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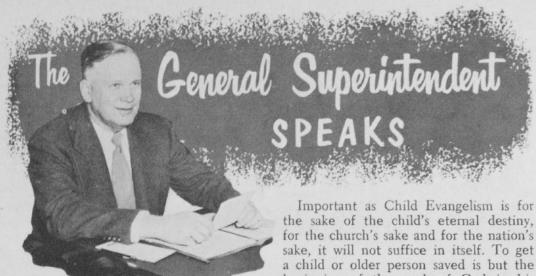








Teaching Loyalty to BOTH Flags
—Through Child Evangelism



Child Evangelism

On his REVIVALTIME broadcast of May 15, C. M. Ward asked the question, "What is the age of accountability?" His answer was, "At least by the age of twelve."

There can be no disputing of this position. It can even be contended that children are responsible for their sins from the time they are conscious of them. Many of us know, from personal experience and from observation of our own children, that between the ages of four and six, little children can be definitely converted. This implies their accountability then. The Lord's concern over children who could not "discern between their right hand and their left hand" gives us a hint as to the ages of those innocents who are His special care.

But this is not a question about which to split theological hairs. It is an alarming truth that children after the age of accountability are either saved or lost. They have never-dying souls that must be wooed and won for Christ. Here is the ripest and easiest of all evangelistic fields—and possibly the most neglected. If we use wisdom in choosing the most fertile area and strategy by which to provide for our church the best, the most, and that which advances the Kingdom farthest and fastest, we will concentrate upon Child Evangelism.

A social and national by-product of Child Evangelism is the contribution it makes toward eliminating the dangerous menace of juvenile delinquency. whole social fabric and national foundations are imperiled by the revolt of a great element of adolescent youth against parental and civil authority. Standards of morality, decency, and ethics are mocked, violated and flaunted. There is no permanently effective answer to juvenile delinquency other than the New Birth and the heart transformation wrought by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

beginning of the work of God in his heart and life. It is possible for the young plant to wither away because it has no root, or for thorns to spring up and choke it. There must be a cultivation of that seedling for it to bear fruit. We must gather new-born babes in Christ together, feed them the sincere "Milk of the Word," and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. This teaching and training must be given "line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little.'

The best church institution for the spiritual culture of children is the Sunday School. A Bible-centered curriculum taught by Spirit-filled people inculcates the Word and life of God into the hearts of those who hear, and sustains and nourishes that life week after week. It is most important that children who are saved in a "Child Evangelism" effort shall be sheltered and tutored and trained in the things of God, and constantly fed the truth of God.

But the whole truth is not yet told. A child's grasp of Bible truth as presented only in Sunday School is sometimes sketchy and fragmentary-at the most it is incomplete and insufficient in itself. It should be supplemented by Vacation Bible School and weekday religious instruction and Bible teaching in summer camps. All this certainly is not too much in the way of Bible-indoctrination and character-formation.

The fullest and best safeguard and provision for the training of a child in the way he should go is in the day-byday Christian instruction, loving admonition and godly example of the Christian

home. Sunday School teaching is but for one hour a week-really not more than a half-hour of actual classroom instruction. To these twenty-six hours (if Sunday School is attended every Sunday) add twenty-five hours of Vacation Bible School and thirty hours of weekday religious instruction, plus ten hours of summer camp for the fortunate ones, and you have a maximum total of ninety-one hours a year of church-provided Christian education. The public school claims 750 hours each year for secular teaching and training! Subtract all these from the total waking hours of a child at home, and you will see that the home has five times as much of the child's time as the school and church together. In addition to the time advantage, there is the tremendous character-forming power of the love-influence of godly parents and the happy association of Christian brothers and sisters! Therefore the fullest possible guarantee for godly upbringing is the Christian environment of a godly home with family prayers each day, and the faithful ministry of a spiritual, live, Full Gospel

Child Evangelism? Yes, we need it. But we also must have child training and culture by every possible agency. We must not fail anywhere along the line. It is not only a challenge but a divine command. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.'

"Feed My lambs" and "feed My sheep!"

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One Million "Juvenile Criminals"

by William Ward Ayer

1,000,000 American boys and girls on the prowl, seeking a thrill, readily rob, maul and kill in their devilish pursuit

The way to effectively poison a stream is to pollute its source. The Evil One is effectively polluting the life of America today by burglarizing the homes and hearts of our youth.

Recent news reports tell of vicious vandalism committed over the land by children 8, 9 and up to 15 years of age—\$500,000 school property damage in Chicago, \$500,000 railroad wreck by two boys 13 and 15 years of age.

Millions of dollars worth of park property has been destroyed. Churches have not escaped. In a southern city not long ago, a beautiful new Baptist church was broken into by youngsters who ripped up the beautiful pulpit Bible, tore to shreds cushions in the pews, poured paint over the decorated walls, the hand-carved pulpit, floors, and woodwork. A satanic lust for destruction seems to have demonized thousands of our young people.

In our cities young people from 9 years up have been running wild in a destructive frenzy that is baffling the law enforcement

officers of every community. For example, the city of Chicago suffers \$400,000 yearly damage to school property alone. Children break into schools, tear up textbooks, destroy the desks, splatter ink over the walls, paint salacious signs over the place, and sometimes set fire to the building.

High on the list of activities among juvenile delinquents is vandalism. In Atlanta, Georgia, four boys from well-to-do homes released the brakes on twenty cars parked on hills "just to see them crash." In Baltimore youngsters have smashed 22,082 windows.

"Something strange seems to have happened to our children the last two or three years," said a law enforcement officer.

Of course, something has happened! America is becoming a pagan nation. Thirty-six million children are growing up in America without religious instruction of any sort! And there are 30,000,000 teen-agers in the land who have never been in any church. They have never heard God's Word expounded, never heard public prayer, never sung a Christian hymn, and never known the atmosphere of worship. They might as well be brutes without souls. Of course,

something is happening! What worse could happen to youth than this?

As Christians we had better wake up to the crime situation. I do not like to write this, but I think everyone that has the ear of the public should give warning to the people. Our leaders are warning us of the terrible destructive power of the A-bomb and H-bomb, and we should be prepared; we should be a solemn people.

"Crime," says J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI, "threatens to break all records this year, which threatens to be the nation's worst crime year."

We need to do something quickly! We need to wake up the people! These things are destroying our nation!

There is a major crime accomplished every 15 seconds. There is a rape every 29 minutes, a robbery every 8 minutes, a larceny every 25 seconds, an auto theft every 2 minutes.

A large percentage of these crimes are committed by young-

sters, some of them not yet in their teens. Who is to blame, and what can we do about it? The children themselves blame a host of things. They say they learn to commit crime from seeing movies and television shows. Others blame gangster radio programs.

Many have learned to commit crime from reading lurid books called "comics," which might rather be called "tragics." It is highly significant that the tremendous increase in juvenile delinquency coincides almost completely with the appearance of this new form of juvenile entertainment. We are told that nine out of ten children read "comics."

They give a false view of life. Life in these comics is a night-mare, a continuous combat with wicked weapons. The womanly form is exaggerated for sex attraction. The seminakedness of the women stimulates the abnormal and unhealthy in the minds of those coming into puberty. This is a dangerous age and needs every moral control and every religious influence to keep the child from going on social and moral rocks.

A generation ago, children (Continued on page eleven)



YOUNG AMERICA NEEDS CHRIST!

One million children got into trouble with the police last year. Reports are piling up every day on the fastest growing problem in America—Juvenile Delinquency.

Over two and a quarter million major crimes were reported in the United States during 1954. The number of crimes committed—2,267,250—was five per cent higher than the previous record set in 1953.

