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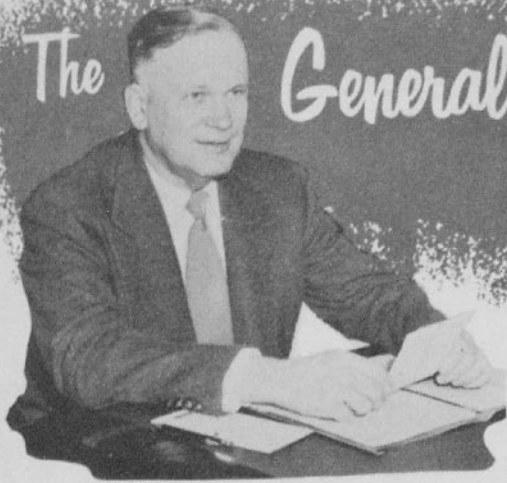
NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



... let freedom ring

Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

The General Superintendent SPEAKS



PETER SAID, "WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD rather than men" (Acts 5:29). Later he wrote, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man" (1 Peter 2:13). Did Peter contradict himself? No, he was recognizing the fact that Christians have a double loyalty, rather than a divided loyalty. Independence Day is a good time to consider its implications.

Man's supreme loyalty is to his God. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37). Here is the truly integrated life. Paul said, "This one thing I do." The Psalmist cried, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple." No distractions, no deceptions, no diversions, no divisions. Supreme, utter, concentrated devotion to the Lord. Listen to what He (alone) says. Do what He (alone) bids. Please Him (alone). How simple, how satisfying, how sublime! Out of this loyalty and devotion arise others. HE tells us to obey father and mother, to honor them and provide for them (Ephesians 6:1, 2; 1 Timothy 5:8). Do not hide behind the alibi, "What I owe to my parents has now been dedicated to the Lord [Corban] and so I can now allow my parents to suffer because of my neglect." See Mark 7:10-12.

"Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. For the powers that be are ordained of God." "For this cause pay ye tribute (taxes) also." (Romans 12:1, 6). "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" (1 Peter 2:17). Our Master paid taxes and He commands us to do likewise. Scrupulous adherence to the laws of the land is His instruction to all His children. "Let none of you suffer as... a thief or as an evil doer" (1 Peter 4:15). To be a law-abiding citizen is the norm of right living. How low indeed are the morals of any so-called Christian who runs afoul

of the laws of the land.

A Christian can render a service to his country which an unconverted person is incapable of rendering. "I exhort therefore that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2). "And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace" (Jeremiah 29:7). A Christian can and should intercede before God for the welfare of his country. Here is a loyalty and patriotism above the normal and of a higher, more effective quality.

"Ye are the salt of the earth." While the Christians are on the earth their godliness preserves the world against cor-

ruption. There is that withholdeth and "he who withholdeth will withhold until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked one be revealed" (2 Thess. 2:6-8). "I can not do any thing till thou [Lot] be come thither" (Genesis 19:22). The presence of the children of God on the earth is not just a deterrent to the growth and consummation of evil but is an absolute barrier to its full fruition. At the Rapture of the saints the Antichrist will be revealed, and not before. The very presence of the people of God is a service to the world the world does not realize. Here is a contribution "in the heavenlies" to one's country "beyond the ken of mortal men."

And finally, what shall we say of the power of faith and intercession which can actually stay the Hand of God that is stretched forth in judgment? Abraham interceded before God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah and was heard to the extent of his petition. Moses intervened before God on behalf of rebellious Israel and prevailed on her behalf. Who knows the power of people of faith today to stand before the God of the whole earth and to stay His threatened Hand of judgment?

"REVIVALTIME" AND LOCAL MINISTER LIFT FOG OF SIN

The purpose of REVIVALTIME is to point out the road of salvation to lost souls. Many turn toward this road and try to leave the path of sin behind. Some succeed, but, for others, the road markers become blurred, and it is difficult to find the way.

They need a road map, and they write the REVIVALTIME staff in hopes of securing help. The staff receives numerous prayer requests and letters asking for guidance. They give aid in the form of prayer and answers to their letters.

The following letters are an example of how REVIVALTIME started a soul along the road to salvation. This woman found the path hazy and wrote Brother Ward for assistance. Brother Ward answered her letter and sent her name to Earl J. Hance, pastor of an Assembly of God in her home town. This sister completed her journey along the road to salvation with the help of this local minister.

Lorain, Ohio

Lorain, Ohio

Dear Brother Ward:

This letter should give you real joy in the Lord. We received your letter concerning Mrs. John Hambly... Sister Hance and I called on her and had a good visit. We invited her to attend our services on Sunday, May 23. Sunday evening at the conclusion of the message, she came forward and was wonderfully saved.

As a sponsor church of Revivaltime, we are glad we have a part in helping spread "the good news."

God bless you, Brother Ward, as you minister to a great potential of unsaved souls. We are back of you with our prayers and offerings.

Your brother in Christ,
EARL J. HANCE, PASTOR
Lorain Gospel Tabernacle

Dear Brother Ward:

I received your wonderful and inspiring letter. Brother Hance got in touch with me before I did him. I started attending the church services immediately. I enjoyed them so much as I was hungry for the word of God. A revival was going on at the Assembly of God Church here in Lorain with Brother Hardt of York, Penn. Last night, the last night of the Revival, I was wonderfully saved and accepted Christ as my Saviour. My burdens are lifted, and I feel like a new person. Pray for me that I may continue to live for and serve the Lord. God bless you.

Yours, by Jesus' tender mercies,
MRS. LUCILLE HAMBLY

What Can We Do About Communism?

THE FIRST THING A CHRISTIAN SHOULD do about Communism is to begin to understand more of its nature. It's easy to think of Communists as all being greedy gangsters with an insane lust for blood. It's simple to explain every Red advance as resulting from nothing but violence and espionage. But Communism is not that simple. It's a many-headed monster, and each head has a different appearance. While we're busy trying to destroy one of its heads the whole creature may be growing.

Communism is a plan to make earth a godless paradise, just as Satan has always dreamed. It must therefore concern itself with everything that concerns man. It is rooted in an explanation of the universe as being nothing but matter, eternal but ever-changing according to its own mysterious nature—a philosophy that denies God but gives matter itself many of His attributes. Communism takes over the sciences and shapes them so that they prove what it wants them to prove. Communism takes over history and makes it a story of change based only on the rise and fall of social classes. Since absolute truth depends on the existence of a moral God, the "truth" of Communism is that which helps its cause, and "right" is what the Party chooses to do.

The blood-mad maniac may have his work in Moscow dungeons, but he is not the most dangerous Communist. The men who without a qualm can sentence millions to die might have a normal distaste for the sight of blood and seem much like other men. They may admire Shakespeare, or the music of Beethoven as Lenin did. They may have their pictures taken patting the heads of children as Stalin did. Or they may look like other "clean-cut Americans." They differ from others in that nothing matters to them but the triumph of Communism.

The goal of a godless paradise never changes. Communists will never be satisfied until every island on earth has been taken and every thought of God has been wiped from the memory of man. But tactics change, not only from year

to year but from day to day—and how many words the politicians and commentators waste on speculations on the meaning of these shifts!

