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

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# ARE CHRISTIANS KIND?

by OLIVE BISHOP BRANCH

RECENTLY I OVERHEARD A LITTLE BOY telling his requirements for the girl who would someday become his wife. "She must be good-looking, a Christian, and good and kind," he said. He has learned early in life that the term "Christian" does not necessarily guarantee kindness, for not all Christians are kind.

But they ought to be. The Bible lays down a solemn command for us. It says: "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32). God has shown great kindness toward us. If we are truly convinced of the kindness of God as revealed to us in the Lord Jesus Christ, how can we be unkind in dealing with our fellow men?

The word *kind* comes from the same base word as *kin* or *kinsfolk*. If we are kind, we will act toward others as if they were our kinsfolk. We are to feel kindly toward others as toward the members of our own family. It is natural for brothers and kinsfolk to stick together, showing consideration, love, and helpfulness. It is an unnatural family where there is animosity, jealousy, and bickering. There is a tie that binds kinsmen together, and we are spiritual kinsmen if we are in Christ. But we are not to leave off kindness toward those who are outside Christ's fold.

A Christian man often spent Sunday afternoons visiting in the hospitals. One afternoon he sat down beside a wretched, sinful, miserable-looking man and began to talk to him. He sympathized with him because of his pain and suffering, and because of the hard blows life had dealt him. As he talked, the patient pulled the sheet up over his face and began to sob. As the sobs began to die down, the Christian asked, "Why are you so affected by my words?"

"You are the first person who ever said a kind word to me," the patient sobbed, "and I can't stand it."

How many there are in the world who are craving a kind word from someone! Life has been hard, and they have known much harshness and cruelty, but little love and tenderness. If we truly love as Jesus desires, we will prove our love by our deeds. "Love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4). Mere words are often empty, but a show of lovingkindness will soften hard hearts.

"Kindness will unlock more doors and open more human hearts to the gospel

than all the so-called big sermons that are preached without the spirit of love. One little act of kindness will often live a good deal longer than a most magnificent sermon."

A sinful woman had been in jail thirty years. She was known as the "terror of the jail." One day a new warden came, and saw the old woman chained hand and foot and bound to a chair. "Take off those shackles!" she said to an attendant. The attendant remonstrated, but the warden insisted.

With compassion the warden stooped and kissed the sinful creature, putting her arms around her and lifting her up. The woman fell at her feet, tears streaming down her cheeks, crying over and over, "Did you think I could be better?"

The old woman soon changed, and six months later it was whispered, "The old woman has become a Christian." In a year's time the "terror of the jail" became loved as the "angel of the jail." And all because someone was kind to her!

Kindness is not mere soft indulgence. In fact, it must often deny indulgences. The person who constantly fills up a child with ice cream and candy because the child likes it is not being kind to the child. True kindness, though gentle, must sometimes be firm. A parent who never corrects his child's behavior is not being kind to him. Kind parents will train their children in the fear of the Lord and an exemplary life.

Some people are by nature kind. They do not find it difficult to be thoughtful and considerate of others. There are some, however, to whom kindness does not come naturally. It is a characteristic we may all learn, by the grace and help of God. It is probably easy for you to show kindness to a select group. The Master would have you extend that kindness beyond your select circle until it will encompass everyone.

You can learn to be

kind by practicing kindness. Practice kindness every day until it becomes a habit of your life, and you will become known as a person who is kindly in words and deeds.

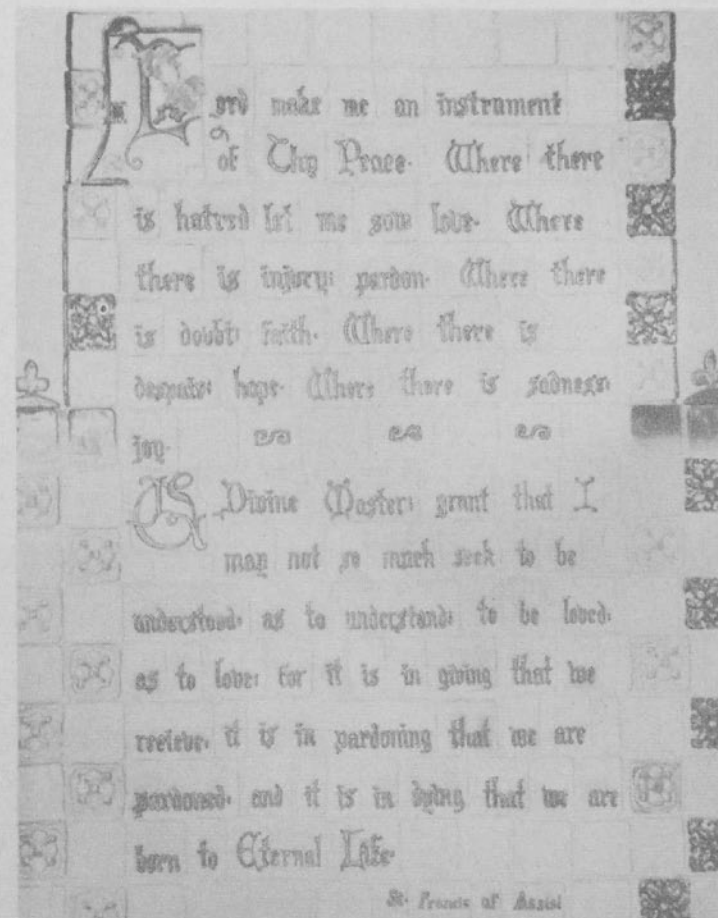
A good man is kind even to his enemies. Jesus did not teach us to hate our enemies, but to love them, to pray for them, and to show kindness toward them wherever possible. His life was filled with deeds of kindness and mercy. He knew that harsh words and rough treatment would never win anyone, but that kindness will often break down prejudices and heal misunderstandings.

A Chinese emperor learned that some of his enemies had stirred up an insurrection against him in a distant province. He said to his officers, "Let us go quickly and destroy them." When the army came to the province, the rebels submitted. The emperor treated his captives in a kindly and loving manner.

One of his ministers came to him with a complaint. "You have not kept your promise," he said. "You promised to destroy your enemies. Instead, you have pardoned them."

The emperor answered, "I promised to destroy my enemies, and I have destroyed them. They are no longer enemies. I have made friends of them."

The world is hungry for kindness. A show of the kindness of Jesus in the lives of His followers would help to bring the world to God. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men" (Galatians 6:10).



"DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST . . ."

# The Call to Evangelism

by Evangelist WILLARD CANTELON



CAN YOU VISUALIZE THE CHIEF CAPTAIN of God's angelic armies warring against Satan for the body of a man? If you can, then you can glimpse the picture portrayed by Jude in verse 9 where he writes, "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses. . . ."

The natural body is a marvelous product of God's creation. It is much more wonderful when yielded to God, as His temple. When Jesus was on earth He ministered in an earthly temple or body, but when He ascended on high He poured out the Holy Spirit upon His followers in order that they might carry on His work. In speaking to the believers Paul writes in I Corinthians 12:27, "Now ye are the body of Christ. . . ." Just as various members make up a natural body, so God has ordained that different men fill various ministries in the body of Christ. "When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. . . . And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. . . ." (Ephesians 4:8, 11).

The story of the Church, from its birthday on the Day of Pentecost until the present hour, is a story of extreme contrasts. From seasons of weakness and defeat it has risen to heights of glorious power and victory. Out of the darkness of spiritual deadness, revival fires have blazed in mighty strength. None can read these accounts without thrilling at the works of God in the times of Luther, Wesley, Knox, Booth, and Finney. With one glance at the pages of the history of the Church, we see that EVANGELISM has been the outstanding characteristic of each revival move of the centuries. The higher the spiritual tide, the more evangelism has been in evidence. And when the Church lapsed into seasons of spiritual deadness, evangelism disappeared.

