



In this dilapidated hut some 230 people sat down to the Stewardship supper last week.

We are sorry you were unable to be with us because the supper and the hut symbolise some important facts in Church life today.

The first fact is a radical change in the attitude of churchpeople towards **Giving**. Until recently the Church in this country begged and scraped. Now churchpeople are discovering the joy of direct sacrificial giving; and this has come to Horninglow, since the 230 who sat down represent nearly 300 families who have actually joined the Direct Giving Scheme and are making their weekly contributions in a range of from 2/6 to £1/10/0.

Secondly, our picture represents the **Need**. In the past, churchpeople often did not know exactly of the Church's opportunities, or they thought (quite falsely) that these were met by the Government (the Church does not receive even one penny from the Government) or by the Church Commissioners (whose money goes almost exclusively to pay Clergy salaries).

Through Stewardship today, ordinary churchpeople are learning that if the Church is to do its **work at home** (instructing the young in the Faith, administering the Grace of God, binding together many diverse people, etc., etc.) its buildings must be repaired and re-placed, extended to the new housing areas, etc. etc.

And that unless **Overseas** it is given much greater resources, lepers in Korea will perish miserably for the lack of the drug which churchpeople's money could have bought, and students in Africa will decide for Karl Marx instead of for Christ.

It is because we believe you may well be interested in all this, that in the very near future a layman from our Church will be visiting you.

He will come to try to explain to you any points about the scheme on which you may wish to ask questions, and to invite you to join it if you wish to do so.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Vicar of Horninglow