Communists use every means to their end. No one works so hard as they to build unions, but they will make those unions powerless once the revolution comes. None are such tireless nationalists in small and undeveloped countries, though Communism is the opposite of nationalism and is pledged to destroy it. Communists organize pacifists to sabotage wars they oppose, and shoot them as enemies of the people when they come to power. They shout for academic freedom, but no informed Communist believes it's right in a "people's democracy." They speak for the grievances of small farmers, and promise share-croppers and poor peasants their own plots of land when big estates are divided, though Communism teaches that land must be socialized and cultivated in huge state farms. Communists will work with witch doctors or Catholic priests or Protestant pastors, giving each warm assurance of support while planning for the day when they can be liquidated. These are not changes in line. These are not inconsistencies. These are tactics fully explained in Communist textbooks. It is a very consistent line, fathered by the father of lies.

How much attention we give to figures, seeking to know how many belong to the Communist Party in each country, when figures tell so little of the real danger. Communists don't want a majority of the people inside their Party—they want those who will give everything

for the cause and put nothing before it. They don't even need a majority to support them or agree with them. They merely need to have the majority neutralized—by conditions, by propaganda or by fear. All they need is that many should be soured by corruption and the endless wrangling of politicians; or be made desperate by hunger; or be sick of war; or simply be brought to the point of saying, "It's not my business." Communists have no illusions about revolution in prosperous America—they can wait for debt and war costs and overproduction and class conflict and economic battles between North and South and jealousy among nations—and possibly war devastation—to do their work first.

"'Tis the final conflict"—these words from "The Internationale" were sung by Communists of every nation until the soft-pedaling of international organization. We must see that Communism is indeed a part of Satan's final conflict with God. Then we must prayerfully examine each weapon the church is asked to use in this war.

Governments of this world naturally seek material defense. Atomic subs, guided missiles, H-bombs—we have these means of death-dealing defense, but never enough for security since the enemy has them too, and we rush to build more and to invent better ones. We seek to hold the line by arming other nations and feeding them and building their economic strength. We spend money for radio broadcast and literature urging the world to imitate the democracy and prosperity of America. Weapons, machinery, welfare programs, propaganda—free nations do not use them as does the Communist enemy, but if we trust in them we, too, are materialists. If the church's weapons "are not carnal but spiritual," then we must give our attention to something quite different.

Again, the church is asked to take sides in partisan politics. Some would have us trust the United Nations, pathetically hoping that the frail ropes of agreements will hold a fire-breathing dragon. Others insist that evangelical churches support isolationism, ignoring the fact that Moscow rejoices at the speeches of American isolationists since each will have violently anti-American answers in a dozen countries. There are pitfalls just as dangerous



Mrs. Sigrist, author of this article, was an active and devout Communist until her conversion to Christ five years ago. She addressed the annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association at Chicago last January.

WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?

Not ranks of soldiers with flags unfurled,
Nor armored ships that gird the world;
Not hoarded wealth, nor busy mills,
Not cattle on a thousand hills;
Not sages wise, nor schools, nor laws;
Not boasted deeds in freedom's cause:
All these may be, and yet the state
In the eye of God be far from great!

That land is great which knows the Lord,
Whose songs are guided by His Word;
Where justice rules 'tween man and man;
Where love controls in art and plan;
Where, breathing in his native air,
Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer.
Thus may our country, good and great,
Be God's delight—man's best estate.

—Alexander Blackburn.

in national and local politics, to the right and to the left. When Christian debates Christian, how quickly rises the flush of what we call "righteous indignation." Then Satan laughs, and amid our confusion we see Communism marching on, while at the same time Catholic dictatorships flourish, and materialism grows stronger in our own country.

If this seems too black a picture, let's remember that God's Word calls these only "the beginning of sorrows." We often say that we live in the last days, but our actions prove that we hope it isn't so. The world has gone through many dark days. If only we could find just the right program of action we think we might push the clock back a century or so, and go on with "business as usual."

The church is weak because even now we don't recognize the fact that man is helpless to hold back the flood of evil. God says, "Put not your trust in princes," and "Cease ye from man," and "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." If only we believed this, what a difference it would make. Then when we were asked, "What is the way to fight Communism?" we would answer, "We have no way but Christ."

If we knew our helplessness we would ask God to search us and show us our sin and failure. He would have many of us compare our service to Him with the service any "good" Communist gives to the cause of darkness—night after night and week-end after week-end given to meetings or distributing literature, enduring ridicule, risking loss of job, going to jail, and often being willing to give up life for the cause with no hope of anything beyond death. God would ask us again if it is too much for us to give the world His message, "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die?"

The Lord would remind most of us how we have spent our money in these years of Communism's advance. We can't recover what has gone for trifles, and if this were possible we could no longer spend it to bring the news of the love of Christ to those now engulfed by the

Communist flood. Some of us have thought we have done more than is required of us—and yet how much care we have for our own comfort. But the Lord is merciful to those of contrite heart, and will show us how many others there are who will still hear the truth that will make them forever free.

If we sincerely ask the Lord to search us, we must let Him talk to us about our attitude toward our fellow men. Neither our ideas of freedom nor our faith will attract those who see in us no real care for them as individuals. By far the strongest appeal of Communism is to those—the majority of humanity—who feel they are despised because of race or nation. It is not enough if we as Christians have not persecuted them ourselves, for well they know how prejudice hides behind chilly courtesy. Only if we have loved them as our own can we be sure that their blood is not on our hands—and our many explanations will freeze on our lips when we stand before the Christ who died for us and for them.

Truly understanding our helplessness, we would be driven to pray. There are those who take prayer seriously, who come near to fulfilling the command to pray without ceasing, but they are not many. Even in public prayer our attention is most often on our own immediate needs. We feel it proper now and then to pray for revival, but are neither surprised nor greatly disturbed if our special meetings bring no great moving of the Spirit among believers and no spiritual awakening of the whole community—though nothing less could bring the church to the place where God's power could work through it. We are not ceaselessly praying that the Communist enemy be restrained and that the gospel may reach those who still haven't heard. Rarely do we remember to cry out for the Lord's strong support of our brothers in Communist lands, and that the church there may grow during the nightmare of pressure against it. Satan has learned much since he failed to crush the church through the persecutions of Nero, and no longer does he give a clear choice between denying Christ and a quick death. To be faithful under this new terror is possible only by a miracle of grace. May the Lord help us to see all that He would do through our prayers.

Yet just as the whole law could be summed up in the necessity to love God, so can all these and many other needs of the church in this hour of crisis. If we do not see Christ and love Him more than any comfort, any ambition, any person, then He said we are not worthy to be His disciples. If we are not His disciples, we certainly cannot look to have power to withstand manifestations of Satan's power.

Some will feel this is too high a goal

to set the church, and will demand to know what else we can do meanwhile—what legislation we should sponsor, what resolutions we should pass, what literature we should issue to fight Communism, while we wait for Christians to turn to the Lord who bought them by His blood. But God has no stop-gap, no quicker way. If it is impossible to bring Christians to real spiritual awakening, what chance have we with our pitiful plans to hold the Christless millions from the path to catastrophe?

When the great armies of Moab and Ammon and their allies came against Judah, Jehoshaphat led the people to turn to the Lord, and prayed, "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee." Had they thought that they should rely on their own army and walls of defense with only assistance from the Lord, they never would have received His message of assurance, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

Never was any war so completely a spiritual battle as this one. Never have we so much needed to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Do we believe this?

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A THRILL CAME TO MY HEART ON THE morning of February 23, 1954. It was the kind of thrill that accompanies release for a God-given burden. I heard my name called as one of the five Protestant ministers chosen by Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, to conduct a six-week preaching mission with the U.S. Air Force in Europe.