Charles Finney reasoned most logically that it was not God who moved in cycles, but rather man. The Israelites stirred themselves to earnestly seek God in times of great need—and, behold, a demonstration of God's mighty power was manifested as a result. In like manner, men in past centuries, deeply stirred by the sight of spiritual indifference and worldliness, turned their hearts to intense in-

tercession and saw revivals as a result.

It was not accidental that revival fires burned in the time of John Knox. When his soul became so burdened for the souls of his fellowmen that he cried, "God give me Scotland or I die," there had to be revival! It could not be otherwise! It was not accidental that revival fires burned in the time of the Wesleys. So impressed were they by the awful moral and spiritual state of their land that they determined to set aside great seasons for earnest prayer. Revival, as a result, came in such magnitude that such prominent historians as Lecky wrote, "The preaching of men like Wesley has done more for England than all the battles on land fought by Wellington, all the battles on sea fought by Nelson, and all the politics of William Pitt, Sr. and William Pitt, Jr."

Garrick, perhaps one of the most famous Shakespearean actors of all time, went to hear Whitefield preach. He tells how he pressed through the crowd until he was close to the preacher. He saw a woman seated at Whitefield's feet who cried aloud saying, "Sir, I have heard you preach five times since seven o'clock this morning, and each time the hot scalding tears have flowed down your cheeks." Garrick, the great actor, went on to tell his friends how Whitefield preached until so overcome by emotion that he groaned aloud, "Oh! Oh! Oh!" "If only I could say 'Oh!' like Whitefield," said Garrick, "I would be the greatest actor in the world." The actor, Garrick, never did say "Oh!" like George Whitefield, for this was the cry of the Spirit as expressed by Paul in Romans 8:26, 27. We are reminded of Paul, as he writes in Acts 20:31, "By the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears."

There is no native quality in the human heart that causes it to weep over the souls of men. This comes directly and only from the ministry of intercessory prayer. To study Church history is to come to a positive conclusion that two words have been synonymous with revival: *evangelism* and *intercession*. Just as surely as God has ordained that mothers suffer in bringing children into this world, so is the spiritual principle—"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing

precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5, 6).

If the apostle Paul were living today, we would not hear him mention the difficulty of conducting a successful evangelistic campaign in competition with modern attractions and inventions. He would write exactly what he wrote in Ephesians 6:12, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." He would call for the whole armor of God and climax his appeal just as he does in verse 18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance. . . . (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds)" (2 Corinthians 10:4).

Some phases of Christian work can only be successfully executed by hard effort, but no evangelistic campaign can produce any amount of lasting fruit without intercessory prayer. Announcing an evangelistic campaign, circulating advertising to attract sinners into the church, and other such methods are tremendous incentives to drive the church to more intense prayer. Although men ought always to pray, yet a careful study of the Word reveals that every major undertaking in the Scriptures was preceded by special seasons of prayer. In launching evangelistic campaigns, the church that paves the way with intercession rejoices not only over babes being born spiritually, but over the noticeable spiritual growth and blessing in the lives of those who pray.

Andrew Murray said that Christian growth is not only steady and gradual; it takes a positive forward step as a result of special visitations from God that come in response to seasons of earnestly seeking Him. He spoke of salvation as an experience received suddenly, as well as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The setting aside of special times and seasons for more intense seeking after God, open

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Wanted—

# THE VOICE OF AUTHORITY

by MINA WIARDA

EVERY STATE OF CONFUSION CALLS FOR a voice of authority. Without an authoritative voice the confusion only deepens and widens.

In the wise providence of God, there has been established a voice of authority over every realm of life. God never left a single institution without headship. For every institution He ordained, He indicated who should have the final word, and whose fiat should be observed and obeyed in order for proper and prosperous functioning.

Without such headship, all society breaks down, confusion prevails, and decay overtakes our way of life and our ultimate destiny. The confusion in the world today, and in the church, in the state, and in the home, as well as in individual lives, is a sobering witness to the futility of life without headship.

The final court of appeal is God Himself. When He is not revered, when He is not sought, when He is not feared, when He is not properly honored, all society breaks down. Everyone does what is right in his own eyes. And since man is naturally a reprobate from God, the result of the present-day wholesale abandonment of God can produce nothing but the disintegration of human life and happiness, which is everywhere so prevalent.

God's servant Daniel declared to an ancient emperor, "The God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified!" The same indictment might be made of our world today, not only of the godless hordes now menacing our world, but even of the so-called Christian nations comprising Western civilization.

God gave the Church to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. But her effectiveness as such depends entirely on the voice of authority from her pulpits and her chairs of learning. That voice must be the voice of Christ Jesus—He is the Head of the Church. And the Word of authority must ever be the infallible, inerrant Word of God, the Holy Bible—from Genesis to Revelation. Not a Bible purported merely to contain the word of God, but a Bible that is the Word of God, can speak authoritatively.

When Christ is not recognized nor properly honored in the congregation, confusion prevails, authority is gone, the church is ineffective. The salt has lost its savor and the light has gone out.

Thus the organization becomes nothing more than another voice in the babel of empty sounds to confuse the race.

In the home, likewise, God has established a final authority. He indicated that the husband was to be the head of the home, not to domineer, but to establish and maintain peace. When the head of the family is thus respected and honored, a quietness and confidence prevails. Each one knows what he is to do and what standards he is to maintain. Rebellion, disobedience, and self-will are overcome. But even the head of the home must so function under the authority of the Word of God. Without that authority, all other authority breaks down.

What, however, if the husband and father proves unworthy, incapable, or unwilling? Then it devolves upon the wife, or else the next oldest person in the family circle, to have the place and voice of final authority. A home must never be without a head. Where the need for headship is not recognized as imperative, the children soon become their own masters, to their ruin.

Among the nations of earth, similarly, God established a head. He ordained Israel to occupy that place of leadership, not because she was greater, better, wiser, or more numerous than the other

nations, but simply because of His sovereign, electing grace. But she went her silly way, resisting God's voice and destroying God's spokesmen. The last word we hear Him saying to the nation is a sentence of imminent doom and displacement as head of the nations until such time as they shall mourn for Him whom they pierced and cry for His return.

This age will end in total confusion and great rebellion of nation against nation, all because that which God established in the beginning of the nations was disregarded. The result has been bloodshed and destruction, even as Christ foretold.

This breakdown of leadership, or headship, is felt in every institution. The schools are plagued with it, our courts are hampered by it, our churches suffer under it, our homes break down through it, and individual life is disintegrated by it. Without a head every man breaks down inside—hence the nervousness, fear, insanity, and suicide.

Man wants to rule himself and have his own way, but he is incapable of doing so. God didn't make him that way. When he tries to please himself he breaks down or comes out wrong. Life doesn't add up, doesn't come out right. He wonders whether it is worth while, after all. Not so the person who crowns Christ his King. That man reigns in life. He's not a failure; he's a success. He's not confused; he walks in light and is confident!

The great Apostle said, "I know whom I have believed!" Job affirmed, "I know that my redeemer liveth!" John, the aged, cried, "We know that we are of the truth!" Light comes to those who bow to proper authority. They walk and build with certainty. Their lives are not thrown away on empty vanities. They live with eternity's verities in view. They build, not for time only, but for eternity. They go on forever—not wasted, destroyed, scrapped, consumed! "He who does the will of God abides forever!"

Let authority of God's appointment be re-established—in the individual life, the family, the church, the nation, and in the world of nations—and the peace and blessings of God will abound. We must stoop in order to conquer. We must be conquered before we can conquer. We must become subservient to the right Master before we can effectively serve. All other service is vain and futile.

