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## "A Good Citizen"

Last month the Assemblies of God celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the establishing of the national headquarters in the city of Springfield, Missouri. As part of the observance, an open house was announced at the Gospel Publishing House and some 1,500 persons toured the printing plant. Many tributes were extended by businessmen, civic leaders, and other friends during the celebration. A typical expression was published on the editorial page of the Springfield News and Leader (May 25th issue). It was entitled "A Noteworthy Anniversary" and went like this:

During a ten-day convention in Hot Springs, Ark., in April, 1914, the Assemblies of God was founded. Four years later, after trying its wings in Findlay, Ohio, and in St. Louis, the fledgling organization set up its headquarters in Springfield.

That was 40 years ago. During the four decades since that time, the Assemblies of God has grown steadily, so that any comparison between its beginnings and its present world-wide operations in a variety of religious fields produces statistics which are sensational.

Example: In 1919, when the Gospel Publishing House began issuing a Sunday School quarterly for adult and intermediate classes, the first press run was 5,000 copies—and there were those in the group of men and women who were pioneers in the publishing venture who thought this figure was a little on the excessive side. Today, the Gospel Publishing House produces 38 different publications of Sunday School literature, with a circulation of 2,000,000 at each printing.

That is sensational, but the word to remember in connection with the growth of the Assemblies of God is "steady." No new ventures have been undertaken, no expansions started, unless the way was clear ahead—unless there was sound financing available. Thus, considered solely from the standpoint of its contribution to the economic life of Springfield, the Assemblies of God has been a highly desirable enterprise.

As of now, just to consider the publishing department of the Assemblies, five tons of literature each day are printed and distributed from Springfield all over the world, so that the name of our city is well and favorably known as a result of the Assemblies' activity in this one department alone. The printing is done in a completely modern plant which cost \$1,639,086.63 to build and an additional \$1,142,827.59 to equip. The publishing house employs some 250 people. There are that many more employed in other departments of the international headquarters here. In other words, an enterprise which began here in 1918 with 12 employees, now has almost 500, with a 1957 payroll of more than \$1,500,000.

But the strictly economic factor is only a small part of the picture and, certainly from the viewpoint of the Assemblies, not the most important. The big job is the spreading of the Gospel and that is the job in which the Assemblies has excelled. It now reports 482,352 church members in 8,104 churches in the U. S., with more than half a million members in churches outside this country. Its Sunday School enrollment is approaching the million mark. It maintains 736 missionaries in 70 countries. It supports homes for children and for the aged. It operates several colleges, including two in Springfield.

In short, the Assemblies of God is a good citizen, not only of Springfield, but of the world. Congratulations on your 40 years, and may there be hundreds more!

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# *The Indispensable* **FOUNDATION**

*The teaching of blood atonement may be offensive to our  
"cultured sensibilities," but a guilty sinner is in no position to dictate  
to God the terms of his forgiveness any more than a criminal his pardon.*

**T**HE TERM "ATONEMENT" APPEARS in the Bible only eighty-one times. However, the fact of the atonement is omnipresent in the two Testaments.

This concept originated by divine revelation in Eden with the promise of Genesis 3:15 and was portrayed pictorially by God's provision of coats of skins from a slain victim to clothe the first humans' nakedness.

No sooner were Adam and Eve banished from earth's paradise than faith in a blood atonement was established. Abel's bloody sacrifice availed for acceptance with God back in the morning of time (Genesis 4). And in the consummation of the ages heaven's populace around the throne of glory will acclaim the "Lamb as it had been slain." Thus the theme of atonement threads through all the Scriptures like the scarlet thread entwined in all the cordage of the British Navy.

It is no exaggeration to regard the blood atonement as an indispensable foundation of Biblical Christianity. From beginning to end, God's Word proclaims that a sinner is accepted with God by virtue of the sacrifice of a suitable substitute. It may be debated whether a person must adhere to a given statement of the atonement doctrine, but it is absolutely certain that no one could be saved if Christ Jesus had not "died for our sins according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3).

An acquaintance accosted John Newton with the objection, "I cannot see any need for the atonement in the

Scriptures, and I have studied them carefully."

Newton's retort was a classic: "I tried to light my candle last night with the extinguisher on it!"

One who studies the Scriptures without seeing the atonement must have some prejudice in his mind that acts like an extinguisher. For the atonement is the brightest star in the heaven of revealed truth. Old Testament shadows and New Testament substance, the forecasts of prophets and the teachings of apostles, unite with John the Baptist in sounding the proclamation, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

A philosophy that denies or neglects the atonement can be justified only in connection with a minimizing of the awful sinfulness of sin. If sin be embryonic goodness, a "fall upstairs," or a hallucination of mortal mind, there is no intrinsic necessity of an atonement. But if sin is, as the Bible teaches, alienation from God, rebellion against His will, disease of soul eventuating in eternal death, then the atonement is indispensable.

Since sin is so serious, God's righteousness demands an atonement. This has been provided by God's love. It is the indispensable foundation of Biblical Christianity.

This foundation has been attacked. For example, a newspaper editor wrote: "the people are dividing into two religious classes—those who be-

live that religion consists in following the teachings of Jesus, and those who believe that in addition and of more importance is a certain cut-and-dried 'plan' of salvation devised by the theologians."

Of course, the world has been divided on much this same issue since Cain and Abel. Is salvation achieved by what man does, be it the sacrifice of the fruit of the ground or the adherence to religious ordinances, or is acceptance with God a gift from Him achieved by the sacrifice of His sinless Son? That is the issue.

Which is more important, the teachings of Christ or the redemptive work of Christ?

Actually it is wrong to separate the two. The Bible kind of Christian will do his best to follow Christ's teachings, not in order to earn salvation but as a result and fruit of his benefit from the Saviour's redemptive work. This is one of the scriptural facts of spiritual life (cf. Ephesians 2:8-10). And the basis of that experience is the plan of salvation.

But was the plan of salvation devised by theologians?

Such is the concept of those who have commented that Christianity was just fine until Paul ruined it. But Jesus preceded Paul in attributing the atonement to His sacrificial death. He referred to His blood "which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Thereby the divine

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# Abraham, Chosen by God To Be—

# FATHER OF A NATION

*“Abraham had no sons to waste;  
have you?”*

BY RUTH GERBER COPELAND



**G**OD SAID OF ABRAHAM, “FOR I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord” (Genesis 18:19).

It was not by mere chance that Abraham became father of the nation that gave us the Bible and Christ. He was chosen by God for this capacity. Because he had the qualities of a godly father, his very memory would be a lasting influence for good on those who would come after him—not only upon his physical descendants, but also upon those more numerous ones of the household of faith.

Abraham, not Sarah, was the head of his home. Woman is neither fitted by nature nor ordained by God to rule. Her emotions, influenced by cycles and changes, endow her with boundless capacity for sympathetic, loving helpfulness, but not authority. Abraham was the kind of father who could command his children and household; and he could do it in such a way that, after he was gone, they would *keep* the way of the Lord. He would do this, not by virtue of his authority alone, but by earning the respect and loyalty of his family.

Abraham was always building altars. Everywhere he went, he built altars.

The itinerant life he lived was not unlike that of thousands today. We live under an economic system in which a drouth or the closing of a factory or mine can shift whole populations from one area to another—only to shift them again as the whims of the system may dictate.

If Abraham were living today, he would build an altar everywhere he took up residence. The first thing he would do upon moving to a new town would be to find the nearest Assemblies of God church and get his family into it. He would see to it that there was a family altar where the family met with God each day. Fathers who take their families to church and who build altars at home are patterning after Abraham, the father of the faithful.

Abraham was faithful in paying tithes! Not only did he faithfully give to God from the regular increase of his flocks and herds, but every time he won a little battle on the side, he tithed the income of it! There is a material and spiritual blessing upon the father who leads his family in tithing!

Notice Abraham's attitude toward strife! He was one of those steady fathers of the faith who would rather be wronged and defrauded than breed contention over minor differences. If

Vital Link to God



it were something vitally important, he would stand his ground, but when it came to personal differences, he would say, “Let there be no strife among us for we be brethren.”

When it came to important decisions, Abraham did not put a material advantage above a spiritual one. He was willing for Lot to take the productive valley of Sodom with all the material wealth it promised. The sequel to his story shows and subsequent events showed that Isaac, his son, absorbed spiritual and moral values in the plains of Mamre of which his cousins in rich, gay Sodom were wholly unaware. God bless the fathers who would rather bequeath to their children a spiritual church, a family altar, and a sound set of morals than all the wealth of Sodom!

Abraham was the kind of father one could call upon in time of trouble. Long before he was given a son of his own flesh, he showered fatherly love and care upon his orphaned nephew. He brought Lot up as a son. Like many young men, Lot made the wrong decision. But when the sorrows and defeats of Sodom came upon him, he called upon Father Abraham and was promptly rescued. When a young man is in trouble, he does not need to be reminded, “I told you so.” He needs a

father's strong hand to lift him up and help him overcome. Anyone can lecture the young folk—but it takes a father's heart to help them.

Youth is in trouble today as never before. The material advantages of a prosperous age are theirs; but there are few fathers who will take time to listen to their problems and try to understand them. In a recent study of juvenile delinquents, a survey revealed that most of the boys who stayed out of trouble were close to their fathers or to some other good men who took an interest in them!

Abraham was an intercessor. His pleadings with God for Lot are a classic example of the extent to which intercessory prayer can save our loved ones. Abraham did not leave the 'family praying' to Sarah; he knew how to lay hold upon God himself!