The weather was perfect. At 12:00 noon our giant C-97 took to the air and headed east. Soon the U.S. coastline receded from view, and we were far out over the Atlantic. At 10:00 p.m. we landed on the Azores. In two hours, after refueling and partaking of a good meal, we were again in the air. We headed for Paris and Rhein-Main, where we were met by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) W. Taylor. He took us to Wiesbaden, Germany, for briefing. My assignment was Berlin, Bremerhaven, Rothwesten, Furs-tenfeldbruck, Friesig, and Erding—all in Germany.

On February 27 I was flown to Berlin, down the corridor where seventy-five men lost their lives to keep the people

of West Berlin alive. A large number of nationals, as well as airmen, attended the services. Many expressed their desire to serve the Lord.

Berlin, a city of several millions, rests uneasily because of its surroundings. We are familiar with its position—surrounded as it is by Russian troops and divided into English, French, American, and Russian sectors. Not knowing what is in the conniving Russian mind, the people of Berlin live in a nerve-straining suspense. Still fresh in their memory are the 600,000 troops and 350 armored tanks with which Russia surrounded the city in June, 1953, at the time of the German insurrection.

When I visited the Russian sector and observed the conditions, I was somehow led to feel that we may be closer to war than most people think. The only beautiful part of the Russian sector is the Garden of Memory erected to the Russian soldiers who lost their lives in the Battle of Berlin. Otherwise, it looks just as it did when they entered as conquerors. The dead still lie under some of the ruins. In much of the Russian

The closing service at Erding Air Depot; Brother Scott in pulpit at left. (The altar is used by liturgical groups who share the chapel with evangelicals.)



Douglas G. Scott
preaching at Erding Air Depot, Germany

sector, the piles of rubble remain untouched; only the streets have been cleared, in order to facilitate traffic. My mind wandered for a moment to our beautiful American cities. What could a hydrogen bomb do to New York, Washington, or any other city! Must devastation come before the people of our fair cities will turn back to God?

I found the morals of the German people to be as low as those in the Far East. I know of one base in Germany around which there are 2,000 registered prostitutes, and the number that are not registered would be much greater. Hitler, in his reign of terror, established a precedent which makes the sin easy now. Every convenience, including the Babies' Home, was afforded for the propagation of sin. Today the poverty of the German people intensifies this condition. The young serviceman who does not have good home and church teaching becomes an easy prey to temptation, in spite of all that the military does to remedy the situation. The Church and the home must arise to the challenge of rooting and grounding our young people in Christ before it is too late!

After a week of meetings in Berlin I traveled through the blackness of night toward Bremerhaven. No trains are allowed to pass through the Russian Zone in daylight. I wanted so much to see that zone which is of such interest to all the world, but I could only lie in my bed and wonder if we would get through without any trouble.

I was met in Bremerhaven the next morning by Chaplain (Capt.) John S.
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PREACHING TO THE HEAD-HUNTERS

Elva Vanderbout, Philippine Islands



One of the pastors and a head-hunter



Bontoc children thought their god spoke.



The head-hunters became very friendly.

ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF MARCH TWO of our young pastors, Gervacio Tovera and Leonardo Caput, with three other men, left Bontoc for the wilds of Sadango. Before their departure on the preaching trip much prayer was made that God would protect and give them success. We can surely thank God that He was with our workers every step of the way, and protected them from losing their lives among the head-hunters.

God had arranged in advance that the mayor of Sadango would board the same bus our men took that morning. Had the mayor not been with them they doubtless would have been killed by the head-hunters who were on the trail, waiting for victims. Later on, the mayor would not let our evangelistic party proceed through the dense forest to Mainet without an armed policeman. This was the Lord's doing for which we praise Him.

The complete story is hard to tell at this time for it is a very long one. Suffice it to say that every place where our brethren went they found that it was the very first time the natives had ever heard the message of salvation. In fact, it was the first time any religion had ever been taken to their village.

Wherever Gervacio and Leonardo preached the gospel, every hand was raised to accept Christ as Saviour. They preached to hundreds of people who knew nothing at all of the way of salvation. In many places the people asked for a church building! The brethren found that all of the children in these villages were naked. The men and boys wore "G strings" and the women wore skirts only; some had only banana leaves for covering. They found these people most primitive. Practically all of the people asked for clothing, which we hope to send out on the next preaching trip.

The phonograph caused a great deal of excitement. When our brethren played the gospel records the people thought it was their god "Kabunyan" talking to them. So hungry were the natives to hear the Word of God that they listened for hours, even in the rain. Brother Gervacio said they took in the Word of God as a dry ground receives the first rain drops. It was a great effort to reach these villages but the two young pastors felt amply repaid when they saw those poor, needy, uncivilized people being reached and helped. And to think that this was the first time they had ever heard the gospel.

The two messengers covered over fifty-seven miles in six days on their evangelistic trip to those villages. All but nine

miles of the trip was over mountains and through dense forests, but it paid. Our brethren have now made friends with the people of those villages.

One town official promised to give Pastor Gervacio five horns of deer as a remembrance for him. He said in parting, "You are now our friends, and if you should be killed on the trail I will get ten heads of any persons I can find in exchange for your life."

In reply Brother Tovera said, "If any head-hunter should take my life, please don't avenge for my life, because when I die I will be in a better place."

But the councilman told him that if he did not avenge, his enemies would despise him and think him a coward. This will give you a little understanding of just how much these people need the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

We wish to thank all our friends who prayed for the success of this evangelistic trip. Thank you again for sending so many useful things to our brethren here in the Philippines. Some of the things they had never seen in their lives. Things which are common to us (such as needles, combs, soap, etc.) are luxuries to them. Continue to pray for these dear people who are in such great need. Remember, there are yet other tribes unreached by the gospel throughout the 400 inhabited islands of the Philippines.

MISSIONARY News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Horst and family recently arrived from the Philippine Islands. Their present address is Box 154, Penney Farms, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carlblom and family have returned from Indonesia and can be reached at 4517-31 Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens L. Nolin sailed from New York on May 19 for Singapore, Malaya. These new missionaries request our prayers as they study the language.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bauer and family have returned from Lima, Peru, for their furlough.

Mrs. C. Leroy Williams returned to the States in May. Her present address is 1108 South 32nd St., South Bend, Indiana.



"Each girl is holding a small baby. These are only some of our ninety babies."

NEWS FROM ASSIOUT ORPHANAGE

Lillian Trasher, Egypt

HERE IS A PICTURE OF SOME OF OUR older girls in our garden. If you look closely you will notice that each girl is holding one of our small infants. In looking over our records I find that last month (April) we took in ten new babies, only one of whom can walk. This child is two years old and her baby sister is six months old. They came to the orphanage because one of the brick walls of their house fell down; the mother who was near the wall was crushed so badly that the doctors say she will never be able to walk again. How thankful the family is that they don't have to worry any more about the children.

I am always so thankful that God has enabled us to make a home for such poor, helpless little ones. Of those who came to us in April one was a little girl just one day old, another was a little boy twelve days old, and there was a baby girl twenty-five days old and a girl two months old. There were two little boys over a year old and they were really nothing but skin and bones. They were so weak they could hardly hold up their heads. Now both are sitting up and gaining nicely. One of the children lost his mother. The mother of the other has been ill for six months and quite unable to take care of her little boy.

Then, of course, there were a number of newborn babies admitted in March and all are doing well, thank God! Thus the Lord sends them in and we are glad to be able to care for them in His name. Then, of course, there are the widows and older boys and girls who came in during the past month.