Saul of Tarsus would have passed into oblivion had he not fallen one day at the feet of God's Man, Christ Jesus, and cried from the depth of his ardent, anguished soul, "What wilt thou have me to do?" That opened the way to total integration, eternal accomplishments, and undying fame. This is what God has for every personality that will likewise bow.

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# The Name We Love

by ETHEL TENNEY

HERE AND THERE ALONG THE STREETS of our cities we see signs bearing the one word, "Shelter." On each sign there is an arrow and it points to a building in which we may find comparative safety in the event of an enemy attack.

God has provided a spiritual shelter, of which it is written, "The righteous runneth into it, and is safe." The arrow of His Word points to a Name—the Name of our Lord. That Name is a strong tower. It is a refuge in which we may safely hide. Though man-made shelters might fail to save us in an atomic war, we are assured that the Name of the Lord is a hiding place that is entirely dependable. It is safer than stone and steel shelters. It is safer than caves. "The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Proverbs 18:10). Though it cannot be seen by our natural eyes, this fortification is more sure and more permanent than any earthly refuge. It is one of those "unseen things," which God's Word declares "are eternal."

First Samuel (chapter 17) records the

story of the Jews' war with the Philistines. The Philistines were camped ready for battle but decided it would be simpler to settle the matter with a duel; so they sent out the giant, Goliath, to challenge Israel. "Send out a man to fight with me," he called. "If I prevail against him, you will be our servants." And the Scriptures declare that Israel's soldiers were dismayed and terrified. But the lad named David heard the boast of this champion as he defied the armies of the living God. His heart was stirred, and he went and offered himself to the King, to go out alone against the giant. King Saul, seeking to give him some protection, put his own helmet and armor upon him, but David put them off, saying, "I cannot go with these, for I have not proved them." He would not trust any earthly shield to save him from Goliath's sword. David had something better. Something he had proved. Something unailing with which to meet the dangerous foe. David had a NAME! That Name, the Word of God assures us, is a strong tower! He was sheltered

in the divine Pavilion and was unafraid. It was not the association of brave men that gave him courage, for all around him were fearful hearts. But there was a NAME! It overshadowed the young man like a cloud.

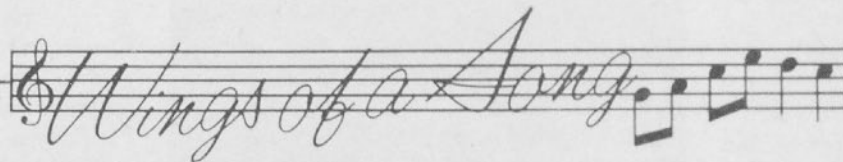
And David went forth. Choosing five smooth stones out of the brook, he put them into a shepherd's bag, and his sling was in his hand. Then the great Philistine drew near. How he cursed David! He disdained this boy who had come against him. But the secret of victory that day was revealed in the word of faith that David spoke: "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield, but I come to thee in the NAME of the Lord of hosts. . . ."

And the Name was David's safety. He was clothed in that Name as he ran to meet the foe. He slung the stone into the giant's forehead, and the Name prevailed!

These events of yesteryear were written for our learning and comfort. We have battles to face, and burdens to bear. These are days of uncertainty and unrest. Many are fearful and discouraged. Sometimes it may seem we have no might to battle against the powers of darkness. But there is a Name! Hallelujah! An exalted Name! The Name is WONDERFUL!

We can run into this Name for salvation. "Neither is there salvation in any other!"

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I turned dejectedly away from the last "Help Wanted" on my list. I was too proud to cry in public, so I forced the tears to drop inside of me, and the ache was only the worse. There just was not any job for a middle-aged woman who had no experience and no former employer as reference. Two weeks of wasted trying were behind me.

I reviewed the situation as I walked hopelessly along towards the small trailer we currently called "home." Fate had stranded me there with my two school-age boys to support . . . and boys seem always hungry.

I turned aside towards the market. I must buy a loaf of bread and some canned milk to go with the big pot of beans I had cooked the night before. I felt inside my purse to make sure I had enough money. I had enough . . . but not much more. In a day or so it would be gone. I had never been so low before. I had never known that people could be so desperate.

I was passing Annie Miller's bleak old house, when it suddenly came alive with joyous singing. I remembered. It was the afternoon for the cottage prayer meeting. They had asked me to come, but I was too busy looking for work to bother. What were they singing, anyway?

"Leave it there, leave it there—

Take your burden to the Lord, and leave it there. . . ."

The music grew in volume till it seemed to fill the whole

neighborhood. The impact of the song finally pierced my soul and the words sank in. They have been embedded there ever since. I had always had faith in God. I had just never thought of applying it to everyday things before. Now, I realized what an abstract thing my Christian life had been.

I scurried the rest of the way home with the tears streaming down my face. I had only a few precious minutes of prayer before the boys came home from school. But Jesus was waiting to forgive me and to shoulder my heavy burdens, leaving me free to worship Him and praise His precious name.

The very next day I got a job washing pots and pans in a hospital kitchen. It was not very long until I was a supervisor in that same hospital kitchen, despite the fact that several of the women under me had worked there for nearly five times as long.

My job was only the first of many blessings God has given me because of that deep and abiding "know so" faith in Him. My prayers are not always answered with a "Yes," but when it is "No" there comes a time later on when I can see that it was better so. I am glad God came to me—in the hour of discouragement and despair—on the wings of a song.

—by Bertha Stephens

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Some years ago the *Christian Digest* printed a story about Czar Nicholas, who loved to disguise himself and mingle with his subjects to hear what they might say.

One night he visited the barracks and listened to the conversation of the soldiers. While passing a tent he noticed a young officer sitting with his head on his arm, sound asleep. The Czar tiptoed to the back of the chair and looked over his shoulder. There on the table before him he saw, to his amazement, a loaded revolver. Beside it was a sheet of paper on which was written a long list of gambling debts.

The Czar noted the total, and was about to turn away when, suddenly, he saw that there was something written below the figure.

Stepping closer, he read the words: "Who can pay so much?"

Like a flash he grasped the situation. The young officer had gambled everything he owned, and he had no way of meeting his obligations. Hence his decision to blow his brains out and end it all. But, after writing the words, "Who can pay so much?" he had fallen asleep. Soon he would awaken, and then....

The Czar at first decided to report him. Then, remembering he was a friend of the young man's father, he changed his mind.

Taking up the pen that had fallen from the young officer's hand, and dipping it in the ink, he looked again at the question before him: "Who can pay so much?"

Then, stooping, he wrote one word underneath: "Nicholas."

Quietly he turned away.

Presently the young officer opened his eyes and picked up the revolver; but when he was about to pull the trigger he glanced once more at the list of his debts. Then he read once more what he had written: "Who can pay so much?"

Suddenly he bent nearer. There was another word on the paper: "Nicholas."

In amazement he dropped the revolver. He recognized the handwriting. His Czar had been there. With joy he read again the answer to his own departing question: "Who can pay so much?" "Nicholas."

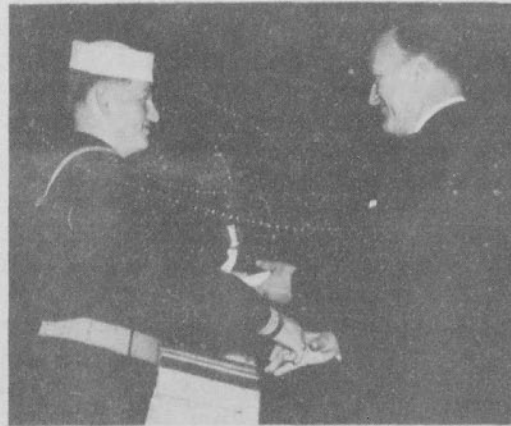
Next morning, surely enough, a messenger came with the money from the Czar. The man's debts were paid and his life saved.

