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PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Building Boom Continuing

The construction of new church buildings is continuing at a record level. American churches spent \$46,000,000 on new construction in November.

Forced Marriage in China

A dispatch in the Chinese press in Hong Kong tells of new Communist laws to force single Chinese women into marriage. Seventeen nuns of the Taoist religion in Kwantung Province were to be matched with Red officials under the laws, but seven of the women drowned themselves in a river rather than submit to forced marriage.

Rome's "Blue Army"

To combat Russia's Red Army of Communism, 4,000,000 Roman Catholics in 30 countries have enlisted in a "Blue Army." Members of the Blue Army are sponsoring a petition to German Roman Catholic bishops to dedicate Germany to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, hoping by such a scheme to accomplish the defeat of godless Communism and the salvation of Russia. The Communists have little to fear as long as the Blue Army directs its prayers to Mary! Christ said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name [not Mary's] He will give it you" (John 16:23).

Goal Set for Bible Societies

The goal is to publish or circulate 25,000,000 copies of the Scriptures throughout the world in 1954, the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society was told at its 35th annual meeting in New York City.

Dr. Gilbert Darlington, treasurer of the Society and head of its Publication Department, said that the figure of 25 million represents the combined program of the 24 national Bible groups associated in the United Bible Societies—but he added that the actual need is for twice that number of Scriptures.

The Advisory Council is made up of delegates and guests from all denominations which support the good work that the American Bible Society is doing. There were 81 delegates and guests from 53 denominations at this year's meeting, including Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Pointing out that the American people donated 1.15 cents per capita to the work of the Bible Society in 1953, Dr. Darlington said that other nations do even better. Australia is donating 1.77 cents per capita, Canada 3.38 cents, and New Zealand 4.63 cents. The American Bible Society adopted a budget of \$3,271,250 for 1954, which amounts to 2 cents per capita.

Protestant Hospital in Naples

On a hilltop overlooking the Bay of Naples the cornerstone has been laid for a building which eventually will become Naples' first Protestant hospital. Money to construct the building was advanced by NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) on the condition that the building be used as a school for children of American Military personnel in the Naples area, until about 1960. After that time it will become the Evangelical Protestant Hospital of Naples.

New Translation in Hungary

Ever since 1949, when the Hungarian National Bible Council was formed for the specific purpose of revising the old Karolyi Bible which has been a standard text for Hungarian Protestant churches since 1590, the work of producing a new Hungarian translation of the Scriptures has been going forward. The New Testament and several Old Testament books have been revised, and trial editions are now in circulation.

The Record Since Repeal

Drinking among Americans has increased twelve-fold since the repeal of the 18th Amendment, the Methodist Board of Temperance said in a statement last month marking the 20th Anniversary of the repeal of Prohibition.

"In 1933 the per capita consumption of alcoholic beverages in the United States was 1.59 gallons," said Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, executive secretary. "In 1943 it was 14.07 gallons and by 1952 it was 18.66 gallons per person."

Arrests for drunkenness increased from 831 per 100,000 population in 1932, the last year of Prohibition, to 2,066 in 1952, he said. Drunken driving arrests increased from 65.7 per 100,000 population in 1932 to 203.5 per 100,000 people in 1952.

"Approximately 75 per cent of the time and energy of our metropolitan police forces are devoted to offenses stemming directly from liquor or alcoholism," he said.

America has 7,000,000 "problem drinkers," the highest crime bill in the world, and the highest rate of alcoholic consumption, except for France, Dr. Hooton said.

"All of this is in sorry contrast," he said, "with the promises with which the Repealists beguiled the American people two decades ago when they promised that repeal would greatly reduce crime and reduce the burden of taxation."

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Montreal Merchants Defy Bylaw

Many large stores in Montreal, Quebec, remained open on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception last month, in defiance of the Holy Day closing bylaw. This bylaw requires stores to close on eight special Holy Days designated by the Roman Catholic Church each year. The bylaw is being contested in Canada's Supreme Court by a group of merchants.

The Bible in East Germany

The Bible societies in Berlin and in the East Zone of Germany are showing "real life and vision." The American Bible Society, it is reported, is currently engaged in efforts to provide these societies with paper, cellulose, binding materials, and personnel for a publications program in East Germany, for a subsidy to publish 400,000 *Illustrated Gospel Portions* in Berlin, and to provide Bibles, Testaments and Portions for distribution to the hundreds of thousands of refugees from the Soviet Zone.

Homosexuality in Britain

Home Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe told Parliament that the number of cases involving male perversion brought before British courts has increased four-fold since 1939 when World War II began. His statement followed an editorial entitled "A Social Problem" in the London Times (Nov. 1, 1953), which has caused much agitation in religious, educational and political circles.

The Moral Welfare Council of the Church of England has formally requested the government to institute an inquiry into homosexuality. What they ought to do is to inquire of the Bible, to see what God's Word has to say about it, and then to warn the people in no uncertain terms. Homosexuality is sin that incurs the wrath of God today as surely as it did in the case of wicked Sodom which God utterly destroyed.

Two Million More Pupils

Two million additional students were enrolled in the nation's Sunday Schools last year. Commenting on this fact, Dr. Clarence Benson said:

"We are indebted to the National Sunday School Association for the resurrection and revitalizing of the movement whose persistent decline meant national disaster. It must be credited to a large extent for the two million that were added to our Sunday Schools last year. A careful study of the statistics will show that the denominations and churches that made the largest gains were either supporters of the National Sunday School Association or were in close contact with the Evangelical Teacher Training Association or the publishing houses that have been responsible for the improved curriculum."

Thank God for these two million. They represent an average gain of 6 to 8 pupils in every Sunday School. However, the population increase is such that there are 37 million children and youth still not reached with the gospel. We must bend every effort to reach millions more in '54.

Blood Is HIS Business

U. S. Grant

I WAS arrested by an article in a prominent periodical about a family who had experimented with the properties of human blood for several years. The brothers, inheriting the business (for a business it has become), have analyzed the human blood and have discovered more than sixty different substances. Every one of these components has medically magic powers!

Albumin, one such substance, has been known to revive soldiers on the battlefield long after plasma would have failed. A child may be coming down with measles, but the progress of this blighting child-contagion can be halted by another substance which these boys have discovered in blood. Whooping cough is the greatest killer of infants under six months, but there is a blood medicine that freezes this disease the way a red light halts traffic.

Certain substances in blood cut excessive bleeding or help the victims of heart diseases. These young men are hopeful that other substances may be found to cure leukemia, polio, and arthritis. They declare that the end is not yet—that the potentialities are truly staggering.

As I read the account, I began to rejoice. All of these wonderful accomplishments affirm once more the accuracy of the divine record which states, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Lev. 17:11). The workers of these wonders declare that *blood is their business*. I thought, "If human blood has those powers, how much more effective is the precious blood of Jesus! If mere man can make blood his business, then of a truth, *blood is HIS business*."

Sometimes we are accused of preaching a bloody religion. But the gospel is not so much a bloody religion as it is a *religion of blood*. The life of the flesh is in the blood, and God further stated, "I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." No doubt the deeper refer-



Have you opened your heart to the Saviour—or is He still knocking?

ence is to Christ's atoning death. While His blood flowed in His veins it never redeemed a soul. But when His blood was given at Calvary—when the blood of God's Lamb was sprinkled upon the heavenly altar—it redeemed us. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold... but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18, 19). "And without *shedding* of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

Shedding of blood and the redemption of man is the theme of the entire Bible. It has been said that one can cut the Word of God anywhere he wishes, and it will bleed. "The word of God is quick [alive], and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword." It is true that the Spirit gives life to the Word, but the

whole Book is the story of the redemption of man through a divinely appointed Redeemer. Were it not for the scarlet thread woven through its pages, it would be dead indeed.

Christ is Head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all. Paul mentions again that we are the body of Christ, and members in particular. Christ is the vine, and we are the branches. The branch derives life through abiding in the vine. Even so, the body of Christ is alive because of the flow of His life through every part of it. Jesus said, "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life... For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." How may we eat His flesh and drink His blood? By abiding in Him.

In his sermon from Mars' hill Paul made an irrefutable statement: "God... hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth." Men, by laboratory tests, can determine whether a blood sample is from a human being or an animal. But the laboratory cannot differentiate between the blood of humans as to race, color, or geographic origin. It can merely affirm that it is human blood, and name its type. All human blood is alike in its general characteristics.

Likewise, all men are guilty before God: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Paul declares. If the blood of everyone in the world were to be poisoned, it would not be as great a tragedy as the actual corruption of men's hearts. Because our father Adam sinned, the whole race has been defiled and we all need a Saviour!

The blood of Christ is the only remedy for sin. Because Jesus lived a pure, sinless life His precious blood is able to make atonement for others.

Jesus' blood is called "precious" because it is the only blood that can redeem us, wash away our sins, and give us spiritual life. In India a wide search was made for an antidote for the poisonous bite of the cobra snake. Finally, a rare strain of Arabian horse was found that could withstand the poison and live. The blood of these horses, therefore, became a successful antidote for those who were victims

Brother Grant, Pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Kansas City, Kansas, preached on this subject at a fellowship meeting at Olathe, Kansas. We are indebted to the District Superintendent, V. G. Greisen, for obtaining the manuscript for publication.

of the cobra. So it was with Jesus. The sting of sin, with its deadly poison, spent itself in our Saviour on the cross. He who knew no sin became sin for us. He overcame it and lives today. His blood, and His blood alone, can redeem us.

*"What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."*

Blood is HIS business! "The blood of

Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin."

The blood of Jesus has bought us not only forgiveness and cleansing from sin, but healing as well. Marvelous may be the healing properties in human blood, but they are nothing in comparison with the provision Christ has made for our healing by giving Himself for us. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

CREATED and RENEWED

Allan A. Swift, Elizabeth, N. J.

DAVID SAID, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). Note the two words: CREATE and RENEW.

