

PLUM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
FOUNDATION

In 1954, Mrs. Marie Rogers died and willed a portfolio of Blue Chip stocks to the Plum Street Church of Christ at Hamilton and Tuxedo in Detroit. The estimated value of these stocks was just under \$100,000. She expressed the wish that this money be used primarily for mission work.

The first project attempted was at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. Three lots were purchased and around \$15,000 was put into building materials for a church structure.

Various other projects were attempted while using only the dividends of the stocks in question.

In the late 1960's, when it became apparent that the Plum Street Church was destined to close its doors, the Elders deemed it advisable to set up a system whereby the wishes of Mrs. Rogers might be continued without interruption. The result was the formation of the Plum Street Church of Christ Foundation. The date of Incorporation was September 5, 1968. The first general meeting was held a week later on September 12, some five years before the Church closed. By this time the value of the stocks had skyrocketed, and the estimated value was around \$250,000.

One of the decisions made was that the proposed mission-

ary activity be restricted to the state of Michigan. The Foundation adhered to this principle, with few deviations, throughout its history.

Each year, the remaining stocks continued to increase in value. It seemed the more that was given away, the more the funds grew.

In addition to the money received from the Rogers Estate, the balance from the sale of the Plum Street Church Building was entrusted to the Foundation for distribution. This amounted to around \$100,000.

In 1980, \$70,215 was given to some 25 churches in Michigan. These donations ranged from \$100 a month to more than \$100 a week, depending on the need and the progress of the various mission points. Some were one-time gifts, while most were placed on a monthly basis. To some, this support was the difference between existence and extinction.

The Foundation, which ceased to exist in 1983, was a Michigan Corporation. All its activities were monitored by the state. Those who were involved have a right to feel much satisfaction for a good job, well done.

We trust that the Cause of Christ has been well served by the PLUM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST FOUNDATION.

For your information, and for the record--here is a list of churches which received help and a year by year accounting of expenditures:

ALPENA	LAPEER
BAD AXE	LUDINGTON
BALDWIN	MARQUETTE
BENZONIA	MENOMINEE
BEVERLY HILLS	MIO
BIRMINGHAM	MUNISING
CARO	PAW PAW
CHEBOYGAN	PERRY
CHESANING	PLAINWELL
DECKERVILLE	ROYAL OAK
EAST JORDAN	RUSSELL WOODS
ESCANABA	SAULT STE. MARIE
FENNVILLE	SHEPHERD
FREMONT (YALE)	SHERIDAN
GAYLORD	STRATHMOOR
GLADWIN	TRAVERSE CITY
HARRISON	UNIVERSITY CHURCH
HOUGHTON LAKE	WAYLAND
KALKASKA	WEST BRANCH

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

RADIO

Local Evangelistic Programs

TELEVISION

Herald of Truth

FAIR BOOTHS

Michigan State Fair and Local Fairs

MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
CHURCH OF CHRIST CARE CENTER
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF EVANGALISM

ORPHAN HOMES

Shults-Lewis and Potter