When this young officer saw that name, his fears were gone. His burden lifted. His debts were paid. That NAME was enough to change his despair to joy. His faith in his emperor made everything right. But there is a NAME which is above every name. In this Name is ALL WE NEED.

Sometimes the circumstances may seem impossible. Problems may confuse us. Our sins against the Holy One may over-

whelm us. We have come short of the glory of God, and our hearts cry, "Who can pay so much?" Where can we find deliverance and peace? Where is there a hiding place in the storm? Where can we find salvation? Oh, there is a NAME! Our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. With Him all things are possible. The Name of JESUS changes our night to day. We run into that Name by faith and find peace and rest for our souls. Out of our anxiety and trouble we run into that Name. Out of our burdens and despair we run into that wonderful Place. It is a refuge. We need not fear "though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." That Hiding Place is ours. When darkness and danger come, we run into the Shelter, and there we find salvation and healing. There is protection and peace. There is life and light.

"The NAME of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is SAFE!"



#### HONORED FOR "AMERICAN SPIRIT"

Carl H. Dull (left) Seaman Recruit of the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland, is pictured receiving the American Spirit Honor Medal award from the Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor of the State of Maryland.

The medal is awarded for the display of outstanding qualities of leadership best expressing the American spirit—honor, initiative, loyalty, and high example to comrades in arms—and is awarded by the Citizens Committee for the Army, Navy and Air Force, Inc.

Seaman Recruit Dull is a member of the Assemblies of God Church of W. Third St., Waynesboro, Pa., whose pastor is Fleming Van Meter. His wife, Mrs. Naomi Bradley Dull, resides in Waynesboro.

Each member of the Assemblies of God should thank God for our fine Christian servicemen. Their thoughts turn homeward during the holiday season. They would like to be with their loved ones. Let's uphold them in prayer and send them a reminder of the great appreciation we have for them.

## Scientists Urge Dispersal of Large Cities

A recent editorial in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* by Eugene Rabinowitch, bulletin editor, urged a speedup in the dispersal of city populations and industrial centers vulnerable to attacks by hydrogen bombs. Long range radar screens giving several hours warning together with well-rehearsed plans for the evacuation of cities could offer substantial protection for "only one to three years" from now, the bulletin stated. The reason for this is that guided missiles of high speed are on the way, and there is also the danger that H-bombs may be secretly planted in cellars and warehouses, thereby nullifying any system of prewarning.

From the beginning, atomic scientists have advocated only three permanent type defenses against destructive nuclear weapons. Back in 1945, the atomic scientists issued the following three-point program: World government, international control of atomic energy, or dispersal of cities.

As revealed to us in Bible prophecy, all three points will be carried out. World government shall be established—the tented kingdom as viewed in the feet of the great image—that shall come to pass just a few years before its destruction at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (See Daniel, chapter 2.) There will also be international control of atomic energy for men will yet cry "peace and safety" (1 Thess. 5:3), which means that annihilation by H-bombs will seemingly be averted. But in spite of international agreements or the acceptance of the U. N. Disarmament Plan within a world federation of nations, the proclamation of "peace and safety" will be but the prelude to "sudden destruction." The time will therefore come when cities and industrial centers still standing will be deserted. "The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up that no man may come in.... In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction." (Isa. 24:10-12).

World leaders are holding up the H-bomb and possible greater weapons to frighten people into accepting a "co-operative peace" based on world government. But it is not in the heart of unregenerated men to promote real peace. "The way of peace they know not" (Isa. 59:8). Therefore the present world outlook is for "a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation" (Dan. 12:1), and this includes "blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke," as also foretold in the Scriptures (Joel 2:30-31; Matt. 24:29-30).—*The Midnight Cry*.

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Public Chapel on Capitol Hill

The new chapel in the Methodist building, opposite the Capitol and across the street from the U. S. Supreme Court Building, was dedicated recently. Non-denominational services will be held each Wednesday at noon for persons who work in Capitol offices, the Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress.

This is the first chapel to be available for public use on Capitol Hill. The chapel recently opened in the Capitol building itself is restricted to the use of Congressmen.

## Air Force Pays for New Church

In an unprecedented action, the U. S. Air Force is paying for a new church in Ithaca, Ohio. A high-ranking Air Force officer participated in recent groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Evangelical United Brethren edifice.

It was in April 1954 that an F-51 fighter plane attached to the Illinois National Guard flew over Ithaca on a routine mission and accidentally dropped two wing tanks filled with high-octane fuel. One of them crashed into the fifty-year-old church and turned it into a holocaust.

Through a special act of Congress, the Air Force appropriated \$112,500 to build a new church. The judge advocate general's office in Washington said it was the first time any aircraft had demolished a church or charitable institution in peacetime.

## Scriptures in Washington

Herbert E. Eberhardt, superintendent of the Central Union Mission in Washington, D. C., claims there are more Bible verses displayed in that city than in any other city in the world.

On the arches of Union Station are carved such passages as: "Thou hast put all things under His feet;" "The truth shalt make you free;" "The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as a rose."

On a stained glass window in the new Capitol Prayer Room are these words: "Preserve me, O God, for in Thee do I put my trust."

"What hath God wrought!" are the words inscribed on a plaque in the Civil Service Building.

In three-foot-high neon letters on top of the Central Union Mission are the words, "COME UNTO ME."

The people of America's great capital city have plenty of reminders of God's willingness to help solve national and international problems if their eyes are open.

## "Cottonpatch" Crusade

Baptists of West Texas conducted a week-long "cottonpatch" crusade to win a thousand migrant workers to Christ. Target of the crusade were the 17,000 cotton pickers, mostly Mexicans, in the vicinity of Pecos, Texas. Spanish-speaking pastors and missionaries led the services, which were held at the camping sites of the migrant workers. They used portable pulpits and portable organs, and the congregation sat on the ground or on boxes, sacks, or whatever was handy. It was reported that 1,047 were converted and the "cottonpatch crusade" was spreading.

## Catholic Claim Is Denied

The Roman Catholic Church has been unsuccessful in its seven-year effort to obtain reparations from the U. S. Government for churches in the Philippines which were damaged in the war.

Congress established the War Claims Commission in 1948 to care for war damages suffered by religious organizations with headquarters in the U.S. The Archbishop of Manila asked for \$30,000,000 damages and the claim was denied. A second and a third effort were made. Even though the claim was reduced to \$6,000,000 it was denied each time.

The War Claims Commission maintained that the Catholic Church in the Philippines was not affiliated with any authority in the U. S.; and that no missionaries and no money had gone from any religious organization in the U. S. to serve the Catholic Church in the Philippines.

## Millions Buy RSV Bibles

Whether or not the Revised Standard Version of the Bible will ever reach the sales volume of the King James or Authorized Version which is loved so dearly by English-speaking people everywhere, the fact is that the RSV is gaining a wide use, especially among liberal churches. Dr. Luther A. Weigle, chairman of the translation committee, says that the RSV is now used exclusively in the Sunday Schools of fifteen denominations having a total enrollment of fifteen million in the U.S. and Canada.

On the third anniversary of the RSV, Dr. Weigle said that sales of the whole Bible have now passed 3,600,000. In addition, 2,600,000 RSV New Testaments, which first appeared in 1946, and 805,000 children's RSV Bibles, published in 1954, have been sold, making a total of more than seven million volumes.

## There's Room in India

The impression that there is no room in India for foreigners is a false one, said Governor Sri Prakasa, of Madras State. During a visit to a Christian mission school in Coonoor recently, the Governor said: "India has had her borders open to everyone for ages, and today we have declared absolute equality of opportunity and treatment to all citizens of the land." The Governor endorsed the giving of religious instruction to children as a "great contribution to the proper development of good citizens."