We are planning on having a baptismal service in our swimming pool next week. The pastor of the town church wants to have some of his members baptized, so we are going to have a joint service. It is always a very touching scene to see

the young boys and girls take a public stand for God.

We have a yearly service when the older children join the church. They come forward and are received into the church and their names are put on the list of church members. This list is placed on the wall in the back of the church. Before they are allowed to join, Brother Crouch works with them many weeks to prepare them for membership, and helps them to understand more clearly the teachings of our church.

At the end of each school year we lose many of our older boys and girls. The girls get married and the boys go out to whatever work they are able to do. It is very important that they give their hearts to God and are baptized before they leave us. We like to give a new Bible to every student in the highest classes so that he can keep it when he leaves. Pray that we may be able to plant the seed in their hearts so that they will want to serve God when they leave home and go out to fight the evil of a cold world.

May God bless you for what you are doing to help us.



Here Miss Trasher is giving "treats" to some of the bigger babies of the ninety.

LIGHTNING STRIKES—GOD HEALS!

Louise J. Davis, Liberia

TUESDAY AFTERNOON AFTER SCHOOL a heavy rain began to fall. Several children were waiting on our kitchen piazza for the rain to let up before going on their long journey homeward. Suddenly the lightning struck, leaving two of our little girls severely shocked and in a critical condition. We rushed them into the house, laid them on army cots and covered them with blankets.

After sending word to their parents that we would keep them overnight, Miss Butler and I waited to see how seriously the little girls were affected. They complained of sever pains in their arms and sides where the lightning had struck. Realizing the seriousness of the situation we called the kitchen boys to join us in prayer for the little girls. While we prayed the Lord touched one of them and she began to pray and praise the Lord under the Spirit's blessing. She remained under the power for about an hour, and we learned later that the Lord saved her at that time.

However, the other little girl named Jessie did not progress as well. She could only speak very weakly to the house boy. I was scarcely able to make out her words. She said, "I want to go home to heaven."

It was then I wondered if Jessie were going to die, and fear gripped my heart for a moment. Then she told Joe, another one of the house boys, that she had seen a band of angels coming with Jesus to take her to heaven. Then she stopped talking.

Joe began to cry as he was praying for her. There was no pulse beat and Joe whispered to me that her hand and arm had turned stiff and cold. I began to pray more fervently, and in my heart began to rebuke the devil, at the same time beseeching the Lord to rebuke death in the child. It was only a matter of moments before Jessie opened her eyes, and soon she was able to talk to us in a normal manner.

She said that a band of angels had carried her to the gate of heaven. Then Jesus Himself told her that she must go back to earth because her father and mother needed her; so the angels brought her back. From that moment Jessie began to revive. She had been lying on the cot for a long time but actually it had not seemed more than a few moments for her.

Everyone praised the Lord for sparing little Jessie. Her testimony in the memorial service on Sunday morning brought great joy among the saints. Rejoice with us that God answers prayer here in dark Africa as well as in the homeland!

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

EXPERIENCES IN THE WILDERNESS

Lesson for July 11

Numbers 20:7-12; 21:4-9

The experiences of the children of Israel in the wilderness have been given to us as examples. When Paul wrote to the saints at Corinth he prefaced a list of their misdeeds in the wilderness with this remark: "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted" (1 Cor. 10:6). While our experiences may lack some of the characteristics of theirs, human nature is ever the same. Israel murmured, committed spiritual idolatry and fornication, tempted God, and showed ingratitude. It is possible even for us to be guilty of these things. These sins of Israel have been recorded for us in the Scriptures in order that we might see their terrible fruit and thus avoid them; they are written for our admonition, "that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

1. THE PRESUMPTION AND PUNISHMENT OF MOSES

a. *The Instruction from God.* Israel, always quick to rise in rebellion, blamed Moses when they came into difficulties. When they encamped in a place where there was no water, they "chode with Moses" and wished themselves back in Egypt. Then God instructed Moses to speak to a nearby rock; He promised that water would come forth. Moses was not to strike it, however, as at an earlier time (Ex. 17:6).

b. *The Failure of Moses.* It would be hard to picture a more ungrateful people than those whom Moses was called upon to lead. Moses was wearied by their constant complaints and criticisms. He lost his temper and smote the rock when God had said he was only to speak to it. For this public disobedience God said to Moses and Aaron, "Because ye believed me not . . . ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them" (v. 12). How near Moses came to entering the promised land! Yet he was refused entrance because of this one act of anger (Num. 27:12-14; Psa. 106:32, 33).

c. *The Significance of the Rock.* Twice God commanded Moses to bring water from the rock—once by striking it and again by speaking to it. There was deep significance in this symbolism—a hidden meaning of which Moses was unaware. To Moses the rock was but an ordinary

stone in the desert, but to God it was a type of our Lord Jesus, the "Rock of ages." The smiting of the rock in the first instance, set forth the sufferings of our Lord Jesus as He bore the sins of mankind; because of this death blow to Jesus the water of life was to flow to all. But Christ was to be smitten only once. Thereafter, those who wish the water of life need only to speak to the Rock. Now all may come to Christ, who died "once for all" for the sins of the world; and through faith in His provision they may receive the water of life. Paul likens the rock to Christ: "For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ" (1 Cor. 10:4). Christ "was once offered to bear the sins of many." He will never again be smitten (Heb. 9:28).

2. THE MURMURING AND AGONY OF THE PEOPLE

a. *The Fiery Serpents.* In the earlier stages of the journey of the Israelites, God had shown Himself very gracious to them. He overlooked much of their complaining and supplied their needs when they were distressed. It was His desire that when they saw His wondrous works they would trust Him in future difficulties rather than complaining. Since they had not learned this lesson, God now began to show them what discipline and divine displeasure meant. He sent His judgment in the form of fiery serpents. The bite of these snakes was deadly. The trying experiences of Israel, which were designed to develop their faith, instead turned them to unbelief and false accusation. The more we know of God's workings, the more our faith is likely to be tried. Abraham is described as being "strong in faith." By the trying experiences through which he passed his faith was strengthened. Every act of faith makes our faith stronger.

b. *The People's Repentance.* The fiery serpents turned the people to God in repentance. They said to Moses, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee," and they asked him to pray that God would take the fiery serpents away. So "Moses prayed for the people." God then instructed Moses to make a serpent of brass and put it on a pole. All who would look to the serpent of brass would be made whole. When people are ready to repent and confess their sins, God is faithful and just to forgive

them their sins, and to cleanse them from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

