

Celebrating 60 Years

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Cedine

From early childhood, as far as Paul Zimmerman could remember, there were no other plans for his life except to be a foreign missionary. After graduating from Moody Bible Institute he applied to the African Inland Mission. Rejected when the physical examination revealed a bad heart, Paul was bitterly disappointed.

But God had other plans! While ministering in a small western Michigan town Paul Zimmerman met B.M. Nottage, a noted Black preacher from Detroit. His burden, his tears, and his labors for his race settled the matter for Paul and his wife, Ruth. As soon as possible, the Zimmermans moved to Tennessee.

While engaged in a camping and Bible memory program for White children living in the mountains, Bro. Paul asked his director for permission to offer the same privilege to Black children. It was granted. This meant a separate camp must be provided. That's when Cedine (a contraction of "cedar" and "pine") Bible Camp came into being. For memorizing 200 Bible verses children could have a 'free' week of camp.

That first year, 1947, 36 of the 42 who learned Bible verses actually went to camp. Three days of persistent rain dampened spirits. Half of the campers wanted to go home. At last Bro. Paul agreed. "Tomorrow all who want to, will be taken home." Around the campfire that wet night, thirteen campers confessed Christ as Savior and asked if they could remain. By the weekend they cried when they had to go home. Of those 36

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campers, 31 took a positive stand for Christ!

For the first three years of its existence, Camp Cedine was held on land rented from John and Martha Hughes. In 1950 a 100-acre farm was available. Bro. Paul believed

God was directing him to this site for the camp but he had no visible assets. A \$2,000 cash deal seemed impossible. However, a mere acquaintance stepped forward as a co-signer. Four months and four days later the note was paid in full!

Befriending a minority race was fraught with some problems. Anonymous phone calls, cross burnings, cursings, threats of bodily harm and just evil looks were not uncommon.

Then came April 21, 1957. Early that Easter Sunday morning at 2:30 A.M. a phone call informed Paul Zimmerman that the camp was on fire! Two buildings burned to the ground and a third, in which arsonists' incendiaries failed to ignite, was spared.

The Cedine Board decided to rebuild and have camp as planned. Friends rallied, and bigger and better buildings were ready for the first campers in June.

Man cannot destroy what God builds! Cedine is held in His hands. From 1946-1966 the schoolhouse visitation program expanded from the original two counties to more than thirty counties in three states.

Cedine ministries grew to include Bible clubs and classes, Sunday Schools and Bible Churches. The early ministry included many vacation Bible schools as well as the camp. In 1962 there were over 1,000 camper-weeks recorded.

In this year of 2006 we read this and rejoice that we have a great God! He has done the seemingly impossible. The camp has grown from a humble beginning of 36 campers to over 1,200 camper weeks recorded each summer. From five surplus army tents that first year, facilities have

developed to two villages each housing eight cabins and a central wash house. Now new camp cabins are being built to replace the old ones - some over 50 years old! Yes, many things at Cedine have changed but one thing has not and that is Cedine's purpose: to reach African-Americans for Christ and to disciple them. Rejoice with us in what He has done and continues doing at Cedine Bible Mission.

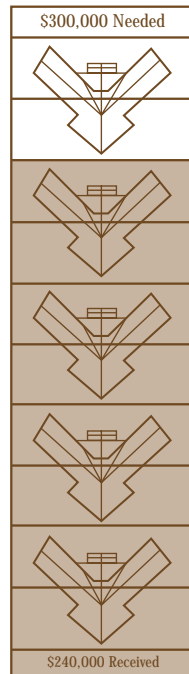
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**B.M. Nottage and Paul Zimmerman*

CAMP VILLAGE UPDATE:

What an exciting time as we watch the frame of the third cabin go up and the roof go on! By the time you receive this, the roof should be complete with shingles. There is talk of putting in the foundation for the fourth cabin



soon, so there will be plenty of work for the volunteer groups when they arrive this spring. Maybe your church or group would like to come help for a few days or weeks. Please contact us to see where we can fit you into the schedule. There are many other maintenance projects that need attention as well, and volunteers can help keep us from getting behind on these while we continue building.

We praise the Lord that we have received over \$240,000 since the beginning of this project which means we have money in hand for the materials for the third and fourth cabins, but we still need around \$60,000 to complete the girls' village. Once this is completed we need to begin thinking about the resources for the guys' cabins as well. Thanks to all of you who have partnered with us in this project.

PHASE ONE:

Needed: \$300,000
Received: \$240,000

Volunteer Staff Retreat

January 6-8 about seventy people attended the Volunteer Staff Retreat held here at Cedine. Bro. Jimmie Mann of Dayton, OH gave challenging messages. A number of permanent staff members opened their homes for a progressive lunch Saturday noon.