## India's Christians Praised

A government minister in India paid tribute to the contribution Indian Christians, under missionary leadership, have made to the building of their nation. K. Chengalroya Reddy, Minister for Production, told a Christian assembly at Ghaziabad, India: "Yours is a fit body to help the government in its new five-year plan for the economic uplift of our millions of countrymen." He said that "Indian Christians in the past were pioneers in such activities, offering both experience and trained personnel, and their work among the poorer people of the country provides them with a knowledge that enables them to offer good counsel to the government."

## Atheist Objects to Chaplaincy

Frank C. Hughes of Minneapolis has started legal action against the United States government in an effort to force it to end the employment of chaplains for the armed forces. The 73-year-old Mr. Hughes, reportedly an atheist, claims that use of tax money for payment of salaries and allowances to chaplains is a violation of the U. S. Constitution which provides for the separation of Church and State.

A retired mechanical engineer, Mr. Hughes started a campaign several years ago to remove religious influences from the University of Minnesota, but lost an appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

## A Paradoxical Situation

Dr. Arnold T. Olson, president of the Evangelical Free Church of America, said it is "paradoxical that America should have a religious revival and a rise in crime and other evils at the same time."

In his report to the denomination's annual conference, Dr. Olson said "religion throughout the centuries has been both the parent and the sustainer of morals, but there is apparently no such return in the current religious revival. Rather, there are two great forces moving in opposite directions... the hunger for God and the rising ungodliness."

He added: "This is the hour of the Church's greatest challenge. If we fail here, we may have had our last opportunity."



An outstation group where two students minister each Sunday



In the dining room with Doris Turnbull and the cook

## THE FUTURE HOPE of the Dominican Republic

"The hope of our work lies in the Bible Institute," said our national superintendent, Brother Suarez. He shares this opinion with all who have seen the work of the Assemblies of God here in this country. These young men and women, who have dedicated their lives and are studying today for the ministry, are the hope for the future church. What could be a greater work than training young nationals to return to their own people with the gospel message?

Our Instituto Biblico of the Dominican Republic is located approximately eight miles out of the capital city. These past ten years God has greatly blessed and increased the work of the school. Today, over half of the pastors in our churches are Bible School graduates. Last year, counting both the boys' and the girls' course, we had an enrollment of thirty-eight students. For the coming boys' course alone, we could enroll thirty eager stu-

dents if we only had the proper accommodations.

This week brought the opening of another girls' course. With an enrollment of nineteen, we are crowded to capacity. And yet on my desk there are several applications which we cannot accept. Why must we turn away young people who have suffered to give their lives for the Lord's service?

The present building of the Bible School is being used as a missionary home, and dormitory, as well as for classrooms. One solution to the problem would be to build a separate missionary dwelling. Then instead of making our home on the first floor of the Bible School building, that entire space could be used for dormitories and class rooms. This change alone would enable us to accept sixty students and would cost only about \$6,000. Please join us in prayer regarding this problem.—by Wayne C. Turnbull

## MISSIONARY News Notes



The R. L. Johnston family of Japan have arrived in the United States on furlough. Their mailing address is 1520 Calapoor Street, Albany, Oregon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graves have returned from Ceylon on furlough. Their address is 1346 North Main Street, Springfield, Missouri.

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Eileen Edwards of North India arrived in the United States a few weeks ago. Her present address is 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClay have arrived safely in India.

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Ralph M. Elmore is now Principal of the Ceylon Bible Institute. His address is as follows: No. 3 Jason Courts, 161 Sri Saranankara Road, Dehiwela, Colombo, Ceylon.

### ADVANCING IN BRAZIL

Bernard Johnson writes: "Sunday, October 2 we dedicated another church in the town of Serania. That completes ten churches built in our field of labor, so that we now have around forty places to take care of. We had the most precious time at the dedication of the church in Serania. We also had a baptismal service at the river; around 600 gathered to see the service."

## CHRISTMAS, THE MISSIONARY, AND YOU!

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## CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

September 1955

	Total Churches	Participat- ing Churches	Participa- tion Percentage
1. New Jersey	82	77	93.9
2. North Dakota	50	46	92
3. Kansas	149	136	91.2
4. Nebraska	79	72	91.1
5. South Idaho	49	43	87.7
6. Rocky Mountain	112	98	87.5
7. Appalachian	51	44	86.2
8. Northwest	244	210	86
9. New York	135	115	85.1
10. Potomac	153	128	83.6
11. Oregon	190	156	82.1
12. S. Missouri	301	245	81.3
13. South Dakota	45	36	80
14. New England	89	71	79.7
15. Eastern	220	175	79.5
16. Wis.—N. Mich.	132	105	79.5
17. Michigan	156	121	77.5
18. Minnesota	140	108	77.1
19. Illinois	186	143	76.8
20. West Central	209	159	76
21. South Florida	141	103	73
22. North Carolina	65	47	72.3
23. Ohio	164	117	71.3
24. N. Calif.-Nevada	308	211	68.5
25. S. California	329	210	63.8
26. West Texas	116	74	63.7
27. Kentucky	65	41	63
28. Louisiana	127	80	62.9
29. Indiana	141	87	61.7
30. New Mexico	75	46	61.3
31. Wyoming	33	20	60.6
32. Alabama	240	145	60.4
33. Tennessee	88	53	60.2
34. Georgia	110	66	60
35. West Florida	139	82	58.9
36. Texas	475	272	57.2
37. Oklahoma	481	270	56.1
38. South Texas	252	140	55.5
39. Montana	64	34	53.1
40. Arizona	67	35	52.2
41. South Carolina	45	21	46.6
42. Mississippi	87	40	45.9
43. Arkansas	437	166	37.9



# Hurricane Fury Destroys Churches

The hurricane season has been particularly disastrous to our work in British Honduras, Mexico, and Cuba, where churches have been destroyed and Christian workers made destitute.

From British Honduras comes word that our Assembly at Lucky Strike has been badly damaged. The church was in the process of reconstruction at the time the hurricane struck. The mad winds roared in and razed everything before them. Crops were destroyed by winds and floods.

Twenty miles away at the London Lumber Camp one of the mechanics had been saved and had invited missionaries to hold services there. The manager of the Camp, though not a Protestant, was so impressed by the service and the man's testimony that he gave the funds to erect a church at the Camp. The hurricane, with no respect to buildings, made kindling wood of it. Practically all the houses in the Camp were destroyed. The Christian mechanic lost all of his belongings.

At Star Creek it was the same story: church damaged and Christians made destitute as their homes and belongings were all destroyed. Many of the Christians are still in urgent need of clothing.

Altogether seven or eight of our churches in this section were either damaged or destroyed. Flood waters did even more harm than the winds.

Mexico came in for its share of trouble via the hurricane. Here six churches were destroyed and two others heavily damaged. The city of Chetumal, with a population of between seven and eight thousand, was reduced to kindling wood. Over 200 were killed and over 2,000 had to be evacuated to a place 100 miles away. However, the Christian workers remained uninjured, for which we praise

God! Indeed, only two or three of the Christian brethren died in the hurricane. Several of the buildings of the missionaries were demolished, though.

Our missionaries in Cuba report heavy flood and wind destruction as hurricane "Hilda" blew in to do what damage she could. Twenty were killed, and buildings were razed. In Baracoa two chapels were blown down and three were twisted. Almost all the crops of the believers were entirely ruined by wind and water. The roof of the church at Guantanamo was lifted six inches by the wind, but then settled down again to its former position.

