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# Get Right With God!

In a great evangelistic campaign in Canada a number of years ago, these four little words were used very effectively—"Get right with God." They were printed on small white cards, one inch wide and six inches long. The words, in red ink, appeared on both sides so that whichever way the cards fell the message always met the eye—"Get right with God." Tens of thousands of the cards were distributed throughout the city and nearly everybody saw them. As a result, hundreds of souls were saved. They could not forget those four little words and the sermon they preached.

The same message needs to be repeated over and over today, for many are not on good terms with God. They are living in sin, gambling their eternal future for this world's brief pleasures. They need to "get right with God" by repenting, changing their ways, and trusting in Christ as their personal Saviour.

But it is not only the unchurched who need the message. Some who profess to be Christians are toying with a besetting sin, treating it as a sweet morsel and yielding to temptation in each moment of weakness. No wonder they live an up-and-down life void of joy and spiritual power.

Do you wonder why your prayers are not answered? Perhaps it is because there is something in your life that you have never brought to the Cross and conquered through the power of God. You have never made a clear break with sin. The inspired writer said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18). God will not even bend down and listen to what we have to say if we are harboring sin in our lives. Perhaps no one else knows about it, but God does. The only way to get right with Him is through confession, renunciation, and restitution.

The Bible says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). If you have wronged someone you must apologize. If you have stolen you must do all you can to make restitution. You cannot be right with God until you are right with man. Perhaps there are debts that will have to be paid. If you will humble yourself before the Lord and give yourself to prayer, allowing the Holy Spirit to search your heart, He will make everything clear, and He will give you grace and strength to right the wrongs that stand between you and your Maker.

The prophet of old said, "The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God" (Isaiah 59:1, 2). Sin is the one great barrier. That barrier must be removed by confessing your wrongdoings and forsaking them completely. God will forgive if you will repent—it was for this cause that Christ shed His precious blood. And God will give you power to conquer every besetting sin if you will turn your back upon it and yield the controls of your life to His Holy Spirit.

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# LET THE FIRE FALL!

OUR SUCCESS IN SOUL WINNING WILL BE IN PROPORTION  
TO THE MEASURE OF THE DIVINE DYNAMIC OF THE SPIRIT OF  
GOD THAT WORKS IN OUR CONSECRATED LIVES.

BY BERT WEBB

*Assistant General Superintendent*

ONE OF THE POPULAR FEATURES AT Yosemite National Park is the "fire-fall." Every night during the tourist season a giant fire is lit, high up at Glacier Point, and at a given moment the cry is heard, "Let the fire fall!" At this signal the fire is pushed off the point, and the darkness of the night is illuminated by a magnificent spectacle as the glowing embers pour down in a golden cascade to a rocky ledge 900 feet below.

The spectacle cannot but remind the Christian tourist of the Fire of God which is poured down from heaven into the midst of His believing people. Fire is one of the most familiar symbols of the Presence of the Lord. Throughout the Scriptures the revelation of God's Presence is indicated by fire, again and again. Let us notice some of these incidents.

God's verification of His promise to Abraham in Genesis 15 was confirmed when "a smoking furnace and a burning lamp passed between those pieces." Thus Abraham's sacrifice received divine acceptance, and in the very next verse we find these significant words, "The same day the Lord made a covenant with Abraham."

In First Kings 18 the decision as to whether the people would follow after Baal or return and serve Jehovah depended completely upon the falling of supernatural fire. When fire came down from heaven in answer to Elijah's prayer, it settled the issue. With one accord the people cried, "The Lord, He is God."

Another incident is recorded in second Chronicles 7. Everything was completed in the building of the Temple; and then, according to the record, "when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven... the glory of the Lord filled the house. And when all the children of

Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the Lord."

Fire also bespoke the Presence of God on Sinai when the law was given to Moses. God's call to Gideon was highlighted and authenticated when the staff of the heavenly messenger touched the rock and a flame consumed the offering Gideon had laid upon the stone. Many additional instances could be cited from the Old Testament when God's acceptance of proper sac-

rifices was evidenced by supernatural fire which consumed the offerings.

We cannot divorce the manifestation of the miraculous from the Presence of God. Either we serve an omnipotent God who is more than equal to any emergency, or we face the possibility of continued human failure as we battle against seemingly insurmountable odds that constantly oppose the work of the Lord.

There is a message for the church of today in the declaration that John the Baptist made concerning Jesus: "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." The fulfillment of that promise had its beginning on the Day of Pentecost when, as a result of the Fiery Baptism from heaven, the disciples had the joy of seeing three thousand souls come to Christ on a single day. That miraculous ingathering of souls should remind us afresh that God is able "to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

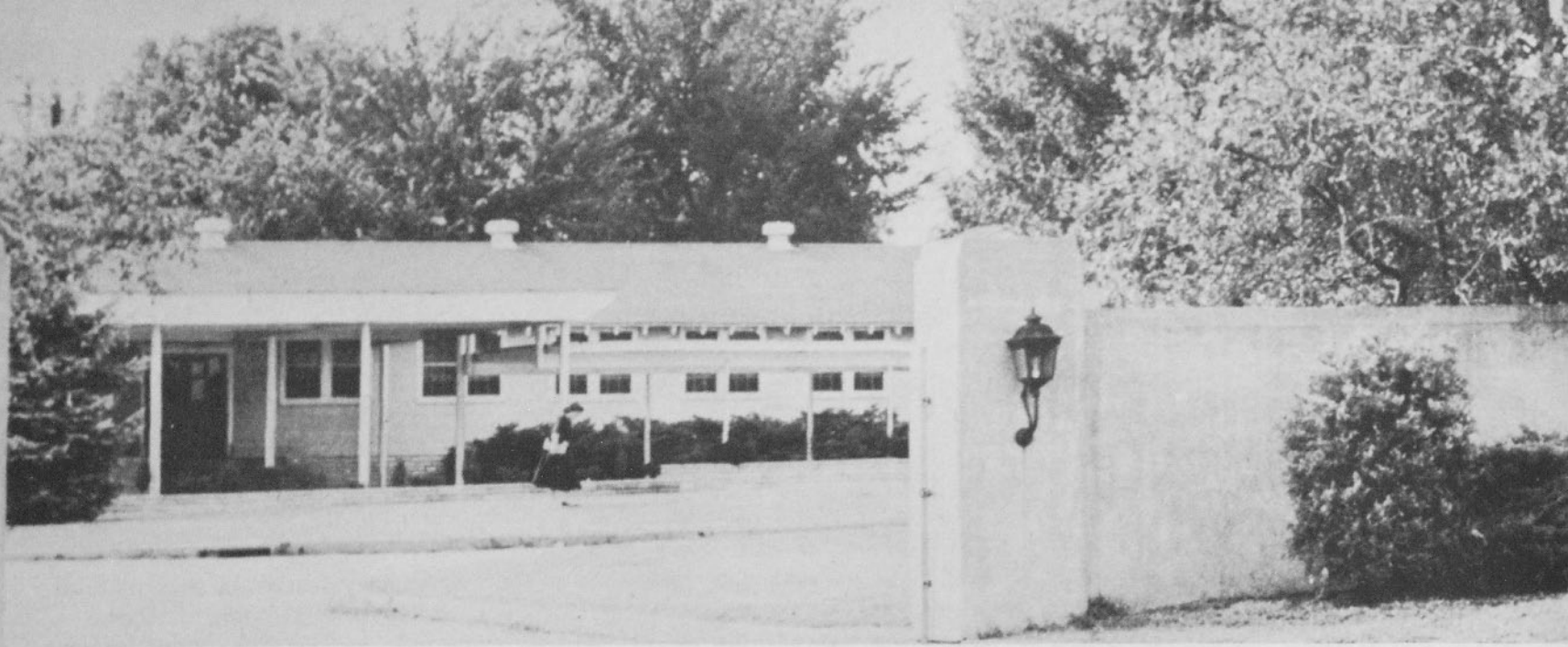
Our success in soul-winning will be in proportion to the measure of the divine dynamic of the Spirit of God that works in our lives. Whether we look in the Old Testament, the New Testament, or the subsequent history of the Early Church, we see evidence of this fact. Any particular advance or gain that is realized by the people of God is inseparably linked with the manifestation of God's almighty power through the yielded lives of His servants.

Another significant fact that should challenge and encourage us is that God uses ordinary people in the miraculous accomplishment of His work. The Bible relates many instances where God wrought mighty deliverances through commonplace, everyday human beings



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# A Call to Christian Service

BY J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

*Address Given at the Closing Exercises of Evangel College*

**O**N THE CORNER OF CHICAGO AVENUE and LaSalle Street in the big city of Chicago stands a brick and mortar monument to the noble D. L. Moody. Moody was a great evangelist of a former generation. He chose as a motto for his life a passage of Scripture from 1 John 2:17, "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." In this key verse lies the secret of a life that was spent in great usefulness! That life left a trail of triumph in the years that have followed.

In our time there is a desperate need for doers of the will of God. Dreams must be translated into action. There are strong reasons why action is needed!

Our souls are being poisoned with paganism. Our minds are being made captives of pragmatism, and our bodies are being enslaved by secularism. Truth and righteousness are being held hostage by custom and convention. Where are the doers of righteousness in spite of criticism? Where are the doers who dare to act in spite of disapproval by their contemporaries? The time has come when there is need for those who can be liberal with mankind, but dogmatic with truth; gentle with their fellows, but intolerant with hypocrisy; patient with the masses, but crusading for righteousness.

The merry-go-round of our lives spins so rapidly we have lost our balance and we are confused. Even great men are unable to discern the real state of affairs in our time. Carl F. Henry, writing in the current issue of *Christianity Today*, says: "Men of influence fail to sense that the rising tide of religiosity is no clear victory for the cause of pure religion, and that it may signify instead a resurgence of shallow superstitions in the realm of the spirit. There is pious talk of moral and spiritual values even by some educators who reject God and the supernatural, indeed, who do not even believe that any values are fixed and final."

A. W. Tozer in his comment on the current upswing of religion writes: "It is being assumed, for instance, that if we have the word for a thing we have the thing itself. If it is in the Bible it is in us. If we have the doctrine we have the experience. If something was true of Paul it is of necessity true of us because we accept Paul's epistles as divinely inspired."

Out of this dizzy maelstrom of confused thinking there must arise those who act—doers are the genuine believers. From whence shall these thinkers and doers come? They must come from a fountainhead of our culture. Our schools of higher education have be-

come such a fountainhead. They indirectly control the thinking of the masses!

Christian believers in earlier centuries anticipated this danger with greater wisdom than evangelical forces today. Carl F. Henry says: "They founded their universities first! Note Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, and Yale—these supplied the faculties which in turn influenced every village and hamlet of the nation. The plain fact is that if Christianity does not shape the schools of higher education, these schools will always frustrate the climaxing influences of the Christian social ethics. If education at the top is hostile or indifferent to the Christian outlook, the expansion of Christian doctrine and life through all levels of society is hindered."

In the providence of God, Evangel College has come to the Assemblies of God. This is not unlike the happy experience of churches in the past. Those churches were willing to endow their colleges at the beginning but shortly afterward cut them off and allowed the colleges to become the captives of business, industry, or government. The last price to the church was horribly high, for the churches reaped a whirlwind of selfishness, secularism, scientism. What poor economy. At the original price they could have had sacred, sacrificing,

and serving young people who would have remained loyal to their God and to the church! All of us will need to be doers of our part to see to it that Evangel College is a true fountainhead of spiritual leadership, Christian character, and devoted orthodoxy.

Evangel is not just another Christian college. More colleges are needed, yes. But the desperate need is for a different kind of college, for a different kind of training for a different kind of young people. Evangel College must be an "apostolic" college. Evangel College must be a Pentecostal college. It must be distinctive to make a contribution, but at the same time so qualified academically that it can merit the accreditation of those colleges who are content to provide an accredited academic program. But America needs more, our church needs more, and our youth needs more than just another college.

The apostle John in Revelation saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon. I see three very unclean spirits which have appeared as a threat to the Christian, to the church, and to our country. They are secularism, statism, and paganism. Secularism to enslave our bodies, statism to enslave our minds, and paganism to enslave our spirits! The sacred must rise above the secular, the individual must have pre-eminence over the state, and Christ must triumph over paganism. Let us look at these briefly.

## I

The sacred must rise above the *secular*. Of course, there is a difference between the sacred and the secular, but there is a danger of making the distinction too severe. Christianity is not concerned with one department but with the whole of life. We cannot exist without the secular, neither can we live without the sacred. The secular must be absorbed into the sacred. When any college belongs too completely to any community or nation, to any civilization or culture, to any generation or era, it ceases to be its true self and fails to fulfill its destiny. This is true of a church as well as a college.

American higher education has been victimized by secularism. The late C. C. Morrison of *Christian Century* wrote, "Secular instruction and Christian education are working at cross purposes. The public school is creating a secular mentality faster than the church can Christianize it."

Another writer said that most of his students had compartmentalized their religious beliefs and their daily activities so that the two never came into contact with each other. Finding themselves unable to make their beliefs integral to experience, they seek identity through the reflections of outward behavior rather than inner responses. Students who live under this secularized education can never find adequate answers to human need. Someone has said, "We can indeed by education make our children clever devils, but no power short of the power of God can make them saints."

Students in this unrighteous climate have been referred to by *Time* magazine as "the second lost generation." *Newsweek* calls them "the cautious, moderate generation." The *Coronet* magazine spoke of this generation as "the unwanted generation" of 2,500,000 students! What a sickening thought that for these millions of young people convictions are too expensive. They can afford only opinions. They have nothing to live for or die for! No wonder they are sinking in the quagmire of immorality. Secularism leads to depravity. Morals have reached a new low.

You may have read Professor Pitirim Sorokin's late book titled, "The American Sex Revolution." He says, "Americans are drifting toward sex anarchy in the same manner that marked the downfall of earlier societies, including Rome and Greece. . . . We are completely surrounded by the rising tide of sex, which is flooding every compartment of our culture." He reflected upon the nation's sex obsession, the ever-mounting divorce rate, the upsurge of sex crime.

