henryetta, Okla.—To Faith family. We had 47 in attendance at Sunday School yesterday had a wonderful service at 11 o'clock, one sanctified and one received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and spake out in a clear language, praise God. Last night one was sanctified. We have good attendance. The Henryetta work is moving on for God and the salvation of lost souls. Your sister in Jesus.

MRS. GEO. A BURNS

Okemah, Okla.—Greetings in Jesus name. This morning finds me with victory, praise the Lord, Am here in a revival. God is blessing. Some precious services, for which we praise God. The altar full Saturday night, 2 sanctified. Last night one was saved and prayed through got sanctified and Baptized, praise the Lord. The saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues, was a real feast, glory to God. Will continue this coming week. So pray for us. Bro. Finkenbinder is pastor. Certainly love to be with him in meeting, he and his wife are pure gold. Your brother looking for the soon coming of Jesus.

S E STARK

Wichita Falls, Tex.—To the Faith family. Greetings in Jesus dear name. I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord once more through the little paper for what He is to me just now. He keeps me saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and healed, praise His name forever. I will give a little report of the meeting I'm helping in here that Sister Williams form Enid and her brother are conducting here. The meeting has just been going on a week, we have had some pull but the Lord is blessing Sister Williams in giving out the Word and some have been saved and some healed in spite of the devil and his opposing power, glory to Jesus. Pray for the meeting that souls may be saved also pray for me that I may be a soul winner for Jesus. Your brother in Christ.

ELMRY LORANCE

Superintendent's Slating


DAN W. EVANS, Conf. Supt.

Bro. Ira A. Fennell requests the prayers of the saints for his mother, who is very insane. Saints let's pray for this mother.

Dear readers of the Faith family. All who read this pray for God to heal my eyes. Am suffering all the time, unable to read or use them scarcely at all. Your sister in Jesus.

LULA J SMITH

We desire to place before our readers a request for special prayer for all of our missionaries on the field, and especially at this time remember our dear Brother Rhodes in Africa, who has been undergoing a severe test in his body. Also Brother and Sister Turner have both lost many pounds in flesh, but are still pressing on doing the Master's will. Especially pray for these, that God will strengthen their bodies. None of us are making the sacrifices that our missionaries have made, and we need to continually hold them up to the throne of grace in our prayers.

KISSED POPE'S TOE

To show our readers an evidence of the depravity existant, and the trend of the human family we quote the following Associated Press dispatch to the Daily Oklahoman from Rome, Italy: "Thrice bending the knee before Pope Pius, then kneeling on the steps of his throne, King Alfonso and Queen Victoria as their Catholic majesties, Monday Kissed The Pope's Toe and then his hand, thereby restoring the ancient ceremonial to denote humility and the homage due the holy (may the Lord forgive us for even quoting this—Editor) father by Catholic sovereigns."

NOTICE

Seminole, Okla., Nov. 21, 1923.

We, the undersigned members of the Oklahoma Conference Official Board of the Pentecostal Holiness church, met November 21, 1923 at Seminole, Oklahoma to investigate charges against Rev. Jesse A Cook. Whereupon after due consideration in the case, and his failure to meet the said Board we granted him his request of being dropped under charges.

DAN W. EVANS, Conf. Supt.
S. E STARK, Asst. Supt.
ARTHUR SMITH, Sec.
L G CHILCOAT
M L DRYDEN

To the Oklahoma Conference members: This is to certify that Rev. G A Burns has met the requirements of the Judicary Committee of the last Conference in regards to his obligation on church property funds of Okemah Okla. Therefore, the Conference Official Board commends him to all in good standing.

Yours faithfully.

DAN W. EVANS, Conf. Supt.

Please renew my paper. I can't very well get along without it. May God bless the Faith and its many readers.—Cordelia Knight.
The Sunday Schools

Henryetta, Okla.—We organized our Sunday School November 11 with forty in attendance. Sunday, the 18th, there were 42 in attendance. There was good interest, even to our card class. We have a good little Sunday School, for which we do praise God.—Maryetta Burns.

