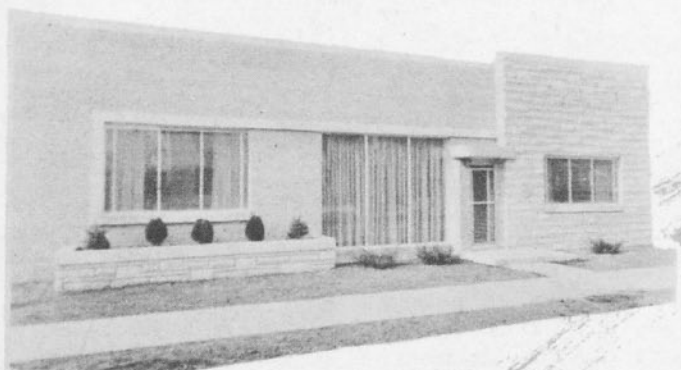


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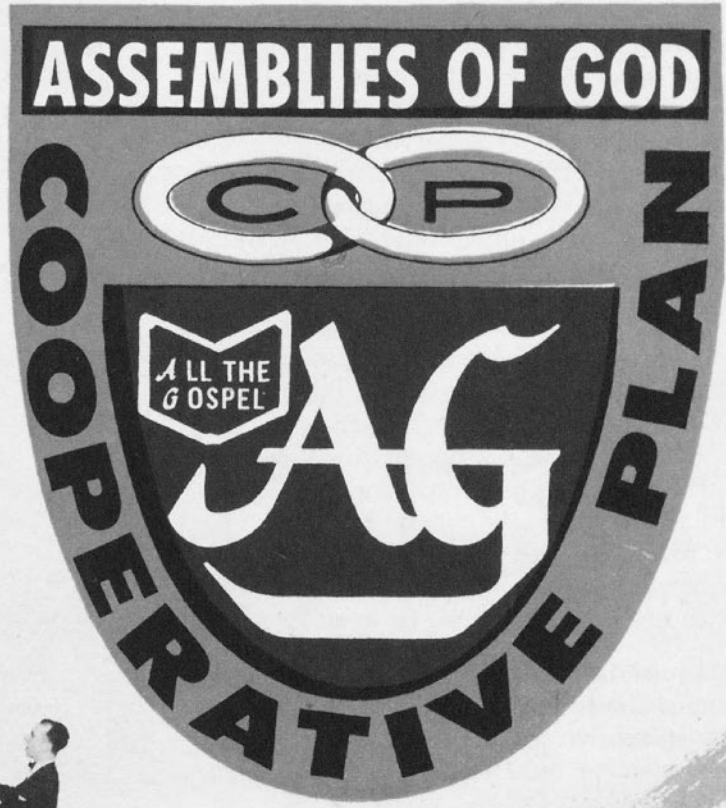
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The trouble with some people is that they keep their problems bottled up in their mind and spirit until they are driven to distraction. The Bible says: "Tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God, which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus" (Phillips' translation).

Good thoughts edify but evil thoughts are destructive. Therefore, shut the gate of your mind to all fault-finding, resentment, jealousy, selfishness, inferiority, self-pity, suspicion, and the like. As soon as you notice these evil thoughts, reject them immediately and fix your mind on Christ. Begin to worship Him and think of His Words. You soon will find yourself taking a different attitude toward your problems: it will be a Christian attitude, the same attitude that Christ Himself would take if He were in your position—and instead of a frustrating sense of weakness and defeat you will feel a warm inner glow of strength and triumph.

God knows exactly how you are constituted and He has outlined in His Book the path to victory. Psychiatrists may tell you it is within your own power to overcome mental difficulties. They may try in various ways to bolster your ego. The Bible will do just the opposite. It tells you to cast out your pride and fix your confidence in Christ, not in self. Self-will often lies at the bottom of mental trouble. The way to get deliverance is to surrender everything to God and let Him transform you "by the renewing of your mind," so that you can say to Him, in all sincerity, "Not my will, but Thine, be done."

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The unexpected cross becomes a test of our spiritual resources. It strips away all that is superficial and plants our feet more firmly on the solid Rock.

# THE UNEXPECTED CROSS

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**T**O MANY PEOPLE IN JERUSALEM IT was an ordinary day the morning Jesus bore His cross out of the city toward Calvary's brow. But for Simon the Cyrenian it was different.

Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, "passed by" as he came from the country (Mark 15:21). As he stood at an intersection in Jerusalem, no doubt his attention was attracted to the strange scene. As the procession came down the narrow street he stood there, looking and listening, when suddenly and unexpectedly he was compelled by the Roman soldiers to take a leading part in the drama.

"I know not what may come today.

Some needy soul may cross my way  
Lord, give me words of cheer, I pray,  
To meet the *unexpected*."

Who was this Simon of Cyrene? Cyrene is located on the north coast of Africa, and is now known as Tripoli. Jews in large numbers had settled there. These took an active part in persecuting Stephen. Others are mentioned in Acts 2 as hearing Peter and witnessing the outpoured Spirit on Pentecost. These Cyrenians also had an active part in establishing a church in Antioch, where the believers were first called *Christians*.

The probability is therefore that Simon was a Jew, a country rustic, and that after carrying the cross he became a believer and was known to the Christians in Rome (Romans 16:13). This day he was accorded a mortal's greatest honor, the privilege of carrying the cross of Jesus to the place of execution.

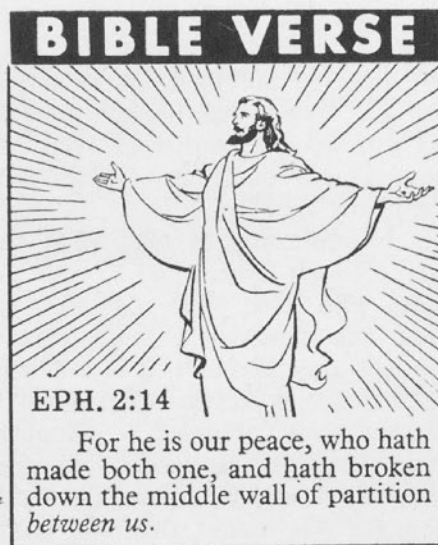
At first Jesus had been forced to carry His own cross, but His physical strength had ebbed away. His strength had been sapped through the many things He had endured—the awful

ordeal of Gethsemane, three trials during the night, the whipping at the post, the cruel treatment by the soldiers. He collapsed as He came near Simon, and fell under the load.

No Roman soldier cared to lift the cross. It was an emblem of shame and ignominy. So, looking around, the soldiers spied Simon, whom they compelled to perform this task. Simon dared not refuse, for Roman law was such that if it was needful, a soldier could require such service from the people of the land. Jesus was acquainted with this principle, and it was this He had in mind when He said, "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain" (Matthew 5:41).

"How oft within the trivial round  
So many trying things are found  
But He can make all grace abound  
For all the *unexpected*."

Was this a shame or an honor for Simon? It was utter shame for a short while, but afterward it became *everlasting honor*. His name has been in-



scribed on the tablets of glory, and his name is known wherever the Bible is read, because he bore the *unexpected cross* for Christ when it was thrust upon him.

How quickly the *unexpected cross* may be thrust upon us. We awaken and go about the duties of the day, and then suddenly something can happen that changes the whole course of our lives, perhaps bringing grief and suffering to our hearts. Matthew 10:38 quotes Jesus as saying, "He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." And He said to His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Simon could carry the cross to Calvary, but there Jesus must die upon it.

In bearing the cross, we enter into the fellowship with His sufferings. Are you willing? Some people seemingly think that suffering, pain, and agony of soul were only for Jesus, and that all we should do now is to sing and shout the praises of the Lord. But we must drink the cup that He drank, and be baptized with the same baptism of suffering that He experienced. Christian life is more than just thrill and religious ecstasy. If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him.

Just recently a Pentecostal pastor suffered the loss of his fine son, who died in an airplane crash. The young man was just 24 years old; he was married and had two children. He had pioneered a new church and was doing well. The future looked bright and all was so promising.

The pastor, father of the young man, had just concluded a fine Sunday morning service and was seated at the dining table when the telephone rang. The telephone operator asked for him, and stated that this was an emergency call. With a strange feeling, he went to the phone; there the young widow told the father how the unexpected cross had come into their lives, how death had now robbed both of them of a loved one. The death of this young man was a heart-crushing blow to the bereaved.

The unexpected cross becomes a test of our spiritual resources, the stripping away of all that is superficial. That is the time when God becomes real to us, and the Rock feels solid under our feet. It was good to see how friends

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# Whose MONEY IS IT?

A Radio Address

BY C. MORSE WARD

Revivaltime Evangelist

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*“How much owest thou unto my Lord?”*

**A** CHRISTIAN IS A STEWARD, NOT AN owner. A Christian does not *give* his tithe; he *pays* his tithe. A Christian is the guardian over all things that God entrusts to him—time, talent, faith, and opportunity. Many Christians are careful to pay their tithes, but then they feel that whatever is left is theirs to use in any way they choose. That is not stewardship. All you have belongs to God. Tithing is only one test of stewardship, but it is a big test!

To whom does my money belong—to God, or to me? The Bible answers this question very clearly. Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof.” In Psalm 50:10-12 the Lord states, “For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.” We read in Haggai 2:8, “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.” Sir, we are tenants—

God is the owner! We are stewards, and “it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2).

People say to me, “Brother Ward, isn’t money a curse?” I reply, “No, it is not.” Only when money becomes our desire and we put it ahead of doing the will of God, is it a sin. “Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” When you are working so many extra hours, just to make money, that you no longer have time to put God’s work first in your life, money has become your god and will separate you from Him. Ask yourself this question, “What comes *first* in my life?”

It is interesting to read what some Early Church fathers had to say. Ambrose, who lived A.D. 340-397, said, “God has reserved a tenth part for Himself, and therefore, it is not lawful for a man to retain what God has reserved for Himself.” Augustine (A.D. 354-430) declared, “Our ancestors used to abound in wealth of every kind, for this reason, that they used to

give tithes and pay tax to Caesar.... We have been unwilling to share the tithe with God, and now the whole is taken away.”

Mister, the Scribes and Pharisees, for whom Christ had not yet shed His blood, gave tithes. How can I refuse to do as well, when He who died for us said, “Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven”?

Christians can raise more questions about tithing than about any other precept of the church. They say, “If I pay my bills and there is no money left, how can I tithe?” God never said He wanted your *left-overs*. He said He wanted your first fruits. “Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.” When God redeemed you He gave the first fruits of heaven, the best He had. God requires of you only what He Himself has done. The best belongs to God.

Another asks, “Can I wait to tithe until I get out of debt?” If you do, you will wait a long time. The Master said, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

You’ll get out of debt faster with God’s favor than by your own ability. And don’t forget, God can send the collector! Oh, how those doctor, hospital, druggist, garage, and repair bills can mount!

But you say, “There are so many things I need to buy. If I don’t tithe, won’t God understand?” Read Luke 12:15—“Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”

You say, “Wouldn’t quiet, unnoticed, voluntary giving leave a more acceptable effect than collecting tithes and receiving so many offerings in church?” Acceptable, yes; but practical, no! The church cannot be supported by impulse,



any more than the nation can. Suppose all taxes were abolished and tax collectors were sent out to appeal to the patriotism of the citizens by asking that all of us should send a nice, quiet, voluntary offering to Uncle Sam. This nation would become a laughingstock. God never intended His church to be supported by an indifferent, hit-or-miss, give-when-you-can or do-as-you-feel-like method. The church is important to God; we know, because God gave His Son for it.

Another person will ask, "Do I tithe on my gross earnings, or my take-home pay?" How does the government tax you? On your gross income, of course. That is what you earned, or they would not have been able to deduct insurance, social security, and other items. These deductions are made primarily for your benefit and are part of your income.

I'll answer another question: "What is the difference between tithing the *income* and tithing the *increase*?" My *income* is what I receive from my labor or from my investments. My *increase* is the increase of my investment. If I bought a house and paid \$15,000 for it and later sold it for \$18,000, my increase would be \$3,000 and I would tithe on the \$3,000 profit.

People ask me, "Can I ever borrow

I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." James the apostle says, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

One thing is certain, this nation's government will never be guilty before God for stealing His tithe. That's one big reason for American prosperity today. The United States government will allow up to 30% deduction on your income tax when your tithing and offering records are kept systematically by your church.

Friends in the world ask me, "Why do we have so many organized charities today, doing the work that the church once did?" Go back to your Old Testament and you will see why! Our giving today doesn't compare with the giving in Bible days. The first tithe was given for the support of the ministry. When they had national feasts, they brought in a second tithe, and they were to bring in twelve different offerings. Then every third year, they were required to pay a third tithe to take care of the poor. That is why the Early Church was able to take care of the poor. Read your New Testament carefully, and you will find that one verse out of every six deals with the question of stewardship; and one half of the Lord's parables refer to the money question. That's why giving is an important doctrine of the church.

Sir, tithing was practiced 700 years before the Mosaic law was given. Two hundred years later (500 years before Moses) we hear Jacob making a covenant with God, "And of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."

Abraham gave a tenth part of all. Abraham is called the father of the faithful, being justified by faith. For this reason, the gospel begins in the faith of Abraham, who rejoiced to see the day of Christ. Galatians 3:29 says, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." If Abraham practiced tithing when he saw Christ only through faith, how can we who have enjoyed the reality of the gospel do less? The Master says, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham."

Finally, people ask me, "What is the difference between *tithes* and *offerings*?" Tithes are what we *pay* God. It is a fixed percentage. Offerings are what we *give* to God. Jesus said, "Give,

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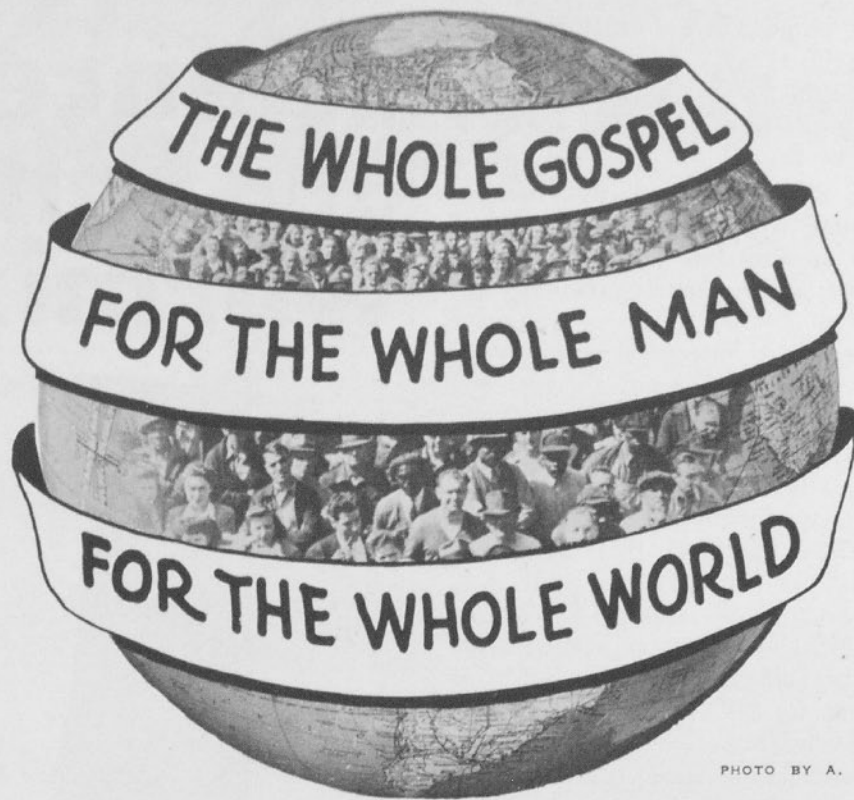


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## *A pastor's unsolicited appraisal of the General Council fellowship*

the believers in the early Church came together for ACTION, the action of spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. They were so successful that Acts 17:6 states, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." In the eyes of those who opposed them, this organization was making itself felt through united effort.

