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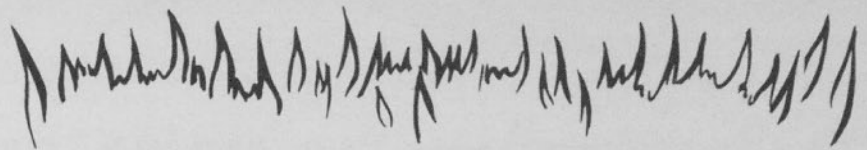
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WHY I AM PENTECOSTAL

AN ASSEMBLY PASTOR GIVES UNIVERSITY CLASS SOME REASONS
FOR BELIEVING IN THE PENTECOSTAL BAPTISM

BY LOUIS H. HAUFF

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RECENTLY I WAS ASKED TO ADDRESS a theology class at the University of Redlands on the doctrinal beliefs of the Assemblies of God. They were particularly interested in that which makes us different from other denominations—the speaking in other tongues. I told the class my faith in Pentecost is based on the fact that speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is Biblical, historical, and experimental.

BIBLICAL

“The Acts of the Apostles” is the pattern book of the New Testament Church. The title has led some to believe that the experiences recorded there were only for the apostles. However, this book, written by Luke, might better have been called “The Acts of the Holy Ghost Through the Disciples.” It records the fact that many more disciples than apostles were baptized in the Holy Ghost. There were ten times more disciples than apostles in the Upper Room alone. Add to these the twelve at Ephesus, the household of Cornelius, the many who were filled at Samaria, and the number grows.

The Book of Acts records five occasions on which one or more persons were filled with the Holy Spirit.

About a hundred and twenty were gathered in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, “and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4). Peter had been sent to Caesarea to preach to the household of the Roman centurion, Cornelius. “While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all of them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished... because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 10:44-46).

The apostle Paul came to Ephesus in Asia and found about twelve disciples. “And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied” (Acts 19:6).

Three days after Saul had been converted on the road to Damascus, a disciple named Ananias came to him, “and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus... hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost” (Acts 9:17). This chapter does not tell what happened to Saul when he was filled with the Holy Ghost, but he later wrote in 1 Corinthians 14:18, “I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.”

During the persecution which began with Stephen’s death, Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ. A great revival followed, and many believed and were baptized. Peter and John were sent from Jerusalem, and verse 17 states, “Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost” (Acts 8:17). It does not

state what happened, but Simon saw some unusual, visible manifestation. The writer does not say they spoke with tongues, but neither does he say they did not. It is enlightening to read the views of noted Bible scholars on Acts 8.

Matthew Henry (1662-1714) wrote, “They were none of them endued with the gift of tongues which seems then to have been the most usual, immediate effect of the pouring out of the Spirit.”

Adam Clarke (1762-1832) commented, “It was the miraculous gifts of the Spirit, which were thus communicated; the speaking with different tongues, and these extraordinary qualifications which were necessary for the successful preaching of the gospel.”

In *Notes on Acts* (1928), E. J. Bickney of King’s College, London, wrote, “Nor had they displayed the visible sign of receiving the Spirit, such as speaking with tongues, which was still expected to mark His coming.”

O. A. Hills, in *A Devotional and Homiletical Exposition of the Acts of the Apostles* (1913), stated, “They received what fell on the disciples at Pentecost... what was given to Cornelius and his household under the preaching of Peter, and what came to the Ephesian twelve through the laying on of Paul’s hands; i. e., the miraculous endowment of power in the gift of the Spirit—a confirmation of His inner presence and grace, and most of all, a sign of power to the unbelieving and disobedient. They therefore also spake with tongues and magnified God.”

The Biblical record seems clear that speaking in tongues accompanies the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised this to all believers in Mark 16:17, “These signs shall follow them that believe... they shall speak with new tongues.”

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BIBLE VERSE



I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

PSALM 22:22



ENTER INTO THE ROCK

A PLEA FOR DEPTH IN SPIRITUAL SERVICE

—BY ZELMA ARGUE

THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF HEART-warming invitation—from the “Come thou and all thy house into the ark,” of Genesis, to “The Spirit and the bride say, Come,” of Revelation.

The words of Isaiah 2:10, “Enter into the rock,” present to us the challenge not only to gain admittance but also to press on into the inexhaustible treasures of the One who is as the “shadow of a great rock in a weary land,” the Man that “shall be as an hiding place.”

Even the world knows to a certain extent whether or not we as believers have entered such a life. A secular periodical carried an arresting article on “The Lost Dimension in Religion.” In it appear such statements as: “The dimension of depth is lost.” “If we define religion as the state of being grasped by an infinite concern, we must say: Man in our time has lost such infinite concern.”

Whatever circumstances may confront us in life, we may still make it

our goal to enter ever more deeply “into the rock,” which requires that we set our faces as a flint.

Consider the familiar story of Charles Cowman and his consecrated wife. They had spent many years of sacrificial labor in Korea, and at length such a harvest sprang up as mission fields do not always yield. They were truly reaping with songs of joy, for their fond hopes were being bountifully fulfilled. Then Brother Cowman’s health broke. They were obliged to return to their home. Mrs. Cowman remained constantly at her husband’s bedside, ministering tenderly to him.

Time passed by and there appeared to be no change for the better, although friends around the world were praying. What should they do? Here were two ardent missionary hearts in a position much like Philip when he was called to leave Samaria in the midst of great revival. Though their souls were aflame with zeal and with the encouragement of great answers to

prayer, they were now set aside from an unusually fruitful ministry, detained by chains of physical limitations. But one of our songs says, “Love Found a Way,” and so it was in this case.

With his burden for the mission field as deep as ever, Brother Cowman called for a map of the world to be placed on the wall near his bed. Then during the lonely night watches when he was unable to sleep, he would systematically take to the Lord in prayer one field of labor after another. Night after night he engaged in intercession. And could it not well be that the greatest fruit of all his labors may have come through these faithful night vigils?

As for Mrs. Cowman, for seven long years she ministered at her husband’s bedside. She, too, had long night hours to put in. Repine? No. Despair? No! She found something much more blessed than that. Praying friends around the world, when writing to her, would include a clipping containing some very choice thought or meditation. All these she saved and eventually put them in book form. Out of the depths of trial she gave to the world that great volume which has blessed us all, “Streams in the Desert.” Truly by entering more deeply “into the rock” these friends have enriched many.

Esther Kerr Rusthoy, writer of the beloved gospel song, “It Will Be Worth It All,” has told me she scarcely claims to have “written” it; she says she really “heard” it and just wrote it down. Now that she is no longer physically able to travel with her husband in evangelistic ministry, she has engaged her time for God in a weekly devotional program, “Sweet Hour of Prayer.” She ministers before the Lord, singing and making melody in her heart to Him. Shut away from her former public ministry, she is settling herself

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MY REFUGE

“The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks” (Proverbs 30:26). My best security is within the munitions of an immutable Jēhovah, where His unalterable promises stand like giant walls of rock. It will be well with thee, my heart, if thou canst hide thyself in the bulwarks of His glorious attributes, all of which are guarantees of safety for those who put their trust in Him.

Long ago, when Satan and my sins pursued me, I fled to the cleft of the Rock, Christ Jesus, and in His riven side I found a delightful resting place. My heart, run to Him anew tonight, whatever thy present grief may be. Jesus feels for thee. Jesus consoles thee. Jesus will help thee. No monarch in his impregnable fortress is more secure than the cony in his rocky burrow. The conies cannot build a castle, but they avail themselves of what is already there. I cannot make myself a refuge, but Jesus has provided it. His Father has given it. His Spirit has revealed it. And lo, again tonight, I enter it and am safe from every foe.

—*Spurgeon’s Daily Readings*

THE WONDERFUL PLAN OF REDEMPTION as revealed in the Word of God is one of the greatest proofs that the Scriptures are divine in their origin.

Man's intellect never could have devised a plan that so perfectly reveals the attributes of God and at the same time portrays the utter depravity of man and his inability to save himself.

It is the nature of love to find a way or make one to serve the good of others, and only God's love could find a way to save us.

Today the Church is in a race against time in evangelizing the world. The rapidly increasing population of the world (some 450,000,000 more in pagan lands today than a century ago), the abounding of iniquity, the revival of heathen religions and their proselyting efforts, the many doors closing to the gospel, the fanatical nationalistic uprising in most of the world, and the lukewarmness and selfishness of the Church combine to make our task appear impossible.

And it is easy for the Church to gain a certain peace of mind and to settle down in the comfort of the word IMPOSSIBLE. But we must not, we dare not, do so.

Our Foreign Missions Department faces a serious problem in that the general foreign missions fund is inadequate to provide many of the urgent needs of our missionary work and of the missionaries. These include help for national workers in pioneer efforts, support of our Bible schools, radio evangelism, and cost of developing new works.

If our task were finished or even nearing completion we might be content to curtail our work but we must not, we dare not, hold back at such a time as this. We must not cut down our work to bring it within bounds of the present income. We must raise the funds to meet the needs. We must bend all our energies to meet the present opportunities.

It will take sacrifice. Someone has said that we cannot evangelize the world on our "spare change." Another reminds us that the greatest of all hindrances to the spread of the gospel is the unconsecrated money of Christians.

Recently I read a heart-moving article about the dedication of the Korean believers. It told of hungry, ragged Koreans bringing their coats, Bibles, hymnbooks, household necessities, even



"Return of the Prodigal Son" by Murillo (A. Devaney photo)

Love Finds a Way

By Violet Schoonmaker

their cooking utensils to give to the church to send out evangelists to other lands. The Koreans put some of us to shame.

I shall never forget sitting in a church service in which the congregation was singing, "Love Found a Way to Redeem My Soul." It was soon after my return from India on furlough. There was a complacent, satisfied look on the faces of the congregation when they sat down after singing the song. They were redeemed. That was all that really mattered. I felt like springing to my feet and screaming out that real love would find a way to redeem others too—the perishing millions on earth.

Do we love? Love as He loved? I am convinced that if we so loved, our missions treasury would be filled and running over, and there would be no need for our work and missionaries to be hindered.

I read recently of a lady who lived frugally all her life and gave \$100,000 in common stocks to the Texas Baptists. The money was to be used for mission work in foreign lands. She said, "If I can't go to the foreign mission field, it is my duty to make provision for those who can go. I am obliged to see that the other person has the same opportunity of knowing Christ that

I have had." She and her husband, both school teachers, bought no new cars, took few vacations, and wore made-over clothes. None can question the love of such souls.

Before Peary sought the North Pole, he decided to get a motto that would encourage him in dark days. He found one which had been a favorite of Hannibal, the great general. Before Hannibal crossed the Alps and attacked Rome his advisers told him it could not be done. It seemed impossible. They said there was no way. Hannibal replied, "I will either find a way or make one." This Peary took for his motto. Would this not be a good motto for us in this day of missionary crisis?

There is a way to carry out our Lord's Great Commission to His Church. There is a way to fill our depleted missions treasury. Love can find that way—the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Missionary conferences, appeals, literature, and propaganda all have their place but what we need most of all is a revival that will create a greater missionary spirit among us, that will shed abroad in our hearts the love of God and the joy of sacrificing for others. Let us unitedly and fervently pray for this and let us do "whatsoever He saith"—and do it NOW. ◀◀



THIS WE BELIEVE

A SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES BASED
ON THE STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

BY P. C. NELSON



PART FIVE: BAPTISM IN WATER

THERE ARE FOUR QUESTIONS THAT are frequently asked concerning the ordinance of baptism: (1) What was the *mode* of baptism in Bible times? (2) What is the significance, or *symbolism*, of baptism? (3) What is the right *formula* for administering the ordinance and (4) Who are Scripturally *qualified* to be baptized? Let us consider these questions in the order given.

THE MODE

More properly, the *act* of baptism. There is great confusion on this subject because too many follow tradition instead of the Bible.

With amazing unanimity our Pentecostal people practice immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and regard all other modes as unscriptural. This is all the more remarkable in that a large percentage of our people came from denominations practicing sprinkling and infant baptism. The only way we can account for this is that the experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit makes us so pliable in the hands of God that we are willing to receive instructions direct from the Word of God on this subject, as on all others, and that we have been loosed from the bonds of tradition.

Suppose a Bible were dropped on an island which had never been touched by a missionary, and that the natives

were able to read and understand this Bible, and that some of them were actually converted by reading this Book, and therefore desired to do all the will of God. A diligent reading of the New Testament would show that believers were to be baptized. But they have never seen anyone baptized and must learn from the Bible how it is to be done. They would soon discover:

1. That the ordinance requires *water*. "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is *water*; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" (Acts 8:36).

2. That baptism requires *much* water. "And John also was baptizing in Aenon, near to Salim, *because there was much water there*; and they came, and were baptized" (John 3:23).

3. That baptism requires the administrator and the candidate to go *down into* the water. "And they *went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him*" (Acts 8:38).

4. That baptism requires a *burial in water*, "Therefore we are *buried with him by baptism into death*" (Romans 6:4). "*Buried with him in baptism*" (Colossians 2:12).

5. That baptism requires a *coming up out of* the water. "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water" (Matthew 3:16).

"And when they were come up out of the water" (Acts 8:39).

THE SYMBOLISM

This was beautiful and wonderful. It pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, and of the believer in fellowship with Him.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his *death*, we shall be also in the likeness of his *resurrection*" (Romans 6:4, 5). "*Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him*" (Colossians 2:12).

