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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



## PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Theater Opening Defeated
In Charlotte, N. C., a proposal to relax the city's ordinances to permit motion picture theaters to remain open during Sunday night church hours died in the face of determined opposition by ministers and church groups. Church representatives appeared at successive City Council meetings to demand that the proposal be killed.

Released-Time Bill Shelved

A bill to legalize released-time religious education programs in Michigan was tabled in committee, and is not likely to be re-vived this year. The committee chairman said that hundreds of letters were received opposing the measure, and only a few favoring it. "Too many people misunderstood the proposal," he said.

Drinking in Canada

The Board of Evangelism of the United Church of Canada says that increasing consumption of alcohol has become "a serious problem" in Canada. Six million Canadians (out of a population of about fifteen million) use it as a beverage. Alarmed by the situation, the church has launched a Lenten campaign to get 500,-000 Canadians to sign an abstinence pledge.

Half a Million Abortions

"It is now estimated that more than half a million abortions take place in the United States every year," says Dr. Robert Shuler in his magazine The Methodist Challenge. "This means murder. The murder of the unborn is still murder in every court of law in America, and certainly according to the moral code."

Legal Abortion in Geneva

A city official in Geneva, Switzerland, ordered medical specialists to be more cautious in authorizing abortions, after official figures disclosed that the 1953 abortion rate in the city reached 3,200 against a birthrate of 2,400. The total population is 200,000. Half of the abortion cases involved women from other countries who came to Geneva for "treatment" due to the leniency of Swiss abortion laws.

Stamp to Honor God

The first regular U. S. postage stamp to bear the motto "In God We Trust" will be issued early in April. It will be an eight-cent stamp bearing also a picture of the Statue of Liberty.

The only other stamp on which the motto "In God We Trust" ever appeared was issued in 1927 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Washington's winter at Valley Forge. That stamp depicted Washington at prayer.

The new eight-cent stamp will be printed in red, white and blue. It will be the first multi-colored regular stamp of a small denomination in U.S. history.

Billy Graham's Decision

It is reported that the National Broadcasting Company offered to make Evangelist Billy Graham a sort of "NBC Arthur Godfrey," but he refused. According to Eternity, the offer involved a daily TV program. It would have permitted the evangelist to give a moral or spiritual message at the close. Furthermore, it would have left him free to continue his evangelistic campaigns.

But on the eve of his departure for a campaign in Britain, the evangelist turned the offer down. Graham would not comment on the financial arrangements, but it was strongly rumored that he had refused a million-dollar contract because his "first call is to preach the gospel."

#### Beer at the Ball Games

If there were any doubt in the mind of a Christian as to whether he, as a child of God, ought to sit down with the ungodly and watch professional ball games, that doubt should be erased when he sees the people around him drinking beer and hears them taking the name of his blessed Lord in vain.

It is reported that the sale and con-sumption of beer is becoming common in sports arenas throughout the land.

At Baltimore, Maryland, virtually all Protestant church groups in the city recently combined their efforts to stop the sale of beer at Memorial Stadium during American League baseball games this summer. They presented petitions signed by 10,683 individual citizens asking that the sale of beer be banned at the ball games. But the beer people presented petitions signed by 31,211 persons who wanted the brew, and the authorities bowed to the wishes of the majority by approving its sale.

#### Messianic Jews in Jerusalem

It is reported that there is a movement in Israel known as "Messianic Jews," who may be compared roughly with the Judaizers to whom Paul wrote in Galatians 4:9-11. They accept the New Testament but they keep the Sabbath and all the Jewish holy days. In general, they practice Judaism and at the same time believe in Jesus. They believe that Jesus Christ came as the Messiah, not to bring in a new religion, but to fulfill Judaism.

The leader of this movement recently lectured in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Among other questions he was asked following the lecture was this: "Have there been any Messianic Jews during the last two thousand years?" His reply was: "Yes, there has not been a single year or month without there being Messianic Jews. Since the days of the Apostles there has been a succession of Jews who have believed and acknowledged the Messiahship of Jeshua" (Jesus).

Gospels on the Newsstands

The Church of Norway has sanctioned the sale of Gospels, in magazine format, on newsstands throughout the country, in an effort to get more people to read the Bible.

Justice in Germany

Poetic justice had a day in court when a West Berlin judge ordered the \$11,000 estate of Alfred Rosenberg confiscated to help pay Germany's debt to persecuted Jews. Rosenberg, one of Hitler's lieutenants, was hanged as a war criminal.

#### Bibles From Britain

The British and Foreign Bible Society sent out millions of copies of the Scriptures during the past year. As the Society prepared to celebrate its 150th birthday it announced that it had been engaged in preparing new Scriptures in 217 languages during the past twelve months, not including its usual large volume of reprints in many tongues.

The Society dealt with 45 entirely new languages in which the Scriptures are now being published for the first time. These are: 12 languages in Africa; 5 in South America; 15 in Asia; 13 in Oceania.

#### "Without Natural Affection"

More than a million wives and children throughout the United States this year are receiving state aid as a result of having been "deserted" by fathers. In California alone there are between 15,000 and 20,000 cases of desertion in the sense that fathers have left homes and refuse to support their families. Jacob T. Zuckerman, executive director of the National Desertion Bureau of New York City, called the situation "a problem of ever-increasing importance."

"Revitalizing Buddhism"

The government and people of Burma have inaugurated a fourfold program for revitalizing Buddhism: (a) renovation of pagodas and images of Buddha: (b) the study of Buddhism; (c) the practice of Buddha's teachings; and (d) the spread of Buddhism all over the world. Various acts of government have been passed, and large sums of government funds have been allocated to implement this program.

#### **Buddhist World Conference**

A world conference of Buddhists will be held in Burma, beginning next November. Thousands of Buddhists from all over Asia and some from Europe and the U.S.A. are expected to attend the conference, which will commemorate the 2,500th anniversary of the death of the Gautama and will last for more than a

It is said that one of the principal purposes of the meeting is to bring Buddhist scholars together to work on what it is hoped will become authorized translations of some basic Buddhist writings. The aggressive spirit which Buddhism and other heathen religions have been showing lately ought to challenge us to greater effort to win the Asiatics for Christ before they succeed in winning more Americans to heathenism.



arrangements for the funeral of his father, who was known as "King of the Gypsies." Dick had been converted three years before, when he returned from overseas service in the South Pacific. And those three years had been the happiest of his life, for he was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. None of the other members of the family had been saved. Dick had been separated from the Gypsies and living in California. Before leaving the parsonage that afternoon, Dick confessed that he was deeply burdened for his mother, brothers, and sisters. There were fifteen children in the family-all of them born in tents. Many had been born a week before the doctor arrived. His grandmother was 105 years old when she died, and she had never lived in a house.

Dick's sincere testimony had impressed some of his brothers and sisters, even though he had been with them only a few hours, having just arrived for the funeral. Arrangements were made for those room-fine looking men and beautiful women, sincere and hungry for the gospel.

In true Gypsy fashion they formed a semi-circle, sitting on the floor and on available chairs. Dick said, "They have come to hear the gospel." So we sang a few hymns and spoke on "Whosoever," telling them what it means to believe. When the invitation was given, eleven raised their hands, expressing their desire for the spiritual experience that Dick

We encouraged them to kneel where they had been sitting, and after a few minutes of sincere and earnest prayer, a Gypsy family who had never before been in church and had never heard the gospel message, responded to the moving of the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fashion. Tears of repentance and smiles of joy gave testimony of their experience.

One boy screamed out as he was delivered from demon power and this alarmed the whole family. The oldest brother, Jack, heir to the leadership of the tribe, quickly asked, "Elmer, what happened to you? What made you cry out? Is everything all

right?"

Elmer's reply was, "I don't know what happened. It wasn't I who cried out. All that I can say is, something bad came out and something good came in. And now I am going to be with God.'