The following awards were given at the banquet on Saturday evening. Linda Atkinson received the Volunteer of the Year award. The Timothy award was given to Kris Neddo. Shauna

Hancock was the rookie of the year. Curtis and Bianca May received the Faithful Steward Award. Camp Volunteer of the year went to Jeannette Perkins. Deon Thomas was the Bible Quiz Volunteer for this year. Chuck and Phyllis Buers received the Conference Volunteers of the Year award. The Good Neighbor Award was given to Dan and Deborah Spreacker. Vanessa Fry received the Leader in Training Award. A special award was given to Tyler Zimmerman who is the first fourth generation Cedine missionary. Tyler's great grandfather founded the ministry. His grandfather was Director for many years. His father is Outreach Director. Tyler served as a Leader in Training this past summer.

This retreat was held for the purpose of saying "thank you" to all who served with us here at Cedine throughout 2005. How grateful we are for the vital role each volunteer plays in Cedine Ministries.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

It's our 60th anniversary Homecoming celebration!

When? June 10 & 11

Where? Cedine: Follow the signs from Hwy. 27 four miles north of Spring City

What? June 10 - **Open House:** Free camp for a day 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Lunch provided.

June 11 - **Homecoming Sunday:**

10:30 A.M. Morning Service - Speaker Dr. Larry Mercer, *President of Washington Bible College and Capital Seminary*

Special music • Program for children • Dinner served at 1:00 P.M.

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HELP WANTED

SUMMER STAFF NEEDS:

- 8 women counselors per week
- 8 men counselors per week
- Activity leaders: for swimming (lifeguards and instructors), canoeing, horses, riflery, archery, biking, fishing, and crafts. Training opportunities available.
- Support staff: office personnel, cooks, dish room

PERMANENT STAFF NEEDS

- Conference director
- Office personnel
- Full-time cook

MATERIAL NEEDS

- Building materials
- Sports equipment

AROUND CEDINE

January 10-12 a Cedine permanent staff retreat was held at Horton Haven Christian Camp near Chapel Hill, TN. The speaker, Pastor Bill Gustafson, gave a series of messages on the character of God and how it relates to our personal lives and ministry.

Todd Lebegue, former Cedine Bible Institute student, died from injuries sustained in an accident January 19, 2006. Todd is the son of former staff members, the late Duane, (who was also chairman of Cedine board for many years) and Bea Lebegue. Our sympathy is extended to his mother and brothers.

Jim and Peggy Steele have moved to Spring City where they plan to open a bed and breakfast in addition to their duties at Cedine. (303 W. Rhea Ave. Spring City, TN 37381)

January 25-29 Foundations Bible Institute students held a work camp at Cedine.

Pam Shelley was on campus Feb. 13-17 to conduct Cedine's annual financial audit. A financial report is available upon request.

The 3rd Bible Quiz Tournament of the 2005-2006 school year was held February 4 at New Monumental Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN and 29 teams participated.

The Scripture, prayer, and the counsel of Godly pastors led Spencer Jones to the decision not to assume the position of Conference Director. Pray with us as we seek another to replace Bro. Howard Tannahill in this position.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

SPRING 2006

1) Bible Correspondence Courses - Pray that those enrolled in the courses will be diligent and finish them in time for camp.

2) Wayne and Doris Bowman - Praise for great Ladies' Day, Jan. 28. Pray for safety on the cabin project, for adjustment for Denise moving into her own home, and for ministry with youth.

3) Nellie Cook - Praise for God's care. Pray for her granddaughter, Lisa, who lives with her.

4) Children of Cedine Staff - Pray for safety, good health, and for spiritual growth and maturity.

5) Staff needs - Pray for the need of Godly people committed to serve here as Conference Director, full-time cook and office secretary.

6) Ellis and Joan Fields - Pray for wisdom in planning deputation contacts and strength for our maintenance and office duties. Pray we will be good witnesses, especially to the many medical people we see regularly.

7) Our Government - Pray for the president, his cabinet, and other elected officials, state and local officials.

8) Leonard & Wanda Herman - Pray for Daniel's high school graduation and future plans. Pray for craft preparations for camp, for safety in building and maintenance, and for wisdom in grading and mailing Bible correspondence courses.

9) Prayer & Financial Supporters - Praise God for faithful partners who uphold us with their prayers and resources.

10) Camp Cedine - Pray for recruitment in colleges and churches as we seek His choice of workers for this summer. Pray for the camp council as they make plans for this summer's programs.

11) David and Lucinda Lewis - Praise for donation for house and brother-in-law's help to dig septic. Pray for deputation trips, for health insurance decisions, and medical bills. Pray for recruitment of summer staff.

12) Francis and Hazel Neddo - Pray for daily strength and health during our older years.

13) Cedine Retreats and Conferences - Pray for a clear presentation of the truth of God's Word at each retreat. Pray for a genuine response as His Word is presented.

14) Staff Administrative Council - Pray that the council will have Divine wisdom and guidance in directing the daily operation of Cedine Ministries and its missionaries.

15) Jim and Peggy Steele - Praise for God's direction in family decisions. Pray for the spring retreat season. Pray for a full-time cook.