The first chapter of Acts records a gathering together for ACTION. This time it was for the election of one to "take the part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell." At another business session, recorded in Acts 6, seven men were elected to minister to the daily needs of the widows.

# *The* **CHURCH** *and* **ORGANI**

BY VERNON BOYER

*Brookville, Pennsylvania*

A SALESMAN WALKED INTO AN AUTOMOBILE agency in a large city to apply for a position. After introductory remarks were exchanged, the owner of the agency asked, "What is your reason for desiring a position with this particular outlet?"

Without hesitation the salesman replied, "Sir, I am 'sold' on the automobile you handle." *He was hired at once.*

The few thoughts that follow were written by one who is "sold" on organization and its importance in the advancement of the Kingdom of God. During the past several months we have read numerous articles which spoke harshly of religious organizations—or "denominationalism" as some called it. One can easily detect an independent tone in these articles. The authors, Full Gospel and others, give the reader the impression that the present-day established organizations are a detriment to the Kingdom of God and therefore should not exist.

The truth is quite the opposite. While

it is true that the body of Christ, or the Church-universal, is an *organism* and not a specific organization, it is also true that the advancement of the Kingdom of God depends upon organization. Today as never before Satan's forces are well organized because he knows his time is short. Does God require less of His Church?

In considering the matter of organization and its relation to the Church, we should first of all establish the meaning of the term itself. Webster gives this definition: "The act or process of bringing together for action." In other words, when individuals meet together to plan action along a specific line, they become an organization.

Therefore, the very moment individual believers or groups of believers assemble together to plan religious action, they become a religious organization, whether it consists of six, sixty, or a million members.

The Church of the New Testament, which is the pattern for us, had organization. In Acts 4:23-31, we see that

It is interesting to note that when the matter of circumcision became an issue in the assembly at Antioch (Acts 15) the matter was referred to the brethren at Jerusalem. After a discussion, James, who seemingly was at the helm of this first "General Council," passed judgment concerning the problem.

The official positions of authority in the early Church, such as those of deacons, elders, bishops; the mention of governments; and the ministries of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher—these all give us a glimpse of a well-organized early Church. (See 1 Timothy 3 and 5; 1 Corinthians 12:28; and Ephesians 4:11, 12 for mention of these positions.)

Organization is essential to the advancement of the Kingdom of God for at least five reasons.

First, it is necessary in the carrying out of the Great Commission. The same Christ who says to each individual, "Ye must be born again," also says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This command to go with the gospel rests upon every individual believer.

But how shall I, as an individual, speed the gospel to the ends of the earth in this generation, the one for



which I shall be held accountable? There is only one answer—through joining with others in an organized effort.

Independently, it would be impossible for me, or for the assembly of which I am pastor, to support our one thousand home and foreign missionaries around the world. By the same token, it would also be impossible for us to sponsor independently our world-wide REVIVALTIME broadcast which is heard on more than three hundred radio stations.

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and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

Again we are exhorted in Jude 3 to “earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.” An assembling together to establish a common doctrinal ground is necessary in order that each local group of believers may teach and preach “the same thing.”

Third, organization is necessary to fellowship among believers. The New Testament believers not only continued steadfastly in doctrine, but in “fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42). Great comfort, encouragement, and inspiration can be found in fellowship with those of like precious faith, whether that fellowship be on a local, sectional, district, national, or world-wide level.

Fourth, organization is essential for the proper care of the needy. The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, “If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.” We realize, of course, that he refers primarily to the human family in this passage. However, it could be applied to the “household of faith” as well. The early Church was very careful to provide for the needy and the less fortunate. Not only were the needy saints of the local church assisted, but, through organization, help was also given to those in need in far-removed places.

Fifth, organization is absolutely necessary for the protection of the flock. In Paul’s farewell remarks in Acts 20:28-30, he expressed grave concern over the future of the flock of God.

Notice again the words of Paul in Romans 16:17, “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.”

From these stern passages we learn that it is both scriptural and essential to the safety of the flock, to refuse the “right hand of fellowship” to those causing division by false teaching and/or inconsistent living. God’s sheep and lambs must be protected. Organization becomes an instrument of protection in many instances.

From practical experience as a pastor in a small “pioneer” work, I have a deep sense of appreciation for the

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BY C. W. RINGNESS

*Assistant General Secretary of the Assemblies of God*

**B**ECAUSE OF THE RAPID GROWTH of the Assemblies of God, the needs and responsibilities of this world-wide fellowship have increased. For several years study has been made of the financial structure of the organization with a purpose to establish all our work on a sound financial basis. As a result of a growing demand from local churches for a more systematic financial program, a committee as appointed by the Executive Presbytery to study the over-all denominational stewardship of the Assemblies of God. The report of this committee, which recommended the Cooperative Plan, was adopted by the 27th General Council in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Cooperative Plan is designed to encourage systematic support of all Assemblies of God ministries—district, regional, national, and foreign. As of January 1, 1958, churches are receiving credit for contributions to Missions (World—Foreign and Home), Benevolences, Radio, Education Institutions, and the national service departments—i.e., Executive Offices, Sunday School, Christ's Ambassadors, Evangelism, Education, Men's Fellowship, and Women's Missionary Council, and other General Council-, regional-, and district-sponsored projects.

Under the plan, it is recommended that each church (1) contribute regularly to district ministries according to

district policy; (2) send a monthly missionary offering (World—Foreign and Home) to the national headquarters in Springfield, Missouri; (3) send a contribution each month to the General Council (designated or undesignated) for other ministries.

All churches will receive a quarterly report of their progress under the Cooperative Plan. This new recognition system has been established in order to (1) aid the church in evaluation and development of its own stewardship; (2) provide recognition and credit to local churches for all denominational giving—General Council, District Council, and regional; (3) eventually reduce the number of special financial appeals; (4) provide funds for every phase of the Assemblies of God ministry, and (5) give a complete picture of over-all denominational stewardship.

Districts, missionaries, field representatives, and educational and regional institutions will send directly to the national headquarters a report of contributions they receive. Under the Co-

operative Plan it is no longer necessary for churches to report gifts to these ministries. A combined record of the churches' contributions will be kept at the national headquarters.

Churches will continue to receive credit for any money spent for purchasing, packaging, and shipping of goods to approved Assemblies of God missionaries and institutions. This information will be reported by the Women's Missionary Council president in the local church to the district president, who will in turn report to the national WMC office.

The Cooperative Plan is Bible-centered. The apostle Paul refers to something of this nature in 2 Corinthians 9:8—"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." Liberality in giving not only builds up the work of the Lord in far places where the gift is sent, but also causes the spiritual benefits of liberality to accrue to the giver. In encouraging the Philippians to give to the work of the Lord, Paul said, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Philippians 4:17). In another place Paul used the example of the generosity of one church to encourage others: "For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you...; and your zeal hath provoked many" (2 Corinthians 9:2).

The gospel of giving is an important Bible truth. Through cooperative effort, we can better fulfill the primary purpose of our Movement, which is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

In order to be credited properly, offerings from churches or individuals must bear the correct name and address of the church. A standard General Council remittance form accompanies each receipt from the accounting office. For more efficient handling of your offerings, we suggest the consistent use of this offering form.

Address all inquiries to Cooperative Plan, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



David Livingstone, the missionary who gave himself for Africa, said: "I never make a sacrifice. We ought not to talk of 'sacrifice' when we remember the great sacrifice which He made who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us."



# Where Does Tithe Money Go?



BY E. S. CHRISTOFFERSEN

*Mayor of Turlock, California*

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MOVEMENT has made tremendous growth since it was first incorporated, and it is now so strong that its influence is felt throughout the nation. But it is the writer's conviction that it has not really reached its potential because of lack of money.

The opportunities for expansion of our movement, both in this country and abroad, are immeasurably great. But we must live within our means; therefore we cannot expand beyond our ability to pay. If we have in our movement unlimited opportunities of expansion but cannot take advantage of them for lack of money, it is then advisable for us to take inventory of our individual contributions. It is for this reason I felt the urge to write this article.

Let me ask:

1. Where are our contributions going?
2. Are we meeting the greatest need?
3. Are we giving through the Assemblies of God movement?
4. Are we doing our best?
5. Is the operation of our organization so managed that we will get maximum contributions from members into the organization?

I shall try to touch on these points one by one.

1. First, where are we putting our contributions? Many Assemblies of God members are giving to anything for which a strong appeal is made, but in many cases these needs would be amply supplied by others anyway. Let's take a new look at where our contributions go.

2. Are they meeting the greatest need? If we are giving simply because of strong television and radio appeals, we are bound to be giving a lot of contributions which are not meeting the greatest need. How would we be able to ascertain whether our giving is actually meeting a need? I would say it would be very difficult unless we

were actually on the job where the money is used. I feel this cannot be done unless we are giving through our local Assemblies of God church for screening, and through our Assemblies of God organization as a whole.

3. Are we giving through the Assemblies of God movement? If we have faith in the fundamental principles and doctrines of the Assemblies of God, then we should support it wholeheartedly, rather than trying to meet any and every need which may arise. There may be some particular need that seems to be of great importance, but even then our money should be channeled through our Assemblies of God church. In this way the pastor will have an opportunity to advise whether or not the contribution is getting maximum value. He may have access to information which will help us in making a decision.

Without doubt, the second coming of the Lord is near at hand. I cannot stress too greatly the need and importance of giving our contributions and tithes where maximum results can be obtained. I, therefore, feel it is our duty and privilege to be loyal to the Assemblies of God by giving all our tithes and contributions through the Assemblies of God. In doing this, we will see a great upsurge of interest and progress in our movement. We are in a great business for God!

Would it seem reasonable for a business to scatter its monies to anything other than its own organization? Of course not! Therefore, why should we not work within our ranks for the upbuilding of the work of God?

The writer has personal knowledge that an endless amount of money is being given to other purposes. We should do something about changing that situation.

4. Is every member giving to the best of his ability? To this question, I feel the answer is, "No." I therefore appeal

to everyone to give beyond the ten per cent, not as an obligation, but because you love to do so. Why not consider doing better than you have done in the past, because our giving now, channeled through the Assemblies of God, will certainly bring big dividends in Heaven. If the appeal is not made so that every rank-and-file member of the organization knows the need, it is utterly impossible to receive maximum results.

5. Is the operation of our organization so managed that we will get maximum contributions from members into the organization? This is an important question which cannot be answered easily, but should be analyzed in the entire movement of the Assemblies of God in order to reap maximum results. The more our laymen are involved in the operation of our movement, the more burden they naturally will have for it. We are responsible as individuals before God to surround ourselves with the best information and advice, so we can build our Assemblies of God movement at a faster rate of progress. This should be a great year of decision and improvement.

It is the opinion of the writer that if these five points are acted upon properly and prayerfully, we shall see a phenomenal growth in the time just ahead of us in the local Assemblies of God churches, in our missionary enterprise, and in our general headquarters.

For many years I have steered our contributions through the Assemblies of God, because I discovered that in giving direct I was contributing in some instances to causes which were not deserving. But by giving through the organization, I know we are obtaining maximum results, and the local churches or the movement as a whole will get credit for it.

Do you agree? If all of us do our part, we will see great results from our ministry of giving in 1958. ◀◀



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## *Prisons*

### **CHAPEL BEING BUILT IN PRISON**

Ground was broken last month for an intercreedal chapel inside Southern Michigan Prison, the world's largest walled penal institution, at Jackson, Mich. The state legislature has appropriated \$150,000 to construct the chapel, and inmates of the prison raised \$10,000 toward the \$32,000 needed to furnish it.

### **SERMONS WHILE YOU SLEEP**

A new method in rehabilitating prisoners is being tried at Tulare County's road camp. When prisoners go to bed, their wired-for-sound pillows lull them to sleep with a recorded religious talk. (Results will be announced after a test of thirty to sixty days.)

## *Liquor*

### **NUMBER OF DRINKERS BECOMING LESS**

The number of people in the United States who drink alcoholic beverages continues to drop, a Gallup Poll reports. There are about 56.9 million people in the U. S. who drink beer, wine, or liquor today as compared with 59.7 million a year ago, according to Gallup. The percentage of men who drink remains about the same, while the percentage of women drinkers has dropped below 50 per cent.

In a 1945 survey, 67 per cent of the people questioned said they drank. Today only 55 per cent say they do.

### **LIQUOR INTERESTS SPEND MILLIONS ON TV ADVERTISING**

Manufacturers of alcoholic beverages spent \$38,483,000 for "spot" advertisements of beer, wine, and ale on television in 1957. The only industries spending more than they on this medium of advertising were the cosmetics industry and food and grocery producers.

Brewers and wineries increased their expenditures for TV advertising by \$4,000,000 in 1957, the Methodist Board of Temperance said. They now

spend \$400,000,000 in all advertising media to encourage Americans to buy more of their products, the church agency reports, quoting statistics published by the advertising industry.

The board charged that the liquor industry is "desperate" because of slackening sales, and predicted that "advertising efforts will become more frantic in the months ahead."

## *Tithing*

### **SURVEY SHOWS MANY MINNESOTA FAMILIES PRACTICE TITHING**

About one family in every eight in Minnesota (or 12 per cent) practices tithing—that is, contributes one tenth of its income to church and charity, according to a state-wide survey by the Minnesota Poll. There is a greater degree of tithing among college-educated Minnesotans, as compared with others, and among the richest people as compared with those in the middle or lower-income groups.

The survey found that 13 per cent of Protestant families tithe, and 7 per cent of Roman Catholic families. A majority of Minnesotans (54 per cent) are of the opinion that "it's not possible for most people to tithe." But 43 per cent believe most people could tithe if they chose to. Three per cent expressed no opinions.

## *Vandalism*

### **TWO JEWISH BUILDINGS BOMBED**

Unknown persons recently bombed Jewish buildings at Miami, Florida, and Nashville, Tennessee, the same day. The recreation center of a school connected to a Jewish synagogue at Miami was blasted with about a dozen sticks of dynamite. No one was injured but \$30,000 damage was done. A bomb that discharged in the Nashville Jewish Community Center caused more than \$6,000 damage.

Church leaders in both cities condemned the violence and the apparent prejudice lying behind it. They described the incidents as "shocking" and "atrocious."

## *North Korea*

### **HI-JACKED PRESBYTERIAN TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN RED KOREA**

One of the twenty-eight passengers aboard the South Korean National Airlines' DC-3 that was hi-jacked to North Korea in February and released recently, is Mr. Cahe Tuck Oh, a 43-year-old contractor who is a member of the Young Nak Presbyterian Church in Seoul, South Korea. Mr. Oh's return from the land of "unhappy faces" confirms what all freedom-loving people have been told about countries under the heel of Communism.

During his detention in the city of Pyongyang, Mr. Oh noticed much destruction and very little evidence of reconstruction. He said people living in wooden shacks is the dominant scene. He found poverty evident everywhere. The work being done in the streets was by women. Mr. Oh recalled the unhappy faces he saw, and the slowness with which people moved, indicating the low morale and the unrest in their hearts.

Mr. Oh underwent eight days of questioning while in the hands of the Communists but they failed to discover his secret: that formerly he lived in North Korea but fled to the South to escape the Reds. He credits his return to South Korea to the prayers of his mother, his wife, and his church which meets early every morning for prayer. He said that prior to the Korean war 90 per cent of the people of Pyongyang, the capital city, were church members. Last month he was unable to find evidence of the existence of a single church in this bleak city which is now in the hands of the Communists.

## *Israel*

### **TIDAL WAVE OF JAPANESE CONVERTS TO JUDAISM IS PREDICTED**

A recent decision by Israel's Chief Rabbinate is expected to pave the way for a tidal wave of Japanese converts to Judaism. The Ministry of Religious Affairs in Jerusalem has predicted that by 1968 there will be as many as



100,000 Japanese Jews in Israel.