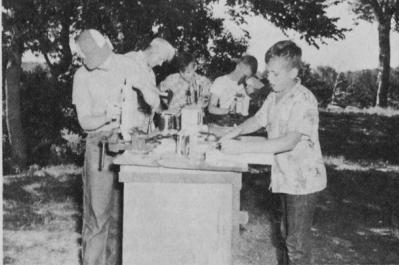
For the seventh consecutive year a new record was established for crime in these United States—and once again the FBI reported an increase in juvenile crime. There were 2.3 per cent more youngsters under 17 arrested for serious offenses than a year ago. Youth 17 and under comprised 57.6 per cent of all criminals arrested for car theft, 49.0 per cent of all arrested for burglarly, and 43.6 per cent of all those arrested for larceny.

Let Christians arise and do something before it is too late. There must be twenty million Bible believing church members in America. There are thousands of godly pastors. We must stand together to combat, not only juvenile and parental delinquency itself, but also the cause and the false cures that are being offered.

Winning Boys and Girls

STORY HOUR . CHILDREN'S REVIVAL . BIBLE CLUB . BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP







The one hour out of 168 a week that is given to religious instruction in our Sunday Schools is such a short time to teach our boys and girls the way of eternal life! We need to increase our efforts by conducting additional phases of children's work.

The two-week Vacation Bible School gives an additional thirty hours of religious training. It is an opportunity to win new children and even whole families to the Lord. It gives the church many more hours to teach the Word to its Sunday School children.

You can send your boys and girls to an Assemblies of God children's camp this summer. There they will be in a Christian atmosphere for an entire week. Assemblies of God Boys and Girls camps have been richly blessed of the Lord in the past. Last year, 6,081 children were saved and 750 received the Baptism during summer camp.

The Story Hour or Bible Club opens the way into the hearts and homes of children who might not be contacted through the regular church services. This is a children's meeting usually conducted once a week in a home or at the church, when the children gather to hear a Bible story, to sing, and to memorize the Scriptures.

Children's Revival Services are an additional blessing to our boys and girls. Held early each evening, and directed especially to the children, these meetings can be the answer to your need for an uninterrupted decision time for the boys and girls.

In many communities it is possible to have Released Time classes during school hours. The public school releases the children to go to the church of their choice to receive religious education. This summer you might inquire into the possibilities in your community so as to be ready to start this phase of Child Evangelism when school opens again.

Opportunities present themselves on every hand for increasing the hours of Christian influence in the lives of our children. Give the boys and girls more than the one hour a week they get in Sunday School. Widen the Child Evangelism activity of your church and reap a more bountiful harvest!

- 1. Children's Revival Services and Vacation Bible School worship services not only afford opportunities to unite in song and other phases of worship, but also provide a time when children are brought face to face with the decision of accepting Christ.
- 2. Wholesome activities and the learning of valuable crafts are part of the benefits afforded our children at the Boys and Girls Camps.
- 3. The afternoon Story Hour or Bible Club makes it possible to take the gospel into the hearts and homes of children whom the Sunday School may not reach.

For additional information on Child Evangelism activities, write to the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Edith Denton, Supervisor of Child Evangelism, National Sunday School Department, is shown at right.



for Christ

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • RELEASED TIME



Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent greet the Ponce family.

Family Won Through V.B.S.

"I became a 'brand new man' at Vacation Bible School time!"

These are the words of R. A. Rieben, pastor of Central Assembly of God in Muskegon, Michigan. He says that some of the happiest moments of his ministry during the past 25 years have been those spent in teaching the Word of God to boys and girls attending because of Vaca-Their Sunday School has grown, and the church has many parents as well as boys and girls attending because of Vacation Bible School. Pastor Rieben says that nothing can take the place of the three hours each day for fifteen days (two weeks) of singing, teaching, praying, learning Bible verses, and doing handwork, which is so enjoyed in Vacation, Bible School.

The average attendance in 1954 was 342. Over 100 children attended who did not attend Central's Sunday School, making it possible for the church to reach about 30 new families. More than 35 children were saved during the Vaca-

tion Bible School. Many of the new children reached are now attending their Sunday School.

In some cases whole families have been brought in. Here is the story of one family won through VBS.

About four years ago, a Spanish-speaking Catholic man lived with his family in the government housing project where Central Assembly's Sunday School bus was picking up children. They, along with other families in the territory, were contacted for VBS. The Ponce family-was visited further and it was suggested they come just once to see what was done at the VBS. The children attended and liked VBS so well they kept attending. Mrs. Ponce then began to come to Sunday School regularly on the bus.

Later the Ponces moved into a home of their own in a section of the city where the Sunday School bus did not go. The mother and children wanted to continue coming. Mrs. Ponce persuaded her husband to help get the children



Eagerly they wait-for you to "tell them the story of Jesus."

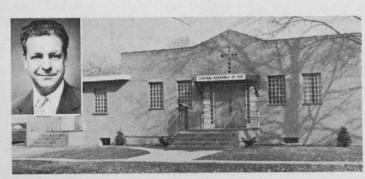
ready for Sunday School and then come along on the city bus to help care for the children.

After living as a backslider for nearly 14 years, Mrs. Ponce came back to the Lord and was wonderfully healed in body, too. The twin boys and the five-year-old boy were also healed in answer to prayer. Then Mr. Ponce was saved.

On Palm Sunday, 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Ponce became full members of Central Assembly of God. The seven children come along with their parents every Sunday, rain or shine. They are looking forward again this year to VBS, the agency that was used to bring them to the Lord.

Pastor Rieben says there are dozens that have been brought into their church in just the same way—the children being won first, through the Vacation Bible School. One of the teachers stated that VBS had paved the way for him to deal with many of the parents of the children. Children from Vacation Bible School greet him on the streets and in the stores while they are with their parents, and it opens a way for conversation with the parents and the opportunity to witness for Christ.

Vacation Bible School has proven to be a church-builder in Central Assembly of God in Muskegon, Michigan. It can be that in your church also. Don't fail to take advantage of these unexcelled opportunities to do Child Evangelism work in your community this summer.



Pastor Rieben and Central Assembly of God, Muskegon.



Four Sunday School buses help to swell the crowd.

"Save an old man and you save a soul.... Save a boy and you save a life!"

LIVES TO SPEND FOR GOD!

Guy Davidson

THE CHURCH NEEDS THOSE WHO WILL give their lives to the Saviour! It has been said: "Save an adult and you save a unit; save a child and you save a multiplication table!" The Church needs boys and girls who will grow into useful Christian workers. This is one imperative of Child Evangelism!

A greater imperative, of course, is the child's own spiritual welfare. Today is the child's day of salvation, before he joins the crowd of hardened adults disinterested in spiritual things. Tomorrow the child's heart may be closed to the gospel. This is his day!

Child Evangelism activity brings results in the hearts and lives of boys and

girls. I have seen them.

In Portland, Oregon, where I recently served as Director of Christian Education in the First Assembly, there are two fine workers (Miss Ackerman and Mrs. Ford) who conducted a Bible Club on the outskirts of the city. In the past three years they have had over 600 boys and girls enroll and attend their club. Many of these come from homes that offer little or nothing in the way of Christian influence. Some of the children formerly were known as problems to parents, teachers, and the police. Yet, many of these children have been won to the Saviour!

It was a privilege for me to conduct their first baptismal service. One backslidden father attending the service broke into tears when his teen-age son gave a testimony to the saving grace of Jesus.

