

## OPERATION OF THE CLINIC

An early morning chapel service opens each day at the clinic. After the service, patients are treated. The clinic staff consists of two missionary nurses, also a number of patients who have been trained to give sulphone pills, dress sores, take blood tests, do smears for Hansen's bacilli, and keep the clinic clean.

After twelve successive negative tests a patient is declared symptom-free and he can return to a normal life outside the town. It is an occasion of thanksgiving and praise when healed patients are given their "Symptom Free Certificates." Many victims are saved from disfigurement and crippling by the new sulphone therapy.

## PROGRAM OF REHABILITATION

Happy for the privilege of living in a well-organized village where no one can drive them out, New Hope patients have their own rice farms and vegetable gardens. They join together to make a "big farm" for the crippled people, and the untainted children who live in the "Well Children's Home." Fruit trees, planted when the town was first laid out, are yielding bountifully. Recently rubber trees (2,500) were planted and eventually the income from rubber will help make the town self-supporting.

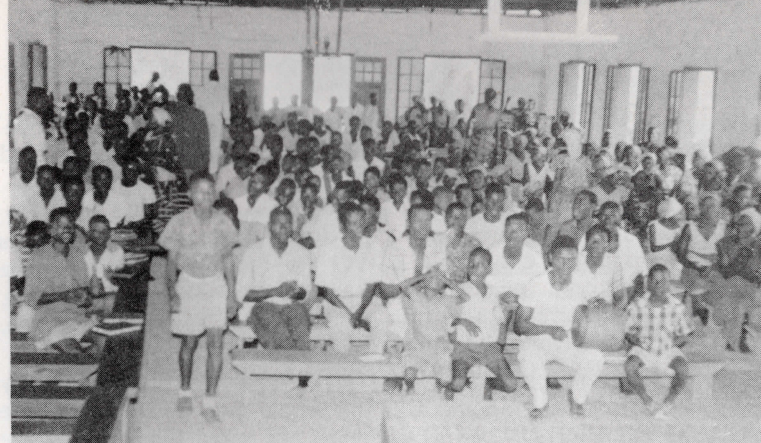
Though many of the patients are crippled, Miss Steidel has helped them learn various trades. Under her expert supervision carpenters, weavers, tailors, brick-makers, carvers of wood, and clinic workers have been trained. All the furniture for the houses at New Hope is designed and built by the patients under Miss Steidel's supervision. With the skills learned they are able to earn a living when they are discharged. Those who work at New Hope are paid 15 cents a day. The money they earn enables them to buy articles made by other patients, who in turn are paid for their work.

## EDUCATION FOR NEW HOPE CHILDREN

In 1954, with the help of the American Leprosy Mission, a fine school was constructed for leprosy-afflicted children. In this five-room building the usual school subjects and the Bible are taught. Miss De-Etta Butler, principal of the school, is assisted by three teachers who are patients. Miss Steidel has also provided a school for untainted children. These children are separated from their parents and are housed near the missionaries' quarters. Three hundred children are enrolled in the two schools.

## PAUL LANDRUS MEMORIAL ROAD

Until recently building materials had to be carried over jungle trails on the heads of natives. Missionary supplies and mail were flown in by plane. Missionary Harold Landrus and Paul Boyer (Promotional Secretary for New Hope Leprosy Mission) realized how desperately New Hope needed a road to connect with the government highway 18 miles away. They knew it would be a large undertaking for jungle trees must be removed, swamps filled, and rivers spanned. They laid out the road and construction started. Their only source of labor was



Inside New Hope Town church

300 leprosy patients, many with crippled hands and feet. In the course of construction 25 bridges were built; the longest 140 feet long. The road has now been completed and is a tremendous saving in time and expense. An occasion of great rejoicing for New Hope was the visit of Dr. W. V. S. Tubman, President of Liberia, and 23 of his Cabinet Ministers who came by auto over the new road.

It is named "The Paul Landrus Memorial Road" in memory of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Landrus whose plane crashed as he was transporting gas for the jeep his father was using in the road work.

## SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS IN NEW HOPE

From the very beginning Miss Steidel realized that the spiritual needs of leprosy victims were even greater than their physical problems. Before there was an adequate building, gospel services were conducted either out-of-doors or on the verandah of some house. New Hope now has a large brick church with aluminum roof, cement floor, and glass windows; it seats 1,000 people. Josiah Freedom is pastor of the church; Joseph Clay is the assistant. Pastor Freedom does not have leprosy but God called him to help in the New Hope church. The Lord has blessed these men with an understanding of the Bible that is an inspiration to everyone at New Hope.

Pastor Josiah Freedom and family



Asst. Pastor, Joseph Clay