As most great scholars of all branches of Christendom, even those who practice infant baptism and sprinkling and pouring, specifically declare, the original mode was *immersion*, as the Greek words translated "baptism" and "baptize" clearly signify. Moreover, nearly all the translations into modern languages convey the same meaning. It is no more difficult for a Greek scholar to tell you the meaning of the words used in the Greek New Testament for this ordinance than it is for an Englishman to tell the meaning of the words "dip" or "immerse."

Fidelity to Christ demands that we do exactly what His Word teaches, and that we do not substitute some other mode. In loyalty to the Lord

BAPTISM IN WATER

The ordinance of Baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures, by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Saviour and Lord. In so doing, they have the body washed in pure water as an outward symbol of cleansing, while their heart has already been sprinkled with the blood of Christ as an inner cleansing. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. Matthew 28:19; Acts 10:47, 48; Romans 6:4; Acts 20:21; Hebrews 10:22.

—Statement of Fundamental Truths, adopted by the Assemblies of God

we must keep the ordinances as they were delivered to us by the apostles.

THE FORMULA

Our Lord Himself gave His apostles the formula in Matthew 28:19, which Worrell in his excellent original translation of the New Testament correctly renders thus: "All authority was given to Me in heaven and on earth: going, therefore, disciple ye all the nations, immersing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I commanded you; and, behold, I am with you all the days, even to the end of the age."

We are not left to speculate on the proper formula, "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The 1901 American Revised as well as Worrell's translation has *into* instead of *in*, and this is the correct translation from the Greek. Into fellowship with the name of the Holy Trinity. And we do this in the name of (by the authority and command of) Jesus Christ.

THE CANDIDATES

Before leaving this fascinating study, let us consider the proper candidates or subjects of baptism. The divine order is very simple. The sinner must first repent and believe (Mark 1:15; Acts 2:38). Believers and believers only are to be baptized (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16). This excludes children who are too young to repent and believe, and invalidates the "baptism" of those who were not regenerated when they submitted to the ordinance. Does this explain why the twelve men at Ephesus were rebaptized by Paul (Acts 19:1-7)?

Some hold that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit precludes the necessity of submitting to this ordinance. This position is flatly contradicted by Peter (Acts 10:47, 48).

If you will read through the New Testament to see what stress was laid upon the ordinance, you will be struck with the suddenness with which believers were baptized after conversion, and the great emphasis placed on the ordinance by Christ and the apostles. Note in particular the following passages:

Acts 2:38: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you." V. 41 "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the SAME DAY there

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Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Why and when was Saul's name changed to Paul?

Saul was of Jewish blood, but born a Roman citizen (Acts 21:39; 22:25, 28). His Jewish name was Saul, but his Latin name, to which he was entitled as a Roman citizen, was Paul. Since his ministry was to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:9) he preferred to use his Latin name. It appeared that he made the change at Paphos (Acts 13:6, 9).

Is there a difference between being baptized with the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Holy Spirit?

When we speak of being baptized with the Holy Spirit we mean an experience one may receive. When we speak of being filled with the Spirit we have in mind a life that is lived under the anointing of the Spirit. The Baptism with the Spirit would therefore be an initial experience by which one is brought into a Spirit-filled life.

When Paul says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13), is he referring to the new birth, or to the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?

My conviction is that Paul is not speaking specifically of either. He is setting forth the fact that when we are saved we become members of "the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven" (Hebrews 12:23). We are members of Christ's body, partakers of His life by the indwelling Spirit.

Esther 8:17 says, "And many of the people of the land became Jews." How could Gentiles become Jews?

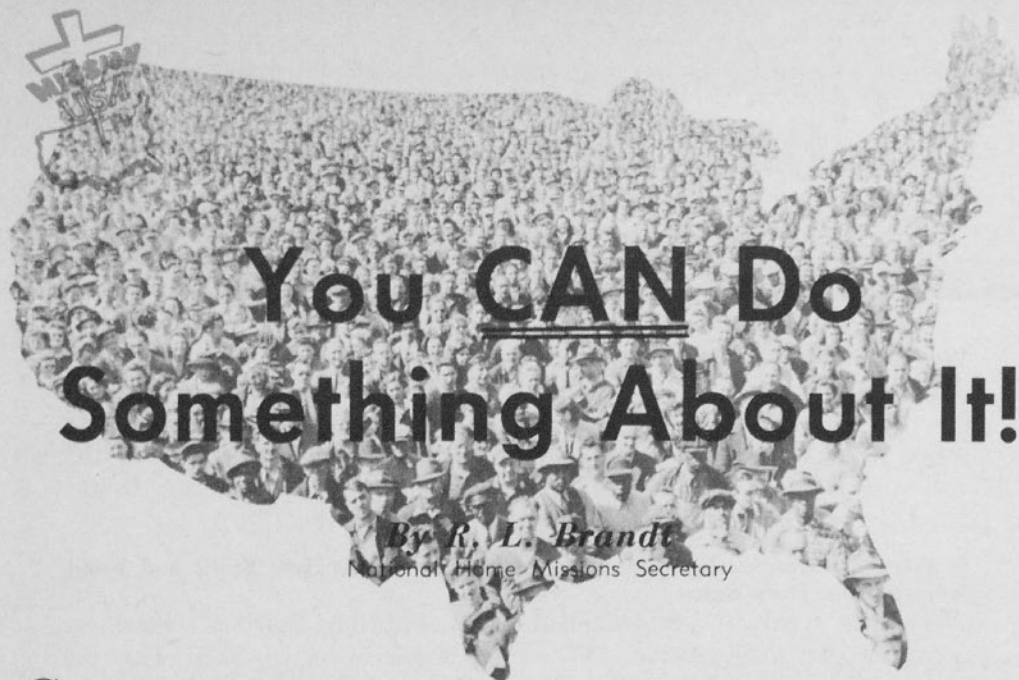
They became "Jews" by choosing the Jewish religion; they are the kind of people spoken of in the New Testament as "proselytes." In the Old Testament they are referred to as "strangers" in such scriptures as Leviticus 19:34—"But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself."

The Dictionary of Religious Knowledge quotes the Talmud as saying: "The proselytes of righteousness, known also as proselytes of the covenant, were perfect Israelites. In addition to circumcision, baptism by immersion was also required to complete their admission to the faith." It also says, "The 'devout men' and 'devout Greeks' mentioned in the Book of Acts were undoubtedly proselytes; and of this class a large portion of the early Christian Church was composed."

Please explain who Melchisedek was.

You might get different opinions from different people. Some have declared that he was a preincarnate manifestation of the Son of God. I think a more reasonable explanation is that Melchisedek was a king-priest in the land of Canaan when Abraham returned from his defense of Sodom. Since he was a king-priest, he was higher in position than Abraham, and Abraham gave to him the tenth of the spoils (Genesis 14:17-19).

Melchisedek was without priestly genealogy, without which none could serve in the Levitical priesthood. The Levitical priests retired from active service at the age of fifty (Numbers 8:25, 26). This was not so concerning Melchisedek. He was a king-priest, as were none of those of Levi. He thus was a fitting type of our Lord Jesus (Psalm 110:4), who had no priestly genealogy, since He was of the tribe of Judah and not Levi. Moreover, no limit was given as to how long our Lord Jesus might officiate as Priest, thus setting forth His unchangeable priesthood. These truths are enlarged upon in Hebrews 7.



You CAN Do Something About It!

By R. L. Brandt
National Home Missions Secretary

GRACING THE PRAIRIES OF NORTH central North Dakota is a beautiful little city called Cando. The place got its name as the result of a discussion which reportedly took place on the site before the city existed. Some men stood one day discussing the possibility of building a city on that location. In the midst of the conversation one of the men said, "I believe we *can do* it." The others agreed and the new city, Cando, sprang up.

Before us is a problem of gigantic proportions, but I believe we *can do* something about it. The population of the United States is increasing at the estimated rate of 11,000 per day. The present population is near 172,000,000. We in the Assemblies of God have a goal of one church for every 10,000 people. With our slightly over 8,000 churches we now have nearly one church for every 20,000 people. This means we are barely half way toward attaining our objective.

On the basis of present population trends, we must open at least one new church per day to keep up with the increase alone. If we are to reach our projected goal within ten years, it will be necessary to open two new churches every day for the entire period.

The challenge is stupendous. From a mere human viewpoint it appears utterly impossible. But then, we serve the God of the impossible! To answer the questions as to whether it can be done and how it can be done, we need but look to the host of witnesses in the Bible, who, though often few in number, actually subdued kingdoms.

Consider Gideon who, with 300 men, overcame the Midianites. Think of Jonathan who, accompanied only by his

armor-bearer, defeated an entire garrison of Philistines. Ponder the case of Samson who, with only the crudest of weapons, slew a thousand men. Review also the history of the Early Church which, although small numerically at the outset, soon was numbered in multiplied thousands. How did they accomplish such seemingly impossible feats? Oh, my brethren, there is but one answer. They did it by the Spirit of God.

Let us not think for a minute that we can accomplish our mission by any lesser means. We can plan ever so wisely and we can promote untiringly, but in the end we will suffer defeat unless our efforts are directed and sup-

ported by the divine. May God awaken us anew to this reality! We must face it if we are to do something worthwhile for our generation.

To recognize our need and to admit our utter helplessness is to open the door for God to work. As long as we feel self-sufficient and up-to-the-job we actually hinder God from showing His might. God is seeking men of such Pauline qualities that, with him, their testimony will be, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

You may have agreed fully with what has been said to this point, but now you must decide what you will do about it. To know what to do and then fail to do it is to become guilty of the blood of lost men, as well as to commit spiritual suicide. Now is the time to dedicate ourselves to a full reliance upon the Holy Spirit and to begin anew by ceaseless prayer to seek God with complete abandon to His will.

Before us is the challenge of millions of lost souls for whom Christ died. We can do something about it. Will you?

You *can* do something about it by attending the Mission U.S.A. Rally in your section. Watch for announcements from your district office. ◀ ◀

Iowa Adds Another Church

BY DALE C. WALDEMER

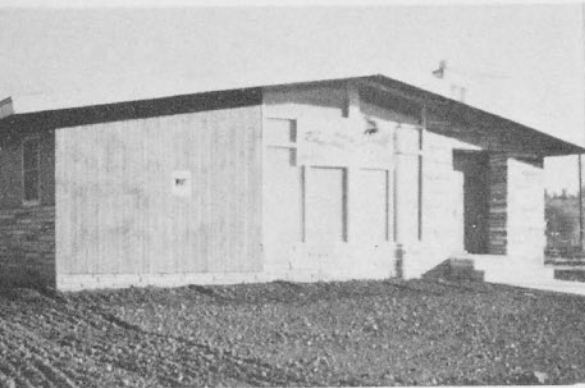
IN MARCH OF 1957 MY WIFE AND I came to the city of Red Oak and contacted four families, whose names had been given us. It was agreeable with each family to start services immediately in the homes. For several Sundays we continued to have Sunday School and worship service in the various homes. Then one of the families purchased a home, and for three months we rented the house which they vacated and held services there. This place was located on a mud road and we realized we would be unable to get to the house during bad weather, so we began to pray for the Lord to open up a building for us.

God answered prayer and we were able to rent the auditorium in the public

library for Sunday School; it had a piano they allowed us to use. A building fund had been started and we added to it weekly.

In May we were able to purchase two lots in the northwest part of Red Oak through the help of the West Central District and the WMC's of Section Number Four, Iowa. The last Sunday in June 1957 we held our ground-breaking service and work was started immediately on the church.

After the basement was dug a work day was called each week and ministers and laymen of this section rallied to the call. All of the labor was donated except for the sidewalls and the roof which had to be done on hire to beat the bad



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weather. One of the construction contractors was so kind as to hoist the laminated rafters for us free of charge. He also donated labor for various other jobs.

To avoid paying rent we held our first service in the church the Sunday before Easter, 1958, even though it was not completed. Just one year from the day of our ground-breaking the church was completed and our dedication service was held.

Dimensions of the church are 36 by 50 feet and it seats 150. The first floor consists of auditorium, nursery and vestibule. There are six Sunday School rooms, and auditorium, and two rest rooms in the basement. The outside is finished with permastone and vertical redwood stained siding. The church was built for \$12,000 but is valued at \$25,000.

Our Sunday School is growing and we now average about 35 each Sunday. For over a year our people have been helping support the World Missions program and a few months ago became a supporter of the Revivaltime broadcast. We also have a functioning WMC group. Revivaltime is broadcast over one of the local stations and we have had several names given us from this program.

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Many districts have received much-needed help in their great work of church extension from the NEEDED DISTRICT FUND set up by the National Home Missions Department. There are so many demands on this fund at this time that the department has been unable to meet all the requests from the districts for assistance in building programs over the nation. Your offerings for the NEEDED DISTRICT FUND to help build churches such as this one and further the gospel in your district and other districts will be much appreciated. ◀◀



PHOTO BY HAROLD M. LAMBERT

Sorry

NO MONEY TO LOAN!

Those are *disheartening* words, especially when they fall on the ears of a pioneer pastor who is attempting to borrow funds for the construction of a new church. While loan companies are willing enough to make certain types of loans, it is not uncommon for the pioneer pastor to hear the disappointing verdict, "Sorry, no money to loan."