These women are highly respected and appreciated among the people of this area. They are welcome guests at community gatherings. The boys and girls clamor to sit with them during school activities they attend. And the devotion is mutual. The women spend seven nights a week with the boys and girls! They conduct Bible studies on different age levels, provide activities and field trips, take the children to church and Sunday School. They are spending their lives for the boys and girls of their community.

Here is another example of their influence: A certain family had forbidden

their son to attend the Bible Club. It was not long before he was involved with a teen-age gang and was in serious trouble. Then the parents came and asked the women to do their best to get their son to return to the Bible Club. "He was never in trouble while

The Bible Club began in a living room, and it now has its own big "club house" overflowing with children. As an outgrowth of this work among the children, a new Assembly of God is arising in the community!

Some have questioned the value of children's summer camps, but the results speak for themselves. The lives of many boys and girls have been changed at camp. We have seen many of them receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, others saved, and some receive a call into the ministry.

I shall never forget one little fellow at our sectional camp last summer. We nicknamed him "Muscles" for he was almost as wide across the shoulders as he was tall. He came from a non-Christian home,

he attended the club," they testified.

BUILDERS

A builder builded a temple; He wrought with care and skill. Pillars and groins and arches Were fashioned at his will. Men said, when they saw its beauty: "It shall never know decay. Great is thy skill, O builder, Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple; She wrought with skill and care, Forming each pillar with patience, Laying each stone with prayer. None saw the constant effort; None knew the marvelous plan; For the temple the teacher builded Was hid from the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple; Crumbled into the dust, Pillars and groins and arches Food for consuming rust; But the temple the teacher builded Shall endure while ages roll: For that beautiful, unseen temple Was a child's immortal soul.

-Author Unknown

and had picked strawberries to attend

"Muscles" roomed with several other boys in the dormitory-by a strange coincidence, all were from broken homes.

After "lights out" one night I heard a great commotion in the dormitory. In my mind I could see pillow feathers scattered over the camp ground! To my surprise, however, when I opened the door to "Muscles" room I found a prayer meeting! The Spirit of God had moved on those boys' hearts and they were kneeling on the floor and in their beds crying out to God. The next morning's testimony service revealed the result of their prayer meeting: five changed lives.

These boys' lives were muddled not by their own failures but the failure of their parents. They were boys who needed help that only God can give-and they found Him at summer camp!

There are many other areas of Child Evangelism where rich harvests can be reaped for the Master: Vacation Bible School, Story Hour, Released Time Classes, Junior Church, Sunday School, Children's Revivals . . . others could be added. Not only do they result in the salvation of souls. They also result in the training of lives-young lives who will build the church of tomorrow and perpetuate the Assemblies of God.

When I see the boys and girls at summer camps, in Bible clubs, or in Vacation Bible School with their hands raised and their hearts lifted towards heaven, singing songs such as, "Come Into My Heart, Lord Jesus," I realize how important it is that they be trained to live for God. But first we must reach them. We must be vigilant to win every child, every parent, every family within our reach. The future of the Church lies in the children, and the future of the children lies in our hands.

What have we been doing to reach them? There are nearly four million new babies born in the United States each year. These are our challenge for today, our hope for tomorrow. Soon these babies will become the school children, the teen-agers, and then the homemakers of our land. They will be the leaders in our churches, our communities, our nation. The religious training they receive in the earliest years of their lives will determine not only their own earthly and eternal destiny but also that of our entire country.

There are many workers like Miss Ackerman and Mrs. Ford who can start Bible Clubs if they will. There are many boys like "Muscles" that can be snatched from the ranks of juvenile delinquency. We must reach them and teach them. We must use every means, summer and winter, Sundays and weekdays, to save the children from sin and to train them to be the soul-winners of tomorrow.

The author is now Supervisor of Publicity in the National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God.

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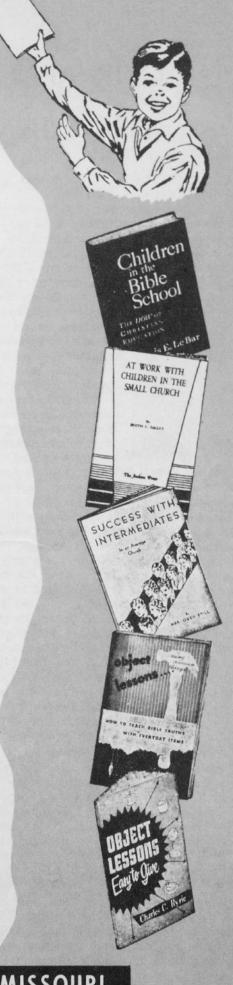
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OUR AFRICAN WORKERS ARE WINNING OTHERS

Louise J. Davis

It was on a Tuesday evening in April, and classes at the Assemblies of God Bible Institute located at Pleebo, Liberia, had just reconvened after a long Easter vacation. A number of students had already given reports on their



Louise Davis

vacation ministries. Samuel Jaffa, an ordained minister and member of the staff, arose and began to speak.

"When school closed for Easter vacation," Samuel began, "I prayed for a chance to go somewhere, for I felt that time was going and what we

do for the Lord we must do now."

In answer to his prayer, Samuel said, the Lord led him and his wife Lucille to the town of Karloka, Geddapo. The evening they arrived, they had a prayer service but few attended. On the following morning they were called to see a sick boy whose left leg was swollen badly. People had lanced the leg in two places to let the pus run out. Samuel and Lucille preached to the boy and prayed for him. Later that day, and twice the next day, they ministered to him. God answered prayer, and before they left the boy testified that the swelling had gone down and he was able to sleep well. Before that he had often screamed out in pain throughout the night.

From Karloka, Samuel and his wife went to Suwasu where they found a church with a group of hungry people without a pastor. In the first service he held, Samuel told the people, "We have come to visit you with a message from God. The next day one of the men sent word to the people to come in from their farms and attend the meetings.

The service began at noon and did not close until 7:30 in the evening. Then the people disbanded only long enough to bathe and eat before gathering again at the church for another meeting.

With eager hearts the people sang and sang. Then many of them testified and brought their prayer requests. "Not one person said, 'I am sick; pray for me,'"

reported Samuel. "They had only one request, 'Pray for us. We never see the power of God. We never be saved yet. We all come to church but we don't know what it means to be saved."

One head man of the town told how he had lived for the devil and had "planted plenty of medicine." He admitted that all of this had been of no use. He told how he and the people had built a church and attended every day. He said, "We have a Bible here but there is no one in the town to read it. We only come to sing and pray."

After Samuel had finished preaching to these people, he asked for those who had been saved at any time to raise their hands. Only one girl responded, and she was now backslidden. When Samuel asked, "Who wishes to be saved?" all forty in attendance raised their hands and responded to the altar call.

Joyfully our teacher reported how the power of God fell among them as they began to pray. One woman rose and began to tell the people that they were lost; she prophesied, crying out as the Holy Spirit moved her, "I am the Lord thy God and will save those who believe!"

In the evening service which followed, opportunity was given for people who had been saved in the earlier meeting to testify. (In reporting this, Samuel informed the school that he did not want to merely count the people he had seen under the power as being saved. He wanted to hear personal testimonies proving that actual salvation had taken place.) Six women and a boy testified how the Lord had saved them. Truly God had done a wonderful work. (And more wonderful yet, a few days later this same boy followed Samuel to a sectional fellowship meeting where he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He was later baptized in water.)

Two nights later, at the close of the Bible school chapel service, Samuel picked up his Bible, and drawing a sheet of paper out of it he declared, "I have a special prayer request on my heart. Ever since I visited Suwasu, my heart has been burdened for those people who are hungry for God but have no pastor. I have on this paper the names of those seven people who were saved and I pray for them every day. Sometimes I wish I could fly to their town every morning to pray with them, and return here in the evening to teach my classes."