Ada, Okla., Nov. 19.—Our Sunday School is growing in numbers, and also in interest of the study of the lessons. We had 42 in number when we first came here, and we have now 72. I had 25 in my class Sunday.—J. P. Pinkston.

The Wagoner Sunday School has increased about 33 per cent. —O. C. Wilkins.

One of the nice Sunday Schools is the Valley Sunday School organized by the writer a few years ago. On the past Sunday the attendance was upwards of 40, which is good for the community. They have their scholars enrolled and each Sunday call the roll. The interest is fair.

It was the writer's privilege to be in the Seminole Pentecostal Holiness Sunday School November 18. They have a good Sunday School and a good Bible class. A noteworthy feature was the children's choir, consisting of children about 4 to 15, who filled the choir and pulpit space singing well with the superintendent. As soon as the singing is done the children march off the rostrum and take their places in their respective classes. This feature might be profitably followed in other Sunday schools. One thing it not only serves to develop the children along the line of singing, but it interests them and makes them feel a degree of responsibility.

Okmulgee Sunday School.

Okmulgee, Okla.—I am very glad indeed to give a report of our Sunday School in Okmulgee.

Believe we have one among the best, both in interest and attendance, of any in the state. The general attendance is over 100. The Bible class has an enrollment of 40 adults, with Brother Bland Dean as a very efficient teacher. We have a splendid class of young people. A card class—which employs two teachers, also a cradle roll with quite an enrollment. Three other classes with splendid teachers, all of whom are worthy of mention. We appreciate our superintendent, J. W. Wilborn, and Sister Meginity, who has very faithfully performed her duties as secretary and the Oklahoma City church for several years. Also our pastor, Brother Waterfield, who is a very devoted worker, in our Sunday School. We are looking for greater things, earnestly request the prayers of every Sunday School in the state. Would be glad to receive any plans or suggestions that would help in any way. Mrs. J. W. Wilborn, Reporter.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Ponca City, Okla.—The first quarterly conference of the Oklahoma City District met with the Ponca City church, November 9-11. The devotional services Friday night conducted by Pastor R. B. Beall and C. E. Neal, of the Ponca City church, Saturday from 9:30 to 12 was given to a drill on the Course of Study, and other important questions relative to the advancement of the cause of Christ in this district. The business session was held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Paul W. Kincaid was elected secretary pro tem. The following churches and delegates were enrolled: Ponca City, Willie Hardy; Blackwell, M. C. Davis; Oklahoma City, Mrs. R. B. Beall. Pastors enrolled were Paul Kincaid, R. B. Beall and C. E. Neal, reported. Written reports by the following: John Sonderegger, Chas. J. Phipps, J. A. Campbell and wife, written reports by Evangelists Willard Short, M. P. Rose, Bank Hyus, O. M. Newby. Written report of Mission Workers, Mrs. Francis Hatfield, Ray Greenfield. Written reports by El Reno, Reeding, Rossville and Okenee Miss M. V. Simpkins was granted request of withdrawing from the roll of Mission Workers.

The Saturday evening praise service was led by Sister R. B. Beall, Bro. C. E. Neal preaching a good, touching sermon. Bro. R. B. Beall conducted the Sunday morning services, preaching a very appropriate and touching sermon. The saints wept and some confessions were made and we could see the hand of God in the meeting. Following this Conference Supt. Dan W. Evans, read some scripture and we gathered around the altar, partaking of the sacrament in memory of our Lord. God placed His hand of approval on the services, the saints shouted and talked in tongues and magnified God. It was a day long to be remembered by God's people. The Sunday evening praise service was led by Paul Kincaid, followed by a deep, touching message by Bro. Dan W. Evans. We feel that all present were greatly blessed and encouraged by attending the conference. Some way I see and feel the need of more of our preachers attending these quarterly conferences, and devising plans and means whereby we may be able to do more toward the spreading of the Gospel of Christ in our district. Brother preachers we can make this conference a blessing to all and a great success if we put forth a more determined effort to attend. Let us try and attend the next one in our district which will be at Enid, Okla. The offering to conference superintendent was $15.45.—Paul W. Kincaid, Sec.

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