Freud opened these floodgates of sex; an evil tide of promiscuousness has been rising ever since. The crest of the flood is almost upon us. The flotsam and jetsam of this flood are filling our institutions. Within our schools are those who have lost their sense of moral dignity and personal holiness.

Evangel College and its students must be a bulwark against this evil spirit which like a frog has come up out of the mouth of the dragon.

## II

But there is another evil which must be considered as an enemy of God and the church. Evangel College and its students must go into action to combat the evils of *statism*. The individual is more important than the state. No one can be oblivious to the cataclysmic changes which are taking place in the world to-

day. Communism has swallowed into its Gargantuan maw almost all of Asia and large portions of Europe, and now is looking hungrily toward the great continent of Africa.

A great threat to our own security lies chiefly in the sinister forces of Communism rather than in the military power of Russia. Let me give you an example. Dr. Clyde Taylor, executive secretary of the NAE and well-known Christian statesman whose offices are in Washington, D. C., was invited to a private conference with an official high in government affairs. He was shown the biographies of eight young men. All had their master's degrees in political science and in philosophy. Seven were Protestants from such outstanding schools as Yale, Harvard, Stanford, USC, and Chicago University. One was a Catholic from Georgetown University.

These eight were screened from hundreds of applicants from the leading universities of America. Selections were based on academic standing, training, ability, and personality. They were the cream of America's academic cream. They were being selected to be trained for key positions in government service at home and abroad.

This government official, a Christian and a friend of Dr. Taylor, was the last man to interview these young men. The process had lasted several days and covered in detail their philosophies of life, their activities, their likes and dislikes. He was shocked to discover the following:

- (1) All eight of these young men were agnostics.
- (2) All eight were socialistic politically.
- (3) All eight thought sin was relative and that sin consisted of being caught.
- (4) All eight believed that the end justified the means.
- (5) All were so taught as to be only half a step from rank Communism.

What is the secret of Communism that will make university and college professors forfeit their reputations, their families and all that they have to follow the ideology of Communism? Is it not because the moorings of our ancient Christian heritage have been cut, and we are adrift on a sea of secularism and statism which will take our ship of state with its peoples and churches

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# When Groans Turn

THE GLORIOUS CONCLUSION OF A PRAYER MEETING ·  
SIX THOUSAND YEARS LONG

BY HARRY J. STEIL

**I**N THE EIGHTH CHAPTER OF Romans, the apostle Paul deals with one of the great mysteries of human and Christian experience—suffering. Why does God allow it? What is its purpose?

Paul explicitly states (verse 17) that the experience of suffering is necessary to qualify the Christian believer for triumph, coronation, and eternal glory. See also 2 Timothy 2:12.

There are many illustrations of this principle in nature. Precious gems, such as adorn the diadems of royalty, are produced by great pressure and intense heat. They were fashioned by God's alchemy from carboniferous material in the dark places of the earth—transformed into jewels by the intense fires and internal pressures of an earlier earth age. Gems are the product of earth's travail or suffering. In like manner God fashions His people into overcoming Christians by subjecting them to fiery pressures. They are seemingly "pressed beyond measure"—their faith is "tried as by fire." The apostle Peter tells us not to think it strange when the "fiery trial" comes, for it makes us "partakers of Christ's sufferings, so that when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

God's Word says, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him." This suffering is real, intense, sometimes overwhelming. Moreover it is universal, the apostle says, and not confined to Christians. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." (Romans 8:22).

## GROANING

Suffering induces groaning. In this passage the apostle calls attention to three classes of fellow sufferers who

are "groaning and travailing together in pain."

## THE FIRST GROAN

First, the unredeemed Adamic creation is suffering under the bondage of corruption (vv. 21, 22) because of the curse.

A great poet once exclaimed, "When I hear the voices of all Nature wailing in pain, the fact that I am unable to understand her plaint cuts me to the heart." Upon the earth there is "distress of nations, with perplexity," as our Lord prophesied. All creation is groaning and travailing together in pain—waiting expectantly, hopefully, for its redemption!

The perplexed poet cried, "We don't know why." The inspired apostle asserts, "We know why" (Romans 8:22). We who have received the first fruits of the Spirit, and who have the revelation of God's Word—we understand. "I reckon," says the apostle "that the sufferings of this present time" shall lead to ineffable glory in the future (v. 18)—to a throne, to the redemption of the body, to a new age. We suffer in hope, not in despair; with holy expectation, not with bitter cynicism (vv. 24, 25).

Have you ever listened to the voice of suffering creation? Have you, when vacationing at the seashore, heard "the moaning of the bar"? Have you heard "the troubled sea, when it cannot rest," gnashing its ten billion rocky teeth in frustration, as the restless waves grind the rocky coastline to pebbles and sand? Have you heard what the Lord Jesus described as "the sea and the waves roaring"? This past year we have had one tidal wave after another, the result of great submarine earthquakes (Luke 21:25). We have seen the convulsed sea, hurling itself at the shoreline, bit-

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ing and snarling, showing the "teeth of an hurricane." This is the voice of tormented nature "groaning in pain."

Have you ever experienced earthquake shock? Have you heard earth and buildings "groan together" as the accursed earth has suffered another convulsion? Yes, you can actually hear Mother Earth groan when her rocky ribs are shaken by Him who has warned, "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven" (Hebrews 12:26).

Have you ever camped in the ever-green forests and heard them moan and sob when, like a lyre with ten million strings, they are struck by the restless wind? Perhaps you were encamped in the Great Plains of our land and that same wind brought to your ears in the still of the night the moaning and the lowing of the cattle herds—suffering creatures, crying out for water and pasture, while they passed through the greatest drought our American continent has known in seven hundred years.

Have our foreign missionaries described to you, or have you heard for yourself, the hundred different cries and shrieks of the tropical jungles, the voices of predator and prey screaming together in the pain of hunger and the pangs of death? All of this is the voice of an undelivered creation, crying out and groaning together in pain.

Have our hearts caught the cry of Hungary's widows and orphans, so recently and so cruelly mangled by the Russian Bear? Can we hear, with the ear of conscience, the heartsick, homesick cries of the tens of thousands of Hungarian young men who have been sent into exile? Or the wails of anguish of the survivors of the fifteen million victims who have been slaughtered in Red China in the past two years?

## THE SECOND GROAN

But we who have been redeemed from the curse (Galatians 3:13), we who have received the "firstfruits of the Spirit" (Romans 8:23)—must we too suffer? Must we groan? "Yes,"

replies the apostle, "even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

But our groan is neither plaint nor complaint. It is a "prayer." Each sob, each sigh, each groan is a prayer, part of a six-thousand-year-long prayer meeting. We are praying for the "adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." We feel the pain of accident, sickness, and infirmity, and we groan in hopeful longing for the day when we shall have a body free from pain and disease—a deathless, glorified body like our risen Lord's.

We groan in sympathy with our loved ones and friends when the heavy hand of affliction and bereavement and sorrow is laid upon them and us.

Again, as believer priests, we groan when the Holy Spirit puts the prayer burden of intercession upon us. We groan when, in vision, we lift up our eyes (John 4:35) and behold a thousand million heathen suffering and dying without the gospel, without hope in Christ. At such times the Spirit of Christ groans within the believer, groans in compassion and intercession for these perishing multitudes.

## THE THIRD GROAN

We read, "Jesus wept." He wept in the Bethany cemetery at the tomb of His friend Lazarus (John 11:35). He wept over death-doomed Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). He wept over a lost world in the Garden of Gethsemane (Hebrews 5:7). How long has it been since you have wept for the lost of India, Asia, Africa, America? For the lost in your city or town?

Not only do man, beast, nature, the elements, the entire unredeemed creation groan together; not only do the redeemed of the Lord groan together for the unredeemed and for the redemption of their own physical bodies; but the Creator Himself joins with His creatures in groaning and yearning over them for the speedy accomplishment of His redemptive plan for them (Romans 8:26, 27).

## A CRY GOES UP

There's a cry goes up to the ears of God  
From the bleeding earth and the broken sod,  
From the battle fields and the long, long rows  
Of graves where the reddened poppy grows,  
From suffering bodies on beds of pain,  
From eyes which will never see again,  
From the scattered children of Lidice,  
From troop ships buried beneath the sea.

There's a widow's wail and the hungry cry  
Of the child that was only born to die,  
In a world where famine stalks the land  
And pestilence strikes with a sudden hand.  
There are broken homes and broken dreams,  
And broken hearts. Dear Lord, it seems  
That the broken sob of a broken man  
Has come up to Thee since the earth began!  
When wilt Thou come from the opened sky  
To heal the broken and still their cry?

—Martha Snell Nicholson

"Surely I come quickly. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20

Our Lord Jesus Christ accomplished His Messianic and public ministry in three short years and could then proclaim triumphantly, "It is finished." But He has been yearning over, and praying for, His Church and His world for the past 1900 years of His High Priestly intercession (Hebrews 7:25). He prays with sympathy, with compassion, with painful understanding of our troubles and needs, "for [he] was in all points tempted like as we are" (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Why is Christ praying, and what is He praying about? He is praying for the hastening of the day when He shall see the fruit of the travail of His soul and be satisfied (Isaiah 53:11), when groans will be turned to cheers, travail to triumph, ruin to redemption.

## CHEERING

In the glorious 35th chapter of Isaiah we see the first two classes of groaners converted into cheerers at the deliverance which the Second Coming of Christ shall bring.

## THE FIRST CHEER

Inanimate nature—the desert, a sterile, fruitless, thorny wilderness—shall rejoice; its groans shall be turned into paeans of praise! That great horticultural wizard, Luther Burbank, suc-

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# Should Christians

## DRINK?

## SMOKE?

HERE IS A CLEAR, SIMPLE ANSWER TO  
A QUESTION THAT HAS FACED THE CHURCH  
FOR MANY GENERATIONS PAST

A Story by **BETTY STIRLING**

**A** LOUD KNOCK SOUNDED AT THE door. Tom Jeffrey put his cigarette in the ash tray, carefully placed his son's Bible on the table, and hobbled to the door on his crutches.

"Come in, Arnold. Glad to see you."

Mr. Arnold entered. "How are you feeling after a week at home?" he asked as he seated himself beside the table.

"Fine. I manage to get around quite a bit. I've even taken over some of the cooking and dishwashing.

"I'm glad you stopped today," he went on. "My son Danny has been pestering me about something, and I want your opinion."

"I'll help all I can."

"Danny says that Christians should not smoke or drink at all. He says that you don't drink or smoke, and that if I'm going to be a Christian I can't either. Is that true?"

"It is true that I do not smoke or drink. Shall we let the Bible answer the rest of your question?" Mr. Arnold reached for Danny's Bible.

"That's fair enough," Tom answered. "I'm willing to do whatever the Bible says about it."

"Here is our first text," Mr. Arnold said, "First Corinthians 6:19, 20. 'What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify

God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.' Will you read First Corinthians 3:16, 17?"

Tom Jeffrey turned to the text and read, "'Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.'"

"Now let's see what the Bible lists as things that defile the body, or temple of God. Will you read Proverbs 20:1?"

"'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.'"

"And Isaiah 28:7."

"'But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.'"

"And Proverbs 23:20, 21."

Tom Jeffrey read the verses: "'Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty.'"

"A perfect description." Danny's quiet voice startled the two men; he had just entered the room.

"I'm afraid you're right," Mr. Jeffrey agreed, motioning his son to a chair at

the table. "I think you should hear these verses, too, so stay awhile."

"We are considering the problem of whether or not a Christian should drink or smoke," explained Mr. Arnold.

"It's no problem to me." Danny shrugged his shoulders. "I've seen enough of the results of drinking to turn me against it for the rest of my life. As for smoking—it stinks!" He shoved the ash tray to the far side of the table.

Tom Jeffrey laughed. "Danny has never cared for the smell of tobacco."

"Here is another text I'd like to have you read." Mr. Arnold turned to Proverbs 23:29-32.

"'Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.' These texts are certainly convincing enough." Jeffrey commented.

"One more verse though, on this subject of drinking," Mr. Arnold said. "I'll read part of First Corinthians 6:9, 10. 'Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, . . . nor drunkards, . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God.'"

"That's enough. You've convinced me that a Christian should not drink at all. Of course, I know the results of too much liquor in my own home, as Danny mentioned; but what is wrong with smoking? It doesn't break up homes, or make people lose their reason."

"It stinks," repeated Danny. "That's enough to condemn it."

Mr. Arnold smiled. "Tobacco was not used in the part of the world where the Bible was written in the time when it was being prepared. For that reason, tobacco is not mentioned specifically. However, there are certain general principles that apply. Would you read this verse in Second Corinthians 6:17?"

Tom Jeffrey took the opened Bible. "'Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.'"

"Danny, would you say that tobacco is an 'unclean thing'?" asked Mr. Arnold.



## TEN REASONS WHY I SMOKE

1. It's such a clean, refined habit.
2. It makes my breath so pleasing to everybody.
3. It sets such a good example for children to follow.
4. It proves I have self-control.
5. It makes my fingers and teeth so pretty and yellow.
6. It makes me look so manly.
7. I love to spit.
8. It starts fires, kills lives and destroys millions of dollars worth of forests and property. This is fun.
9. I want to see how much poison my body can take before I die.
10. It's my way of obeying God, who says, "Keep thyself pure." "Touch not the unclean thing."

—Courtesy Dunlap Realtors,  
Philadelphia

"Indeed I would! I've heard tobacco called 'the filthy weed,' and I think that's a good name for it."

"I'd like to read you two verses, and then tell about a man I know." Mr. Arnold turned to First John 3:2, 3. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." I have a friend who has been the superintendent of the junior division of a Sunday school for many years. He used to smoke, though not a great deal. But he did like a cigar once in a while.



STRANGE MIXTURE

"He told me that one Sunday morning he had had an especially trying time with his group of boys and girls. As he left the church, he felt the need of a 'smoke' to relax him. He took a cigar from his pocket and lit it.