In this familiar prayer David voiced by inspiration God's provision to meet the need of fallen man. David realized that his need was very great: he was guilty of sin. He made no attempt to excuse himself. He confessed the basic cause of sin: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me"—not a sinful act of conception, as some might think, but a sinful state into which every child of Adam is born.

David confessed his sin and threw himself on the mercy of God for forgiveness and restoration. In his prayer we can trace the Divine heart voicing the great remedy He has provided in redemption. Deliverance from a life of sin is obtainable through the New Birth—through an act of creation. The Word declares, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature," or creation. So David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

How true to principle is God in His Word. In Genesis 1:1 we read, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." But not only has God created the universe; He also sustains it. By Christ He upholds all things (Heb. 1:3) and by Christ all things are held together ("consist"—Col. 1:17). God thus makes His physical creation dependent upon His own daily provision for continued existence.

This principle, properly understood, gives us light on the new creation. God wants those who have been made a new creation in Christ to be renewed by Himself. Remember the words of Christ: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." The need of

abiding in Christ for constant renewal of spiritual life is inescapable.

The apostle Paul by inspiration states the same principle—"He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). Regeneration is an act of creation, and renewal is a continuance of the creation process. Paul is saying the same thing as David—that salvation is by regeneration and renewal.

The divine standard for a believer in Christ is very high. Some have failed to attain it because they have not understood the principle of daily renewal. We must remember that we are not saved by our own righteousness, and neither are we kept by our own power. We are "kept by the power of God." Christ has set us an example. Though He was without sin, yet He submitted Himself to this principle. He said, "The Son can do nothing of Himself." He depended wholly upon His Father. This same Saviour who has made it possible for us to be "born again" has also given us the Holy Spirit to sustain our new spiritual life. "This I say then; walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16). This is not the language of the law—it does not read, "Ye must not." It is the joyous language of grace by divine enablement—"ye shall not."

Dependence on God is a law which governs both the natural creation and the spiritual creation. Happy is the man who learns this and subscribes to it daily. God's plan is first to create, then to renew. Having begun in the Spirit, let us continue in the Spirit. Our renewal will be accomplished through private prayer and meditation on the Word, as we daily plod along the pilgrim pathway which shines with the glory which God sheds upon His obedient children every step of the way.

HEALED

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

NERVOUS CONDITION

Last summer during a tent meeting conducted by Evangelists Bob Bryson and Kenny Foreman in Granite City, Illinois, I was healed of a nervous condition. In 1949 lightning had struck a big tree in our front yard and I was standing nearby. They took me to the doctor but he failed to help me. I suffered from a nervous condition for the next four years. Then Brother Foreman prayed for me and I was instantly healed. I felt the power of God go from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet. I praise God for His healing power and I love Him with all my heart.—Betty French, 2031 Lee Avenue, Granite City, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. Roscoe Russell, Granite City, Ill.)

BRAIN TUMOR

The Lord healed me of a brain tumor while people 150 miles away prayed for me. I was in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. I had an operation for brain tumor and I was unconscious several hours. When I regained consciousness there were fourteen doctors standing around my bed. One of them bent over my bed and told me that I was going to die. I could not move myself for two weeks. The doctor told me that even if I did not die I would never walk again.

About ten o'clock on Sunday night, about two weeks after the operation, I awakened suddenly. It seemed as if someone had entered my room and touched my head and let His hands slide down my body to the bottom of my feet. I knew it was Jesus. "The Lord has healed me," I said, and I sat up in bed.

The next morning when the doctor came, I was sitting up. He asked me what had happened, and I told him that the Lord had healed me. "He surely has," he replied. "I didn't do it. I expected to find you dead some morning when I came to see you." I got out of bed, walked around it and sat in a chair. The next week I went home.

Many years ago (long before I was operated on for brain tumor) I had a stroke and was blind about two hours. My sight came back to my right eye, but my left eye remained paralyzed. I could

only tell light from darkness. The doctors said my left eye would always be that way, and it was for 19 years. Even after the Lord healed me of the tumor that eye remained paralyzed. But during a meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Brother W. V. Grant prayed for me and the Lord healed my paralyzed eye. I can now see to read with my left eye.—Mrs. Earl Massey, Hot Springs, Ark.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. W. Farrell, Hot Springs, Ark.)

SUGAR DIABETES AND GANGRENE

In 1944 I had what seemed to be a nervous breakdown. I was in bed for three months and the doctor did not seem to know what my trouble was. I finally got up and began to perform my duties again, but I never had a well day for several years.

I went to a doctor who had been recommended, and he told me I had sugar diabetes. He began to treat me and put me on a diet. After three years I began going downhill. I went from 275 pounds to 190. In the meantime a hole appeared in my left foot and fluid began to run out. This condition continued for nearly two years. The doctor said the sore never would heal.

I changed doctors, and the second doctor told me that my leg would have to be amputated above the knee. My foot had swollen and my big toe burst open all the way to the end. My leg was full of gangrene almost to the knee.

I went to the hospital but they could not operate on me because my blood sugar count was so high. It was 265.4. I stayed at the hospital for a week and then came home.

Then I called my pastor, and he and three of the deacons came and prayed for me. My foot smelled so bad one could hardly stay in my room; but I had made up my mind that I was not going to have my leg cut off, and when I did that the Lord touched my foot. He healed me, bless His wonderful name! I still have both my feet. I am walking and wearing my shoes every day. (It had been over two and a half years since I had done that.) I cannot praise the Lord enough for what He has done for me.—Robert Wolfe, 3001 Cleburne Rd., Ft. Worth, Texas.

(Endorsed by T. F. Shultz, Pastor, Victory Assembly of God, Ft. Worth, Tex.)

Do you know a book that you are willing to put under your head when dying? Very well; that is the Book you want to study when you are living. There is only one such book in the world.—Joseph Cook.

Let all be loved for Jesus' sake, but Jesus for Himself.—Thomas a Kempis.



Watson Argue tells how this Bible in the pocket of a Christian G. I. saved his life.

A Miracle in Korea

A VETERAN of the Korean War dropped in at Calvary Temple, Seattle, one night. He said to me, "Pastor Argue, I have a story to tell, if you would like to hear it."

I invited him into my office, and he gave a remarkable testimony. This is what he said:

"I was out in the front lines of battle with the American forces in Korea, when all of a sudden the Chinese Communists came against us in a bayonet charge. One of them loomed up right in front of me. His bayonet was fixed in the direction of my abdomen. It looked like the end for me—but I quickly lunged to one side in an effort to dodge the blow. The bayonet went through the calf of my leg." He pulled up his trouser leg and showed me a scar several inches long.

"And then," he said, "I lunged at him, and knocked the bayonet out of his hand."

"Quick as a flash," he went on, "the Communist reached in his pocket and pulled out a dagger. He came toward me with that dagger and plunged it in my chest. I felt it strike me right over the heart. I thought I was finished. And yet, though I felt it strike me, I realized it had not pierced my body, and I wondered why. Then I remembered my Bible. It was a little zipper Bible and I had it in the pocket over my heart. That little Bible had stopped the dagger!

"Just at that moment one of my buddies shot the Communist soldier, and he fell dead at my feet.

"I have the dagger and the Bible here. Would you like to see them?"

I said I would, and he offered to let me have them for a while if I would like

to display them in my meetings. The dagger looks like the knife that is on a rifle—a bayonet. No doubt it was a bayonet at one time. The Bible has a slit where the dagger pierced it. The point of the dagger went all the way through the Old Testament and about half way through the New Testament. Do you know where it stopped? At Ephesians 5:18, the verse that says, "Be filled with the Spirit." The last hole is just above that wonderful promise: "Unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us..." (Ephesians 3:20). Hallelujah!

The veteran said to me: "I believe that God performed a miracle while that dagger was going through the Bible, because when we picked up the dagger there was no point on it. There must have been a sharp point on it when it pierced the cover of the Bible and cut most of the way through the Book; and yet, when we picked it up off the ground, the point was broken off. Where the point went to, I do not know."

On the field of battle two swords met—the sword of Communism and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And, thank God, His Sword won the victory.

Noah needed but to enter the ark. It was not necessary for him to know all concerning the guilt which brought down the Lord's judgment, or to feel all the gratitude he owed to God for providing a refuge. *He had but to enter.* And ye seeking souls, who dread the coming wrath, need no qualification for Christ, the true Ark. You have but to enter, and you are safe.—Selected.

Another Vessel

F. Helen Jarvis

"Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again ANOTHER vessel, as seemed good to the potter" (Jer. 18:3, 4).

WHAT A PICTURE these words suggest—the potter and the clay! As a lump of clay revolves on the potter's wheel, a vessel is being shaped by the skillful hands of the artisan. Suddenly, a strange look flashes across his face. Something is wrong! His sensitive fingers have detected a flaw, a rough spot in the clay, or a weakness in the vessel! After making a few futile attempts to correct the defect, he shoves the clay back into a shapeless heap upon the now motionless wheel. Then he lifts it off and begins to prepare the clay for re-molding. He plans to shape the clay into ANOTHER VESSEL.

All of this can be a lesson to God's people. Each Christian is a vessel in the hands of God, who has a plan for his individual life. The great Master Potter whirls the wheel and commences the process of molding and fashioning the clay. The Master seeks to bring forth a life for His honor and praise—a chosen vessel. Deftly, He touches the shapeless mass of clay, as around and around it goes in the processes of life; and lo, in time, it becomes a precious thing of beauty.

But, sadly enough, the clay does not always respond properly to the Master's hand. There are often defects and weaknesses which resist His touch. We have all seen such lives—lives that have missed the directive will of God, lives that have missed the way He chose. Through trial, discouragement, weakness of the flesh, unbelief, or some other sin they have fallen by the wayside. The all-wise God knows that they have fallen short of His plan and that they cannot fill the place which He first chose for them.

But will God cast them entirely aside as worthless lumps of clay? No, He can take the clay and perhaps make another vessel. He will do so if the clay is yielded. Too many Christians take themselves entirely out of His loving hand, once they have missed the way He planned. They say it is no use! Others resist the refining process, and He cannot do as He would to prepare them for another vessel.

