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1967 is under way and although you are involved with some sort of vacation activity (or inactivity) it is time to start thinking and praying for Christian activity at Univ. this year. I would suggest that you search yourself very frankly and honestly. Perhaps something of this nature. How much am I really concerned with sharing Jesus Christ with my fellow students so that they may come to know Him? Do I truly have Good News to tell? Will this year need to be different from the last? Am I totally committed to the Lord Jesus Christ, gladly OBEYING HIM in all that I do?

Please make 1967 a year of wholehearted service. This will mean becoming involved with people who do not know of our Saviour and what He has done on Calvary and what He can and will do in all lives. We must be genuine friends with all and make the effort of spending time with them. Above all this will compel us to spend time with Christ and study God's Word diligently.

In case you have not heard of it, the Mission to the University is definite. The main thrust will be a series of lunchtime addresses by the Rev. Peter Newall of Adelaide. The Mission will be from July 5th till July 11th. The whole programme for the year will be oriented around the Mission. We hope to have a series of Faculty Seminars and Members' Discussion Groups in as many Faculties as possible.

Our aim is definite - and it has been that of the New Testament - to present clearly the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that all in this Univ. may come to know HIM as SAVIOUR and LORD. Do PRAY for Peter Newall in his preparation. Let us also dedicate our whole personalities to the evangelistic task which is before all of us.

PRAY also for Fresher Work activities. Instead of the parties we have held in past years we will be having a Folk Night. The entertainment will be provided by some "Classy Artistes". The speaker will be Brian Hill. The date is fixed for March 7th. The purpose is for an evangelistic effort to reach out to non-Christian Freshers. Let us PRAY for those each and every one of us will be inviting to come along - that God will lead people to Christ through this.

There will be a survey during Orientation Week and we hope and pray that all members will come and participate in this. There is great potential in the survey - PRAY that the Lord will use all of us in drawing people closer to Himself.

DAY OF PREPARATION -

This is to be held for the purpose of sharing information among members and really being "clued up" on what is going on in E. U. this year. It will be a great help if members can ask questions of the Committee on the Aims, Basis and Programme that has been planned e. g. "Why are we holding a meeting for members and interested

I. S. C. F. er's?"

The Day of Preparation will probably be of this nature:

1. Periods in which we may pray together for the task we have in 1967 and to study the Holy Scriptures.
2. The Committee will outline the programme for the year - Public Addresses, Seminars, Church Services and the Mission. We hope you will be prepared to query any of the ideas suggested and to feel free to offer any CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.
3. Further discussion on the Mission and a time for prayer about the Mission.
4. Fresher Work and the survey.
5. Discussion on the nature of E. U., particularly with regard to the Aims and Doctrinal Basis.

Essentially it is an effort to bind all of us in the common task EVANGELISM.

We feel that the only way we can have this vision is to KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON.

More important than this is the fact that we must be involved in presenting Christ and be PRAYING constantly.

The day of Preparation will probably be held on Feb. 25th from 11.00 a. m. to 10.00 p. m. The venue will probably be Christchurch (Anglican) Hall which is situated on the corner of Stirling Highway and Queenslea Drive in Claremont.

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The O. C. F. Conv. was held from Dec. 29th - Jan 5th at Stanwell Tops' Camp Ambassador which is 35 miles south of Sydney.

The main speakers were Mr. Ian Burnard (I. V. F. Gen. Sec.) - Dr. G. D. James, an evangelist from Singapore and Rev. Dudley Foord, Dean of Moore Theol. College (Sydney).

Mr. Ian Burnard had the difficult task of filling in for Mr. P. T. Chandapilla (U. E. S. I. Gen. Sec.) but he dealt very adequately with the topic of "Mission". He spoke on the Biblical Basis of Missions and said that we preach the Gospel not because we want to or because we need to, but because Jesus Christ has commanded us to.

Dr. G. D. James of the Malaysian Evangelistic Fellowship gave an evangelistic address and about a dozen people came forward and committed their lives to Jesus Christ. There were many who re-dedicated their lives to bringing the message of reconciliation to all men.

Rev. Dudley Foord spoke on Discipleship and his series of addresses was most challenging to the Christians and would have awakened any complacent or lethargic nominal Christian to a greater enthusiasm to be crucified daily and to live to Jesus Christ alone.

There were also seminars on Evangelism, Vocation and Comparative Religions. These were led by very able people and proved to be of great benefit to everyone who went along. We were very privileged to

have an extra seminar on "Racial Issues in the U. S. A." by Miss Ruth Lewis, who was a staffworker with Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship for 5½ years. It was an eye-opener!

The spirit in prayer and fellowship was tremendous and everyone felt a bond of fellowship and love which can only be found in Jesus Christ. Truly, we are "all one in Christ Jesus".

The I. V. F. Conference was held in Victor Harbour S. A. from Jan 6th to 14th. Victor Harbour is the principal holiday resort in South Australia and is 52 miles from Adelaide.

The Conference site was the lovely Adelaide Bible Institute on Mount Breckan and the weather proved ideal.

It was unfortunate that we could not have had Mr. P. T. Chandappa but there were some very capable substitutes in Dr. John Hercus, Prof. Malcolm Jeeves, Mr. Ian Harvey, Mr. D. Nettelbeck and Miss Ruth Lewis.

Dr. Hercus gave 2 seminars on "God and Man" and 3 addresses on the Life of David. Dr. Hercus, the author of "Pages from God's Casebook" and "More Pages from God's Casebook" kept the audiences on their toes with the vivid descriptions he gave to the Biblical narrative. After his first address, his 2 books on the Conference bookstall were sold out!

Prof. Malcolm Jeeves, Prof. of Psychology at Adelaide University delivered an address on Miracles, and this proved to be a very enlightening experience for the Conferees.

Miss Lewis spoke on "Witness on American Campuses" and her reports on I. V. C. F. work in the U. S. were encouraging and it challenged us to be more effective witnesses for Jesus Christ in the future. She spoke of the success of "Prayer Circles" in the U. S. and these will be adopted in most of the E. U.'s this year.

There were a great many other notable speakers including Mr. A. Whitehouse, an Arabic scholar who has been working among the Muslims many years. He told us of the great need of Muslims for Christ and asked us to be faithful in prayer for those in the darkness of Islam.

There is so much that one could write about these 2 conferences but that would take some of the suspense away. Do make an effort to attend the I. V. F. Conference next year. It is something you will remember for the rest of your life.

There will be further articles in the next edition of Apologia.

NOTES: (by the Secretary, RON HU)

Needed -

1. Articles for Apologia.
2. Finance for the Mission.

The E. U. needs your prayerful support and generous giving towards the Mission that will be held. Remember this is your Mission not the Committee's. Funds are rather low at the moment and we shall need to have donations so that -

- a) Publicity may go on efficiently.
- b) Accommodation can be provided for Rev. P. Newall, the Missioner.
- c) Travel costs for Mr. Newall must be paid for in advance.

Please help by giving generously. If each E. U. Member gave one day's wages of his or her holiday pay we will cover the costs for the Mission.

3. Replies for the Day of Preparation. These must be in the Secretary's hands (hot little ones too!) by Feb. 20th. Write c/- E. U., Guild of Undergraduates, Univ. of W. A.

For the Day of Preparation, please bring your own lunch and meat for a barbeque tea.

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