"He said that suddenly, through the smoke, he seemed to see a vision of Jesus, standing before him with a cigar in His mouth. The thought so horrified him that he threw away his cigar at once. He has never touched tobacco since."

Mr. Jeffrey shuddered. "That is a new thought to me."

"When we consider these questionable things, such as liquor and tobacco, we might ask ourselves, What would Jesus do? That will usually settle the question."

"I can read the answer from the Bible." Danny reached for the Book. "I found this verse in my reading only last night. It's First Corinthians 10:31. 'Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'"

"I am convinced that a Christian should not smoke or drink," said Jeffrey. "But how can I quit? I've been smoking now for nearly twenty-five years. I've tried many times to quit drinking, and I haven't been able to."

Mr. Arnold opened the Bible to Philippians 4:13, and handed it to him.

Tom Jeffrey read the verse thoughtfully. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

"You supply the will, and God provides the power. When the craving for tobacco or liquor comes, ask God to take it away. Do you remember the verse in First Corinthians 10:13? 'There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.'"

"I'll supply the will." Tom Jeffrey took the pack of cigarettes from his pocket and placed it on the ash tray. "Take this to the garbage can, will you, Danny? And, by the grace of God, I'll never touch tobacco or liquor again." —Selected

The foundations of society and government rest so much on the teaching of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in this country.—Calvin Coolidge.

## THE BLOOD-MARKED DOOR

During a cruel and bloody war a commander took an oath, in the presence of his troops, that he would slaughter the entire population of a certain town.

In due course the bloodhounds of war were let loose on the defenseless people, and the slaughter was horrible.

Now it happened that a certain fugitive, seeking a place to hide, saw an incident which enabled him and a number of others to save their lives. He saw a number of soldiers break into a house to put the occupants to death, and then he noticed that these soldiers, on leaving the place, shut the door behind them and splashed blood on it to show that the occupants had been killed.

Quick as his feet could carry him, the fugitive ran to a large house in the center of the town where a number of his friends were hiding. Breathlessly he told them what he had seen.

Immediately the little group seized the opportunity. They caught a goat that was in the yard, killed it, and sprinkled its blood on the door.

Scarcely had they closed the door again when a band of soldiers rushed into that street and began to slay people right and left. But when they came to the blood-marked door they made no attempt to enter. The sword (so they thought) had already entered and performed its cruel work.

Thus, while hundreds of citizens all around were slain, all within the blood-sprinkled door were saved!

This story reminds us of the Passover night in Egypt when each Israelite family slew a lamb and sprinkled its blood on the doorpost.

The New Testament says, "Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7). The only way to escape the sword of Divine Judgment is to shelter by faith beneath the precious Blood of Christ.

## OUR ENVIRONMENT

Above—"His banner over me was love."

Underneath—"Underneath are the everlasting arms."

Round About—"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him."

Before—"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them."

Behind—"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

—Selected



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## **Another Church-Building Record**

Church construction started in May, totaling \$68,000,000, set a new record for the month. The figure was \$12,000,000 higher than for May, 1956.

## **Catholic Missionaries from U.S. Top 5,000-Mark**

A record 5,126 Roman Catholic missionaries from the U.S. are now serving their church in other countries.

## **Most Hungarian Refugees Entering U.S. Are Catholic**

It is estimated that 62 per cent of the Hungarian refugees admitted to the U.S. by special arrangement are Roman Catholic. Protestants comprise 25 per cent of the total and Jews comprise 9 per cent.

## **Mark 75th Anniversary of Protestantism in Guatemala**

An estimated 5,000 persons gathered in Guatemala City recently to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the introduction of Protestantism into Guatemala. In 1882 President Justo Rufino Barrios invited the Presbyterian Church in New York to send missionaries to his country.

## **Ask for Tolerance in South America**

According to the *United Brethren* magazine, the Evangelical Confederation of Brazil has addressed a courteous letter to the Roman Catholic hierarchy in all Latin American countries, appealing to them to use their influence "in the Spirit of Christ" to stop the lamentable persecution of Protestants in Colombia.

## **Oppose Legalized Bingo in Wisconsin**

Spokesmen for Protestant church groups testified at a Wisconsin legislative hearing against a bill which would legalize bingo games, on a local option basis, if sponsored by religious, charitable, and other non-profit groups. An official of the Wisconsin Council of Churches said that "lotteries and bingo sponsored by churches are especially reprehensible."

## **Act Against Obscene Publications in North Carolina**

The North Carolina Senate has approved a House bill designated to rid newsstands of obscene publications. In doing so, it inserted a definition of "obscene" to guide law enforcement officers. The bill was instigated and backed by ministers and church groups.

## **No Sunday Auto Sales in Pennsylvania**

The Pennsylvania legislature passed a bill to prohibit the Sunday sale of automobiles in that state. The bill provides stiff fines for violators.

## **Organize to Prevent Commercialization of Sunday**

A group of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish businessmen collaborated to form an organization called Sunday, Incorporated. They will seek to prevent Sunday from being commercialized, by keeping public opinion alerted to the situation and by paying lawyers to handle prosecutions against stores that persist in doing business on Sunday.

## **Graham Crusade in New York City Extended**

The Billy Graham Crusade in New York City, originally scheduled to end on June 30, has been extended for at least three weeks beyond that date. The probable closing date will be July 21, at which time there is to be a gigantic Sunday afternoon rally at Yankee Stadium, which seats 67,000.

The 18,500 seats at Madison Square Garden are practically all filled each night, with an average attendance of 18,200 thus far. The number of decisions for Christ has averaged over 600 per service, the most the Graham team has ever seen.

## **YFC Names New Executive Director**

Evon Hedley of Toronto, Canada, has been named Executive Director of Youth for Christ International. He succeeds Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, who stepped into the post of president following the resignation of Dr. Robert A. Cook a short time ago.

## **What of the Rest of the 27,000,000?**

It is estimated that before the summer is over more than seven million American children will have attended Vacation Bible Schools or church camps. But this figure will include only a comparatively small part of the estimated 27,000,000 children and youth who do not attend Sunday School or church.

## **Charges Christians Do "Inadequate Job" With Youth**

In the opinion of a Minnesota law-enforcement officer, the average Christian congregation "has done a very inadequate job with young people." Captain C. G. Bailey, head of the crime prevention bureau of the Minneapolis police department, told a group of seminarians that the youth program of churches is "weak" because it caters primarily to its own people. The officer believes that "to be a vital, real part of everyday community life" the church's youth program should be organized to meet the needs of all the teen-agers in the community. "Only by including all young people do you begin to protect your own youngsters," he said.

## **Czech Young People Read God's Word**

Communists in Czechoslovakia are having trouble with the Bible—all because some atheistic teachers decided to prove it false. A Communist party newspaper reports that the teachers compared materialistic principles with stories of the Bible. They referred to certain Biblical events, the report said, to prove that science prevails over religion. But the students—and especially those who had not seen a Bible at home—"began to take a lively interest in the sometimes romantic Biblical tales." Teachers have now been asked to refrain from all further mention of the Bible.

How quick and powerful is God's Word. It speaks for itself and destroys them who seek to destroy it. God's Word cannot and will not be ignored.

## Over 100,000 Children in Sunday School Parade

More than 100,000 Protestant children and their teachers marched in a gigantic Sunday School parade in New York City in June. The parade marked the 128th anniversary of the founding of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union. The marchers represented 450 Sunday Schools of various denominations. A smaller parade was held in the neighboring borough of Queens. Public elementary schools in the two boroughs were closed for the day.

Theme of this year's observance was "Christ, the Prince of Peace." These words were inscribed on paper shoulder bands worn by the youngsters and also appeared on many of the colorful floats that accompanied the marchers.

## Glasgow Presbytery Approves Healing Ministry

The Presbytery of Glasgow (Church of Scotland) has accepted, by an overwhelming majority, a motion made by its special "Committee on the Church and Healing," approving a ministry of healing "with the laying on of hands." Writing in *Sunday School Times*, Dr. Wilbur M. Smith reports that one congregation in this presbytery is currently enjoying a ministry of this nature, with both pastor and congregation co-operating. A report from this congregation says, "We have had remarkable cases of recovery," and details the healing of a woman when doctors said her pulse had stopped. The report added: "We make no dogmatic statements about this; we simply record our wonder and thanksgiving."

## Gideon Bible Distribution Hits 35-Million Mark

Thirty-five million Bibles and Testaments have been distributed by The Gideons International, an association of Christian businessmen, according to a recent report. Gideon Bibles have made their appearance in all parts of the world.

The Gideons were organized in 1899, but it was not until 1908 that the organization placed its first 25 Bibles in a hotel in Iron Mountain, Montana. Since that time the ministry of the organization has expanded to include placing Bibles in motels, hospitals, penal institutions, airplanes, trains, ships, and schools. The Gideons also distribute New Testaments with Psalms to members of the armed forces, nurses, and school children.

The association now has 16,000 members organized in approximately 800 cities in the U.S. Another 6,000 members are in other countries. The purpose of the Gideons is to win men to Jesus Christ.

## Union Members Charged with Apathy Toward Racketeers

The rank and file member is responsible for the presence of racketeers in labor unions. This was the charge levelled by several speakers at the annual communion breakfast of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists in New York City.

Frank Andolina, national director of the ACTU, charged that racketeering exists "because of the apathy of the rank and file itself." He complained that the press "has done a lot of harm to the labor movement because the impression they have produced is that the American trade union movement is dominated by racketeers."

Another speaker warned that new laws are not the answer. Reforms must be made by changing our way of thinking, he said. "The corruption is in ourselves—in our hunger for getting something we haven't worked for," the speaker warned.

## Scientists Show All Smoking Shortens Life

There was about the usual amount of space given to cigarette ads in the June 17 issue of *Time* magazine, but the page devoted to an honest report of the effect of smoking in that same issue may cost *Time* some advertising dollars in the future.

Two American Cancer Society researchers have just completed the most comprehensive study made on the relationship between smoking and premature death. Their figures should be astounding enough to convince even a casual observer that a person literally takes his life into his own hands when he smokes.

Based on a massive study of 188,000 American men over a four-year period, the researchers concluded from what *Time* called a "mountain of crosschecked statistics" that all smoking—even light smoking—definitely shortens life. The risk goes up with the amount smoked.

The report highlighted the long-suspected cause-and-effect relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. But it also gave new evidence that smoking may shorten life by speeding up heart diseases.

Death rates for smokers are an average of 68 per cent higher than for non-smokers. This ranges from 34 per cent for those who smoke less than half a pack a day to 123 per cent for those who smoke two or more packs a day. Death rates among pipe and cigar smokers are lower.

Researchers found what they termed "a spectacular relationship" between smoking and lung cancer. Smokers run a risk from 15 to 64 times as great as non-smokers in contracting lung cancer. Also shown for the first time was a relationship between smoking and other types of cancers, where death rates range from 50 to 352 per cent above average for certain types of cancers. Smokers have a death rate almost twice as great as non-smokers from other lung diseases. A definite cause-and-effect relationship between smoking and death from ulcers was also shown.

Deaths attributed to diseases of the heart and arteries varied with the amount smoked, and ranged from 29 to 141 per cent higher than deaths among non-smokers.

If cigarette smokers had died at the rate of non-smokers, there would have been 4,651 deaths among the men studied. Instead, there were 7,316. Pleasure-loving men and women are puffing years off their lives.

## Employers Suffer from Liquor Use

It is estimated that imbibers of alcoholic beverages (approximately 5,000,000 of them) are costing their employers about 350,000,000 lost man-hours each year through absenteeism, inefficiency, and personnel turnover, reports *Watchman-Examiner*.

## Canadians Spend More for Liquor than for Church

The average Canadian Protestant gives only \$34.23 a year for the work of his church, while the average Canadian spends \$52.73 a year on liquor, *The United Brethren* magazine reports. For every \$3 Canadians spend on food, they spend \$1 on liquor and tobacco.

## Mental Illness Heads U. S. Sicknesses

The killing pace of our jet age is taking its toll in human suffering. Mental illness is now the most common cause of disability in our nation. More than 250,000 persons will be admitted to a mental hospital for the first time this year. Another 100,000 former mental patients will have to be readmitted. There are over 700,000 persons in the nation's mental hospitals now.

Apparently many person's mental make-up cannot stand the strain of today's pressures. How important it is for the Christian to remember the promise of God. The Psalmist said, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." One secret of mental health is establishing a right relationship with God and keeping our minds fixed upon Him.



Turning the sod for the new church at Dhanbad

# New Church Dedicated in Dhanbad, India

BY ESTHER HARVEY

WHEN I RETURNED TO INDIA IN September 1950 it was with the hope that Miss Schmidt and I might open a new church. The Lord very definitely showed us that Dhanbad was the place where we should work.

It took us a month to find a house. After we moved in we had our first service in the living room. It was in English—and there were exactly five people present besides us.

From that small beginning the Lord has enabled us to build a lovely congregation. He graciously supplied our needs, step by step. As the crowds increased we bought folding chairs, but eventually there were too many people to meet in the living room and we moved the meetings out to the long verandah.

Feeling the need of a church building, we prayed earnestly and put the matter before our English congregation. They responded well. Some made pledges. Others brought their tithes and offerings week by week, and we put all the money in a building fund except that which was needed for current expenses.

Our compound is in a central location so we decided to build on it, choosing a plot next to the road. We had a sod-turning service one Sunday last December, and the next day the construction work began.

The contractor gave us an estimate of the cost, and promised to have the church completed by the end of March, 1957. However, by the middle of March he was only up to the roof, and the cost had already reached the full amount which he had estimated for the entire structure! At this point he quit the job, and it was up to us to finish as best we could.

It was rather an embarrassing situation for two ladies, but the Lord did not forsake us. Mr. Collins, a retired engineer who attends our church, came to the compound from time to time to advise the head mason, so we went on with the work.