16) Follow-up Ministries - Pray that we remain true to the Word of God and steadfast in our follow-up.

17) Howard Tannahill - Praise for general good health. Pray that God's Word will be presented clearly and accurately at each of the spring retreats so that lives will be changed.

18) Vernon and Martha Tannahill - Praise for faithful supporters, wisdom, and opportunities to serve Him. Pray for: wisdom in plans, staffing needs, conferences and deputation meetings, wisdom for Martha doing conference registrations, and her health needs.

19) Ken and Debbie Ore - Praise for safety and progress on new cabin. Pray for deputation meetings and increase in personal support.

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Given By

Mr. John Carlock
Ms. Alta Jean Weir

Given By

Ms. Carmen Harris
Ms. Jacqueline Bridgeman
Mrs. Louise Cummings
Mrs. Eleanor Dayton
Mr. & Mrs. James Ganther
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Levin
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Gifts were given in memory of Mr. Tom Florence:

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MY HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFT

PRAISE AND PRAYER (Continued)

- 20) Alice VanderMolen** - Pray the Lord will continue to meet her needs and make her a blessing during her retirement years.
- 21) Burchon and Mary Walker** - Pray for wisdom in making decisions and for traveling mercy. Pray for Jeralyn's and Cheryl's schooling. Pray for family's health needs and the need of reliable transportation. Pray for each family member's ministry.
- 22) Richard Corbin** - Praise for God's faithfulness. Pray for good health, strength and understanding His will.
- 23) Gloria Ward** - Praise for His help throughout 2005. Pray for physical strength in 2006, for the spring retreats, and for my son, Gene, and his family. Pray that I will keep my life around Ps. 37:1-8.
- 24) Jane White** - Pray that I will accomplish the tasks in the office, and other ministry opportunities, in a way that pleases the Lord.
- 25) Bible Quizzing** - Pray that quizzers will faithfully study the Word of God and allow it to change their lives. Pray that coaches will grow in the Word as they coach, teach and counsel. Pray for the final quiz tournament April 8 here at Cedine.
- 26) Kim and Carol Yarger** - Praise for God's provision and faithful ministry partners. Pray for wisdom as work groups come in spring, and in planning August deputation.
- 27) Phil and Julie Zimmerman** - Praise for God's daily help and strength. Pray for ministry opportunities. Pray for spiritual growth for our children. Our boys are attending public school and the girls are being home schooled.
- 28) Board of Trustees** - Pray for Godly men of vision, who establish policy and give direction for Cedine's future.
- 29) Ruth Zimmerman** - Pray for daily strength and continued good health during her older years.
- 30) Dwight and Phyllis Zimmerman** - Praise for daily health and strength. Pray that we will be examples of His love and maintain personal discipline and the Spirit's control of every area of our lives.
- 31) Cedine Bible Mission** - Pray for unity of spirit and purpose to fulfill the Lord's will for all of our staff and in all our ministry opportunities..

Clip out the prayer list and keep praying for us!



A LAD HERE

By Paul Zimmerman
Reprinted from the 1965 Cedine Report

The auctioneer was crying the sale of a priceless set of antique, "named" brand of china dishes. The quality was so fine one could almost see through them. I wanted those dishes more than anything else but I did not buy them. "I could not spare the money." They were sold to another.

The missionary pled almost in tears for the need of a people who were religious, but lost! Who needed Christ now before subversive influences swept them out of reach. My heart melted. The Lord prompted me, that I too was once told by another. One who loved God, and believed the Scriptures. He told me that I needed a Savior, for "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." I wanted to go and tell them. I believed that I should go, but I did not, for "I had a living to make for my family." Surely I was not expected to waste my ability on such people! But others obeyed and went.

This picture was taken from a scrap pile. I do not know the lad's name nor that of the photographer. But he is a cheerful, happy, honey of a child. I could just love him, couldn't you?

How many years ago was this picture taken? I don't know, do you? Was it ten, and is he in high school now? Or 20 and he is in the armed services or has a fine little son of his own?



Do you wonder-did anyone lend a loving hand, or speak a kindly word? Is he now all that a Christian citizen should be? Or has he been blighted by hate, prejudice and fear? Is he a credit to the Gospel today, or is he fighting society?

This is the picture of a real boy, somebody's son. He is real flesh and blood. Where he is now, and what he is now, may be the direct result of our obedience or disobedience! Perhaps God alone knows whether he is a citizen of the "Kingdom of God" or eternally lost.

There are 20 million and more African Americans today. Many of whom are not saved and multitudes will die without Christ. Does it not move you?

"We are in this fight together. Don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble. Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others too, and try to be like Jesus Christ." (Phil 1 & 2, *Living Letters*)

Cedine Bible Mission is true to the purpose of its charter: to evangelize, to train in the Word of God and to send forth "into all the world" as a Gospel witness.

Remember the mission in your will. Pray for and share with us in the ministry today.

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