But there is an answer to the pioneer's problem. It is the *Pioneer Revolving Loan Fund*, administered by the National Home Missions Department. From this fund, scores of loans are made annually to assist new churches with their building projects.

The *Pioneer Loan Fund* is made up of contributions and gifts of interested individuals and churches. The amount of money available to loan is determined by you, the friends of Home Missions. Remember also that your offerings for the *Pioneer Loan Fund* will not only help build one church but will be used repeatedly in the building of new churches.

You may use the coupon below in sending your offering.

National Home Mission Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield 1, Mo.

Enclosed is my offering of \$..... for the PIONEER LOAN FUND to help in the work of church extension in the United States.

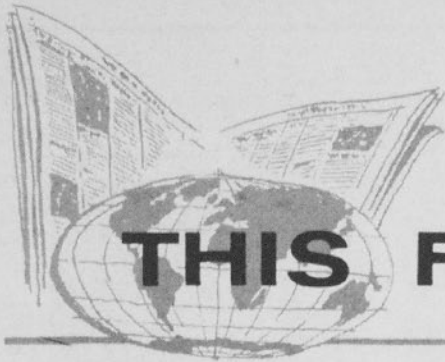
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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Government

LEGISLATION ASKED TO MAKE CHURCH BOMBINGS A FEDERAL OFFENSE

Senators John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Sam J. Ervin of North Carolina have sent a joint letter to all members of the Senate asking for legislation to make it a federal offense to bomb or threaten to destroy any place of worship, school, business, or community center. The two senators invited other members of the Senate to add their names to the proposed measure as co-sponsors.

The measure would allow the F.B.I. to step into the investigation of a bombing or bomb scare immediately, something it cannot do now, since such offenses are deemed violations only of municipal or state laws.

POST OFFICE ATTEMPTS TO BAN OBSCENE MAGAZINE FROM THE MAILS

The Post Office Department at Washington charged that the November issue of "Playboy" magazine was obscene, and attempted to ban it from the United States mails, but the Federal Court stepped in to prevent the Post Office from taking sudden action. The court questioned the right of the Post Office to hold up delivery of a publication that had second-class mailing privileges before giving the magazine a hearing.

Herbert B. Warburton, general counsel of the Post Office department, said the November issue clearly transcended the bounds of what may be legally circulated in the mails. The Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications, an interdenominational Protestant group, commended the Post Office for instituting proceedings against the magazine. "It is time for a court test of pornography and filth that masquerades as sophistication," the Churchmen's Commission said, "and we hope the Post Office Department will pursue this matter with all the legal resources at its command."

Missions

38,606 PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES SERVING ABROAD

A total of 38,606 Protestant missionaries are serving in countries around the world, according to a report published by Religious News Service. This figure is three times as great as the number of missionaries serving in 1903, and is fifty per cent higher than in 1936. A survey shows the largest missionary force is still in southern, southeast, and eastern Asia, including India, Pakistan, and Ceylon.

The report says that 97 missionary societies are now active in Japan and 95 in India, while there are 46 mission organizations working in the tiny area of Hong Kong. There are now 52 agencies in Formosa compared to two before the war.

In 1957, Protestant foreign missionary agencies in North America received nearly 150 million dollars in support of their work. This was eleven per cent more than was received in 1955.

The report points out that the pattern of missionary work is rapidly changing. The trend is to turn church leadership in foreign lands over to na-

tionals, and for American missionaries to serve merely as helpers and advisers of the national church leaders. This trend is resulting in the growth of indigenous Christian communities, both self-governing and self-propagating, in many lands. Assemblies of God missionaries throughout the world have been working toward this goal for many years, with outstanding success.

Miscellaneous

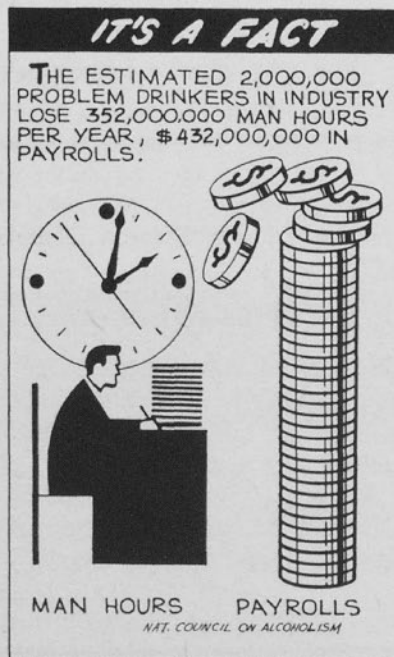
VAUS BOOK BRINGS COHEN'S FRIEND "BACK FROM THE DEAD"

Some efforts to reach former racketeer Mickey Cohen for Christ have been met with criticism, but at least one of Cohen's friends has been influenced to a remarkable degree. He is Bill Howard, age 40, who came "back from the dead" to give himself up to police recently after he had read a book given to him by Cohen. The book was written by Jim Vaus, now an evangelist but formerly a wiretapper for the underworld.

Howard, who reportedly had "drowned in the surf" off Southern California's Newport Beach last August, says he actually fled to Salt Lake City at that time and thence to British Columbia. It was from Canada, after reading the book, that he wrote to Vaus about turning himself in. Vaus and Billy Graham, he says, helped make the arrangements. Now he faces a court trial which, since he is already a "two-time loser," could result in a long prison term. But he says, "I've quit running," and declares publicly that he has "found Jesus Christ and freedom of conscience."

METHODIST BISHOPS STUDY FAMILY LIFE

The Methodist Council of Bishops at its semi-annual meeting in Cincinnati called on local churches to strengthen family life as a first step in helping to solve the problem of juvenile delinquency. They also reaffirmed the denomination's position of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages.



Foreign

SPAIN URGED TO LIFT MARRIAGE RESTRICTIONS ON NON-CATHOLICS

In a statement marking the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, called on Spain to lift restrictions on the civil marriage of non-Catholics.

Dr. Ohrn said that non-Catholic young people find it difficult and "in some cases impossible" to obtain government permission for civil marriage under recently-enacted laws.

The Baptist leader charged that conditions for Protestants are worsening in Spain. He reported that in addition to the marriage problem, Protestant churches are continuing to be closed, and their publications suspended.

Protestants in Spain number more than 25,000 in some 260 congregations. Spain's population of 28,000,000 is predominantly Roman Catholic.

BIBLE IMPORTATION STILL RESTRICTED BY YUGOSLAV REGIME

The British and Foreign Bible Society is still unable to work freely in Yugoslavia. No Bibles have been printed in that country since the Communists took over and the government will not permit the importation and distribution of large quantities of Scriptures. The government permits the society to import about 200 Bibles a month by registered mail. Prior to September, 1956, the society imported about 60,000 copies annually.

METHODISM GROWS IN EAST GERMANY

Despite Communist controls in East Berlin and other parts of Red Germany, the Methodist Church is forging ahead. So says Dr. Frederich Wunderlich, head of the German Methodist Church which operates in both the East and West zones. He says his church has 100,000 members at the present time and reports that there is "an upsurge of interest among youth, despite the fact that in East Germany churches are not allowed to organize their work among youth."

Pointing to "steady gains in church membership" he explains that churches in Germany are attracting outstanding young men to the ministry despite extremely low ministerial salary scales. He says that more and more churches in Germany are becoming people-centered rather than pastor-centered.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

THE COLORADO UNIVERSITY TOWN OF BOULDER has voted "no" again to the sale of liquor within the city, except for 3.2 beer.

THE COORDINATOR OF SCHOLARSHIPS at the University of Colorado (in Boulder) says it is almost impossible to find students qualified for the Herrick Loan Fund. The reason: the money can go only to recipients who do not drink, smoke or swear.

AT LEAST ONE CONGRESSMAN HAD THE COURAGE to refuse to toast the Russian visitor last month. Representative Walter Judd of Minnesota was invited to a dinner in Washington, D.C. at which Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister Anastas Mikoyan was the guest of honor. Mr. Judd refused, saying he did not care to dine with "men whose hands drip of blood."

THREE TEEN-AGE BOYS drew an unusual one-year church "sentence" at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. A Greene County judge ordered the youths to spend Sundays "in prayer" after they pleaded guilty to burglarizing a home.

BILLY GRAHAM AND SOME OF HIS ASSOCIATES PLAN to build and operate an FM radio station at Black Mountain, North Carolina, about two miles from the evangelist's home. It will specialize in religious programs but will also include public service programs, music, news and sports.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 75 YEARS, more Protestants have immigrated to New York City than members of other faiths. The Protestant Council of the city says there are now 960,000 active members of Protestant churches in the five counties of the metropolis. This figure includes 90,000 Spanish-speaking people, most of whom are Puerto Ricans, and 440,000 Negroes.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SPAIN does not favor emigration, according to the Director of the Spanish Catholic Emigration Commission in Madrid. The reason: more than 35 per cent of the emigrants lose their Catholic faith after they leave Spain. In some countries, he said, the proportion is as high as 93 per cent.

DELEGATES FROM EIGHT COUNTRIES assembled in Madras, India, last month for the 10th World Congress sponsored by Youth for Christ International. Some 2,300 delegates were present including youth from Formosa, Philippines, Lebanon, Great Britain, Japan, Singapore, and United States, as well as India.

THE AFRICAN INLAND MISSION (AIM) has been ordered to end all its medical missionary work in the Sudan. The Sudanese government said all medical missionaries must abandon their work in January, 1959.

MORE THAN 6,554,000 OF THE 25 MILLION SOUTH KOREANS belong to some religion or sect, the Korean Ministry of Education announced at Seoul recently. Buddhism has the most followers -- 3,856,000. Christianity is next with 1,440,000 of whom 242,000 are Roman Catholics. Protestant Christians are divided into 15 denominations including 730,000 Presbyterians, 247,000 Methodists, and 198,000 Holiness (that is, Oriental Missionary Society).



THE AUTHOR TELLS HOW SHE RECEIVED THE BAPTISM
IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WHAT THE EXPERIENCE MEANS TO HER

BY HILDA DEAKIN

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN A COMPANY of believers were gathered together discussing the gifts of the Holy Spirit, realizing these ought to be in evidence in the Church today. One young man, who had received the Holy Spirit some years previous and had spoken in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, said: "You can say what you like about the Pentecostal folk, but they have something which is very precious."

That remark found its way into my heart and I could not forget it.

Unknown to me, my husband was also desperately hungry for something more from God, something which would make his ministry more effective. Some months later, while he was ministering in another city, God met his need by giving him the Holy Ghost with speaking in other tongues. This experience had a marvelous effect on his life and ministry. Through it God spoke again to my own heart, and I began to read the Scriptures concerning the gift of tongues.

As I read, it became evident to me that the gift of tongues and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit were linked together. But I had been schooled in the belief that a person receives the Spirit through faith, without any supernatural manifestations. Therefore, before I went on with my studies I knelt before God and asked Him to take away any prejudice and enable me to read the Scriptures as if I had received no previous teaching regarding the Holy Spirit. God did this, though it took time and then the truth began to unfold.

My husband had been much blessed by reading *What Meaneth This?* by

Carl Brumback, so he asked me to read this and other books on the subject of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. However, I felt that He who had thus far taught me through the Bible alone would reveal the whole truth. I never touched a Pentecostal book or tract, nor even conversed with any of the Pentecostal faith, but received the revelation from the Word.

I saw in Acts 2:4 that "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Turning to Acts 8:18 I questioned, "What did Simon see when the Samaritans received the Holy Ghost?" I had been an altar worker in our church and had prayed with scores for the fullness of the Spirit, but had never seen any supernatural evidence! What Simon saw must have been miraculous or he would not have offered money to buy the power to impart it. It could not have been love, joy, or peace alone, for these were evidenced in the revival before the arrival of Peter.

I wondered what were Paul's methods in dealing with those who needed to be baptized in the Spirit. Reading Acts 19:6, I saw that when Paul laid his hands upon the Ephesians the Holy Ghost came upon them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

One Sunday morning a visiting minister at our church spoke from Acts 15:8, 9. Among other things he said that God gave the Holy Ghost to the Gentiles and gave them an *inner witness* that He had come! Like a shaft of light from heaven the real truth

dawned on my spirit. I could have cried out for joy as I realized it was no mere inner witness but, blessed be God, it was an outward witness that convinced Peter and those of the circumcision that the Holy Ghost had been given them—"For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God" (Acts 10:46).

I knew then that I would never rest until I had received the Holy Ghost with the same sign.

Being convinced of the truth, I began to ask God for the gift of the Holy Ghost. Fear of receiving anything spurious was gone. Jesus had said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" I believed my heavenly Father loved me too much to give me a serpent for fish or a stone for bread. God promised me I would find Him when I sought Him with my whole heart.

I diligently sought Him. On two different occasions, Pentecostal ministers came to our home and laid their hands on me. Both times I received mighty anointings. On the second occasion I felt the power of God upon me—a wondrous experience. During this season of prayer the Lord gave my husband his first message in tongues. It was the first such message I had ever heard, and when the visiting brother gave the interpretation it was a wonderful encouragement that God would satisfy my longing soul.

