

HOLIDAY Greetings from Khulna, fastest growing city in Pakistan!

ACCENT on variety describes our ministry this year; ministering to ministers, to individuals, in evangelistic meetings; ministering in the open air, to youth; ministering that has taken us away from home for ten months of this year.

PADDLE-WHEEL steamers, horse-drawn tongas, "antique" taxis, noisy diesel buses, slow-moving country boats, rickshaws, dusty trains, overcrowded launches, whirling helicopters, swift Boeing jets, and Speed-the-Light cars have taken us thousands of miles in our ministry of God's Word.

PERHAPS the most rewarding experience of the year has been two months of evangelistic ministry in West Pakistan. Meetings were conducted in seven assemblies. A number were saved and others healed. Look for our next letter with more details.

YOUTH work has claimed a good share of our interest and time. The first ever youth camp was held in Khulna and eight young men made decisions for Christ. A youth-slanted appeal in evangelistic meetings has also yielded rich rewards.

NEW tracts by the thousands have been printed and distributed. Letters keep coming in from interested inquirers. Some have come many miles to purchase Bibles and other literature.

EVANGELISTIC ministry among non-christians has been most challenging. Many college students in Dacca attended our series of Bible studies dealing with the deity of Christ.

WORKING with and encouraging the national brethren is another important ministry. It has been our privilege to minister this year at several workers' fellowship meetings.

YOUR interest, encouragement and prayers have been a real source of strength and inspiration in the great spiritual conflicts and problems that were a part of the year 1964.

EVERY sign points to the fact that our time here is short. No new missionaries have received visas in the past eleven months. Opposition to the Gospel and our work is definitely increasing.

ASSEMBLIES of God personnel in Pakistan has become greatly reduced with five missionaries returning home on furlough. Health reasons will keep three of them from coming back to Pakistan.

RETROSPECT: 1964 has left its indelible imprint upon our minds and memories. Moving to Khulna in the midst of riots, encountering the formidable problems of nationalism's rising tide, bidding farewell to faithful missionary colleagues of many years, facing fierce opposition in open air ministry, —these all have been a part of the drama of life, year 1964.

As we face a new year with its new challenges and new problems, we are counting heavily on your continued faithful prayers. May God bless you and give you a holiday season filled with His presence and blessing. "Brethren, pray for us."

Yours in the Master's service,
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