Abraham put God first. When he was tested on this line, he proved to be pure gold, not withholding his only son, but laying him freely upon Mount Moriah's altar of consecration, though it broke his heart to do so. And Isaac was more his son after the altar experience than before. Parents have a double enjoyment of their offspring when they have laid them on the altar!

Abraham had a vital interest in Isaac's bride-to-be. True, the social customs today do not give parents authority to choose life companions for their children, as in bygone days. But there is much that parents can do to influence them into a right choice. The faith with which Abraham looked to God through godly Eliezer, the solicitude with which he saw to it that Isaac's bride came "from the godly crowd," can well be emulated by parents in our more liberal order. The point is—*he cared* who Isaac's companion was.

Fathers today need to care as Abraham cared. He could not rest until his son of promise was married to a godly girl who could help him to fulfill the call of God. *He had no son to waste.* (Do we?) The blessing must come through Isaac. No room for a slip here. The ungodly girls of Canaan would not do; their inferior morals would have polluted the Christ-line. Abraham's mighty faith and love won out—God gave the bride and Isaac was not disappointed.

Oh, for parents who will pray their children through on this solemn decision of life! We must not allow them to err here; the results would be tragic!

What a father was Abraham! God give us more fathers like him! ◀◀



# Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Is the Bride of Christ the Church, or is it the New Jerusalem?**

My conviction is that the New Jerusalem includes both the Bride and the home of the Bride. See Revelation 21, especially verses 9, 10.

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**What did Jesus mean when He spoke of plucking out one's right eye if it offends him? (Matthew 5:29)**

Literally, to tear out an eye would not destroy the desire which the eye had lusted after. The meaning is that no matter how much we might admire and desire something, if it is that which would make us sin against God we should turn from it and refuse to give it any place.

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**Is it true that the ancient Greeks developed the term "baptism" but never used it to mean "immersion"?**

The word for *baptize* was frequently used by the Greeks, primarily with the thought of dipping. It was used to signify the dipping of a garment when dyeing, or the dipping of one vessel into another when drawing water or wine out of the larger vessel. Its use among the Greeks was therefore much the same as the Christian use of the term in immersion. To dip cloth into the dye would indicate putting it down into the dye. To dip a smaller vessel into a larger one to fill it with liquid would require putting the smaller vessel down into the contents of the larger vessel.

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**How do we know whether the parents of the children who were blessed by Jesus were saved? Ought ministers to refuse to dedicate children of unsaved parents? Did Jesus dedicate the children brought to Him?**

I believe the children brought to Jesus were already dedicated. In Israel the male child was circumcised at the age of eight days (Genesis 17:10-12), at which time he received his name and was considered "a child of the covenant" which God made with Abraham. He was then recognized as a member of the household of Israel. At

the age of forty days, the boy child was taken by his mother to the temple, at the time of her purification. This is often looked upon as the time of public dedication (Leviticus 12:1-8; Luke 2:21-23).

Even though Jesus' blessing the children was not ceremonial dedication, the lesson is beautiful in connection with dedications. As for sinners bringing their children to the church for dedication, this does not seem consistent. How can he who refuses to live for God, make a solemn promise that he will bring up his child in the fear and admonition of the Lord? I would not refuse, however, to accept and ask God's blessing on such a child. I do feel, though, that it should be explained to the parents what the dedication means; they ought to be shown that if they are going to fulfill the dedication vows they must give their hearts to the Lord and assume the proper responsibility toward God and their child.

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**What did Jesus mean when He promised to make the wise and faithful servant "ruler over his household" and condemned the evil servants to "weeping and gnashing of teeth"? (Matthew 24:45-51)**

Jesus had been speaking of the troubles that are to come upon the earth in the last days. He commended those who will prove to be faithful servants at that time. He also warned those who take an un-Christian, lordly spirit and forget that "in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." It means that we must be ever watchful for the coming of the Lord, so living that we may at all times have His approval. While this passage is addressed to all, it is meant especially for those who are over the flocks of the Lord.

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Mr. G. E. Sandberg

when he meets a child he always asks, "Do you go to Sunday School?"

Reading further he saw that this man has been faithfully chauffeuring and teaching a Sunday School class of effervescent junior boys for over twenty-five years.

On the page entitled "Church Activities," the notes indicate that he is a charter member, has been with the church since its early store-mission days, frequently started the fire in the old pot-bellied stove in winter, stacked hymnals, swept floors. Still picks up dropped papers; substitutes as an usher; greets strangers; occasionally contributes to the service with a song or a testimony.

Though he is an inconspicuous and generally congenial member of the church board, he does not hesitate to express his opinion on matters of importance. His wise judgments have made an important impact on the decisions of his church. Though he sometimes wistfully longs for spiritual gifts

# What the Angel Thought of Father

## *A Father's Day Tribute to Ordinary Men*

BY ANNE SANDBERG

ONE PLEASANT AFTERNOON, WHILE strolling leisurely along an avenue in heaven, a recording angel looked down at the place called Earth. In a modest brick home he noticed a birthday celebration and suddenly remembered his job.

"Of course! It's May second, time for my annual review."

He strode toward the Department of Archives and walked through a door inscribed *Ordinary Men*. Thousands of thick volumes lined the walls of the room, and the angel tucked one of them under his arm as he moved to a window overlooking Blue Island, Illinois.

He began to muse about the man whose life story he had recorded to this point. Middle-aged now, a little rotund, neither handsome nor homely—nothing unusual about his appearance or accomplishments in the sphere of mundane things. And in Christian circles, there are men more gifted, men of

faith and of prayer who do great things for God. But this man is an *ordinary* Christian, of no special significance to anyone but his family.

"But I am greatly interested!" exclaimed the angel as he suddenly emerged from his reverie. "Let's see, I was going to review his book."

He turned to the first page. There was a notation that on this date chubby, blond Gilbert was born into the Sandberg family; that he was converted in childhood; that at twenty-five he joined the band of happy people who accepted the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were other dates of importance, such as his marriage and the birth of his children.

The angel swiftly glanced at these familiar notations, then lingered over the "Children's Page." His face brightened as he read that this man is especially fond of children, his neighbors' as well as his own. And that

or talents, he does not envy others' attainments, but rather appreciates their ministry in the church of God.

But after Sunday comes Monday, so the angel turned to the page entitled "At Work." There was a note that he had been unable to complete his training for dentistry, and that he sometimes regrets it when he sees his fellow students prospering in the profession—but the regrets are only momentary. He knows that seeking first the kingdom of God is the most important pursuit in life.

As an office clerk he has no outstanding achievements but is a diligent and conscientious worker. Although he does not have a long list of converts from among his fellow employees, everyone knows he is a witnessing, practicing Christian.

So, this quiet, ordinary father plods along—Monday through Friday—until Saturday when he can be with his

family. On "Family Page" the angel found the account of the Saturday when Mother was ill. Wearing a frilly apron, father had cheerfully wiped dishes, washed children's faces, urged the girls to practice music, settled their quarrels, prepared the meals. Other Saturdays he is happily busy with odd jobs, enjoying every moment of family life.

The angel laughed as he read of the night the children left the front door open and the mosquitoes swarmed in. The next morning, after a restless night fighting the pests, the children were quarrelsome, Grandma too quiet, and Mother like a snapping turtle. But Father sang in the shower as usual, and this morning his song was "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

"He may not appear to be especially spiritual in church," mused the angel, "but he certainly lives the life at home."

He turned to the page entitled "Human Relations." This was the angel's favorite subject, and he became so enthusiastic he talked to himself as he read.

"Human. That's a good word for this man. He's so down to earth, approachable—that's what I like about him. Some of these mystics live so much in the heavenlies that they forget their feet are planted on *terra firma*. And yet everywhere there are people needing a warm handclasp, a hospitable visit, an invitation to church, or even to the snackshop for a cup of coffee, just for the sake of companionship."

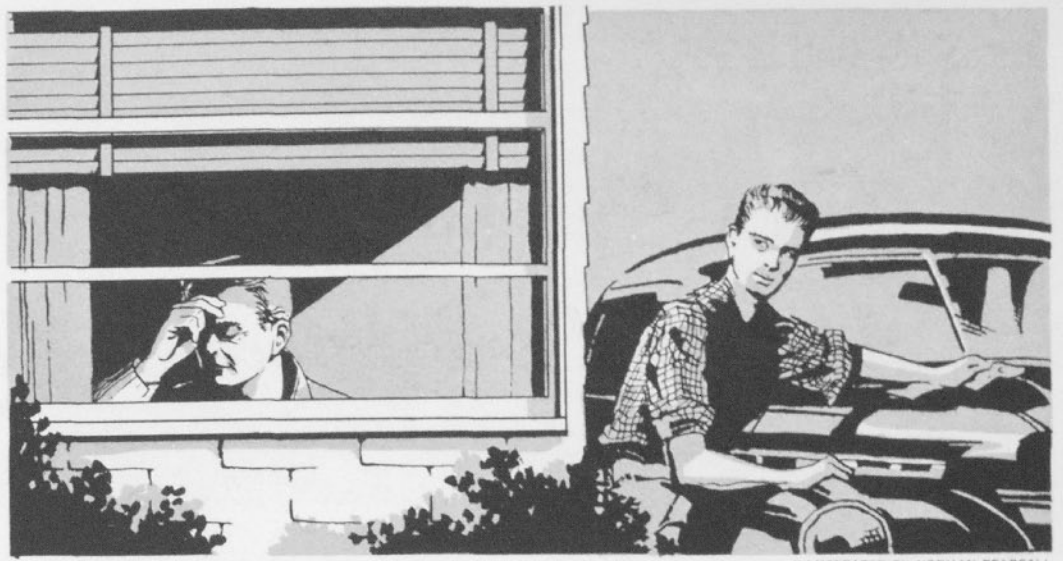
He noticed a paragraph which told that this ordinary man was kind to tramps and bums; in fact, that he had been engaged in slum and prison work for a while. Loves people; just any kind, but especially Swedes.