We met with difficulties on every hand. First we could not get roofing materials. After considerable "watching and praying" we were able to find a source of these. Then we were held up for cement, which is government-

controlled. We applied three times, and each time were allowed only a few bags; but eventually we obtained enough to finish the job.

We were determined to have our Easter services in the church, even though it was not finished; so after having the first part of our meeting outside we all carried our chairs indoors. The ceiling was not finished—the windows had no glass in them—some of the doors were still missing—but we finished the meeting inside the church. The building, in addition to the church hall, has three rooms and also a verandah on the back which we will use for Sunday School classes. We stood around the wall, joined hands, and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Sunday night was a crowning service. Brother Dillingham was with us for the Easter services and there was real conviction as he preached. When the altar call was given a fine educated Hindu man who has been attending our English and Hindustani services for several months knelt at the altar. His nine-year-old son knelt also.

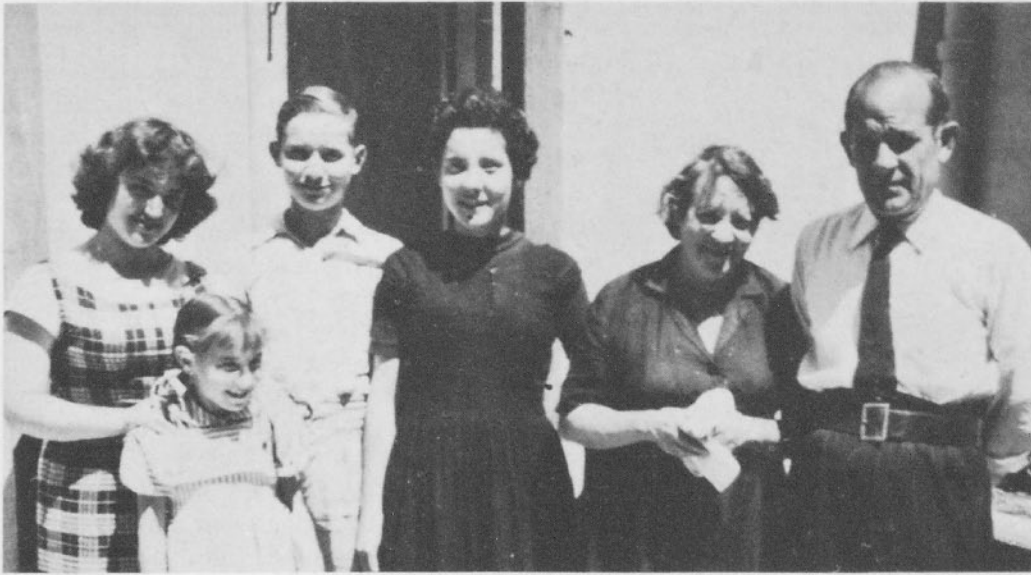
The new church was publicly dedicated on April 28, just six years after the beginning of the work at Dhanbad. There was a large attendance. Fred Merian preached the dedication sermon in the English service. Then we had the Hindustani service in the evening, and several brethren from out of town took part.

We borrowed money to finish the church but we are confident that our people will respond and that the debt will soon be paid. Rejoice with us. The Lord has done great things for us and our hearts are glad.

## DECAY ASSURED

An artist was once asked to paint a picture of a decaying church. To the astonishment of many, instead of putting on the canvas an old, tottering ruin, the artist painted a stately edifice of modern grandeur, with pulpit, magnificent organ, and colored windows. But suspended from a nail in the wall hung a square box, very simply painted, bearing the legend, "Collection for Foreign Missions," and over the slot was painted a cob web!

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The Bonilla Family

# The Canary Islands

BY RUTH B. WEITKAMP

ONE OF SPAIN'S PROUD POSSESSIONS is the Canary Islands. This group of seven inhabited islands, divided into two provinces, is only seventy miles off the northwest coast of Africa. In ancient times they were called the Fortunate Isles. During the Dark Ages, Europe completely lost contact with the Fortunate Isles and for nearly a thousand years the people lived as though theirs was the only land upon the face of the watery planet. The first inhabitants, the Guanches, belonged to a race of unknown origin. The Guanches resisted conquest almost to the point of their own extermination and it was not until the time of Ferdinand and Isabella, late in the 15th century, that the islands accepted Spanish rule.

Several of the islands are very colorful, with flowers adorning the many parks in the cities, villages, and countryside. On the other islands one sees the result of volcanic action of past years. Lanzarote is said to be the most volcanic island in the Atlantic. The island is swollen with volcanoes that rose from the floor of the sea and broke through towns and fields, spreading death and desolation. Near Fire Mountain two cities have been buried with lava. This mountain today is still hot enough to cook food in its blowholes.

Before Spain's civil war there were several Assemblies of God missionaries working on these islands. Some of the Christians to whom they ministered are

still true to the Lord and form a part of an independent congregation. The only Protestant chapel in the islands today is in Las Palmas, where a fine group gather for worship. In Santa Cruz, the Christians still meet in homes, as they have not been able to secure a permit to use their chapel. On Wednesday evenings thirty fine young people gather for worship in a home. Actually there are six missionaries working on three of the islands.

From Tangier, Morocco, the gospel is being sent by radio to these islands as well as to the Spanish peninsula itself. Our missionary, Hugh Jeter, is speaker for three of these programs. There have been many letters received from the Canary Islands, including the islands where there are no missionaries and no evangelical work. Many villages are without electric current, but good

reception is obtained on battery radio sets. Among those who have written to the station in response to the programs are some who listen secretly. For fear of persecution they have not taken an open stand for Christ.

The Bonilla family from Arrecife, Lanzarote, have been saved a year and are faithful listeners to the gospel programs. There are only two services a week in the missionaries' homes in Arrecife, but this family gathers daily around their radio to listen to the gospel, entering into the service by singing and reverently bowing their heads at prayer time. They requested a song to be sung for them which expresses the desire of their hearts, "I can hear my Saviour calling . . . I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way." This family, as well as others, are persecuted for their faith in Christ but are determined to remain true to the Saviour. The gospel by means of radio is reaching into the homes and hearts of people in this remote corner of Spanish territory. We ask others to join us in prayer for the salvation of many who still sit in darkness. ◀◀



Caves of Guanches

## MISSIONARY News Notes



Word has reached us telling of the safe arrival of Sybil Geisinger in India.

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After July 1 Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nipper's address will be 430 San Chome Komagome, Toshina Ku, Tokyo, Japan. And Mr. and Mrs. Earl

Taylor's will be 90-4 Nagamineyama, Nada Ku, Kobe, Japan.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Friesen of Belgian Congo have returned on furlough. Their address for the present is 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nicodemus of Cuba are in the United States on furlough. Their address is R.R. 3, Box 227, Alderwood Manor, Wash.

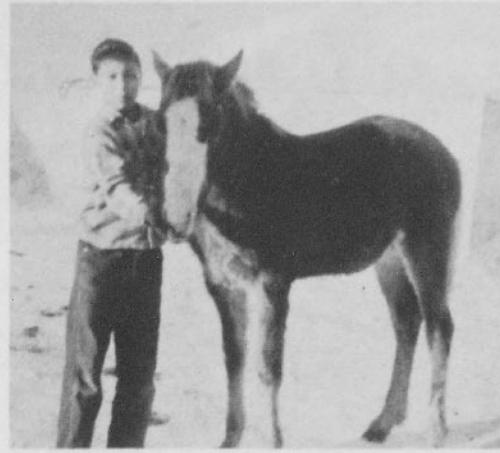
# The Children's Farm Home

by Mr. and Mrs. George Whitfield  
Palmer, Alaska

**T**HE PAST YEAR HAS CERTAINLY brought many new experiences for us and the Ralph Millers, who work with us here. We have learned a little about a lot of things, and we trust that we have gained in both knowledge and wisdom.

It has been almost a year since the Ray Cathers left us to carry on this wonderful work they started here in Alaska's Matanuska Valley a number of years ago. Everything about the Home speaks of their sacrifice and hard work to bring the Home to the good condition in which they left it.

We surely felt ourselves inadequate to take on the responsibilities of such an establishment. But we knew also that the Lord had directed our footsteps here, and He has promised to be with us. Many times during the past months He has proved Himself to be all that we need just when we need Him.



John Dolchok and the new colt at the Children's Farm Home near Palmer, Alaska.

There is a great deal of work connected with keeping the 17-cow dairy operating smoothly. The cold winters and short growing seasons contribute to the varied problems that arise. However, we seek constantly to keep every other consideration secondary to our children and their needs.

With the children coming from such varied backgrounds and having such different personalities, problems arise that one would not think possible before entering this type of work. Also, there is hardly a day goes by but that Arvid, Ralph, Andy, or one of the others must have repairs for a cut finger, a scratched arm, a bruised shin, or some other type of minor accident. We are so thankful to have the Lord to turn to immediately in case of more serious accidents—such as the time two of our boys unknowingly exploded a dynamite cap near their hands and legs. And in times of serious illness it is wonderful to know that our Saviour is still watching over us.

Our boys and girls like to ice skate,

ski, and go sledding during the winter months. As soon as the weather is favorable they fish and swim in the streams and lakes nearby. They spend much of their time "taking turns" riding our one horse, and in repairing and riding the few secondhand bicycles that we have.

All of this is in addition to the chores that each of them has, either in the house or barn. During the summer everyone helps with the garden and the hay.

During the past few months we have been able to make a few improvements around the Home. Our new furnace installation was almost completed when Brother Cather left, and it has since been put into operation. We have remodeled the basement considerably, building two much-needed storage rooms.

There would be much to write about the endless tasks that have been done and those that stretch constantly ahead of us. But all that has been done and will be done is for the one purpose of salvaging these young lives for our Redeemer. It seems that while some respond to the gospel call, others, as with youth everywhere, find it hard to resist the temptations of the world. We start each day with a time of worship when we ask the Saviour to walk with us day by day. We all attend Sunday School and church regularly, and we trust and pray that the seed sown will bear precious fruit.

Our faith and determination would certainly waver if we did not have our brothers and sisters in the United States to stand with us both in their material contributions and in their prayers. ◀ ◀

Waiting for the school bus at the Children's Farm Home.



Spring clean-up time at the Home. Everybody helps.



# Bringing Children to Jesus

BY MR. AND MRS. J. L. HOUGHTON

*Valdez, Alaska*

**Editor's note:** Mr. and Mrs. Houghton have been in charge of the Assemblies of God Children's Home at Valdez, Alaska, for the past year. They have worked very hard to get the new dormitory completed. Here they report the progress both on the building and in the lives of the children in their care.

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**W**INTER IS GONE FOR THIS SEASON, having left during its stay nearly four hundred inches of snow. Much of it was carried out to sea by the winds, but enough of it stayed to shut us up in a little white world of our own.

Now we are looking forward to a busy summer. Some of the children will have a little vacation, while others expect a few days of work now and then at odd jobs. As workers in the Home, we have many tasks ahead. The building must be completed at the earliest possible date, for many children are still waiting for a home. Ceilings and walls must be finished and storm porches built, floor covering and light fixtures are yet to be purchased.

Much of the winter was spent in trying to keep out the cold of Alaska's wind and snow, so before another winter is upon us we must have storm windows to help keep out the cold.

We thank God for His many blessings and for those who have stood by us with financial and spiritual support.

We have been asked, "Is it worth the time and money?"

If you could see the change that has been wrought in some of our children and see them seek the Lord with sincere hearts, you too would say, "Yes, it is worth it all and more." God is graciously moving and we are praying that there will be a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us all.

We are very thankful for the help

God has sent to us. Sister Ruth Tomko has been with us since October and has helped so much to lighten the load. On March 5 Sister Agnes Rodli, formerly a missionary in a village up on the Kuskokwin River, came to help us and brought with her a friend, Margaret Honda, who is going to be with us just for the summer.

Please continue to pray with us about the need for finishing the Home. Children's souls are in the balance. We need to have a place for the children, and then we can, with God's help, win their souls for His glory.

Here in the Home we realize more and more the need of presenting our bodies to Christ as a living sacrifice, as we try to lead our children to Him.

Our prayer has been that Christ will become more real to their hearts. As a group we pray for revival in our church and in our home. God is answering this prayer, for just recently at a



One of the older girls in Valdez Home reads to some of the children at bedtime.

Sunday evening altar service one of our girls, who is by nature very reserved, was anointed by the Holy Spirit to pray. She prayed and sang in the Spirit as another one of our girls was delivered of a heavy oppression and came away rejoicing in her new-found freedom.

We never cease to be thankful for God's people everywhere who have the burden of this work upon their hearts. Your gifts and offerings are deeply appreciated.

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Your offerings for any of our three Alaska Children's Homes should be so designated, or you may simply send them to CHILDREN OF ALASKA. Address your letter to—

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT  
434 WEST PACIFIC STREET  
Springfield 1, Missouri

The family at the Valdez Home





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# Christian Educators



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1.—The excitement of a “back to school” atmosphere prevailed on the afternoon of June 3 as the fourth annual Advanced Christian Training School, sponsored by the National Sunday School Department, convened on the campus of Central Bible Institute. Among early registrants was Amelia Bullock, wife of District Sunday School Director Harold Bullock, South Florida (standing center), who is shown receiving her set of notes from Delores Allen. At the right, David Glaze, Sunday School Superintendent from Andrews, Texas, confers with Registrar Bill Eastlake (seated) and A.C.T.S. Director D. V. Hurst regarding selection of course. Nola Mosher and Betty Hunt assisted with registration.



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2.—Each day’s class schedule opened and closed with an all-School period. At 8 a.m. J. Robert Ashcroft, National Education Secretary, gave a sample *Bible Book* study on Second Timothy. The closing period (pictured) was a special lecture series on *Leadership and Personal Relations* by Klaude Kendrick, President of Evangel College.

3.—*Non-projected Visual Aid*, taught by Norman Pear-sall, Gospel Publishing House artist, was one of thirty classes offered in seven courses beamed to Christian Education leadership—district, sectional and local.

4.—A “no holds barred” *question-and-answer panel* was one of the evening program features which were kept in lighter vein after the intensive day’s study schedule.