Lest it should be thought that the interpreter, knowing my desire, had spoken in the flesh, allow me to tell

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you another incident which occurred the following week. Still more deeply hungry for the Baptism, I went to talk with the Assemblies of God pastor in another town. When I arrived at his home a prayer meeting was in progress, so after a greeting and without any conversation I quietly joined the others who were praying. During this season there was another message in tongues, which I knew was directly for me. (We had resigned as ministers in our denomination in order to have liberty to declare the truth regarding the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.) No one in this meeting had ever seen me before. Not one person knew the reason of my visit. The interpretation of the message in tongues was to the effect that we had been called to the way of reproach, but that

we should not be moved by what people would say about us. "Continue to follow Him, and He shall satisfy your longing soul," it concluded.

When I arrived home from that meeting I received a message from a friend whom we had not seen for about eighteen years. She had telephoned to say they were having special meetings in the mission she attended for those seeking the Baptism in the Spirit. She invited me to come and, believing it was part of God's plan, I went.

That night God met my need and I received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues. It was on a Thursday night, and I did not again speak in tongues until Saturday evening when I got alone with the Lord. I had tasted, and I was hungry

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tury, God poured out the latter rain of His Spirit as devout Christians in various parts of the world were seeking for a deeper experience in God. This was the start of the modern-day Pentecostal movement. This latter-rain outpouring is ripening the harvest fields of the world before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

EXPERIMENTAL

I believe in the Pentecostal experience because of the thousands that I know who have received this spiritual infilling. It has been a source of great spiritual power which has made them a blessing to others. The apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 14:4, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself." "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries" (v. 2). "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth" (v. 14).

This Pentecostal experience has brought to countless Christians power for service, joy unspeakable and full of glory, faith to believe for divine healing and miracles, strength for victorious living, and a vision and burden for the lost throughout the world. This has caused Pentecostal ministers to be aggressive in evangelistic and missionary projects.

And last but not least, I believe in Pentecost because of my own experience. I have been filled with the Holy Spirit and speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. When one has personally received the experience, he cannot be persuaded to doubt it. A certain man was seeking to be filled with the Spirit. He had a friend who belonged to a church that did not accept the Pentecostal teaching. One day the friend came to him and said, "My minister has given me a number of reasons why God does not fill with the Spirit today." But the man replied, "You are too late. I was filled with the Spirit last night."

When the Bible teaches a certain experience, and when history shows that the experience has been repeated often, and when one has received that experience, this is proof enough of its veracity. Thank God, He continues to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

Why I Am Pentecostal

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HISTORICAL

Speaking with tongues did not end with the apostolic age. Church history continues the record in many ages and places. Many church leaders have mentioned the phenomenon.

Irenaeus (115-202) wrote, "In like manner do we also hear many brethren in the Church who possess prophetic gifts, and who through the Spirit speak all kinds of languages."

Tertullian (160-220) mentioned the gift of tongues along with other spiritual gifts as being manifested in his day.

Augustine (354-430) wrote, "We still do what the apostles did when they laid hands on the Samaritans and called down the Holy Spirit on them by the laying on of hands. It is expected that converts should speak with new tongues."

Souer in his *History of the Christian Church* (vol. 3, page 406) states, "Dr. Martin Luther was a prophet, evangelist, speaker in tongues and interpreter,

in one person, endowed with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

Thomas Walsh, who was one of John Wesley's foremost preachers, wrote in his diary on March 8, 1750, "This morning the Lord gave me a language that I knew not of, raising my soul to Him in a wonderful manner."

R. Boyd in *Trials and Triumphs of Faith* (1875), wrote concerning D. L. Moody's revivals in England, "When I got to the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, I found the meeting on fire. The young men were speaking with tongues, prophesying. What on earth did it mean? Only that Moody had been addressing them that afternoon."

When F. B. Meyer visited Esthonia he found simple peasant congregations of Baptists. He wrote to the *London Christian*: "God is renewing among the peasantry those marvelous manifestations which attended the first preaching of the gospel when God bore witness to the message of salvation with signs and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost. . . . The gift of tongues is heard quite often in the meetings, especially in the villages, but also in the towns. . . . When they are interpreted they are found to mean, 'Jesus is coming soon; Jesus is near. Be ready; be not idle.'"

At the start of the twentieth cen-

TODAY'S GOAL \$20,000

CHURCH PROSPERS BY GIVING TO MISSIONS

Five years ago 28-year-old Carmine DiBiase, pastor of the Italian Pentecostal Church of Philadelphia, paced in his study. His people were giving only \$1,000 a year to the cause of missions.

The following Sunday he told his congregation, "I know you are tithing. You have mortgages, car payments, families to support. But let me prove that you can help evangelize the heathen by giving regularly one penny out of every dollar."

The one-penny-out-of-a-hundred program worked.

Yet the pastor wasn't satisfied.

Weeks of fasting and prayer brought the answer: Personalized giving. A missionary staff of seven was appointed to ascertain specific needs. The individuals would agree to pledge the support—entire or partial—of a national evangelist, a student, or a church.

Letters from the individuals supported keep interest alive. "I don't need that new dress. Let's give the money to our missionary instead," a wife told her husband.

Rosemarie Pizzuto writes: "It is thrilling to hear from native workers."

John Cardone, supporting workers in eight countries, states: "I am enriched spiritually and God is blessing my business."

In five years \$183,000 was sent into 56 countries.

High point of their church life is the January convention.

During their Sixth Annual Convention the pastor observed: "Since the program began five years ago, the Italian Pentecostal Church has supported in 56 countries a total of 526 workers, more than 100 of whom have become self-supporting. Eighty-three new indigenous churches were established.

"In addition," says DiBiase, "the Lord is blessing our own church. It is an established principle that a missionary-minded church is a thriving one."

Other churches are catching on to the idea. When a neighborhood minister instituted the same plan, his first convention brought \$26,000 in pledges.

—Christian Life



THE JANITOR OF A CERTAIN church approached his pastor with a problem. "I can't figure it out," he said. "There's a fellow who walks into our church at noon, stands at the altar for a minute, then quietly leaves. He does it every day."

Pastor Jones frowned. "Does he look like a questionable character?"

"No, not really," replied the janitor. "He looks very poor, but not evil."

"Well, keep an eye on him," the pastor suggested. "Find out his secret."

The next day, after his noon prayers at the altar, the stranger approached the janitor.

"Hope you don't mind my coming in here every day," he began apologetically, "because I love to stand at your altar and pray."

"But you never pray long," the janitor interrupted.

"That's because I don't know any long prayers. I ain't been to school. All I do is stand at your sacred altar and whisper, 'It's Jim, Jesus,' and somehow I feel like He's there beside me."

The janitor choked with emotion but managed to say, "If you get such help from God at our altar, you're always welcome."

"I thank you," Jim answered and he walked down the church steps.

A few days later Jim missed his daily visit to the altar. Pastor Jones soon discovered him in the public ward of the hospital with a serious injury.

Jim was the life of the ward. Even the nurses noticed a difference after Jim came, and one of them ventured to inquire, "What's happened to you fellows? You used to be a bunch of

grouches. What's made you so agreeable lately?"

"It's Jim," one of them explained. "He suffers more than the rest of us but he's always cheerful. We're catching a mild dose of his sunshine, I guess."

Turning to Jim the nurse asked, "And what makes you so cheerful, sir?"

"It's my daily Visitor," he smiled. "He comes here at noon and stands at the foot of my bed."

"A visitor—at noon?" the nurse frowned.

"Yes, a Visitor no one else can see," Jim said softly. "He looks at me with eyes of love and gently lifts His nail-scarred hand. And then He whispers, 'Jim, it's Jesus.' And somehow I always feel much better."

There was a pause, then Jim said triumphantly, "That Visitor is Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. No wonder I love Him!"

Friend, is Jim's Visitor and Saviour yours? When sickness and sorrow and disappointment come your way do you have Jesus as your Visitor, Helper, and understanding Friend

You can have Him in your heart and life right now. Just offer a simple prayer in your own words. Look up to heaven and tell the Lord, "Jesus, I realize that I have sinned and come short of the glory of God, but I'm so glad the Bible says that 'whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.' So, Lord, I call upon Your name and believe that You save me now."

Repent, believe, and receive Christ today.

TODAY IS BGMC DAY

Minister Healed, Now Preaching

A Catholic priest acknowledged the hand of God in healing one of our older ministers recently.

In October, Brother Joe E. Dodson (330 Greenwood St., Junction City, Oregon) was rushed to the hospital following a heart attack. Examination showed that he had double pneumonia also. He was not expected to live through the night, and the next day he suffered two even more severe heart attacks. His family was notified that he was dying and that he could not live until they arrived.

After several attempts to locate an Assemblies of God minister proved unsuccessful, a student nurse at the hospital asked if Brother Dodson would like to see a priest. He declined, and then she said she knew of one more Assemblies of God minister. She called Brother Elsworth Krogstad, then pastor of First Assembly in Eugene, Oregon (now of Dallas, Texas).

Brother Dodson says, "I am thankful

for that man of God. He knew I was leaving this world. But when he put his hands on me and began to pray, God stopped death and brought me back to life. Many of our preachers came in to see me after that and prayed with me. I thank God for letting me have so many good brothers and sisters. I don't see how I could get along without them.

"After I came back from death's door, the priest came to see me and told me God was not through using me. With tears in his eyes he asked me to pray for him. So also did the nurses in that Catholic hospital, several of whom came inquiring about God.

"Two months after leaving the hospital I went to the heart specialist for a check-up. He said, 'Reverend, are you preaching now?' I answered, 'Not yet.' He said, 'You get to preaching or you will die. That is what you are called to do and it won't hurt you a bit. I can't find anything wrong with you.'

"He also told me that the doctors could not understand how a man my age could survive the kind of attacks I had. 'Those attacks are killing younger men,' he said.

"I have been preaching from one to three times a week ever since. Even though I am seventy years old, I can't find any place to stop preaching."

Healed After Operation Scheduled

Ruth Achziger of Los Gatos, California, was already suffering from severe stomach ulcers when the doctor told her she must have surgery for a large cyst. It seemed like "the last straw." Nerve-racking experiences during the war in Germany and three major operations had left her in such a state that the thought of another operation was especially dreadful to her. Then God intervened.

Here is the story of Mrs. Achziger's healing in her own words:

"Arrangements were made for me to

enter the hospital on June 19, 1958, for removal of the cyst which was about the size of a large orange. Meanwhile the assembly was asked to pray for my healing.

"On May 29 we attended Brother Osborn's meeting at Stockton. He asked those who wanted healing to come forward and place their hands on the afflicted part. Then as we all believed God and prayed together, the evangelist also prayed for us.

"The next day the pain left, and on June 17 I was again examined by

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the doctor. The cyst was completely gone! A specialist who also examined me exclaimed in amazement, 'You need no surgery; you are well.'

"My operation was already scheduled, and I am saving the notice (which was signed by the doctor) as a reminder to be thankful.

"For about a year before the cyst was discovered I had suffered from severe stomach ulcers and was on a very special diet. I could eat no raw fruits and vegetables, and sometimes could only eat oatmeal and baby foods. I took tablets every two hours some days—a minimum of eight per day.

"A few weeks after I was healed of the cyst I discovered that I was also healed of the ulcers. I quit taking the tablets and have the pleasure of eating all the fresh fruits and many other foods that I had been unable to eat for a year and a half.

"To God be all the glory!"—Mrs. Ruth Achziger, 15860 Longwood Drive, Los Gatos, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor Kelsey C. Prinzing, Los Gatos, California, Assembly of God.)

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Significant photos may be submitted. Kindly ask your pastor to endorse your testimony with his signature; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

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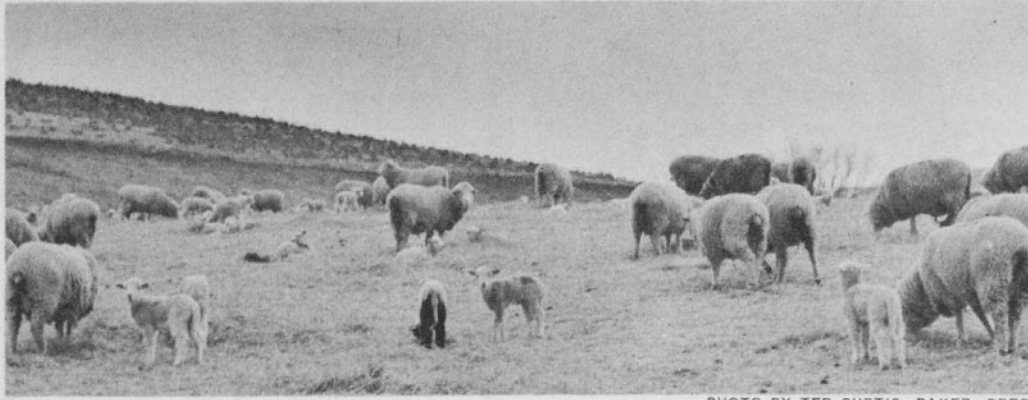


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LAMBS ASTRAY

By MRS. THELMA MYERS

WHAT A PRICELESS TREASURE TO God and to this troubled old world is a praying, Christian mother! What a consolation and comfort to a family is a mother who travails at the Throne of Grace in time of need or sorrow! What times of thanksgiving with praise when those prayers have been graciously answered by a loving heavenly Father!

But alas, there are too few mothers who are on intimate speaking terms with the Lord. Sad to relate, there

are many who profess the Name of Christ as their Saviour *who do not know how to pray*. And many mothers have no concern for the souls of the children God has given to their care. They have taught them neither obedience nor respect.