The family was deeply moved with grief at the loss of their father; many of them thought that two of the boys, judging from their strange actions, had collapsed emotionally and mentally under the great grief. But after seeing that neither we nor Dick were alarmed, they were en-

sits as queen of the Gypsies couraged to believe that this was the Spirit

Mrs. Elmer Mason, the mother, who

of God moving in their midst. As the family left that night Dick said, "Oh, I am so happy; this makes me feel so good." The funeral service the next day was attended by more than fifty clan members. All of them sat reverently; but Jack, who had become tribe leader, was indignant

because no prayers were offered for the departed father to enter heaven. And according to his testimony later, he would have walked out, but God held him and made him to know that the sermon was for him and his family. And whereas their hearts had been greatly moved by their loss, they now accepted their father's

death as God's will.

The following night the boys came to. the parsonage again. Dick acted as spokesman. "They are hungry for God's Word," he said. "They want to be fed." They asked many questions that night: "Where is the New Jerusalem?" "How will the earth be destroyed?" One boy said, "Jesus was beaten with stripes for our healing. Tell us about it." And again we explained the message of salvation for a cousin who wanted to be saved.

The revival fire that burst into flame as a result of Elmer Mason's death was not to be extinguished, for after returning to their trailer home the family prayed till the early morning hours. Six received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. One sister, the fortune-teller of the family, who had carried on a tremendous business in Gypsy fashion, was saved and delivered from seven demons. A boy who had been afflicted with arthritis for years, was miraculously healed. Day by day there was continued evidence of God's working in their lives. They

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Jack Mason (left) and Dick Mason, with their mother, Mrs. Elmer Mason. These are the leaders in a Romenychell (true Gypsy-by blood and not by mode of living) camp whose Gypsy lives have been changed since they met Christ. Some 40 Gypsies have been saved, 25 have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number have been miraculously healed in this camp.



# PENTECOST REBORN in This Generation

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Pentecost, to be perpetuated, must be experienced by each succeeding generation. The vitality of this experience can be transmitted only as individual believers are brought into personal contact with God.

No historical or theoretical approach can make alive the reality of this New Testament life. In the first instance, the historical approach tends to relegate all the virtue and power for divine action to the past, and fails to appropriate God's will and provision for today. In the latter case, a theorist tends to confine his approach to that which is merely intellectual. With an intellectual viewpoint, there is the subtle tendency to reduce God to a given human equation with a possible disregard of the supernatural element in

each person's experience.

The apostle Peter clearly stated that "the promise of the Father," as fulfilled to believers on the Day of Pentecost, is for everyone called of God. He said, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). Thus he emphasized the fact that this experience was established as God's will and pattern for everyone irrespective of age, station, or circumstances. We need not be satisfied with a thrilling, glowing report handed to us from the beloved saints of another generation. God has made His promise valid to us. It is our personal privilege to participate in the power and glory of the Spirit-filled life.

Pentecostal revivals "break out" when individuals come close enough to God in prayer, consecration, and abandonment to His will, to be set aflame with holy fire. There are no short cuts in attaining this God-provided and presently available New Testament experience. There must be a genuine heart hunger for God's fullness. God and His work must occupy the pre-eminent place in our lives. There must be a full and complete response of obedience in our hearts to the will of God. The mark that has characterized each succeeding Pentecostal outpouring has

been the totality with which believers have sought God.

My plea is that we may see in every church—north, south, east, west and around the world—a rebirth of Pentecostal blessing and supernatural power. Particularly do I pray that our precious young people of this generation shall know experimentally the wonder and glory of the Spirit-filled life, and shall witness the phenomena of God's moving in their own hearts and lives.

The inevitable result of the Spirit's manifestation in lives today will be scriptural and identical with His moving through human instrumentality in other generations

With the advent of the Spirit's outpouring on the first century Church, there came a mighty tide of every-member evangelism. Each freshly Spirit-filled believer became an active witness for Christ. This fulfilled the statement of Jesus as recorded in Acts 1:8-"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This basic ministry of witnessing has always accompanied the Spirit's outpouring. At the turn of the twentieth century when the latter rain visitation came to hungry, yielded hearts, there was evidenced the same urge to witness for Christ that so aptly characterized the ministry and growth of the early Church.

In one generation this latter-day outpouring has given force and emphasis to a last-hour witness that has become global. At this moment the full gospel testimony reaches the ends of the earth!

Now is the time for us to believe God for a rebirth of Pentecostal power and fervor for our youth in this generation. The Holy Spirit's plan and purpose has not changed with the passing of time. He still qualifies individuals to be effective witnesses for Christ.

In order to channel this spiritual energy and enduement into apostolic evangelism, the National Christ's Ambassadors

Department has prayerfully set up the One-Eight Crusade, which is being launched nationally on C. A. Day, April 25. This new program is a positive answer to the crying need of equipping our young people for personal evangelism and assigning them definite responsibility for this ministry. The One-Eight Crusade presents to every C. A. in every church of the Assemblies of God an opportunity to do his part in bringing a witness for Christ in every city, town, village, and community throughout the whole of our nation. It seeks to enlist every C. A., in its operation and bids to be the longawaited project that will give every one of our young people some actual, tangible Christian service.

The primary goal of the One-Eight Crusade is to reach at least eight million people by 1955 with a positive witness for Christ. The world has yet to see and feel the full result of a concerted Christian testimony given by our 85,000 C. A.'s. God has given the spiritual equipment—His power has been imparted. Our objective is to direct this spiritual energy effectively into channels of personal service—in the ministry of individual witness and testimony—in line with Acts one, verse eight.

We are challenged by the exhortation in



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Ephesians 5:15 and 16: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." The hour has struck for an all-out spiritual offensive wherein each individual C. A. will rally to the bloodstained banner of our great Commander, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The basic purpose for our well-cherished Pentecostal enduement with power is to qualify every believer to be an effective witness. The early apostle asserted, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." The method which God has left the Church for growth and progress is embodied in the Great Commission. The primary responsibility for its enactment is not collective, but individual. If the Church leaves the mark that God intends her to leave upon this generation, it must do so

through the individual witness of each one of her members.

The One-Eight Crusade brings into sharp focus the matter of individual participation in a nation-wide soul-winning effort. Each C. A., regardless of age or position, will find a place and opportunity for personal ministry. This crusade meets a need that has been long recognized in every section of the country—the need of giving each C. A. a work to do that will bring benefit to his own community and reflect its results in the local church. The prayerful desire of the National C. A. Department is that there will be enthusiastic co-operation of all of our ministers and C. A. officers in encouraging the participation of every Christ's Ambassador in this united spiritual crusade.

This is our positive answer to the need for an offensive against the rising tide of juvenile delinquency and crime, which has become a monstrous menace in our modern society. The primary objective is for our C. A.'s to make 8,000,000 contacts for Christ by 1955. The program is simple—all that is required is for each C. A. to make at least eight contacts per week, giving his testimony and withness for Christ.

Nothing short of a rebirth of Pentecostal blessing and power in this generation will meet the crying need of a world torn with sin and sorrow. God in His gracious provision had made accessible to us the benefits of His inexhaustible resources of power and glory. This is youth's hour. Shall we arise to meet the challenge and give to the world a positive witness of the saving grace of Christ? No other course can give lost souls direction in this hour of perplexity and uncertainty.

## Preparing Our Hearts for the Spirit

THE MINISTRY OF JOHN PREPARED THE way for Jesus. John the Baptist heralded the coming of Christ, pointing to the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. And when he had finished this ministry he was removed so that Jesus alone might be seen.

The ministry of Jesus then prepared the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus had finished His ministry on earth, He too went away so that the Spirit, the Blessed Comforter, might come. Christ returned to His exalted position in heaven, at the right hand of God the Father, and from that position of authority He shed forth the Spirit like

rain upon the waiting disciples.

One thing is essential if one is to receive the Baptism of the Spirit, and that is repentance. A candidate for the Baptism must wholeheartedly break with sin in his life, and must hate all iniquity. One need not be a fully developed Christian to be a candidate for this Baptism. Even a babe in Christ, though he be immature and untaught, may receive this outpouring, so great and free is God's love and grace toward us! Thus, baptisms and their accompanying power vary according to the state of the individual who receives the experience. If we are absorbed with the all-glorious person of Christ, our experience in the Holy Spirit will be real and satisfying.