I have often thought of Esau, who lost the birthright and forfeited the covenant

promises. Because of his foolishness, those blessings could never be his again. He had made an irretrievable mistake. However, he made another and final error which he need not have made. He could have said to his heathen wives, "Girls, we're all wrong. Put those idols away and rear the children according to the way of my father Isaac. From this time forward, I am living for God."

True, he would have had a tremendous job on his hands, but there would have been no law against his trying. He could have humbled himself under the mighty hand of God and wrestled with the angel of the Lord, as Jacob finally did, and thus become ANOTHER VESSEL. Instead, he was content to continue in his own fleshly way, weeping tears over that which he had lost, but not repenting and surrendering to God. As a consequence, God could do nothing further for him.

Others have missed God's plan, but what a different outcome! Samson reconsecrated, and in prison garb and with blinded eyes he killed more Philistines in his death than in his life. Mark, the

young man who "went not to the work," became in time a most useful man of God and lives as a shining light in the pages of sacred history. Peter, who three times denied his Lord, became the triumphant preacher of Pentecost.

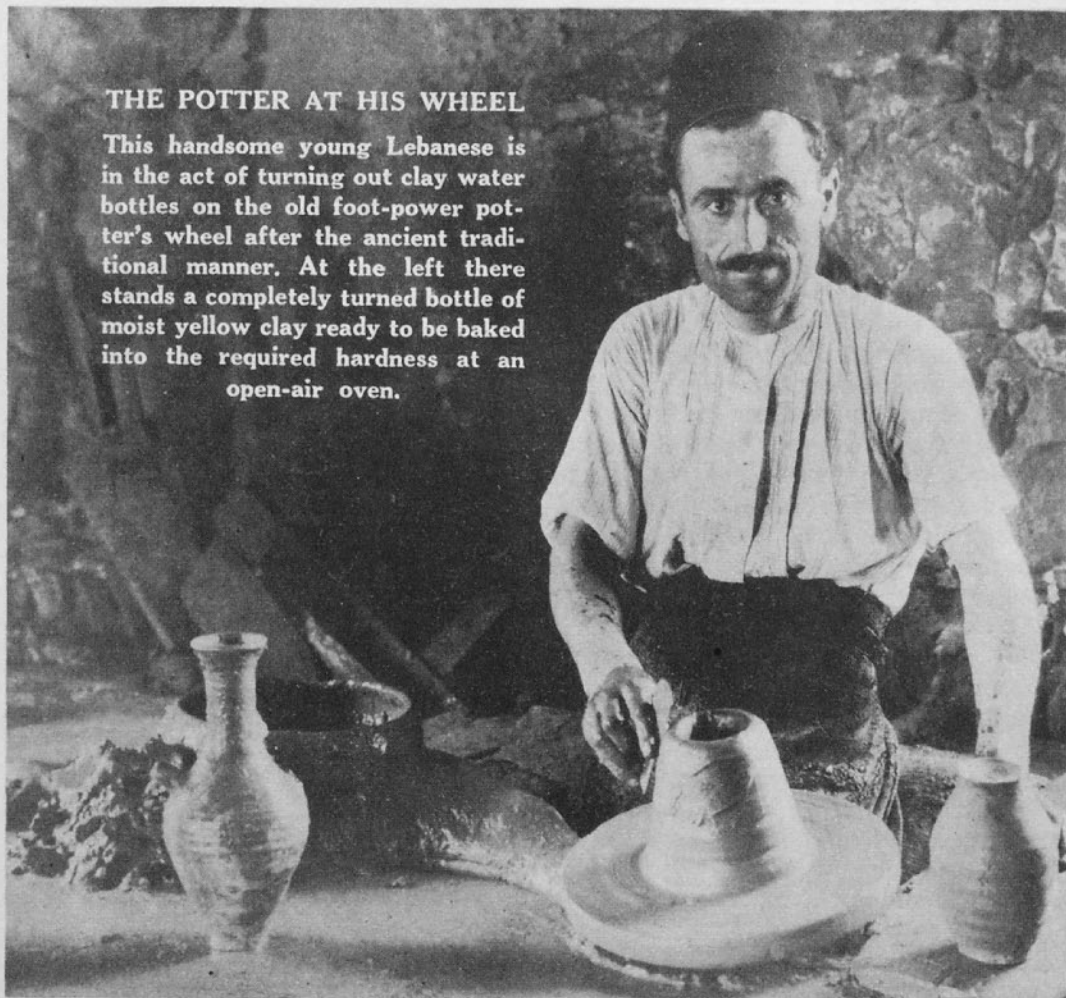
If you find yourself marred in the hands of the Potter and you feel you are a failure, do not turn yourself adrift in hopeless despair. Rather, take courage from His promises and from the lives of those who have gone on before. Let Him make you ANOTHER VESSEL! Surrender to Him anew, put your all unreservedly upon the altar, and submit to God's reconstruction process. If the call of God for some particular ministry has slipped through your fingers, face the issue sensibly and squarely, and determine to live for God, come what may. You will be surprised how God can use you as ANOTHER VESSEL.

MEN GOD WANTS

God is not looking for brilliant men, is not depending upon eloquent men, is not shut up to the use of talented men in sending His Gospel out in the world. God is looking for broken men, for men who have judged themselves in the light of the Cross of Christ. When He wants anything done, He takes up men who have come to an end of themselves, and whose trust and confidence is not in themselves but in God.—H. A. Ironside.

THE POTTER AT HIS WHEEL

This handsome young Lebanese is in the act of turning out clay water bottles on the old foot-power potter's wheel after the ancient traditional manner. At the left there stands a completely turned bottle of moist yellow clay ready to be baked into the required hardness at an open-air oven.



MISSIONS AT HOME

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MISSIONARIES' HOUSE TRAILER DESTROYED BY FIRE

Brother and Sister Clarence Washburn, missionaries to the Indians at Phoenix, Arizona, recently suffered the loss of their housetrailer, most of their personal belongings, and tools, lumber, and building materials valued at \$1,000 in a fire. The blaze threatened their church as well but God intervened.

Sister Washburn had just returned home from holding a service out on the reservation when she saw flames shooting up behind the church. A small trailer where tools and other things were stored was on fire, and the blaze quickly spread to the housetrailer which was the home of the Washburns. Sister Washburn, along with some of the Indians who were nearby, tried to salvage some of their belongings from the burning trailer. She was not able to save much, and inhaled so much of the smoke that she had to be given oxygen.

The fire spread so quickly that the mission well was soon pumped dry in an unsuccessful effort to put it out. City fire trucks arrived too late to save the trailers. The flames were leaping toward the church when the Indians began to pray, "Lord, save our church!" God heard their cry and the church was spared. Two days after the fire a great Thanksgiving Day service was held in the church.

There was a small amount of insurance which covered some of the loss on the house trailer, but a large part of their personal belongings were lost in the fire. The Washburn family is now living in four small rooms in the rear of the church. A fellow-missionary writes: "Brother and Sister Washburn really need your prayers desperately. Their bodies are so weary and the burden of the work lies heavily upon their hearts."

We cannot relieve the weariness of these good workers, but we can pray that the one who said, "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest," will do that for them. However, we can help relieve the material needs of Brother and Sister Washburn in a very special manner. It will take several hundred dollars to replace their personal belongings. Your offerings at this time will help tremendously. Kindly send them (designated for the Washburns) to the National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

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Friends who sent offerings for Brother and Sister Lavern Stellrecht's emergency needs will be interested to know that to date we have been able to meet all the

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Sunday, January 3

to

Sunday, January 10

They shall call on My name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is My people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God." Zech. 13:9.

expenses, but they are mounting and Sister Stellrecht is seriously ill. Please pray that she will know complete deliverance. The Apache medicine men are rejoicing that they have "cast a spell" over our sister, but God is stronger than Satan.

This Week's Cover

The congregation which formerly worshiped at the St. Paul Gospel Temple now meets at a new location and goes by a new name. It is now called the Summit Avenue Assembly of God, the former building having been destroyed by fire in July 1952.

It is not hard to remember the address of this new church in Minnesota's capital city. One needs only to think of "higher heights" and "victory through Christ" to remind him that it is located at the corner of Summit and Victoria. Could any corner be more appropriate for a Pentecostal church, as far as street names are concerned?

Immediately after the fire, the congregation made plans to build a new church in a new location. They obtained a site 200 by 150 feet in size on a beautiful boulevard. On December 1, 1952, excavation began. When one considers the severe winters of Minnesota, it seems almost miraculous that after six months the congregation was able to move into the new building and worship in a finished sanctuary (although the entire structure was not yet complete).

The seating capacity is 500. The exterior is of light buff brick, with Bedford stone trim. The interior is a laminated beam construction, having Redwood choir loft, with brick walls and oak trim throughout.

The main building (100 x 46) contains upper and lower auditoriums, balcony, pastor's study, nursery, mothers' room, kitchen, and Sunday School office. The annex (31 by 38) serves as prayer room,

C. A. room, and Sunday School classes. The structure is valued at \$145,000.

The beautiful new house of worship was dedicated on Sunday, October 18. Pastor Frank J. Lindquist of the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle preached in the morning service. The District Superintendent, G. Raymond Carlson, preached the dedicatory sermon in the afternoon.

Wilbur E. Weides and his wife have been pastors of this congregation since October, 1949. God has added His blessing to their efforts and the church has had a steady growth. Souls have been saved, believers filled with the blessed Holy Spirit, and the sick have been healed by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Other ministers who have contributed to the spiritual progress of the church in years gone by are Ben Hardin, James McConchie, William Boyles, Ivan Miller, and a host of other pastors, evangelists and missionaries.

There is a sweet unity in the church, a result no doubt of the intense efforts that have been made in the building program, and the pastor and congregation are facing the future with fervent prayer and faith for a Holy Ghost revival.

CONTRIBUTIONS SET NEW RECORD

Contributions to 46 U. S. Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations reached a record high in the past year. The total of \$1,401,114,217 for all purposes was a gain of 8.9 per cent over the previous 12-month period.