Such is the vision, burden and ministry which God has given to one of our Bible school teachers. The same spirit is moving in and working through other members of the staff and student body. As one student said in giving his report, "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the



Inadequate home of Assemblies of God Bible Institute, Pleebo, Liberia.

Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest."

Our Bible School has been established for the purpose of meeting the need for laborers. At present twenty men and thirteen women are attending classes regularly, and God's blessing is upon those classes and chapel services. On week ends and during vacation periods, the students go out to apply the truths they have been learning. Their outside ministries include house-to-house visitation, hospital visitation, Sunday School teaching, preaching in the Firestone Rubber camps and the towns in the interior.

The town of Suwasu is only one among many where souls have turned from their idols to serve the living God. There are ten or twelve other towns of which we have heard recently where there is no pastor. In a year or two we shall be sending forth our first graduates; some of them will no doubt enter these needy places. God grant that it may be so. But

between the present development of the school and the ultimate goal of achievement, there are many unsolved problems. They are as follows:

1. Next year another national teacher will be needed on the staff. At present the tuition and other funds received barely meet the needs of the four national teachers now employed.

2. A missionary couple will be needed to relieve missionaries now working in the school. Brother and Sister Carl Hixenbaugh were planning on returning to help in the Bible School, at the end of their furlough, but recently Brother Hixenbaugh was promoted to glory.

3. A Bible School building with accommodations for six classes, a chapel and office space is desperately needed. The Hixenbaughs had planned to present the needs of the school, raise funds and bring back needed materials. Who will step into this gap, take up the burden and help meet these needs?

\$2000 Needed to Erect New Bible School Building

Let me introduce you to the present home of the Assemblies of God Bible Institute located at Pleebo, Liberia. This inadequate building has served over a period of eight or nine years. It was used first as missionary dwelling for the Crabaugh family; next, as tool house and workshop; later, as dormitory for annual convention guests; and finally, as home of the Bible School which is only a little over a year old.

As each school term has opened, another wall has been torn down in order to make room for the ever-expanding school. At the present time there are four classrooms and a bookstore under this small roof. A fifth classroom is in another building a few feet away. But there is need for yet more room. Since no more walls can be safely torn down, a temporary extension is now under construction.

Actually, instead of building an extension with mud-stick walls and thatch roof, a building of cement blocks and aluminum roofing should be erected. But due to lack of funds and materials, we are making the most of what we have and praying that God will provide a permanent building.

If you could see the old thatch roof, and the water leaking through onto the piazza, you would agree with us that we need a building with a permanent roof. And if you could see how the termites have eaten through the woodwork so that we cannot make a doorway between two classrooms without the

whole wall collapsing, you would agree that a new building was essential. Finally, if you could see how crowded we are when the entire student body is together for a chapel service, and how there is so little room for us to walk among the students to pray with them when the Spirit of God is moving, you would be thoroughly convinced that we should be enabled to "tear down..." and build better. Instead, we have to continually "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes!"

We are not ungrateful for what the Lord has given us. We praise Him for providing a school and raising up fine students and teachers; but we expect to grow, and growth requires room. To provide this room takes money and materials. Now we know that our Father is rich but we are also well aware of the fact that He has entrusted a good amount of His riches to His children. Perhaps He has put in your hands that which He would have you give so that a better Bible School building may be erected for God's work in the Cape Palmas section of Liberia.

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Revival in South Africa

John and Mabel Richards

In the month of December, Evangelist Oral Roberts held meetings in Johannesburg in which thousands came to the Lord. We continued holding services among the natives; without native help

we launched forward in the name of the Lord. In the first service es fifteen souls came to the Lord; and in all four services thirty repented. The farmers were more than happy over the changed lives in these natives, as they witnessed them giving up their beer and tobacco.



John Richards

A number of natives received healing from the Lord during these meetings. Especially wonderful was the healing of our hostess who had been afflicted with chronic mastitis. After sharpening the axe of faith in a precious little prayer meeting we rebuked the power of the enemy and told the lady to go and examine herself. She came out of her room with tears of joy streaming down her face; for the lump, which had been as big as half an orange, had completely disappeared and the pain was gone. Truly God is good!

Pastor David Mzolo gave a good report of the blessing of the Lord in the work at Orlando. In general the work had picked up and the Sunday School en-

rollment had reached 200.

At one of the meetings two blind men not being able to get into the healing line begged Brother Mzolo to pray for them. He did so, and one of the blind men was healed. A few days later the man who had been healed met Brother Mzolo in a shop and thanked him for praying. At the same time they brought a crippled man to Brother Mzolo. The man was so badly crippled that he not only had two crutches but was also assisted by two other men. The Lord healed this dear man so completely that he left his crutches lying on the ground, and walked away alone to the car that had brought him to Brother Mzolo. Praise the Lord!

In a recent revival at the church 193 came to Christ and 55 of these were healed of their sicknesses. It has been a great encouragement to everyone.



.they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, June 6

DAVID AND GOLIATH-1 Samuel 17:39-49

"Then said David to the Philistine, ... I come to thee in the name of the Lord" (v. 45).

Three factors stand out very forcibly in this scripture: (1) action; (2) individuality; (3) trust in the name of the Lord. These same factors can be found in soul-winning or any form of Christian service.

Action comes as a result of loving concern. The realization that someone is in need or difficulty motivates a Christian to action. Take Peter for an example (Acts 3). As his eyes fell upon that poor lame man his heart was moved with compassion, and immediately his faith went into action-he prayed "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man," and then Jesus did the rest!

Friend, God works the very same way today-through individuals. If we will only allow Him to stir up our faith, we will be driven to action by the great needs all around us. What joy then will be ours as we yield our life, time and talents into the hands of the Lord. As the Christian goes forward-not in his own wisdom and strength, but in the name of the Lord-his life is bound to become fruitful and blessed.

Thank God for the revelation of the power in that precious name of "Jesus!" God will always honor those who honor His Son. Let us determine in our hearts today to honor Jesus Christ, our glorious leader and soon coming King!

-HARRY M. MYERS

TUESDAY, June 7

THE DEFIANCE OF GOLIATH-1 Samuel 17:1-11

"And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day" (v. 10).

God's children are often confronted with giants. In the person of Goliath, Israel was threatened by an adversary for which she was no match. The natural resources of Israel were insufficient to meet the challenge thrown out by the evil Philistine. Saul himself was head and shoulders above all other men in Israel, yet he was no match for this giant. Since Saul was accustomed to depending upon natural resources rather than on God, when he heard the words of Goliath he was dismayed and greatly afraid, and all Israel with him. What a contrast we see in the lad, David, who went out to meet the giant, trusting not in natural armor but in the name of the Lord God.

We are constantly challenged by adversaries and circumstances too big for us. God continually allows us to meet giants in the way. We should thank God when He places us in circumstances so far beyond our natural resources that we are forced to look to Him for deliverance. It is good to be "crowded to Christ." As Paul declared, our strength is made perfect in weakness. How are we planning to meet the giants along our road today-by trusting in our own resources, or by relying upon the Almighty?

-MELVIN L. HODGES

WEDNESDAY, June 8

THE COWARDICE OF ISRAEL—1 Samuel 17:21-30

Would a child of God ever merit the title "coward"? After all the Lord has done for us, could we be as guilty as Israel when faced by the foe? Would fear grip our hearts? Let us examine ourselves in the light of His Word.