Teachableness is also needed. Apollos was an intellectual man, an eloquent speaker who was able to draw great crowds by his oratory. He "was instructed in the Lord." Possibly he, as Paul, had been taught by some man widely learned in

the law of Moses. He was "mighty in the Scriptures" and "fervent in the Spirit." Apparently his ministry was very successful; and yet, when a lowly, Spirit-filled tentmaker and his wife offered him additional light, he listened gladly to their

### Finding the Leak

English atomic scientists at Harwell have used modern atomic knowledge to detect leaks in water pipes. Knowing that some of the joints in a pipe line were leaking they injected radioactive sodium into the system and then walked over the ground with Geiger counters. At the two points in the line where the leaks existed the Geiger counters picked up the radioactive water and the leaking joints were quickly repaired.

If you will let the Holy Spirit have complete control of your being He will quickly go over your life and point out the places where there is spiritual leakage. Nothing in this universe is as sensitive as the Holy Spirit's sensitiveness to the presence of sin. He will show you the faults that can be immediately confessed, forsaken, and stopped, so that you can have power in your life for that which the Lord wants you to do.—Eternity.

instruction. Apollos' converts in Ephesus showed the same teachable spirit toward Paul. A perfect break with sin makes us humble, and the realization of our own insufficiency helps to keep us teachable ever afterward.

The child of God who wants the Baptism must understand that the Holy Spirit has already come to many believers and that this blessed experience is for all Christians. Paul acquainted the Ephesians (Acts 19:1-6) with this fact. And when they heard that, they frankly confessed their ignorance and prepared themselves to receive this blessing.

Faith and yieldedness are indispensable, if we would prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit. After one has repented fully and received Christ in simple faith, he must yield to the Spirit! But this "yielding" must not take the form of religious fatalism—the Spirit desires our intelligent co-operation with His program. When the saints at Ephesus learned of their lack, they gave up their own thoughts and in simple faith did what Paul had told them. Immediately, the Spirit came upon them in Pentecostal fashion!

The believer's desires must be refined until he delights in spiritual things. He ought to be so hungry for the Spirit that there will be no room in his being for any other desire. Thus, with a single purpose and a yielded heart he will soon be filled with the light, presence, and blessing of the Holy Spirit.

-Glad Tidings Herald.

"Be filled with the Spirit."

## 150 Years of Bible Business



A LITTLE MORE THAN A CENTURY AND a half ago, a girl's craving to have a Bible of her own opened a new field of Christian endeavor which has had no parallel in history.

Then—as now—millions were without the Word of God. But little Mary Jones, daughter of a Welsh weaver, did not think of the problems of millions. She knew only that she wanted a Bible of her own.

The story of Mary, and how she got her Bible, is one of the most heart-warming tales of faith. First she had to learn to read, then spend six years saving. When at last she had accumulated enough for her purchase, Mary trudged barefoot for twenty-five miles—only to learn that Bibles no longer were being published in her native Welsh, and that none was obtainable.

It was Thomas Charles, a pastor in the village of Bala, in Wales, who gave the girl her Book in the year 1800. From that small incident in a remote hamlet sprang a movement which has seen the publication and distribution of more than 1,200,000,000 copies of the

Scriptures in more than 900 languages and dialects.

Pastor Charles tentatively suggested to some friends on a committee of a Religious Tract Society his ideas of a new Society. The society would supply inexpensive Scriptures for the people of Wales. The idea caught fire. The alert mind of Joseph Hughes saw its possibilities. "If for Wales, why not for the Kingdom? Why not for the world?"

On March 7, 1804, the British and Foreign Bible Society was launched. One hundred and fifty years later, people of at least 60 nations are commemorating the historic event. There are now 24 national Bible societies, all joined in the United Bible Societies, and they are currently distributing 20,000,000 volumes of Scriptures each year.

Other Christian organizations, in Britain and Germany, had undertaken some responsibility for Scripture supply prior to 1804, but they had only signaled the coming event. With rare foresight, the British committee realized it could not accomplish its task alone. Representatives were dispatched to other countries in

In 1954 the world's

Bible societies pass a
historic milestone. In 150 years
they have gone
a long way toward their
goal to provide the Scriptures
to every man
in his own tongue.

Europe and America and 48 Bible societies grew in the next twelve years.

In America, the first Bible society was formed in Philadelphia in 1808 and a hundred others followed quickly, until, in 1816, a national body, the American Bible Society, was established. Today, the American society provides more than half of the total world distribution.

Despite the amazing record of twenty million copies distributed in 1953, the total did not even keep up with the birth rate—much less keep up with the needs of replacements and the needs of the newly literate. In the year 1953, twenty-five millions were added to the earth's population while only twenty millions of Scripture copies were being distributed by the societies.

The first aim of the societies will be to increase distribution during 1954 to 25,000,000 copies, a total designed to keep pace with the birth rate. By 1960, it is hoped that 50,000,000 will be distributed.

tributed annually.

The second goal is to bring about a mass statement of faith in the Scriptures—the greatest mass statement in human history. All who believe in sharing their Scriptures with those who want a copy of the Word of God—as Mary Jones wanted her copy—will be asked to sign their names in a World Good Will Book, as a testimony to their love for the Bible, their faith in its teachings and their desire to share it with others.

To Mary Jones, sobbing before the minister in Bala, it was small comfort that a copy of the Bible was available in English. She could read only Welsh. A century and a half later, as whole nations become suddenly literate and as the art of printing explores new horizons, the goal, "To each in his own tongue," becomes a realizable accomplishment, and 1954 becomes a year of rededication.



Aymara Indians, natives of Bolivia, read aloud from the Scriptures.



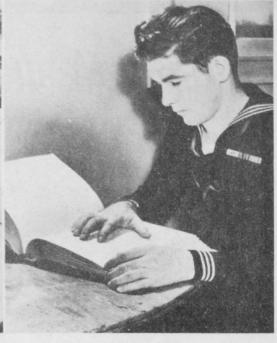
Eskimo children at an Alaskan home display their A.B.S. Testaments.



A colporteur in Thailand captures the interest of a Buddhist priest with the Gospel story.

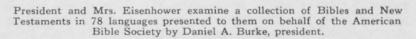


A bright young pupil of a missionary in India is reading the Bible in his native tongue.



The sensitive fingers of a blind sailor "read" the Braile Bible produced by the Bible Society.

King Paul of Greece signs the World Goodwill Book, as Daniel A. Burke, president of the American Bible Society (left) and the Hon. Ray Lawson, Consular General of Canada, look on.









## REVIVAL IN MANILA

Hundreds healed by the mighty power of God

On January 31, 1954, we held our first service in beautiful Bethel Temple in Manila. By all current reports the building is the sensation of the Philippines. On the opening day there were 760 in Sunday School and one week later there were 806 in attendance. Last Sunday, February 14, the count for Sunday School was 1,354. Accommodation has now been made for 800 additional members.

On Sunday, February 14, the most wonderful revival broke out in the new building. Clifton Erickson, the evangelist, prayed for 1,000 people at the close of the morning service. The afternoon service saw the church crowded again, with hundreds standing inside and outside the building. The climax to a glorious day was the tremendous evening service downtown in the open air, opposite the Manila city hall.

Three weeks have elapsed since the revival commenced and the crowds have steadily increased until last Sunday over 15,000 people sat on the ground for a marvelous three-hour service—the first of its kind in this Roman Catholic-dominated

During those meetings in the great amazing healings took place before the eyes of the wondering audience. Cripples threw away their crutches and walked, many of them for the first time. Goiters disappeared; deaf-mutes were healed by the power of God in those services. The entire city was stirred.

The closing Sunday night of the serv-

ices shall never be forgotten. The altar call was the most thrilling we have seen.

