

DOORS FOR CHRIST!



More than half a billion people live in absolute poverty, on \$50 a year or less. Rising prices of wheat and rice create a "life or death" situation for them. They, too, are the concern of the Mission Church. Here, a lay missionary examines one of the several million saplings being planted in Mauritania. This Mission-sponsored reforestation program will improve the semi-desert soil and help it to retain moisture, which in turn will aid agricultural production.

The Mission Church is involved in many varied programs to improve the lives of people around the world and to give them the dignity that is theirs as children of God. But it needs our help to help.



Mission Church is to bring the Gospel to all people. Here, tell the story of Christ to an attentive audience — the chief

at work in 879 Mission Dioceses in Africa, Asia, Latin Most of these dioceses are in developing countries where ly poor. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith or each Diocese every year. Mission Bishops, responsible vryice to their people, affirm that without the support of simply could not exist.



The Church is involved in medical missionary work the world over, teaching preventive medicine, nutrition and treating current illness. Sister-nurse gives this baby in Gambia her weekly vitamin shot.

Health hazards in the developing world are many. two-thirds of the world's people do not have access to fresh, pure water; an estimated one billion people suffer from hunger and malnutrition; an estimated 156 million children live in shantytowns, unfed and un-protected, prey to disease and death. You can help some of these people survive health hazards by your generosity on Mission Sunday.