It was the Spirit of God, resting upon David, that gave him the courage to face the enemy of the people of God. Israel was discouraged to the point of cowardice, because this same Spirit did not rest upon their leader, King Saul. But their cowardice soon turned to courage and rejoicing as they witnessed the exhibition of David's faith in God-faith that disregarded the strength of the Philistine.

The Church of Jesus Christ must ever be engaged in its battle to rescue the lost and to stand against the kingdom of Satan. But we cannot face the enemy in our own strength -we know we "can do nothing" of ourselves. We must have the Spirit of God resting upon us. In the spiritual issues of life, as well as moral and natural conflicts, we are cowards without the Anointing. But clothed with the power of God we can say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

-Loine C. Honderick

THURSDAY, June 9

THE COURAGE OF DAVID-1 Samuel 17:31-37

None can be a leader without the quality of courage. It is said of Paul, "He thanked God, and took courage" (Acts 28:15). Courage is based on thankful remembrance. There is plenty to make one thankful. Visit a mental institution, and

THE NEW GOLIATH



you come away thankful for sanity. Move your arm freely and you are thankful that it is neither amputated nor in a cast. Look across the seas and you are thankful that you live in America and not behind the Iron Curtain.

David never forgot his deliverance from the bear and the lion. His spirit of appreciation lent itself to courage. Nothing is more inspiring than the testimony, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." A testimony like that reduces the future to a correct perspective. "David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine" 37). In the moment of courage the child of God commits himself into the divine strategy for his life.

-C. M. WARD

FRIDAY, June 10

THE VICTORY OF DAVID-1 Samuel 17: 50-58

"But there was no sword in the hand of David" (v. 50).

Conventional weapons were not employed against the Philistine, because David was a man of faith. He recognized that this was not a battle between two armies, but rather a conflict between righteousness and evil. God's glory and Israel's good were at stake. But man can't fight spiritual battles with carnal methods: "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

Today's spiritual battles will be won by the same methods and with the same weapons. There was no sword in the hand of David, but there was a strong dynamic faith in his heart-and this brought victory. The outcome of your battles and the Church's battles are related to God's glory just as surely as

Israel's conflict.

The absence of a sword was not to suggest weakness or incompetence. It accentuated strength because it brought into focus the source of true power-faith in God to meet and grant victory in the most difficult circumstances. What God has done for others He will do for you. Depend upon the Sword of the Spirit.

-JAMES W. VAN METER

SATURDAY, June 11

CHRISTIAN VICTORY—Romans 8:26-39

"The Spirit also helpeth . . ." (v. 26). Are we as Christians enjoying the help

of the Holy Spirit as much as God intended? Are there not times when we fail to appropriate to ourselves the ministry of the Holy Spirit? In the baptism of the Spirit we receive more than an experience or blessing from the Lord. The Third Person of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit, comes to make our bodies His tabernacle and to be our constant Companion.

Jesus used the word "Comforter" in describing the Spirit. The word means "One called alongside to help." The Spirit helps us in our prayer life and in our infirmities. The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Are you enjoying the help of the Spirit as you pray? If you let Him, He will come to your aid in the hour of perplexity and uncertainty. He will pray through you for God's will to be done in your life and for His help to be given in your hour of need.

The Holy Spirit will help us to understand His Word; the Lord will make it light and life to us as we read it with the anointing of His Spirit. The Spirit gives us power to witness for Christ. But He can help us only as we let Him help us. We must keep our lives yielded

to the Spirit.

—VICTOR D. TRIMMER

Sunday School lesson for June 12, 195 "David and Goliath" (1 Samuel 17:39-49). 1955-

One Million "Juvenile Delinquents"

(Continued from page three)

lived and played with children. The sweet influence of normal surroundings molded character and inculcated basic decency into their lives. Today, little minds and bodies carry too big a load. Radio, television, and motion pictures saddle their little minds and emotions with situations in which even adults find difficulty in dealing.

The comics are, perhaps, the greatest offenders in lifting little children out of the innocency and beauty of childhood into the problems of adulthood, and not normal adulthood but criminal and un-

natural adulthood.

If we do not do something soon and if there is not a change, these things will wreck the foundations of our national life. We must talk plainly about a cure for the terrible criminality and vandalism which is driving law enforcement authorities to distraction.

I write now to parents. God has made parents responsible for the actions of their children. Certainly this generation of children needs some old-fashioned, Biblical discipline. I do not think there is any solution of the juvenile delinquency problem until parents are held responsible for what the juveniles are doing.

Make the weak-willed, loose-living parents pay for the damage that is done and they will wake up and do something about their vandalistic youngsters, if only to protect their own pocketbooks. Let us hear what the Word of God says:

The Book of Proverbs is filled with wisdom for parents, and it says: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

"Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying'

(Proverbs 19:18).

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Proverbs 22:15).

Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Proverbs 23:13, 14).

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15).

"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" (Proverbs 29:17).

Let me repeat, there is no cure for this juvenile delinquency problem until parents assume responsibility for their children. Thousands of parents completely neglect their children-body, mind, soul, and spirit. Some look after their children's bodies and minds. Their teeth are well taken care of. They are given nourishing food, but their spiritual needs are utterly neglected and the children are taught nothing of the Lord and His

The New Testament says: "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Parents, that does not mean that the children shall have no discipline. The grace of God does not permit sin and lawlessness. You must hold a firm hand in love over your children; without prayer and God's leadership, these terrible days are impossible to the right upbringing of them. If we had godly homes, with prayer, discipline and family altars, we would not have the criminality that we have today in the lives of mere babies.

This is solemn, and should be a warning-there are many in our land (and some of them are city authorities) who are recommending a return of the whipping post. They are boldly saying that if parents neglect their duty and fail to curb and discipline their children, then someone must do it or else conditions which are already terrible will become completely unbearable. Some officers of the law are just about ready to demand that the older ones among the youthful vandals must be punished in public before they will have the fear of God and of the law in their hearts.

They are suggesting that parents be made to punish their children publicly for this destructive criminality. In this way, the careless parents will be brought



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to shame for their moral indifference and inexcusable carelessness, and other children in the community will learn that they cannot get away with their lawlessness.

It is strange that no one has seemed to think that there might have been a connection between this tremendous vandalism on the part of children and the pictures that they see in "comics" and on TV-barroom fights where everything is broken, the whole place smashed, while people cheer. Youngsters cannot rationalize as oldsters can. There is a direct contact between their sensory system and motor activities, and as soon as they get an opportunity they recreate what they have seen. There is no escaping the fact that at least the more bold and realistic of the youngsters will never be satisified with toy guns and imitation gang warfare. They must have reality.

Let Christians everywhere gird for action and do something before it is too late! There must be 20,000,000 Bible-believing church members in America. There are thousands of pastors who know the truth. We must stand together and stand up to combat not only the delinquency itself, but also the causes and the false cures that are being offered.

Fundamental to all of the causative conditions is the terrible fact of sin. There is one cure for sin—"The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

There is one way to save this generation and that is to bring them to Christ in God. There is an old adage which says, "It is better to build a fence at the top of a cliff than to build a hospital at the bottom." We are waiting until the youngsters plunge over the cliff into crime, into degradation, drunkenness, drug addiction and a thousand other forms of sin; then we will become excited!

The question is, What are we doing to put an end to those institutions and those procedures which are destroying the young people, for whom Christ died?

—"Calvary Pulpit," New York City.

HEALED OF RHEUMATIC FEVER

In February 1954 I was suddenly stricken with rheumatic fever, which I had contracted while in the army. Soon I was unable to get out of bed. Nearly all of my joints were stiff and swollen, and I was in great pain.

I had seen the Lord heal members of my own family and many others, and I determined by His grace to trust Him for my healing.