The larger denominations gave the largest totals, as might be expected: Methodist Church, \$289 millions; Southern Baptists, \$248 millions; Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., \$126 millions.

But the smaller organizations were at the top in per capita giving. Seventh-day Adventists reported \$165.26 per member; Wesleyan Methodists, \$149.56; Brethren in Christ, \$120.44; Church of the Nazarene, \$117.97; Orthodox Presbyterians, \$109.34. The average member in all the denominations reporting increased his giving 7.6 per cent, from \$38.99 to \$41.94.

Many denominations, including the Assemblies of God, do not compile figures on the contributions of their members. The Free Methodist, who last year reported an average annual contribution of \$194.79 per member, did not report for the current year.

BIBLE POSTERS IN SUBWAYS

The New York Bible Society has published hundreds of posters and placed them in the city's subways. The project is expensive, costing \$1,600 a month, but the texts are seen by more than 200 million subway passengers each month. The message on the posters is not exactly new, yet it is an eye-opener to some New Yorkers. It is simply the Ten Commandments.



Gabriel Oyakhilome

Gabriel --

APOSTLE TO BENIN

H. B. Garlock

Field Secretary for Africa

This is the story of Gabriel Oyakhilome of Nigeria, West Africa, whom God used in a remarkable way to accomplish the impossible.

Gabriel was educated in the government schools and later found employment at an agricultural station. It was while he was employed there that God began to deal with his heart concerning his sins. Prompted by the deep urgings of the Holy Spirit he began searching for God's forgiveness. One day he met a preacher named Matthew Ezigbo; this dear Christian man, now a District Presbyterian in Eboland) soon showed the youth God's way of salvation. Gabriel was soundly converted and in a short space of time was filled with the Holy Spirit.

In his early zeal and love for God, young Gabriel dedicated his entire life to preaching the gospel to his people. It wasn't long until the burden for his own tribespeople in Benin province began to rest heavily upon his soul. Never before had such a challenge come to a national to reach his own people.

Too well Gabriel knew the hazards of the Niger River territory and the impossible character of the Benin people. However, this simple yet faithful young convert responded to the call of God and asked the missionary several times for approval of his plans to go.

"I tell you, teacher, God speaks strongly to my soul—I must go to the Benin people, for they are my people and they are without hope," Gabriel would plead.

The missionary would simply look across his desk at the eager young convert, study him for a moment and then say slowly, "You are too young, Gabriel; too young in the ways of the gospel. You need more instruction in the Word before going out to such a difficult field of labor. I would advise you to wait a while before you start out to preach."

That was the way the missionary had looked at it—but Gabriel had looked at it differently. He went back to his hut on those occasions and took it to the Lord in prayer.

In the meantime another more experienced worker had been sent to this difficult field, but he returned to the compound with the report that "those

Benin people are impossible to reach with the gospel."

Early one morning the senior missionary heard a knock on his door. Knowing it was too early for the usual visitors, he made his way cautiously from the bed to find out who would come at such an unheard-of hour. Peering through a narrow slit in the door, he saw the familiar figure of young Gabriel in the moonlight.

When he was invited in, Gabriel said: "I have not rested all night, master. There is no sleep for me; I am too burdened for my people (over in Benin Province.) Please will you let me go to them; I must obey God."

It was this early morning plea that caused the missionary to yield. "Go," he said, "and may God go with you," but inwardly the missionary was still of the same opinion. Gabriel was too young to accomplish anything among a heathen tribe, he thought.

Gabriel left the missionary's house that morning with a light heart. He wasted no time in preparing for the trip to the Benin people whom he loved. God had said, "Go home to your friends and loved ones and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you."

The miles seemed shorter, and hours seemed like minutes as he made his happy, eager way along the jungle trails toward his home town. Finally he reached the great Niger, and after crossing the river arrived at the town just as the sun began to go down. Gabriel did not wait to rest but commenced witnessing to the power of Christ in his life. The village people came running to the market-place to hear the strange tale. They recognized Gabriel, but they did not recognize his peculiar language: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever! . . . Ye must be born again! . . . Turn from your idols and serve the living God . . ."

Someone approached him from among the crowd.

"You preacher, you have a good chance to prove your God's power. There are eight people in the village dying from poisoned meat. Maybe you can go and heal them now?"

Gabriel immediately visited those dying people. With a heart overflowing with

divine love, he prayed for them. In an instant, God healed every one of them, saving their souls at the same time; and in a matter of hours a revival broke out that swept many into the Kingdom of God.

In a few weeks a church was established—such a thing had never been known in that area. The supernatural power of God had brought about something that even experienced missionaries with all their learning never could have accomplished. Wherever Gabriel went, God went with him. Miracles of healing took place in the many villages, resulting in the establishing of several Pentecostal churches.

Thus began the Assemblies of God work in Benin province. In 1946 Mrs. Garlock and I attended the first District Council of the Assemblies of God in that province. Ten fine churches had been established in that area, and from those churches more than 1,000 redeemed souls attended the conference gathering.

It was wonderful to learn that hundreds of these people had been healed and filled with the Holy Spirit since the time young Gabriel entered this area with his message from God. Furthermore, God had raised up ten Holy Ghost preachers to pastor these churches.

Thank God for men like Gabriel Oyakhilome who know the call of God when they hear it—and who obey that call. At present there are 21 fine assemblies in Benin Province. These assemblies are organized with progressive Sunday Schools and Christ's Ambassador groups. A number of day schools operate also in connection with the churches.

All this came about because a young convert heard God say—"Go back home to your friends and loved ones and tell them what the Lord had done for you"

New Missionaries Sail for Japan



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berg and family sailed on November 13 for Kobe via Yokohama, Japan on S. S. Borgholt.



THE FIRST BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN VEREENING, TRANSVAAL, SOUTH AFRICA

The above photographs show the first baptismal service since the birth of the new assembly in Vereeniging, Transvaal. Christians from Nigel, Springs, Brakpan, Benoni and Jobur arrived on trucks and buses to join in this great service. Approximately 300 people lined the shore of the Klip River watching and singing the praises of Zion while 31 new converts were baptized by Philip Molefe.

This baptismal service was the beginning of a real move of God

in this region. Following the service, five people were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit according to the Scriptures.

Progress is being made on a new evangelistic center here; the Lord willing, the missionaries hope to complete it early in 1954. They are looking to the Lord to supply another \$1,000 with which to complete the building. Funds for this purpose may be sent to the Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo., U.S.A.

Pentecostal Progress in Accra

Elvis Davis, West Africa



From Accra, the capital of the Gold Coast, comes a thrilling report of God's blessing among the Ga tribe people. Nearly forty made a profession of salvation recently, among them a paramount chief of the Ga tribe in whom God did a marvelous work of grace. We quote from Elvis Davis' letter:

"There has been a real turning to God here. The Big Chief has definitely been converted and is seeking God for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is a real joy to see him with his Bible on his knees following the Scriptures as we speak to him. Then to see him turn to his people in the audience and explain to them the things we have been teaching him is a great delight. So genuinely has he been converted that he has turned his council house into a meeting place for the new converts.

"On Friday, November 20, we visited there and he told us he had come to the crossroads of decision in his life. He stated that soon he would be required to perform a ritual in which he must sacrifice a sheep and pour out a libation of gin to the ancestors of his people. When I asked what he planned to do, he said that he had already fixed a date in his mind to call his elders and hold a palaver. He planned to tell them that he must abdicate his stool. This, as you know, is a tremendous decision for a man like him to make—especially since he has occupied the position of chief for

forty years. However, his mind is made up and he is very happy in his salvation.

"Last evening, as I passed his house after the service, I heard him inside singing one of the native choruses: 'Sing, hallelujah; Jesus is coming.' Not only is the Big Chief soundly converted but he has offered to give us land where we might build a church."

Another highlight of God's blessing on the Gold Coast is reported by Brother Davis, as follows:

"God is blessing in other villages also—we have seen men and women come to Him in a number of places. However, we do not wish to spread out so that we cannot properly consolidate the gains which are made. So for the next few months we are concentrating on teaching the new converts and furthering the work in Accra.

"Some Roman Catholics have been converted, as well as some fine young men in government positions. These are joining wholeheartedly in the work and the finances have been helped. Within three

months the finances have been doubled and the crowds are increasing so that last night every seat was taken and many were standing.

"Here is good news! Recently we had opportunity to address a gathering of over 1000 at the community center in which Dr. Kwame Nkrumah* was the chairman. Dr. Nkrumah's popularity in politics made it a high honor for us to be the main speaker at this special meeting. The Prime Minister showed great interest in our work and was very friendly toward us. Lady Quist, who is the wife of the speaker of the legislative assembly, was also on the program. To me it was nothing but the hand of the Lord, that I should be asked to speak at such a gathering.

"It is very difficult, however, to get people of their standing to come to our little rented building. Sometimes these people of quality come and genuinely enjoy the service but usually the surroundings keep them from regular attendance. We certainly will be happy for the day when we can have our own place of worship....

"Because of the tremendous attendance at the meetings in the hall, we desperately need a church building. A suitable lot on which to build the new center would cost \$6,000 U. S. currency. Brother Paul Weidman has already raised \$3,000 but another \$3,000 is needed at once to complete the negotiations.

Thank God for the souls who are being saved constantly in the rented hall. The church is growing—but what of the other hundreds of people in Accra who cannot get into the hall to hear the gospel! A building must be erected immediately or many of the converts may be lost.

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*Dr. Kwame Nkrumah is the new Prime Minister of the Gold Coast, Britain's most advanced colony in Africa. He is respected as one of the great leaders in Africa.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

JESUS TEACHING AND HEALING

Lesson for January 10

Mark 1:21-28, 35-39

Some very important events had taken place since the introduction and baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. John had been imprisoned (v. 14), and Jesus had called four disciples—Peter, Andrew, James, and the other John (vv. 16-20).

The call of the disciples brought about a complete change in their lives. No longer were they fishermen in the fresh waters of Galilee; they were henceforth to catch men. Every moment of our lives is important; the decisions we make may affect our entire lives. In the consciousness of our own weakness, we need to give ourselves to God, and trust that He will guide us.