Following a stirring salvation message by Lester Sumrall, thousands of men responded to his invitation and came to the front under deep conviction. Many were moved to tears to hear thousands of men praying for forgiveness at an oldfashioned altar.

Now that the services are over, testimonies of conversion and healing continue to come in to Brother Sumrall. This was probably the greatest move for God that these islands have ever witnessed. Hallelujah! At the present time the platform is lined with canes and crutches left behind by those who were healed in the services.

May we at this point remind the readers that we are still in dire need of funds in order to complete the building and finish the inside furnishings. We are using the old seats and furniture from our former building and they are definitely inadequate.

Due to the emergency, the Foreign Missions Department at Springfield permitted an overdraft of our account to the extent of \$5,000 to finish the building to the point where meetings could be held in it.

We appeal to our friends in America to recognize this great spiritual work God is enabling us to do in the city of Manila and come to our rescue. We appeal for help to liquidate this over-draft of \$5,000.

Please send your offerings to the For-eign Missions Secretary, Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., designated for the Manila Evangelistic Center—and may God bless you!

Crowds gathered outside the city hall by the thousands to hear the evangelist in what is termed the greatest revival the Philippines have experienced in many generations

#### LATE NEWS FLASH!

Last Sunday there were 2,300 in Sunday School. Since the balcony is not in we could not accommodate this number

with separate classes.

The evening service began out in the sun at 4 p.m. with a good crowd. By night the crowd was estimated to be 30,000. Brother Erickson started to preach at 6:30. Following his message a man asked to add his testimony. He spoke in cultured English and told how the Lord had saved him and healed him of leprosy during the campaign.

> -Glenn Dunn L. Sumrall R. McAlister



Jarmila Wagner sailed from San Francisco on February 26 for Malaya, her new field of labor.

On February 10 Jessie Wengler sailed from San Francisco for Japan to serve another term there.

Brother and Sister Floyd Thomas and family sailed on February 25 for Gold Coast for another term of service.

Elizabeth Ann Wakefield made her appearance at the home of Brother and Sister David Wakefield on February 13. Congratulations!

David Wakefield arrived back from Switzerland on February 13 and proceeded immediately to his home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

After six years of misionary service in Venezuela, W. C. Stepp arrived in the States on January 22. He will be mak-ing his home at 12162 Allard, Norwalk, California for the time being. Mrs. Stepp and the children arrived here one month

## MISSIONARY FLASH CARD STORIES TO BE INTRODUCED

Two Missionary Flash Card stories, part of a series to be produced within the next few months, will be introduced to the fellowship at the Foreign Missions Booth during the National Sunday School Convention in St. Louis, March 30 to April 2. They are "Paper Talks," by Mrs. Harold S. Jones, and "Courageous Alfredo," by Mrs. David L. Kensinger. The artist is Ruby Schell. The stories have been arranged and produced by the Literature Section, Promotions Division, Foreign Missions Department, to aid in teaching children about missions.

Children are going to like these delightful stories, and children's workers will be equally pleased when they discover that the flash cards are ready to use. No coloring, no cutting, no paste-ups required. Printed in three colors. Each set has ten  $10 \times 13$  cards.

If you attend the convention in St. Louis, ask to see the Flash Card Stories. Someone will be at the booth to show you. You can take home your sets for \$1.00 each.

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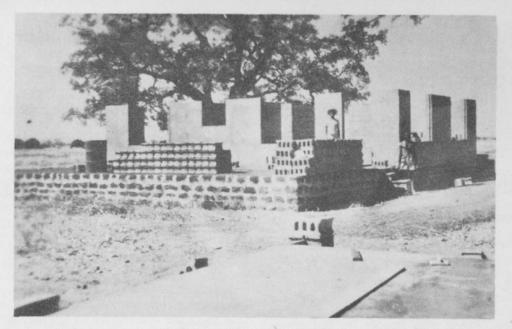


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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thomas, Gold Coast



This house could be finished if Christians in America would help

# MISSIONARIES MUST HAVE LIVING QUARTERS

George W. Flattery

(Unless Raymond Zents and his family can get into a different house soon, their health will be critically affected. Therefore, we make this appeal to our praying friends.)

RAYMOND ZENTS IS BUILDING A NEW mission bungalow at Tenkodogo, Upper Volta, in French West Africa, because the present mud house in which he and his family are living is hardly tenable for human beings. Termites have honeycombed and weakened the walls. There is danger that the heavy arched roof, made entirely of mud brick, will be softened by the torrential tropical rains. When these heavy roofs fall, they sometimes do damage to personal property as well as to the building, and there is also the danger of bodily injury to the missionaries who live in the house.

live in the house.

This new bungalow will serve a large area. The area of the Tenkodogo District measures about 5,000 square miles, and the population according to the 1949 census was nearly 220,000.

The following is a quotation from a letter recently received in the Foreign Missions office from Sister Zents:

"There has been a lot of work done on the new property. The location will be so much better. Everyone feels that our health will improve when we move there. The walls of the new house are up about five feet. "Since funds have been so limited,

"Since funds have been so limited, Raymond has been laying the cement blocks himself. I don't think that he can continue to do this. He is down to 120 pounds and is very tired all the time.

pounds and is very tired all the time.

"We are willing to go on with the building if we can have financial help. Two thousand dollars is urgently needed. Raymond will continue to do a lot of the work himself, but he will be able to hire a mason or two to help. That will give him time to do the dry season missionary work which lies heavily on his heart."

The old mud house is on low ground

The old mud house is on low ground and the African settlement, with its lack of sanitation, has encroached upon the mission compound. The new property where Brother Zents is now building the cement block bungalow is much better situated. Consequently the health of the missionaries will improve when they can occupy the new house.

From personal experience as a missionary, I know how difficult it is to build and supervise building and try to oversee the spiritual side of the missionary work at the same time. The task can be lightened considerably if there are sufficient funds to hire the necessary workmen.

Please send financial gifts to the Forcign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., for Raymond Zents, designated for the Tenkodogo House, Upper Volta.

Send all foreign missionary offerings to:
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434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

#### JESUS BETRAYED

Lesson for March 28

Mark 14:10, 11, 18-21, 43-45

Judas Iscariot stands forth in a leading role in our lesson. Many have argued whether Judas was ever saved; but the question cannot be settled from the Scriptures. Those who believe he was always an apostate base their argument largely on these scriptures: "Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?' (John 6:70); "and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled" (John 17:12); and the account in Acts 1:15-25.

Those who believe that Judas was once saved claim that Jesus was looking into the future when He spoke of Judas as "a devil." The record indicates that Judas received power to cast out devils, along with the other apostles, and surely Jesus did not give a demon-possessed man power to carry on His work and cast out devils. Let no one miss the important truths of this lesson through unprofitable debate about whether Judas was once saved.

#### 1. THE BETRAYAL CONTRACTED

a. A Disillusioned Disciple. The Jews, chafing under the oppression of the Romans, waited expectantly for their Messiah to come and deliver them from this subjection. When Jesus did not set up an earthly kingdom, many were disappointed in Him. Judas also was disillusioned. Finally, Judas sought out the chief priests, in order to betray his Lord. This was a deliberate, determined action.

Judas was one of the twelve apostles, the treasurer for the group (John 12:6). The other apostles fully trusted him. Even when Jesus said, "One of you which eateth with me shall betray me," they did not realize that Judas was the traitor (v. 19). If Judas was always demon-possessed, it was by a most deceptive spirit. He must have worked miracles; otherwise the other disciples would have soon noticed.

b. The Delighted Priests. From the time Jesus began His ministry the religious authorities had been seeking means to eliminate Him. He was too great a threat to their authority and position, they felt. Mark indicates both their surprise and delight that one of Jesus' disciples should play right into their hands. They were "glad" to accept his offer, and promised him money in return for betraying the Master.

