

## SCRIPTURE STUDIES COLPORTEUR FUND COMMITTEE

### Report for the Year 1965

In the spring of this year, three sisters participated in full time service in the **Phoenix, Arizona**, area. Their activities were confined to about 2/3 colporteur and the balance of the time in follow-up work on names obtained the previous year in colporturing. Among the many blessed experiences that they had was locating a Sister in the Truth who had been “searching for a Bible Students’ Meeting.” She was thrilled to have received the contact and to have her children get back to the Children’s Bible Class studies. Other highlights of this activity included contacting a minister who “was just about ready to go out and hunt them (the colporteurs) out of his territory,” and some interesting contacts with members of the Society. As a result they gained a greater insight into the points the Jehovah’s Witnesses dwell on, the Scriptures used to prove their points, and were inspired to greater zeal in “Searching the Scriptures” daily, much like the early, noble Bereans. A summary of the Volumes placed is included on the last page of this report.

At about the same time, one of the full-time Brothers joined two Brethren in **Fort Worth, Texas**, and together they colporteured and called on interested ones contacted in previous years of colporturing, as well as showing Truth films in various churches. As a result, one minister was contacted who showed an interest in rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Time will tell if any fruition arises from this one contact.

About the middle of the year, colporturing took on a new and different tenor in the rural areas around **Silver Creek, Nebraska**. The Brethren in Silver Creek joined this colporteur effort in attempting to place Volumes into the hands of farm truth-seekers. Instead of going from door to door, it became going from farm to farm, oftentimes as much as a mile separates the farms in this wheat belt. One lesson was quickly learned. Farm folks were not as easy to contact as city people. The colporteurs found themselves climbing over, under and through barbed wire fences, dodging herds of sheep or cattle, tramping through mud and shouting in order to be heard over the roar of tractors and other farm machinery. The greatest obstacle was the dogs, and there were a number of narrow encounters. As a result, “dog-yummies” became a regular necessity in the colporturing kits.

As a whole, the farm people were quite difficult to reach. They were satisfied with their own churches and religion and felt no need of anything different.

In addition, the colporteurs had the privilege of calling on a few isolated Brethren in that area.

In late Summer, two Brothers were invited to serve in the **Minneapolis** area. They chose a highly congested section of the city for the colporteur work. This presented a rather unexpected problem—they were unable to get Volumes in sufficient quantities to keep them adequately supplied and several emergency calls went out to Brethren in the Midwest to send all available Volumes to Minneapolis. The Ecclesia here plans to follow-up all the names obtained by using the mails.

One of the Brothers then went to the **Orlando, Florida**, area where he is still colporturing and will continue to do so through the winter.

We now pick up the activities of the Sisters again, this time in the **Paterson, New Jersey**, area. Several ministers were witnessed to and also a large proportion of the people called on turned out to be Jehovah Witnesses. Some personal studies with interested people were also held.

In the **Wilmington, Delaware**, area, two Brethren after not colporteur for some 40 years (full-time) started once again. In addition to colporteur, they called back on names obtained in the past two years by the colporteur efforts of some brethren the previous two summers. A large proportion of Volumes other than Volume One were placed as a result. (Refer to the summary on the last page.)

As a result of all this activity, closer bonds of Christian fellowship were made with many Brethren who participated in the Harvest work by housing the colporteurs in various sections of the country. Also, as some Brethren dropped out of the colporteur work (because of various obligations), others were ready to step in and carry on the work. The spirit and zeal shown by these Brethren has indeed been gratifying and an example of sacrifice in the Master's work.

We would like to express our thanks to those who not only participated actively in the colporteur work, but to those who assisted financially, temporarily and in many other ways in upholding the hands of the Brethren.

We ask for your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless this work in the ensuing year. In the attached summary of Volumes placed is a condensed financial report. If a detailed report is desired, kindly contact the Committee.

**SCRIPTURE STUDIES COLPORTEUR FUND COMMITTEE—1965**

- Brother Peter Kolliman – Wilmington, Delaware Ecclesia
- Brother Theodore Smith – Bellingham, Washington Ecclesia
- Brother Kenneth Rawson – New Brunswick, N.J. Ecclesia
- Brother John Trzyna – Chicago, Illinois Ecclesia

NOTE: For the year 1966, Br. Eugene Burns has replaced Br. K. Rawson as a representative from the New Brunswick Ecclesia and Br. George Tabac has replaced Br. J. Trzyna as the representative from the Chicago Ecclesia.

The financial report for the year 1965 is as follows:

Balance December 1, 1964 (Corrected)	\$1,525.65
Total Expenditures	2,229.40
Total Donations	1,596.12
Balance December 20, 1965	\$892.37

The following is a summary of the number of Volumes placed during this year's activities:

Vol. 1	Vol. 2	Vol. 3	Vol. 4	Vol. 5	Vol. 6	Tabernacle Shadows	Total
3,031	263	156	48	68	51	41	3,658

**SCRIPTURE STUDIES COLPORTEUR FUND COMMITTEE**  
**Summary for 1965**

The Colporteur activities centered in a number of geographical locations of the country. A summary of these activities follows, as well as the number of Brethren participating and the number of Volumes placed.

LOCATION	NUMBER PARTICIPATING		VOLUMES PLACED*
	FULL TIME	PART TIME	
Phoenix, Arizona	4		77
Nebraska	4	3	134
New Jersey	4		402
Wilmington, Delaware	2		240
Orlando, Florida	1		76
Minneapolis, Minnesota	2		848
North Central Texas	1	2	1,863

Two brethren were engaged in part-time colporteur work.

\*The totals also include Volumes other than First Volumes that were placed.

During the year there was only one formal Committee meeting held at the New Brunswick Convention on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. A special Colporteur Information Meeting was held at this Convention also.

The financial report for the year is as follows:

Balance Dec. 1, 1964 (Corrected)	\$1,525.65
Total Expenditures	2,229.40
Total Donations	1,596.12
Balance, Dec. 20, 1965	\$ 892.37

In addition to colporturing, the colporteurs engaged in many other service activities such as visiting the sick and isolated Brethren, follow-up, tracting, working at the Dawn, etc. Among many of the interesting experiences encountered were:

- A Sister in the Truth who had been searching for Bible Students Meetings was found.
- Numerous discussions were entered into with JWs throughout the country.
- In a colporteur effort in a farming community, a standard article in the colporteur kit along with the Volumes was “dog yummys” because of the large number of dogs present in the area.

The colporteurs all reflected in their reports that they had received a rich blessing in this activity.

Colporteur Fund Committee (1965)  
 Brother John Trzyna