1. JESUS TEACHES IN CAPERNAUM

a. *The Time and Place.* "Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision . . . to confirm the promises made unto the fathers" (Rom. 15:8). Since He had come not to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill the same, He observed carefully the customs of the Jews. He was "made under the law" (Gal. 4:4); by fulfilling that law, His perfect obedience is reckoned to our account. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13).

Since Jesus came to fulfill the law, and because the synagogue was the place of worship, Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath day to worship and to teach.

b. *The Teaching.* Mark does not record what Jesus taught; but he tells us that His hearers "were astonished at his doctrine" and at the manner in which He spoke. The custom of the scribes was to quote various Jewish interpreters, but they had no positive message. Jesus spoke as one directed from heaven. The power of God was in His message, and His words were with "authority." The Church needs a similar anointing, for "the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power" (1 Cor. 4:20).

c. *Results of the Teaching.* The power of God in His message caused demons to squirm, and unclean spirits to cry out. A demon-possessed man testified who Jesus was, and pleaded with Him that the demons would not be molested. Publicly, Jesus demonstrated His authority over the demon world, as the demons, crying with a loud voice, came out of the man.

d. *The Teacher's Fame.* "Immediately

his fame spread abroad." The people had heard many discourses before, but never had they heard one speak with such authority. No one before had exercised such complete power over the devil. They questioned, "What is this? What new doctrine is this?"

2. JESUS HEALS A MOTHER

a. *Jesus Enters the House.* The Gospel of Mark is the Book which portrays Jesus as God's faithful Servant. His complete obedience can be seen in these statements: "Immediately" Jesus was guided by the Spirit into the wilderness (v. 12). "Straightway" He entered into the synagogue to teach (v. 21). "Forthwith" they entered into Simon's house (v. 29). Such expressions describe decisive action.

Peter and Andrew were disciples of Jesus (v. 16). These brothers lived in the same house, together with their families and Peter's mother-in-law. Jesus entered into their home, taking His four disciples with Him.

b. *Jesus Heals in the Home.* Though much of Jesus' ministry to the sick was in public, He healed in the privacy of homes. The pastor of a congregation lives among his people, and much of his ministry takes place in homes. This ministry may not be as spectacular as the ministry in the church, but it is just as important.

As soon as Jesus was told of the sickness of Simon's mother-in-law, He took her by the hand and lifted her up. "Immediately the fever left her," and she rose up and served them.

3. JESUS HEALS MANY OTHERS

a. *Healing in the Evening.* Remember that this was the sabbath day. Many of these suffering ones believed that it would desecrate the Jewish sabbath to seek healing on that day. But after the sun had set, the sabbath was past, and then they felt free to seek deliverance. Jesus, in casting the unclean spirit out of the man in the synagogue, showed that coming to God for help was no violation of the sabbath.

Jewish customs and the tradition of the elders were very strong, keeping many from the blessings which Jesus wished to bestow. Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath," so we should not be in bondage to any day. However, we do not favor secularizing the Lord's Day, because of the influence we have on the ungodly. We should keep one day free so we can attend the house of worship.

b. *The Multitude Healed.* Jesus saw the great need among the people, and He healed many. To heal one disease was as simple as another. Whatever the disease, the power of Christ was present to heal it. Evil spirits also were cast out. Those humans were bound by the devil in many ways, but the great work of Christ was to bring deliverance to the captives and to let the oppressed go free.

Jesus did not confine His ministry to any one place. He built no shrine, nor did He sell holy oils for the sick to apply. He wanted men to come to Him, the Son of God! His blessings were given to the needy "without money and without price."

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

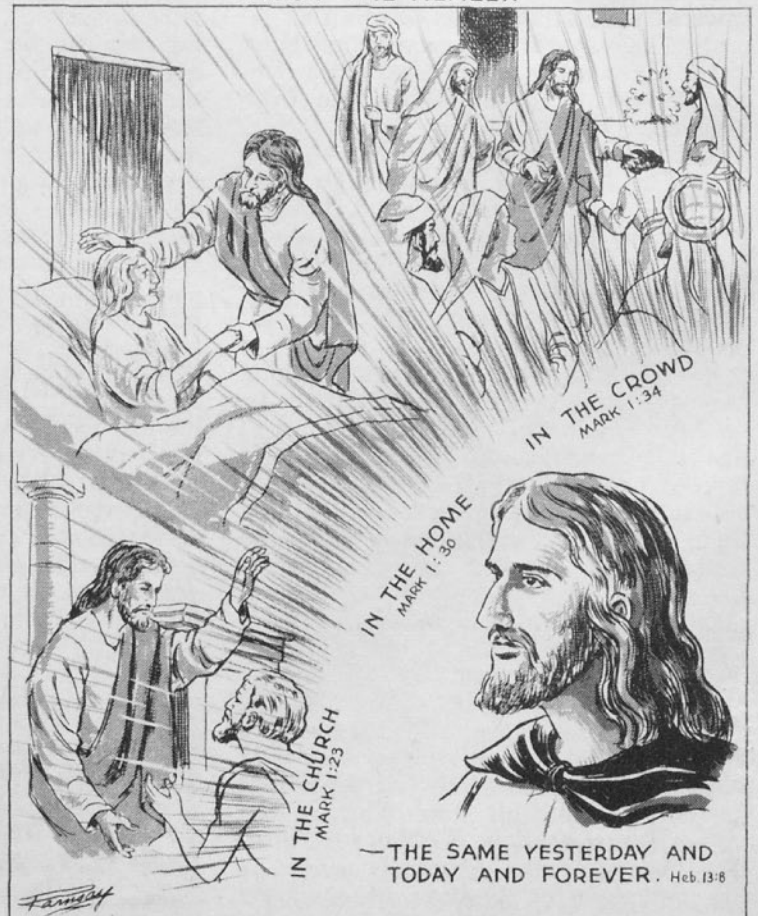
Jesus Introduced and Anointed (lesson for Sunday, January 3). Lesson text: Mark 1:1-13.

TRUE ADORATION

I love my God, but with no love of mine,
for I have none to give;
I love Thee, Lord; but all the love is
Thine, for by Thy life I live.
I am as nothing, and rejoice to be
Emptied, and lost, and swallowed up in
Thee.
Thou, Lord, alone, art all Thy children
need,
And there is none beside;
From Thee the streams of blessedness
proceed; in Thee the blest abide—
Fountain of life, and all-abounding grace:
our course, our center and our dwelling-
place.

—Madame Guyon.

JESUS THE HEALER



Pentecost in Central Italy

The Story of Sonnino, an Italian mountain village,
and its 400 Pentecostal believers

Don Mallough

WHAT A ROAD—so steep and rocky! As we bounced along in our overtaxed French station wagon, the incline became steeper by the minute and the hairpin turns seemed to come more often. Every curve was like a jumping-off place. We had left behind us the ancient highway between Rome and Naples and were now proceeding along a mountain road to the little city of Sonnino, high up in the mountains of central Italy. How remote our destination seemed! What kind of town could exist at the end of a trail like this? How had anyone ever found it in the first place?

Finally we squared the last corner and pulled up the last heavy grade to our destination. A quaint city was this Sonnino, perched precariously on the side of a mountain. Its little cobblestone streets were extremely narrow and steep, and some of them consisted of steps. We heard the clatter of donkey hoofs as the beasts carried their huge loads of firewood up and down these steps. There was also the laughter of children playing in the streets. The houses were built so close together that laundry hanging out of a window easily became entangled with the neighbors' wash.

Soon a fever of excitement prevailed in the town: the message spread rapidly that the Americans had come.

That night hundreds of people jammed into the church building for a gospel meeting. The curious were there, as well as the devout. Some had come to see and hear Americans. But most of them were present whenever the church doors opened. Common people came to a common place to sing and worship in the simplicity of honest hearts. How touching were the sights and sounds of that inspiring service!

While I sat on the platform that night, my mind was very active. Whose converts were these? What was the history of the congregation in this inaccessible city? How had the Pentecostal message come to Sonnino and its people? My curiosity was not satisfied until later when I pieced together the entire story. Then in a greater way I appreciated the congregation in that mountain city.

While yet in his early twenties, one of the young men of Sonnino had left for the wonderland of America, following the

*So steep are some
of the streets in
Sonnino that they
are built in steps.*



example of many of his compatriots who had found it a country of vast opportunity and financial advantage. Ernesto Di Biagio dreamed of these good things as he journeyed to upper New York State. Little did he then know that his stay would end in less than a year, and that in Syracuse he would find a treasure more valuable than gold.

Everything was new to this immigrant. Even the religion of some of his fellow Italians seemed strange. But he went to church with them to find out about their new religion. At first he was curious; then he became concerned and convicted; finally he was genuinely converted. Afterwards, he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Having a new sense of values, Ernesto lost sight of temporal things and stressed the spiritual values. He thought of his own people and their need of the simple message of the gospel. Soon he was on his way back to Italy to tell his friends and loved ones of Jesus Christ.

Ernesto was not a preacher, but he had a message to tell. Everyone in Sonnino knew him; they recognized that he was changed completely since he had left home the year before. Some people attributed the transformation to his stay in America, but he testified that Christ's work in his life had brought about the change. In his home he held simple services, reading the Bible and telling of the love of God.

Some accepted the truth; others rejected it. The town rowdies openly laughed and jested at Ernesto and his new religion. Some suggested that Di Biagio had lost his mind.

Incensed by the regular cottage meetings, ecclesiastical authorities in the city used every conceivable threat and underhanded tactic to stop the meetings of the "Evangelicals." But in spite of rebuffs and persecutions to those responsible for the services, Ernesto and the other Christians renewed their determination to work for God.

One day, in the midst of the service, a knock came at the door. Policemen had come to arrest everyone at the meeting. Religious authorities had prodded civil officers to put a forceful stop to those gatherings. The entire Pentecostal congregation was led up the road to the jail. A curious crowd, tagging along behind, hurled cruel epithets at them and accused them of being emissaries of the devil.