The angel chuckled. "Well, you don't blame him for being partial to the Swedes; after all, he *is* one. And they're not a bad bunch at that!"

The angel smiled proudly at the result of the man's conversation with the aluminum-window man — three new children for Sunday School. Of course, not being extraordinary, he doesn't win souls by the score; but there are the ones and twos and threes, and no one knows who brought them. "Except me," the angel smiled. "I keep the record, and that's what counts."

On the page marked "General Traits," the angel observed that the man has a mild personality, but is obsequious to no one. Has no patience with snobbery or pretense; for he

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## He Heard His Father Pray

BY ADELAIDE BLANTON

**O**UR PASTOR PLANNED A MID-WEEK service around the subject of Family Worship. After the usual song service, prayers, and a few comments from our minister, he invited folk to relate what family worship and prayers had meant to them.

A number of people spoke freely. Several views were given on the subject. Some had fond memories of early home life, devout mothers, and fire-side scenes where fathers read the Good Book.

There were others who felt their parents had been too strict in their religious training by forcing their children to participate in family worship against their will.

Near the close of the service a middle-aged man arose and told a brief portion of his life.

"Had it not have been for my father's earnest prayer, I would probably today

be a convict and maybe behind prison bars. My father was a praying man. We always had worship in our home, but in my late teens I became rebellious and got out into sin. I joined the wrong crowd and went deeper and deeper into sin, until one fatal night when I made a decision. My crowd planned to rob a bank. They had worked all the details out and set the time, but none of them had a car for the get-a-way. I had a car, so they came to me and told me all about their plans and invited me to join them, using my car. Of course, they promised me a nice share of the returns. I thought it over and it all sounded fine and promised to be exciting.

"I started for my car, but in passing the back door of our house, I heard my father's voice praying. He was praying earnestly.

"Something made me stop and listen. Just then I heard him call my name, 'Oh, God, bless and protect my Wilbur. Show Wilbur his sinful ways before it is too late. Draw him close to you.'

"He spoke the names of my brothers and sisters, but their names did not pierce my heart in the way that it did when father said, 'My Wilbur.'

"I listened to that prayer long enough to know I couldn't go through with the robbery. I went back to the gang and told them to count me out. I couldn't go, I couldn't do it.

"Of course, they wanted a reason—an explanation of why I had changed my mind. All I could answer then was, he called my name. 'Father called my name in his prayer.'"

—The Christian Parent

### BIBLE VERSE



EPHESIANS 6:4

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

# God's Standards for A Husband and Father

BY ALTON C. SMITH



**R**ELIGION IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE relegated to the satin-and-lace class; it holds plenty of interest and challenge for virile men—though our actions sometimes suggest otherwise. I was thrilled to find three rich portions in the book of Ephesians which fling a very demanding challenge to the best of men. In Ephesians 5:23, 25-28 God presents the challenge of the right relationship of a man to his wife; in chapter 6, verse 4, his relationship to his children; in 6:10, 11, his relationship to God.

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"The husband is the head of the wife." I have heard this verse quoted (more often misquoted) many times. I picture in my mind a big, strong man, overly conscious of what he considers his masculine superiority, as he berates his loyal, loving wife with this disconnected fragment of Scripture.

However, I have noticed in the Word of God that when a position of authority is given, some qualifications are also laid down. A pastor must be "vigilant, sober, . . . not greedy of filthy lucre." A deacon must be "grave, not double-tongued. . . ." So the ruler of the home must rule in God's way if he is to remain the rightful head. God's own stated requirement is, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Adam lost his opportunity to be head of the Church, when he chose sin in the Garden of Eden. Christ earned this forfeited position when He chose Calvary's cup in the Garden of Gethsemane. So a man must manifest this same completely altruistic spirit to earn the right to be head of a wife!

A woman is not under obligation to obey the command of an unregenerate, unreasonable husband. She *may* go to church. She *must* obey God rather than man. She *must* serve God!

Now, if a man has met the qualifications of unselfish love for his wife, he will not find it difficult to be the head of his home "as Christ is the head of the church." Christ does not force a person to do anything in direct violation of that person's will. So a husband should so behave that his wife will *want* to fulfill his desires. Then he is "the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church."

A man's love for his wife is shown also by his willingness to protect her life, honor, reputation, and spiritual welfare. "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs to-

gether of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. . . . Be courteous" (1 Peter 3:7, 8).

II

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). The Ephesians who received this letter lived in a thriving center of paganism. Here it was that the immoral goddess Diana was worshipped (Acts 19:28). These pagans would beat a child mercilessly, carelessly, even to death if they wished. The purpose in punishing a child should be to correct and train the child, certainly not to give vent to pagan anger. A *man* particularly needs to remember

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To check your answer, look up Proverbs 22:1.



that his hands can hit hard enough to kill a healthy full-grown man. What of a fragile child?

Perhaps one reason that some people mysteriously turn criminal is that in their childhood they were not punished on the basis of right and wrong, but rather according to the irritation of the parents. As a result they never learned the lesson, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

It was the habit of pagans to overcommand their children and subsequently to vent their wrath on the child for failure to finish the duties assigned. A child does have great and marvelous potentialities and abilities, but we should also bear in mind that he has limitations. Harnessing is good, but chaining is vexation.

"Ye fathers . . . bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Sometimes, I fear, the men read this verse, "You mothers, bring them up." Let us note that this is the father's duty.

The word *nurture* carries with it the idea of training or perhaps drilling. The context suggests that it is the father's duty to drill his children in the right relationship and responsibility to God.

Certainly the father should be the leader of the family in religious habits—grace at the table, family prayer, church attendance—and in physical habits—manners, temperance, etiquette.

Once a Sunday School teacher described Christ to her pupils and asked them to guess whom she was talking about. As she reached about midpoint in her description one child said innocently, "That's my daddy!" God expects us as fathers to be a living epistle of Christ to our children.

A man's prayer relationship to God is beautifully summed up in Ephesians 6:10, 11—"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

A truly successful father seeks God's power and strength! Only God can give the grace to you fathers to be the princes of the home that you ought to be. Only God's armor can protect you and bring you to ultimate victory (Ephesians 6:12-18).

If you measure up to God's standard of Christian manhood you are a responsible leader, a representative of God, a warrior, protector, and counselor to your family to guide them to greatness in God. ◀ ◀



## Monday, June 16

**Read:** Psalm 119:17-32

**Learn:** "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

**For the Parent:** Remind the group that this psalm, the longest chapter in the Bible, is about God's Word. From this passage point out especially: (1) the psalmist's desire to be taught God's statutes (laws); (2) his prayer to see the wondrous things in God's Word; (3) his request to be kept from telling lies and his aim to choose "the way of truth."

**Question Time:** Why did the psalmist ask God to open his eyes? (v. 18) What should happen as we understand God's ways? (v. 27) What do vv. 29, 30 mean to you?

## Tuesday, June 17

**Read:** Psalm 119:33-48

**Learn:** "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness" (Psalm 119:36).

**For the Parent:** This passage continues the study on the importance of God's Word. Point out: (1) as God teaches us, we have the responsibility to obey him, vv. 33, 34; (2) we need to obey God's Word and beware of covetousness, v. 36; (3) we also need to avoid pride, v. 37; (4) we should never be ashamed of God or His Word, v. 46; (5) we are to delight ourselves in God's Word and keep His commandments, vv. 47, 48.

**Question Time:** How can we avoid covetousness and pride? (vv. 36, 37) What does v. 46 mean to you?

## Wednesday, June 18

**Read:** Psalm 119:49-64

**Learn:** "I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law" (Psalm 119:55).

**For the Parent:** From this passage point out: (1) there is quickening power in God's Word, v. 50; (2) God's Word comforts us, vv. 51-56; (3) the Lord is the portion of His people, v. 57; (4) God's Word promises us that He will be merciful—and we can expect Him to honor His Word, vv. 58, 64; (5) as we think on God's Word, we will be enabled to obey it, vv. 59, 60.

**Question Time:** How does God's Word quicken? In v. 50 point out the spiritual and physical life it brings. What happens as we think on God's Word? (vv. 59, 60)

## Thursday, June 19

**Read:** Nehemiah 9:1-3, 32-38

**Learn:** "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Obeying the Word of God" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of the reading of God's Word (Nehemiah 8) which was studied last week. Then point out the effect God's Word had upon the Israelites who had returned from captivity. It made them realize their sins, the justness of God in sending punishment, and the need for forgiveness. God's Word will make us realize our great dependence on Him.

**Question Time:** What will God's Word do for us? (See above) Why?

## Friday, June 20

**Read:** Acts 27:20-44 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

**Learn:** "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God" (Acts 27:25).

**For the Parent:** From the story of Paul's shipwreck, point out: (1) Paul was sure of God's ability to deliver, vv. 21-26; (2) the people on board had great confidence in Paul and his God, vv. 30-37; (3) the God who saved Paul from peril on the sea, also saved him from the peril of the sword, vv. 42-44; (4) God kept His Word, v. 44. As we surrender completely to God, He will always work things out for the best.

**Question Time:** What message of hope did Paul give those on the ship? (vv. 21-26)

## Saturday, June 21

**Read:** Jeremiah 38 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him" (2 Timothy 2:12).

**For the Parent:** Jeremiah was a prophet who had a difficult message to give: telling his people to surrender to an enemy power. But he was faithful in giving the message from God, even though it meant he must suffer much. Stress the importance of obeying God in all things, even if it means we must suffer because of our obedience to Him. (Emphasize 2 Timothy 2:12).