My pastor, Brother Pollard, and the people of the church were faithful and began to pray for me. On the fifth night after I was stricken they gathered in our home and prayed the prayer of faith. The Lord healed me while they were praying. I was able to get out of bed, and as the lame man of old I leaped and praised God.

More than a year has passed since my healing, and I am still strong and well. I give all the praise to Jesus.—Gene L. Thorson, Seibert, Colo.

(Endorsed by Albert V. Pollard, Pastor, Cope, Colo.)



Home for the Homeless

Of all the institutions of Christendom, the home is the most important. Children, exposed for hours each day to varying degrees of worldliness and godlessness at school and at play, find a spiritual haven in the Christian home.

But what of the children who have no such haven? What of the boys and girls who have no parents to give them the shelter, food, clothing, and Christian care they need? Sin or sickness has swept away their security and they are left at the mercy of any who might care enough to help.

How fortunate these little ones are when an Assemblies of God pastor or friend learns of their need and arranges for them to go to our National Children's Home. Scores of young lives have been led into the path of righteousness in this Home.

Next Sunday, June 12, will be Children's Day. The Executive Presbyters of the Assemblies of God have designated this as an appropriate time for all our Assemblies to receive a special offering for the National Children's Home. Will you assume a share of responsibility for the Home? Share because you care for these homeless boys and girls who have come under the care of your church. (Offerings for the Home may be sent to the Department of Benevolences, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri

Indian Missions in Wisconsin

Among Stockbridge, Menominee and Oneida Indian tribes in north central Wisconsin, Brother and Sister Norman Rehwinkel have labored for six and a half years.

Before taking full charge of the Indian Mission at Gresham, Wisconsin, Brother and Sister Rehwinkel pioneered an Assembly at Wittenburg 23 miles distant. This work at Wittenburg began in 1947 and now the congregation has built a fine building 40 by 24 feet in size. In 1948, when the Lester Clevelands of Wausau came to pastor the Wittenburg church, the Rehwinkels turned their full attention to ministry among the Indians.

The work among the Catholic-dominated Menominees has required much patience and waiting on God. Knowing that the Holy Spirit was able to open the hearts of the people to see their need of Christ, the Rehwinkels were faithful in visiting the Indians and distributing clothing to the needy families.

Services have been held in a one-room school. These facilities have been crowded to the limit with six Sunday School classes and an average attendance of fifty each Sunday.

Early this year an opening came among an outcast group of the Menominees who still follow the pagan customs. At their ceremonies they beat drums and dance all night. Hours are spent in feasting and sitting in a circle while they pass out a drug called "peyote." Strange to say, this ritual is called "prayer." These Indians, in bondage to dope, drink, and tobacco, desperately need the message of Christ, the Deliverer.

One man who lived in this pagan settlement argued with Brother Rehwinkel concerning this drug. He even quoted Bible verses in an effort to justify the



Children attending VBS at the Assemblies of God Indian Mission, Gresham, Wisconsin. The Stockbridge, Oneida and Menominee tribes are represented in the picture.

use of "peyote." But finally, after listening to the message of Christ many times, this man was stricken and while on his death bed called upon God for mercy.

At the present time, an Oneida couple, Brother and Sister Theodore Doxtator, are working faithfully at Zoar, the pagan settlement. Souls have been saved and sick bodies healed in answer to prayer.

There have been times when the enemy seemed to prevail. Discouragements—and sometimes indifferences on the part of the Indians—have taken their toll. But these missionaries, ever holding to the promises of God and claiming victory through Christ, have remained steadfast in their ministry of the Word of God.

In March, Brother and Sister Rehwinkel reported that God had abundantly answered prayer and sent a revival among the Indians. One of their Sunday School teachers said that four members of her class had accepted Christ. Another, with unmistakable joy, said that three in her class had surrendered their hearts to Jesus. One man testified to the joy of salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which he had just received.

With the vision of a pioneer, Brother Rehwinkel is stepping out in faith to establish an Assembly at Bowler, ten miles west of the Gresham Indian Mission, and adjacent to the old Stockbridge Reservation. This work thus far is not primarily an Indian work, but was begun with the intention of establishing an Assembly and enlarging the field for Indian missions.

Recently the Rehwinkels were called to a home near Bowler to pray for a seven-month-old infant whose head and body were swollen one-third above normal size. A doctor had told them that if the baby lived until morning, they should take him to a specialist in Green Bay. After prayer the swelling began to subside and the child breathed normally. Two days later he was perfectly well, with no sign of the affliction.

As a result of God's miracle-working power, four older brothers of this baby attended services in Bowler. (The baby's father took his own life last year, and its mother is an alcoholic.)

Our missionaries to the Indians feel a divine compulsion in their work. With the urgency of the Spirit upon them, the love of God within them, and the good news of salvation on their lips they are not relaxing their efforts. They refuse to yield ground to the enemy. As a result, the work of winning souls among the American Indians goes on with ever-



Brother and Sister Norman Rehwinkel, Missionaries to the Indians.

increasing interest and gratifying results. From every field of labor, reports of revival blessing are received. The tangible results of Indian Missions are heart-warming.

As the missionaries labor closely with the Indians and see the darkness of their lives, their hearts are moved with compassion toward them. Each of our missionaries has a burning desire in his heart to see the names of precious Indian souls recorded in heaven.

They cannot enlarge the scope of their efforts, however, without increased finances. Funds are desperately needed to enlarge or rebuild in some places, while workers in other places plead with us for help in getting their first building erected.

Will you help us to garner the precious grain by designating an offering for "Indian Missions"? Send your gifts to:

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

HAMLIN, PA.—A goodly number were saved during the meeting with Evangelist Leon Morrow of Dallas, Tex. Some were filled with the Holy Spirit, and others were marvelously delivered from their sicknesses and infirmities.—George W. Clement, Pastor, First Pentecostal Church.

GREENVILLE, TEX.—Evangelists Leslie and Oleta Eldridge were with us for 2½ weeks. Several were saved and a number filled with the Holy Spirit.—E. W. Hancock, Pastor.

CRANE, TEX.—Evangelist Ken George of Hobbs, N. Mex. was with us for two weeks. God blessed in every service. Six were saved, and we had an increase in the Sunday School.—J. R. Brasher, Pastor.

AN URGENT NEED!

Good, used songbooks such as "Songs of Praise," "Assembly Songs," or "Full Gospel Songs" are urgently needed by the Indian missionaries. If you have songbooks available for this purpose, kindly mark the parcel "Used Songbooks" and mail it to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

SEYMOUR, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Ronald L. Hudson of New London, Conn. were with us for three weeks. Two were saved and three filled with the Holy Ghost. A number testified that the Lord had healed them of various afflictions. The Sunday School soared to a monthly average of 82.—J. Ruel Baxter, Pastor, First Assembly of God sembly of God.

OPELIKA, ALA.—Close to a dozen came to the altar to seek God during the meeting with Evangelist T. O. Thomas of Port Arthur, Tex. We had an increase of 70 in our Sunday School for two successive Sundays. The interest was good, and some nights we brought in extra chairs to take care of the crowds. Several definite healings were reported. We enjoyed the singing, playing, and preaching of Brother Thomas.—C. E. Simms, Pastor, West End Assembly of God God.