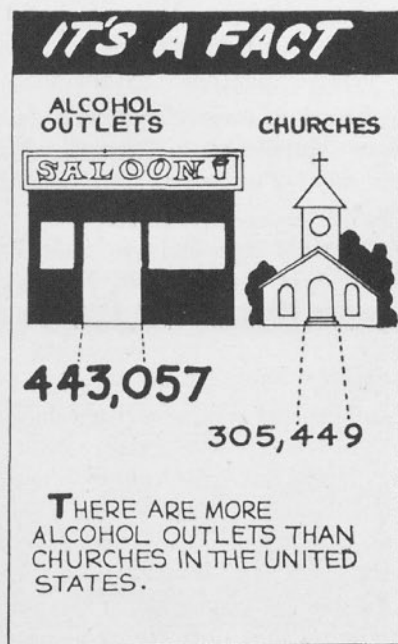
The recent decision provides that Japanese converts to Judaism be recognized as bona fide Jews, and that they be permitted to enter Israel under the "Law of the Return." This law guarantees every Jew in the world automatic Israeli citizenship and emigration to Israel at the expense of the Jewish Agency.

There are now about 8,000 Jews in Japan, organized into a group called the Union of Jewish Japanese. Most of them are professional men and women, scientists and technicians, and businessmen. These are the type of immigrants Israel needs. The group is led by two university professors. Union members speak only Hebrew among themselves. They circumcise their children according to Jewish custom, and attend services in their own synagogues. They believe they are descendants of the tribe of Dan, one of the so-called Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.

Jewish Agency officials confirm that large-scale immigration of these new converts is expected to begin early in 1959. A special immigration and naturalization mission of Jewish Agency officials is preparing to leave for Japan.

#### 71,000 JEWS ENTER ISRAEL

Israel received more than 71,000 Jewish immigrants from all parts of the world in 1957, officials reported recently. Included in the total were about 30,600 from Poland, 13,000 from Egypt, 12,000 from elsewhere in North Africa, 7,400 from Hungary, 1,400 from the Soviet Union, 960 from South Africa, 188 from Britain, and 180 from the United States.



# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

**NEW MUSIC BOOKS**—The "Melodies of Praise Orchestration Book," a companion publication to the hymnal "Melodies of Praise," will be off the Gospel Publishing House presses in May. It contains orchestral music for 210 songs. The Music Division of the publishing house is now compiling five additional song books to serve various needs among Assemblies of God churches. These include a choir arrangement book, a youth song book, a chorus book, an evangelists' song book, and revival melodies. Announcement will be made when these are ready for sale.

**HOLINESS CHURCHES VIEW MERGER**—A joint commission of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America and the Pilgrim Holiness Church voted to recommend to their quadrennial General Conferences that the two denominations be merged. The two bodies have a combined membership of about 90,000 in 2,000 congregations.

**EASTER BONNETS WERE MISSING** at the Easter services of the Federated church in Bloomfield, suburb of Hartford, Connecticut. Women of the congregation decided to forego new Easter millinery and to contribute their hat money to the church.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS** will not be posted in New York's public schools in the foreseeable future. Legislative committees in both the Senate and Assembly killed the bill at the urging of the State Council of Protestant churches and the American Jewish Congress. The bill was supported by the American Legion.

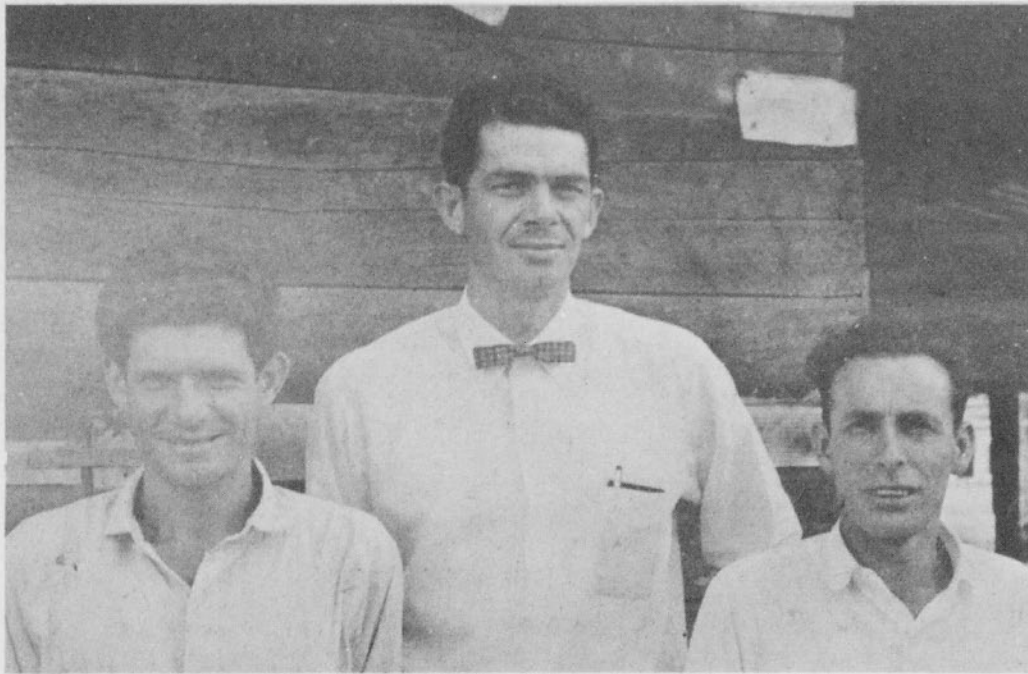
**GOVERNOR AVERELL HARRIMAN** approved a bill exempting from taxation houses occupied by officiating clergymen in the State of New York. Such houses previously had been exempt for the first \$3,000 of valuation.

**THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE** sent 64 new missionaries to foreign lands in 1957, raising its active missionary force to 813. The Alliance now has a membership of 114,904 baptized adults in its 22 foreign mission fields.

**ANOTHER PROTESTANT SCHOOL HAS BEEN CLOSED** in Colombia, South America, by the government of that country. It is the Presbyterian school, called the American College, in the town of Villarrica, Tolima. The 91 children enrolled in the school now have no opportunity to learn to read and write, since children of Protestants are not admitted to the town's public schools.

**SENTENCED FOR OFFENDING MOSLEMS**—Andawarus, an evangelist on the Danish mission field in the Sudan, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of 500 Danish crowns for having offended the Moslems by delivering a sermon on the words of Jesus: "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." The evangelist maintains he has not said anything hostile to the Moslem faith and has appealed his case to the Emir.

**RADIO CEYLON MAKES A CONCESSION**—Spot announcements offering Bible correspondence courses are now being accepted by 100,000-watt Radio Ceylon. Prior to October 1957, this powerful station aired dozens of evangelical programs, including that of the Assemblies of God. Due to Buddhist pressure the broadcasts were cut off. However, the spot announcements make it possible for evangelical Christians to offer their lessons to millions of listeners in nearby India. Government radio stations in India will not accept Christian programs.



Left to right: Marcos Murillo, Bill Brooke and Eulogia Salazar

## THE GREATEST THRILL IN SOUL WINNING

by **George Davis**, Costa Rica

**I** HAVE HEARD SOME PEOPLE SAY that the greatest thrill in the world is to kneel beside a penitent sinner at an altar and help that person come to know Christ and experience the joy of being born again. That may be the greatest "thrill," but I believe there is an even greater and more lasting joy. That is the joy of being the winner of a soul-winner.

Think of the compensation of joy that Andrew must have felt on the day of Pentecost when he heard his brother Peter preach, and when he saw those 3000 come to Christ. Andrew's thoughts must have gone back to the day when he tugged at Peter's sleeve and invited him to listen to the Master for himself.

Think of the joy Mr. Kimball must have known to see "his Sunday School convert," D. L. Moody, preaching the gospel to thousands. It is great to be a soul-winner but it is even greater to be the winner of a soul-winner.

About four years ago a tall young man came to Central America to hold some evangelistic campaigns. He was

motivated by a desire to win people to Christ. Even though it was necessary for him to preach through an interpreter, he came praying that he would see lasting results from the preaching of the Word. Today that young man, Bill Brooke, is a missionary here in Costa Rica, one of the countries he visited at that time. And I was with him recently when he learned of some of the lasting results of that preaching of four years ago.

Bill preached in a town called Naranjo and Missionary David Kensingler interpreted the message. He said it was an ordinary service with an ordinary-size crowd in attendance. Bill preached just one day there and he did not remember that anyone accepted the invitation to salvation. But one man did. I stood with Bill a few weeks ago, as Eulogia Salazar, a presbyter in Costa Rica, reminded Bill that it was at that service in Naranjo where he had accepted Christ. Almost immediately Eulogia had heard the call to preach. An earthquake destroyed his home, so he and his family moved to

Sabalito, a small village near the Panama border.

Here Eulogia began to preach. He sacrificed, and God blessed his efforts. After a few months a young tailor listened to Eulogia preach and that day accepted Christ. Almost at once that young tailor received the call to preach. He quit his business, gave his house to the church, and he with his family moved to Potrero Grande, where he began preaching. That young tailor is Marcos Murillo. He has been saved only about two years, but already has been mightily used of God. The church in Potrero Grande has come through the fires of persecution and has multiplied in size.

Several outstation churches have been opened by Marcos. Bill and I visited one of these outstations recently, along with veteran missionary Lewie Spencer. Here we saw a little chapel perched high on a hill. We were told that the man who built the chapel had accepted Christ about a year ago as he heard Marcos preach.

Already there are seventy believers who attend the chapel.

Can you imagine the joy that is Bill Brooke's as he sees the wonderful multiplication of results from preaching the gospel. In four short years two preachers and several churches are in existence as a result of one gospel seed that dropped into the heart of a needy sinner. The law of the harvest is a wonderful law. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5, 6). "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:35-36).

I heard Lewie Spencer describe Marcos Murillo as a John the Baptist of his day. Two years ago he did not know Christ.

Four years ago Eulogia Salazar, the preacher who helped win Marcos, did not know Christ. But God used an earnest young evangelist to begin this wonderful chain reaction.

You too, can win a soul-winner. You may not be an evangelist. You may never have the privilege of visiting a foreign country. But as a Christian, as a Sunday School teacher, as a deacon, as a soul-winner, God can use you to start a chain reaction that may bring many sons unto righteousness. ◀◀



## Old Greeting Cards Needed

Rachel Maser Nieto, of Cuba, is the Sunday School director and constantly comes in contact with teachers and leaders on the Island who are asking for old greeting cards. She is eager to receive such cards and asks that they be mailed to her in care of Iglesia Evangelica Pentecostal, Ciego de Avila, Camaguey, Cuba. The cards should be placed in a manila envelope with a clip—please do not seal the envelope. Do not send in boxes, for duty is then charged.

## MISSIONARY News Notes



### ON FURLOUGH

Mrs. Esther Harvey from India. Her address is 1417 17th St., Port Huron, Mich.

The Loren Triplett family from Nicaragua. They are making their home with Mrs. R. R. Johnson, 12260 S. W. Fairfield, Beaverton, Oreg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spence from El Salvador. They can be reached at 50 Main Street, Piedmont, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roberts from South India. Their address is Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bjur and children from Chile. Their address is Route 1, Box 255, Ridgefield, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donley and daughter from North India. They are staying at 25 Washburn Lane, Stony Point, N. Y.

### BACK TO THE FIELD

Mrs. Jarmila Wagner left the United States on March 26 for Malaya.

Irene Crane sailed to Nigeria on March 21.

Mrs. Nettie Juergensen sailed for Japan on March 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe sailed for South Africa on March 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Hawkes and children returned to Pakistan on March 15.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper, on furlough from Honduras, announce the birth of Cheryl Dorean on March 7.



The Howard Hawkes family



Mr. and Mrs. S. Vandermerwe



Nettie Juergensen



Jarmila Wagner



Irene Crane

## Church Participation In Missionary Giving

January, 1958

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. Nebraska	78	73	94%
2. New Jersey	93	82	88%
3. N. Dakota	50	44	88%
4. Kansas	166	136	82%
5. S. New England	61	49	80%
6. Northwest	274	220	80%
7. Wis.-N. Mich.	136	109	80%
8. New York	155	124	80%
9. Michigan	174	138	79%
10. Oregon	197	156	79%
11. Rocky Mtn.	124	98	79%
12. Ohio	176	138	78%
13. Minnesota	145	113	78%
14. Montana	65	50	77%
15. S. Missouri	332	247	74%
16. West Central	222	164	74%
17. S. Idaho	57	42	74%
18. N. New England	44	32	73%
19. S. Dakota	47	34	72%
20. N. Calif.-Nev.	321	231	72%
21. Potomac	171	122	71%
22. Illinois	216	154	71%
23. Eastern	259	183	71%
24. Wyoming	36	25	69%
25. N. Carolina	70	47	67%
26. S. California	368	245	67%
27. S. Florida	158	103	65%
28. New Mexico	76	49	64%
29. W. Florida	139	88	63%
30. Indiana	151	93	62%
31. N. Texas	508	305	60%
32. Louisiana	148	87	59%
33. S. Texas	266	156	59%
34. Tennessee	96	55	57%
35. Oklahoma	490	275	56%
36. W. Texas	127	71	56%
37. Alabama	254	133	52%
38. Georgia	130	63	48%
39. Appalachian	72	34	47%
40. S. Carolina	51	24	47%
41. Arkansas	441	199	45%
42. Kentucky	65	28	43%
43. Mississippi	92	38	41%
44. Arizona	88	35	40%

## The Commission

We are sent, not to preach sociology, but salvation; not economics, but evangelism; not reform, but redemption; not culture, but conversion; not progress, but pardon; not the new social order, but the new birth; not revolution, but regeneration; not renovation, but revival; not resuscitation, but resurrection; not a new organization, but a new creation; not democracy, but the gospel; not civilization, but Christ. We are ambassadors, not diplomats!

—Hugh T. Kerr

## Financial Report Foreign Missions Department

January 1958

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,160.76	N. Calif.-Nev.	19,724.12
Appalachian	588.12	N. Texas	12,459.15
Arizona	1,005.68	Northwest	22,997.61
Arkansas	4,632.09	Ohio	8,913.48
Eastern	11,979.60	Oklahoma	13,615.15
E. Span. Conv.	507.51	Oregon	12,769.93
Georgia	1,819.32	Polish Br.	39.00
German Br.	1,737.69	Potomac	7,130.04
Greek Br.	91.07	Rocky Mtn.	7,452.56
Hungarian Br.	235.00	S. Carolina	371.44
Illinois	9,901.06	S. Dakota	1,543.17
Indiana	4,688.51	S. Florida	6,262.29
Italian Br.	314.09	S. California	24,370.17
Kansas	4,953.42	S. N. England	5,664.77
Kentucky	555.57	S. Texas	9,800.83
Lat. Am. Br.	359.00	S. Idaho	1,007.80
Louisiana	1,900.48	S. Missouri	7,660.89
Michigan	11,591.68	Tennessee	2,016.09
Minnesota	15,482.68	Ukrainian Br.	7.06
Mississippi	883.69	W. Central	5,576.89
Montana	3,506.74	W. Florida	2,617.57
Nebraska	4,877.25	W. Texas	6,702.95
New Jersey	6,173.89	Wis.-N. Mich.	7,164.54
New Mexico	1,686.47	Wyoming	608.93
New York	9,362.72	Alaska	132.32
N. Carolina	1,293.85	Canada	1,391.60
N. Dakota	4,054.26	Hawaii	234.54
N. N. England	640.46	Miscellaneous	21,812.62

Total Amount Reported	\$317,030.17
District Funds	\$13,798.84
National Home Missions	3,050.57
Office Expense	4,123.41
Given Direct to Missions	
aries	34,905.50      55,878.32

Received for Council Missionaries	\$261,151.85
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	2,638.58
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State	62,656.32
Total Receipts	\$326,446.75

### DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$120,830.23
Missionary Equipment	34,774.44
Missionary Work	47,981.07
National Workers Abroad	8,454.14
Buildings in Foreign Lands	23,833.14
Missionary Transportation	50,176.05
	\$286,049.07
Transferred to "Hold" Accounts	40,397.68
	\$326,446.75

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to

**NOEL PERKIN**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**DEPARTMENT**

434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.



Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ramby, Superintendent and Matron of Pinellas Park Home. They assumed their responsibilities on February 1

Even in old age, our Pentecostal veterans of the cross are

# Still Serving

BY W. S. RAMBY  
Superintendent, Pinellas Park Home

WHEN SISTER RAMBY AND I FIRST visited Pinellas Park Home last January, we were swept by a deep sense of gratitude that our churches had provided such a Home as this for men and women who, by God's help, have pioneered the Assemblies of God movement. As I stepped from my car that day I felt that I was treading on holy ground.

Our first introduction to the residents was in the dining room, where they were having their evening meal. Here they were, with bright, welcoming smiles—some of the finest people in the world, gathered from the far corners of the earth—ministers, missionaries, pastors, and Christian lay folk. I was humbled to realize what a noble ministry God had called us to in this place.

During the weeks we have been here, we have learned to love our family, not only for the work they have done in the past, but for their patience in infirmity and their desire to serve the Lord and one another. Each contributes to the life of the Home according to the

strength and ability which God gives.

Brother and Sister Shakley, missionaries from Africa, have both passed their eightieth birthdays. But he is in good health and likes to be busy. He arranges groceries in the cabinets (and remember, ours is a big household), paints, and even dusts the floors. His wife sees that the plants are watered and takes care of the sewing materials.

Lewis Mudge, from Wisconsin, teaches the Sunday School lesson in our devotional service on Saturday evenings, and plays the piano sometimes for our singing. His wife is a skillful seamstress and enjoys making gifts.

Dora Irvine is our "Martha." She finds greatest happiness in any service she can perform for others. Brother and Sister Alexander Lindsay from Massachusetts are our 'spreaders of good cheer.' He often sings for the infirmity patients, and cheers them with good-humored conversation.

Mrs. Agnes Beckdahl, once a missionary to India, is now a missionary to Pinellas Park. She distributes tracts and witnesses for Christ in the com-

munity. Mrs. Violet Schoonmaker, also from India, is well known for her writing. Her latest book, *Light In India's Night*, was published last year by the Gospel Publishing House.

Another missionary with a long term of service in India is Thomas Stoddart. Although handicapped by deafness, Brother Stoddart is a great blessing and is loved by all in the Home for his sweet spirit. His wonderful Scotch burr and the twinkle in his eyes as he talks make visiting with him a real treat.

Brother and Sister Harry Landis, from New Jersey, are old-timers here at the Home. Brother Landis is a hard worker, and takes great pride in keeping the place looking nice. He paints, gardens, and does repair work, in addition to some outside work in the community.

Mrs. Ella Likes, of Clearwater, is a quiet little laywoman who has suffered a great deal from arthritis. Grace Nicholson, from the China field, is full of stories of missionary experiences and has many pictures of the

A glimpse of the infirmity



Evening devotions in the living room





people and places where she ministered.

The infirm patients usually come to the dining room for meals. This gives them opportunity for a change and for fellowship with the others. (They are also able to be up in their wheelchairs a little every day.) May Kelty, missionary from Cuba, has been very ill, but she is gaining now. Mary Stribling suffered a stroke about eighteen months ago. Prior to that time she had taught Greek and other subjects for many years at South-Eastern Bible Institute. She is more fortunate than most of our residents, in that Lakeland is nearby, and what a joy it is to see the students when they come. Others are far away from their children in the gospel. Minnie Baehr of Mendota, Virginia, still has a bright smile and a great love for the mountains and the mountain people of Virginia. She has never been reconciled to leaving her work among them.

We will long remember the first evening devotional service we attended here. Brother Landis was in charge and Brother Mudge was at the piano. The presence of the Lord deeply warmed our hearts, and the prayers that were offered made us realize that Christ was indeed the head of the Home. A wonderful flow of the Holy Spirit brought tears of joy to our eyes. Thank God for such an atmosphere for the retired workers of the Lord.

Recently the ladies organized a prayer band. Eight of them, all 75 years of age or older, meet every Tuesday and spend the morning in praise and prayer. Their motto—"Helping together by prayer."

We are thankful for a fine staff of helpers and for the fine work done by our predecessors, Brother and Sister Malcolm Hunter, in organization. We feel fortunate to follow in their footsteps. Their accomplishments have made it easier to step into the many new responsibilities that are ours.

Yes, we have a great family here, and a great work. Physically we may seem isolated from the world, but the people who live here have had wide influence during their long lives, and still have influence through personal ministry and prayer. It is a joy to serve the Lord in their midst.

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Offerings designated for Pinellas Park Home should be mailed to:

**The Department of Benevolences**  
434 West Pacific Street  
Springfield 1, Missouri

April 27, 1958



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Does Matthew 6:5, 6 condemn public praying?**

Jesus was condemning not earnest public praying, but prayers which are uttered to attract the attention and win the praise of men. The disciples were gathered together in united prayer as they waited for the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 1:13, 14), and again when persecution came to the Church (Acts 4:23, 24).

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**Please explain the parable of the widow who continued to come before the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8).**

Parables usually contain one central lesson, and we make a mistake if we try to explain every detail. This parable sets forth the fact that if an ungodly judge will finally yield to earnest and prolonged intreaty, certainly our Heavenly Father will answer the prayers of His children. If God seems to delay, we may be sure that it is not because He is indifferent. The parable teaches that we should never become discouraged in our prayer life.

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**If quoted in faith, does Ezekiel 16:6 stop bleeding?**

The description in Ezekiel 16:6 is that of a neglected baby which has been thrown out to die. God uses the illustration to set forth Israel. He likens them, when He found them, to an unwashed infant, lying in its infant blood, which He had taken up, cleansed, and made His people. See vv. 4-14. We must be careful not to follow superstition and perversion of truth.

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**When God said He would judge the house of Eli forever (1 Samuel 3:13), did He mean that all the descendants of Eli must come to their end in hell?**

In 1 Samuel 3:13 the Lord foretold that the priesthood would pass from the descendants of Eli. This was fulfilled when Solomon cast Abiathar, the last of the house of Eli, out of his position

in the priesthood (1 Kings 2:27). It does not mean that all descendants of Eli were decreed to damnation.

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**Joshua 24:2 states that Abraham's father "dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time." What does this mean?**

In this scripture the "flood" refers to the Euphrates River, not to the flood in the days of Noah. See also verses 3, 14, 15.

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**Were the letters in Revelation 2 and 3 directed to the churches, or only to the pastors of the churches?**

They were directed to the churches, through their pastors, who were spoken of as the "angels" of the churches.

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**If a person takes bankruptcy proceedings and later comes into possession of a good amount of money, ought he not to pay those whom he owes?**

By taking bankruptcy proceedings the person would be legally free, but would he not be morally bound to pay that which he owed? I think his conscience ought to tell him he still owes the debt.

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**I am acquainted with a person who readily testifies in church and leads out in prayer. But he is not truthful and does not pay his debts, even though he has steady employment. What is your opinion of such persons?**

Such persons are short in Christian ethics, or principles. It is unfortunate that any person should measure his experience by spiritual manifestations, or zeal in church, when he does not follow the principles of the Christian religion. Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

*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 a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).*

*It is a good practice for church members  
and Christian workers to  
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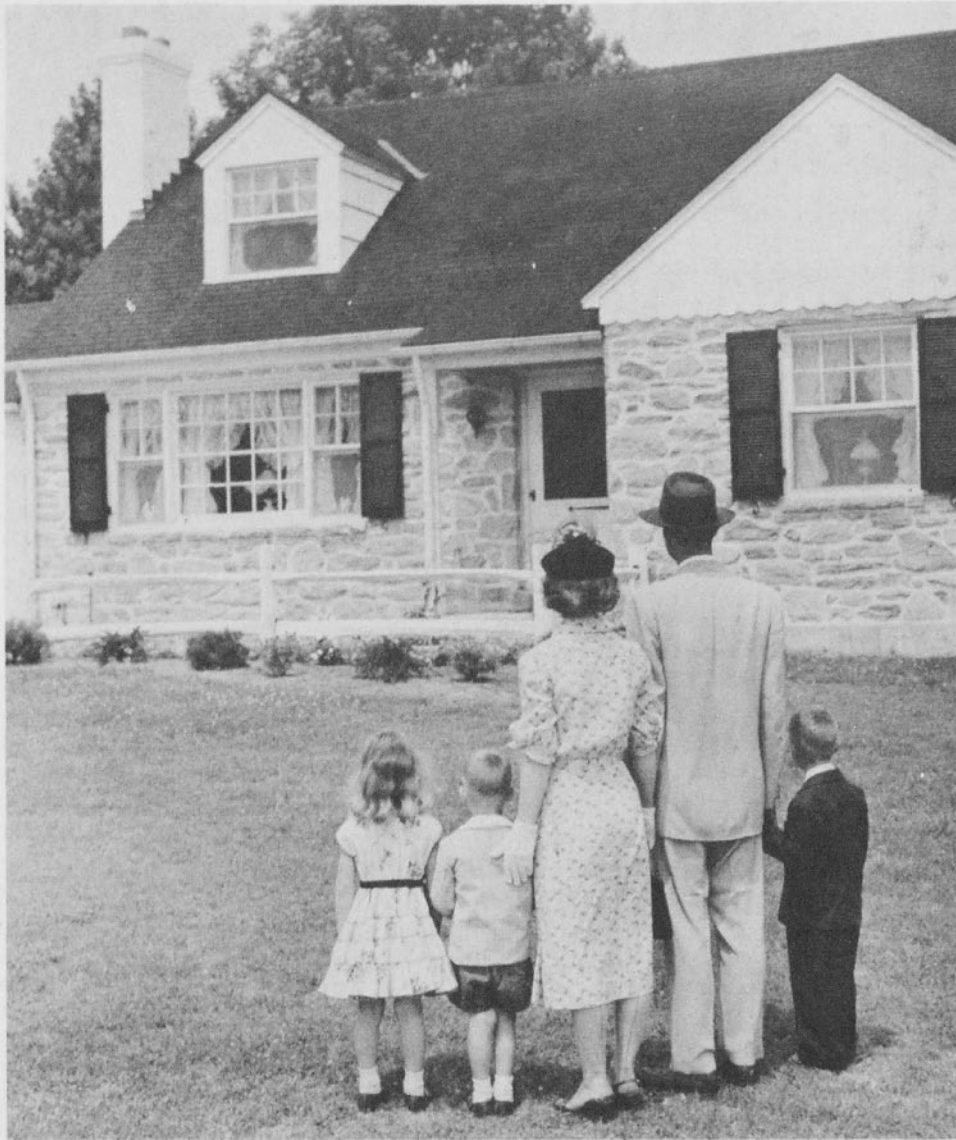


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**BY GUY P. LEAVITT**

more than half fell in their own homes. A home should be the safest place in the world, but it is an especially dangerous place. This is because at home we are off guard; we are not watching for stumblingblocks. Is not all this true of spiritual disasters? Our homes are the most frequent witnesses of bad temper, selfishness, cruelty, neglect, jealousy, poor faith, slander, and falsehood. How many and how terrible are the hazards of our homes—and how important it is that they be Christian in every sense of the word.

We are guilty of neglecting our homes. A real estate salesman was trying to sell a house to a newly married couple. Said the bride: "Why buy a house? I was born in a hospital ward, reared in a boarding school, educated in a college, courted in an automobile and married in the office of a justice of the peace. I get my meals at a cafeteria, live in an apartment, spend my mornings playing golf and my afternoons playing bridge; in the evening we dance or go to the movies; when

# Home Builders

**I**N HIS BOOK, "MEMORIES OF A Happy Life," William Lawrence says of his parents: "Father did not TELL us to go to church; he went, and we went with him. Our parents never asked us to do what they did not gladly do themselves. Prayer and religion at home were as natural as meals and sleep."

No wonder he could write about "Memories of a Happy Life!" We can safely agree that the happiest homes in America are those that are Christian; where parents and children are faithful in attendance at the Lord's house, and where Jesus is an honored guest.

Such a home must bring joy in

heaven, for the home is God's first divinely ordained institution on this earth.

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" is a favorite way of saying that the influence of the home is far-reaching. Training in the home has more to do with the destiny of the individual than does any other influence. Here the small child receives his first impressions, his first knowledge concerning God and Christ, his first experiences in prayer, his first inculcation of Christian love and devotion.

And, ironically, in the home also lies the greatest danger. Statistics show that of the persons killed by falls,

I am sick I go to a hospital, and when I die I shall be buried from an undertaker's. All we need is a garage!"

We need to lift the home back to its place of influence in Christian education. As church members and workers, we can check up on ourselves by answering the following questions thoughtfully and honestly. Simply place a check in the box before each question you can answer in the affirmative.

- Do I set an example in my home by attending all services of the church regularly?
- Do I read the Bible daily in my home?



- Do I take time in my home to pray and meditate daily?
- Is there a Bible in my home, always ready for reading?
- Is there a Christian picture, motto, or other evidence in my home that a Christian lives there?
- Is grace returned regularly at our table?
- Do we entertain Christian groups in our home for cottage prayer meetings, business gatherings, committees, etc?
- Is every person in my home a Christian, regular in attendance at all church services?

If there are some questions you could not answer in the affirmative, why not begin now to strengthen the testimony and influence of your home in those areas? —Written for Nat. S. S. Assoc.

Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge so as to meet successfully the emergencies of life. Men may acquire knowledge, but wisdom is a gift direct from God.

## BIBLE GEOGRAPHY

### Children's Quiz

1. When Paul was shipwrecked, upon what island was he cast?
2. To what country were the inhabitants of Judah finally taken as captives?
3. Through what sea did God miraculously make a way for the Israelites?
4. In what river did the prophet Elisha tell the Syrian Naaman to dip seven times if he wanted to be cured of his leprosy?
5. What was the name of the place where Jesus was crucified?
6. What was the name of the mountain where the Ten Commandments were given?
7. What two Old Testament cities were destroyed by fire and brimstone because of their wickedness?
8. What was the name of the country in which Job lived?
9. At what place in their wilderness wanderings did the Israelites find water so bitter they could not drink it?
10. To what island was the apostle John banished for his testimony?

### ANSWERS:

- 1—Melita (Acts 28:1); 2—Babylon (2 Chronicles 36:20); 3—Red Sea (Exodus 15:22); 4—Jordan River (2 Kings 5:10); 5—Golgotha or Calvary (John 19:16-18; Luke 23:33); 6. Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:20); 7—Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24); 8. Uz (Job 1:1); 9. Marah (Exodus 15:23); 10—Patmos (Revelation 1:9).



### Monday, April 28

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

**Learn:** "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ ... that there be no divisions among you" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

**For the Parent:** From this passage of Scripture point out: (1) Paul's greeting to the Corinthian church, emphasizing grace and peace, vv. 1-3; (2) his evaluation of their testimony, vv. 4-9; (3) the call for Christian unity, vv. 10-17. We need to remember that all Christians are part of the body of Christ. Thus we must work together and help each other all we can.

**Question Time:** What two things does Paul emphasize in his greeting? Why is Christian unity more important?

### Tuesday, April 29

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 1:17-31

**Learn:** "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

**For the Parent:** Beautifully contrasted in these verses are man's wisdom and God's wisdom. Point out: (1) God's wisdom so far exceeds man's wisdom that there is scarcely any comparison; (2) the preaching of the cross—Christ crucified—opens the way to salvation; (3) what Christ is to us, v. 30.