Panel members were (left to right): Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary; Jack West, Pastor of South Side Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri; J. Robert Ashcroft, National Education Secretary; Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent; Phil Wannemacher and L. B. Keener, National Sunday School Representatives; Gene Scott, Christian Education Director of Central





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Assembly of God, Springfield; C. W. Denton, National Sunday School Secretary. Moderator of the panel was D. V. Hurst, Assistant National Sunday School Secretary and Director of A.C.T.S.

5.—Another afternoon feature of real interest to students was a *guided tour* of General Headquarters and the Gospel Publishing House. A light summer shower did not dampen the spirits of the group which gathered to board the bus for the tour.

6.—One of the highlights of the 1957 A.C.T.S. was a *Television Workshop* conducted by Carl Fox, program director and co-manager of television station KYTV. The practical value of the workshop was enhanced by its setting in the actual television studio.

7.—*Copper Tooling* was one of six crafts offered in an afternoon activity period supervised by Edith Denton (standing), Supervisor of the Sunday School National Standard Division. Students completed 79 projects during the school.

8.—On Friday afternoon, in a brief "commencement" service, students (mentally weary but spiritually refreshed) received diplomas for completion of their respective courses. Bill Paris, Southern Idaho, accepted diplomas for the 18 district Sunday School directors and redistributed them to the graduates in this division.

Directors pictured are (left to right): Loretta Lebsack and Bonnibel Roll, Nebraska; Bill Paris, Southern Idaho; Harold Burris, Arkansas; E. S. Henning, Illinois; Cleo Tapp, Southern Missouri; W. F. Reichelt, South Dakota; William Brandt, Rocky Mountain; M. M. Dudley, West Florida; Earl Adamson, Minnesota; Stanton Johnson, West Central; Ernest Aldridge, South Texas; E. F. Erdmann, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan. (Five were absent when picture was taken.) Seated in front are: C. C. Burnett, D. V. Hurst, L. B. Keener.



A STORY FOR  
JUNIOR READERS



JENNIE HAD INVITED HER BEST chum, Polly, to come to her house after school that day. "Will you fix us something extra nice to eat, Mother?" she said.

"I'll see about it," answered her mother.

Jennie ran up and kissed her. "I know what that means," she exclaimed. "Thanks, mother."

"But wait," said her mother as Jennie was tripping off to school. "When you come home, I want you to do your chores before Polly gets here."

"Dusting my room, you mean?"

"Yes, and also cleaning up that mess you made out in the summerhouse. You should have done both of these things before now."

"I know, Mother, but I just put it off. I so much wanted to weed my garden instead."

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"Where's Mother?" Jennie asked her older sister, Jane, when she came home from school.

"She's gone out," replied Jane.

"Gone out? Did she say anything about cake and things for my company for supper?"

"I didn't hear her say anything about it," Jane replied.

"That's strange," Jennie thought. "Perhaps she's put it off until she comes home. I wish she hadn't, though."

The "put-off" reminded Jennie of the room she was to dust. But just then she noticed that her pansies were wilting. "I must water them," she cried.

She came near the arbor as she watered them and thought about the summerhouse which she was supposed to tidy up. "I should clean that up before Polly arrives," she thought. But she spent so much time on the pansies that Polly came before Jennie had



# Putting It Off

done any of the things her mother had asked her to do.

Polly and Jennie played together for a time, then Jennie ran into the house to see whether her mother had come home yet.

"No, she isn't here," her sister Jane told her.

"Oh, dear," said Jennie. "Can you find something good to eat for Polly and me?"

Jane tried hard, but all she could find were a few cookies and some jelly. Jennie was almost embarrassed to set them before Polly. This was so different from the usual treats Mother fixed for her guests. "I wonder how Mother could have possibly forgotten," she thought.

Just a few minutes after Polly had gone, Jennie's mother came home. Her daughter met her disappointedly and asked, "Did you put off preparing supper until you got back? It's too late now. Polly's gone."

Mother only smiled and asked, "Did you dust your room, Dear?"

"No, I just put it off while I watered my pansies, and then—"

"Did you clean up the mess you had made in the summerhouse?"

"No, I was going to, but I had to put it off because Polly came."

"Well, you'd better go at once and do them," Mother said. And she didn't even express any regrets for not having fixed supper for Jennie's best friend. But then, perhaps Jennie thought of



her own broken promises as she took the duster and went toward her room.

Jennie busied herself cleaning up her room, trying hard not to think about the afternoon. Suddenly she spied something behind her mirror. It was a game she had been wanting for a long time. Someone must have put it there early in the afternoon. What fun she and Polly could have had playing it! If only she'd dusted her room as she was supposed to do, she would have found it.

Then Jennie went down to the summerhouse to clean up the litter she had made there several days before. She noticed something on the arbor seat. Lifting up a cover she found the most perfect party supper—coconut cake, little sandwiches, sliced pineapple, and a bunch of grapes. Mother hadn't forgotten the "company supper" after all. But Polly was gone, and there was no one to see or enjoy those nice things with Jennie.

"If only I hadn't put off those things I said I'd do."

And you can be sure that Jennie was always careful to do the things her mother asked her to do, after that. No longer was she "putting things off."

Many boys and girls, however, do the same thing with the call of Jesus as Polly first did with her mother's. They mean to get saved, but they keep putting it off. And when they do get saved, they always wish they hadn't put it off. Remember, now is the time to get saved. Don't put it off one minute longer.

—Adapted from *London Christian Herald*.



A family altar we would raise—  
A covenant to make—  
For as Thy Word we honor thus  
No evil power can shake.  
These tender lips we now would teach  
To call upon Thy name;  
Lord, lay Thy hand on each young life  
To guard from sin and shame.

—Alice R. Flower



# Our Family Altar

## Monday, July 15

**Read:** Psalm 42, 43

**Learn:** "Why art thou cast down O my soul? ... hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Psalm 42:5).

**For the Parent:** This psalm portrays the hunger of the soul after God. When discouraged, we should look to God because (1) He is able to help us; (2) our only hope is in Him; (3) His mercy and loving kindness are always with us. Point out that the best cure for discouragement is praise to God.

**Question Time:** What should the Christian do when he is discouraged? (42:5, 6) What picture does the psalmist use to illustrate the soul's thirst after God? (42:1)

## Tuesday, July 16

**Read:** Psalm 45

**Learn:** "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever" (Psalm 45:6).

**For the Parent:** This psalm presents the glorious truth that we are children of the heavenly King. Point out that the first-mentioned characteristic of the "king's daughter" is that she is "all glorious within"—an indication that God is most concerned about our inner self. (Read 1 Samuel 16:7.) The greatest testimony for our faith comes by living a holy, pure life.

**Question Time:** For how long is God's throne established? (v. 6) What is most outstanding about the "king's daughter"?

## Wednesday, July 17

**Read:** Psalm 46

**Learn:** "Be still, and know that I am God: ... I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10).

**For the Parent:** One of the greatest assurances the child of God can have is that God is with Him. This psalm is a wonderful source of encouragement, pointing out that God is (1) our refuge; (2) our strength; (3) our help; (4) with us; (5) to be exalted. In our fret and worry, how important is His message to us in verse 10.

**Question Time:** What benefit does the promise of verse 1 bring to the Christian? (v. 2) What admonition is given to those who worry? (v. 10)

## Thursday, July 18

**Read:** Jeremiah 29:1-14

**Learn:** "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "A Message to the Captives" will be found on Sunday's Lesson Page.) Review the story of how some of Judah was taken captive for failing to honor God (2 Kings 24:8-15). Point out especially, from Jeremiah's prophecy, that God honors the prayer of a sincere, repentant person (vv. 12-14).

**Question Time:** What was God's message to those in captivity? (vv. 5-10) How long was Judah to be in captivity? (v. 10) Then what would happen? (vv. 12-14)

## Friday, July 19

**Read:** Acts 13:1-3; Ephesians 4:11-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19).

**For the Parent:** This week's Junior lesson is on "The Church's Task." From the scriptures above, point out that the Church's primary responsibility is to win souls for Christ. Since the Church is composed of individuals; it can only accomplish its task as all Christians seek to win the lost.

**Question Time:** What is the church's task? How can it do this? (See above)

## Saturday, July 20

**Read:** Numbers 22:1-35 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "The will of the Lord be done" (Acts 21:14)

**For the Parent:** The story of Balaam is rather lengthy and involved, but it holds these important truths: (1) it is best to do God's will in all circumstances; (2) when God reveals His will to us, we should not seek to change His mind; (3) God's will is always for our good.

**Question Time:** Why did Balak send for Balaam? (v. 6) What was God's reaction because Balaam wasn't satisfied to follow God's will as revealed in verse 12? (v. 22) What is the story of the "talking donkey"? (vv. 22-35)



W. C. Land (right), pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Hope, Ark. receives the certificate for participation in the General Superintendent's Award plan from Guy Basye (left), member of the Advisory Council and Hope Gospel Tabernacle.



Certificates were recently presented to the First Assembly of God, Memphis, Tennessee, for participation in the General Superintendent's Award plan. The picture shows (left to right): President Klaude Kendrick of Evangel College; Doyle Burgess, member of the Advisory Council of Evangel College and also a member of First Assembly in Memphis; James Hamill, pastor of First Assembly

## CHURCHES RECEIVE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD AT EVANGEL COLLEGE

The General Superintendent's Award was recently presented to the First Assembly of God in Memphis, Tennessee, and the Gospel Tabernacle in Hope, Arkansas, at a special ceremony at Evangel College.

This Award is a financial plan which allows churches, church groups, or district groups to support the college and at the same time build a scholarship for a deserving student. While the plan has been in use for almost a year, these two churches were the first participants.

Under provisions of the General Superintendent's Award, a church may designate one third of its regular contributions to Evangel College for a scholarship.

Selection of a deserving student to receive the award is left to the church and its pastor. William C. Land, pastor in Hope, Arkansas, and James Hamill, pastor in Memphis, Tennessee, may each name a recipient of the scholarship during the 1957-58 school year. The person selected may be from the church providing the scholarship, or may be any student

which the church wishes to designate.

In recognition of regular support of Evangel College and service to a deserving student, the church participating in the General Superintendent's Award Plan is given a certificate.

Persons interested in the plan, or churches that would like to assist Evangel College and at the same time provide a scholarship for a deserving Penecostal youth, should contact the Public Relations Office of Evangel College, 1111 North Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri.

## A Call to Christian Service

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and schools over a precipice of destruction?

President Eisenhower in his recent address to the National Education Association said the strength of our arms is always related to the strength of our minds. Our schools are more important than our Nike batteries, more necessary than our radar warning nets and more powerful even than the energy of the atom. But far more important than this, our defense must always rest on clear comprehension of the basic values of a contest between human dignity and regimentation.

Billy Graham wrote, "The Communist revolution that was born in the hearts of Marx and Engels in the middle of the nineteenth century is not going to give up or retreat. Either Communism must die or Christianity must die, because it is actually a battle between Christ and Antichrist. So fanatical and ruthless are these disciples of Lucifer that in thirty years they have slaughtered millions of innocent persons and stand prepared with poised weapons to kill millions more in their all-out effort to spread their doctrine to the ends of the earth."

Students of Evangel College must be doers—doers to block the advance of Communism, doers to block the advance of atheism and unbelief. Evangel College must be sacred and evangelistic in its program whether one prepares to teach or to lead in business, govern-

ment, or industry. The gauntlet has been laid down. The race against time for the hearts and minds of the peoples of the world is on. Unless Jesus returns we will continue to lose the tragic race.

The sacred must supplant the secular. The individual must rise above statism.

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Added to these is a third evil of our time. That evil is *paganism*. Christ must have pre-eminence over this paganism. With the world all around us moving toward godlessness it appears that we have become blinded to the invasion of paganism in American life. Orthodoxy and old-fashioned holiness are held up to ridicule while paganism and superficial religion are receiving the plaudits of men. Someone observed that out of 52 Hollywood films show-

ing religious scenes, 50 had pagan propaganda.

All of American life is a strange paradox. Religious songs are recorded and are now played in almost every home. Radio, television, and press have found religion to be profitable. Paganism is riding in on the crest of a so-called revival of religion. If we look closer into our own hearts we find a still more alarming trend. The images and the icons have been exchanged for inspiring architecture and pictures. The medals and relics have been exchanged for symbolic jewelry and pins. An almost unbelievable animism has captured some in thinking that God's presence can be in objects of man's creation. How unthinking can we be? A challenge goes out to those of us who have opportunities to expose ourselves to disciplines of thought, sacred literature, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to fight for truth against these pagan forces of evil. The tragedies of half a million Greek Orthodox Catholics being slain have finally filtered through the pagan curtain of Europe. News of the destruction of dozens of Protestant churches and the slaughter of scores of innocent Christians in Colombia, South America has finally filtered through the channels of communication to remind us painfully that paganism is an enemy of Christ.

Our schools are threatened with this paganism. Our young people are gradually becoming infected with it. This paganism has been aptly described as a de-centered religion. The things of Christ have become more important than Christ Himself.

Administrators, faculty members, students, and supporters of Evangel College, how long can we act complacently? How long can we be unconcerned? How long can we toy with the superfluous when critical issues face us? As enlightened, inspired, and consecrated Christians we must engage in a battle to death with secularism, statism, and paganism. A new day must dawn for our schools of higher education. The Holy Spirit must enter into our educational program in a new way. There can be no such thing as a secular school for an apostolic church. Each individual must be mastered by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit should enter into all of education. He should be dominant in the teacher, the classroom, and the student. May we always acknowledge the presence of the master Teacher.

Evangel College is receiving a most

tremendous challenge. In the next ten years its population will be more than tripled. These are days of decision for its students and all of its personnel. This must be the highest kind of school. Our teachers are good teachers. They are not just baby sitters for adolescents with a prolonged infancy, not just service station attendants who dispense academic lubrication and fuel. They are co-workers with God's Spirit in helping growing minds take their bearings in the kingdom of abiding reality amid the changes of passing seasons and keeping to that course for the benefit of others and the glory of God.