**Question Time:** What was the difficult message Jeremiah was called upon to give? (See above) What happened because of his obedience to God? (v. 6)

# The Little Church With a Big Heart

By Flora H. Beaver



Results of Missionary Convention held in Seaside, Calif. are written on the board. Standing left to right: Mrs. Irene Weber, treasurer of missionary board; Albert Bennet, Sunday School Superintendent; Al Morris, member of missionary board; and J. Lee Mildon, pastor.

To outward appearances, the Assemblies of God Church at 520 Sonoma Avenue in Seaside, California, is just a little, old-fashioned, bell-steepled church, dressed up in a new coat of paint. But inside, there's a congregation with a great, warm heart, sending life and hope to many at home and far away. This church has a vigorous, compelling missionary vision.

The sudden increase in missionary giving by this little church has astounded almost everyone who has heard of it—and it does seem almost impossible. Just one man's vision, then a spark that spread and burst into flame, and the missionary program was on its way.

In 1955 J. Lee Mildon became pastor; that year this little church, with less than fifty signed members, gave \$203 to missions. But the new pastor had the vision and burden for lost souls in other lands where the gospel has never been preached.

He began to preach missions to the congregation, and the importance of putting first things first. He urged every one to stand on God's promise, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

In June 1956 the church had its first

missionary convention, with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock, missionaries to Africa, as guest speakers. It was an inspiring convention. Africa—with its poverty, filth, sickness, its need for the gospel, and the victories possible by the Holy Spirit—was made so real it burned into the hearts of all who attended. The convention was a success.

The same congregation which during the past year had given only \$203 to missions, gave in faith pledges and cash offerings \$3,919. A missionary board, including a secretary-treasurer, was appointed to appropriate funds to missionary projects.

Some who had made pledges had indicated on the envelope the work they wished to help support. These were considered in making up the missionary budget. The secretary-treasurer set up books, kept accounts, and sent out the pledge amounts each month.

The plan worked well and had far-reaching effects. Members of the local Spanish Assembly who had attended the convention were inspired to have a convention of their own. So the following December (not at all the usual time of year for conventions), with the cooperation of Pastor Mildon, a Spanish-American convention was held in the church.

Elias Chomorro was principal speaker. As an indirect result of this Spanish-American convention two young men dedicated their lives and went to Mexico to work among their own people.

At the time of the first convention the church was in financial stress. New songbooks were needed badly. The old slat benches were very uncomfortable. The church was in the red in every department except the Sunday School, and a payment would be due on the church property at the end of the year.

Many were afraid that such extravagances in missionary giving would bring an even greater strain on the church. But still the pastor urged everyone to trust God.

"The songbooks and seats will come," he promised. "Just trust God and see."

It was not long after this new missionary interest that the church was given, free of cost, more good songbooks than were really needed. But the benches were still uncomfortable. Then came the opportunity to buy, for twenty-five cents each, used theater seats. They were comfortable and looked well and were installed in a few days' time. This brought the seat-

ing capacity to about two hundred.

The church treasury soon began to show a balance and at the end of the year the payment was made on the church property. By that time the Sunday School was increasing so much that new classrooms were needed.

A building program was considered but the church lot was too small to allow any additions. The adjoining corner lot was vacant. It was bought and paid for in full before a year had gone by from the time of the first missionary convention.

Another convention was planned for June 1957. Prayer started early, weeks before time for the convention. Then as the time drew near everything seemed to go wrong. The missionary who had planned to conduct the convention was not able to be there, and there was a time of great anxiety for those closely connected with the work.

But the groundwork of prayer had been laid, and God certainly proved that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." The Ward Woods and the Arthur Lindvalls came to the rescue.

Brother and Sister Wood were on their way back to Africa, and Brother and Sister Lindvall were soon to return to El Salvador. So, in spite of many other disappointments, the missionary appeal went out. God stirred the hearts of the congregation and they rose to meet the challenge.

Before the convention was over \$4,884 had been given in faith pledges and cash offerings. Praise the Lord, His promises are true! God gave the church a successful convention! ◀◀

## MISSIONARY *News Notes*



Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Stewart, home on furlough from San Salvador, are the proud parents of Susan Joy, born on April 29.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Donley wish to inform their friends of their new address: 2822 W. Henrietta Rd., Rochester 20, New York.

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Lewie E. Spencer and family of Costa Rica have arrived home on furlough. They are staying at Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Missouri.



## New Church Dedicated in Dominican Republic

The beautiful Assembly of God church (shown in photo above) in the thriving city of La Romana, capital of the great sugar combine, was dedicated recently. Melvin Hodges, Field Secretary to Latin America, and Verne Warner, missionary to Dominican Republic, were present for the dedication. A crowd of 1500 attended the dedication services.



Verne Warner



Melvin Hodges



Pastor Perez



A portion of the crowd of 1500 attending the Dedication Service



## OBEYING THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday School Lesson for June 22, 1958

NEHEMIAH 9:1-3, 32-38

"This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law" (Nehemiah 8:9). These words to the people at first are puzzling. Why did Ezra and Nehemiah restrain the people from expressing their penitence for having disobeyed God's Word? Were these leaders "quenching the Spirit"? Not so, for we observe—

(1) Israel was entering upon a month during which there were several sacred feast days and seasons. This first day of the month—the day on which the people wept—marked the observance of the Feast of Trumpets; on the tenth day they would observe the great Day of Atonement, and from the fifteenth to the twenty-second day they would celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. For various reasons it would have been inappropriate to permit at the time what took place later.

(2) Also it is quite likely that Ezra and Nehemiah knew that to check the display of emotion at the time would produce, under the Spirit of God, a deeper sense of conviction if it were allowed to build up over a period of days. During the revivals of Charles Finney, in which so many thousands were saved, the great revivalist often preached for many nights before giving altar calls, until the convicting power of the Spirit in the hearts of the people built up to such a point that they could no longer restrain themselves. So, in our lesson today, the time comes when, the sacred feasts having ended and the many spiritual lessons which they taught having added to the people's sense of conviction and need, a great move of God takes place!

**CONFESSION** (Nehemiah 9:1-3). "Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them." Here we have a real revival meeting in which time meant nothing! For six hours the people kept together. Half of that time they spent listening to the Word of God. The other half they spent confessing their sins.

**PRAYER** (Nehemiah 9:4-37). After the people had confessed their sins, the priests and Levites rose and led the congregation in a very wonderful and fervent prayer which is very profitable to study, for it contains certain elements which will always be found in prayer that is truly repentant.

(1) They recognized God's sovereignty (v. 6). (2) They recognized God's grace and faithfulness to Israel throughout their history (vv. 7-25). (3) They recognized all God had done to guard them against sin (vv. 29-31). (4) They were specific and exact in judging their sins (vv. 16, 18, 26, 28, 34, 35). (5) They admitted the justice of God in punishing them for their sins (v. 33). (6) They admitted that their defeat by their enemies and their bondage to them was due to their failure to love and obey God (vv. 36, 37).

Such repentance will always produce great changes in the character and life of individuals or nations! See 2 Corinthians 7:10, 11.

**CONSECRATION.** "And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it" (ch. 9:38). See also chapter ten.

Spurgeon said, "One may understand like an angel, and yet live like the devil." Hearing the Word of God, and even weeping and confessions of sin, are useless unless followed by consecrated action. It is obedience to the Word that counts! See James 1:22; Matthew 7:21; John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:7. And, in this instance, the obedience of Israel was unquestioning, complete, and without reservation. The people resolutely turned from their sins, separated themselves from unholy alliances and relationships, made a written covenant with God which was solemnly signed by their leaders, and vowed they would keep the law and the Sabbath, remain separate, and support the temple and the priesthood. Consider the following thoughts suggested by events of the lesson—

(1) Without deep and genuine repentance there can be no such outpouring of God's Spirit as our world today needs!

(2) There can be no victorious, healthy, consistent spiritual life apart from a continual searching and study of the Word.

(3) The reality and value of what we know of God's Word may be determined by its effect upon our character and conduct. Does the Word continually lead us to repentance and thence to a more godly and victorious Christian life?