Several people fled into one of the

chapels to pray. One person was saved and another received the baptism in the Spirit during the hurricane. So in times of stress there is victory! To some the hurricane became the means of spiritual blessing that will reach into eternity. Temporal needs are many and we trust God's children will respond to the need of the brethren in distress, but we do praise God for spiritual victories which came out of disaster. Only to the child of God can we apply Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

## THESE MISSIONARIES HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR FIELDS



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Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilson  
French West Africa

### GOLD COST PRINTING

We are glad to receive word from Franklin McCorkle of Gold Coast, Africa: "We have been busy the past few weeks printing Sunday School picture rolls and picture cards in the native languages of Kusasi, Dagbani, and Twi. We have printed eighty sets of picture rolls for two quarters. We have also printed about 40,000 primary picture cards in the native language to go with the picture rolls. The village people love to see pictures, and it enables them to understand and remember the stories so much better."

TRUST AND OBEY—Psalm 62

“Wait thou only upon God” (v. 5). Verses one and five of this Psalm express the same thought (Moffat translates them identically), and we know that when the Spirit repeats a message it is because that message is of great importance. But few of us, although we have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, have heeded this word. We have not waited upon God. We have not taken time to read His Word, to worship Him, to ask His guidance and help, or to sit in His presence until His promises have become real to us and we can appropriate them.

An increased hunger for God Himself also comes from waiting upon Him. David wrote, “My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.” That is the cry of the heart that has waited upon God and has seen His beauty. We know so little of this hungering and fainting after God, because we do not wait upon Him.

—MARIE E. BROWN

THURSDAY, December 1

LOVE TRIUMPHS OVER ALL—1 Corinthians 13

“Charity never faileth” (v. 8).

Who is this man who can state so emphatically that love never fails? He is a former persecutor of the Church, the one who stood by and watched the stoning of Stephen, who held the garments of the murderers and gave his consent to the dastardly deed. On the Damascus road a revelation of the glorified Jesus so transformed this Christ-hater that he became the foremost worshiper of Jesus Christ and began preaching the gospel wherever he found an open door.

Divine love so filled Paul's life that nothing—persecution, afflictions, necessities, distresses, stripes, imprisonments, tu-

IT WILL ALWAYS LIGHTEN THE SHIP



# Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, November 28

PAUL'S SHIPWRECK—Acts 27:15-25

“And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive” (v. 15).

Often we must come to the end of our proverbial rope before we do the only thing left to do—drop, and find that “underneath are the everlasting arms.”

“With Christ in the vessel we can smile at the storm.” The Apostle possessed a tranquility of spirit founded upon a divine directive which granted him the ability to exhort others to be of good cheer. His safety was assured by the promise of the angel of the Lord. He had no need to struggle, for he had an assurance of security that carried with it the courageous testimony, “I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.”

Someone has said that when the Lord says, “Let's go over” you can't go under! One may weary himself to near exhaustion laboring at the oars of the ship of life, but when a divine promise encircles the vessel, that is all the “undergirding” the ship needs. We can give up our struggling and just “let her drive.” The “Master of ocean, and earth, and skies” will take care of the rest.

—GORDON F. PREISER

TUESDAY, November 29

WORK AND PRAY—Acts 27:35-44

“Then were they all of good cheer” (v. 36).

This voyage and journey occupied about six months' time. The main interest of the story centers around Paul and his unswerving hopefulness. There was never an hour in which he became despondent or a time when he lost heart. I think we all want to discover the secret of this display of quietness, strength, and optimism. It seems that as we read the story, wherever the storm is at its worst, we find Paul at his calmest. So much did he possess himself that even the nearly three hundred on board ship took courage when Paul exercised his faith and said, “Be of good cheer: for I believe God.” Paul had prayed and now was confident that he would reach Rome and so accomplish the work set before him.

There is an important lesson for us to learn in our reading: God has a plan for each of us, a destination. It may not be Rome, as it was with Paul, but God has an appointed place for each. Some may say that they are not sure of their destination. Then wait on the Lord and He will direct your path. Once we know our place of service, we can be assured that God will see us through to do His work even though the way seems stormy.

While en route to our destination let us spread cheer along the way. Let there be a song in the heart, and light on the pathway, as we journey. Let us help the distressed, the sick and afflicted, and everyone who crosses our pathway.

—C. W. DENTON

mults, or anything else—swayed him from his devotion to Christ. Regardless of the circumstances he found the love of God sufficient for all things, for “charity never faileth.”

Many allow life's disappointments to embitter them. They have failed to see that the “love of God . . . shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost” will keep them in every test of life and at last present them spotless and blameless before His throne in that day. “Charity never faileth.”

—O. L. HARRUP

Friday, December 2

STORMS ALSO BESET OTHER CHRISTIANS—John 6:16-27

“But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid” (v. 20).

Outside of the Bible the most rewarding reading is that of good Christian biographies. A true biography relates all the important incidents in the life of an individual. In reading these accounts one discovers that every Christian whose life has been outstanding has been beset by frequent storms.

Psalm 50:3 tells us, “Our God shall come . . . and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.” Storms are often evidence of the moving of God. But faith always hears above the roar of the tempest the still small voice of her Lord, “It is I; be not afraid.” Faith knows that God is true to His Word, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee,” and that “no waves can swallow the ship where lies the Master of ocean and earth and skies.”

Brother, is your sea rising by reason of a mighty wind? Let the testimonies of God's people quicken your faith. Look straight into the tempest and see your God. Rivet your attention on Him and you too will hear His voice, “It is I; be not afraid.” The God who has enabled other Christians to weather howling tempests is your Pilot too.

“The brightest souls which glory ever knew

Were rocked in storms and nursed when tempests blew.”

—ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

SATURDAY, December 3

STAYING TRUE IN TIME OF TROUBLE—Job 1:13-22

“The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord” (v. 21).

The peace which a child of God has in his heart is not dependent upon environment or circumstances. We can have the peace of God in our hearts and victory in our souls regardless of any adversity, misfortune, or suffering which might overtake us. Faith in God and joy and peace of heart are things which

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It is possible to live above circumstances instead of under them, just as the ship rides above the waters of the ocean. But if a hole appears in the bottom of the ship and if it is not repaired quickly, the ocean will come inside the ship and cause it to sink beneath the waves.

Job did not lose his faith in God, although he lost nearly everything else. The saved and the unsaved both have sorrows and trouble, but the child of God has Someone to help him bear his misfortunes. The apostle Peter exhorts us to cast all our care upon Him, because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7).

—NOAH P. WHITE

Sunday School lesson for December 4, 1955—  
“Paul's Shipwreck” (Acts 27:15-25).

## Healed of a Nervous Disorder

A little more than a year ago I was a most miserable and unhappy person. For months I had been on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Though I was under the care of a doctor, my nervousness increased until I was having severe pain in the heart area.

One night I visited a church where I heard the scripture, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house” (Acts 16:31). I believed that He is the Christ; so I thought, “Then I must be saved!” After the service the pastor asked me if I would like to be baptized in water and join the church, which I consented to do.

Strangely, my misery increased and the

nervous affliction grew worse. When I would close my eyes at night a horror of darkness would envelop me, and I would feel that I was going into everlasting darkness forever. Once I dared not close my eyes all night long. The next morning my mother, who had long been a Christian, called her pastor, Sister Loomis, to come and pray with me. I was in agony by the time she arrived. She gave me many scriptures and explained that to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ meant to repent and to confess our sins to Him so that He might wash them away in His atoning blood.

Then, as Kentuckians say, I “met with peace.” My burden rolled away and I was a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Soon after this the fear of darkness again enveloped me and someone suggested that perhaps I had committed the unpardonable sin. My misery and hopelessness then knew no bounds.

I went to Sister Loomis for help. She read many scriptures to me, but I could not find peace. I was so bound that I insisted I could not be forgiven; and yet I did not know specifically of what I needed to be forgiven. I agreed to kneel and talk with God. When I did so, the power of God came down upon me and I was marvelously blessed by His presence. That evening in the Assemblies of God church I received the baptism in the Holy Ghost, and I have not had the nervous affliction from that hour to this.