ALEXANDRIA, LA.-We are rejoicing in the ALEXANDRIA, LA.—We are rejoicing in the Lord for a gracious outpouring of His Spirit during a three-week meeting with Evangelist R. W. Wimberly of Bastrop, La. The meeting closed on Easter Sunday. Five were saved, seven received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 15 or 20 were refilled. Five were baptized in water, and seven joined the church. We are grateful for the sincere, anointed preaching of Brother Wimberly. Will you pray with us that the revival blessing will continue in our midst.—A. F. Hanks, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

TEMPLETON, CALIF.—We thank the Lord for the way the church here has grown since August, 1950, when Mrs. Hickerson and called to be the pastors. First we added more sates, but still our space was inadequate; so we asked the people to pray about a building program. The folk are not wealthy, but they have a rich Father in heaven and He made it possible for us to build an addition to the church. On February 21 this addition was dedicated by J. W. Dollins, our Sectional Presbyter. We have increased 100 per cent since 1950 and we are still growing. The church was set in order and still growing. The church was set in order and incorporated in 1953.—Thomas Hickerson, Pastor.

WALTON, N. Y.—Evangelist Levi L. Storms of Sherburne, N. Y. was with us for a meeting in March. The presence of God was very real Brother Storms preached under the anointing of the Spirit. Several were saved and many testified to bodily healing. One lady testified that a tumor passed from her body.

The church celebrated its first anniversary while Brother Storms was with us. He also assisted with our first baptismal service in which 18 were immersed in water. The Sunday School had a record attendance of 70.

At the close of the meeting, the church was organized as a sovereign Assembly with 25 charter members. Joseph R. Flower, our District Superintendent, conducted the business meeting.—Philip C. Crandall, Pastor.

REVIVALTIME MESSAGE HEARD ON 323 STATIONS EACH WEEK!

The report below is from a few of the Districts that more than met their RE-VIVALTIME budget for April. They (and others like them) help to take REVIVALTIME into weak Home Missionary fields, and carry the financial load of the foreign stations now carrying the broadcast. They are helping to make REVIVALTIME a powerful agency for gospel missionary work.

EASTERN DISTRICT

72 churches gave	\$ 841.87
Personal offerings	\$1,450.69
Total giving for month	\$2,292.56
Total cost of radio in Easter	
District	\$2,143.01
30.9% of the churches co-	operated.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT	
29 churches gave	\$572.03
	\$111.50
	\$683.53
Total cost of radio in Louisiana	
District	\$366.56
25% of the churches co-operated	d.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

28	churches	gave	\$175.31
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Personal offerings	\$446.05
Total giving	\$621.36
Total cost of radio in Minr	nesota
District	\$299.56
20.7% of the churches co	o-operated.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

MOKIMMESI DISTRICT	
76 churches gave\$	558.44
Personal offerings\$1	,488.97
Total giving\$2	,047.41
Total cost of radio in Northwest	
District\$	823.12

28.9% of the churches co-operated.

REVIVALTIME is now released on 323 stations. Fifteen of these are outside the United States. A phenomenal growth is taking place in the Assemblies work in British Guiana, South America, under the Chows' ministry. The work is being spearheaded by REVIVALTIME. Similar reports come from other fields. Many home missionary efforts are being strengthened by the release of REVIV-ALTIME with its pungent evangelistic ministry each Sunday evening. The ministry of REVIVALTIME still shows a strong, steady growth after eighteen months on the network.

McCOMB, MISS.-After serving as pastor here for some time, we resigned as of April 24 to enter evangelistic work or to do whatever the Lord leads us to do. We thank God for the continuous growth of the church since we came to McComb. We remodeled the church building, finished the outside with brick veneer, and re-decorated the inside completely. The congre-gation now has one of the most attractive build-ings in the Mississippi District. (Our new address is Route 6, Box 665, Pensacola, Florida.)—O. H.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—The Assembly here is young, only 2½ years old, and we were hungry for an outpouring of Pentecostal power in our midst. Evangelist L. C. Robie came for a meeting, and God began to pour out His mighty power. Every night souls found Christ as their personal Saviour—as many as six in a single night. The Lord baptized people with the Holy Spirit and delivered them from physical ailments. Good sight was restored to people with poor vision, and hearing to the deaf.

The evangelist is gone, but the revival spirit continues. The church is greatly blessed and

continues. The church is greatly blessed, and the attendance is increasing. The people of our city now know that Pentecost is real. We appreciated Brother Robie's ministry.-Joseph Caetta, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

JAMAICA, N. Y.—In March, we had a five-night meeting with Evangelist Richard R. Vin-yard. We had been praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and God met us in a wonder-ful way. Sixty-three responded to the altar call— some for salvation and others for a deeper life in God. Two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed of various afflictions including tumors, hernias, blindness and deafness. A man who had been bound by smoking for 25 years was instantly delivered.

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Our church had a mortgage of \$27,000 including \$11,500 in private loans. We prayed concerning this and in two weeks' time God gave us \$11,500 in a miraculous way to pay off all our private loans. We praise God for the liberty of the Spirit in our midst.—G. D. Morriello, Pastor, Bethlehem Church.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 19 days before the date which appears upon it.

STAPLETON, NEBR.—Assembly of God, begins May 31; Evangelist and Mrs. Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (E. L. McNaughton is Pastor.)

OSHAWA, ONT., CANADA—May 30—June 12; Busse Evangelistic Team. (R. A. Bombay is

WEST PLAINS, MO.—Month of June; Evangelist Derrel Friend.—by E. L. Hance, Pastor.

SUTHERLIN, OREG.—Assembly of God, June 14—19; children's revival with Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Herbert Brown is Pastor.)

ARANSAS PASS, TEX.—First Assembly of God, June 12—26; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Alsup, Oklahoma City, Okla. (H. L. Walker is Pastor.)

CHICAGO, ILL.—Mont Clare Gospel Church, Cor. Neenah and Barry Aves., begins May 31; Evangelist John C. Poteet.—by M. J. Gebhart,

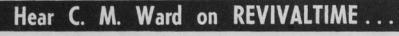
WELLS, MINN.—Tent meeting, May 29—June 19; Evangelist Orie Hosmer and Party.—by Edwin Gunderson, Pastor.

CARTHAGE, MO.—Assembly of God, 10th and Lyon, May 29—June 12; Evangelist Jimmie Brown.—by C. C. Truitt, Pastor.

MONTROSE, COLO.—June 5-26; Evangelists O. E. and Hallie Gaddis, Arkansas City, Kans. (Everett Schoneman is Pastor.)

VIRGINIA, ILL.—June 5—19; Evangelist G. L. McKinney, Siloam Springs, Ark.—by Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Pastors.

QUINLAN, TEX.—Cain's Chapel Assembly of God, began May 29; Evangelist and Mrs. LeRoy Fleck, Houston, Tex.—by Claud E. Johnson,



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SERMON SUBJECT FOR JUNE 5

ABC NETWORK SUNDAY 10:30 P.M.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—City Auditorium (scating 2500), June 5—15; Evangelist Louise Nankivell, Chicago, Ill.—by Bernard B. Ridings, Pastor.

CLEARWATER, FLA.—First Assembly of God, May 29—June 12; Evangelist Don Carroll, Columbus, Ga.—by A. L. Shell Jr., Pastor.

KEY WEST, FLA.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 801 Georgia St., June 12—26; Evangelist Harold (Bo) Daniels, Atlanta, Ga.—by L. Wayne Pitts, Pastor.

MANHATTAN, KANS.—Assembly of God, June 12—26; Palser Evangelistic Party, Big Springs, Nebr.—by Ernie Camery, Pastor.

LINEVILLE, IOWA—June 7—19; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (E. E. Templeton is Pastor.)

HARRODSBURG, IND.—Assembly of God, June 7—19; Evangelist and Mrs. William Moorman, Bedford, Ohio.—by Howard G. Skinner, Pastor.