3. THE STRANGE MANNER OF DELIVERANCE

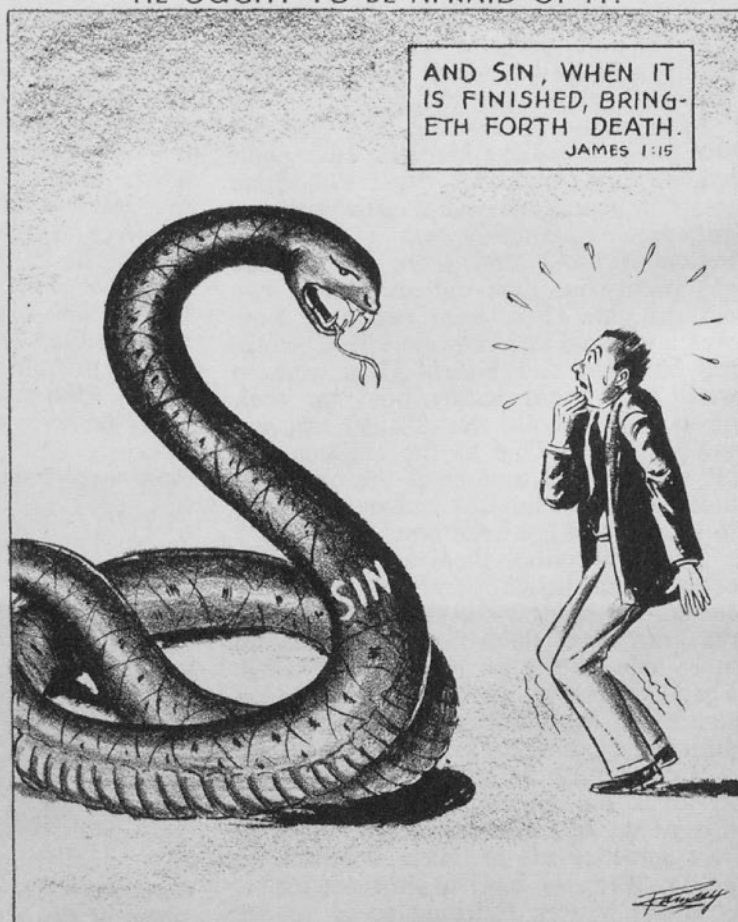
a. *The Serpent of Brass.* Brass is a type of judgment. It was at the brazen altar that the sin-offering was to be offered. At the brazen laver the priests were to cleanse themselves. In the serpent of brass we have a type of our Lord Jesus upon whom God laid "the iniquity of us all." "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" (John 3:14).

b. *Healing Through the Brazen Serpent.* Many in Israel had been bitten by the fiery serpents, but only those were healed who looked to the brazen serpent. Likewise, no one can be saved today through the cross of Christ unless he looks to Jesus to faith. Israelites might have said, "I don't have faith in that serpent of brass which Moses has made and set up." They would then have died from the bite of the serpents. Men may know that Christ lived and was crucified, but unless they believe in Him they cannot be saved. The condition of receiving is "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:15). May we ever look to Jesus, the One who was delivered to the executioners and raised from death for our justification. He who died now lives forever to make intercession for us.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Report of the Spies (lesson for Sunday, July 4). Lesson text: Numbers 13:26-33; 14:1-3.

HE OUGHT TO BE AFRAID OF IT!



Revival in the Congo

Muriel Harman

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him: but some doubted" (Matt. 28:16-17).

Strange it is that in our own day, after years of prayer, looking to God for revival, and claiming His promises, when it does come, some doubt.

The recent revival in north Belgian Congo was not worked up, was not organized, was not arranged by man. The Holy Ghost simply came down upon us and did His mighty work in station after station. The Lord, in speaking of the Heavenly Helper whom He would send, said, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin" (John 16:8). That is exactly what He did. Many were even smitten to the ground, shrieking in an agony of conviction.

Whether it was a matter of wrong attitudes, hidden sin in Christians, or a life of hypocrisy in professors, there was an anguish of soul, and sin became exceedingly sinful. Confessions were made which no human being could have extracted, and half confessions threw people into worse agony than before.

Oh, how the precious blood of Jesus was exalted! How people fled to the fountain open for sin and uncleanness! And how the glory shone from heaven then! "The roof of the church was not there," some said, "but, oh, the light, which exceeded the brightness of the sun!" The outlook was completely changed. "You all look so different now," said one.

There has been no great rush to join us in this heaven-sent blessing. Christian workers everywhere are praying for revival, but one wonders just what they are expecting. Is it that they are like the one who wrote:

*"I asked the Lord to bless me
In a mild and careful way?"*

Over and over we hear the text quoted about things being done decently and in order, and certainly no one wants the opposite. But are we so afraid of anything out of the usual that God cannot give us a Pentecost? It is written, "Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine" (Acts 2:13).

We no longer wonder why Paul put together being drunk with wine and being filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18). For we have seen again and again men drunk with the Spirit of God. What blessed inebriation this!

We do not mind reading, or even

singing, "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph" (Psa. 47:1). But would we not look askance at anyone who really did it, much less do it ourselves? As for the leaping with joy as the lame man did in the Temple, or as David did before the Ark—oh, no! It is tragic if we have more sympathy with Michal and perhaps share her fate (2 Sam. 6:23). After all, you know, Billy Bray may have been right and maybe it is really true that—

*"It's better to shout than doubt,
It's better to rise than fall,
It's better to let the glory out
Than to have no glory at all."*

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When the Fire fell here, everyone prayed at once. No one told them to do so or even expected them to. One wonders if that is what happened in the fourth chapter of Acts. Those men and women were living dangerously for God, and they were determined by God's grace to die fighting.

Peter and John had just returned from a night in prison and a grim time before their leaders. "And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord." And did you ever hear of a prayer more promptly or fully answered? We have found that in such prayer, when it is prompted by the Spirit, there is power—and no confusion.

Another thing that many good Christians fear is public confession of sin. We have come to see that it is part and parcel of revival. Does anything strike a bigger blow at pride—that archenemy of blessing? In the leper camp, where we were dealing largely with pagans, or near pagans, we said, "Just put all your past under the Blood. There is no need to go into detail."

But it was of no use. It all had to come out. And oh, what hatred, what bitterness, what revenge, what murder, what vileness! But when it was all brought out before God and man, then the undone sinner just flung himself upon the mercy of God in Christ Jesus.

What a relief when all was under the Blood! No wonder they sang and sang again for joy when, for the very first time in their lives, they knew what it was to have a conscience void of offense. In many cases, journeys and confessions

had to be made and often costly restitution also, but what a difference when all the gall of bitterness and the weight of guilt and fear were gone.

So among Christians, too, they needed not to be told to confess—they just had to do so. Some came forward two or three times, every time with a greater burden, until the one who confessed calmly enough at first, with half the blame on the other party, was finally writhing in agony, with no thought of any sin but his own.

These confessions were weariness to the flesh and spirit to hear, sometimes for hours together, but if they had been suppressed, would there have been such blessed results? How we praised God all together, over and over! We never tired of praising the precious blood. Often, especially in the case of married couples, while a general confession was made in public, they had to get alone and "break" to one another.

Many times great fear, which freezes what might become a mighty move of the Spirit, is the fear of wildfire. It seems that the best way to prevent this is for missionaries or Christian leaders, whoever they might be, to get right into the movement with the people and gently guide it, but never to oppose unless things are manifestly wrong. Even then, a few words fitly spoken, probably in the form of a question, will make the sincere ones themselves take a stand against the spurious thing.

If God begins a work, instead of agonizing in prayer to know whether or not it is real, surely it is best to have the faith and courage to join in. If this were done, probably many separatist movements, at least those started by men who sincerely want more of God, would be prevented. New wine will split old bottles, unless the old bottles will give a little.

Has God often tried to send revival, only to be hindered by the very people who are praying for it? How terrible if it is His own people who are to be found fighting against God!

*"Oh, for the floods on the thirsty
lands,
Oh, for a mighty revival!"*

but also

*"Oh, for a sanctified, fearless band
Ready to hail its arrival!"*

—"World Conquest"

*God can get along with a minimum of machinery if He can find people who share one thing . . . a clean heart. We shall have no difficulty pooling our resources when once we have mingled our tears at the Cross. It is the subtle dishonesties of the human heart that cause differences among brethren. A man who is absolutely honest and broken-hearted before God is amazingly easy to get along with.—
Bob Cook.*



YOUR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

William L. Hull, a missionary had the privilege of interviewing David Ben-Gurion, the retiring Prime Minister of Israel. Mr. Hull brought the conversation around to the Bible. Mr. Ben-Gurion mentioned having read the New Testament and then said, "The New Testament teaching and standards are wonderful but where are those who live up to it? Are there any in the world? Are there any living the Christian life? Can this book really produce that which it sets forth?"