God's Word says: "*Train up a child in the way he should go. . . . Children obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. . . . The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.*"

Having raised four children through that training period, I realize that each had his or her own individuality; yet each needed to learn obedience. So, from the crawling stage till the school age, I used the "pancake-turner" technique. The pancake-turner was always handy, its persuasive powers always positive to the point of understanding. After that stage it was easier to convince them that Mother knew best with other means such as privileges withheld or periods of time in meditation, but *always* with the Scriptures read to them. Modern child psychologists notwithstanding, "*He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him, chasteneth him betimes. . . . Chasten thy son while there is hope; let not thy soul spare for his crying*" (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18).

The child who is taught obedience and respect to parental authority is the child who will learn, more easily and quickly, obedience and respect for the Lord and the Holy Spirit. Spiritual obedience is required of God's chil-

dren. "*My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth*" (Hebrews 12:5, 6).

The dictionary defines the word *obedience* as subjection to right and restraint, implying due and willing submission to constituted authority or control. It is a heartbreaking experience to go to the psychopathic wards of our military hospitals. Most of the young men are there because they broke under the rigorous discipline of military training and service. They had not been taught submission to constituted authority in the home.

Christian character is moulded and shaped by years of training; it does not bloom overnight. Only when parents awaken to a full consciousness of their duties at home and their responsibilities to society and God, will they find a solution to the ills and evils that beset them. Our juvenile courts and detention homes are full of children who were never taught to pray. Lambs astray! Young lives on the rocks of sin and disgrace because they were never told of a Saviour who loved them and died for them; they had not been shown the light of the gospel and the beauty of Jesus. Someone has said that *there are no delinquent children, only delinquent parents*.

In reporting the results of a revival meeting, Dwight L. Moody said he had had two and a half converts. A friend asked, "You mean two adults and one child?" Mr. Moody replied, "No, just the opposite! I mean two children and one adult. The children had their entire lives to give to God, while the adult had spent half of his."

Spiritual training for children should begin as soon as they learn to talk. After they learn to say *mama* and *dada* they must have other words on which to practice. Our little granddaughter goes around the house singing radio commercials, letter perfect. Of course, she knows the Sunday School songs and is learning verses of Scripture, but it is amazing how young children will memorize *anything*; so be careful to screen out the undesirable. How precious to hear a little one singing, "Jesus loves me, this I know."

J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. is advocating a law that will make parents morally and financially responsible for their children. Who else should be? The Word of God is very clear on

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

JUMBLED Letter Puzzle

Here is an important message for you. The only difficulty is that it seems the person who wrote it got his alphabet backwards. Instead of writing "A", he wrote "Z"; instead of "B", he wrote "Y"; etc. From this clue, see if you can figure out the message.

MESSAGE

And Jesus said: G-Z-P-V S-V-V-W,
Z-M-W Y-V-D-Z-I-V L-U X-L-E-V-G-
L-F-H-M-V-H-H: U-L-I Z N-Z-M-H
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(To check your answer, look up Luke 12:15.)

this subject. In 1 Samuel 8:3 and 3:13 we read what the Lord said to Samuel about Eli, whose sons knew not the Lord: "And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. . . . For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restraineth them not."

How is God going to judge *your* house, *your* children? Do they know the Lord—or are they lambs astray?

—Log of the Good Ship Grace

AS LITTLE CHILDREN

One day my youngest son asked me, as children sometimes will, to intercede for him with his father concerning a certain matter.

"Mother, will you *please* ask Dad if I can go?"

I hesitated, knowing that it was hardly likely his father would approve, but I said, "Well, run along and I'll think about it."

Five minutes later he was back. "Please, Mother, will you *ask* Dad?"

"Yes, David," I promised, "I will. Now don't bother me any more. I must get supper."

But he was back in a few minutes, and I know it took a lot of courage for him to approach me again. He took me by the arm, and holding it very tightly he said, "Mother, look at me. Will you ask him with *all* of your heart, as if *you* wanted to do it?"

That stopped me, and I knew God was speaking a little lesson to my heart: "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with *all your heart*" (Jeremiah 29:13).

Needless to say, David got what he wanted; and every time I go to God, seeking Him with all my heart, I find Him willing and able to meet my every need.

—Lena Pedersen

HARVEST

"By their fruits ye shall know them"
(Matt. 7:20)

Thoughts grow within my mind

Like apples on a tree.

A bud, a blossom, fruit,

Then seeds—abundantly.

They drop into my heart

To germinate, and grow,

Until their fruit is ripe—

For then it is they show,

In actions good, or bad,

The kind of fruit I had.

—Mildred Allen Jeffrey



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, February 2

Read: Psalm 5

Learn: "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them" (Psalm 5:11).

For the Parent: From this psalm emphasize: (1) David's habit of seeking God, vv. 1-3; (2) his knowledge of God's character—He hates evil, vv. 4-6; (3) David's dependence upon God's mercy and guidance, vv. 7-10; (4) his confidence that the wicked will be rewarded according to his wickedness and the righteous according to his trust in God.

Question Time: At what time of day did the Psalmist say he would pray? (v. 3) What value can you see in such a practice?

Tuesday, February 3

Read: Psalm 7

Learn: "The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me" (Psalm 7:8).

For the Parent: 2 Samuel 16:5-14 is a probable setting for this psalm of David. Point out: (1) David's trust in God and His will, v. 1; (2) his plea for help from God, vv. 1, 2; (3) his soul-searching, vv. 3-5; (4) his remembrance that God is Judge of both righteous and wicked, vv. 8-16; (5) his trust in God, echoed in his praise to God in spite of difficulties, vv. 10, 17.

Question Time: What is a probable setting for this psalm? How did David propose to defend himself? (v. 10)

Wednesday, February 4

Read: Psalm 8

Learn: "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:9).

For the Parent: The first and last verses of this psalm indicate its theme: the great and wonderful name of our God. Stress particularly: (1) the wonders of God's creation, v. 3; (2) the wonder that He takes time for man—a seemingly insignificant part of the whole creation, v. 4; (3) the realm of authority God has given to man, vv. 5-8. Impress the group that God has great power and yet He is interested in each one of us.

Question Time: In this psalm, what is it that amazes the psalmist? (vv. 3, 4) What is man's realm of authority? (vv. 5-8)

Thursday, February 5

Read: Mark 10:17-22; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Learn: "The love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "The Rich Young Ruler" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of the rich young ruler, stressing what it was that drove him from Jesus. Point out the perils of prosperity, emphasizing the importance of Christian contentment, realizing that God knows what is best for us and trusting in Him to provide it.

Question Time: What drove the rich young ruler from Jesus? (Mark 10:21, 22) What do you think this indicated? What is the root of all evil? Why? (1 Tim. 6:10)

Friday, February 6

Read: Genesis 25:27-34; 27:35-43 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things" (1 Corinthians 9:25).

For the Parent: Review the story of Esau and Jacob, pointing out their early home life, their work, etc. Describe the birthright (in which the elder son received a larger share of the inheritance) and how Esau despised it. Stress the importance of keeping our physical desires under control—being temperate. Also point out the importance of properly evaluating spiritual things.

Question Time: What did Esau do to his birthright? Why?

Saturday, February 7

Read: Luke 10:25-37 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Thou shalt love . . . thy neighbor as thyself" (Luke 10:27).

For the Parent: Love is one of the cornerstones of our Christian faith and experience. Stress its importance, especially in relation to loving others. Review the story of the Good Samaritan, showing that true love demonstrates itself in actions. Discuss ways in which we can show our love for others and for members of the family group.

Question Time: What question did the lawyer ask Jesus, and how did Jesus answer him? (vv. 25-28) How would you answer the question, Who is my neighbor?

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Sunday School Lesson for February 8, 1959

MARK 10:17-22; 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10, 17-19

I. THE UNSATISFIED SINNER. Mark 10:17-22

The story before us is that of the rich young ruler who made the saddest mistake a human being can make. Let us consider his advantages:

(1) *He was young* (Matthew 19:22). His whole life was before him; he was pliable and not set in character as older people are.

(2) *He was earnest, eager, inquiring.* He came "running" to Jesus. There is every evidence of sincerity in his question, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

(3) *He was respectful and reverent.* Mark says he "kneeled to" Jesus. There are some sinners who show more reverence, at least in church, than do some Christians!

(4) *He possessed excellence of character.* When Jesus quoted from the Ten Commandments, the young man could say sincerely, "All these things have I observed from my youth." Here again this young man had it over some of the youth of today who profess Christ but who fall short, especially in honoring father and mother!

(5) *He was a lovable personality.* Why is it that we are specifically told that "Jesus beholding him loved him"? Does it mean that He loved this young man more than other sinners? Perhaps the rest of the verse gives the clue to the answer. Jesus, beholding the young man, and fully conscious of the sin in the young man's life, loved him *nonetheless!*

(6) *For all of his goodness, the young man was conscious of need.* Matthew tells us that he asked, "What lack I yet?" Matthew 19:20. Here is proof that wealth and natural goodness will not secure spiritual security.

In spite of his advantages, this young man made some serious mistakes:

(1) *He had a mistaken view concerning the way of salvation.* "What good thing shall I DO, that I may inherit eternal life?" Salvation cannot be earned. We are saved by believing and not by doing. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works." Ephesians 2:8, 9. See also Titus 3:5; Romans 3:20-23.

(2) *He loved himself more than God.* "One thing thou lackest," Jesus said. "Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor." Does this mean the rich young ruler might have been saved by benevolence? Not at all. The one thing he lacked was the real love of God. His great love was money. His unwillingness to give it demonstrated the basic thing which he lacked—divine love. He loved himself more than God and was unwilling to part with that which was such a part of him that it possessed him.

(3) *He rejected the only riches that endure.* "Thou

shalt have treasure in heaven," Jesus promised him. The young ruler was asked to exchange earthly and temporal treasure for a heavenly—and therefore eternal—treasure.

(4) *He was unhappy as a result of his decision.* "And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved." So every man who rejects God's love will sooner or later regret his decision. But no man, having lived in God's will, will ever regret that choice.

II. THE CONTENTED CHRISTIAN. 1 Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-19

The second portion of our lesson text contains Paul's teaching concerning money, its value, and its proper use. We may summarize it as follows:

(1) *We cannot take earthly possessions with us.* v. 7.

(2) *Contentment is the result of godliness;* that is, the possession of that security and peace which comes from right relationship with God and which cannot be found in things outward and temporal. vv. 6, 8.

(3) *The love of money leads men away from God.* It is no sin to be rich, provided one obtains riches legitimately and uses them to the glory of God. But it is sin, as in the case of the rich young ruler, to love riches more than God. The young ruler was lost, not because he had riches, but because his riches had him.

(4) Those who are wealthy must avoid the inevitable temptation to feel secure in their wealth rather than in God. v. 17. Prosperity has caused many a man to backslide, while poverty has driven many a man to God.

(5) The wealthy are to recognize their wealth as a gift and grace from God, and to use that wealth to His glory by sharing it with others and investing it in those ways which will obtain for them eternal reward. vv. 18, 19.

—J. Bashford Bishop

EVERY SAINT SHOULD SLAY THIS DRAGON



A CALL TO EVANGELIZE

BY CATHERINE TATUM WEINAUG

THE LORD JESUS SAID, "GO YE INTO all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." If every creature is to hear this gospel, then every believer must be a witness and seek by love and prayer to win the lost.

Many souls are lost because Christians are unconcerned. When we take our religion seriously, when we are willing to lay down our lives if necessary for the cause of Christ, when we take up our crosses and carry them, when we renounce self—then we can expect the lost to pay some attention to our message and give some heed to Christ.

PRAYER

If we would win souls, we must *pray*, appropriating God's promise for our own households: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." I can accompany my child but a short distance in life; there is a point beyond which I cannot go. But God can go. He will guide, love, protect, and save—in answer to my prayer.

I will claim God's promise for the heathen, for He said, "I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." By faith I will appropriate this promise, both for the heathen across the sea and those across the street.

I will pray; for through prayer I am not limited to the possible, but forge a link to the impossible. Only here is God's power truly shown. The faith that expects a miracle is the trust which pleases Him. I will use the tool of prayer, prying at the impossible. For *I* need only pray—it is *God* who moves the mountain. The tool I use is only the size of a mustard seed.

LOVE

Basic to Christianity and evangelism is love. We must love the unlovely, the unresponsive, the unappreciative. Otherwise we cannot win them to Christ. Did not Jesus say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the

least of these . . . , ye have done it unto me"? Our labors are not in vain "in the Lord."

