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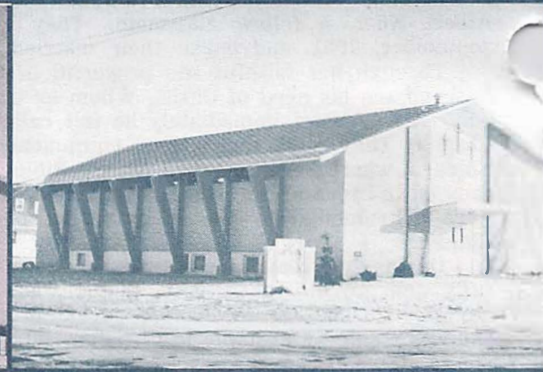
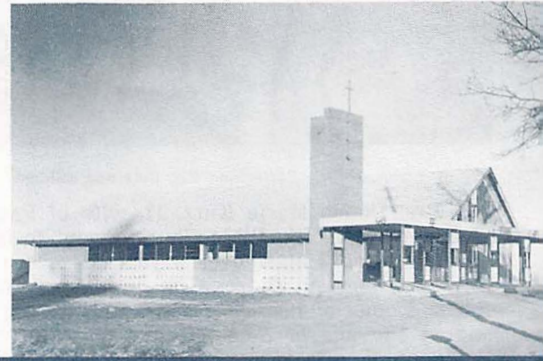
Evangelical Free Church people have deposited more than \$1,000,000 in the Christian Investors Foundation since it started just over four years ago. How has that money been used? This article has part of the answer.

A MILLION DOLLARS!

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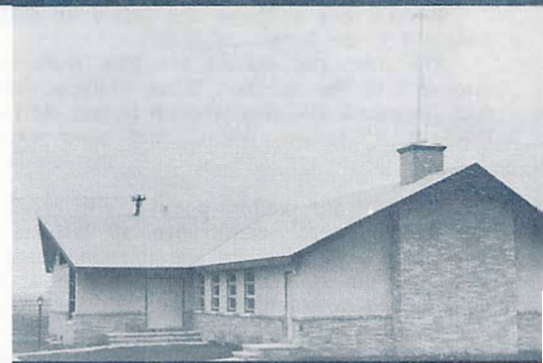
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PORTLAND, OREGON
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SATELLITE BEACH, FLORIDA

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LITTLETON, COLORADO
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
WASECA, MINNESOTA
DEL REY HILLS, CALIFORNIA



OUR HOME MISSIONS SECRETARY, Rev. Herbert E. Kyrk, has stated on several occasions that Christian Investors Foundation is a very important factor in the promotion of the work of Home Missions. It seems appropriate, therefore, to include in this time of Home Missions emphasis some testimonies as to the value of the aid the foundation has been able to provide to the constantly growing ministry of the Free Church in the home field.

One of the very first to be granted a loan by the foundation was Bethany Ev. Free Church, Littleton, Colo., of which Rev. Wallace Bloomquist is pastor. This congregation had been meeting in a school building for some time but realized that a church must be built in order adequately to serve a rapidly growing community. The group was small and financing the needed facilities was a serious problem. However, a loan from the foundation made possible the construction of the beautiful church pictured herewith. Today, the Sunday school has an enrollment of nearly 300. It has become necessary to hold two morning services and two Sunday school sessions because of lack of sufficient room for the Sunday school. Pastor Bloomquist gives credit to Christian Investors Foundation in these words, "It is certain that without the funds made available by Christian Investors in 1960 that the work of the Free Church in Littleton would have been greatly curtailed. We



owe our sincere appreciation to investors throughout our Free Churches who have made such funds available for young churches to move ahead for the Lord."

The Evangelical Free Church of Satellite Beach, Fla., also was enabled to build a much-needed sanctuary through the help of the foundation. Located in what has been called the fastest-growing county in the United States, this congregation was also growing so rapidly that the meeting place was becoming too small. Plans were made to build and land purchased. All was in readiness to proceed, but no money was available from ordinary sources. Finally, this church turned to the foundation for help. A loan was granted and the sanctuary completed. Pastor Wesley Engstrom has this to say, "Our thanks to God to Christian Investors Foundation, and to those who are so wisely investing their money so that churches such as ours can be erected to the glory of God and to the salvation of many needy souls."