Mr. Hull assured the Prime Minister that the Lord had saved him and made him a new creature in Christ.

"But are there others like you?"

"Yes, millions," he answered.

"Where are they then? Why do they let conditions exist as are in the world at this time? Why do the nations act as they do at the present time?"

Mr. Hull went on to explain that there were Christians who tried to change world conditions. For an illustration he spoke of Lord Balfour, one-time Prime Minister of England, who when he was Foreign Secretary influenced the British Cabinet to issue the Balfour Declaration which was the beginning of the State of Israel. Then Mr. Hull stated that there were others who practiced Christian principles in their daily lives.

But Mr. Ben-Gurion's question is a challenge to all Christians. It is one we must take to heart as again, this July, we celebrate our declaration of independence. If we are to continue celebrating independence we must practice Christian principles that we may secure continued freedom. Freedom is so valuable a possession that it must be defended anew by each generation.

Many different efforts are made to fight Communism. One is to better the economic condition of people around the world. Much of this effort is helpful. However, it is made with a false assumption. It is done with the belief that people turn to Communism because they are "have-nots."

This is only a half truth. The inference is that people turn to Communism because they do not have material possessions. Actually they turn to Communism because they are "have-nots" spiritually. The leaders of the Communistic coun-

tries have the best their countries can offer in material comforts, yet they remain Communists. Those who have been accused of being Communists in our country, such as Alger Hiss, or those who admittedly were Communists, such as Elizabeth Bentley, were not "have-nots" as far as money was concerned, but they were spiritually poor. They did not know the living Christ.

We must fight active Communism with active Christianity and your personal battle begins in the home. The future of the world lies in your children. The finest present you can give your country is a child or a family of children, whose Christian ideals make them upright citizens.

Seldom, however, does a child rise higher than the home which nurtured him. You cannot introduce your child to Christ as personal Saviour unless He is your personal Saviour and Friend. The wise eyes of children see so much more than you say. If you worry about material possessions, why should your son trust the Lord for spiritual treasure? If you grudge paying your taxes, why should your son serve as policeman or mayor?

The presidents of whom we can be proud came from Christian homes. For instance, James A. Garfield's mother was an earnest Christian who taught her children that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." She was a widow with four children who managed her own farm and with her own hands built a log cabin which was also used as a church. Garfield's training for the presidency began with his mother's piety.

The freedom of the world rests in the children mothers are training today.

With the U.S. Air Force in Germany

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Sanders, the chaplain with whom I was to minister for that week. We held the services in the Staging Area Chapel, and the interest of the young men on the base was inspiring. Each night one of the enlisted men led the singing, and another led in prayer. Many testified to the saving and keeping power of God. The last evening of the Mission, about eighteen young people rededicated their lives to the Master's service.

The suffering must have been great in this city. With one bombing 35,000 people were killed in twenty minutes' time. The imprint of the attack is left upon the dwellings of the people. Many live in one or two rooms left intact in these bombed-out houses.

Rothwesten was my next engagement. The chapel was the entire third floor

of the headquarters building. After the services each evening the young men would gather in another room for a question period which would last late into the night.

The fourth week, marking the half-way point in the Preaching Missions, was designated as "Rest Week" by the Air Force. Since the Assemblies of God had five chaplains in that area, Chaplain J. H. Woods arranged for me to stay at the Hotel Truman in Manneheim. There we conducted a Retreat for the Assemblies of God chaplains on March 23 and 24. Present at the Retreat were Chaplains Griep, Woods, Elrod, Duguid, and Tashnick.

On Saturday, March 27, we finished the week by speaking at the Youth for Christ rally at Augsburg, where Chaplain Frank Griep is ministering.

The second half of the Preaching Mission opened in the beautiful Air Base Chapel at Furstenfeldbruch, Germany. This base was the pride and joy of Herman Goering before the American forces came into possession of it. I was the guest of Chaplain (Major) Hall, a Methodist Episcopal minister, who cooperated with me wholeheartedly to make the Preaching Mission a success. It was a thrill to see the chapel filled night after night with a congregation who sang and entered into the service with all of their hearts. On the last night, April 2, when the gospel appeal was given, about forty people responded.

At Furstenfeldbruch I was made to realize the importance of encouraging our servicemen to attend chapel services. I found so many who chose not to attend because the chaplain was of another faith. It is of utmost importance that we encourage our young people and admonish them not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, especially as we see the day approaching. The chaplain is a minister who represents the gospel of Jesus Christ, and even if he is of another evangelical denomination he worships and prays to the same God, sings the same songs, and reads the same Bible as we do. Something will be gained through chapel attendance. Here the servicemen can find something to do for the Lord—ushering, singing in the choir, or offering themselves to the chaplain for other service. Just keep busy for God is the best way to keep from backsliding.

The schedule at Freising was full, but interesting. I was asked to greet the congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Freising at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. The church was packed with seven hundred people sitting with their overcoats on to keep warm. There is no heat in the churches of Germany. But the lack of heat does not stop them from singing. My, how they sang!

MOBILIZING MEN FOR CHRIST

There is much activity among the men of our movement at the present time. In various parts of the nation, local chapters of Men's Fellowship are being set in order and affiliated with the national organization. Some of our churches have had such a men's group for years, even before the national department was established. They function as a local unit but have no organic affiliation with the national office. It is now possible for such groups to join hands with others and to move on unitedly.

The Department of Men's Fellowship has organizational helps and suggestions that may be had for the asking. When a local chapter is fully recognized, they will receive a beautiful charter, suitable for framing. Very shortly, literature will be available giving suggested projects and activities within the local church.

A new lapel emblem for Men's Fellowship came out in early April. It is a fishhook with monogrammed letters MF. Already 1300 such pins have been sold. They are available through the Gospel Publishing House.



A magazine for Men's Fellowship will soon be published. It will be called TEAM (To Enlist All Men), and the first issue will come from the press September 1.

Further information and help in alerting our men to more effective service may be had by writing to the address below.



The newly organized Men's Fellowship of Glad Tidings Assembly in Springfield, Missouri, receives its certificate of recognition. Pastor Paul Witten is shown receiving the charter from Thomas F. Zimmerman, Executive Director, while Leonard Gamel, local MF president, and Don Mallough, National Secretary, look on.

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Then we rushed to Sunday School at the Air Force Chapel, where I spoke to a fine group of American boys and girls. They sang the same choruses we sing in our Sunday Schools in America. In the Morning Worship the chapel was well filled with young people. Meetings continued through the week with increasing interest. On Friday night I spoke to another well-filled chapel on the text, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" We appealed to the unconverted to be saved, and to Christians to rededicate themselves to Christ. The response was spontaneous.

My final opportunity to minister to the Air Force in Germany was at the Erding Base. Erding is in Bavaria about twenty miles from Munich. As in the previous chapel services, again I found the response most gratifying. Twenty-five or thirty responded to the invitation. The crowning joy of ministering is always attained when we see people surrender to Christ.

During this Preaching Mission I found

that there are servicemen everywhere who are hungry for the gospel. When opportunity was given after the service for servicemen to ask questions, a group would wait in the designated room until midnight, so anxious they were to discuss things pertaining to the Bible, the New Birth, etc. On every base there were those who would watch for an opportunity to sit at the same table or ride in the same car with me in order to inquire about the gospel. Only those who have had the experience of working with our servicemen know the joy of witnessing to them and exalting Christ among them.