But, like Paul and Silas of old, these believers did not let jail bars or locked doors hinder their worship. They sang and praised God! Outside the jail a crowd gathered to hear them. Instead of silencing their testimony, this imprisonment actually gave them a much larger audience. Each night before they retired, their voices rang out clearly as they prayed for their enemies. Each evening crowds gathered outside the jail to hear their impassioned pleas to God for the salvation of souls in Sonnino.

For fifteen days the jailor in charge of the group was forced to hear joyful songs, testimonies, and prayer. At the end of that time he was gloriously saved and he joined them in their spiritual exercises. That was the beginning of the glorious victories that resulted from the trial of an imprisonment.

After twenty days, the authorities decided to free the prisoners. Whereas a mob had shouted accusations of all kinds when the Christians had entered the jail, a huge crowd now waited to welcome them. Fellow townsmen clapped their hands for joy. One lady shouted, "Now we know you are men of God, for we have heard you pray each evening." One man stepped forward and said, "I have a large hall. Please come there next Sunday to preach and hold services." That invitation was accepted and the place was filled.

Thus were the beginnings, of the Assembly of God in Sonnino, Italy. Today the congregation numbers some four hun-

dred members. Ernesto Di Biagio capably pastors the congregation and continues to be used of the Lord. Many have gone forth from that church to minister in other areas. The growth has not come easily. All the residents of Sonnino have not accepted the message, and persecutions have not ceased entirely; but faithfulness has paid its dividends. The God who met the small congregation in the city jail still meets them in their humble place of worship.

Seated on the platform, I looked at the upturned faces and upraised hands of the people as they sang joyously in praise to the Lord. Thoughts raced through my mind: "Whose converts are these? Who was responsible for this church high in the mountains?"

Even now I cannot answer those questions. Was it that resident of Syracuse who invited an immigrant to church? Could it have been the pastor who preached the night he attended? Or, the young man who left the advantages of America to tell those in Sonnino? Converts who sang and prayed in jail? Yes, all of these had a part, but no one can receive all the credit. This is a tree of God's planting, and it will continue to bring forth fruit for His glory.

NEWS

134 FINISH HOUSTON TRAINING COURSE

HOUSTON, TEX.—First city-wide workers' training course in the newly organized South Texas District (organized last June in San Antonio) was conducted on November 30—December 4 in Houston, Texas. H. A. Berry, of the Northside Assembly, was host pastor to teachers and workers from sixteen co-operating churches.

South Texas District Sunday School leaders, Ernest and Clynelle Aldridge; W. L. Suter, pastor of the Houston Denver Assembly of God; and George Davis, National Sunday School Representative taught classes for workers in departmentalized schools.

Sectional Sunday School Representative Austin Wilkerson, pastor of the Houston Central Assembly, and Ernest Aldridge, District Sunday School Director, made arrangements for the school. Before coming to the South Texas District, Ernest and Clynelle Aldridge were Sunday School evangelists. They traveled with the Convention Team to the six Assemblies of God regional Sunday School conventions last spring.

One hundred thirty-four certificates were issued to those completing the Houston training course.

Each evening at 7:15 George Davis presented the new booklet, "The Teacher in Action." Though "The Teacher in Action" was not released until January 1, a special allotment was made available for use in this school.

"We can recommend the book, 'The Teacher in Action,' to the nation," was the expression of over two hundred Sunday School teachers and Christian workers enrolled in the course.

"The Teacher in Action" was written especially for January—Training Month. The five chapters of the booklet are to be used for opening general sessions in departmentalized training schools. The chapter headings are: The Qualifications of a Teacher, The Teacher Preparing, The Teacher

in Class, The Teacher and the Pupil, and The Teacher During the Week. The booklet is not a manual nor is it for sale, but is given free to those using textbooks on different age groups.

After the opening session where "The Teacher in Action" was used, the Houston students separated to attend one of the four classes of the course. "Adult Department" was taught by W. L. Suter; "Intermediate Department," by Ernest Aldridge; "Primary Department," by Clynelle Aldridge; and "Administration and Organization" by George Davis.

The success of this undertaking by the South Texas District can be seen partially through the statements of two of the students.

"I'm not a teacher—I'm a young mother—but I've learned a lot to help me in my home."

"I am a Sunday School teacher and this is the most wonderful thing that has happened to me since I have been saved (fourteen years ago). I have been praying that the Lord would help me to be a better teacher and I believe that this course was a direct answer to my prayer."

GOAL OF \$7,000 SET FOR BGMC DAY—FEBRUARY 7

SPRINGFIELD, MO—February 7, 1954, is the date set aside as the Third Annual BGMC Day for Assemblies of God Sunday Schools. The financial goal for the day is \$7,000. Because more Sunday Schools are awakening to the real value of this great program, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade enrollment and giving are expected to reach an all-time high this year.

"The Word for the World" is the slogan of the BGMC, its purpose being to supply gospel literature, especially Sunday School literature, to as many countries as possible. Letters are received almost daily from different parts of the world telling of what a blessing BGMC is to the work on the field. The missionaries are able to put to use every piece of literature supplied to them. The need for gospel literature today is even more tremendous because of the increased percentage of literacy in this generation. Now that so many are learning to read it is important to give them reading material that is good for them.

Realizing this need, the National Sunday School Department launched the BGMC in 1949 as a children's missionary program. This program not only sends gospel literature to foreign lands, but also gives a more personal appreciation for missions to every child who participates.

Children all over the nation have responded eagerly and liberally. Each year there has been a steady increase until the present total membership is 1,849 Sunday Schools. In 1949 BGMC offerings amounted to \$1,290. Offerings have steadily increased each year until over \$126,538 has been given by the children of our Sunday Schools.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

KEWANEE, ILL.—We had a profitable meeting with Evangelist Alma Meyer of Springfield, Mo. The Christians were edified and many rededicated their lives to God. Much permanent good was accomplished. We thank God for the ministry of Sister Meyer and we have invited her to return for another meeting.—Loma L. Matter, Pastor, Kewanee Gospel Church.

ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND—Evangelist Carolyn Lindblad of Santa Cruz, Calif. was with us for almost six weeks. The interest and attendance were good each night, with overflow crowds on Sunday nights in spite of the bad weather the first three weeks of the meeting. Sister Lindblad's ministry was simple, sincere, and spiritual, and brought a touch of old-time blessing and anointing upon the church. Quite a number were saved, several filled with the Spirit, and some were definitely healed.

An 85-year-old man was healed who had been suffering intense pain in his knee joint which a doctor said was caused by the bones decaying. One night as we were standing around the altar, praising and worshipping the Lord, the power of God came upon him and he was completely healed. Since then he has discarded his cane and has been walking up and down the streets of this hilly city, telling everyone what the Lord has done for him.

The spirit of revival is still with us. Just recently we baptized 12 in water and most of them were saved during this meeting.—Harold J. Snelgrove, Pastor, Elim Tabernacle.

VAN, TEX.—We closed a glorious three-week meeting with Evangelists Inez Lee and Pauline Williams from El Campo, Tex. A number were saved and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Several others were refilled.—F. M. Jones, Pastor.

TAYLORSVILLE, KY.—On November 22 we closed a meeting with Evangelist David Wilkerson of Turtle Creek, Pa. During the three weeks, about 60 people came to the altar for salvation or to be reclaimed. Four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and a great number were refilled.

Recently a woman who had a bad influence in the community was saved. During the meeting she felt her need of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and was gloriously filled. Two years ago her son was saved and he and his family are still serving the Lord.

God has been good to us the last five years. We have seen the Sunday School attendance grow from 57 to an average of 227 the last Sunday School year. We have averaged 252 since October 1st. All our Sunday School rooms are crowded and we plan to build a two-story addition 46 x 50 next year.—George P. Sutherland, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly of God.

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ROBINSON, ILL.—Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Memphis, Tenn. was with us for a meeting. The attendance was good and the Sunday School record was broken. Some found the Lord as their Saviour.—H. E. Murray, Pastor.

WATERFORD, CALIF.—After pastoring here for over three years, we have resigned the church and are entering the evangelistic field. Much has been accomplished for the Lord through the co-operation of the fine people at Waterford. We spent several hundred dollars improving the church property and all is paid for. They have a fine building and several Sunday School rooms.—C. J. Brown, 10156 Arlington Ave., Arlington, Calif.

COSHOCTON, OHIO—Evangelists Fred and Gladys Voight of Durant, Fla. were with us in a successful two-week meeting. From two to seven were saved or reclaimed every night. The attendance was good despite the bad weather. We appreciated Sister Voight's illustrated songs, organ music, and dramatized sermons. The children were thrilled with the "Booster Band." The entire church was revived.—E. B. and Mary Johnson, Pastors.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—On Thanksgiving Day the C. A.'s of the North Central New York Section gathered for a great rally and fellowship dinner. Robert Kremple, instructor at the Eastern Bible Institute, spoke in both the afternoon and evening services. His messages were timely and exceptionally good. The Spirit of the Lord was poured out in a special way in both services.

Between the meetings, around 125 C. A.'s gathered in a pre-arranged hall for fellowship and a good turkey dinner. To sum up the whole day, we can say it was one marked by the blessing and presence of God.—William H. Douglas, Sectional C. A. President.

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—We had a rally Saturday night, November 7, with C. B. Roberts as guest speaker. The blessing of the Lord was very precious in our midst. There were about 150 present, and \$2,050 was pledged to be paid in six months to pay off the lots.

We started this work May 1, 1952 in a feed store with 14 in Sunday School. We purchased four lots between Highways 10 and 69 in September and built a basement 45 x 60. We have a three-room parsonage, seven Sunday School rooms, pastor's study, and the main auditorium which seats about 175. The basement is free of debt. We averaged 93 in Sunday School the third quarter. Our record attendance is 113. We praise the Lord for all He has done for us.—Donald Payne, Pastor, Maple Park Assembly of God.

