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"Receive Your Sight, Your Faith Has Saved You." (Lk 18:42)

The missions demonstrate best the Church's concern for the afflicted, and her efforts to make them self-supporting whenever possible. Here, at a school for the blind in Bangkok, Thailand, Sister gives one of the girls a little help in knitting class. Girls are taught a variety of skills in their handcraft center. In a truly ecumenical spirit, the school is sponsored by Catholics, Protestants and Buddhists. Please remember the Missions on Mission Sunday, October 22nd. (Leon V. Kofod photo)



**FROM TRUK,
CAROLINE ISLANDS:**

In the first three weeks of July I took a trip on our mission schooner, the Star of the Sea, to the remote islands of the Yap District. It covered over 1,000 miles, put me on the beaches of ten islands I had never seen before, saw 353 persons receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our Star performed well, despite rough seas on the home bound part of the trip. Without support from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith such a pastoral trip could not have come off.



"He Sent Them Out To Proclaim The Kingdom Of God..." (Lk 9:2)

Distances often make communications among missionaries most difficult. The Apostolic Vicar of Iquitos, Peru, keeps in touch with his missionaries by radio. Located in the Amazon region, the Vicariate is about 39,000 sq. mi. in size, having a scattered population of 200,000, served by 27 priests (of whom only one is native), five Brothers, 55 Sisters and 70 catechists. Help them on Mission Sunday, October 22nd, to invite the world to Christ! (AIMISFOTO)

FROM THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO ECUADOR:

A very dedicated Franciscan missionary Bishop has literally built a small town in the jungle. A very difficult and dangerous road leads to it from one of the main towns called Cuenca. This good missionary has built bridges, schools, hydro-electric plants, and a very well organized hospital which is conducted by a group of native Sisters with the help of Swiss missionaries who opened a domestic science school and hostel for the training of native girls and which by all accounts has proved a great success. Now that the main projects are completed and the old church which was built in the very beginning is falling apart, he has humbly asked help to rebuild a part and renovate the remains.

FROM AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND:

Though expatriate priests and Religious are still there to support and assist, for many reasons their days in the Pacific may be numbered, and it is therefore all the more urgent that priests and Religious of the indigenous Pacific Islands Churches receive the "best possible" religious and professional formation to prepare them for total responsibility. Today in the Pacific, there are many generous young people responding to the call of Christ to follow Him in the priestly and Religious life.



"And He Got Up And Followed Him." (Mt 9:9)

The visit of His Cardinal Taofinu'u of Apia, Samoa, the first full-blooded Polynesian Cardinal, to one of the islands in his diocese is an occasion of great festivity. Being one of them, he knows how best to guide them along the paths of the faith. In many mission areas of the world, young men and women are answering the call of Christ to follow Him, and are taking over leadership of their own. But the experience and expertise of missionaries is still needed and wanted. Please support their work by your generosity on Mission Sunday, October 22nd.

FROM LUKULU, ZAMBIA:

The Brothers of the English Province of the Order were requested to come to what was then Northern Rhodesia in 1961 to open and direct the first Psychiatric Hospital in the country. Five Brothers came out when the foundations of the new hospital were just above ground. In the meantime the Brothers were helping with other work "clinics" until the building was completed. When completed, the patients began to pour in. Even in 1961 the medication available was not like we have today, and the going was tough to say the least, trying to get "Big Joe" off the roof of one ward where he was trying to tear off the corrugated sheets, or trying to find the missing patient, found eventually in the rafters under the roof, having to cope with witchcraft, spells, etc. Slowly, slowly, the Brothers trained the local "orderlies" and after a few years they set up a school for Assistant Psychiatric Nurses, taken from the young men who had been "orderlies." This school continued for some years and eventually graduated to a full Psychiatric Nursing School. In 1966, two Brothers began to say the Rosary with the local people about four miles from the hospital, under a tree. Now, ten years later, a new church is being opened this month on that same spot. The temporary church (a simple building) will be used as a meeting hall.