Before leaving Germany I stopped in Stuttgart, where I visited with Brother and Sister John P. Kolenda and ministered to the Volksmission Church of Germany. The service that Sunday morning was held in a high-school gymnasium, for the German people have to use whatever space is available for religious meetings. It was snowing hard, but in spite of this about 1,200 people had crowded into that gymnasium. We arrived at 10:00

a.m. The service had been in progress since 9:00 a.m. We left at 12:00 noon, but the communion service was just to begin. The presence of the Lord was so real, and the people were so earnest. The leader requested that I bring greetings from the Volksmission Church to the Evangelicals in America, and especially to the Assemblies of God; and the people asked me to express thanks on their behalf for the thoughtfulness and gifts they received during their time of sorrow and poverty.

On April 23 I boarded the "Blue Plate Special" at Rhein-Main and was again winging my flight homeward. After stopping for a short time in the Azores, our plane arrived without mishap in Washington, D. C.

I truly believe that the coming of the Lord is near. And however disturbing the thought may be, I also believe that in the not-too-distant future we may be involved again in a life-or-death struggle. There is only one thing that is stopping the Russians now, and that is fear—fear

of what might be in the minds of the eighteen million Germans within the Russian zone, and fear of the hydrogen bomb. Some Germans in Berlin believe that two years from now will see Russia in an all-out war. We do not know how much longer we have to work, but we do have the present. Let us be faithful now, before "the night cometh, when no man can work."

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.

PUNCTURED EYE

Last October, as our boy Gary (age seven) and his brother were nailing some boards together, one of the nails flew up and struck Gary's left eye at the edge of the pupil. The eye was punctured so severely that blood and water emerged from the wound, and the pupil and cornea sagged out of shape.

We went to the residence of our pastor, Troy Frazier, and requested prayer for Gary. Then we took him to an eye specialist to have his eye inspected and dressed. The doctor said that very little sight, if any, would be left in the eye. He told us to bring him back for a check-up in three days.

When we arrived home, our hearts were fairly crushed. My wife and I sat on Gary's bed all night to keep him from touching that eye or lying on it. We wanted at least to preserve the eyeball by keeping the fluid intact.

I knew that our friends in Brownwood were praying for Gary but I thought of our many Pentecostal friends in other places, so I telephoned the pastors of the San Angelo Assembly, the Fort Worth University Drive Assembly, and the Haskell Assembly. The next morning, when our pastor and his wife came over to pray with Gary, we knew that the other pastors and their church folk were united with us and were bombarding heaven with prayer. That morning someone touched the Throne of God, for a healing miracle took place in Gary's eye. By evening almost all of the pain had left. Glory be to Jesus!

On Monday morning we took Gary back to the doctor's office for a check-up. The doctor removed the eye patch, held out his hand at a distance, and asked, "Can you see my hand?"

Gary's right eye was covered, but he replied, "Why, sure!"

"I am amazed," the doctor said, "I

never thought that the pupil or cornea of his eye would be round again. I didn't believe they would ever come into shape."

I said, "Doctor, there have been lots of people praying for Gary's eye."

One week later the doctor removed the bandage for good. Tests showed that Gary had normal vision in his left eye. The doctor said the eye should get even stronger. We humbly thank God for this gracious miracle.—J. E. Sanderson, Star Route 3, Brownwood, Texas.

(Endorsed by Pastor Troy F. Frazier, Brownwood, Texas.)

BABY BOY NEAR DEATH

The only reason my baby is alive and well today is that I serve a God of love and a Saviour who purchased healing for us on the Cross.

Last November, when little Paul was seven weeks old, he became very sick and I took him to a doctor. He told us the baby had bronchial pneumonia, a very weak heart, and a rupture. He said he doubted whether our boy would live overnight. He gave him a heart stimulant and a penicillin shot. Then he taped his navel and said it would have to stay taped for eight weeks if he lived.

That night at 6:30 o'clock Paul began to turn black; his eyes became set in his head. I told my other four children to pray for his life; all I could do was to cry to the Lord for help.

Paul came out of this attack, but another followed in fifteen minutes. By this time the Lord had spoken to our pastor, Kenneth C. Wallace, and his wife, and they were on their way to our house. Brother Wallace asked the Lord for wisdom. Then he had me to lay the baby face down across my knee. He laid his hands on the baby's back and began to pray "in the name of Jesus" that the mucus would start coming from the baby's lung, nose, and throat. God answered prayer, and the baby's life was saved. Sister Wallace sat on the floor and wiped the mucus that came from his mouth and nose for two hours.

The baby lingered between life and death for four days, but we believed the

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Lord would finish the work of healing and He did not fail us. We took Paul to the doctor in two weeks for a checkup. The doctor said his heart, lungs, and rupture were healed.

Twice within the next two months little Paul took sick again, but each time the Lord healed him. I am so thankful that my baby now has perfect health. Praise the wonderful name of Jesus.—Mrs. Raymond Owens, Mason City, Ill.

(Endorsed by Kenneth C. Wallace, Pastor, Assembly of God, Mason City, Ill.)

SKIN DISEASE AND BROKEN BONE

I suffered a great deal with a skin disease, and was in constant pain because of a bone in my hand which had been broken four years before. But the Lord graciously healed me of both of these troubles a few weeks ago.

We had started revival meetings at the Oil City Assembly of God, and I became burdened for the success of the meetings. I asked the Lord how I could do more to help. He spoke to my heart, saying, "You can let Me heal your hand." Immediately I raised my hand to Him, and He proved to me once again the truth of Hebrews 13:8—"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and for ever." My hand was healed! The pain was gone!

A couple of days later I noticed that the very bad skin disease, which had caused me to suffer for twenty-eight years, had not been giving me any further trouble. I found to my great surprise that not a trace of it was left. Praise the lovely name of Jesus.—Mrs. Adrian L. Steed, Shepherd, Mich.

(Endorsed by Lorrell Kennett, Pastor, Oil City Assembly of God, Route 1, Shepherd, Mich.)

EYE TROUBLE

For a number of years I suffered with a stinging, itching sensation in my eyes. Finally it became so painful that I could hardly stand it. To add to my discomfort, my eyes would blink terribly.

I had been a Christian for years, and I desired help from the Lord for my eyes. In February, 1952, when my condition had become most serious, I attended a revival meeting at the Assembly of God in Huren, S. Dak. The Lord spoke to my heart showing me that should be my church home, and I obeyed Him.

At a prayer meeting on March 6, 1952, when the pastor, Brother Geist, was anointing and praying for the sick, the Spirit told me to go forward and be healed. This I did. I was anointed and prayed for. Though I saw no immediate results, I claimed my healing by faith.