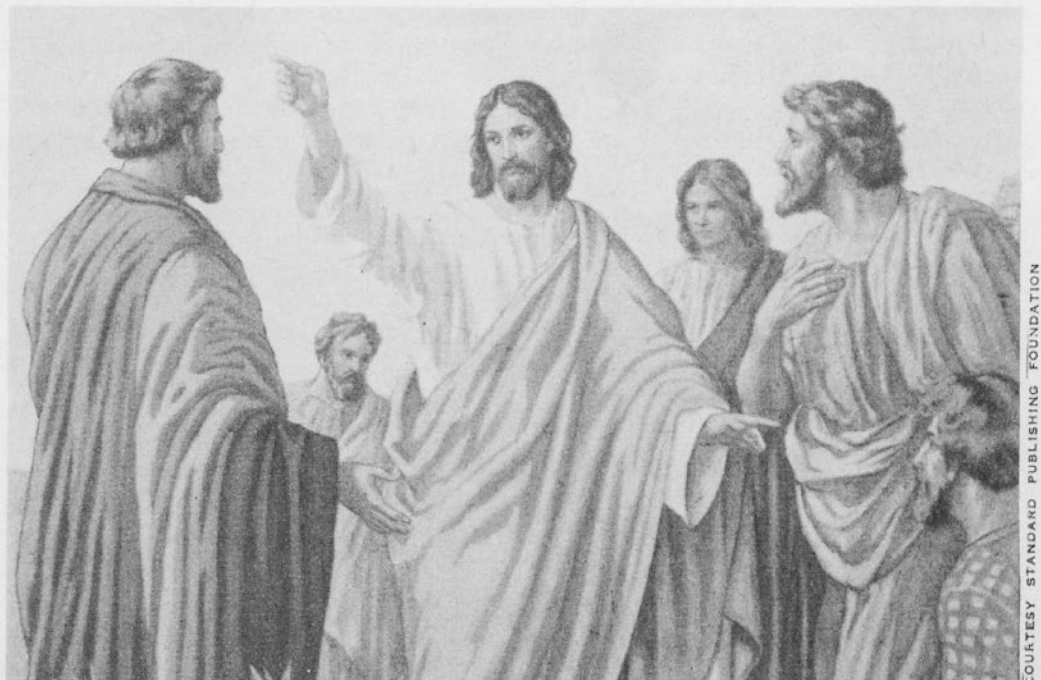
Let us love the sinner, not for what he is but for what he will become through God's grace. Love lifted me; disdain didn't! We must put ourselves in the place of the needy in order to meet his need. May our compassion be great enough that we will seek to rescue him from the grasp of Satan, just as a mountain climber risks his own life at every perilous step to bring a fallen companion out of the abyss to safety. Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life" (including his reputation, his time, his money, his prayers) "for his friends."

The Christian dedicated to evangelism will recognize the poverty of one who has no friend, or health, or mental stability, or Saviour! He will feel the loneliness of one who has no friend, and by his love restore that confidence necessary to make a friendship. He will love the one who is struggling frantically to get his mind back on the

right track, like a child lost in the darkness trying to find the way home. He will love when it seems there is nothing left to love, and his faith in God will inspire others to find the way. A fear of death haunts the soul who never heard the Saviour say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"; our teaching may help light the way to eternal life. "Widows' mites" may not go as far as someone else's gift, but our prayers can reach as far—and so can our living and our love!

Jesus commanded us, "Go ye . . . and teach all nations . . . and lo, I am with you always." Just before that He said, "All power is given unto me." It is as though He would say, "I know the work I give is too much for you; I know the life I offer is too hard for you; I know the service I demand is too great for you. But look to Me! I have all authority. I can bid your foes depart or submit. Since *all* power is mine, and you need me so much, I am with you always!"

Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of evangelism! ◀◀



Jesus sending out His helpers

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Murray Brown (left) ministering at commencement exercises of the Togo-Dahomey Bible School.



The 1958 graduating class. Vernon Metz and Sabou Kalifa, teachers, at left. Helene Iselin at right.

Togo-Dahomey Bible School's 10th Year

By Vernon Metz

THE TOGO-DAHOMÉY BIBLE SCHOOL at Natitingou had finished its tenth year and was graduating its sixth class. Of the twelve missionaries present only one, Miss Helene Iselin, had been with the school from its beginning. She remembered with joy the progress made over the years.

The school began in a little rock and mud chapel with a grass roof. Students lived in small mud huts that were later destroyed by the rains. Today the students are housed in cement block dormitories. They use the same rock-mud chapel, now covered with an aluminum roof, and there are four classrooms adjoining.

Because of the multiplicity of lan-

guages in the Togo-Dahomey area, classes are taught in French covering three years of work. The student body this year numbered twenty-three, and the graduating class was composed of eight young men.

The students came from some very primitive areas but at graduation they were dressed in fine clothes—even neckties and white shirts. Our one Somba graduate, representing the most backward tribe in the area, was seeing the fulfillment of a boyhood wish; ten years ago he had said he wanted "to be a 'Jesus boy.'"

Here were "soldiers of the Cross," eight of them, going out to fight the

enemies of the Cross. The students sang "Hallelujah for the Cross" and the triumphal "A Robe of White."

The high mark of the past year was when two young men—representing two primitive tribes in northern Dahomey—received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The Bible School which serves the Togo-Dahomey field is in desperate need of \$1,300 for the construction of toilet facilities and additional kitchen space before the opening of school next April. Contributions for this need should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated "Vernon Metz, Bible School Buildings."

Student body of the Togo-Dahomey Bible School during the past year.



Helene Iselin, principal of the school.



Reaching Russia by Radio



Paul Demetrus preparing tape recordings for radio broadcasts.

THE RADIO WORK OF PAUL DEMETRUS is a hidden ministry with a great voice. His is the important task of providing gospel tape recordings for invading the closed land of Russia. Two hours of tape per day must be provided, and the demand for the programs is constantly increasing.

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There are many spiritually hungry people behind the Iron Curtain. They are God's by right of purchase. He wants to get the good news of the



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Demetrus

gospel through to them. Do you?

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mighty God. Pray for them; they are your substitutes here.

God wonderfully answered our prayers in regard to the work at Boaco. He has supplied enough so that we have been able to purchase a lot and prepare it for a new church. The people in the town see the progress and are beginning to show interest. We witnessed the first baptism in water there—a young girl. We attended their first communion service also. We had a precious time as two carloads of students joined us for the day. God poured down showers of blessings. We are believing God for a strong church very soon because our friends at home have shared the burden with us.

cannot send a gift, let us know that you are praying.

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November 1958

District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1. N. Dakota	49	48	98%
2. Nebraska	79	75	95%
3. Montana	67	61	91%
4. Oregon	199	175	88%
5. Minnesota	146	127	87%
6. S. Idaho	57	49	86%
7. New Jersey	98	84	86%
8. New York	154	129	84%
9. Potomac	172	144	84%
10. Rocky Mtn.	127	106	83%
11. S. N. England	63	52	83%
12. Kansas	164	134	82%
13. Northwest	276	224	81%
14. Michigan	174	141	81%
15. New Mexico	79	64	81%
16. N. Calif.-Nev.	337	271	80%
17. Ohio	172	138	80%
18. N. Carolina	74	59	80%
19. Wyoming	37	29	78%
20. Illinois	209	160	77%
21. S. California	382	292	76%
22. Wis.-N. Mich.	137	103	75%
23. West Central	221	164	74%
24. S. Dakota	50	37	74%
25. N. N. England	57	42	74%
26. S. Texas	268	196	73%
27. S. Missouri	353	255	72%
28. Eastern	266	189	71%
29. Mississippi	94	64	68%
30. Indiana	162	108	67%
31. S. Florida	161	105	65%
32. Oklahoma	489	310	63%
33. W. Texas	132	82	62%
34. Tennessee	113	70	62%
35. Louisiana	149	91	61%
36. Kentucky	63	38	60%
37. Georgia	136	80	59%
38. Alabama	249	142	57%
39. N. Texas	521	294	56%
40. S. Carolina	54	30	56%
41. W. Florida	143	78	55%
42. Arkansas	438	233	53%
43. Arizona	91	47	52%
44. Appalachian	73	36	49%

NEW MISSIONARIES PIONEER IN NICARAGUA



By Richard McGee

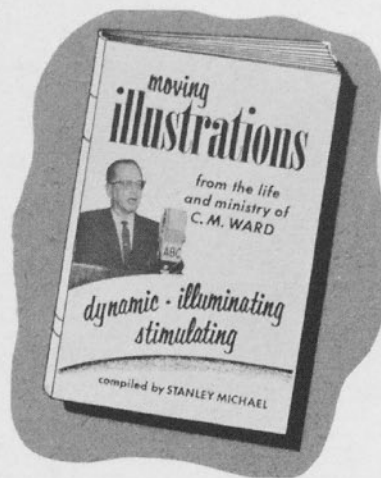
THE FIRST OF DECEMBER WE BADE farewell to twenty-four students after four months of study in the Bible Institute. Over fifty per cent of the men have gone into fields of labor. Some are in difficult places, but we have a

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Why Be a Failure?

By Betty Swinford

THE OTHER DAY A YOUNG MAN whom I have known for a long time came to my home to talk over his problems. It seemed to make him feel better just to talk, so I did not interrupt.

He said, "Every single thing I have ever attempted to do has gone wrong! I've lost my girl, and I oversleep every morning and get to work late. If I go to work singing, someone jumps me—if I go frowning someone jumps me for that, too. Last week I got two traffic tickets in one day, and now I'll probably have my license revoked."

He sighed hopelessly. "I'd like to get a new job, but why try? I'd just be a failure and then it would reflect on those who helped me to get on!"

What a dismal outlook for a Christian! Certainly we make mistakes, but we should profit by them and not be defeated by them. There may be times for all of us when everything looks black and hopeless, but *Christ is there*, waiting to help us, guide us, lift us up if we fall. We can say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

We do not *have* to be failures in life. Furthermore we, as Christians, have no *right* to be looked upon as failures. Every element we need for success is at our disposal in the Lord Jesus Christ! He has provided all we shall ever need. To consider ourselves as failures is to say bleakly, "I thought He was able to help me but I guess it isn't so." It *is* so! He *is* able! A weakness may lie within us, but victory is ours for the taking.

Christ is our victory! Strength for our weakness, joy for our sorrow, riches for our poverty, help for our discouragements. *He* is the answer to every problem. We must look up and seek His face; then everything else will fall into its proper place.

Of course, no matter how great or small the step we take for the Lord, Satan will be on hand to throw some obstacle across our path. He is not easily defeated. But the power to overcome lies in our Saviour, not in us! If we consistently, persistently walk with Him, He will see to it that we never become a failure! ◀◀

Protestant Churches Growing in Italy

A *Detroit* (Michigan) *News* reporter covering Vatican affairs has reported growth of the Assemblies of God in a special feature on Protestant work in Italy.

As carried in the *News*, the feature story said, "...it is easy to forget that here is an American brand of Protestantism busily at work..." within the shadow of the Vatican.

Currently Italy has approximately 100,000 practicing Protestants, Harold Schachern, the *News* writer, estimated. Of this number, better than 55,000 belong to the Assemblies of God. The Pentecostal denomination, a sister denomination to the Assemblies of God in the USA and the Christian Church of North America, has about 500 churches in Italy.

Growth of the work has been an up-hill climb. The Pentecostal doctrine was taken to Italy in 1908 by Giacomo Lombardo, an immigrant who had received the teaching in Chicago, Ill. This pre-dated the American Assemblies of God by six years.

Growth of the denomination in Italy was rapid until the rise of the Fascist government in 1934 when church doors were closed. Because of persecution,

the meetings went underground. Services were held in caves, cellars, open fields, and in private homes behind closed doors.

Following World War II legal battles were fought to open Protestant churches again. According to Anthony Piraino, field secretary for the Assemblies of God in Italy, interference with the Protestant churches has been reduced considerably.

Brother Piraino indicates that interferences were never the known policy of the Catholic church, but he suspects the zealous police were bolstered by "ecclesiastical influences."

Since the Supreme Court ruling in 1954 allowing free worship by Protestants, Assemblies of God churches have grown to 500 in number. Many are served by part-time pastors but there are thirty ministers who, according to the court decision, have equal status in the eyes of the state with Catholic priests.

Currently the national work in Italy is being expanded with construction beginning on a \$50,000 ministerial training school in Rome. More than \$20,000 of the needed funds have already been raised among the Pentecostal churches in the U. S.

Enrollment of the school is expected to run between 60 and 100. Students will be trained for establishing new churches and serving those already in existence but needing leaders.

Besides the Assemblies of God, other Protestant churches in Italy include Baptist, Methodist, Salvation Army, and Waldensian, the latter predating Martin Luther by more than two centuries in Italy.