I thank God that I am saved, filled with His Spirit, and healed. The horror of darkness is gone, for the light of Christ is in my soul.—Mrs. Mary Jo Blankenship, Route 1, Box 51A, Corbin, Kentucky.

(Endorsed by Mrs. Marjorie Loomis, Pastor, Corbin Kentucky).

# "The Gift Beyond"

—A Story by Elva M. Johnson



Sarah Jones had always been a light-hearted, optimistic woman—until her husband was made the unwitting victim of a drunken driver and was killed in an auto accident. Heartache gradually turned to self-pity, and as Christmas neared she became so engrossed with her problem that she found no joy in purchasing toys and gifts even for her children.

The Sunday morning before Christmas, as was her habit, Mrs. Jones attended the service at her church. Her pastor preached a heart-searching message on the need for Christians to give beyond what was expected of them. Only by giving unselfishly and sacrificially to those in need, the pastor declared, could one experience the true joy of Christmas.

Mrs. Jones was almost angry and felt that because of her circumstances at least she could be excused from giving a "gift beyond."

"You didn't like my sermon this morning, did you?" the pastor asked as he shook her hand after the service.

"Well, I just can't see what I could do about it. I'm only a poor widow—"

"Will you pray about it, and then promise God that you will do what you can if an opportunity arises?" he asked.

"Y-yes, I will," she replied, and went home.

According to the story, that night the pastor presented several "gift beyond" projects, and asked for volunteers to accept them. Last of all he said, "Now here is a good project. You all know

what recently Ed Smith has been saved from a drunkard's life. He has been very sick for the past two weeks, and now his wife is sick also. Their children won't have a very good Christmas unless someone is willing to help them."

Mrs. Jones stiffened involuntarily. This was the man who had killed her husband.

Silence prevailed as everyone thought of the project and wondered how it would fit into an already tight Christmas budget. Mrs. Jones remembered her earnest prayer that afternoon that God would help her to know how to give a "gift beyond" this Christmas, when even the ordinary giving was a burden. And here, the Holy Spirit seemed to whisper, was her answer. But it was so far beyond what she had expected. She thought of the gifts she had bought for her own children, and deliberately decided to share them with these other children whose father had killed her husband. "I'll take that project," she heard herself say, and the pastor smiled at her with special satisfaction.

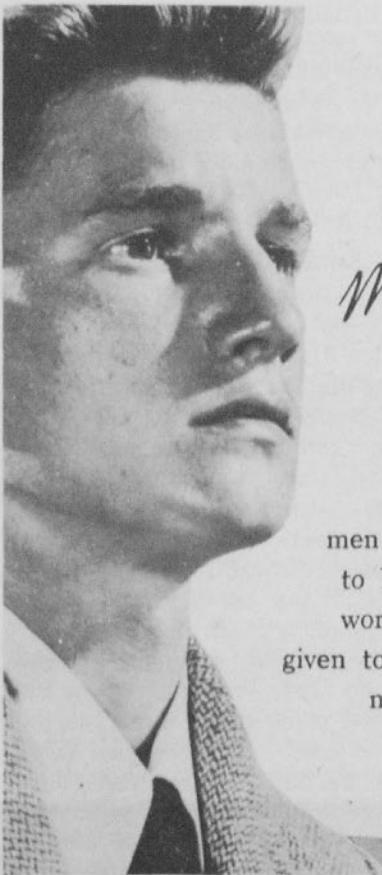
Have YOU planned a "gift beyond" this Christmas? More than two hundred Assemblies of God home missionaries, many of them with little children, have been giving the "gift beyond" in loving, sacrificial service all year long in order that those to whom they minister—the Deaf, the Indians, the Eskimos, and other needy groups—might know and love the true Christ of Christmas.

No doubt all of us are planning to give certain "usual" Christmas gifts this year—but what of the "gift beyond"? When God gave His Son it was a gift beyond what we could ever have expected or deserved. Shall we Pentecostal Christians go through only an ordinary exchange of gifts, or shall we know the true joy of giving this year to some of our brothers and sisters in the Home Mission field without expecting a gift in return?

Our home missionaries, many of whom labor without promised support or regular income, need and deserve a special remembrance at Christmas in order that they too may enjoy some of the temporal blessings of the Christmas season even though they are far from home and loved ones. It is the desire of the Home Missions Department to send each of them a Christmas check of at least \$5.00. However, if designated offerings for certain workers exceed this amount, they will receive all that is designated for them.

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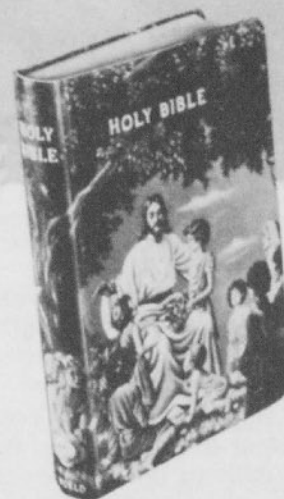
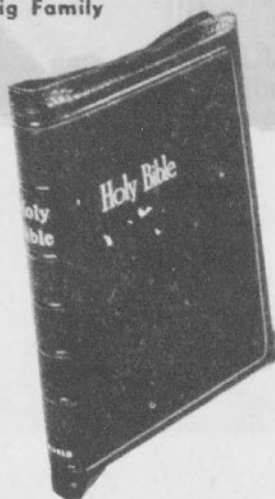
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When God lists the various ministries needed to carry on His program of reaching the lost, it is not accidental that "evangelists" and "pastors" are mentioned side by side in Ephesians 4:11. The reaper certainly would have nothing to reap without the sower, and the sower surely needs extra help at reaping time.

Before Paul the great evangelist bowed his weary head to receive a victor's crown from the hand of his Master, he penned words on parchment which flowed from the depth of his heart. To his son in the faith he wrote "Do the work of an evangelist..." (2 Timothy 4:5). This is not only the admonition of Paul to Timothy, but God's admonition to all His Church. Wave after wave of revival has swept this world, with evangelism as one of its chief weapons for turning men from darkness to light. For "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save..."

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Jesus Himself is spoken of as the Husbandman. His one great desire is for the precious fruit of the earth—the souls of men. "Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it... Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

### AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

BOWIE, TEX.—We enjoyed the anointed preaching of Evangelist Sam Todd of Newman, Ga. Many were saved and a number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many received bodily healing. Several towns and communities co-operated in this meeting.—Austin R. Carrigan, Pastor.

STONEHAM, COLO.—We had a very profitable meeting with Evangelist Floyd Nelson. The population of our town is 72, and we broke the Sunday School record with 71 present. Souls were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. On the following Monday we baptized nine in water.—Jasper Weaver, Pastor.

### 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.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Nov. 22-Dec. 4 at Trinity Pentecostal Church, 417-419 Pennington St.; Evangelist Paul Graban.—by Allan A. Swift, Pastor.

SALLISAW, OKLA.—Begins Nov. 30 with Evangelist Eldon Bryce, Baton Rouge, La.—by Frank Thomas, Pastor.

EUNICE, N. MEX.—Began Nov. 14 at Assembly of God, Evangelist W. A. Vanzant, Carlsbad, N. Mex.—by J. D. and Mrs. Birge, Pastors.

ALPAUGH, CALIF.—Begins Nov. 28 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (George Stenhouse is Pastor.)

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO—Nov. 29—Dec. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Niels P. Thomsen. (W. W. Martin is Pastor.)

CHULA VISTA, CALIF.—Nov. 20-Dec. 4 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist John C. Poteet, Anaheim, Calif. (O. P. Ballard is Pastor.)

TERRE HAUTE, IND.—Nov. 22-Dec. 11 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist John Bostrom, Pasadena, Calif.—by Alfred Cawston, Pastor.