The next night Satan came to me and

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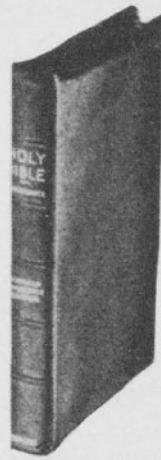
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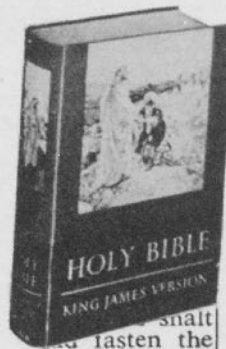
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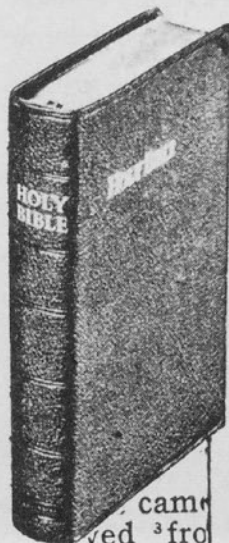
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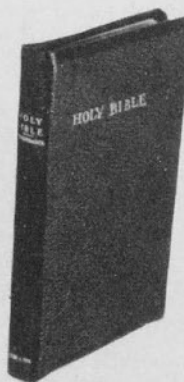
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I praised the Lord, thanked Him for my healing, and went to bed. The next day I went to work with my eyes completely free of this stinging and itching, and the blinking also stopped. A week later I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and soon afterward I became a member of the Assembly of God in Huron.

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

CENTURY, FLA.—The blessing of the Lord was poured out upon us during the meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. R. C. Wales, Wills Point, Tex. Three were saved and seven received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—I. J. Taylor, Pastor.

MURDO, S. DAK.—After pastoring the Assembly at Murdo for three years, we have resigned to enter the evangelistic field. A year ago we dedicated a new stone church. The attendance has increased each year. We have had a "Gold Crown" school for two years.—Lowell J. Ray, Rt. 1, Madison, Nebr.

CUERO, TEX.—We have concluded a Workers' Training Course using the book, "Ye Shall Be Witnesses." Brother and Sister David L. Johnson were the instructors. Every one of our workers received certificates. This course was a real blessing to all who attended.—William S. Agnew, Pastor.

PASADENA, TEX.—In February, Evangelist W. M. Dunn of Houston, Tex. was with us in revival services which proved to be a blessing to our church. Brother Dunn is one of our pioneer church-building ministers, whose messages have a lasting value.—W. C. Harding, Pastor, Southmore Assembly of God.

PUEBLO, COLO.—We had a fine revival recently with Evangelist Otis Runyon. The Lord was very gracious to us. Eighteen were baptized with the Holy Spirit and about that many came to the altar for salvation. Interest and attendance remained very high during the three-week campaign. The Sunday School increased in attendance, and we appreciated the co-operation and enthusiastic work of Brother Runyon.—R. D. Emerson, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

GARDENA, CALIF.—May 4—We had a good revival at the Victory Assembly of God with Mrs. Florence Boucher as evangelist. She was with us two weeks, and then was called home to her sick husband.

Then Evangelist Henry Lamb came for a week. It has been years since I have seen such a sweet spirit in the meeting. Twenty-nine claimed the victory, and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Several were healed. The spirit of revival still remains in our midst. We hope to have this church set in order in a few days.—Charley Shields, Pastor.

BELLEVILLE, ONT., CANADA—The Musical Vander Ploegs from Toledo, Ohio, were with us for three weeks. From the very first night the crowds grew. Most of the nights we had to put out extra seats to accommodate the people. There were 40 definite decisions for Christ.

Our people were thrilled with the singing, music, and preaching of the Musical Vanns. Over 200 people attended the church for the first time. The all-time Sunday School record was broken with 418 present. Several testified to definite healing.—Hope Smith and Laurie Price, Pastors, Calvary Temple.

PURCELL, OKLA.—Evangelist John C. Potect of Fullerton, Calif. was with us for a union meeting sponsored by four churches. The meeting began in McKiddyville, Okla., but we were forced to move to a larger auditorium, so we moved to the Assembly of God church in Purcell.

The presence of God was mightily manifested in each service. Souls were stirred under the anointed ministry of Brother Potect. The blind, saw, the lame walked, and the deaf heard. Curvature of the spine was healed instantly. Cancers, tumors, ruptures, sugar diabetes, arthritis and heart trouble were healed. A 50-year-old man was instantly healed of a club foot. Some suffering from food allergies were delivered. A lady who had spleen trouble that caused the marrow of the bone to become sore and infected was healed.

Many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and between 25 and 30 were saved. We praise the Lord for His mighty power that was manifested in this meeting.—Leon L. Martin, Chairman.

LINCOLN, ILL.—We had a glorious four-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. K. L. Marshall and son, Billy Joe. Thirty-one people came to the altar for salvation, a number received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and many were healed.

A young man, who had used a cane for a long time because of arthritis, laid his cane down and went away praising God. A Nazarene lady was healed of a very serious disease, and she and her husband have asked for membership in the Assembly. We received five entire families into the church, and three more families have asked for membership.

Near the end of the meeting, Brother Marshall asked for pledges for a new building, and we received nearly three thousand dollars. The church is purchasing lots and we plan to build immediately.

The church voted to have the Marshalls come back in August for a tent meeting.—Lennis Blackburn, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

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.

LEVELLAND, TEX.—July 4—; Evangelist W. L. Short.—by Kenneth D. Barney, Pastor.

CHECOTAH, OKLA.—Tent meeting, June 20—; Evangelist W. V. Grant. (W. E. Cagle is Pastor.)

EFFINGHAM, ILL.—July 4—18; Evangelists Fred and Gladys Voight, Durant, Fla. (G. R. Jenkins is Pastor.)

***SULLIVAN, MO.**—Assembly of God, July 4—25; Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mobile, Ala. (Odis H. Virgin is Pastor.)

COLUMBIA, MO.—First Assembly of God, July 11—Aug. 1; Mathan Musical Evangelists, Kansas City, Mo. (Charles Parker is Pastor.)

TALLADEGA, ALA.—Assembly of God, July 13—25; Evangelists Joel and Esther Palmer of Florida. (H. T. Kesler is Pastor.)

McKINNEY, TEX.—Full Gospel Church, Assembly of God, July 12—25; Evangelist and Mrs. Edward Willis, Ft. Worth, Tex. (Earl J. Rogers is Pastor.)

LAKELAND, FLA.—Second Assembly of God, July 13—; Evangelist Luther Tasker. (Robert M. Couch is Pastor.)

FORT COLLINS, COLO.—First Assembly of God, July 4—18; Evangelist D. J. Friesen, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by L. A. Messick, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Calvary Temple, July 11—; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue Jr.—by Watson Argue, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—Daniel's Gardens Assembly, June 29—July 11; Musical Biblers, Fresno, Calif. (H. M. Gibbons is Pastor.)

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—First Assembly of God, July 11—; Evangelist Marlin Maddoux, Beaumont, Tex. (F. D. Davis is Pastor.)

BUENA VISTA, COLO.—Assembly of God, July 4—18 or longer; David Antes, Navajo Indian Youth Evangelist of Akron, Colo.—by Warren O. Hall, Pastor.

KALISPELL, MONT.—Tent meeting, July 20—Aug. 8; Andrew Teuber Evangelistic Party.—by O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor, 411 - 2nd Ave. W., Kalispell, Mont.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Park Place Assembly of God, 7805 Kimble Ave., July 11—25 or longer; Evangelist Allan A. Swift, Elizabeth, N. J.—by Paul W. Klinger, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 1557 Park Place, July 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (Floyd L. Dennis is Pastor.)

RICHLAND, MO.—Sunday School Clinic, July 9. Panel discussion, "Occupy until I Come." V. L. Hertweck, Sunday School Director and Assistant District Superintendent, speaker.—by Floyd Garrett, Pastor.

CZECHOSLOVAK CONFERENCE—Annual conference of the Czechoslovak Assemblies, Chicago, Ill., Czechoslovak Assembly of God, 3030 W. Cortland St., July 3—5. Three services daily.—by Ladislav Huba, Pastor.

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