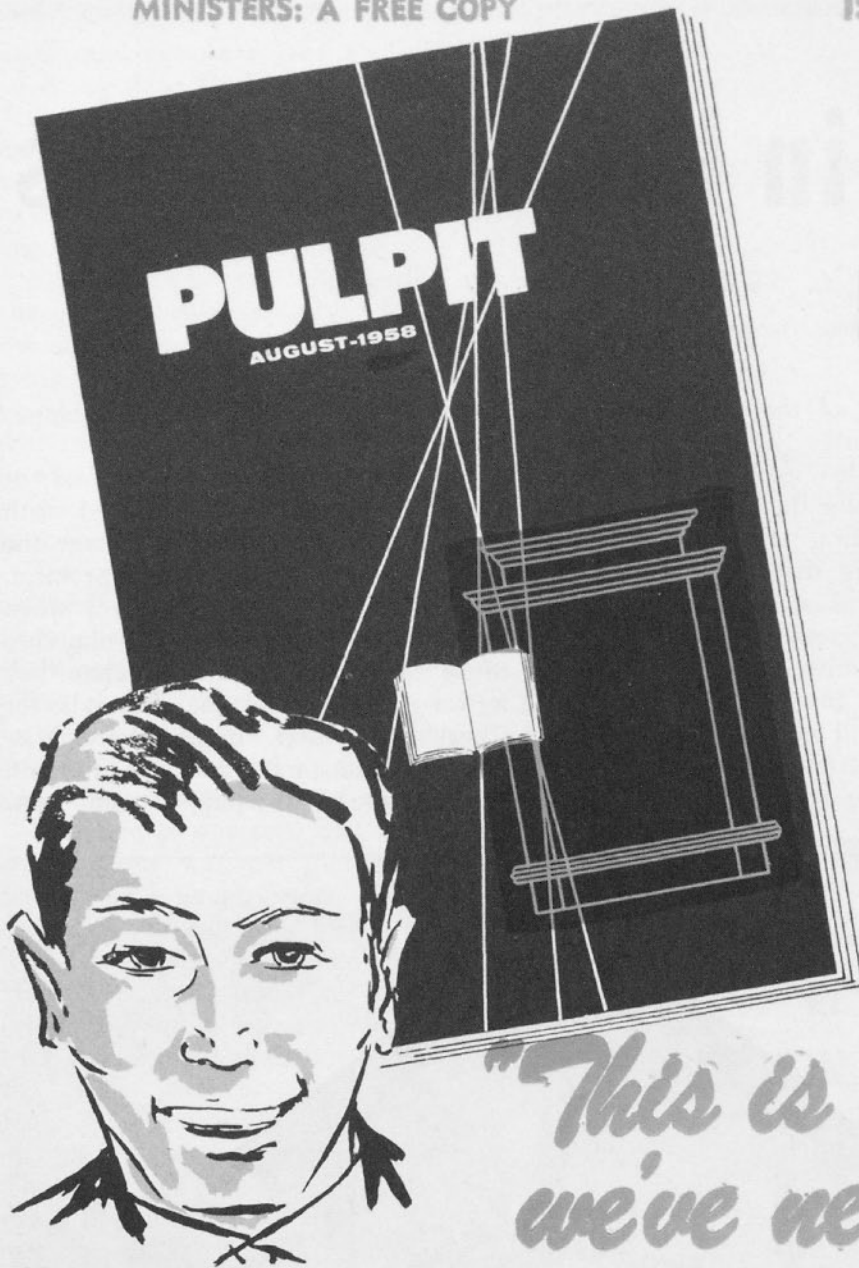
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# The Holy Spirit in Home Missions

BY R. L. BRANDT

*National Home Missions Secretary*

**“T**HERE NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING done to set the churches on fire to meet the need of Church Extension.” So spoke Dr. George Ford, Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, at the recent N.A.E. Convention in Chicago.

The need for Home Missions and Church Extension effort in modern America cannot be disputed. In recent years we have experienced an unprecedented population increase, and along with it has come a phenomenal development in suburbia. In these new outlying areas surrounding our cities are vast numbers of unreached and unchurched souls, and if predictions are correct our suburban population will double by 1975.

Not only the suburban areas challenge the church—right in the heart of many American cities are unnumbered multitudes of unevangelized and unchurched families. With the trend toward suburban living many churches have followed their people into these new areas. They have built lovely new edifices and have left the older downtown churches behind. But, while these city families and churches have been moving out, other families have been moving in. They too must be reached, but in some instances they have been completely overlooked. The church must not forget them.

In addition to these areas of need is the overwhelming number of smaller cities and rural areas without the true evangelical message.

Surely the heart of every true Christian must be stirred when he squarely faces these facts. Yet only a few days ago I heard an evangelical church leader decry the fearful unconcern of the members of his denomination. These are his very words: “I have a problem convincing our own pastors that America is a mission field.” I pray that this may never be said of the Assemblies of God.

Home Missions, as we know it, is more than a denominational effort to start new churches. True, Home Mis-

sions is a part of the compelling passion of our Lord. Behold Him weeping over Jerusalem and you get an idea of His concern for the lost in our cities, suburbs and rural areas. “The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

It is an admitted fact that unless we go to the towns and villages of America we will not go to the towns and villages of Africa, India, and South America. If we are to advance on the

foreign field, we certainly must advance in the homeland.

To this point we have observed, at least to some extent, the need with which we are faced. Consider now the answer to this overwhelming problem.

Surely Dr. Ford was correct when he projected the need for the churches to be “set on fire” in order that they in turn might meet the demands for Church Extension. Better Home Missions programs, more adequate finances, better trained and equipped men, won-



## “VISITATION PAYS OFF,” SAYS WISCONSIN PASTOR

Pictured here is the Assembly of God Sunday School in Marinette, Wis., which broke three consecutive Sunday School attendance records with 185 persons in attendance the Sunday before Easter, 191 Easter Sunday, and 201 the first Sunday of the Loyalty Campaign.

The Sunday School launched an aggressive visitation program by going out into the “highways and hedges” and “compelling” people to attend church and Sunday School. A unique seven-week Treasure Chest contest was used to stimulate interest in aggressive visitation. Points were given to persons responsible for having persons in attendance not only in Sunday School but in morning

worship and the Sunday evening service. The results of this visitation program were more than gratifying. The people of our Assembly were greatly encouraged as many new persons visited our church for the first time. The lady who won First Prize invited approximately 150 people. Out of those 150 calls, 72 people actually attended one or more of our services. Thirty-one of these persons had never attended our church before. Many other visitors were brought in by the other contestants as well.

Three were converted as a direct result of this contest. We found that aggressive, house-to-house visitation pays off!

—M. E. Hayes, Pastor

derful and necessary as these are, will never by themselves get the job done. The task is too great, the battle too fierce for mere man. The Church, by her own strength, wisdom and means, has never been able to evangelize even one whole generation.

Yet, thanks be to God, He has not charged the Church with this great responsibility without also making available to the Church a means whereby she can accomplish it. It is true that the Church is *commissioned to go* to all the world with the gospel; but it is also true that the Church is promised *divine enablement to go*.

The very last words of our Lord before His ascension should be seriously weighed in this connection: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

It should be observed that in this instance Jesus was not giving or even repeating the Great Commission. Rather He was unveiling the means whereby that commission should be expedited. He was bringing into focus a wonderful truth—and it needs to be brought back into focus today. He was saying that when men are filled with the Holy Spirit they will positively be home missionaries and foreign missionaries. Therefore, we are compelled to conclude that unless the Church is really carrying the message to men at home and abroad she is thereby admitting her failure to be filled with the Spirit.

None would deny that the Early Church was filled with the Holy Spirit. Repeatedly in the Book of Acts the expressions, "filled with the Holy Ghost" and "full of the Holy Ghost," are found. Surely this emphasis is placed in the sacred record to impress us with the importance of following the pattern. This is especially true when we view the results. Not only did that Early Church reach Jerusalem, filling the city with her doctrine (Acts 5:28), but she was able to reach all of the then-known world with the gospel (Colossians 1:5, 6).

In view of this, we must seriously examine ourselves; and if we detect a lack, let us with all earnestness ask God to fill us anew with His Spirit so that we will be able to fulfill our commission. ◀◀

Study the Bible to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy.



**TIME: 1958**

**SCENE: AN AMERICAN INDIAN  
RESERVATION**

**QUESTION: WHO LIVES IN THE TENT?**

As recently as last winter Christian workers on some American Indian reservations were living in tents. (Some were actually hospitalized as a result of exposure.) Indian Christians have been meeting in the open because there is no church building.

Why were the workers there under such conditions? Because they felt compelled to take the gospel to the American Indians even though our Indian Missions Fund is seriously depleted. The Indians, living in poverty themselves, cannot even build the churches, let alone support the missionaries.

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Safe Driving

### CONGRESS MAKES A MOVE AGAINST DRUNKEN DRIVING

Congress has been very slow to enact anti-liquor legislation, due to the immense pressure it feels from the liquor interests and their clever propaganda; but a few weeks ago it did pass a drinking-driver test for the District of Columbia. By doing this it acknowledged the connection between alcohol and many highway deaths.

Since the new drinking-driver test applies to the federal district, it will set the pace for the states to some extent—although some states already have similar legislation.

### A PRAYER FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY

A number of clergymen contributed material for a "moral responsibility kit" which the Provincial Government of Ontario, Canada, has sent to 4,500 religious leaders in an effort to stop the rising accident toll on Ontario highways. One item is a stanza by S. B. Lindsay which can be sung to the same tune as the hymn, "For Those in Peril on the Sea." It reads:

*"Eternal Father, strong to save  
Who willest not an early grave  
For heedless youth or trusting child  
In work or play to death beguiled:  
Stretch forth in love Thy mighty  
hand  
For those in peril on the land."*

## Bible

### HAND-OPERATED PHONOGRAPH TAKES BIBLE TO NEW TRIBES

The Finger-Phono, a small hand-operated phonograph, was introduced by the American Bible Society last year. It will be used for Scripture recordings for certain tribes and peoples where the rate of literacy is low.

There are more than 1,000 machines being used among the Navajo Indians in New Mexico and Arizona. Phonographs are now being sent to Liberia with Scripture records in Gio and Kpello.

### AMERICA GETS ANCIENT BIBLE FROM RUSSIA

The Library of Congress has added to its collection a copy of the first complete Bible printed in Russia in 1581. The Bible was received by exchange with the Lenin State Library in Moscow, which has a duplicate copy of the ancient volume, the first Bible to be printed in church Slavic.

### BIBLE SOCIETY PUBLISHES SCRIPTURES IN 1,127 TONGUES

The American Bible Society, at its annual meeting in Philadelphia, reported it had published Scripture portions in 1,127 languages. Five new languages were given a Scripture portion for the first time. These new tongues were Anuak (Sudan), Aztec of Guerrero (Mexico), Beti (African Cameroun), Benukid (Philippines), and Pocomchi (Guatemala).

The Bible Society distributed a total of 14,614,642 Scriptures in more than 60 countries last year. Of the total, about one million were complete Bibles, over 1,600,000 were New Testaments, and nearly twelve million were Gospels and other portions.