SUTTER, CALIF.—Evangelist and Mrs. P. C. Walcher from Oregon were with us for three weeks. All during the meeting the Holy Ghost worked in a precious way. Seven were saved, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven reclaimed. Several were refilled with the Spirit and a number healed. One man was healed of a severe case of sinus trouble.—Stella Myers, Pastor.

CLEAR RIDGE, PA.—God gave us a gracious meeting with Evangelist Emma A. Dickerson of Elizabeth, N. J. She was with us for five weeks and preached the Word under the anointing of the Spirit. Confessions and restitutions were made and the glory of God was in our midst in a precious way. Eleven sinners wept their way through to God. Seven backsliders were reclaimed. Some were healed.

Six children were dedicated to the Lord on the last night of meeting and 18 people were taken in as members. Our church is ready to be set in order as soon as our District Superintendent, A. Newton Chase, can come to be with us.—Collins M. Shade, Pastor, Cromwell Pentecostal Assembly of God.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—The Fort Bragg Assemblies of God Fellowship joined with a group of interested civilians in Fayetteville and formed a new assembly, known as Calvary Assembly of God. Sunday School and morning worship services are being held in the American Legion Post Building at 2114 Bragg Road. Already this place has proven too small and a search is being made for larger quarters.

Sunday evening services, as well as C. A. services, are held in Post Chapel No. 2 at Fort Bragg. Cottage prayer meetings are held every Thursday evening with large numbers attending. We are anxious to hear from pastors and friends who have relatives or acquaintances stationed at Fort Bragg or Pope Air Force Base.

Already the blessings of God have rested upon this new church in a special way, and we are looking for a full-time pastor to lead the work and to open a Servicemen's Center. We are thankful that the Lord has given us several workers including Captain John Kelly of Ohio, our interim pastor; Chaplain John Lindvall of Southern California; Chaplain James Cotton of New York; Chaplain Aubrey Smith; Jose Caraballo of New York; Miss Eunice Lindvall of Northern California, who has led the children's work with over 100 in her classes each week; and Mr. Richard Hart, ARC Field Director for Fort Bragg. This work is sponsored by the North Carolina District and we believe that the Lord has much in store for us.—Miss Nellie Saleeby, Secretary.

PARKIN, ARK.—We are rejoicing in the gracious visitation of the Lord during the meeting with Evangelist James O. Johnson of St. Louis, Mo. The church was richly blessed by the evangelist's anointed preaching. Five were saved and the Sunday School attendance increased.—W. H. Richardson, Pastor, Assembly of God.

NASELLE, WASH.—We thank the Lord for His blessing during the meeting with Evangelist Watson Argue Jr. of Seattle, Wash. Attendance was excellent every night. A goodly number sought the Lord for salvation and our own people were encouraged and uplifted. A number testified to bodily healing. The Sunday School attendance increased 54% in two weeks. Brother Argue also spoke to the entire High School student body. We are encouraged and inspired to believe God for even greater things in the new year—Niilo M. Seppala, Pastor.

LYNWOOD, CALIF.—Evangelist and Mrs. H. R. Parish of Delta, Colo. were with us for three weeks. Six knelt at the altar for salvation, including three men. Brother Parish's illustrated messages from large charts were enjoyed by all. During the last week of the meeting, Brother Parish painted a lovely 11 x 14 baptistry scene. The mural was unveiled on Sunday evening, November 8, in conjunction with a baptismal service. Eight followed the Lord in water baptism.

Following this meeting, Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens conducted a children's story hour. A large group of children attended every day. On Friday afternoon, 27 came forward and made a decision for Christ. Some of these were outstanding conversions. Many new contacts were made in the community. We are praising the Lord for the outside interest that was created by these two meetings.—J. E. Austell, Pastor.

BEDFORD, OHIO—God gave us one of the best meetings we have had since we came here four years ago. We began the meeting on November 8 with Evangelist L. C. Robie and continued for three weeks. Despite the heavy snow, which almost kept Brother Robie from getting here, many were saved, healed, or baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The first night God healed a lady who had a pierced ear drum for nine years. Her nerves were also healed, and then God touched her heart and she was able to do all her housework. She kept coming to the meetings and testifying how God was helping her. Others were healed of sinus trouble, arthritis, stomach ailments, and eye trouble.

About a month before the meeting, the people fasted and prayed that God would save souls and heal the sick. God has honored our prayers. People came from far and near to the meetings and some of them received healing for their bodies. A lady from Alliance, Ohio, was healed of a heart condition which had kept her from doing her work. A week later she came back and testified.

Night after night, Brother Robie ministered the Word of God under the anointing of the Spirit. He dealt with the unsaved first and then prayed for the sick.

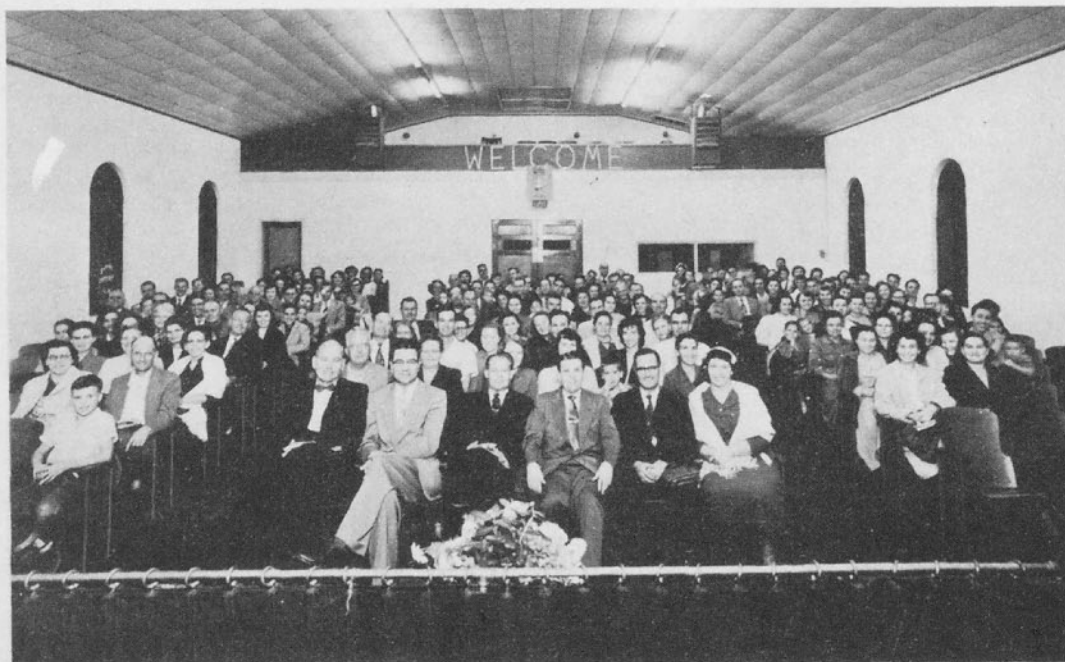
An eight-year-old girl came to the church one night, and the Lord saved her. She prayed for her daddy, who was to undergo an operation, to be healed. A few nights later her daddy came to the meeting and gave his heart to the Lord. That was the first time he had been in a church for 15 years. He said he never knew there was so much joy in being saved.

A man who had a leave of absence from the Board of Education because of ill health was invited to the meeting. He came to the meeting, wondering if God would be able to help him. When the altar call was given, he went to the prayer room, and God met him there. The next night he returned and said that he had had his first night's rest in about four months.

Brother Robie prayed for a lady who had a catch in her back and was unable to stoop. Now she is able to bend over and take off her shoes. Her husband had been deaf in one ear for 40 years and God opened his ear.

The last Sunday morning of the meeting the religious editor of one of the newspapers visited the service and wrote a favorable news story about the evangelist and the church.

The closing night a man was healed of high blood pressure as he sat in his seat. He was also saved that night. He said he could not remember the last time he had been in a church service. He has seven children and we are praying that all his family will be saved.—G. C. Martin, Pastor.



The first city-wide Workers' Training Course in the newly organized South Texas District was held in the Northside Assembly, Houston, November 30 to December 4. The above picture was taken during one of the sessions. Shown on the front row, left to right, are: H. A. Berry, host pastor; W. L. Suter, pastor of Denver Assembly in Houston; Austin Wilkerson, pastor of Central Assembly; George Davis, National S. S. Representative; E. G. Aldridge, South Texas District S. S. Director; and Mrs. E. G. Aldridge.

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BERWIND, W. VA.—The Lord gave us a glorious revival with Evangelist Joseph S. Ziegler of Ashland, Pa. From the opening service to the close of the two-week meeting, the Lord met us in a gracious way. A number were saved and 18 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking fluently in other tongues as they sat in their seats. Fourteen followed the Lord in water baptism the closing Sunday of the meeting.—John D. Williams, Pastor, Assembly of God.

WAUPACA, WIS.—For four weeks we enjoyed the Spirit-anointed ministry of Evangelist John McDuff of Texas City, Tex. Many souls were saved, 34 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, wonderful healings were wrought by faith, and spiritual gifts were manifested. New folk attended every service and the church was filled nearly every night.—Robert A. Doorn, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CROWELL, TEX.—For four weeks Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie Eldridge of Bakersfield, Calif. were with us. In every service God met the needs of the people. Eighteen came to the altar for salvation and 25 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Among those receiving the Baptism were Baptists, Methodists, Church of Christ members, and an 80-year-old lady of the Christian church.

The Sunday School attendance record was broken twice with 150 and 154 present. We have invited the Eldridges to return for another meeting.—M. F. Hankins, Pastor.

BELLEVUE, OHIO—Evangelist Leon Frank of Eaton, Ohio, was with us for three weeks. Ten knelt at the altar for salvation and five were filled with the Holy Spirit. God used Brother Frank in praying for the sick and a number testified to bodily healing. The "Sunday School Night" each week was helpful to the Sunday School workers. All departments of the church were helped through Brother Frank's ministry. The revival fire continues to burn.—Paul C. Taylor, Pastor.