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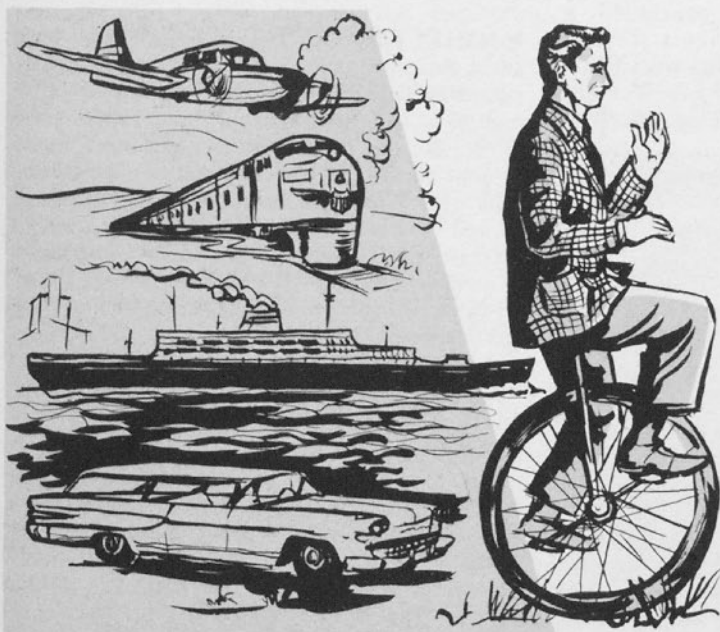
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TOTAL GIVING

Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.	\$4,451.00
F. G. A-G, Bell Gardens, Calif.	2,603.67
Assembly, Willmar, Minn.	2,017.19
1st Assembly, Santa Ana, Calif.	1,671.45
Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.	1,626.74
Calvary A-G, Englewood, Calif.	1,544.53
Trinity Tab., Baytown, Texas	1,429.00
Bethel Temple, Turlock, Calif.	1,390.55
Gospel Tab., Minneapolis, Minn.	1,380.21
1st Assembly, Madison, Tenn.	1,348.77
AG, Mont Belvieu, Texas	1,318.55
Bethel Tab., Milwaukee, Wisc.	1,297.42
Gospel Tab., A-G, Sherburn, Minn.	1,180.36
A-G, Trenton, Mo.	1,158.43
Gospel Tab., New Haven, Conn.	1,106.00
Gospel Tab., Hartford, Conn.	1,032.99
A-G, Ft. Madison, Iowa	990.86
City of Lakes Ch., Mpls., Minn.	927.33
1st Assembly, Memphis, Tenn.	821.00
Glad Tidings Tab., N. Y. C., N. Y.	786.00
1st Assembly, Coffeyville, Kansas	770.99
Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo.	761.50

PER CAPITA

Gospel Tab., New Haven, Conn.	(14)	\$79
A-G, Eads, Colo.	(4)	77
Oak Park A-G, Tampa, Fla.	(2)	60
A-G, Bingen, Wash.	(6)	51
A-G, Mont Belvieu, Tex.	(26)	50
A-G, Warden, Wash.	(4)	50
1st Pent. Ch., Hollywood, Fla.	(7)	49
Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.	(90)	49
G. T. Gos. Tab., Duluth, Minn.	(15)	46
A-G, Concord, New Hampshire	(14)	44
1st A-G, Madison, Tenn.	(30)	44
A-G, Del Norte, Colo.	(1)	43
A-G, Gunnison, Colo.	(13)	43
Oak Grove A-G, Malvern, Ark.	(4)	42
A-G, Newcastle, Wyo.	(13)	42
F. G. A-G, Bell Gardens, Calif.	(65)	40
Gospel Tab. A-G, Sherburn, Minn.	(30)	39
Trinity Tab., Baytown, Texas	(37)	38
G. T. A-G, Sequin, Tex.	(15)	38
1st A-G, Santa Ana, Calif.	(45)	37
City of Lakes Ch., Mpls., Minn.	(25)	36
A-G, Trenton, Mo.	(32)	36



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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► CLARKSDALE, MISS.—The church here recently enjoyed an excellent revival with Evangelist Roy J. Akin of Texarkana, Ark. Numbers were saved, reclaimed, filled and refilled. Many have commented that they thought this was the greatest evangelistic meeting the church has had.

—R. W. Wimberly, Pastor

► ALPAUGH, CALIF.—Some 17 were saved and five filled with the Holy Spirit during two weeks of revival meetings here with Evangelist Harry Hodge. The church was greatly revived, and the results of the spiritual impact are still being felt. Thanks be to God for the revival spirit that prevails.

—Joe Trucks, Pastor

► ATLANTA, TEX.—The First Assembly of God here just closed a great revival with Evangelist J. R. Kneegs of Greenville, Tex. The Spirit of God moved in the midst of the people nightly. The anointed messages blessed members and visitors alike. The people were stirred to seek God.

—M. L. Milton, Pastor

► PORTERVILLE, CALIF.—During October, Evangelist E. L. Surratt conducted three weeks of revival meetings here at the Community Chapel. Several were saved and some received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The entire church was revived and stirred in a special way. The straightforward, dynamic preaching of the Pentecostal message was especially appreciated. The revival spirit continues with souls being saved.

—J. E. Surratt, Pastor

► DOWNERS GROVE, ILL.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed two weeks of revival services with Evangelist Lyle Huff of Saginaw, Mich. The presence of the Lord was very real in each service. The people enjoyed the anointed preaching, singing, and trumpet-playing. A backslider was reclaimed and many of the church people renewed their consecration to the Lord. There were testimonies of definite healings and answers to prayer.

—H. H. Brehm, Pastor

► PANAMA CITY, FLA.—The First Assembly of God has just concluded one of the best revival campaigns in its history. Tommy Barnett of Kansas City, Kans., was the evangelist. In every service during the two weeks there were people at the altar for salvation. Seventy-two testified that they had accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Young and old alike were blessed by the preaching of this 21-year-old revivalist. The Sunday School has shown a steady increase, and on the last Sunday of November there were 1440 present.

—Keetah Jones, Pastor

► BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—The Ukrainian Evangelical Church is grateful for a wonderful refreshing from heaven under the ministry of Evangelist John Haynych of Philadelphia. Music was furnished by Stephen Haynych and the young musicians and choir with Pastor A. Dawidiuk of Newark, N. J. Three persons were baptized in water as a climax to the two days of special meetings. God's blessing is resting on this small, new Slavic-speaking work in Bridgeport.

—Stephen A. Mostoway, Pastor

► NOXAPATER, MISS.—The Hight Assembly of God just concluded a fine series of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Joel Palmer of Beaverton, Ala. The ministry in the Word as well as in song and music was greatly appreciated. During the last week of the meetings Mrs. Palmer had special services for the children just prior to the regular evening services. The church will long remember these services because of the wonderful move of the Holy Spirit. At least six were saved and many young people and older ones were brought closer to God.

—Alpheus Broadhead, Pastor

► ST. LOUIS, MO.—Evangelists Bob and Jeri Winford recently conducted two weeks of meetings at the Friendly Assembly of God. Souls were saved and the Holy Spirit moved upon the church during the meetings. The preaching and music were enjoyed by all. Since the meetings several other souls have been saved, six have been baptized in water, and eight received into the church membership. To God be all the glory.

—L. C. Ramsey, Pastor

► DARLINGTON, JAMAICA—The Hope Temple here has recently concluded a wonderful week of Holy Ghost revival with Donald N. Cooke of Bristol, Tenn. God moved in a special way. In eight nights 33 accepted the Lord, 11 received



Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg breaks record over head of Pastor Opdenhoff at Johnstown, Pa. as all-time Sunday School attendance record is broken during campaign.

the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and many were healed. Christians made confessions and restitutions. The spirit of revival continues and many more are tarrying for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Conviction is gripping the hearts of sinners. On Sunday, November 9, a new Sunday School record was established with 138 in attendance.

We are grateful to Glad Tidings Assembly in Bristol, Tenn., for sending their pastor to Jamaica for a month of evangelistic meetings with all expenses paid. His ministry has been a real blessing to the churches on this island.

—Basil W. Hyde, Pastor

► STRAFFORD, MO.—The Potter Assembly of God recently closed a two-week Kids Crusade with Evangelists Fred and Gladys Voight of Durant, Fla. There was good interest and fine attendance throughout the meetings, on the part of both children and adults. On the closing night it was thrilling to see children and young people at the altar seeking God until nearly midnight.

—A. G. Blackard, Pastor

► KELLOGG, IDAHO—Thirty-six were saved or reclaimed, 22 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and over 40 major healings were reported in the evangelistic meetings recently conducted here by Evangelist Marvin Moe. A baby born blind was instantly healed and a child born tongue-tied now speaks clearly. These are just a few of the things God accomplished during the meetings. Other Pentecostal churches of the area joined with the congregation and enjoyed the revival.

—William Papan, Pastor

► JOHNSTOWN, PA.—The church here just closed a very successful evangelistic campaign with the Musical Vanns (Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg) of Toledo, Ohio. Record crowds came night after night to hear the Spirit-anointed ministry in music, song, and Word. It is estimated that between 70 and 80 were saved and reclaimed. Several received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and a number testified to definite healings. An all-time record Sunday School attendance of 365 was set during the meetings. The Holy Spirit moved upon the services with such conviction that on several occasions the altars were filled with seekers without any preaching.

—Edward S. Opdenhoff, Pastor

► LOUISVILLE, KY.—In every service of the special meetings in Evangel Tabernacle with Evangelist W. V. Grant, people were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The prayer room, a hundred feet long, was filled with people seeking God.

Scores came seeking forgiveness of sin in one service. There were the largest revival crowds the church has ever had.

One lady testified that a tumor disappeared, and another with spinal trouble was healed instantly after prayer. A returned missionary from Africa, who had no sight in one eye, could read small print after prayer. A man who was born deaf in one ear had his hearing restored.

—Waymon L. Rodgers, Pastor

► **AMARILLO, TEX.**—While Pastor E. R. Foster has been on a world missionary tour, Evangelist Jack Peters has been conducting meetings in the First Assembly of God. The C. A. revival brought 582 new folk to the services, and out of that number 83 have been saved. Many healings have been reported, including that of a lady who had worn a leg brace and one with gangrene in her feet.

—Carolyn Rosson, Church Secretary

► **COLLINSVILLE, OKLA.**—The Assembly of God here just closed a four-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. A. L. Wyrick. People sought the Lord in every service, even on Sunday morning. More than 25 were saved, and several were filled with the Holy Ghost. The crowds were some of the greatest in the history of the church. On the last Sunday 28 joined the church. Results are still being witnessed from this old-time Pentecostal revival.

—H. C. Miller, Pastor

► **BURLINGTON, IOWA**—The church here recently experienced one of the greatest revivals in its history. The meetings were led by Evangelist Walter Lascelle of Seattle, Wash., who preached every night under the anointing of God's Spirit. In the first service, a woman who had just returned from the hospital unable to use one foot was completely healed. She threw down her crutches, jumped up and down on both feet, and walked out of the service without assistance. Numbers of souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and the sick miraculously delivered. The spirit of revival remains and new people are coming to the church.

—A. J. Sovern, Pastor

► **CABINS, W. VA.**—The Assembly here recently experienced one of the greatest revivals in its history, according to many of the older members. Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Graban of Vineland, N. J., were the guest speakers. Night after night the people responded to the faith-building messages. A number testified to healing, souls were saved, and many folk came to the church for the first time. On the last night of the meeting the building was packed and the overflow rooms filled. A great spirit of conviction and power prevailed.

—David A. Lewis, Pastor

► **HATTIESBURG, MISS.**—Evangelist Wesley V. Beauford of Seminole, Okla., recently conducted excellent meetings here. Some 20 were saved and five were filled with the Holy Spirit. Many people came from other churches. The Victory Assembly of God is only 18 months old, and during the meetings the existing Sunday School record was broken with 95 in attendance.

—Iva Harris and Thelma Denney, Co-pastors

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Anniston	A of G	Feb. 1-20	Robert Gurganus	H. L. Hicks
	Mobile	West Side	Feb. 4-15	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Wilton Lombard
Ariz.	Tucson	North Side	Feb. 1—	J. G. Hall	Spencer Weddle
Ark.	El Dorado	Bethel Chapel	Jan. 18-Feb. 1	Johnny M. Clemens	J. R. Adams
Calif.	Brentwood	A of G	Feb. 1—	Merel Thornton	Dewey Childs
	Delano	A of G	Feb. 3-15	The Arnold Segesmans	H. R. Baker
	Lancaster	A of G	Feb. 3-15	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Fred Cottriel
	Los Angeles	Bethel Temple	Jan. 25-Feb. 8	Arthur Arnold	Arne Vick
	Mojave	First	Feb. 1—	Ruth Specter	Ralph Coe
	W. Los Angeles	Faith Tab.	Feb. 8-15	Watson Argue	W. W. Brewer
Fla.	St. Petersburg	Glad Tidings	Jan. 28-Feb. 14	Busse Evang. Team	Bashford Bishop
	Sarasota	* First	Feb. 3-15	Dick Stevens Family	H. H. Jenkins
Ill.	Macomb	First	Feb. 1—	Earley-McCulloch Team	V. D. Gibson
Iowa	Perry	A of G	Jan. 21—	Paul Sandgren	Boyd Hofermann
Kans.	Greensburg	A of G	Jan. 21-Feb. 1	Bob McCutchen	Claude A. Malan
	Independence	A of G	Feb. 4-15	Bob McCutchen	Max Manning
	Kansas City	Victoria Tab.	Jan. 23-Feb. 15	Musical Vanderploegs	Hershell Barnett
	Palco	First	Feb. 2-15	Carl Walker, Jr.	Wayne Sullivan
Ky.	Carlisle	A of G	Feb. 1-15	Smith-Rasmussen Team	May Blaney
La.	Bastrop	First	Jan. 18-Feb. 1	M. R. Boatright	J. E. Allen
	Shreveport	First	Feb. 1-15	C. W. Gregg	Rodney Duron
Mich.	Detroit	Central	Feb. 3—	John Higginbotham	Holland Edmundson
Miss.	Petoskey	A of G	Feb. 3-15	Clenton Winford	Lawrence Malone
	Columbus	First	Feb. 3-15	Calvin Melton	W. T. Fountain
N. Y.	Buffalo	Riverside	Feb. 4-15	Byron D. Jones	Paul R. Ridings
Ohio	Columbus	Bethel	Feb. 3—	Douglas L. Hoke	Raymond C. Fife
Okla.	Rush Springs	A of G	Jan. 20—	E. L. Surratt & wife	Andrew Young
Pa.	Midland	A of G	Jan. 25-Feb. 8	Roy Wasdin	C. R. Rothert
	New Castle	** First Pent.	Feb. 6-15	Paul Hild	S. W. Brewer
Tenn.	Memphis	Christian	Feb. 4—	A. F. DiMusto Party	Jerry A. Jones
Tex.	Union City	*** A of G	Feb. 8-15	N. B. Rayburn	Max Dailey
	Boyd	A of G	Jan. 25-Feb. 1	N. B. Rayburn	Oda Stewart
	Fort Worth	Boulevard	Feb. 4—	Don George	C. L. Stewart
	Houston	Glad Tidings	Feb. 3-15	W. M. Stevens	G. Q. Manley
Va.	Waco	Faith Tab.	Feb. 1—	Quentin Edwards	A. C. Lane
	Shennandoah	A of G	Feb. 3-15	Reginald A. Stone	Linwood Ball
Wash.	Aberdeen	A of G	Feb. 4-15	Don Gossett	N. F. Langford
	Everett	Bethany Tem.	Feb. 10-22	Eric Johnson & wife	Wesley F. Morton
Wis.	Fond du Lac	A of G	Feb. 1—	W. S. Barham	P. Nelson Garcia
	Green Bay	A of G	Feb. 4-15	The Tanner Team	O. W. Apple
Canada	Brantford, Ont.	Evangel Pent.	Jan. 27-Feb. 8	John H. Bostrom	Victor G. Brown
	Camrose, Alta.	Pent. Tab.	Feb. 3-15	James Miller & wife	M. L. Olson
Honduras	San Pedro Sula	Mission Station	Jan. 25-Feb. 8	Hildreth Ethridge	Paul Cooper