Caiaphas and the priests, scribes, and elders of the people were once more consulting "that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him" (Matt. 26:1-4), just before Judas arrived. They would avoid doing it, however, on the feast day, for they feared public opinion (v. 5). So the offer of Judas fitted into the plan of the priests, and together they plotted the worst crime in history.

c. A Fulfilled Prophecy. Judas may not have known it, but when he sold Jesus he fulfilled Zech. 11:12, 13. But perhaps Judas did not believe these men could take Jesus. He had seen Jesus "pass through their midst" at Nazareth. He had watched the sea become calm through His word. The life of Jesus was so filled with miracles that Judas may have felt he could betray Him, get his gain, and then see Jesus escape from them. This is indicated in his remorse after Jesus' arrest; he rushed back with the cry, "I have betrayed the innocent blood" (Matt. 27:4), and cast the money down before the Jewish leaders. God help us lest we think we can make personal gain at the expense of the cause of Christ.

#### 2. THE BETRAYER DESIGNATED

a. The Lord's Supper. As Jesus was eating with His disciples He said, "One of you which eateth with me shall betray me." The heart of Jesus was crushed at the time, not just because there was a betrayer with Him, but because He knew that the hour had come when He must take upon Him "the iniquity of us all." But it must have been a blow to know that one of His chosen ones, with whom He had enjoyed companionship, was to be the instrument through which He would be delivered into the hands of sinful men.

b. The Sad Disciples. As Jesus announced that one of the disciples would betray Him, their hearts became deeply sorrowful. None sought to accuse another; people never do that when they genuinely search their own hearts. The disciples thought of themselves and asked Him, "Is it I?"

Jesus assured the apostles that it was not any of those who had asked, "Is it I?" One voice had remained silent during this selfinspection. Jesus said, "It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish" (v. 20). Orientals do not eat together from the same dish unless they are closely attached to each other. So Jesus was showing that they were all brethren. Think of the hypocrisy of Judas in dipping also into the dish of pledged fidel-

3. The Betrayal Consummated "He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night" (John 13:30). It must have been night in Judas' soul, too. Judas left the table, yet he did not arouse the suspicion of the dis-

ciples (v. 29).

The actual betrayal took place in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus had sweat "as it were great drops of blood." Christ had committed Himself to drink the cup of human woe. As He came forth from the place of prayer, He was met by Judas and the mob, and was betrayed by a kiss. It was not a simple kiss; the original text indicates that Judas kissed Him profusely. What a deceptive show of loyalty and devotion! But Jesus was not deceived; He knew Judas' heart. Christ was turned over into the hands of His enemies. Yet Jesus had no anger for Judas; He allowed Himself to be taken in order that He might redeem us.

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Future Foretold (lesson for Sunday, March 21). Lesson text: Mark 13:4-10, 24-27, 32-37.

Dr. W. E. Sangster, the great British Methodist preacher, says in his book Let Me Command: "The man who screams at a football or baseball game, but is distressed when he hears of a sinner weeping at the cross, and murmurs something about the dangers of emotionalism, hardly merits intelligent respect."

The Bible is the only Book where the Author is always present when one reads it.

THE COST OF BETRAYING CHRIST JUDAS ... WENT AND HANGED HIMSELF. MATT. 27:5 ETERNIT

## 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.

#### CATARACT

I attended the meeting in Fort Morgan, Colo. conducted by Evangelist Paul McNeece. I had a cataract on my left eye, and when Brother McNeece invited all who wanted healing to come to the altar, I went forward. They prayed for my eye. The Lord answered prayer and now I can see! Praise His holy name. I am almost 78 years old.—Mrs. Marguerite Schmidt, Brush, Colo.

(Pastor S. R. Stewart of Fort Morgan, Colo. says that Sister Schmidt's healing occurred several months ago and she can see clearly.)

#### MALIGNANT TUMOR

On October 26, 1950, I was examined by two cancer specialists who ordered me to the hospital for treatment and preparation for an immediate operation for malignant cancerous tumor.

There was fear in my heart and I prayed that God would give me peace. God answered prayer and the fear left; I was sure God would take care of me.

The doctors said that I was in no condition for an operation, and that I would need a blood transfusion. However, when they took my blood count, it was normal. This was repeated several times, but it was always the same and I did not need a transfusion.

The people at the church were praying for me, and God answered prayer. I was kept in the hospital 22 days, and while I was there God healed me. I was dismissed with instructions to return for

an operation a month later, but I did not return. The doctors told my husband I would not live without the operation.

About a year later I had a little trouble and again I was advised to see a specialist. He informed me that I had a very bad ulcer on the bladder caused by cancer which he said had eaten through. He knew I had refused an operation, and said he could not help me unless I would submit to a rigid examination in the hospital. I agreed to this, and I asked the church to pray again—not for my healing, but that the doctors would tell the truth about my condition.

I was given a spinal and could see and hear all that went on. There were two specialists and the hospital clinic doctor.

## KNOW YOUR CHAPLAINS

A SERIES OF BRIEF SKETCHES INTRODUCING YOU TO THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHAPLAINS WHO ARE MINISTERING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES AROUND THE WORLD

#### Chaplain (Captain) James H. Woods

Chaplain James H. Woods entered military service in January, 1945. After finishing chaplains school at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, he was assigned to Camp Maxey, Tex. In May, 1945, this graduate of CBI (Central Bible Institute) was shipped overseas to the CBI (China-Burma-India) theater of war. There he

assumed the duties in the chaplain's office at a convalescent camp near Calcutta. While in India, the chaplain enjoyed the pleasure of fellowship with many Assemblies of God missionaries. He attended the North India District Council in Bet-

tiah in October, 1945.

In November he was transferred from the convalescent camp to the 508th Port Battalion.

Returning Stateside in the spring of 1946, Chaplain Woods was assigned to the station hospital at Camp Hood, Texas. In November of that year he was discharged from military service and entered the evangelistic field.

In March, 1951, after several years of civilian ministry, the chaplain was re-

called to military service, due to the Korean crisis. Leaving his pastorate in Marlin, Texas, Brother Woods reported back at the same installation from which he had been discharged—Camp Hood, now renamed Fort Hood.

While at Fort Hood the chaplain had the opportunity of traveling among our assemblies in Texas because of his sponsorship of a fine servicemen's choir composed of men from his unit—the Combat Command "A" Choraliers. The Choraliers toured a section of Texas in the spring of 1951 and sang in a number of Assemblies of God churches in Forth Worth, Dallas, and Waxahachie.

The Second Armored Division having been ordered to Europe, Chaplain Woods sailed overseas with his organization in July, 1951. His new place of assignment, he found, was Germany.

After a time of moving about and living in the field, the chaplain was assigned to Coleman Barracks, Mannheim, where he is stationed at present. Here Chaplain Woods is enjoying the unusual opportunity of working side by side with another Assemblies of God chaplain—James A. Duguid.

(Compiled by Ernest F. Kalapathy, Service-men's Correspondent, C. A. Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.)

They could not find any cancer, and even the ulcer had healed. The doctor said, "I am puzzled; there is not even any scar tissue. This is a miraculous healing—no sign of any cancer."

I praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy. I am well and strong. I go out to work every day, besides doing my own housework and laundry, and I teach a Sunday School class. Jesus never fails. He will meet our needs if we put our trust in Him.—Mrs. Frances Howard, 3638 Stettinius Ave., Cincinnati 8, Ohio.

(Pastor C. C. Burnett, Cincinnati, Ohio, attests the fact that Sister Howard appears to be in excellent health today.)

## W.M.C. TO MEET AT ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

Calling all women—and inviting pastors, also—to join in two great WMC rallies at St. Louis at the time of the National Sunday School Convention.

THE DATE: Tuesday, March 30

The time: Morning 10:00 to 12:00 Afternoon 2:00 to 4:00

THE PLACE: The Gold Room (seating 1,000) Jefferson Hotel, 12th Blvd. at Locust

THE PROGRAM: G. F. Lewis, Executive Director of WMC Department, missionary speakers, experienced WMC workers, the National Children's Home, missionaries to Alaska in costume, panel discussion, demonstrations on How to Do It. Every minute will be packed full of interest and inspiration.

#### WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON

A luncheon meeting, followed by a devotional service, will be held at the De Soto Hotel, Locust and 10th Streets, Wednesday, March 31, at 12:30. Tickets are available till Monday, March 29, at the National WMC Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri. Send your \$2.00 now, and pick up your ticket Wednesday morning at the WMC booth. Tickets will also be obtainable at the WMC rallies Tuesday. Ticket sales will close March 30 at 5:00 p.m.

#### WMC BOOTH

The WMC booth in the large exhibit room at the Kiel Auditorium will be open throughout the Sunday School convention, with interesting demonstrations and displays at certain hours of the day. Come by and talk over your WMC work with us.

—Edith Whipple National WMC Secretary

## Letters from Listeners



Washington, Feb. 2, 1954

I have found your program carries a message which is seldom found in the regular services of our church. By that I mean that your sermons have a fire and zeal that would win the approval of an Apostle. I am happy to say that the rector of our local church has, by his own admission, been patterning his sermons for the last few months after the example of you and other preachers of your type.

—H. S.

62 Washington Street Malden, Massachusetts Feb. 1, 1954

We are enclosing a check in the amount of \$28.71 which is our first monthly

offering from our church for REVIVAL-TIME. We hope that it will be more next time. The work here is only in its pioneer stages, and we just have a membership of eleven. We are so happy to be able to send you this offering. RE-VIVALTIME is doing a marvelous work, and the blessing already received from it cannot be valued in money.

A. C. Snow, Pastor

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North Carolina, Feb. 14, 1954

Your program is a great inspiration to me and adds much to my spiritual growth. I was once a Christian and dedicated to Christ, but since coming to college I found myself getting careless and following the crowd. Thanks be to God, I have found the joy, peace, and happiness that I had when I came here. As I complete my college training this year, I am glad that I can go out with courage and faith in the Lord to face whatever problems may confront me.

-George W. Pierce

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Indiana, Feb. 14, 1954

I listened to your sermon on the radio tonight. I have been living in so much sin. I have been putting the Lord off over and over again.

I am fifteen and there are a lot of things I have done that I know were not right. I didn't want to give myself to the Lord until I became older. I like to go to shows, dance, and play cards. I realize now I haven't much time. When I heard you tonight, I gave myself to the Lord.

I am so happy and relieved that I have made the right decision. I know the Lord will help me overcome my great temptations.

M. Garrison

New York 35, N. Y.

You preached in such a way Sunday night that a friend of mine accepted the Lord, and I want you to know that I, too, was saved one night while you were preaching.

Charles Escapa

### REVIVAL FIRES IN A GYPSY CAMP

(Continued from page three)

laid aside lipstick, as well as many Gypsy customs and habits of dress, and their lives began to take on Christian attributes.

For the next several days the family attended regular services in the church and prayer services in the parsonage; during these times about twenty-five more were saved, and eleven were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was



# Keep that Record up

You, as Sunday School leaders, expect and plan for a record attendance in your Sunday School on Easter Sunday. We trust you are also preparing to keep that record after Easter. We'd like you to conduct a Loyalty Campaign the seven Sundays following Easter to see just how much it will do to hold that Easter record. During that time, churches all over the nation will be stressing the need of being loyal not only to the Sunday School by means of attendance, but also loyal to our glorious testimony.

Be ready to launch your Loyalty Campaign on Easter Sunday so that April 25th through June 6th will be days of special profit and blessing in your church.

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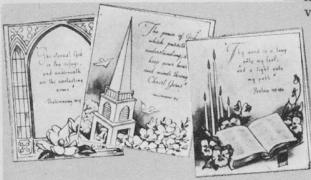


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On November 30, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Burkett started services in a rented store building in Lennox (near Inglewood), California, with four adults and seven children (see inset) in attendance. Pastor and Mrs. Burkett and their three children composed nearly half of the congregation! They had neither piano nor pianist. Their chairs and pulpit were borrowed. With \$200 given them by the Southern California District they built partitions for Sunday School rooms, bought some necessary supplies, and started meetings. God has blessed them and a good number have been saved or reclaimed. Eleven have been baptized in water, and two baptized in the Holy Spirit. Their record Sunday School attendance has been 87 and on their first anniversary when the above picture was taken there were 71 in attendance

They have built pews and purchased a piano and Sunday School bus. This new Assembly, only slightly over a year old, is already a vital force for God in Lennox, California.

so real in these Gypsy services that one small girl received the Spirit while a message in tongues (a quotation of Psalm 121) was being interpreted by an older sister. Dick, who could read a little, said, "That is in the Bible," and as he picked up the Bible it fell open at that very Psalm. This seemed to be a striking confirmation of God's working in the family.

In another prayer service Jack, the tribal leader, received the Holy Spirit and in his inspired utterance he quoted Revelation 22:4, 5 in other tongues; then the interpretation was given. This operation of the Holy Spirit is even more remarkable when we realize that the Gypsies are very limited in their knowledge of reading and writing; and they know very little, if anything, about the Bible, though they hold it to be God's Book.

The transforming power of the gospel changed not only their hearts, but also their views concerning Gypsy customs. Previously, in accordance with the custom of the tribe, they would have burned the departed man's \$3,300 trailer home, his \$3,500 car, and all of his personal possessions, in some isolated place. But they decided this Gypsy superstition was wrong.

Elmer Mason, Sr., was known as "King of the Gypsies" in the north. His position would have been handed down to Jack, the eldest son, but because of Dick's Christian life and influence, the tribe desired that he should be the leader. He refused this honor, and so the entire tribe felt that God would have them change their customs and mode of living. Now their highest ambition is to reach other tribes with the saving gospel of Christ, which has delivered them from sin and transformed their lives.

## Nearly Too Late!

A number of years ago, a passenger train was pulling out of the Union Station in Nashville, Tennessee, for Chattanooga. The conductor, standing on the rear platform, saw a young lady come running with great haste to catch the train, and so he reached out his hand to help her. With the conductor's help she managed to get on board, and as she reached the platform she remarked, "I'd hate to come that close to missing heaven, wouldn't you?"

The conductor found her a seat, took her ticket, and went about his business; but those words, "I'd hate to come that close to missing heaven, wouldn't you?" kept ringing in his ears-for he was not a Christian.

He finished his run to Chattanooga but was restless. The next day he made his run back to Nashville, and that night he went to church, professed faith in God, and joined the church. He became a preacher—a successful evangelist.

While holding meetings in my town

he told this story when preaching on the text, "Now is the day of salvation."

Perhaps the young lady had no thought that her words that morning on the platform of that passenger train would be the means of leading the conductor to Christ, but such was the case. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Here was a word fitly spoken indeed!

Some have come that close to missing heaven; they have given their hearts to Christ just in time—just before death closed the door of salvation to them. Don't take the chance! Take Christ as your Saviour today.

-John T. Price.

#### AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

KOSCIUSKO, MISS .- We had an old-fashioned ROSCIUSKO, MISS.—We had an old-fashioned Pentecostal meeting with Evangelist Carl Walker Jr. of Nashville, Tenn. A number were saved, and the church was revived. Many nights the altar services continued until a late hour. We appreciated the ministry of Brother Walker as well as the pictures he drew each evening.—F. L. Davis, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

TARKIO, MO.—In July, 1952, we accepted the pastorate here, and we are grateful for the way God has worked with us. We reached an alltime high of 383 in Sunday School last December. The past four Sundays we averaged 306.

We have had several evangelists, and all have helped in the progress of the church—Sister Blaiser, Richard Dortch, Bird Cambell, Ed Boan, Brother Harding, A. N. Trotter, Brother Gillespie, and others. More than 150 have knelt at the altar for salvation, 95 have been filled with the Holy for salvation, 95 have been filled with the Holy Spirit, 75 baptized in water, and 50 have come into the church. The C. A.'s have a membership of 70. It is common for us to have 150 in the midweek services.—Earl A. Hall, Pastor.