**Question Time:** What are three reactions to the preaching of "Christ crucified"? (vv. 23, 24) What does verse 25 mean? Why has God chosen the weak and foolish things? (vv. 27-29)

### Wednesday, April 30

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 2

**Learn:** "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: ... because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14).

**For the Parent:** In this chapter Paul recounts: (1) the humble manner in which he brought the gospel to these people, vv. 1-8; (2) the wonderful and glorious things God has revealed to His children by His Holy Spirit, vv. 9-13—emphasize especially the connection of verse 10 to verse 9; (3) the fact that these things are spiritually understood and cannot be grasped by the unsaved—the "natural man," but can be known by the Christian.

**Question Time:** How are spiritual truths revealed to our hearts? (v. 10)

### Thursday, May 1

**Read:** Ezra 6:14-22

**Learn:** "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "The Temple Completed and Dedicated" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out how the Jews were encouraged by their prophets to complete the temple. Stress the joy they had as they dedicated it, showing: (1) their obedience to God's laws, v. 18; (2) their separation unto God, v. 21; (3) the joy God gave them, v. 22.

**Question Time:** Which prophets encouraged the Jews at this time? (v. 14) How did the people react to the dedication? (v. 16)

### Friday, May 2

**Read:** Acts 9:1-25 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15).

**For the Parent:** Review the events in the story of the conversion of Saul. Point out that he was later known as Paul. Stress: (1) his misdirected zeal; (2) his conversion; (3) his obedience to the Lord; (4) his help from Ananias; (5) his zeal directed toward God's service—Saul the persecutor became Saul the persecuted.

**Question Time:** Why was Saul going to Damascus? (vv. 1, 2) What happened on the way that changed his life? (vv. 3-6)

### Saturday, May 3

**Read:** 2 Chronicles 24:1-14 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "Let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of the repairing of the temple, pointing out: (1) why repair was necessary, v. 7; (2) King Joash's desire to see God's house repaired, v. 4; (3) his method of raising money to make the repairs, vv. 8, 9; (4) the joy of the people in being able to give to God's work, v. 10. We should consider it a privilege to be able to give to God.

**Question Time:** Why was it necessary to repair the temple? (v. 7) What was the reaction of the people to this project?

# New Stations Being Added to Revivaltime Audience

Reported by **STANLEY MICHAEL**

**S**INCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS year, approximately twenty new stations have been added to the REVIVALTIME radio log. Ministers and missionaries alike have seen the value of placing this Full Gospel broadcast, now heard around the world, in their immediate areas, thus giving added impetus to their own church programs.

Many pastors have discovered in REVIVALTIME one of the best ways to acquaint the people in their towns with the Assemblies of God churches, and thus the broadcast has spearheaded the Pentecostal work in their communities. Pioneer pastors have found that REVIVALTIME has been a real help to them in getting acquainted with people in their cities. In visitation, pastors have found an open door when the people learned they represented the church that sponsored REVIVALTIME.

One of the newest outlets for re-releasing the broadcast is RADIO COPACABANA-RIO in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Our missionary, Lawrence Olson, has been trying to get the broadcast on this station for a long time. In a recent meeting, the missionaries discussed the possibility of releasing REVIVALTIME from this station, and Brother Olson states, "Everybody here is very anxious that it be released. In fact, we missionaries ourselves pledged to sponsor it for two months, to get it rolling. I know this program is going to be a great blessing to our English-speaking listeners in this area. We ask you to have REVIVALTIME listeners pray for this venture of faith. We trust we will soon be able to release REVIVALTIME over some Sao Paulo station also. That would be another great step forward."

The addition of radio station WEDO

in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, has been another major accomplishment. Located just twelve miles east of Pittsburgh, it is considered the basic CBS station for that metropolis. WEDO is a 1,000-watt clear channel station, which gives it a tremendous scope. Its coverage is the second greatest in Western Pennsylvania and includes parts of West Virginia and Ohio.

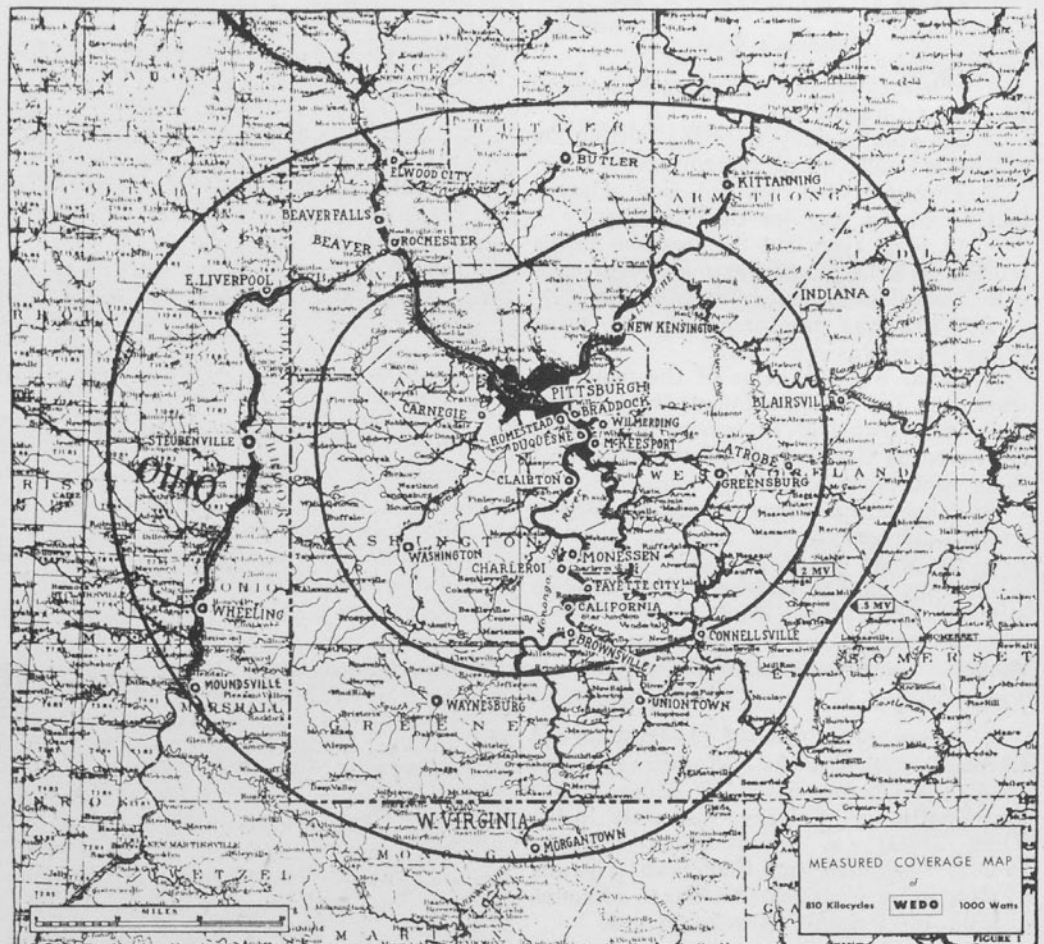
Another important outlet is KHOF, Los Angeles. This is a Sunday morning release on a 16,500-watt station

reaching a large metropolitan area. Many more thousands of people will now be hearing REVIVALTIME and the Full Gospel message that it proclaims.

Station KGHL in Billings, Montana, is another important medium. A fast-growing city with a large farming area in that locality makes for a strategic broadcast center. This means that several thousands more will be hearing the glad gospel story.

One of the largest stations to add REVIVALTIME to its program schedule is WDGY in Minneapolis, Minn. This 50,000-watt station will carry the broadcast Sunday mornings at 9:15. According to the latest survey, WDGY is No. 1 in audience (all-day average) in the Twin Cities.

With stations like these being added to REVIVALTIME's audience regularly, our goal for this year is within sight—3,000,000 more listeners. It is estimated that the present audience runs near 4,000,000 each week, and with the prayers and support of every Full Gospel believer a great harvest of souls is in prospect. Please make it a matter of serious prayer, and send an offering to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MO. ◀◀





# WHOSE MONEY IS IT?

BY C. M. WARD

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and it shall be given unto you (Luke 6:38). Here is the secret of giving! God's Word says, "For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." And again it is written, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

No, Sir, tithing is not compulsory. Nothing in Christianity is compulsory. Jesus didn't have to come to this world and die for us. He came because He loved us and knew if He did not come we would be eternally lost. He doesn't make us follow Him, but extends an invitation to us; and we can either accept Him, or reject Him and be eternally lost. If you want to be a disciple of Christ and keep His commandments, you must make that choice.

You will give because you love to give! My salvation is built on the love of God. God so loved me that He gave... My Saviour gave His life a ransom for all. I am dependent upon Him all the way. When He stops

giving, I am lost. Romans 8:32 assures me, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" First Chronicles 29:14 says, "All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." It's like the wife who buys her husband something and gives it to him, although she has taken a portion of the pay check he has given her with which to do it. It's the expression of love. She could have used the money for a different purpose.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The measure of your love for God, Sir, can best be told by your pocketbook. It's not how loud you sing or how long you testify or how many words you use in your prayer that will convince this world that you love God. Jesus said, during the Sermon on the Mount, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

How much do you love God? The answer is seen in your tithes and offerings. ◀ ◀

His children for the unexpected cross. I remember hearing an experienced believer say, "The Lord has been blessing me so much lately that I wonder what misfortune may be coming my way." This person was speaking from experience. As your day is, so shall your strength be. When bearing the unexpected cross, if you look closely you will see that Jesus has gone before you; and you, like Simon, may bear it after Jesus. The Good Shepherd never puts His sheep forth unless He goes before them.

In each ordeal we are fortified by new and added blessing, and by the example of Jesus Himself. We are able to see how God has taken others through the fiery trial and brought them out victorious. We must see that suffering has its ministry in every life. For suffering widens the soul and makes us feel for others. It bends our stubborn wills and enables us to say yes to the will of God.

The glory of bearing the unexpected

## The Unexpected Cross

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rallied to the help and comfort of this stricken family, and how the grace of God enabled them to bear up when this unexpected cross was laid upon them.

"No matter what the call may be  
Or changes that may come to me,  
His hand of love in all I see  
From sources *unexpected*."

It is lovely to see how God prepares

### RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following station has been added to the REVIVALTIME radio log:

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### CHANGE OF TIME

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SPRINGFIELD 1, MISSOURI

cross for Jesus is amazing. This help of Simon enabled Jesus to reach Golgotha. Simon's name became immortal. His act is an example for us; his shame and reproach we willingly share. For the unexpected shall be God-directed, or else it could not come near.

## Organization

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organization of our Assemblies of God fellowship, and for the godly men who have given themselves to serve in official positions.

Because of our organization we have been able to purchase and occupy a beautiful church in downtown Brookville, Pennsylvania. As pioneers, we looked to our Eastern District and to the National Home Missions Department for help. Without organization, we would have had to pass up this opportunity to win souls in this town.

There is no room in the Kingdom of God for an independent spirit. The believer is dependent upon God. And God, through marvelous condescension, has made Himself dependent upon the believer to spread the gospel. The believers are dependent upon each other. "We are laborers together with God!"

The machinery of organization is necessary for the rapid, efficient spreading of the Full Gospel message. However, organization alone will not do the job. This task of world-wide evangelism can only be accomplished as we allow the Holy Spirit to keep it well oiled through the anointing and power of Pentecost. ◀ ◀

# "Now Concerning the COLLECTION..."

BY SAMUEL M. ZWEMER

*Missionary to Arabia (now deceased)*



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IN ALL THE GREEK MANUSCRIPTS OF Paul's first letter to the Corinthians there is not even a semicolon to divide the glorious fifteenth chapter on the Resurrection from the statement at the beginning of the sixteenth chapter: "*Now concerning the collection.*" For a Christian to believe in the living Redeemer and to abound in the work of the Lord implies regular offerings, gifts and self-denial to support this work.

Paul was an example and an inspiration to all missionaries and to all Christians—he was not ashamed of the "collection plate." He wrote elsewhere very plainly "concerning giving and receiving." He raised money for missions and for the poor of the Church. He himself was generously supported by the church at Philippi.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the modern missionary must give of his time and strength when on furlough to secure from the Church at home money for the enterprise. All try it. Some succeed, and some fail. But the experiences one has in being God's beggar on the doorsteps of Dives and Company are priceless whether one meets with liberal gifts or niggardly refusals. The same plea meets with varied response. My experience is like that of the American soldier in the first World War, who was successively billeted in an Irish, an English and a Scotch home. In each place he asked for more sugar in his tea. The Irish woman said, "Here's the bowl, help yourself"; the English lady said, "Pass your cup and I'll give you a second lump"; while the Scotch housewife looked dour and asked, "Mon, have ye stirred it?"

The acid test of our love to Christ and His Kingdom is stewardship. The Master still sits before the treasury and weighs our contributions as He did those of the rich Pharisees and the poor widow. It is not an easy task to raise money for missions, but I have often comforted myself by the words of Arthur T. Pierson: "We know that the rich man opened his eyes on a different scene, but the beggar landed in Abraham's bosom." I have met with rebuff on several occasions during the past fifty years, but the recollections of those who gave hilariously (2 Cor. 9:7) and liberally stand out in my memory.

There was a Sioux County farmer in Iowa who heard of Arabia when I was ordained as missionary. His own pioneer experience responded to such an appeal, and I recall how he supported our first native evangelist. His letters in Dutch, and those from Kamil Abd ul Messih in Arabic, crossed the seas and after translation joined hearts in prayer.

Another wealthy farmer was the greatest hog raiser in his county and his state. His hogs took the blue ribbon prizes, but his heart was that of the Gadarenes. One day, as he himself told me, he received an impudent and threatening letter from gangsters in the county seat. It was signed with skull and crossbones and spoke of murder unless "you skinflint, you put two thousand dollars in a cigar box under a stone at the crossroads." In great fear he spread the letter before the Lord as did Hezekiah of old. He prayed that God would deliver him from the gang, who apparently meant business, and vowed to make restitu-

tion to God. He paid his vow over and over again to the cause of Christian education and missions; nor was he ever molested.

At the close of a service in which I had spoken of missions in Arabia, two ladies dressed in fine sealskin coats tarried to meet the preacher. They said: "We really could not go without giving you some token of our interest in your great work..." and, believe it or not, when I had thanked them warmly and opened my closed hand in the vestry, the image and superscription was that of an American twenty-five-cent piece.

The following week I was in Rochester, New York. It was a very cold day; I called on an old friend who sold automobile accessories. He remarked that my light overcoat was unsuited except for Arabia, took down an expensive fur-lined overcoat, and insisted that I pay for it and wear it. He looked at the sales tag and said, "The price of this to you is twenty-five cents—no, I am not joking—pay me the sum and then we'll go to lunch

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together." I told him the Philadelphia story, and paid the quarter. Later the coat was bequeathed to a Dakota missionary.

This Rochester friend kept a tithing account in his bankbook (as I learned after his death). His son showed the account to me and at the top of each page of benevolences were the words: "W. R., in account with his Redeemer."

It is a spiritual tonic to meet such businessmen. He was like the Philadelphia lawyer to whose office the late Fennell P. Turner and I went to solicit a gift for the Student Volunteer Movement. "Gentlemen," he said, "you need not waste your time or mine by long speeches. I know your cause and believe in it. If my funds allow, I shall give you a check." Then he rang for his secretary.

"Can the tithing account stand another hundred?"

"No, it is overdrawn."

"The special account?"

"No."

"Well, then, draw a check on the special, special account."

He explained that this account con-

sisted of receipts from debts unexpectedly repaid after long standing!

"I owe my Lord more than these debtors owe me," he said with a smile.