Can I challenge you by these observations? Will you remember the motto of D. L. Moody, "The world passeth away, and the just thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." Remember, we live in deeds, not in years. True worth is in being, not seeming; in doing each day that goes by, some good—not dreaming of great things to do by and by. For whatever men say in blindness and spite of the fancies of youth, there is nothing so kingly as kindness and nothing so royal as truth!

This generation has succumbed to socializing. Principle has been sacrificed on the altar of politics. Integrity has been garroted on the gallows of expediency. We await a new generation whose sensitivities to morals and to ethics have been sharpened by an understanding of the revelation of God's eternal truth and the mighty baptism of apostolic power through the Holy Spirit. Those with such keen sensibilities cannot help becoming a conscience to the world in which they live. Ultimately they shall become the leaders, and we trust leaders in our church, in our government, in our schools, in our businesses. In all of these walks of life they shall carry on as soul-winners to bring men the same glorious gospel which has redeemed them from their sins and made them heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. ◀ ◀

#### AVIATION BREAKFAST

Aircraft owners and pilots are invited to a fellowship breakfast to be held Sunday morning, September 1, 1957, in Cleveland, Ohio. The General Council of the Assemblies of God will be in biennial session in Cleveland at this time.

Those who wish to attend are urged to obtain reservations by writing to J. Robert Ashcroft, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

# C.B.I. Appoints New Dean of Men



SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI—President Bartlett Peterson has announced the appointment of Robert E. Cooley, Detroit, Michigan, as Dean of Men and instructor at Central Bible Institute.

Brother Cooley is an alumnus of the school, having attended from the fall of 1950 through the spring of 1952. As a student he was very active in the athletic program of the school and played trumpet in the orchestra. He served as editor-in-chief of the 1952 CUP, official year-book of CBI.

On leaving CBI, Brother Cooley spent 1½ years as an associate pastor at the First Christian Assembly of God in Cincinnati, Ohio. At the close of this period of ministry he re-entered college at Wheaton, Illinois, where he received his M.A. degree in Religious Education and Archaeology. Since being graduated from Wheaton he has been serving as associate pastor of the Dearborn Gospel Tabernacle in Dearborn, Michigan.

In addition to his duties as Dean of Men, Mr. Cooley will be teaching in the Religious Education Department—primarily in archaeology. Because of his interest in this field, he has been awarded a trip to Palestine under the auspices of Wheaton College, but as yet has been unable to go because of the tense political situation there.

He is married to the former Miss Eileen Carlson of Winnipeg, Canada. They will be moving to Springfield in time for him to take up his duties for the fall term of 1957.

In assuming the position of Dean of Men, Brother Cooley succeeds Hardy W. Steinberg who resigned to become Assistant Editor of Church School Literature at the Gospel Publishing House.

If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principle, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity.—Daniel Webster.



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

► **DEMOPOLIS, ALA.**—The church here celebrated its fourth anniversary by having revival meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Tyus. The Sunday School attendance almost doubled, and many lives were stirred by the anointed preaching.

—Cecil Wiggins, Pastor

► **MER ROUGE, LA.**—Ten people were saved, several were refilled with the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies were healed in the recent revival at the Bonne Idee Assembly of God under the ministry of Evangelist Charles Mattox of El Dorado, Arkansas. There was a good increase in Sunday School attendance.

—Zack Gibson, Pastor

► **EL PASO, TEX.**—The Valley Assembly of God immensely enjoyed the soul-searching ministry of Evangelist Johnny Hoskins of Salem, Oreg. Quite a number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and many made new consecrations to God. It was felt that this was one of the most profitable revival meetings the church has had.

—Wesley J. Lange, Pastor

► **GRANITE CITY, ILL.**—A revival meeting that blessed the church in all its departments was recently conducted in the First Assembly of God by Evangelist Bill Sharp of Dallas, Tex. God confirmed His Word, and there were many decisions for Christ. As many as 10 accepted the Lord in one service. The response to Brother Sharp's preaching was most gratifying. His art presentations of Bible subjects is a great asset. The paintings were presented on the last night of the revival to winners in the attendance contest. The pictures provide a real stimulus for a good nightly attendance in the campaign.

—James Kofahl, Pastor



An "eleventh hour" conversion. This elderly gentleman was converted at Thayer, Missouri, just a few days before he died. Standing with him are Evangelist Dean Underwood (left) and Pastor James E. Griggs.

► **DAWSON, GA.**—The First Assembly of God here just experienced three weeks of oldtime revival under the leadership of Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Winstead of Winter Garden, Fla. God moved in the old-time way as the evangelists waited much upon Him and put their best into the meetings. The tithing skit which was presented was very enlightening and beneficial to all.

—Jesse Ray, Pastor

► **PERRY, IOWA**—The Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. just concluded a good two-week revival in the Assembly of God here. The Holy Spirit moved in each service in a real way with a number finding Christ as Saviour. Approximately 100 visitors attended these services, and there was a good increase in the Sunday School. Prayer meetings conducted each morning and prior to the evening services were a source of real blessing.

—J. J. Selness, Pastor

► **KELSO, WASH.**—One of the greatest revivals in recent years has swept over the Kelso Assembly like a mighty torrent from heaven. Evangelist Tom Miller ministered for four weeks, and we saw people either saved, healed, or filled with the Holy Spirit every night. The meeting had its beginning a year ago when the Men's Fellowship agreed that they would continue in prayer until the Lord did a new work in the church. Then various gospel teams did door-to-door calling and contacted over 2,000 homes in the city. The evangelistic services were a mighty success from the very first. God used Brother Miller to bring messages of deliverance to many who live under spiritual oppression.

—Burton W. Pierce, Pastor

► **THAYER, MO.**—During recent meetings here with Evangelist Dean D. Underwood, there was one unusual conversion. Mr. George W. Hurst, a man 81 years of age, came forward for salvation the very first night of the meeting. He had been at the altar several times, but was never satisfied. However, this night God enabled Brother Underwood to help the man grasp what God had done for him. As a result he trusted Christ and was wonderfully converted. He came every night of the meeting except one when he was ill. On Friday after the meeting closed Brother Hurst fell and broke his hip, and as a result passed away. That is one more soul the devil missed, and one that is now in the realms of eternal glory. During the special meetings all Sunday School records were broken, with 305 persons in attendance. The Sunday School is running consistently higher since the meetings than previously.

—James E. Griggs, Pastor

► **EL PASO, TEX.**—The First Assembly of God here enjoyed two weeks of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper of Southern California. The church was encouraged and built up in God as these faithful evangelists ministered in music and the Word. There was much interest in the Sunday School when Brother Pepper appeared in his Indian costume and presented the gospel. He certainly held the attention of the audience.

—Wm. F. Hageman, Pastor

► **ST. PAUL, MINN.**—Evangelists Tommy Barnett and Don Brassfield of Kansas City, Kansas, recently conducted a three-week revival campaign in the Summit Avenue Assembly of God. The anointed preaching and singing of Brother Barnett, so ably assisted by Brother Brassfield at the organ and piano, was a rich blessing to the excellent crowds that attended each night. Souls were at the altar seeking God for salvation, and there was a gracious move of the Spirit of God. Immediately following this meeting Evangelist Mair E. Jones of Oakland, Calif. continued for a week. Her powerful messages were a challenge and blessing to the congregation.

—Wilbur E. Weides, Pastor

► **LADYSMITH, WIS.**—On Pentecost Sunday the Assembly of God here concluded a four-week Salvation-Healing Campaign with Evangelist Dale Holford of Tacoma, Wash. It was one of the best meetings the church has had for a number of years, and the first Pentecostal break in at least two years. There were scores of visitors from other denominations and faiths, as well as at least 50 first-time visitors. A number knelt at the altar for salvation, three of whom were genuinely saved. Many sought for the baptism of the Holy Spirit who had not sought previously. The anointing of God was upon the evangelist as he prayed for the sick and afflicted, and many testified to deliverance.

—Charles A. Anderson, Pastor

► **SISSETON, S. DAK.**—Several weeks ago a spontaneous revival broke out in the regular services here, and a young man and a young lady (members of a dance band) took a stand for God one Sunday evening. Others of their relatives who were members of the band also accepted Christ. Then the church had special meetings with Evangelist Bonetta Rabe which dovetailed right into this move of God, and others were saved. Within a few nights those who had been saved received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, a number of others also were filled, and some received refillings. The impact of these conversions has had a telling effect upon this community. In a recent Sunday evening service there was a special dedication

of their instruments to the service of God. The church was filled to capacity for this impressive service. God is still working, and the congregation is expecting even greater things. To Him be all the glory.  
—B. C. Heinse, Pastor

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### NEW ENGLAND DIVIDED INTO TWO DISTRICTS

FRAMINGHAM, MASS.—The 35th annual meeting of the New England District Council was held here on June 3 to 5. Final steps were taken to divide into two Districts. The three northern states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont will comprise the Northern New England District, and the three southern states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut will be known as the Southern New England District. The effective date of the division will be August 1, 1957.

Obie L. Harrup of Alexandria, Va., and Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, served as moderators of the two Districts while they were organizing. Grady L. Fannin, Superintendent of the New England District, was elected to serve in the same office for the new Northern New England District. George E. Flower, Secretary-Treasurer of the New England District, was elected to the office of Superintendent of the Southern New England District.

During the past ten years, the New England District has had a steady growth both numerically and spiritually under the able leadership of Roy Smuland (now with the Lord) and Grady L. Fannin. The number of ministers holding credentials in 1947 was 123 and now the number is 226. The number of churches in the District in 1947 was 53 but only 26 of these were affiliated with the General Council while 10 were dependent Assemblies and 17 were co-operative. Today there are 53 affiliated churches, 46 dependent Assemblies, and 3 co-operative.

At the closing session of the Council, 12 men were ordained to the ministry. Brother Lewis, guest speaker for the Council, delivered a challenging message.—by George E. Flower, Secretary-Treasurer of New England District.

### NORTH TEXAS DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—The Spirit of the Lord was upon all the meetings of the 42nd annual session of the North Texas District Council, and we returned home with a new vision for the cause of righteousness. The Council convened in the Municipal Auditorium, San Angelo, June 4-6.

All the District officers were re-elected, as follows: M. B. Netzel, Superintendent; P. A. Lewis, Assistant; E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer; H. M. Cadwalder, Missions Secretary; J. S. Morrison, C. A. President; David L. Johnson, Sunday School Director. The WMC's re-elected Mrs. M. B. Netzel as president, and Mrs. E. B. Crump as Secretary-Treasurer.

A great missionary service was conducted on Wednesday night with Willard Can-

telon as speaker. The missionary offering amounted to \$6,100 in cash and pledges.

An ordination service was held on the last night with 32 being ordained. R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent, delivered the ordination sermon.

The next Council will meet in the city of Fort Worth (in the Will Rogers auditorium) June 3-5, 1958, if the Lord stays His coming.—by E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer.

### NEW SPANISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

Frank Montoya is working among the Spanish-speaking people in Grover City, California. He writes: "After we had been here three months, an elderly lady was saved. Since that time another large family has come to the Lord, and four other families are very much interested. This is a picture of our little congregation. We are happily looking forward to greater things in the near future. Will you please pray that the Lord will make it possible for us soon to have a property of our own for this new congregation?"



### WITH CHRIST

WILLIE J. McKNIGHT, 71, Huntington Park, Calif., died of a heart attack June 4, 1957. Brother McKnight was ordained in 1925. He pastored churches in Texas, New Mexico, and California.

RALPH M. JEFFREY, 66, Hagerstown, Md., went to be with the Lord on June 7, 1957. Brother Jeffrey pastored the Bethel Assembly of God in Hagerstown from 1923 until about a year ago when he retired. He was ordained in 1915.

EDWARD T. GRAFSTROM, 54, Glendale, Oreg., went to his heavenly reward recently. Brother Grafstrom was ordained in 1951, and had engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work.

JOHN EITING, 75, Douglas, Ariz., was called home to be with the Lord on June 7, 1957. The funeral service was held in the Douglas Assembly of God which was started in 1916 by Brother Eiting. He was ordained in 1916.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMEcomings—July 16-21 at First Pentecostal Church, New Castle, Pa. Services each night. Former pastors and members invited.—by S. W. Brewer, Pastor.

MINNESOTA BOYS AND GIRLS CAMPS—July 22-29 for girls; July 29-Aug. 3 for boys at Alexandria, Minn. Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, speakers. Earl Adamson, Director.

HOMEcomings and 6th Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Lloyd J. Cagle at the Assembly of God in Delano, Calif., July 21. L. B. Halvorson, Assistant District Superintendent, speaker. The Hobbs Family of Richmond, Calif. will sing and furnish special music. Lunch at noon in Cecil Avenue Park.—by Lloyd J. Cagle, Pastor.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Clio	Glad Tidings	July 17-28	Marvin L. Smith	John C. Purvis
Ark.	Pine Bluff	First	July 21—	Bobby Brock	R. A. Thompson
Calif.	Riverside	* First	July 16—	L. B. Lewis	Carl Goad
	Sebastopol	A of G	July 14—	Thomas Ming & wife	P. R. Ford
Idaho	New Plymouth	A of G	July 21-28	Richard D. Tatham	Garland Covington
Ind.	Hammond	**Lighthouse	July 15-19	Dedelow-Friederici	H. Meyers
	Merom	A of G	July 17-28	Tanner Team	M. Collins
	Richmond	First	July 17-28	Musical Vanderploegs	Wm. VanWinkle
	Rochester	A of G	July 16-Aug. 4	John Higginbotham	Mrs. V. Hershman
La.	Rosepine	A of G	July 17—	George Hammett & wife	Clint S. Gill
Maine	Readfield	A of G	July 18-21	Rob & Lil Watters	G. P. Hendrickson
Miss.	Aberdeen	A of G	July 16—	Fisher-Cheek	J. C. Burks
Mo.	Maplewood	* Revival Tab.	July 12—	David Nunn	A. L. Burnett
Ohio	Columbus	Calvary	July 14-28	The Evangelizers	L. E. Loretz
	Lorain	* First	July 7-28	McCull-Gerard Trio	K. A. Smith
Oreg.	Reedsport	First	July 16—	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	W. P. Rutledge
Pa.	Knoxville	* A of G	July 21-Aug. 4	Richard Owens & wife	Willard Latshaw
S. C.	Greenville	Southside	July 14—	Calvin Melton	Russell Marsh
Tex.	Abilene	First	July 9-21	Eskelin Family	Wilson Estes
	El Campo	A of G	July 21-Aug. 4	Dewey Heath	Lee-Williams
	Grand Prairie	*** First	July 7-14	Jim Morrison	Arthur Jones
	Houston	Manchester	July 7-14	Edward Willis & wife	Charles Johnson
	Kilgore	South Side	July 7—	V. E. Tipton	Melvin Boatright
	Overton	A of G	July 17—	D. C. Ogden	A. L. Todd
	Silsbee	Evergreen	July 21-Aug. 4	E. R. Winter	F. C. Drake
Wash.	Longview	A of G	July 21	H. C. MacDonald & wife	William Kirschke

\* Tent Revival

\*\* Children's Revival

\*\*\* Youth Revival

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

"What must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30.

