

Graceful lines of the Nippon Budo-kan auditorium, where the International Crusade will be held next October, are set amid modernistic construction of downtown Tokyo. Meeting dates are October 20 to 29

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CALLING IN 472 MILLION HOMES

An almost incredible scheme for a city-wide visitation has been drafted by the working committee of 180 clerical and lay leaders. According to the plan, every house in Tokyo will be visited and invitations extended to the occupants to attend the meetings at Budo-kan. Each visitor will be making 25 calls per night, in a total of 4,500,000 homes—quite an undertaking for a city with only 633 Protestant churches whose total membership is 79,000 persons!

Other exciting plans are in the making. The world's fastest train, which reaches speeds of 125 miles per hour, will run a nightly Crusade excursion from Osaka to Tokyo. A ministers' seminar for pastors from all over Japan is planned for October 24 to 26, according to Crusade Director Dan Piatt of the Team. Dr. Robert Ferm, another Team member now hard at work on the scene, is making arrangements for this seminar, to which older pastors will be bringing younger ministers under a sponsorship plan. In addition a school of evangelism for seminary students and younger pastors may be held.

A full Crusade music team composed of Cliff Barrows, Tedd Smith, George Beverly Shea and Jimmie McDonald will be in Japan. American, British and Australian ministers will be assisting the working committee. Counseling classes will be taught beginning early in September by two Japanese evangelists, the Rev. Koji Honda and the Rev. Akira Hatori. A huge choir is expected to be recruited for the 15,000-seat, three-tiered Budo-kan. Early in August Mrs. Mildred Dienert, of Philadelphia, will be in Tokyo speaking to ladies' meetings and encouraging the formation of hundreds of prayer groups in homes throughout the metropolis.

On the memorial to Kanzo Uchimura, a noted Japanese Christian leader, is the inscription, "I for Japan; Japan for the world; the world for Christ; Christ for God." Says the Rev. Akira Hatori: "If the church of Japan can be completely mobilized in this generation, it will be able to take a leading role in the evangelization of Asia."

Pray for Tokyo!

See Canadian Centennial Crusade from Winnipeg on nationwide TV,
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When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, 'With all our affliction I am overjoyed,' this 'Pharos,' or Roman lighthouse, had been standing for a dozen years on the cliffs of Dover overlooking the English Channel. This month the All-Britain Crusade opens from London's Earls Court. The lighthouse still stands, and the Savior still imparts joy in our tribulations

Joy

TRIBULATION

by BILLY GRAHAM

In the late fall of 1966 approximately 36,000 square miles of land in northern Italy were engulfed as the rain-swollen Po and Arno rivers ran wild. Nearly a million tons of mud and muck were dumped in Florence alone. One hundred thousand persons were left homeless. Priceless treasures of the Renaissance were damaged or ruined. It is estimated that it will take northern Italy 20 years to recover fully. Nowhere does the Bible teach that Christians are to be exempt from the tribulations and natural disasters that come upon the world. It does teach that the Christian can face tribulation, crisis, calamity *continued on page 14*