In Bismarck, N. D., the First Ev. Free Church was carrying on its ministry under the definite handicap of having only a basement church. It was felt that a superstructure was necessary in order to interest new people in the work. Financing such a building project, however, appeared to be impossible until an application to C.I.F. was approved. Completion of the superstructure has given new impetus to the work. According to Pastor Ed Kimball, "Completion of the new building has brought a marked change in the public image of the Free Church. With increased room we have noticed increased attendance. The work of the Sunday school is much easier and there seems to be a general increase in public interest."

The Evangelical Free Church of Waseca, Minn., represents a venture into a new field where there was a definite need of a real gospel ministry. The help afforded by the foundation was an essential factor in the establishment of this ministry. Pastor Robert Salstrom reports the following, "The money borrowed from Christian Investors Foundation has enabled us to build a beautiful sanctuary and educational facilities for 220 people. The church was dedicated a year ago. Since then our Sunday school has increased about 50 per cent. We now have 92 enrolled. Attendance at all services has gone up greatly as we now have adequate space to care for the people. Many new people have been reached as they have moved into Waseca. Several have definitely been converted. Still others have been challenged to real discipleship.

"One of the highlights is the outreach we are having. One family moved to Lincoln, Neb., to work at Back to the Bible broadcast. One young couple now ministers in a small nearby town each Sunday. Still another couple will be leaving for Australia this fall. As these people leave, God sends others to fill their place."

The Del Rey Hills Ev. Free Church in Playa Del Rey, Calif. began some four years ago by building first an educational unit. As the work grew, these initial facilities were soon too small. In addition, it became apparent that if a real impact were to be made for Christ in this rather prosperous community, a sanctuary which would attract people not yet motivated by spiritual hunger was absolutely essential. To erect a second building within three years posed a difficult problem, especially with regard to obtaining the necessary financing.

Pastor Wallace Norling tells us, "It was here that the Christian Investors Foundation proved to be an in-

valuable asset to us, because it willingly came to our aid with the loan that made our dream a reality. The end result? Progress. The response to our new sanctuary has been gratifying. We are most grateful for the vision that produced Christian Investors Foundation."

Because a new sanctuary was made possible by a loan from the foundation, the Lynch Ev. Free Church of Portland, Ore., has experienced real progress, as indicated by Pastor E. W. Padgett's testimony, "We are so thankful for Christian Investors Foundation for through it was made possible the advancement which we have enjoyed in the work here.

"Our Sunday school has grown tremendously in the 2½ years we have been in our new building and certainly this was not possible in the facilities we had before we were enabled to build. We have seen over a 50 per cent increase in the two years in the building and on this third year we are already running 60 per cent over our last year's attendance.

"Our church attendance is also a source of blessing to us for we have a real increase in that. Many of our new people have been from the immediate area and we are certain many have come because of the new and enlarged facilities. For this we give God thanks with appreciation for Christian Investors.

"We have seen real spiritual battles fought and won for Christ and a number of names added to the Book of Life. Certainly isn't one new babe in Christ worth all the cost and effort of advancement?"

"Our thanksgiving to God for such an organization as Christian Investors, for eternity alone will make clear the results of its efforts."

The Ev. Free Church of Salt Lake City, Utah, can in no wise be called a new work. It is, on the contrary, perhaps the first home mission project undertaken by the Free Church. Due to circumstances this church has for many years had a difficult time. Some time ago the old church was sold and construction begun on a new building in a better location. Available funds allowed completion of only the basement, in which services were conducted for some time. Since this congregation was unable to borrow from ordinary lending agencies, it appeared doomed to work under the handicap of a basement meeting place indefinitely.

However, C.I.F. came into being and the Salt Lake Church obtained the *first* church building loan made by the foundation, making possible the erection of the much needed superstructure. Pastor William Cose writes, "Our new church building has given the congregation a new vision in the Lord's work. We thank God we learned of the foundation whereby we could get financial aid and trusted the Lord to enable us to pay it back. The results seen have given our people new enthusiasm. We thank Christian Investors Foundation for helping us to enlarge our vision and enabling us to secure a facility we may not have had otherwise."

These examples of the benefits and blessings brought to our Home Missions work by your dollars being allowed to work for the Lord through the foundation should thrill your heart if you are one of our investors. They should also encourage further investments, not only by those who already have sent deposits to the foundation, but by those who together with these would let their dollars serve the Lord and enable the foundation to help still other churches to obtain the facilities they need to carry on effective ministries for Christ in their respective communities.



WHAT WOULD LINCOLN SAY TODAY?

100 YEARS AGO HE SAID . . .

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the Nation's wounds . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

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Statue of Abraham Lincoln and Negro child at Harlem, N.Y., housing project.