# HOW A Sinner Can Be Saved

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR sins (and you ought to be, for they will keep you out of heaven) I would like to help you. There are seven verses of Scripture which show very clearly how you can approach God in prayer and obtain salvation.

► 1. First close your eyes and offer the following words of prayer: "O God, I ask Thee to have mercy upon me, and give me the spiritual understanding I need to become a Christian." Now open your eyes, and turn in your Bible to the Gospel of John, chapter 3, verse 3. There you will find these words:

*"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

Suppose I were to say to you, "Unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom of God." That is what Jesus said to Nicodemus. A number of years ago you were born into your family, but the Bible says you also need a *spiritual* birth. This is called the New Birth. Other terms for this same experience are "conversion," "regeneration," "getting saved." Once you get this New Birth you will be ready for heaven. I will show you from the Bible how to be born again.

► 2. Turn to the Epistles to the Romans, chapter 3, verse 23. It says, "*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*" If all have sinned, that means you, too, does it not? The reason many people are not saved is be-

cause they don't realize they are sinners. They need to admit they are lost before Christ can save them. I am glad you realize you are a sinner, because all who realize they are sinners can be saved.

► 3. In this same Epistle to the Romans, chapter 6, verse 23, we read: "*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" Wages are something you earn, are they not? When you work, you expect to receive wages. The Bible says that if you sin you will receive death as your wages—and death for an unsaved person means hell. You certainly do not wish to die in your sins and go to hell.

But notice the last part of this same verse: "*The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" Notice the contrast between sin's wages and God's gift. Death comes to those who earn it by their sins. Eternal life comes to those who do not try to earn it but who simply receive it from God as a gift. Yes, God will give you eternal life—that is, spiritual life that will last from now right on through all eternity—if you will accept the gift. The way to accept the gift of eternal life is to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. You don't

THE BOOK OR THE BANK ROLL



Cartoon by  
Jack Hamm

get it by being baptized, or by joining a church, or merely by "turning over a new leaf." You get it by opening your heart, undeserving though you are, and receiving the gift of God's great redeeming love.

► 4. The next verse is in chapter 5, verse 8, of the same Epistle to the Romans. "*But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*"

That's a lot of love, isn't it? You wouldn't die for someone who had wronged you, would you? No, but Christ did. He died for you. He sacrificed His life to pay the penalty of all the wrongs you have done against God. Do you remember what the previous verse said? "*The wages of sin is death.*" But this verse says, "*Christ died for us.*" In other words, He collected our wages. He paid the penalty of our sins, and then He arose from the dead. If He paid your penalty, He must think you are worth dying for. He did it because He loved you and wanted to make you a Christian.

► 5. Now turn to First John, chapter 1, verse 7. (This is the First Epistle of John, near the back of your Bible.) It says: "*But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood*



of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

Read that last part especially—"The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." This is the secret of God's great plan of salvation. It is the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from sin. Our sin was the barrier between us and God, but Jesus washed that barrier away by shedding His precious blood to atone for our sin. Now we have nothing to fear, for every one of our sins is washed away. All we need to do is to repent, and to ask God to forgive us for our wrongdoing, and to trust in the cleansing power of the Precious Blood.

►6. There's another wonderful verse and it is found in the Book of Revelation, chapter 3, verse 20. Here Jesus is speaking. He is saying: "*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.*"

This shows that Christ wants to come into every person's heart. He wants to dwell in your heart, by His Spirit. He stands at the door of your heart right now and knocks, but He will not come in unless you open your heart's door and invite Him in. Now is the time to close your eyes and pray again, saying these or similar words:

"Lord Jesus, I want to be saved. I admit I am a sinner, and I am sorry for all my wrongdoing. I want You to be my personal Saviour. Please come

into my heart and dwell with me. I open my heart to You. I put all my trust in You. I believe You died for me, and I believe all my sins were washed away by Your precious blood. I love You and I want to do those things that please You. By Your help I will be a different person. I will stop doing wrong and try to do right. But I can't do it alone. I need You to help me every day and every hour. Please come into my heart and make me a real Christian, I pray. Amen."

►7. Now, if you've offered that kind of prayer and have meant it (and surely you *have* meant it) you have stepped off the road to hell and you are on your way to heaven. There's one more verse to read and it is found in the Gospel of John, chapter 1, verse 12: "*But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.*"

This is one of the many verses in the Bible that will give you assurance and confidence in your new faith. It says that once you have received Jesus Christ into your heart, and have begun to love Him and to trust in Him as your Saviour, you become a son of God. This means you are in the family of God. In other words, you have been "born again"—born into God's family. Be an obedient son. Always obey your Heavenly Father, and you will always be a happy Christian.

—E.W.

promise, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses," is at once a challenge and a responsibility.

One of the great secrets of the New Testament church was that in good times or ill, in prosperity or adversity, "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God." The experience of hundreds of ministers of the gospel indicates that the one great factor causing revival to sweep an entire community or city is that faithful people pray and believe and trust until the supernatural power of God breaks forth to convict the sinner, heal the sick, and miraculously transform nominal Christians through a tremendous induelement of power from on high, the mighty Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire.

When Abraham cried out to the Lord and desired confirmation of God's promise, he was told to build an altar, make a sacrifice, and put everything in order. After he had specifically and carefully obeyed these commands, God visited him with a manifestation of divine fire. It is time that all who desire a fresh visitation of the Spirit of God should learn that in order to witness a revival we must lay the groundwork. We must rebuild our altars; we must walk in complete obedience to God's commands; we must, in fact, do everything we know to do that will please the Lord: then in expectant faith we may look up for the revelation that must inevitably come to meet the need of the individual and of the church.

Thank God for the assuring word, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." No situation is too hard, no problem insurmountable to godly people who in deed and in truth will look up to God in faith and pray for a breaking forth of the Fire of the Holy Ghost.

Our needs may be desperate, but God's grace is abundant and He is willing to supply our needs. He has promised: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." What a glorious promise is this to all who will humbly seek the face of the Lord with expectant faith. With confidence we may pray, "Let the Fire fall!" ◀◀

## LET THE FIRE FALL

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who had received a special measure of divine anointing through the Holy Ghost.

Moses was employed at the menial task of tending sheep on the back side of the desert when suddenly he was visited by a divine revelation. He heard God's voice through the burning bush, and as he obeyed the word of the Lord an entire nation was delivered from the ignominious bondage of slavery. Victory replaced defeat. Jubilation supplanted despondency. The Israelites were delivered from their taskmasters because a shepherd was transformed into a dynamic leader who

could speak to the people for God Himself.

Elisha plowing in the field was suddenly called to serve God day and night. His faith-filled devotion and unswerving loyalty combined to prepare him to be the successor of the great, fiery prophet Elijah.

The need of the church and of the world today is for faith-filled men and women to take God at His Word, walk in righteousness, and dare to believe that He who has all power in heaven and in earth is willing to give power to them. We have His blessed promise, "Lo, I am with you." The further



## A MESSAGE TO THE CAPTIVES

Sunday School Lesson for July 21, 1957

JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-14

In the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim (about 607 B.C.), Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and took back with him, to Babylon, King Jehoiakim, Daniel, and others of the princes of Israel. Eight years later, after Jehoiachin had been king for only forty days, Nebuchadnezzar carried a second group of Jews to Babylon. This company included "all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land" (2 Kings 24:14).

These exiled Jews found it very difficult to adjust themselves to circumstances in the land of their captivity. Worse yet, false prophets arose among them who predicted a speedy deliverance. On hearing these things, Jeremiah the prophet, who was still in Jerusalem faithfully proclaiming God's Word, wrote a letter dealing with these matters. Our lesson text is taken from this letter.

1. *Submit to God's will* (v. 4). God had caused the Jews to be carried to Babylon. The Jews were to recognize this. To despair or to resist was therefore wrong.

2. *Recognize your responsibilities and privileges in the time of adversity* (vv. 5, 6). Though they were in a heathen land, they were to make the best of their situation. They could not return home. They must be industrious. They must raise families so that they would not die out as a race in the land of their captivity. A great future was still before them. Recognizing the hand of God in their circumstances they were to glorify Him among their captors and thus redeem the time.

In all these things they typified the Christian and his life. This world is not our home. We are citizens of a better country. God permits trouble to enter our lives, but we may make trouble our servant rather than our master! Through Christ we are more than conquerors. Our mission in life is to demonstrate to the world the reality of the living Christ.

3. *"Seek the peace of the city . . . and pray unto the Lord for it . . . for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace"* (v. 7). Though they were under the rule of the heathen they were, nevertheless, to be loyal subjects of that government insofar as it did not conflict with loyalty to God. A Christian ought to be all the more conscientious and loyal as a citizen of his country because he is a Christian.

4. *Be not deceived by false prophets* (vv. 8-10). False prophets predicted a speedy return from captivity. Jeremiah declared that God had decreed that the captivity should last for seventy years. Men have always been prone to think of escaping from adversity rather than realize God's benev-

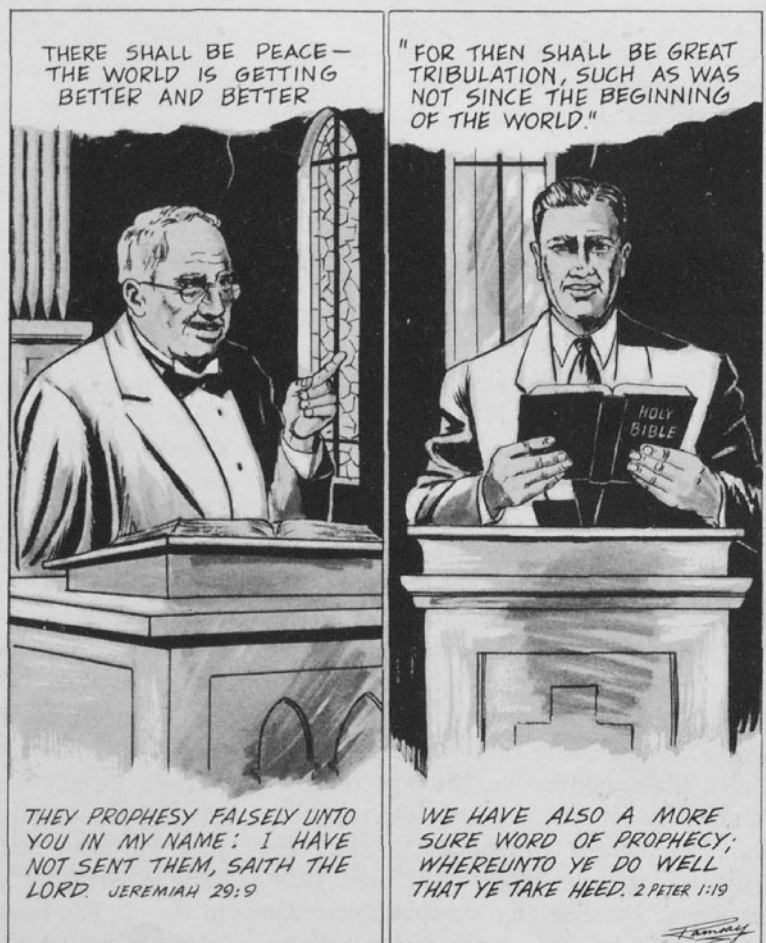
olent purposes in the midst of adversity. Captivity for the Jews was not merely punitive, but part of God's method of working out purposes for them which would be eternally advantageous. This is also true of God's dealings with His children today!

5. *Believe in God's goodness*. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (v. 11). What hope and love and tenderness is in these words! (1) God thinks about His people. We misjudge God. We think He has forgotten, or that He is harsh. (2) God's dealings with His people have always in mind their eternal welfare and their best interests. This we must count on no matter how circumstances may seem to contradict the eternal truth!

6. *Seek God's presence wholeheartedly* (vv. 12-14). Any circumstances which drive men to seek God wholeheartedly are certainly benevolent and merciful. Jeremiah predicted the time when the Jews would once again turn wholly to their God; and he promised that when they did, God would gather them once again to their own land and reveal His power and glory in their midst. But Jeremiah's words contain a principle and a promise which has present-day application—God waits to reveal Himself to all who will seek Him with their whole hearts. Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." No need is so great, no circumstances so intricate or hopeless, that it cannot be met by those who with intensity, sincerity, and singleness of purpose, seek the Lord.

—J. Bashford Bishop

### PROPHETS — FALSE AND TRUE





# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Two brothers, each having been baptized with the Spirit, let differences come between them. The one wishes to be reconciled, but the other refuses. Will he who refuses be lost if he persists in having hard feelings?

We must leave the destiny of souls to the Great Judge, but I would not like to die refusing to be reconciled to a person who was earnestly seeking my fellowship. Jesus said, "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:26).