HOWELL, MICH.—Assembly of God, began May 29; Evangelists Lyman and Helen Jollay.—by Stanley G. Hicks, Pastor.

DEADWOOD, S. DAK.—May 29—June 12; Hardy Steinberg of Central Bible Institute.—by Reino Tilus, Pastor.

ELIM CONFERENCE—Cedar Beach on Lake Sincoe near Beaverton, Ont., Canada, June 30—Sept. 5. Speakers: Fred H. Parlee, Harry Faught, W. G. McPherson, Charles Ratz, C. H. Bronsdon. For further information or reservations write Elim Conference, Box 186, Beaverton, Ont., Canada.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Third Anniversary and Homecoming of Normal Assembly, June 5; Bert Webb, speaker. Jones Quintet from Gadsden, Tenn., singing. Services in the morning, afternoon, and evening; dinner on the grounds at noon.—by Floyd H. Jones, Pastor.

MT. VERNON, OHIO—Trinity Assembly of God, 801 W. High St., June 5—12; former Chaplain Mel Jennings, Royal Oak, Mich.—by Linden Ford, Pastor.

PATERSON, N. J.—Bethany Church, Cor. Broadway and Summers St., June 14—July 3; Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—by E. V. Berquist, Pastor.

TIFTON, GA.—First Assembly of God, June 5-12; Musical Petersens of Texas. (Lucy Whatley is Pastor.)

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.—First Assembly of God, June 7-19; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl E. Perry. (Charles H. Harthern is Pastor.)

STIGLER, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, begins June 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Odgon, Muldrow, Okla.—by Dale D. Starling, Pastor.

NAPLES, FLA.—Assembly of God, June 5-19; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Ft. Myers, Fla. (Anton Jensen is Pastor.)

RICHLAND, WASH.—First Assembly of God, June 8-19; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn.—by W. A. Buck, Pastor.

ASHLAND, KY.—Tent meeting, began May 29; Evangelist Harry Hampel, Denver, Colo.—by C. C. Grant, Pastor.

NAPANEE, ONT., CANADA—Evangel Temple, 80 Richard St., June 12-26; Evangelist and Mrs. W. F. Voodre, Durant, Fla. (E. L. Ripley is Pastor.)

MACON, GA.—First Assembly of God, 2290 2nd St., begins June 14; Evangelist J. F. Pepper, San Pedro, Calif. (C. M. Hicks is Pastor.)

SEATTLE, WASH.—West Seattle Assembly of God, begins June 5; Evangelist Allan Wood.—by Roy E. Southard, Pastor.

SEGUIN, TEX.—Begins June 12; Evangelist E. E. Pendergrass. (W. F. Bishop is Pastor.)

OKANOGAN, WASH.—June 12-26; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (H. E. Hansen is Pastor.)

GATEWAY, ARK.—Assembly of God, begins June 5; Evangelist James Bugg, Grand Rapids, Mich.—by Ray Garrison, Pastor.

BUTLER, MO.—Fellowship Meeting and Dedication of new church, June 14; D. A. Hastie, District Superintendent, officiating. All former pastors invited.—by Clyde Davis, Pastor.

CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—West Side Assembly of God, Texas and Tenth Sts., began May 29; Evangelist and Mrs. Bernie Conley, Waxahachie, Tex.—by Irvin E. Smith, Pastor.

WAUSAU, WIS.—Dedication revival, June 5-19. Dedication of new church and fellowship meeting, June 6; C. M. Ward, speaker. Meetings with Evangelist Christian Hild beginning June 8.—by Earle L. Cleveland, Pastor.

DISTRICT COUNCILS

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL—Simpson Methodist Church, 21st and Sassafras Sts., Erie, Pa., June 7—9; C. M. Ward, guest speaker. For reservations write host pastor, C. E. Bell, 1404 Patterson Ave., Erie, Pa.—by Adolphus T. Smith, District Secretary-Treasurer.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL—Central Assembly of God, Division and Lee Sts., Biloxi, Miss., June 14—16; J. O. Savell, guest speaker. W.M.C. Convention, June 14. Council sessions open at 10 a.m., June 15, preceded by a fellowship rally on night of June 14. C. A. election on Wednesday afternoon. J. F. Ballard, District Superintendent, in charge.—by E. E. Noland, District Secretary-Treasurer.



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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Security in the Atomic Age

The Iron Mountain Atomic Storage Corporation offers to store records and other valuables in sealed metal cylinders in its bomb-proof underground vault near Hudson, New York. Some corporations have already transferred records there.

Such is life in the atomic age. But the security that Christ offers is better: life that is indestructible, a body that will be redeemed from the grave, and an eternal inheritance "incorruptible, and undefiled...reserved in heaven for you." We are kept by the power of God, bomb or no bomb. Have you put your faith in Him?

Weekly Prayers for Peace

A news story from Miami, Florida, is a commentary on the times. It tells us that the civil air defense siren blows at 1 p.m. every Saturday afternoon, at which time all the citizens of Miami are expected to pause a minute to pray for world peace. The city commission issued a proclamation urging all to participate in the observance.

That's all right as far as it goes, but it's a poor substitute for the old days when people listened for the church bell, not for the air raid siren, to call them to worship. And when they prayed, it was not for one minute only. People need to repent before they can expect their prayers for world peace to move the Lord; and it is seldom that a work of repentance can be wrought in just a few seconds.

Bible Balloons Launched

Some 10,000 balloons carrying Bible portions and gospel tracts were released in eastern Europe this spring. Officials of the International Council of Christian Churches, sponsor of the project, expect to launch another 90,000 balloons by the end of summer.

Each balloon carries an assortment of gospel literature printed in Czech, Slovak, Polish, Russian, and German. The balloons, launched from a spot in Western Germany on the Czechoslovakian border, are borne beyond the Iron Curtain on the wings of the wind. The Communists, who take many pains to keep human missionaries out of their lands, cannot keep God's winds from blowing, nor can they keep His truth from shining into the hearts of men.

Preaching to Russians

Give the Russian people half a chance and they quickly respond to the gospel. During the World Congress on Evangelism this spring, special rallies were held in Sao Paulo in various languages — Japanese, German, English, Yiddish, and Russian, besides Portuguese. The rally in the Russian language drew an overflow crowd of more than 1,500 to a downtown theater, where Peter Deyneka did the preaching. When he asked for decisions, scores responded to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

It was reported that the entire Congress was a success. Some 1,200 delegates registered, and crowds of as many as 15,000 gathered to hear the gospel preaching of Bob Cook, president of Youth for Christ International. The delegates held 48 evangelistic crusades in Sao Paulo churches, then fanned out into 47 other Brazilian cities for 55 more gospel campaigns, with glorious results.

Murder in the Bronx

If bloody tales of juvenile violence do not wake us up, what will?

Last month a handsome boy was shot to death in cold blood, while walking up the street in the Bronx, New York. There was no evident reason for the murder. The teen-age killer had nothing against the other boy. In fact, he did not know him; but something made him point the gun at his chest and pull the trigger. That something was sin. The youthful murderer belonged to one of the gangs that are terrorizing New York and other cities throughout the country.

Police Commissioner Adams of New York is following a policy of candor in revealing crime statistics, hoping that the public will be jarred out of its com-



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placency. He said that major crimes in New York during 1954 set a record high of 111,274 felonies. The amazing feature of the situation is the age grouping of the lawbreakers. Increasingly, they belong to the younger ages. The largest group was 12,470 arrests in the 16-to-21-year-old group for offenses of all kinds, an increase over the previous year of 15.8 per cent. Arrests of boys and girls under sixteen rose 25 per cent.

Evangelism among both children and parents is the only remedy for this juvenile delinquency.