LAMESA, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. R. D. Jones of Texarkana, Ark. were with us. We had capacity crowds, and a goodly number were saved, several filled with the Holy Spirit, and some were healed.

A man, over 60 years old, injured his foot during the first part of the meeting and had to walk on crutches. One night the power of God was so real, this man leaped up and ran across the building and back, leaving his crutches standing against the wall. He walked from that time on without crutches. It was wonderful to see him leave the church that night with his crutches across his shoulders his shoulders.

Special emphasis was placed on the Sunday School, with the result that the first Sunday all previous attendance records were broken. For the next two Sundays we broke the previous attendance record.—C. R. Love, Pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—During January the Assemblies of God in the Birmingham area enjoyed a wonderful moving of the Spirit of God. The pastors and churches dismissed many of their services in order to co-operate in the meeting with Evangelist R. A. Sherrill. From December 31 to January 10 the night services were held in the East Birmingham Assembly; and from January 17 through 31 in the Norwood Assembly. The daytime prayer services were conducted at First Assembly, Sayreton Assembly, Leeds Assembly, Mount Olive Assembly, East Birmingham Assembly, and Norwood Assembly. Norwood Assembly.

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There was a victorious atmosphere throughout the meeting. Sinners were saved, backsliders reclaimed, believers baptized with the Holy Spirit, the sick healed, and the Christians encouraged and strengthened. Every financial need was met. The soon coming of Jesus was impressed upon all the people. all the people.

The ministers of the Birmingham area continue to meet each Monday morning at the Norwood Assembly to pray for God's continued blessing upon all the Assemblies.—D. H. Browne, Pastor, Norwood Assembly of God.

HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.—We enjoyed the moving of the Spirit of God in our Assembly during the meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Wallace of Portland, Me. Souls were saved, and our hearts were thrilled to see servicemen weep their way through to salvation. Fourteen received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and many testified to being healed. The spirit of revival is still among us.—John Pittam, Pastor.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Feb. 16—A glorious revival has broken out here in Evansville. It has been building up for eight years, gaining momentum, but in the past three months it has been spreading. Just three weeks ago Evangelist Velmer Gardner came for a meeting, and since the first night a glorious Pentecost has come indeed deed.

Hundreds have been saved every night. Brother Gardner pleads with the sinners first, and afterwards he prays for the sick. Gifts of healing have been in evidence, and many have been healed.

Last night, in the middle of the night, a man

called my home; he was weeping and wanting to be saved. Our building is packed out every

We have raised \$10,000 to begin construction of a tabernacle to seat 2500 people. Brother Gardner has given his love offering for two weeks toward our building fund. Thanks be to God! The God of Elijah is alive today!—Hansel P. Vibbert, Pastor, Calvary Assembly of God.

PENSACOLA, FLA.-We are grateful to God for the manner in which He has blessed us the past year. The church has progressed both spir-

past year. The church has progressed both spiritually and materially.

In April, 1953, Evangelist Carl C. Haas of Springfield, Mo. was with us for a meeting. A goodly number were saved, healed, or filled with the Spirit. Then in September, Evangelist Woodrow Oxner of Mobile, Ala. ministered to us, and the church was strengthened and uplifted. Last November Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas B. Don Carlos of California were with us, and again there were good results. were good results.

The West Florida Convention and the District S. S. Convention were held in our Assembly November 23—25. A. E. Spence, missionary to

British Honduras, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Trimmer of Springfield, Mo., were the speakers. Our C. A.'s gave a missionary skit entitled, "These Are Your Jewels," which was enjoyed by hundreds. The C.A.'s of our church celebrated their sixth

year of broadcasting on February 20.

The Sunday School is on the move. We had 317 present last Sunday (Feb. 14).—W. J. Cox, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

WOODVILLE, TEX.-In November, we took the pastorate of the First Assembly of God here, and God has graciously moved in every service. Fifteen have been saved, and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. New people are coming to the church and we have had from to fifteen visitors every week in Sunday

On February 8 we dedicated our church in conjunction with the Beaumont Sectional Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally. The attendance was excellent including about 60 pastors. Kermit Reneau, our District Superintendent, was the morning speaker. C. L. Musgrove, our Sectional Presbyter, offered the dedicatory prayer. A. E. Wilson, a missionary from Africa, spoke in the afternoon. The meeting was climaxed with a C. A. Rally with about 350 in attendance. Gilbert Johnson, the C. A. President of the South Texas District, gave an inspiring message which brought many to the altar.—Joe DuBose, Pastor. On February 8 we dedicated our church in

#### COMING MEETINGS

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

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 6th and Fir; Mar. 7—; Evangelist P. E. Lowenberg.—by Gene Martin, Pastor.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 14—28; Evangelist and Mrs. Willard Cantelon.—by James E. Hamill, Pastor.

CORNING, N. Y.—Assemblies of God Tabernacle, Mar. 14—; Evangelist Ron Ripley.—by Norman G. Love, Pastor.

PETALUMA, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly, Mar. 9—; Evangelist L. E. Mundt, Sterling, Ill. (E. G. Skultety is Pastor.)

BROWNING, ILL.—Mar. 23—; Evangelist E. Summers.—by O. Knell, Pastor.

MACEDONIA, IOWA—Mar. 10—28; Evangelist Frank Sobotka, Springfield, Mo.—by G. E. Fogelman, Pastor.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Riverside Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 14—28; Jonas E. Miller, Evangelist and Bible Teacher.—by Roy A. Harthern, Pastor.

CONCORDIA, KANS.—Assembly of God, Mar. 16—; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (William Lambertson is Pastor.)

CANYONVILLE, OREG.—Canyonville Bible Academy, Mar. 23—28; Evangelist Fulton Buntain.
—by Robert Shaffer, Secretary.

SUMNER, WASH.—Pre-Easter Evangelistic Crusade, in V.F.W. Hall, Mar. 9—; Evangelists Fulton and Lorraine Buntain.—by Ross Chittim, Pastor, Assembly of God.

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.—Assembly of God, Mar. 16—28; Evangelist Percy and Dorothy King—by Delmar Kingsriter, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Pentecostal Church of DeJaware, 23rd and Pine, Mar. 7—21; Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party. (Jacob Hienrich is Pastor.)

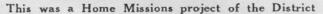
BARNWELL, S. C.—Assembly of God, Mar. 28—Apr. 11; Evangelist Nelson E. White, Ft. Myers, Fla. (Tommy Denham is Pastor.)

MONROE, WIS.—Assembly of God, Mar. 23—Apr. 4; Evangelists Joel and Esther Palmer of Florida. (Paul J. Bicket is Pastor.)

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION—Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 30—Apr. 2, beginning Tuesday night. Outstanding speakers in mornings and evenings; 33 group conferences in afternoon. Separate children's meetings. For room reservations write the National S. S. Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1, Mo., or Reservation Bureau, Room 406, 911 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. Send \$1.00 registration fee to your District S. S. Director or the National S. S.

#### VISION FOR HOME MISSIONS RESULTS IN TWO MORE NEW CHURCHES





ENGLAND, ARKANSAS-The congregation at England recently dedicated their new house of worship to the Lord. Our District Superintendent, G. W. Hardcastle, preached the dedicatory sermon Tuesday, February

The England Assembly of God was a home missions project of the Arkansas District twelve years ago. The District at that time purchased choice lots on the main highway just across from the local high school. Today an attractive red-brick edifice stands as testimony to the possibilities of what God can do for a people who will catch a missionary vision and consecrate their lives to Him. This church believes in missions, partly because it owes its existence to missions, It sponsors an annual missionary convention. During the past year it led all the assemblies in Arkansas in Speed-the-Light giving Speed-the-Light giving.

The new auditorium will seat 250 comfortably. There are eleven Sunday School rooms, nursery, kitchen, and pastor's study. The property has a minimum valuation of \$35,000 and is free of debt. Three pastors have served the church besides the present pastor. A number of evangelists have contributed to the spiritual growth of the church.—Joe W. Adams, Pastor, England Assembly of God.