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I have been saved only a short time. I was so happy until an older Christian began calling on me. She has told me so much against other members of the church that I have become discouraged. Can you help me?

I am very sorry that this woman has affected your peace and undermined confidence in others in the church, but you need not be greatly surprised. One of the great curses that has plagued the Church from the beginning is the busybody in other men's matters. See 2 Thessalonians 3:11; 1 Timothy 5:13; 1 Peter 4:15.

None of us is free from infirmities, and it would not be hard for a tattler to find something with which to hurt the influence of any of God's dear redeemed people. It is probable that those who are being spoken against are better Christians than the person who is spreading the harmful gossip. Among the things which God hates is "a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16-19).

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What is meant by the "love feast" practiced in some churches and said to be based on Acts 2:42-46?

The "love feast" was a meal provided in connection with the Lord's Supper. It was never established as a divine institution, as was the Lord's Supper. These "love feasts," spoken of as "feasts of charity" in Jude 12, were in use in the early Christian churches until the middle of the fourth

century. Because these feasts became so abused, they were forbidden by the Council of Laodicea.

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Who was the man whom God created after His image (Genesis 1:26-28)? It could not have been Adam, since he was formed of the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7).

I think your confusion concerning the creation of man is because you do not see that Genesis 1 and Genesis 2 describe the same event. The account in chapter 2 is a summary of the work in chapter 1.

Genesis 1:26, 27 reveals that man was made after the divine pattern, distinct from all other created beings. Genesis 2:7 tells how his body was made—of the dust of the ground. Man was not made in the physical image of God, for He is a Spirit (John 4:24); man was created in the spiritual image of God. The man described in Genesis 1 is certainly Adam.

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Please explain how God hardened Pharaoh's heart (Exodus 4:21).

It is stated several times in the early chapters of Exodus that God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Does this mean that God had foreordained this man to damnation? I believe not.

The Hebrew word which is translated "hardened" is *chazaq*. Adam Clarke gives the meaning of the word as "strengthen, confirm; make bold, courageous." Through resistance to the call of God to let Israel go, Pharaoh became bold, confirmed, and hardened in his attitude. This is a natural result of continued resistance. Augustine in his comment said, "God does not work the hardness of heart in men; but He may be said to harden those whom He refuses to soften."

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

# When Groans Turn Into Cheers

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cessfully demonstrated that the thorns on tree and plant are but abortive branches, and by intensive and selective cultivation (the Adamic sweat of the brow) he was able to turn thorns into fruitful branches. One glad day a greater than Burbank shall cause plant and tree and accursed soil to feel the healing, restorative deliverance of Calvary's Atonement, and then the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

The animal creation shall lose its savagery and lust for blood. The wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The lion shall no longer be carnivorous, but shall eat straw like the ox. A little child shall lead them.

And the groans of a physically oppressed and suffering humanity shall be changed to cheers of deliverance. All the blind shall see; all the deaf shall hear; all the lame shall walk; all the dumb shall sing. When? In the day when their groans and prayerful cries for deliverance from pain and oppression shall be answered by the coming of the Lord (Isaiah 35:4).

Today we see a few people healed of their afflictions, but there is coming a glad and wondrous day when all shall be healed. All shall see and hear and sing and leap. This is the day for which man and beast are groaning, praying, and longing.

It needs to be said, however, that this longed-for deliverance and restoration is limited to those who have lived according to the will of God. Not everyone will be saved (Matthew 7:14), even though Christ "died for all"—for all will not repent and believe on Him.

## THE SECOND CHEER

God's manifested sons—appearing in glory with our returning Lord, inhabit—  
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ing glorified, redeemed bodies (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)—are next pictured here in Isaiah 35. They are called "the ransomed of the Lord." Their groans are turned to songs, to everlasting joy and gladness. Gladness instead of groans! The oil of joy for mourning!

The chapter closes with one of the most wonderful statements in human language, "Sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Chapters 4, 5, 21, and 22 of Revelation give the reasons why "sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Read them, and shout aloud.

From which of the many blessed scriptures shall we select the description of the occasion when the third Groaner shall be turned into a Cheerer? Shall it be Revelation 19:7, 8; or 21:1-7; or 22:1-7, 14?

**THE THIRD CHEER**

When shall God's longing, loving heart no longer have to yearn and groan over His lost children? When shall His groaning turn to cheering? To answer, I would choose a passage sung by one of God's nightingales. He lived and sang his inspired song in a day of apostasy and onrushing judgment. His song and his faith and his inspired vision pierced through the present gloom and into the coming glory. Beyond sin and suffering, beyond dispersal and despair, Zephaniah saw the great Day of the Lord.

Zephaniah foresaw our Redeemer surrounded by ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of redeemed ones (Revelation 5:11-14). They have come out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation. Some have come up out of great trib-

## REVIVALTIME Giving

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*TOTAL GIVING*

1. NEW YORK .....	7,363.51
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3. NORTHWEST .....	6,876.09
4. OHIO .....	5,911.97
5. S. CALIFORNIA .....	5,889.41
6. S. MISSOURI .....	5,561.60
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1. NEBRASKA .....	\$59.78
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3. NEW ENGLAND .....	46.84
4. NEW JERSEY .....	43.89
5. OHIO .....	33.78
6. WISCONSIN-N. MICH. ....	31.83
7. N. DAKOTA .....	29.79
8. MONTANA .....	27.63
9. EASTERN .....	27.08
10. NORTHWEST .....	25.56

ulation (Revelation 7:14). They stand, circling the Throne and Him who sits upon it. All are dressed in clean, white linen. Some are crowned. Many others, though lacking crowns, are waving palms of victory. All of them—the crowned-enthroned overcomers, the standing palm-wavers, the gleanings of the great tribulation harvest—all the redeemed are safely home in the Father's house of many mansions.

Let us look through Zephaniah's telescope. Can you behold the scene as he did? Oh, the magnitude of it! The awesome wonder of it will cause a happy hush to fall upon these gloriously spellbound redeemed ones; there will be a period of silence in heaven, the silence of a joy too great to express.

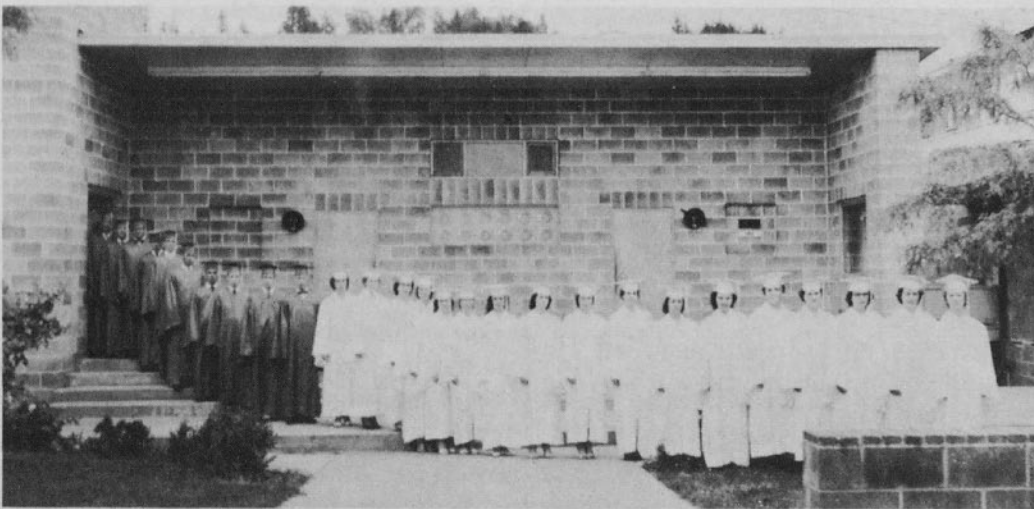
Then, says Zephaniah, God will break the holy hush. He will shatter the silence in heaven. He shall break forth into song. He shall behold of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

The prophet describes the divine reaction (3:17):

*The Lord thy God in  
the midst of thee is mighty;  
He will save,  
He will rejoice over thee with joy;  
He will rest in his love,  
He will joy over thee with singing."*

He who gave thrush and nightingale their melody, He who gave morning stars their harmony—He shall sing! His age-long groaning shall be turned into everlasting rejoicing! He who was mute and silent as He went into judgment to bear our sins, dumb as a sheep before his shearers is dumb—He shall break the silence in heaven, He shall break forth into singing.

Friend, I want to have a box seat, as near the front ranks as possible, when our Redeemer sings His solo, don't you? Let's prayerfully make our reservation now for the song recital of the ages. ◀◀



HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATES AT C.B.A.—Photo shows the 1957 graduating class at Canyonville Bible Academy standing in front of the new building which contains the school auditorium and dining hall. C.B.A., located in Canyonville, Oregon, is an Assemblies of God high school.

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## VACATION DEVOTIONS AND LOGBOOK



### A Message to My Evangel Friends:

It's vacation time again! Some of you for the past twelve months have looked forward to an enjoyable vacation, AND NOW IT'S TIME TO TAKE OFF FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS AND GO ON THAT TRIP you have planned.

I hope that every one of my *Evangel* friends can enjoy a wonderful vacation this year.

I have something prepared for you, something I have never heard of before—a VACATION DEVOTIONS AND TRAVEL BOOK.

There are fifteen daily devotions which I have written in an endeavor to help you to have a more enjoyable, more profitable vacation. There is a place for your mileage and gasoline records. The book includes some suggested reading material and a place to list the names of friends you have met on your vacation. Another high light of this unusual booklet is a section listing twelve steps to salvation for your easy use in witnessing to someone as you travel. I repeat, I DON'T THINK THERE'S EVER BEEN A BOOK LIKE THIS PRINTED BEFORE.

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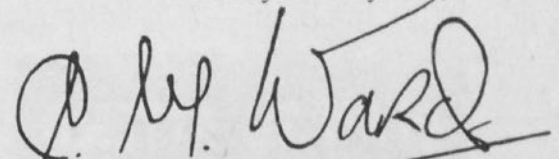
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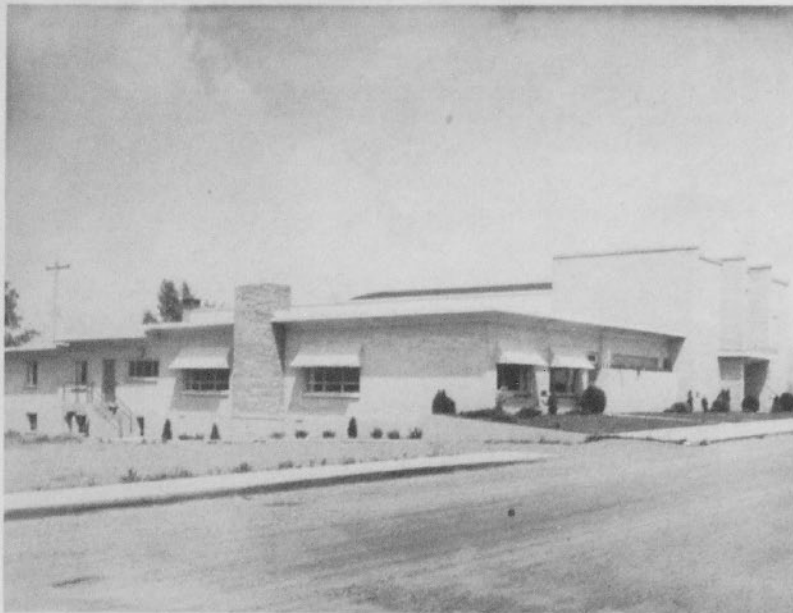
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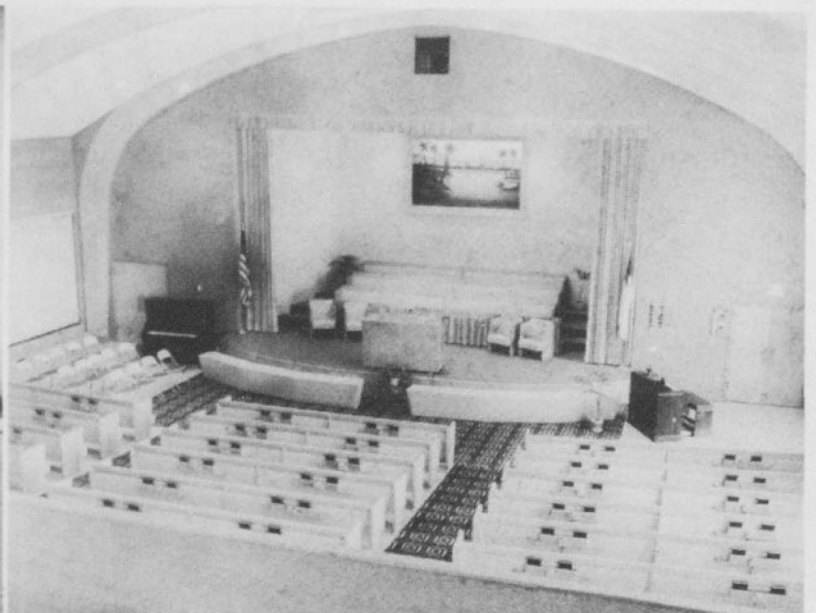
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B. P. Birkeland was the first pas-

tor of this progressive church. In 1951 the present pastor, Norman L. Gardner, was called.

The new building, pictured on page one, is also the largest in Lewiston. Construction was begun on the church in 1953, and the structure was dedicated by General Superintendent R. M. Riggs on May 1, 1955. The lower level of the education wing was completed this past year. The church is 114 feet wide by 116 feet long, and has 19,500 square feet of floor space. It is in a good location, at the corner of two main thoroughfares.

The people had a mind to work, and the pastor served as architect and contractor. Because of this and because there was much volunteer labor, a \$250,000 building has cost only \$95,000, exclusive of the lot and furnishings. The auditorium is equipped with completely upholstered pews and, together with the balcony and an overflow auditorium, provides a seating capacity of 850.

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