The secret of the willing mind and the liberal hand is to realize the Lordship of Christ over our lives and His constant presence with us. At one time, we were soliciting gifts for missions from among the farmers of Sioux County, Iowa. An earnest deacon drove me from farm to farm and nearly everywhere in that prosperous year the farmers gave liberally. We came one day at the breakfast hour to the home of one of the wealthiest farmers, but my guide said there was no use going in to ask this man. "He is very close-fisted, although his wife is a liberal soul," he said.

I responded we would better try, since he could not do more than say no. As my guide had expected, the farmer refused bluntly. His wife entered a plea but he would not yield an inch. As they were disputing whether to give or not to give, I asked playfully, "Who is the head of this house, you or your wife?" Each deferred to the other. Then to my delight I saw a

wall motto hanging over the dining room table: *Jesus Christ is the Head of this house; the unseen guest at every meal; the silent listener to every conversation.* I pointed to it as the answer to my question. Without another word the farmer took a check book from his overall pocket and wrote a larger sum than any of us had expected. The deacon was most of all surprised.

Time would fail to tell of other experiences and of the joy that comes to those at the battle front when reinforcements of men and money are forthcoming. The Philippian church was Paul's joy and crown. How often they cheered him by their free-will offerings, so that even in prison he was "their own missionary" and they became an example to all the churches of Asia Minor, even to the Corinthians. (Phil. 4:15, 16).

"Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Now concerning the collection. . . ." ◀◀



# CONVECTION and CONVICTION

CONVECTION is the circulation of a mass of air. Cool air is heavy and sinks, while warm air is light and rises. The result is a convection current—a local breeze blowing from a cool to a warm region. *A breeze brings physical refreshment!*

CONVICTION is a strong persuasion or belief.

How does a VBS refresh spiritually? VBS aids in building strong Christian character in children associated with the church. It contacts boys and girls from unchurched homes. The church is blessed as pupils become interested in the Lord.

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# Sunday's Lesson

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH



## The Temple Completed and Dedicated

Sunday School Lesson for May 4, 1958

EZRA 6:14-22

In our previous lesson we noted how the work of rebuilding the temple was resumed after sixteen years of delay. And, as is always the case in any work for God, adversaries were on hand to hinder the work if they could. The right of the Jews to resume the work was challenged. The Jews then replied that Cyrus had given them authority to rebuild the temple.

Their unbelieving enemies wrote to Darius, who was ruling at the time, and asked him if the claims of the Jews were true. Darius gave orders and "search was made in the house of the rolls"; as a result, records were found which substantiated the Jewish claims.

At once Darius wrote to Judah's adversaries, saying, "Let the work of this house of God alone!" Not only so, but he decreed that money out of his own revenue be given to assist the Jews in their work. He ordered that supplies be given the Jews for their temple service and sacrifices, and that any who dared to hinder their work or disobey his decree should be hanged on a scaffold made from the timbers on his own house! Thus the purposes of Satan and his tools were overruled! See Ezra 5:1 to 6:13. PROSPERED IN BUILDING (Ezra 6:14, 15).

"And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai... and Zechariah.... And this house was finished... in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king." Consider the following secrets of successful building for God that we have learned from the story thus far:

(1) *Building according to God's will.* "And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel." A great deal of time, energy, talent, and money is wasted in religious work which was never authorized by God. If work is not God-ordained, it cannot be God-anointed. If it is not God-anointed, it is powerless to produce spiritual results. To know that God wills a work is to be sure that God will empower us to do the work.

(2) *Inspired preaching.* Building the kingdom of God in general or in detail is impossible apart from inspired preaching. For it is inspired preaching which gives the proper direction, spirit, and motive to that which needs to be done. Thus Haggai and Zechariah were used in rebuilding the spiritual character of the people as well as in building the material temple.

(3) *Wholehearted obedience.* Though the preachers did the stirring, it was the people who did the work. In building the kingdom both preachers and laymen are needed. Neither can do without the other. We do well to recognize that the Holy Spirit enables some to lead and others to follow. And all work done for the glory of God is spiritual work and necessary to the building of God's kingdom.

THANKFUL IN GIVING (Ezra 6:16-18).

"And the children of Israel... kept the dedication of this house of God with joy... and offered... an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel." The offerings given by the people were small in comparison with those given at the dedication of Solomon's temple. But the people in Solomon's day were much better off materially, and God judges our giving not by how much we give but by what we have left! He also judges by the spirit of the giver.

JOYFUL IN DEDICATION. (Ezra 6:19-22).

The manner in which these Jews kept their sacred Pass-over suggests lessons to us concerning the manner in which we are to worship our Lord! Observe:

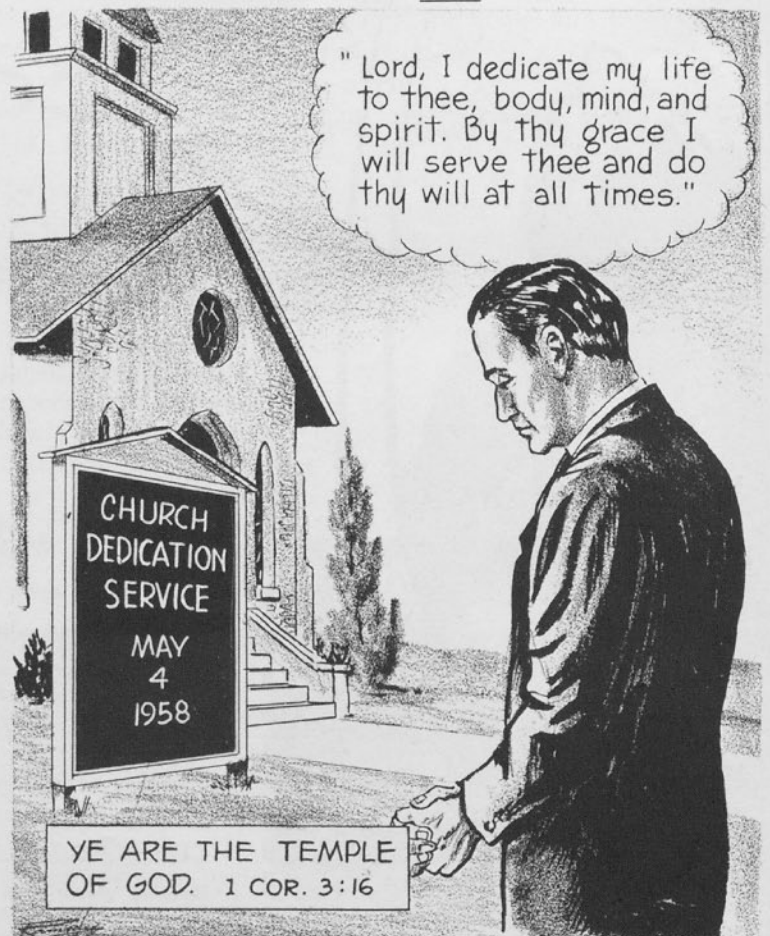
(1) The leaders themselves were spiritually prepared. "For the priests and the Levites were purified together." This is as it should be. We cannot lead others any higher than we are ourselves.

(2) The people had consecrated themselves. "And all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land,... did eat." These words undoubtedly refer to converts to Judaism from heathenism, who had forsaken their false gods and evil ways.

(3) The worship of the people was characterized by spiritual joy. If worship is not spontaneously joyful, it is defective. These Jews rejoiced because "the Lord had made them joyful," as He always will do for those whose hearts are right with Him. Let us never allow sin nor Satan to rob us of this joy of the Lord, which is "our strength."

—J. Bashford Bishop

### DEDICATING THE REAL TEMPLE





# New Pentecostal Study Course to Be Ready Soon

Beginning with the third quarter of 1958 the Gospel Publishing House will issue an undated Sunday School course on Pentecostal doctrines. Two courses will be ready by June 1958—one on Christ and the other on the Holy Spirit.

The instructor's books were written by Frank M. Boyd, dean of scholars and writers in the Assemblies of God. Don Mallough, National Secretary of the Men's Fellowship and Evangelism Departments, has written the student's book on the theme of Christ; and Ralph W. Harris, Church School Editor, has written the student's book on the theme of the Holy Spirit.

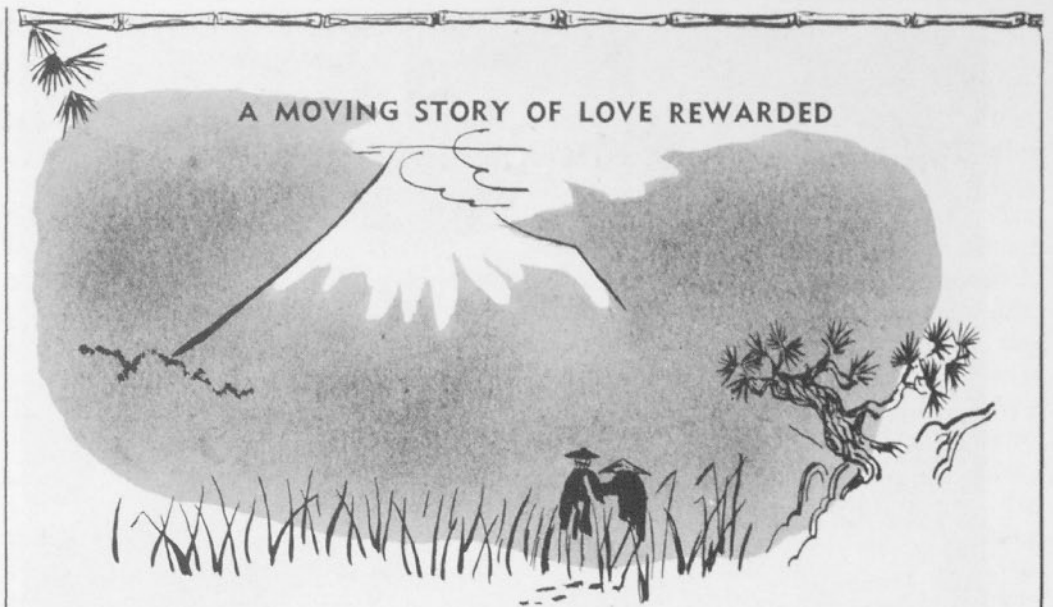
The new study courses may be used any quarter since they are undated. In addition to use in Sunday School, the courses may also be used for mid-week Bible studies, in Men's Fellowship or WMC meetings, or in other similar gatherings.

Some of the subjects under the theme of Christ are as follows: "His Pre-Existence," "His Deity," "Christ, Our Prophet," and "Christ, Our Priest."

Included in the studies on the Holy Spirit will be the following: "The Nature of the Holy Spirit," "The Ministries of the Holy Spirit," "How to Receive the Baptism," "The Initial Evidence of the Baptism," "How to Keep Filled," and several lessons on "Gifts of the Spirit."

## Oral Infection Healed

In April 1954 I developed a bad upper gum and tooth infection. A doctor in Scranton, Pennsylvania, treated this condition for a few days. He took four X-ray pictures, which he said he wanted for his files, as this was an unusual infection. Then he advised me to undergo surgery, saying he could not do anything further for me. He said that an incision would have to be made all across the front of my upper gum and that I would lose



A MOVING STORY OF LOVE REWARDED

## THE PLACE TO LEAVE YOUR MOTHER...

It is said there is a village in Japan called "the place to leave your mother." In the old feudal days when a person reached seventy years of age, she was brought to this mountain and left to die. It is told that one young man, carrying his aged mother to this place, found her breaking twigs as they went along. When he asked why she was doing this, she said she was afraid he might lose his way home. The broken branches were to guide him back.

The young man was so touched by her love that he could not leave her, but carried her back to his home secretly, since it was against custom to care for an aged mother. She gave him wise counsel in his problems. Finally friends seeking the source of his wisdom discovered that his aged mother was still with him. The young man confessed what he had done. By official order, because of one son's devotion to his mother, the custom was abolished.

"The place to leave your mother!" We shrink from the thought. But where have we left the men and women who are fathers and mothers in the great family of God of which we are proud to be members?

Our churches give scarcely a dollar a day to help many of these old soldiers of the cross. We are sure it is not lack of concern, but lack of understanding that is the cause of our not helping more. Half of our churches do not take the semi-annual offerings regularly—one-third have never sent an offering. Although appeals may seem to be many, we must not forget these, our mothers and fathers in the faith. The need is urgent. Let us all take part by sharing in *regular* giving, and thus prove we are caring.



BY NOEL PERKIN

all of my upper front teeth.

Instead of going to the surgeon I went to the Assemblies of God church. Pastor and Mrs. F. F. Reidenbach prayed for me and Jesus immediately healed me. I praise Him for deliverance. Truly our Saviour is the same

yesterday, today, and forever.—Mrs. Olive Fuhrmann, P. O. Box 5714, Beech Branch, Detroit 39, Mich.

(Endorsed by F. F. Reidenbach, Pastor, First Pentecostal Church Chelsea, Mass. Formerly Pastor at Scranton, Pa.)



*I regret this very much . . .*

Our home missions correspondence is always heavy, but certain kinds of letters increase the burden. Perhaps if we can share with our EVANGEL readers excerpts from two of these letters, you will see what we mean.

From a home missionary on an Indian reservation came this plea:

"We pay house rent of \$55.00 a month, and our fuel bill has been from \$40.00 to \$50.00 a month. Our car payment is \$36.00. Add to this our food and gasoline expenses, and we find that we need a little over \$200.00 a month in order to live. We can count on a total of \$50.00 a month income. Otherwise it is a faith work. We are wondering if there is any chance of the Home Missions Department helping us. . . ."

It wasn't easy to write as follows, but we had no choice: "The recession has affected the income in our department, and at the present moment we have a deficit of between five and six thousand dollars in our Indian Fund. . . . Unless there is a change in the very near future we may find it necessary to curtail some of our present activities instead of making further expansion. I regret this very much. . . . Let me assure you of our prayers that God will in some way meet your need at this time. . . ."

We can't write letters like this and forget them, so we are doing all we know to do—appealing to our constituency to help us clear this deficit and make funds available at least to meet the emergency needs of our faithful home missionaries.

Your offerings for Indian Missions are needed now. Please ask the Lord what He would have you do, and use the coupon below in sending your offering.

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# Adventures in Pioneering

BY FRANK SIMPSON

**E**ACH NEW CHURCH ESTABLISHED is a lighthouse for the community, where men and women, boys and girls can be brought from the darkness of sin and death to light and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am relating our experiences in pioneer work in an effort to encourage others to be faithful in getting the gospel to every creature.

At Montebello, California, we had our first experience in pioneer church work. In this city only one man and his wife were interested in helping to start a new work. There had been several attempts to establish a church there, but a building could not be found to house the services.

Only one building was vacant in the entire town, a part of the Security Bank. We had prayed through regarding a work there and felt it was time to start. Brother and Sister Cox, Sister Simpson, and I had a good season of prayer and then went down to talk to the banker regarding the building. God softened his heart, and he rented us the building for \$20 per month.

By the time we felt it was God's will for us to leave Montebello and move on to another work, we were having 65 in Sunday School. Danny Daniels took over when we left. He has built a new church and has a profitable ministry there.

We moved our family to Oklahoma in 1942 and found employment in Pryor. It was while working there that I felt it was God's will for us to start a work in Choteau, which is about ten miles from Pryor. Only the Gilbert family there seemed interested in a new church, and they were rather pessimistic. When we contacted them we were told that



several good preachers had tried to start a work there and had failed. I told Brother Gilbert that I was sure the Lord had spoken to me concerning Choteau. He told me he would do as much for me as he had done for the other preachers (and he did). He rented a building and had the lights turned on.

God gave us a glorious revival. At the end of two weeks, fourteen had been saved and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit. When the revival closed Brother Gilbert came to me and said, "Preacher, we are going over this time." God gave us a good work in that little town of about 500 people. While we were there we purchased a building, had it moved to our lot, and made an addition to it. We averaged over 100 in Sunday School.