In addition, it distributed 55,706 embossed volumes and Talking Book Records for the blind. It shipped 75 tons of paper to Belgium, Germany and Turkey for Bible printing.

Total expenditures amounted to \$3,500,000 for the year, of which some \$852,000 was contributed by churches of 52 denominations. There was a deficit of \$105,000 in the year's operations.

### BRITISH BIBLE SOCIETY MAKES RECORD SHIPMENTS

The British and Foreign Bible Society shipped more than 11,200,000 copies of the Scriptures last year, setting a new record in its long history. This total included a million complete Bibles. They were printed in a great variety of tongues for use in many different countries throughout the world.

Had it not been for financial limitations, the society would have pub-

lished other millions of copies. It had to turn down requests from agents around the world because it had not the means to print enough Bibles to supply the demand.

Dr. William J. Platt, general secretary, said a special appeal for funds has been launched among churches in Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. He said the British agency is very grateful for the financial aid received from the American Bible Society. The American organization, he said, is sharing the costs of the society's work in India, France, and Congo.

## Communism

### AMERICAN CHURCH LEADER REPORTS ON VISIT TO MOSCOW

The number of church buildings in Russia is pitifully inadequate, according to a statement made by Representative Brooks Hays of Arkansas after his return from Moscow. Mr. Hays, who is president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spent several days in the Russian capital in April as guest of Russian Baptist leaders. He was accompanied by Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, president of the American Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Cranford.

He said the lone Baptist church in the large city was packed with two thousand people, mostly women. He said they shouted their greetings—and they wept when Mrs. Cranford told them, "We bring you more than our greetings; we bring you our love."

"The churches, like the people themselves, are suffering from an acute housing shortage," Mr. Hays said. He found that other churches in Moscow are as crowded as the Baptist church, especially on occasions such as Easter.

Baptist leaders in Russia told him they have high hopes of opening a second church in Moscow soon. However, all buildings in that land are owned by the government, he said, and in order to have a house of worship the church has to rent a place from a government agency.

He learned that the Soviet govern-



ment has kept its promise to print some new Bibles and hymnbooks for the Russian Baptists. Nevertheless he said there is a great shortage of printed matter. But the most severe restriction upon the Russian churches at present, he discovered, is the absolute prohibition of organized instruction in religion. "The Soviet state has a monopoly on education," Mr. Hays said. He quoted one Russian Baptist leader as saying that "the home is our Sunday school, and our grandmothers are our teachers."

#### **WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEADERS**

A meeting was held in Mexico City a few weeks ago to prepare the way for a world congress to combat communism. Sponsors of the world congress are Dr. Syngman Rhee of Korea and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of Free China. A steering committee of fifteen anti-Communist leaders was appointed, the chairman being the Hon. Charles Edison, former Secretary of the Navy under the late President Roosevelt.

#### **COMMUNISTS MAKE STRONG BID FOR GERMAN YOUTH**

Communist authorities in East Germany are making strong efforts to separate the young people from the churches. One of their methods is to sponsor youth dedication ceremonies as a counterpart of Christian Confirmation. In the ceremonies the boys and girls dedicate themselves to Communism instead of to Christ. Recently these rites were televised for the first time, to encourage more young people to take part. A hundred 14- and 15-year-old boys and girls participated.

## **Miscellaneous**

#### **700 NEEDEY CHURCHES IN OHIO RECEIVING FREE ELECTRIC ORGANS**

Claud Foster, 85-year-old philanthropist of Cleveland, Ohio, is donating spinet-model electric organs to 700 needy churches in Ohio. Last year, when ill, he vowed that if he recovered he would do something "in the Lord's service," so he offered free organs to needy churches throughout the state. He said he expected to find about 500 such churches. To his surprise, he received requests from 1200 needy churches that had no organ and that could not afford to buy one, so he is providing the organs at the rate of fifteen a week on a first-come, first-served basis. The project is costing him half a million dollars. "I had no idea there were so many poor churches in Ohio," he said.

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# **EVANGEL DEADLINE**

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

A NEW OFFICE designed to combat smut and fraud operators using United States mails, has been established in Washington, D.C., by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH has caused a problem for some churches by reviving an old regulation against use of the common drinking cup. It says the practice of drinking from a common chalice during the Communion service, rather than using individual glasses, is "a potential source for the transmission of communicable disease."

THE CAMPUS OF STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE at Cortland, New York, soon will have a meditation room for students of all faiths, in conformity with the request of a woman who left the school \$325,000 in her will.

A NEW DENOMINATION known as the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. came into being last month with the merger of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and the United Presbyterian Church of North America. The new denomination has over three million members.

THE OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY FOR 1958, just published, gives statistics to show that Roman Catholics in the U. S. and its territories now number 36,023,977, an increase of 1,460,126 in the past year. It states there were 140,414 adult baptisms (or conversions to Catholicism) in 1957.

THE VATICAN has signed a Geneva convention which gives the Holy See the right under international law to fly its flag at sea and to enjoy freedom of the seas on an equal footing with other sovereign states.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY RADIO STATION--By mid-October the tower and first building for radio station YNOL "Ondas de Luz" in Nicaragua will be ready to function, the Latin America Mission reports. It will be the eighth evangelical radio station to be established in Latin America.

THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE, at its annual convention in Winnipeg, Canada, announced it now has 822 missionaries serving overseas and plans to expand further. By the end of 1960 it hopes to boost the number of its foreign missionaries to 1,000. Members gave an average of \$55.30 each (over one dollar per week) to missions during the year.

NEW BIBLE VERSION FOR GERMANS--A committee of the Evangelical (Lutheran) Church in Germany has started work on a revised version of Martin Luther's translation of the Old Testament. The version now in use was issued more than sixty years ago. A revised version of the German New Testament has already been completed and is ready for printing.

BAPTIST LEADERS IN RUSSIA are studying a plan for ordaining women to the ministry, to meet an acute shortage of pastors.

THE BAPTIST UNION OF RUSSIA will send delegates to two major international meetings this summer: the Fifth Baptist World Conference to be held in Toronto, Canada, beginning June 27, and the European Baptist Congress in Berlin, beginning July 26.

"THE CHEVROLET THAT WANTED TO BE A CADILLAC" is the title of a most unusual gospel article that will appear in next week's Evangel. It presents God's plan of salvation in a clear and interesting way that should catch the attention of every reader. Watch also for C. M. Ward's timely message, "Conference at the Summit," and David H. McDowell's fine Bible study on "Christ, the Perfect Man," plus outstanding features and articles by Louis Hauff, Violet Schoonmaker, and Samuel Brengle. Don't miss next week's informative and inspiring issue.

# From Despair to Triumph

MODERN MIRACLES IN THE LIFE  
OF CHARLES NORTHCUT, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

**T**HE STORY OF CHARLES NORTHCUT, local Assemblies of God pastor, may well serve as an inspiration in the blackest moments of despair in the life of any person.

It is impossible, according to the calculations of medical specialists, for Charles Northcut to be alive today. First, his head was crushed in a cotton gin press. Shortly afterwards, he was found to have cancer, and his physician dismissed him as incurable.

Later he returned to the same physician. The doctor examined him, found the cancer gone, and declared, "Somebody besides natural man has hold of you."

He was a senior in high school at Steele, Missouri, when his misfortunes began. It was February 1945. He was working part time at a cotton gin to help pay his way through school.

He had stopped the cotton press to clean the tamper when someone called to him. He turned to answer as he leaned over the press, and vibration from the outmoded machinery caused the press mechanism to engage, moving the press upward and crushing his head against the tamper boards.

"Our tamper boards were made of solid oak," Mr. Northcut said. "But one had broken a few days before, and I had replaced it with a pine board. And that's all that saved me. The pine board snapped, allowing me to fall from the press without my head being crushed off."

The press had caught the left lower side of his face and jammed it upward,



Charles Northcut

bursting the flesh in the back of his neck and completely severing his neck tendons. He was hospitalized in Blytheville, where his head was taped and pulled and straightened as best it could be. Fortunately, no bones were broken, since the pine board had snapped apparently just before the breaking point of his bones was reached.

He returned to school in time to graduate, although the wound had not healed completely and his neck was stiff because of the destroyed muscles. Prior to graduation he discovered two lumps forming in the injured flesh beneath his left jaw.

A biopsy was performed at Presnell Hospital in Kennett, Missouri, and Charles Northcut received the most alarming news of his life. He had cancer. The malignancy was spreading in the injured flesh of his left jaw.

He entered Bernard's Skin and Cancer Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, and underwent an operation on his neck and jaw in July 1945. Twenty radium "seeds" were placed in the affected area in an effort to halt the disease.

The left side of his face was paralyzed, and some of the flesh and a portion of the jawbone were eaten away. He was left with no controllable power of speech.

Dr. Jorstead, his attending physician, finally gave him the bad news. All had been done for him that was humanly

possible. There was absolutely no hope.

The only encouraging thing that Mr. Northcut remembers now about the nightmare at the cancer hospital are some sketchy strains of music. "I don't know from where the music came," he says, "but I believe it must have been from a Salvation Army band. I asked to be propped up near a window, and I sat and listened to 'When the Saviour Reached Down for Me.' And it was then and there that I made a silent vow to the Lord that if He would remove me from that hospital and make me whole again, I would change my way of living.

"There was no improvement. I grew steadily worse. I was removed from the hospital, all right—but was taken home to die.

"And I continued to lose my struggle for life. I grew thinner and thinner, and got so weak I couldn't lift my hand from my chest. The incision in my jaw wasn't healing, and I could drink water only by lying on my right side, sipping it slowly, and allowing it to trickle down my throat. Life was sustained by thin turnip soup, glucose, and blood transfusions.