FORT SMITH, ARK.—Begins Nov. 27 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist N. L. Ballew. (B. Owen Oslin is Pastor.)

ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.—Nov. 22-Dec. 4 at Assembly of God; Musical Biblers, Fresno, Calif. (Clarence Brotzman is Pastor.)

HOLT, FLA.—Dec. 4-18 at Holt Assembly of God; Musical Petersens of Texas.—by Houston Miles, Pastor.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Nov. 24-Dec. 11 at Calvary Assembly of God; Evangelist Lorne Fox.—by H. P. Vibbert, Pastor.

MUNFORD, TENN.—Begins Dec. 6 at First Assembly of God, Cemetery St.; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (E. F. Pritchard is Pastor.)

TALIHINA, OKLA.—Begins Nov. 27 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Joe and Betty Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo. (H. D. Warren is Pastor.)

WOODLAND, CALIF.—Nov. 29-Dec. 11 with Evangelist George E. Elrod, Tracy, Calif. (John F. Green is Pastor.)

HOBBS, N. MEX.—Begins Nov. 27 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God; Evangelist Don George. (Roy F. George is Pastor.)

PARKIN, ARK.—Nov. 30-Dec. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Paul D. Clark.—by W. H. Richardson, Pastor.

ST. PETER, MINN.—Dec. 6-18 at Assembly of God; the Tanner Team, Willmar, Minn.—by C. W. Lamson, Pastor.

HAMILTON, ILL.—Begins Dec. 4 at Assembly of God, 339 Church St.; Evangelist Billy Wolfe, Davenport, Iowa. (Maude Deyo is Pastor.)

LE MARS, IOWA—Nov. 28-Dec. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Ivan Kramer. (Bernard Reece is Pastor.)

REDFIELD, S. DAK.—Nov. 22-Dec. 4 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Henry Rose, Harrison, Mich. (Richard Tufte is Pastor.)

CANEY, KANS.—Begins Nov. 23 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Moses Copeland, Holton, Kans.—by W. C. Crowder, Pastor.

MURDO, S. DAK.—Begins Nov. 26 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. A. J. Wells, Dixon, Ill.—by Leo Bankson, Pastor.

QUANAHA, TEX.—Begins Nov. 20 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Ken George, Hobbs, N. Mex. (S. M. Malone is Pastor.)

HUTCHINSON, KANS.—Nov. 25-Dec. 11 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. David Sandall and family, Augusta, Kans. (J. L. Boulware is Pastor.)

WANCHESE, N. C.—Nov. 20-Dec. 4 at Assembly of God; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. Neighboring churches co-operating. (A. W. Price is Pastor.)

NOXAPATER, MISS.—Nov. 27-Dec. 11 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Fort Myers, Fla. (Alpheus Broadhead is Pastor.)

BIG RAPIDS, MICH.—Begins Nov. 30 at Assembly of God, 610 Green St.; Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew Basell, Lansing, Mich.—by W. W. Menzies, Pastor.

SALINEVILLE, OHIO—Begins Nov. 22 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. William Moorman, Waxahachie, Tex.—by E. C. Damiani, Pastor.

FALLBROOK, CALIF.—Nov. 22-Dec. 4 at Fallbrook Assembly of God; Evangelist Thomas M. Ming, Costa Mesa, Calif.—by David D. Schmidt, Pastor.

SLOCOMB, ALA.—Begins Nov. 27 at First Assembly of God; Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, Memphis, Tenn.—by D. J. Paglia, Pastor.

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TIGARD, OREG.—Begins Nov. 22 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Johnny Hoskins, Prineville, Oreg. (Lloyd Fosner is Pastor.)

CANTON, OHIO—Nov. 29-Dec. 4 at Bethel Temple, 130 3rd St. S. E.; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (Ivar A. Frick Jr. is Pastor.)

TOPEKA, KANS.—Nov. 20-Dec. 4 at Assembly of God, 610 Lime St.; Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge, Tulsa, Okla.—by Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Began Nov. 16 at Alzona Assembly 3520 W. Taylor; Evangelist Peter Jepsen, North Bend, Oreg.—by Richard Moehr, Pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO—Begins Dec. 6 at Assembly of God, 179 Holbrook St.; Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham.—by Roy T. McClellan, Pastor.

SANDUSKY, OHIO—Begins Nov. 27 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. C. S. Pansler, Centerburg, Ohio.—by A. L. Garlock, Pastor.

HAMILTON, OHIO—Nov. 27-Dec. 11 at Assembly of God, 1040 Azel Ave. Pastor J. G. Gott, preaching. Music under direction of George I. Hindle, Woodstock, Ont., Canada.—by J. G. Gott, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—Begins Nov. 27 at East Highland Assembly of God, 12th Ave. at 22nd St.; Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. (Jesse E. Smith is Pastor.)

FILLMORE, CALIF.—Begins Nov. 29 at Fillmore Assembly of God, 3rd and Central Ave.; Evangelist Ronnie Wiseman, Huntington Beach, Calif.—by Neville E. Carlson, Pastor.

QUINCY, MICH.—Nov. 29-Dec. 11 at Assembly of God, 30 E. Chicago St.; Evangelist Lyle Phillips, Port Huron, Mich.—by Joseph B. Serbin, Pastor.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—First Anniversary services at Riverside Assembly of God, Maurice and Eagle Dr., Dec. 11; Noel Perkin, speaker.—by Elbert R. Wilkinson, Pastor.

TRAFFORD, PA.—Nov. 27-Dec. 4 at Gospel Tabernacle; Evangelist Louise Nankivell, Chicago, Ill. Rally on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m.—by H. A. Christopher, Pastor.

TYLER, TEX.—Began Nov. 16 at First Assembly of God, Beckham at Ferguson Sts.; Evangelist E. R. (Pete) Winters.—by R. R. Odom, Church Secretary. (B. L. Greene is Pastor.)

EAST GARY, IND.—Nov. 29-Dec. 11 at Assembly of God, 4410 Central Ave.; Evangelists Percy and Dorothy King. (Denver L. Baker is Pastor.)

FOND DU LAC, WIS.—Nov. 29-Dec. 11 at Assembly of God, Cor. 3rd and Marr Sts.; The Musical Palmers (Joel and Esther Palmer), Lake Wales, Fla.—by O. W. Apple, Pastor.

MADISON, TENN.—Began Nov. 13 at First Assembly of God, Madison Blvd. at Gallatin Rd.; Evangelist Bernie Minton.—by Hilliard Griffin, Pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—Nov. 22-Dec. 4 at Miami Central Assembly of God, 885 N.W. 27th Ave.; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Duncombe of England.—by R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

AUSTIN, TEX.—Homecoming at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Dec. 4; A. C. Bates, speaker. Special music by the Lively Family of Houston, Tex. Afternoon service. Also revival with A. C. Bates Nov. 20-Dec. 4.—by L. H. Donahue, Pastor.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Nov. 20-Dec. 6 at Canal Street Assembly of God, 4737 Canal; Evangelist Watson Argue Sr., Seattle, Wash. Dedication of new brick church (seats 578) Dec. 4, 5, and 6.—by T. Horace Clark, Pastor.

CORSICANA, TEX.—Homecoming and rededication of newly enlarged, redecorated and refurbished First Assembly, 405 S. 14th St., Dec. 4. District officials in charge. Girls Chorus from Southwestern Bible Institute to sing.—by Guy Phillips, Pastor.

BEARDEN, ARK.—Workers Training Course, Nov. 28-Dec. 9; O. R. Ball, Ripley, Tenn., instructor. Bearden and White Oak Assemblies co-operating. (G. W. Hatton and J. F. Perry are Pastors.)

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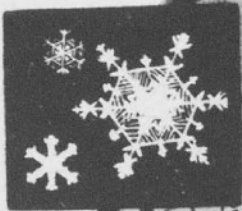
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