For a time I pastored a church in Vinita, Oklahoma, and then we moved back to California because of my health. Our next endeavor was in San Bernardino. We tried to start a work in one of the suburbs, but after much effort we were convinced that the location was not right. I was sure that God wanted a work in San Bernardino and prayed much concerning it. George Saul had begun a work at Loma Linda. He had made some progress on the building but was unable to finish it; and God laid this work on our heart. By His help we were able to finish the work and bring it into the Assemblies of God fellowship. There is a good work there now and they are just completing their second building program.

Our next work was started, with much difficulty, in Tehachapi, Cali-

fornia. It began in a tent loaned to us by the District. Soon God sent us a good group of folk and we moved into a double garage donated for our use by an unsaved man. It was very cold, but our congregation was faithful to come and to give toward a building program. God rewarded the sacrifice of these people, and we were able to put up a building before we left Tehachapi.

While I was pastoring in Oklahoma, God spoke the name of Farmersville, California, to me and made it plain that we were to go there. For five years we were unable to find the little town. It was not on the map, and we could find no one who had heard of it. One day when we were visiting our daughter in Visalia, California, we went for an afternoon drive and passed through the little town of Farmersville. God witnessed to me that this was the place He had spoken to me about five years before. However, He did not say that it was time to start the work.

We tried to secure a place to start, but there was none; and we decided to seek God further. We did not understand why God had been so specific about this place when there was no building available. It was while we were waiting for God's will concerning Farmersville that we pioneered the San Bernardino and Tehachapi churches. We felt the burden for this place so heavily that I went to the District office and talked to our District Superintendent, Brother Woodworth, about it. He suggested that I go back. I told him I had no finances and he gave me \$20.00 from his own pocket for the trip.

When we got there this time, Brother T. T. Ward was conducting a tent meeting. God gave him a wonderful revival and at the close of this meeting God opened the door. The first Sunday we had eighty-two in Sunday School and never had less than this number. Our Sunday School record was 259.

For the first five months after the Lord opened this door we had to keep battling the devil to keep it open. We went from one planning commission to another, and to the building department, and then to court. The doors of the building where we were conducting services were padlocked. I knew God had led me to Farmersville, and I knew the people wanted a church, so I was sure the Lord would see us through. After they padlocked our building we built an arbor type structure and spread canvas over it. The mosquitos were so thick we could see a black ring around the place where we sat. When cold weather came, the people brought blankets and wrapped up in them while we preached. Then God made a way and we built a lovely 60 by 80 foot building with room for 16 separate classes. If people want a church badly enough, God will give them one.

When we left Farmersville four years ago the Lord spoke to me concerning Blythe, California. A minister was there already so I dismissed the thought. Several ministers have come and gone since then, but did not stay.

When I heard that the work was closed, I felt led to go to Blythe. I went to the District office and told them the Lord had spoken to me concerning reopening the work. My superior said, "My faith is weak, but if you feel that it is the Lord we will see you through." The District brethren have certainly done their part and I praise the Lord for men like them.

In Blythe we have found a group of hungry people who are willing to forget themselves and sacrifice for souls. They want a church badly. We had 43 in Sunday School on the fifth Sunday we were here. We feel that we are in the center of God's will and desire your prayers for continued guidance in this work.

If you have friends or relatives here in Blythe, we wish you would send us their names and addresses and we will call on them. Our address is: Frank Simpson, 216 South Broadway, Blythe, California. ◀ ◀



Pastor and Mrs. Frank Simpson (left) with people of the pioneer church in Blythe, Calif.



# Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► **CUTLER, CALIF.**—The Assembly here has just closed a very profitable revival with a 19-year-old youth evangelist, Leroy Cantrell, of Tipton, Calif. Nine were saved, mostly teenagers, and the whole church was stirred for God. God honored the faithful preaching of His Word. A spirit of revival continues in the church.

—C. O. Branson, Pastor

► **DAVENPORT, IOWA**—The North Division Assembly of God recently enjoyed a few nights of revival with Evangelist A. F. DiMusto and party. It was a time of spiritual refreshing for the church. The singing, playing, and painting attracted many visitors, and God worked among them.

—Ernest Winckler, Pastor

► **BELLEVILLE, ILL.**—The church here recently enjoyed two weeks of revival meetings with Evangelists Bill and Nancy Sharp. Several persons knelt at the altars for salvation, and the Christians were encouraged in their faith. Both brother Sharp's ministry of the Word and his paintings were a real inspiration. Sister Sharp's singing also contributed much.

—T. M. Kimberlin, Pastor

► **LIVINGSTON, TEX.**—A three-week revival was recently conducted at the Ace Assembly of God by Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas L. Hoke of Dallas, Tex. Nine young people accepted Christ as Saviour, and many others were blessed by the moving of God's Spirit. The church rejoiced in the manifestations of the Holy Spirit which brought deliverance, healing, and blessing to the church.

—Steve W. Barrett, Pastor

► **BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS**—The British Honduras field recently enjoyed three weeks of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Louis Roggow of North Platte, Nebr. The special music and anointed ministry of the Roggows was indeed an inspiration to all. Spiritually hungry people came night after night, and many sought salvation. Several were also filled or gloriously refilled with the Holy Spirit. Everyone rejoices in the revival spirit which still prevails over the field since the meetings.

—R. L. Schirman, Missionary

► **ONALASKA, WASH.**—Three persons were saved and three were filled with the Holy Spirit during 10 days of revival meeting here conducted by Evangelist Phil Eldred of Longview, Wash. A number of new people attended the services. One woman who had attended another church for 25 years was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. At her own request she was baptized in the river although the water was extremely cold. The young people are more hungry for God than they have been, and new ones are starting to come to the

church. The meetings were preceded by a week of prayer which was a contributing factor to their success.

—E. H. Eudaily, Pastor

► **PICKENS, OKLA.**—The congregation here is rejoicing in the wonderful revival conducted by Evangelists David and Doris Godwin. A mighty move of God was witnessed each night. Many made their way to the altar for salvation, and a goodly number were healed.

—Johnny Dickerson, Pastor

► **OVERTON, TEX.**—In spite of inclement weather the attendance was very good during the recent revival with Evangelist Hilton Sutton of Beaumont, Tex. Several answered the altar call, and there were definite miracles of healing. Many new people attended the meetings. The church was blessed by the anointed ministry of the evangelist.

—Billy R. Jones, Pastor

► **N. KANSAS CITY, MO.**—The church here has enjoyed a profitable and interesting revival with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. Their ministry in music, sermon and song proved a blessing night after night. The attendance was very good throughout the meetings, and there was also an increase in Sunday School attendance. A number prayed through at the altar.

—R. A. McClure, Pastor

► **ROCHESTER, MINN.**—The Assembly here has just closed a wonderful revival with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. From the opening night God moved in the services in a wonderful way. The attendance never dropped, and night after night the altar was lined with young and old seeking the Lord. The meetings were fruitful in every way. The anointed singing and ministry of the Tanners will long be remembered by all who attended.

—O. E. Carter, Pastor

► **ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEX.**—The First Assembly of God here recently concluded three weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Surratt of Ivanhoe, Calif. There was a precious moving of the Spirit in every service. The church was graciously revived, 12 were saved, and 17 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—Floyd Grant, Pastor

► **EAST MOLINE, ILL.**—The Full Gospel Assembly recently enjoyed a time of spiritual blessing during meetings with Evangelist A. F. DiMusto and family. The special singing and oil paintings attracted many new people. Crowds attended all through the sub-zero weather, and many souls found Christ real to their hearts. Many were healed instantly as the power of God fell. The church was built up and refreshed, for which God is to be praised.

—Walter Smith, Pastor

► **KODIAK, ALASKA**—The Assembly of God here recently enjoyed fine meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Oscar Butterfield of South Gate, Calif. Two were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Among the 11 who came to the altar, there were three young couples.

—Charles O. Hirschy, Pastor

► **WINDSOR, CALIF.**—The church here was greatly edified recently by the Spirit-led ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Crocker. Several were saved, and many were reclaimed. The music was also a great blessing. The meetings lasted two weeks.

—Lenard Griffis, Pastor

► **RIDGEWAY, MO.**—The church here was recently blessed by two weeks of Holy Ghost revival meetings conducted by Evangelist Lois E. Hamilton. From the first night the Lord moved in an unusual way. Several new families were reached with the full gospel message. The church was filled night after night and it was necessary to bring in extra chairs. Inasmuch as the church had no pastor, an invitation was extended to Sister Hamilton to assume this ministry and she accepted.

—Fred Bennett, Secretary

► **PAIA, HAWAII**—The Assembly of God here has just concluded its most successful revival campaign, with Evangelist Watson Argue. As the meetings went on, the crowds grew, making it necessary to bring in extra chairs, until the seating capacity was doubled. In one week about 40 came to the altar for salvation. The crowds were the largest and the results the best the church here has witnessed.

—Lawrence R. Larson, Pastor

► **RICHLAND, VA.**—For some time the church here has been praying for a breaking through by the Holy Spirit. Recently God answered those prayers. On Sunday morning, February 23, the Adult Sunday School class experienced a visitation of the Lord, and six people surrendered their hearts to God. The following week five more souls prayed through to victory, three of whom were backsliders. This made a total of 11 saved. Since that time God has been blessing in the services, and there has been a deep move among the people. This has come about as a result of united prayer.

—Stanley A. Lyon, Pastor

► **SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**—During the month of February, Evangelist Warren Litzman ministered in Bethel Temple for two weeks. God moved in a marvelous way, answering prayers, healing the sick, saving the lost, and filling 173 with the Holy Ghost. Scores of others were refilled with the Spirit. Brother Litzman's evangelistic and teaching ministry was enthusiastically received. Many members of the congregation report it was the greatest



move in the history of the church. Even after the meetings closed the spirit of revival prevailed. The following Sunday three were saved and six were filled with the Holy Ghost.

—Clyde A. Henson, Pastor

► TAVARES, FLA.—Over 100 people attended the church here for the first time during the special meetings with the Musical Eskelin Family. Each night there were near capacity crowds. On several nights extra chairs were needed. The meetings were originally scheduled for two weeks, but went on for the third by public request. Fifteen souls were saved, and many were reconsecrated to the Lord.

—Clyde B. Wasdin, Pastor

► ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH.—Recently Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Sharp conducted a five-night crusade here. The church is praising God for those who found salvation under the anointed preaching. Several received definite healing. The attendance was very good. The religious paintings presented by the evangelist and the musical numbers given by Mrs. Sharp were enjoyed by the entire congregation. The people were stirred to a greater seeking after God.

—Everett Linville, Pastor

► LORAIN, OHIO—The First Assembly of God here has experienced a great spirit of revival for seven weeks. The altar services on Sunday evenings lasted until around the midnight hour. Souls have been saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit each week. The congregation has now pledged itself to pray every Sunday evening until 12 p.m. or longer for the balance of the year, in behalf of an old-time Pentecostal revival. Evangelist Harold R. Davis of Canada has just closed a 12-day meeting. Twelve received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a large number came forward for salvation. Many also testified to being healed.

—K. A. Smith, Pastor

► GLADWIN, MICH.—The auditorium and annex were filled every night without an exception during the two-week revival with the Quanabush evangelists. Fifty per cent of those attending were visitors, many of whom came from as far as 30 miles away. It was difficult to keep a record of the number of souls saved and reclaimed, but the results were very good. Not only this church, but the nearby one at Harrison was greatly blessed by the anointed preaching and the musical ministry of the Quanabushes.

—Burdette Faulk, Pastor

► IOWA PARK, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Dean of Los Angeles, Calif. recently concluded a four-week revival here. The power and presence of God was manifested each night to such an extent that people were slain under the Power and had visions of the coming of the Lord. Many were healed of various diseases as the evangelist prayed for the sick each night. Six were saved and nine were filled with the Holy Ghost. The Christians were stirred anew for God. The Sunday School hit a new attendance high of 66.

—Dora Lane, Pastor

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Malvern	Oak Grove	May 6-20	Jim Anderson	Genoal Wright
Calif.	Arvin	A of G	Apr. 22-27	Christian Hild	E. L. Kopper
	Fillmore	* First	May 5-11	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Neville Carlson
	Fresno	Pinedale	May 6—	Ken & Patsy George	Roy F. George
	Pomona	First	May 4-18	Hildreth Ethridge	Dwight Brown
	Rohnerville	First	Apr. 29—	Don George	J. C. Murray
	Upland	Evangel Temple	Apr. 29-May 11	Christian Hild	Frank Lummer
	Wilmington	First	Apr. 22—	I. W. Mobley	Thomas Ming, Sr.
Colo.	Derby	First	Apr. 27-May 11	O. E. & Hallie Gaddis	Dwight Chaffin
Fla.	Panama City	First	May 4—	Gene Martin & wife	R. C. Jones
Ill.	Alton	Edwards St.	Apr. 16-May 4	Musical Vanderploegs	Jack Ellsworth
	Chicago	Ebenezer	May 6-18	Joel R. Palmer	Paul Bredesen
Iowa	Moville	A of G	May 6-18	Paul Clark & wife	Robert Ayer
Kans.	Hoisington	A of G	May 4-18	E. C. Lagmay & wife	Harold Duncan
	Kansas City	First	Apr. 30-May 11	Watters Gospel Team	U. S. Grant
	Winfield	First	Apr. 27—	S. J. Colburn	Gordon H. Nelson
Ky.	Jeffersonville	A of G	Apr. 29-May 11	Ada E. Lear	M. A. Mangold
La.	Shreveport	Glad Tidings	Apr. 29-May 11	W. M. Stevens	J. M. Cason
Mich.	Dearborn	Gospel Tab.	May 4-18	W. C. Nelson	P. C. Lee
Minn.	Minneapolis	** Gospel Tab.	Apr. 20-27	Paul Hild & wife	F. J. Lindquist
	Worthington	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 29-May 11	R. W. Hastie Family	Herman Rohde
Miss.	Ellisville	A of G	Apr. 27-May 11	C. E. Simms & wife	J. F. Doggette
Mo.	Maryville	A of G	Apr. 29-May 11	Ronald & Ida Snider	Rex Anspaugh
Nebr.	Burton	A of G	May 1-18	Max Francis & wife	Charles Turner
	Lyons	A of G	May 4-18	Mel Lager	Armond J. Mickelsen
N. Mex.	Carlsbad	Riverside	May 6—	Robert Northrop & wife	Carl Tillery
	Hobbs	Glad Tidings	May 4—	Kenny Smith & wife	O. W. Newman
N. Y.	New York	*** Glad Tid. Tab.	May 4-18	Watson Argue	Marie E. Brown
N. Dak.	Jamestown	First	Apr. 30-May 11	Wendell Reed & wife	W. L. Roset
Ohio	Alliance	First	May 6-18	Ezzo Evangelistic Team	E. Wesley Roush
	Chardon	A of G	Apr. 22-May 4	James West & wife	E. T. Boytar
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### WITH CHRIST

FREDERICK BETTS, 83, Santa Cruz, Calif. went to his heavenly reward March 20, 1958. Brother Betts was ordained in 1942 and was active in evangelistic ministry for a number of years.

CARL S. LOWE, 33, Batavia, N. Y., died March 6 as a result of an automobile accident. Brother Lowe was ordained in 1953. He was pastor of the Assembly in Batavia at the time of his death.

WILLIAM J. MITCHELL, 79, Whitman, Mass., went to be with the Lord March 14. Brother Mitchell was one of the first to receive the fullness of the Spirit in the New England states. He was ordained in 1924. In 1927 he founded the Glad Tidings Tabernacle in Everett, Mass., and served as pastor until 1952 when he retired from active ministry. He served as superintendent

of the New England District for several years.