"And there was terrific pain," Mr. Northcut continued, "so severe, in fact, that I was taking dope every two hours. I naturally became addicted to the drug.

"And as I grew steadily worse, I realized more and more that there was something lacking in my life. I began to feel that there was much more to life than just making a living and enjoying the material things. I had not been religiously inclined before. As a matter of fact, I was a bit on the rowdy side. But with the end near, it was natural that I began thinking more in the religious vein. Friends came and talked to me about the Lord, and they even took me to their church, an Assembly of God.

"I was converted; and as sure as I'm sitting here and talking today, I began to regain vigor, to take new life, new strength, new hope, and new interest. The terrible wound on my face began

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to heal, and the craving for dope was taken from me. I was soon up and about; and in spite of the fact that I could not speak intelligibly, I felt a definite and urgent call to the ministry.

"And I was in misery, because I wondered how I could preach when I couldn't even speak so as to be understood. When I tried to talk, my tongue would actually swell and bleed. But that symptom, too, left me, and soon I was sitting for hours before a mirror, forming words with my lips and learning to speak all over again."

He said he began attending young people's gatherings, and would get up before an audience at every opportunity and try to speak.

"And I literally begged for a place to preach," he said. "I attended revivals and would summon up all my courage and ask if I might get up and talk. And I tried singing, and seemed to be able to sing more intelligibly than I could speak. I made myself available at every opportunity."

"The amazing thing is," Mr. Northcutt continued, "I would get up and speak, knowing that I was not entirely

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understood—and yet the converts would come."

It was during the first year of his ministry that he was married to the former Gloria Bamar of Steele. "And she was a great help to me," Mr. Northcutt said. "She noted the words with which I had difficulty, and would either help me learn them or find a synonym to replace them. With her help, I learned to think ahead and choose my words in such a manner that my speech would not be interrupted or halting."

And through his own perseverance (and, as he says, "through the will of

God") he finally graduated from being an unwanted minister who forced himself on backwoods congregations to being a minister who was called to preach in some of the largest Assemblies of God churches in the State of Arkansas.

He received his first full-time pastorate in 1953, when he was called to the Assembly of God in Trumann. He was ordained the same year, and has been the local pastor ever since. He will be assuming the pastorate in Jonesboro after May 25.

Charles Northcutt is an indefigable worker among the sick and needy. "I learned personally that it is the small things that count," he says. And he spends much of his time visiting the sick in homes and hospitals, also in helping with funerals, and in any capacity a minister can fill.

And when he thinks back over his life, the sketchy strains of "When the Saviour Reached Down for Me" come to mind; and today his congregation often sings the song in his honor.

(Reprinted from weekly newspaper, *The Trumann Democrat*, April 10, 1958.)

### THIS WEEK'S COVER

## New Church Dedicated in Canton, Ohio

Warm memories of a cool day in February fill the hearts of Pastor Ivar Frick and the congregation of Bethel Temple in Canton, Ohio. The dedication of their beautiful new church on February 24 marked the climax of two years of labor and sacrifice. The Ohio District Superintendent, C. W. Hahn, and the former District Superintendent, James Van Meter, were guest speakers for the occasion.

The main auditorium of the new building seats 1,000 and folding doors on the west side open to an overflow room seating 200 more. A striking feature of the auditorium is the baptistry with its thirty-foot briar sandstone wall. There are fifty-eight rooms including Sunday School rooms, a chapel seating 250, and an apartment for visiting evangelists. Floors of the church are of ceramic tile, harmonizing with the color of the plaster walls.

A new idea in church architecture is the open court surrounded by the educational wing and containing a foun-

tain, shrubbery, and a lawn. During the warm months it will be used for open-air meetings.

The pastor and his father, Anton Frick, acted as general contractors of the building. The congregation supplied \$70,000 worth of volunteer labor on the building which is appraised at \$462,000.

Looking back over the years since the church was set in order in 1922, the congregation counts approximately one hundred who are in the ministry

as a direct result of the influence of the church.

Pastor Frick, who believes this trend will continue, writes: "God's blessing on the building and people was apparent when four people received the baptism of the Holy Spirit the first night the prayer room was in use."

The Fricks left May 25 for a nine-week evangelistic tour in Europe, after which they will resume their duties at Bethel Temple. ◀ ◀



Ivar Frick





## Many Saved During Tour of Revivaltime Choir

**T**HE REVIVALTIME CHOIR, UNDER THE direction of Cyril McLellan, recently concluded its annual tour which took the singers into six states and Canada. There were 102 who accepted Christ as their Saviour and several healings took place during the choir's ministry.

In one service alone at Victoria Tabernacle, Kansas City, Kansas, twenty-six persons accepted Christ at the close of the service. At Evangel Temple in Toronto, Ontario, seventeen conversions were reported.

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Cincinnati, a girl was instantly healed of a nosebleed as several members of the choir prayed. In Detroit, a girl who had a sharp pain in her side was prayed for and she too was instantly healed.

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need and also came to the altar and was saved.

Among the number saved in Toronto was a young couple. The young lady had previously backslidden and married an unsaved boy. God spoke to their hearts in the service and at the altar call they came forward and gave themselves to Christ.

One of the choir members became suddenly ill during the trip and in two days lost ten pounds in weight. When it seemed she would have to be sent home, the choir's prayers prevailed and she was instantly healed.

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## What the Angel Thought of Father

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knows that true worth cannot be measured in terms of social or financial or cultural superiority, but in deeds of righteousness.

A stranger looking at his rather sober countenance would never guess how easily his chubby face creases into a smile, and only those close to him know how heartily he can laugh. Love of humanity pervades his entire personality, and he exudes it in every phase of his life.

As the angel leaned over to observe the birthday celebration, he saw a guest—a grizzly, unattractive old bachelor, lonely because his relatives had recently moved.

"That proves my point," he said, and

turned to the last chapter in the book: "Faults."

He smiled a little at the amusing ones—like the habit so irritating to his wife, of having ten o'clock coffee and doughnuts and then coming home to a savory lamb stew dinner without an appetite. But the angel defended him with, "It's pretty hard for a Swede to resist coffee *anywhere*."

With a sigh the angel rapidly flipped through the pages of other faults, none of them serious. And since the angel did not pause there long, why should we? After all, this is a Father's Day tribute!

And speaking of tributes, the angel noted in the closing chapter that a guest who had recently spent several days in their home, wrote a letter to the man's wife in which she said, "It was such a pleasure to get acquainted with your husband and children. I feel God has given you a fine companion. I was impressed by his keen mind and general intelligence, by his genial disposition and his genuine spirituality. He is an excellent father, as shown by the way he handles the children."

The angel nodded in agreement, then turned to the page entitled "Summary." It was inscribed with only one verse, Matthew 25:23: "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

With a last look at the man whose record he had just perused, the angel arose. He replaced the volume, then took out his large linen handkerchief and polished the title, "Ordinary Men."

He stood for a moment reading the words of the sub-title: "These men are the backbone of the Christian Church."

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And now the scene shifts to earth, and the writer of the article says, "My husband does not know that I am writing this story, and will be astonished to read it. But how much more surprised when he reads his pages in the heavenly records!

"Are there not thousands like him, insignificant in their own eyes, but important to God and to His Kingdom? It is to my husband and to all other 'ordinary' Christian fathers like him, that I write this Father's Day tribute."

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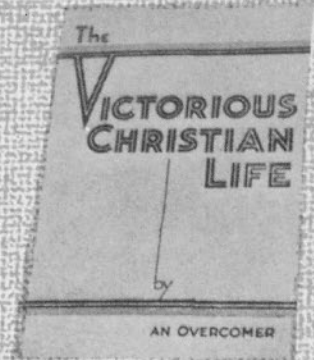
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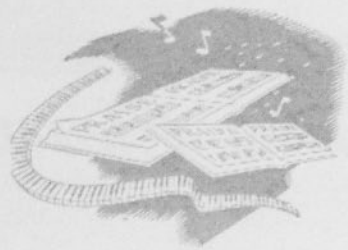
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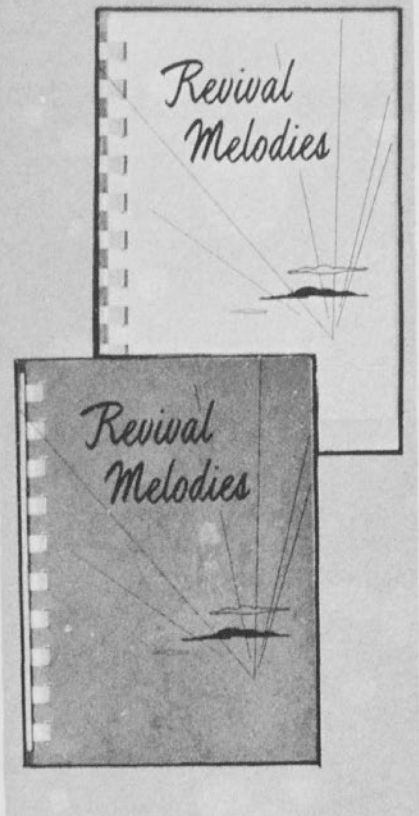
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decree, "Without shedding of blood is no remission," is satisfied (Hebrews 9:22). Moffatt translates it tersely, "No blood shed, no remission of sins!" Jesus offered His blood as the "one sacrifice for sins for ever" (Hebrews 10:12), in conformity with the principle enunciated centuries earlier, "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11).

Such a sacrifice may seem offensive to our "cultured sensibilities." But a guilty sinner is in no position to dictate to God the terms of his forgiveness, no more than is a convicted criminal in a position to dictate terms of his pardon to the governor. The criminal must accept the governor's terms. The sinner must accept God's terms, and God has declared, "Without shedding of blood is no remission!" But "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Salvation is all of grace and all of God.