This new Assembly is a "Mother Church" project

NEWPORT, PENNSYLVANIA-The Assembly of God at Newport

NEWPORT, PENNSYLVANIA—The Assembly of God at Newport now worships in a fine new red-brick church. The building was dedicated by our District Superintendent, A. N. Chase, on January 4.

This is a new work that was started by William R. Crew while he was pastor of the Pentecostal Assembly of God at Duncannon, Penna. The Duncannon Assembly is the "mother church." When the Newport church building was completed nearly one-half of the people in the Duncannon church transferred to the new Assembly.

Brother Crew left the Duncannon church in 1952 to take schooling which will equip him to become a Chaplain in the Armed Services. The present pastor was called to pastor the Duncannon church in December, 1952. Shortly after this the church at Newport was set in order by the District Superintendent. Last July the construction of the building at Newport, was started and by December services were being held in it.

The building is located near the high school. We hope to have a beautiful lawn around it this summer.

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The Sunday School is averaging over fifty and God is blessing the church in every way. Over one third of the entire cost of the new building is already paid.—Wm. B. Keifer, Pastor, Newport Assembly of God.

TRILBY, FLA.—Trilcoochee Assembly of God, Mar. 21—Apr. 4 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass.—by Roy Wasdin, Pastor.

GARDEN CITY, KANS.—Faith Tabernacle, Mar. 28—; Evangelist Lula M. Ware.—by F. R. McAdams, Pastor.

PORTAGE, WIS.—Portage Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 9—; Evangelist Floyd A. Reb, Dallas, Tex.—by O. J. Hanson, Pastor.

KELLOGG, IDAHO—Assembly of God, Apr. 7—25; Evangelist Watson Argue Jr., Seattle, Wash.—by Paul V. Greisen, Pastor.

HUDSON FALLS, N. Y.—Gospel Lighthouse Church, Mar. 25—Apr. 11; Evangelist Levi L. Storms, Sherburne, N. Y. (Robert Canterbury is

SLATON, TEX.—Mar. 28—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bobby Ray, Denver, Colo.—by Clarence Glaze, Pastor.

OWASSO, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Highway 75, Mar. 28—Apr. 18—; Evangelist F. C. Cornell, Pine Bluff, Ark.—by George M. Schaum, Pastor.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., CANADA—Pentecostal Tabernacle, Mar. 21—Apr. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue Jr., Seattle, Wash.—by R. E. Davis, Pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG.—Evangel Temple, S. E. 75th and Foster Rd., Mar. 28—Apr. 18; Evangelists Ross and Iverna Lamb, Santa Rosa, Calif. -by Joseph and Helen Dunets, Pastors.

HAMILTON, ONT., CANADA—Central Gospel Tabernacle, King William and West Ave., Mar. 17—; two weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. VanderPloeg.—by J. H. Blair, Pastor.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Mar. 30—Apr. 11; adult and children's revival with Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Charles and Marva Green are Pastors.)

FREEPORT, PA.—Gospel Tabernacle, dedication of new church, Apr. 5; A. Newton Chase, speaker. Special meetings Apr. 6—18 with Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party.—by Charles M. Shaffer,

ATLANTA, GA.—Faith Memorial Temple, 163 Ponce de Leon Ave. N. E., Mar. 21—Apr. 11; Hardt Evangelistic Party, York, Pa. Prayer for the sick each night. (Ralph P. Byrd is Pastor.)

ALLENTOWN, PA .- First Pentecostal Church, S. Bradford St., Mar. 18—Apr. 4; Morris Cerullo Evangelistic Party. Faith clinic at 7 p.m.; evangelistic rally at 7:30 p.m. Prayer for the sick each night. (E. C. Conrad is Pastor.)

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Methodist Church, Carlsbad, N. Mex., Apr. 6—8; Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, guest speaker.—by Lawrence Green, District Secretary.

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT COUNCIL 22—25; Glenn Horst, Springfield, Mo., speaker. For accommodations write host pastor, L. A. Steller, 303 N. 12th, Pocatello, Idaho.—by Homer B. Walkup, District Secretary.

#### **NEW ADDRESSES**

Ralph E. Price, 1408 Wall St., Beaumont, Tex. "Opened new work known as Beaumont Revival Center.

William F. Kirkpatrick, 132 Almond Ave., Modesto,

Calif.
C. Hodges, 15506 Covello, Van Nuys, Calif.
"Pastoring Van Nuys Assembly, Victory and

W. H. Magee, Durant, Fla. "Pastoring Pleasant Grove Assembly." Pastor and Mrs. Armond J. Michelsen, Oxford,

Nebraska.

Nebraska.
L. Nichols, Bassett, Nebr.
T. J. Kerfoot, 1902 Codd Ave., Baltimore 22, Md.
"Resigned church in Winchester, Va. to enter evangelistic work."
Pastor A. J. Rutledge, 436 Conway Blvd., Conway,

Pastor and Mrs. H. B. Garlock, 3004 Taliaferro Ave., Tampa, Fla. "After serving as Field Secre-tary for Africa for the past ten years, have re-signed to pastor the Glad Tidings Assembly in

Pastor and Mrs. John Timm, 218—3rd Ave. W., Menomonie, Wis.
Paul L. Ferguson, 815 Islay St., San Luis Obispo, Calif. "Pastoring Assembly of God, 1600 Chorro Street."

Evangelist J. B. Woolums, Mounted Route, Carlisle Spring Rd., Carlisle, Pa. Evangelist F. C. Cornell, Box 149, Baxter Springs,

Kans.

Evangelist R. L. Courtney, 413 South Terry,

Evangelist R. L. Courtney, 415 South Terry, Wynne, Ark.
Roy Nylin, 617 Pearl St., Fayetteville, N. C. "Pastoring Calvary Assembly."
Mark A. Hinman, 1200 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, Calif. "Pastoring Long Beach Assembly of God."
A. N. Trotter, 2926 Girard Ave N., Minneapolis, Minneapolis,

Minn.

Minn.
Frank J. Schieman, Box 4, Calwa Branch, Fresno, Calif. "Pioneering new work."

J. J. Wagner, 309 S. 7th, Riverton, Wyo. "Pastoring Glad Tidings Tabernacle."

S. Joseph Geno, Via Colle San Bartalomeo 44, Pompei (Prov. di Napoli), Italy.

#### OPEN FOR CALLS

#### EVANGELISTIC

Mrs. Callie Cleghorn, Box 363, Henderson, Tex. Sammy Mizell, 3926—7th Ave., Columbus, Ga. Richard and Margaret Moehr, 2360 W. San Miguel, Phoenix, Ariz. "We resigned the church in Prescott, Ariz. to enter evangelistic field." Bobby Cash, Box 454, Potosi, Mo. Naomi Kronk and Rebecca Williamson, co-workers, 915 Broadway, Jefferson City, Mo. Vernon Wright, Box 146, Main St., West Prestonsburg, Kv.

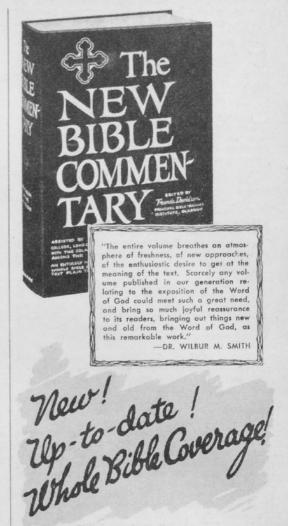
tonsburg, Ky. Malvie Musgroves, Box 5173, Jacksonville 7, Fla.

"The Lord has healed me, after a serious illness of six months."

Robert T. Bigham and Robbie Nell, 2105 London St., Vernon, Tex.

#### PASTORAL OR EVANGELISTIC

E. A. Fowler, 614 West Panola, Carthage, Tex. Byron D. Jones, 79 Mary St., Ashley, Pa. "After 27 years, resigned pastorate of Assembly in Wilkes Barre, Pa. Also open as supply pastor."



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