FRANK J. SCHIEMAN, 40, Fresno, Calif. went to be with Jesus March 1, 1958. Brother Schieman was ordained in 1943. He had pastored the Calwa Assembly in Fresno for several years.

ENOCH OLSEN, 41, Danbury, Conn. went to be forever with the Lord on March 29, 1958, after a lingering illness. Brother Olsen had pastored the Pentecostal Tabernacle in Danbury since 1951. He was ordained in 1946.

DENNIS VALDEZ, Jr., missionary to Cuba, went to his heavenly reward March 23, 1958. Brother Valdez was ordained in 1938. He worked among the Latin American people in Tampa, Florida for several years before going to Cuba in 1950.

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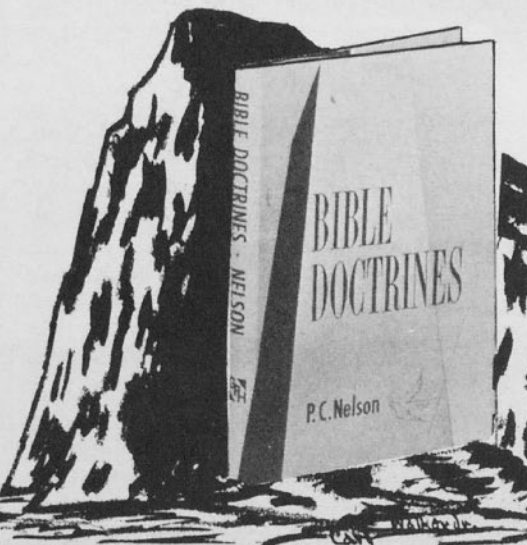
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## HEALING TESTIMONIES

# Soft Bones Become Normal

In 1955 there developed in my feet and ankles a condition called softening of the bones. It was considered quite



Arvel Rose

serious because of it I was not able to run, jump, or do the things that other young people do.

In September 1957 Evangelist Don Gossett was conducting a revival meeting at Canyonville Bible Academy, where I

am a student. I was prayed for in the special divine healing service on September 27, and I just knew the Lord had healed me. Some of my classmates knew that the Lord had healed me, too, so they asked me to go outside and see if I could run and jump. Well, we ran all over the campus of C.B.A., and it was the first time in over two years that I could do this.

The Lord has completely healed me, and I am planning to go out for track this spring.—Arvel Rose, 12437 Barbara Ave., Los Angeles 66, Calif.

(Endorsed by Lowell C. Masters, Principal, Canyonville Bible Academy, Canyonville, Oreg.)

# Healed of TB

I thank the Lord that last summer He healed me of both rheumatic fever and tuberculosis.

When I was first taken to the hospital my case was diagnosed as rheumatic fever. But further examination by X rays revealed spots on one lung. Another chest X ray showed that tuberculosis was rapidly spreading over both lungs.

During this time the people of our church united in prayer on my behalf. Miraculously, when a third X ray was taken, the results were completely nega-

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tive. The doctors had estimated that I would be in the hospital from six to nine months, but my whole hospital stay turned out to be only four weeks.

I thank the Lord for this scripture that He made real in my life—"I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). I want to give Him all honor and glory.—Barbara Boucha (age 15), 12820 Robson, Detroit 27, Mich.

(Endorsed by Fred Smolchuck, Pastor, Evangel Assembly, Detroit, Mich.)

## Delivered From Spinal Meningitis

I didn't realize that the Assemblies of God believed so strongly in divine healing until three years ago, when I began reading *The Pentecostal Evangel*. Reading the testimonies in the *Evangel* has increased our faith for healing.

On April 10, 1955, I became severely ill. I had been vomiting all night, but we thought it was just the flu. By morning I had spots over my body. We thought maybe I was getting the measles. In the afternoon I noticed that my joints felt stiff. By that evening I became worse. I had terrific pains in my head. My skin had turned yellowish, and my tongue black.

Finally my husband decided that he must call a doctor. When the doctor arrived at the house I was in a coma and my body was stiff. My mother and the children thought I was dead, and they all began to cry. At this time the church had been called by phone and asked to pray for me. My husband said I wasn't in the hospital very long before they got me to say a few words. The doctor said I got there just in time, or I would have been dead.

Spinal meningitis often leaves many serious aftereffects. But the Lord touched my body and I was out of the hospital in twelve days, completely well. I asked the Lord to prevent my being crippled in any way, since I had seven children to care for. I just had to have my health. Thank the Lord, He answered prayer.

I have also been healed of internal hemorrhoids, which the doctor said could be relieved only by an operation. More recently the Lord healed me of a heart murmur, and of a blood clot as

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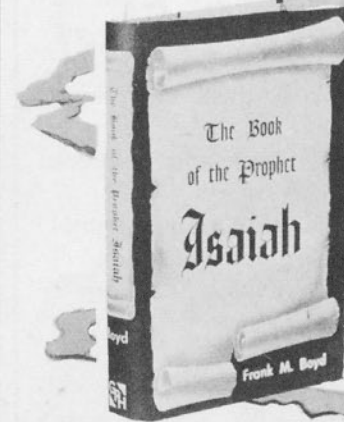
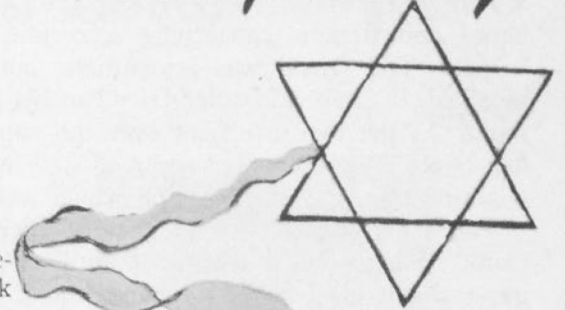
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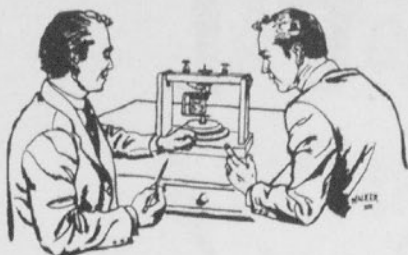
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# The Mistake

BY EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

ONE AFTERNOON, MANY YEARS AGO, A YOUNG INVENTOR CONFIDED HIS hopes and dreams concerning a certain mechanical device to a trusted friend. The friend was sympathetic but, not understanding all that was involved, he invited another friend to his home to view the plans and drawings. As the two men bent over the papers, the host explained, "The fellow is really quite excited about this. He feels it will make a definite contribution to the welfare of the whole world."

The other glanced up skeptically, then returned to the perusal of the plans. Silence filled the room until the study was completed. Then the guest shook his head slowly and asked, "How long has he been working on this?"

"Several months, I should say," replied the host.

The man rose from the desk and there was disappointment in his voice. "It's a pity, a real pity. The fellow has talent, no doubt of it. I've heard good reports of his other work. But to spend so much time on this—why, it all comes out as wasted effort. Oh, the thing *might* work, but I can't imagine what earthly good it will do. It would hardly be much more than a toy at best."

This might have ended the matter but, fortunately for the world, young Alexander Graham Bell was not easily discouraged, so we have the telephone today.

When I told this story to Jack Winters, whom I hoped to win for Christ, I waited for him to make the obvious application. He did.

"It only goes to prove," he said, "what fools some people can be. Even the smartest can make some pretty bad mistakes. Those boys probably kicked themselves to pieces a bit later on!"

I looked straight at him. "Right, Jack; but remember, it's a whole lot worse when people make the tragic mistake of thinking that they can get along without the Lord Jesus Christ, and that they are good enough for heaven just as they are. That's an error that will cost them everything for all eternity."

Jack had no answer for that, except an irritated stare and a quick "Good-bye!"

But Mr. Bell's "toy" came into the picture once again, and for a spiritual dividend. It rang as I was about to retire. The caller was Jack, and I sensed at once the change in his attitude.

"I've been thinking over what you said about making mistakes. Remember? Especially since I started the whole thing!"

There was a long pause while I waited prayerfully.

"Well, it sort of threw me at first, but then I figured you were right after all. I'd like to come over for a few minutes, if it would be all right with you."

Of course it was all right! I wanted to win Jack for Christ. And, how about you, friend? Have you looked upon God's great plan of salvation as unimportant and unrelated to you?

Then consider these three facts: First, you need a Saviour—"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Second, a Saviour has been provided—"Christ died for our sins . . ." (1 Corinthians 15:3).

Third, the choice is yours: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

Don't make the fatal mistake of ignoring the most important thing in the world—God's plan of salvation as it relates to YOU!

## Healing (continued)

large as an egg in the abdominal wall. I was examined before and after these ailments at a clinic, and was pronounced well of them after request for prayer was made in church.

At Easter 1956, when our baby was dedicated, we joined the Calvary Assembly of God in Toledo.—Mrs. Dewey H. Carder, 113 N. Stephen St., Toledo 5, Ohio.

*(Endorsed by Edwin P. Anderson, Director of Music Division, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo. Formerly Brother Anderson was pastor of the Calvary Assembly of God, Toledo, Ohio.)*

## Delivered From Asthama

I wish to testify and thank the Lord for healing my little girl, Sherry Hood. She had asthma for about three years. During that time she had many attacks and was very sick each time. About a year ago, during one of these dreadful attacks we called Brother Slavens to pray for her. She was healed and has never had another attack.—Mrs. F. M. Hood, Kansas City, Kansas.

*(Endorsed by J. F. Slavens, Pastor, Calvary Assembly, Kansas City, Kans.)*

## Healed of Tuberculosis

On September 19, 1956, after suffering a complete physical breakdown, I started hemorrhaging and almost bled to death. They rushed me to the hospital at Morrilton, Arkansas. Since I kept getting worse, I was put in an ambulance and taken to the State Sanatorium. The doctors there found that I had tuberculosis; they said I would not live through the night, as I was still hemorrhaging.

J. D. Grissom was the Assemblies of God chaplain at that time, and he was called to pray for me. I began to get better but still could not talk or feed myself. I had lost almost all of my memory, and I weighed only 90 pounds.



In December, after I had been in the sanatorium about three months, Marion Oswalt, who is now the Assemblies of God chaplain, prayed for me. God touched my body again and wonderfully healed me.

At the time of this writing I weigh 135 pounds and am feeling fine; I am growing stronger each day. God has worked a miracle in my life—how I thank Him for what He has done for me.—Mrs. Julia Lowder, Box 24, Scotland, Ark.

(Endorsed by Marion R. Oswalt, Chaplain, Arkansas State Sanatorium, who says Mrs. Lowder has been home several months and is quite well. Brother Oswalt is also pastor of the Assemblies of God church on Highway 10, Magazine, Ark.)

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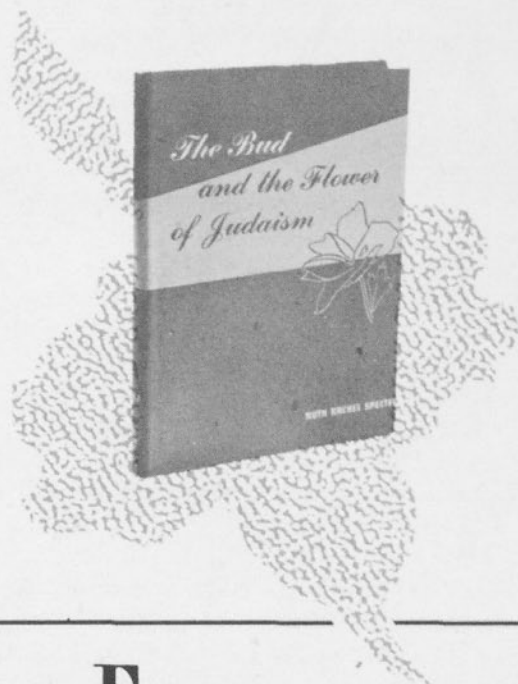


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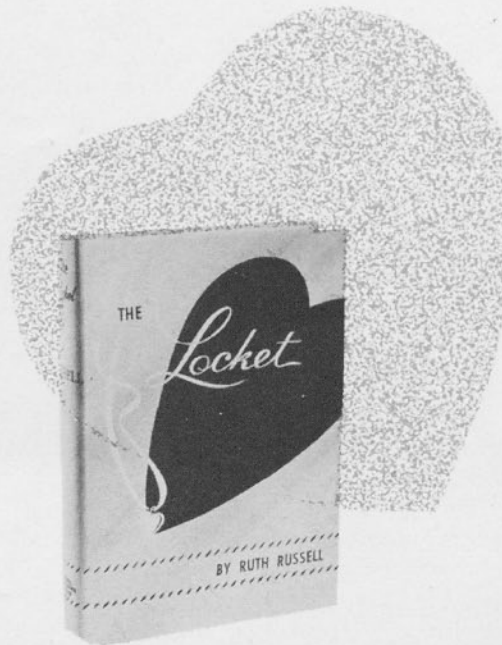
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# Just Looking

BY MARY MILES



I WASN'T READY TO BUY, SO I GAVE THE CLERK A weary smile and the familiar, "Just looking, thank you," and turned away from a bargain table covered with shirts and jeans.

"May I serve you?" I heard her inquire of a woman who stood near me, obviously waiting to make a purchase.

Seeing that the clerk was occupied, I relaxed and began to examine a pair of jeans. All around me women pawed the garments eagerly, or held their selections as they waited for a clerk. The table, which no doubt had once been neat and orderly, rapidly took on a "topsy-turvy" look, and the bargains were fast disappearing.

I began to realize that I was "just looking" at something my child really needed; something for which I usually paid a much higher price; something I should buy—and now!

This incident brought to my mind the wonderful tables of spiritual values—salvation, victory, grace, joy, peace, riches beyond compare, which God is offering to us, not at bargain prices, but FREE!

And yet how many of us are "just looking." There are some who are "just looking" at God's offer of salvation, forgiveness of sins, a home in Heaven. They like to attend church occasionally. They rather enjoy mingling with the Lord's people, but on communion Sunday (if they are honest with themselves and with God) they cannot partake of the feast of love. They are "just looking" at God's gift of eternal life, and going away with empty hearts. And God, in infinite love, pleads with them, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1).

And then there are Christians who glance casually at the table loaded with spiritual blessings—indeed with "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). Victory is there. It appears desirable; so do love, joy, peace, power, and all the other attributes of the Spirit-filled life. But they are only "looking."

Not realizing their need of these spiritual riches, they turn away from the table from which God is waiting and

longing to clothe their spiritual nakedness. In effect they are saying, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." They do not know that they are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." The Lord stands by and counsels them to "buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich: and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed." Our casual glance at these infinite blessings must often grieve His heart.

And there is a table labelled "opportunities," concerning which Ephesians 5:16 admonishes that we should be "buying up the opportune time afforded to us for the work of God" (as the Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary translates it).

To every Christian, time should be a most precious commodity, and the "opportune season a jewel to be bought at any price." The Greek verb in Ephesians 5:16 (quoted above) denotes eagerness. The picture is that of a buyer reaching quickly for a rare item lest it be sold before he can get possession of it.

But can time and opportunity ever be "sold out"? Yes, because the days are evil. Doors of opportunity are fast closing, not only in lands across the sea, but here at home as well. Today the opportunity for witnessing to someone may be "for sale;" tomorrow that opportune season may be "sold out." Let us not be among those who "just look" and then turn away from the table of priceless opportunities empty-handed.

"Set us afire, Lord, stir us, we pray!

While the world perishes, we go our way,

Purposeless, passionless, day after day.

Set us afire, Lord, stir us, we pray!"

If you are one who consistently "just looks" at spiritual values, pause and consider the exorbitant cost of passing up God's offer of salvation, the irreparable loss of refusing life on a higher plane, and the bitter shame that will result from failing to buy up the opportunities for service.

Buy the living waters of salvation; buy the gold and white raiment of Christian character; buy today's opportunities. Stop "just looking" and buy!