A coal miner approached G. Campbell Morgan with the objection, "I want to become a Christian, but I cannot believe what you said about God forgiving my sins because of what Jesus has done."

"Why not?" queried the evangelist. "It's too cheap. Surely salvation should cost me something more than mere repentance and faith."

Morgan eyed the objector and asked, "You worked in the coal mines today, didn't you?"

"Yes," replied the man.

"Well," demanded Morgan, "how did you get out of the pit?"

"The way I always do," replied the miner. "I got into the elevator and was hauled to the top."

"How much did it cost you," asked the preacher, "to get out of that pit?"

The astonished inquirer answered, "Cost me? Why, nothing. I didn't pay anything for that ride in the elevator."

Morgan simulated surprise. "Were you not afraid to trust yourself in that elevator? Wasn't it too cheap?"

"Oh, no, it wasn't cheap," replied the miner. "It was cheap for me, but it cost the company a lot of money to sink that shaft!"

Morgan answered simply, "Exactly," and watched as the truth dawned

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| Ill.    | Galesburg     | Calvary           | June 22-July 6 | Ruth Specter         | H. J. Walterman, Jr. |
|         | Peoria        | *** Central       | June 15-29     | Lucelia Lanz         | R. L. Farquhar       |
| Ind.    | Clay City     | A of G            | June 15-29     | D. A. Edwards & wife | Glenn Perkins        |
|         | Lake Village  | A of G            | June 1-15      | Elsie Boze           | Paul J. Dill         |
|         | Martinsville  | A of G            | June 16—       | Elsie Boze           | Fred Snow            |
| Iowa    | Bettendorf    | *** Gospel Tab.   | June 17-29     | Fred & Gladys Voight | M. R. Hutchinson     |
|         | Creston       | A of G            | June 17-29     | Garfield J. Unruh    | Bernard Reece        |
|         | Fort Dodge    | A of G            | June 8-15      | S. James Colburn     | D. D. Underwood      |
|         | Newton        | *** A of G        | June 17-29     | Dick Stevens Party   | Benson Compton       |
|         | Storm Lake    | A of G            | June 15-22     | S. James Colburn     | V. L. Huffey         |
| Kans.   | Leavenworth   | A of G            | June 11—       | Bob McCutchen        | Howard Shelton       |
| La.     | West Lake     | First             | June 10—       | J. D. Middlebrook    | L. A. Earl           |
| Md.     | Hyattsville   | A of G            | June 24-July 6 | John Higginbotham    | B. M. Slye           |
|         | Swanton       | Walnut Bottom     | June 15—       | G. R. Conrow & wife  | Donald D. Smith      |
| Mich.   | Mt. Clemens   | Bethany Tab.      | June 15—       | James Weaver         | D. O. Norcross       |
| Minn.   | Mankato       | A of G            | June 17—       | Ronald & Ida Snider  | Geo. Shepeluk        |
|         | Wadena        | Gospel Tab.       | June 3-15      | Garfield J. Unruh    | Orie Hosmer          |
| Mo.     | Marshall      | *** First         | June 16-20     | Dedelow-Friederici   | Ward Popejoy         |
| Nebr.   | Alma          | **** A of G       | July 8-20      | Leland Lebsack       | J. D. Brown          |
| N. Mex. | Espanola      | A of G            | June 8—        | Forest Srader & wife | R. T. Peek           |
|         | Los Alamos    | A of G            | June 17-29     | M. C. Allen Party    | J. G. Crittenden     |
| N. C.   | Dunn          | *** Glad Tidings  | June 22-29     | Edith Little         | Robert E. Palmer     |
| N. Dak. | Finley        | A of G            | June 17-24     | Paul Clark & wife    | C. O. Osland         |
| Ohio    | Hamilton      | * A of G          | June 16-29     | Smith-Rasmussen      | David Howe           |
|         | Willoughby    | A of G            | June 17-29     | Eskelin Family       | Paul Wetzig          |
| Pa.     | Dover         | **** A of G       | June 1-15      | Paul D. Pugh         | Kenneth Clark        |
| S. Dak. | Madison       | A of G            | June 8-22      | Leland Lebsack       | W. A. Hawkins        |
| Tex.    | Galveston     | First             | June 22—       | Jim Anderson & wife  | I. H. Wills          |
|         | Houston       | First             | June 22—       | Melvin McKnight      | Bythel Hagee         |
| Canada  | Manitou, Man. | Pentecostal       | June 20—       | Tanner Team          | R. L. Hoover         |
|         | Toronto, Ont. | Glad Tidings Tab. | June 10-22     | Jimmie Mayo, Jr.     | H. R. Pannabecker    |

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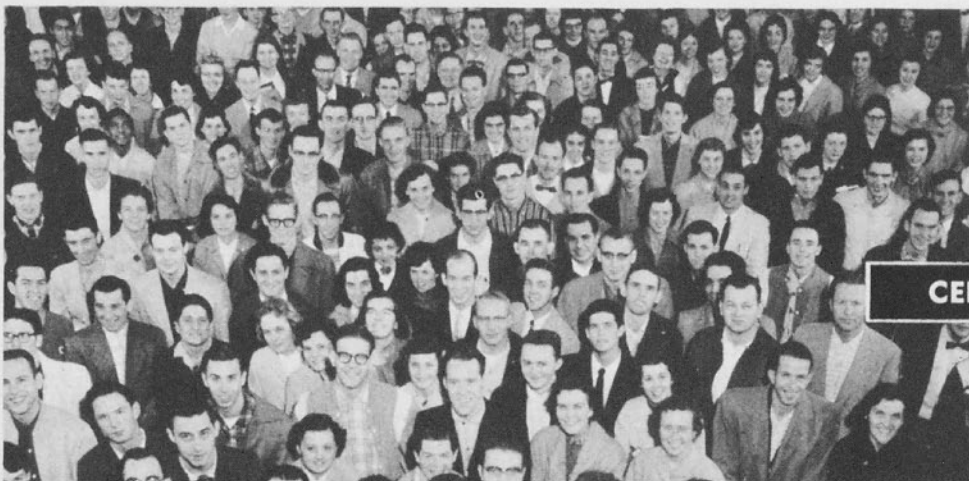
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and the miner realized that he could have salvation without money or without price because God paid the great price to sink the shaft of salvation and rescue lost sinners, who are "made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13).

Christ's atonement is the indispen-

sable foundation of Biblical Christianity. Without it all are lost. But because Jesus paid the debt for all our transgressions, God casts our sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19). And, as someone added, "the devil can't construct a submarine that will dive deep enough to bring them up again!"



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# He Knew There Was a Hell

BY ROY WEAD

**I**T WAS TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AS WE RETURNED from the Ohio State C. A. Rally, driving into Cambridge, Ohio, where I was pastor of the local Assembly of God. We were mildly curious as to why half a dozen police and Highway Patrol cars should be on the streets at that hour but didn't learn the reason until the next morning when the newsboy awakened us, crying, "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!"

We purchased a paper and read the story of a filling station robbery and the murder of the attendant. We read how a police blockade had been set up and the killer apprehended and placed in the Guernsey County Jail in Cambridge. We might have forgotten the incident, but a couple of days later someone at the sheriff's office called to say that the young man held for murder had requested a minister. They asked if I would visit him.

I was glad for the opportunity, and an hour later the sheriff led me to the cell of the accused. He asked if I wanted to go inside or talk through the bars. I replied that since the boy had sent for me, I would go inside.

From back in the shadows of the room the boy came forward. He was only nineteen, well built, a typical young American in appearance and manner. He thanked me for coming and hastened to say that he did not want sympathy, nor did he want me to try to use my influence to get any special favors for him. He said he was guilty and deserved whatever punishment the law might inflict.

But there was a much more important problem bothering him. He said something like this to me: "Every time I close my eyes this place becomes a literal fire, eating right into my flesh. I was raised by an uncle who was a Jehovah's Witness, and he taught me there was no hell. I had little or nothing in this world and believed there was no future to worry about; I didn't care what I did or what might happen to me."

He paused, then continued, "But the minute I pulled the trigger and saw that man fall over with a bullet in his stomach, I knew there was a hell and I knew I was

bound for it. And now, every time I close my eyes, I drop right into a hell with burning flames, just as real as any literal fire I have ever seen or felt in all my life.

"See those broken matches? I use them to keep my eyelids propped open, because the moment they close I am in flames.

"I'm not concerned about my punishment from the law—life in prison, or even the electric chair—but I can't stand *this* any longer. Reverend Wead, can you do anything to help me?"

What a thrill it was to open my Bible and read aloud from Isaiah 53, while he followed the written Word:

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

I explained that the prophet was speaking about Jesus, and that it was for all of us, including himself, that Jesus had died.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:16-18).

Then we considered another Scripture—"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

The Spirit of God bore witness to the Word, and a moment later we were crying and praying together. And God, for Christ's sake, gloriously saved that young man and made him a new person. The "peace of God which passeth all understanding" quieted every troublesome thought and fear.

It was wonderful to visit that young man regularly and to see the grace of God manifest in His life during the subsequent trial and conviction. He expressed the desire that he might have enough time and opportunity in prison to witness to others and tell of the marvelous grace of God that can save from the uttermost to the uttermost.

And you, my friend, reading this article just now, do you know Christ Jesus as the Saviour of your soul? Have you been born again into the Kingdom of Heaven? If not, won't you now bow your head in prayer and ask God for Christ's sake to forgive your sins and come into your heart? Will you pray, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and believe and accept Jesus now? ◀◀

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