BELLEVILLE, ONT., CANADA—Evangelists Bob and Deion Sheran of Hollywood, Calif. were with us in a meeting at Calvary Temple. The results of the meeting remain and we are encouraged by the definite spiritual uplift in the services. The Christians were deeply stirred to witness to the lost. The last two Sunday nights of the meeting extra chairs were brought in to accommodate the crowds. The testimony of Brother and Sister Sheran, who formerly operated a Hollywood night club, is very convincing to the unsaved.—Hope Smith and Laurie Price, Pastors.

WINNIPEG, CANADA—From November 8 to 22, Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild were with us at Calvary Temple in special services. The blessing of God was manifested. On the closing Sunday, the all-time Sunday School record was broken and an overflow crowd packed the building for the concluding night service. As many as 25 or 30 responded to the altar call in one night. Definite testimonies of healing followed the special service for the sick. We are praising God for His goodness.—H. H. Barber, Pastor.

STATE COLLEGE, PA.—We just closed a precious three-week meeting with Evangelists Bob and Wanda Skidmore of Dallas, Texas. Brother Skidmore preached nightly under the anointing of the Spirit, bringing powerful, effective sermons from the Word of God. A goodly number were saved and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many testified to bodily healing. The entire congregation was helped and strengthened through the preaching of the Word. The attendance was good and many visitors came out. We broke the Sunday School attendance record the last Sunday of the meeting.—Jack P. Kaylor, Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

THREE STUDENTS of Southwestern Bible Institute were killed when their car collided with another automobile near Waxahachie, Texas, on Thursday, October 8, 1953. The collision occurred at 1:40 a.m. as they and three other SBI students were returning from a night shift at Temco Aircraft in Dallas. The three who were killed were Raymond Fauss of Tyler, Texas; Jack Stalker of Ashlands, Kansas; and Jimmy Kiddy of Artesia, New Mexico. The latter was a second year student,

age 19. The other two were third year students, both age 21. (The other three occupants of the car were injured in the accident but have since recovered.)

H. L. STENBERG, 69, Yakima, Wash., went to be with the Lord October 21, 1953. Brother Stenberg was ordained in 1936. He pastored the Yakima Full Gospel Tabernacle for many years.

IRMA E. ANDERSON (Mrs. Edwin P.), 40, Toledo, Ohio went home to be with Jesus December 4, 1953. Sister Anderson was ordained in 1938. She assisted her husband in the pastorate of the Calvary Assembly of God in Toledo.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—Victoria Tabernacle, Jan. 3—17; Evangelist C. H. Asher. (H. W. Barnett is Pastor.)

LA GRANGE, GA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 3—; Evangelist and Mrs. S. O. Robbins, Kosciusko, Miss.—by M. G. Barfield, Pastor.

OWATONNA, MINN.—Assembly of God, Jan. 3—17; Evangelist Orie Hosmer.—by S. A. Hall-blade, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Mt. Auburn Assembly of God, Jan. 3—; Evangelist Vernon Murray, Los Angeles, Calif.—by Lonnie R. Mullen, Pastor.

GOSHEN, IND.—Assembly of God, Dec. 29—; Evangelist Bobby Hoskins. (R. R. Bayless is Pastor.)

McCRACKEN, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 10—; Evangelist Lloyd Wise and Party, Fullerton, Calif.—by Woodrow Hill, Pastor.

BEARDEN, ARK.—Workers' Training Course, Jan. 18—31; N. B. Rayburn, Henryetta, Okla., instructor. (J. R. Dickinson is Pastor.)

ST. JOHN, KANS.—Assembly of God, Jan. 3—; Evangelist B. B. Hankins, Corsicana, Tex. (B. D. Graves is Pastor.)

WOLF POINT, MONT.—Assembly of God, Jan. 3—; Evangelist Gerald Eden, Coffeyville, Kans.—by Currell Muirhead, Pastor.

PANAMA CITY, FLA.—Area-wide Workers' Training Course, Jan. 18—22; D. V. Hurst, Supervisor of Workers' Training, in charge.

EUFALA, ALA.—Area-wide Workers' Training Course, Jan. 18—22; L. B. Keener, National S. S. Representative, in charge.

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT S. S. TOUR—Jan. 17—29; Victor Trimmer, Assistant National S. S. Secretary, and Edwina Trimmer, in charge.

BETHALTO, ILL.—Assembly of God, Jan. 13—24; Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Kricorian, Boston, Mass. (A. H. Ferguson is Pastor.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Oceanway Assembly of God, Jan. 12—24; Evangelist Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill. (J. J. Howard is Pastor.)

WICHITA, KANS.—City-wide Workers' Training Course, Jan. 11—15; L. B. Keener, National S. S. Representative, in charge.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—City-wide Workers' Training Course, Jan. 18—22; George H. Davis, National S. S. Representative, in charge.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 3—17 or longer; Evangelist John Higginbotham, Cleveland, Ohio.—by Clifton E. Wilkins, Pastor.

ENTERPRISE, ALA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 3—; Evangelist Don Carroll, Columbus, Ga. (Howard P. Trawick is Pastor.)

FRESNO, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Divisadero and "U" Sts., annual Missionary Convention, Jan. 6—10 (except Saturday). Speakers: Maynard L. Ketcham and Katherine Vogler, India; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weidman, and Florence Steidel, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice H. Luce, Samoa; Mary Orphan, Greece; Paul Finkenbinder, Central America; Cyril Huckerby, Jamaica; and Arvid Ohnell, Home Missions Prison Work. Neighboring assemblies invited to attend.—by Floyd L. Hawkins, Pastor.

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WANTED—Musical young couple to work with children and promote Sunday School (wife to play piano and husband to direct choir).—Pastor Maxwell Cloud, 820 Crestwood St., Jacksonville, Florida.

NOTICE—The name of our church has been changed from Brenham Assembly of God to First Assembly of God of Brenham, Tex.—J. Henry, Secretary-Treasurer. (Thomas F. Harrison is Pastor.)

NOTICE—If you have friends coming to work in the oil refinery in Mandan, N. Dak. and would like us to visit them, please send me their names and addresses. The Assembly of God church is located at 507 1st St., N.E.—Edgar T. Moos, Pastor, 111 Fifth Ave. N. E., Mandan, N. Dak.

NOTICE—We are pioneering an Assembly of God church in Evanston, Wyo. If you have friends here or in nearby towns and would like us to visit them, please send us their names and addresses.—Pastor and Mrs. R. O. Shamp, 240 Center St., Evanston, Wyo.

MONTESANO, WASH.—Assembly of God, Jan. 3—; Evangelist Wesley Fleming, Sunnyside, Wash.—by Ernest Mattson, Pastor.

MEADVILLE, PA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 3—17; Evangelist C. M. Holliday of England.—by William J. Farrell, Pastor.

CORAOPOLIS, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Jan. 3—17; Evangelist and Mrs. Samuel Clutter.—by John F. Balliet, Pastor.

SCRANTON, PA.—Green Ridge Assembly of God, Jan. 1—24; Evangelist Andrew Teuber.—by F. F. Reidenbach, Pastor.

KANKAKEE, ILL.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 12—; Evangelist Marcus Nissley, Cape Cod, Mass.—by H. H. Brehm, Pastor.

ELK CITY, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 3—; Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo. (J. S. Murrell is Pastor.)

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Bethel Assembly, Jan. 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran, Hollywood, Calif.—by W. G. Hinecker, Pastor.

MESA, ARIZ.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 3—17; Grafner-White Evangelistic Party.—by Winston R. Miller, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Bethel Temple, Jan. 10—24; Evangelists Joel and Esther Palmer, Lake Wales, Fla. (W. L. Williams is Pastor.)

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 3—; Evangelist Fred Brand, St. Louis, Mo.—by Carl E. Perry, Pastor.

SHREVEPORT, LA.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Jan. 3—17; Reid Evangelistic Party, Springfield, Mo.—by Charles H. Miller, Pastor.

BLOOMINGTON, IND.—South Side Assembly of God, Jan. 1—10; Evangelist Willa J. Short.—by Dale C. Zink, Pastor.

CROFTON, KY.—Assembly of God, Jan. 2—17; Evangelist Earl Luker, Monroeville, Ala.—by Vernon D. Wright, Pastor.

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH.—Assembly of God, Dec. 29—Jan. 10; Evangelist Harry Waltherman, Chicago, Ill.—by Carl B. Johnson, Pastor.

HELENA, MONT.—Assembly of God, Jan. 5—10; Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild.—by Edwin Jorstad, Pastor.

JASPER, ALA.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 4—; Dedicatory revival in new church; Evangelist Nelson White, Ft. Myers, Fla. (Ansel Hollingsworth is Pastor.)

HEALDSBURG, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly, of God, Dec. 27—; Musical 'Fischers' of Men Party, Grenora, N. Dak.—by George Effman, Pastor.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—Bethel Temple Assembly, Jan. 1, for two weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. O. E. Gaddis, Arkansas City, Kans. (Earl Harper is Pastor.)

MIAMI, FLA.—Tent meeting on grounds of Central Assembly of God, 885 N. W. 27th Ave., Jan. 1—17; W. B. McKay and Party.—by R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

BUTTE, MONT.—Jan. 12—17; "Begin the Year With God" campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—by Elmer M. Trygg, Pastor.

STAUNTON, VA.—Calvary Assembly of God, Jan. 3—17 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. O. D. Frazier, Williamsport, Pa.—by George W. Quick, Secretary. (Charles H. Cookman is Pastor.)

CHARLESTON HEIGHTS, S. C.—First Assembly of God, Jan. 10—31; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate. Prayer for sick each night. (B. F. Kittrell is Pastor.)

WEST MONROE, LA.—Assembly of God, Jan. 3—17; The Musical Petersens (Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Petersen and Miss Glennie Petersen). (L. D. Wells is Pastor.)

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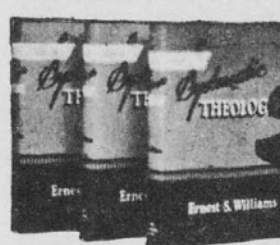
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