* Kids Crusade

** Youth Crusade

*** Workers Training

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

► **DENHAM SPRINGS, LA.**—Evangelist I. B. Boyde recently conducted one of the most successful revival campaigns in the history of this church. People of all ages were blessed by Sister Boyde's unusual ministry with oil paintings and flannel-graphs. Souls were saved and one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Nine followed the Lord in water baptism after the revival. Revival fires continue to burn and two Sundays after the meetings closed there was a new record in Sunday School attendance. —L. L. McGuire, Pastor

► **ARCATA, CALIF.**—The McKinleyville Assembly of God has experienced a great revival with Evangelist Oren Paris of Fort Worth, Texas. The anointed preaching and excellent music brought glorious results. The Holy Spirit moved and filled believers, and the precious blood of Jesus Christ cleansed a goodly number from their sins. —B. F. Hickman, Pastor

► **LATROBE, PA.**—The Calvary Temple Assembly of God enjoyed a pre-Christmas revival with the Musical Vander Ploegs of Toledo, Ohio. In spite of zero temperatures and heavy snows, the attendance was very good and many people attended the church for the first time. A special highlight of the meetings was the showing of gospel films. Some 34 persons accepted Christ as a result. In all, about 40 made commitments to Christ during the campaign. The music of the Vander Ploegs was an attractive feature in each service.

—Paul S. Brendiar, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENT

REVIVALTIME RALLY—Feb. 4-6 at Assembly of God, Marinette, Wis. Sectional fellowship meeting, Feb. 6; services at 2:30 and 7:45 p.m. C. M. Ward, Speaker. —by M. E. Hayes, Pastor.

New Foundation Established at Central Bible Institute

Central Foundation for Christian Training

Set Up by Alumni Association



Gene S. Hogan

Executive Secretary, CBI Alumni Association

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri — The alumni of Central Bible Institute, impressed with the urgent need of training a greater number of Pentecostal young people for the work of the ministry, have taken an important step. They have established the Central Foundation for Christian Training and have employed an Executive Secretary to operate it.

The purpose of the new Foundation is to help both the student body and the teaching staff at Central Bible Institute. It hopes to give financial assistance to worthy students by loans and scholarships and will encourage capable and dedicated faculty members by enabling the school to make salary adjustments where needed.

Another aim will be to further improve the instructional facilities which have made notable advances in recent years.

To activate the new program the Alumni Association has appointed Gene S. Hogan, member of the graduating class of 1936, as Executive Secretary. Brother Hogan will lead a vigorous effort to enlist the support of all the friends and former students of the Institute in this forward move. It is believed that many who have not yet contributed to the school, or who have contributed only occasionally, will participate wholeheartedly when they learn the details of the new Foundation.

One means to be used in rallying former students to the Foundation program will be to publish an annual roll call of the seven thousand members of the Alumni Association who are scattered throughout the whole earth in the service of the Lord.

The Foundation will be incorporated and gifts will be tax-exempt. Well-

known alumni of C.B.I. will serve as directors; namely, Ralph W. Harris (president), Everett Phillips (vice-president), J. Robert Ashcroft, Cordas C. Burnett, C. M. Ward, William G. Eastlake, and David B. Drake. All of these brethren are filling key positions in the nationwide fellowship of the Assemblies of God.

Central Bible Institute was born of God in 1922 to serve a dying world. From a very small and humble beginning it has grown into a great school worthy of its parents, the ministers and members of the Assemblies of God everywhere. It has made a great contribution to the world and particularly to the General Council which gave it birth.

Three other Assemblies of God schools have merged with Central Bible Institute; namely, Bethel Bible Institute, South Central Bible College, and Great Lakes Bible Institute. The alumni of these schools are members of the CBI Alumni Association. These alumni have won souls, built churches, established mission stations, written books, and filled many important needs in the development and progress of the Church.

"The laurels of the past are numerous," says Brother Hogan, "but the

urgency of the present is transcendent. We believe the establishing of the Central Foundation for Christian Training will accelerate the program of sending Christian workers into all of this dying world with the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. We solicit the help of all readers of *The Pentecostal Evangel* who feel with us the mighty weight of responsibility that lies upon every redeemed heart to take this gospel to every creature."

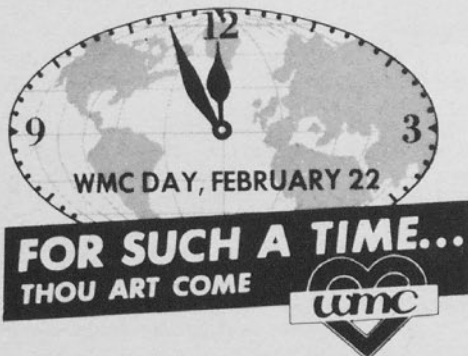
All graduates and former students of CBI or the schools amalgamated with it are entitled to receive the *Alumni News* free of charge. If you are not receiving it and are entitled to do so, send your address to: Gene S. Hogan, Executive Secretary, Alumni Association, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri. ◀ ◀

A Lost Opportunity

When Dr. Chalmers was a guest in the house of a nobleman, among the gentlemen present was an old highland chieftain who kept his eyes fixed on Dr. Chalmers and listened to his conversation with intense interest. The subject was pauperism.

That night Dr. Chalmers heard a heavy groan, and hastening to the chieftain's room found him dying of apoplexy. As the company stood around Dr. Chalmers said tremulously, "Never before did I see the meaning of the text, 'Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season.' Had I known what was to happen I would not have dwelt upon this evening's topic. I would have preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

—Elim Evangel



Filled With the Holy Spirit and Healed

When one has been ill all her life, then suddenly is completely healed by the power of God and filled with the Holy Spirit, the transformation is amazing. Such was the experience of Mrs. Mildred L. Mansfield, 1435 Maplerow Drive, N. W., Grand Rapids 4, Michigan. She writes:

"I have been ill with one kind of sickness or another all my life. As soon as I would recover from one illness,

another would take its place. I had been in the hospital seventeen times and still suffered. In 1957 a blood clot formed inside the vein in my knee, making it stiff. My knee would swell if I walked a lot. My head, eyes, and back ached constantly, and my nerves were quite bad.

"One day I read an ad in the Standale paper saying that an Oral Roberts film would be shown at Faith Assembly of God. We had heard Brother Roberts on radio and TV so we went to see this film. We liked the church very much because Pastor Bugg preached a good sermon. We continued to attend the church, and in the Sunday evening service on October 5, 1958, I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. As God's

power flowed through my body that night I was instantly healed of all my illnesses. All the pain left me.

"My old life passed away that night and I knew that in the future all things would be truly new. I realize it is a great honor to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I thank Jesus for filling me and healing me. I will love Him as long as I live. He is my Master, my only certainty forever."

(Pastor James E. Bugg of Faith Assembly in Standale, Grand Rapids, endorses this testimony. He says: "I have never seen such a change in a person as there has been in Mrs. Mansfield since she was filled with the Spirit and healed of her various diseases. Indeed she is a new creature in Christ.")

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"This Is That"

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for more. I cried to God not to let me lose this precious experience but to fill me utterly with the Holy Ghost and teach me to exercise this gift of tongues. I then opened my whole being to the Holy Ghost and poured forth praises to Jesus who had baptized me; my tongue was loosed and volumes of praise in another tongue poured forth.

The Holy Spirit took possession of every part of me, and I was lost in God. Like a trickling of oil being poured over me, I felt physically the impact of the Holy Ghost. Then I wept for those who reject this precious experience, and praised God for His goodness in taking me through. When I arose from my knees I discovered I could hardly walk up the stairs. I was like someone drunk. Then I remembered the similar words of Peter and Paul on two different occasions—about not being drunk with wine but being filled with the Spirit (Acts 2 and Ephesians 5). Now I can declare to all—"THIS IS THAT which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Acts 2:16-18).

The outworking since has been in the Scriptural order. Jesus said, "He [the Holy Spirit] shall glorify me" (John 16:14). Never has the Lord Jesus been so precious, so real, so wonderful, in all my twenty years of Christian experience. I feel I could praise, and praise, and *still* praise Him. He has become the Altogether Lovely One. The Bible has become a new Book; parts of doctrine and truth I had not been able to reconcile have begun to fit together perfectly. Truly when the Comforter is come He does lead into all truth. Not that I claim to have a full revelation, but doctrinal problems are melting away as THE TRUTH stands out clearly.

I have found liberty such as I never knew before. Something beyond my power to explain has happened, which has set me completely free. There is also a difference in my ministry. Previously I have often been conscious of God's blessing as I ministered the Word. But now, as I declare His Word, I *feel* the anointing of God upon me. "Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

Have *you* received the Holy Ghost along with the scriptural evidence, since you believed? "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). ◀ ◀

THIS WE BELIEVE

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were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Acts 8:12: "When they believed Philip preaching . . . they were baptized." (See also v. 13.)

Acts 8:36: "They came to a certain water: and the eunuch said, See here

is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? V. 38: And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."

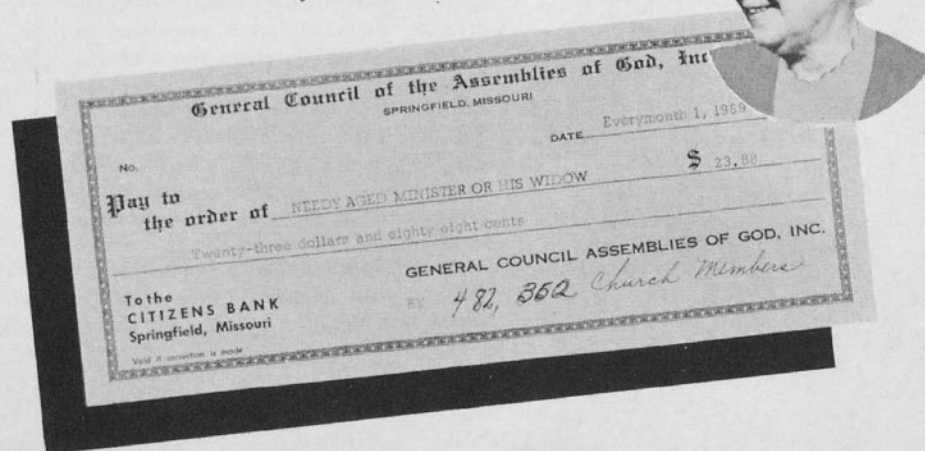
Acts 9:18: "And he [Saul or Paul] received sight forthwith, and rose, and was baptized." Compare Acts 22:16: "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins."

Acts 10:47, 48: "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized? . . . He commanded them to be baptized." (Note that this was the very first service that Peter held in the home of Cornelius, and that he **COMMANDED** them to be baptized.)

Acts 16:14, 15: "Lydia . . . heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized. . ."

Acts 16:32, 33: "And they spake unto him [the jailer] the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his **STRAIGHTWAY.**" ◀ ◀

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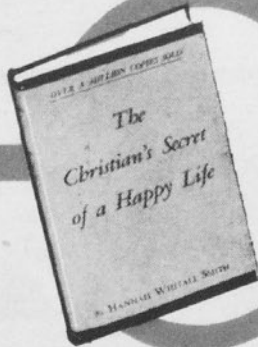
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Enter Into the Rock

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to more deeply "enter into the rock," and thus becoming a greater channel of blessing.

Years ago Amy Carmichael wrote a rich little volume entitled, "Ploughed Under." It told of her earliest days of missionary effort in South India, and how one day there came to her home a beautiful little high caste girl. When the child's father came and took her away, both the child and Miss Carmichael were grieved at the separation. Eventually the father permitted her to return. Together the missionary and her Indian friend meditated on how a farmer ploughs under some of his crop to enrich future harvests. In mutual consecration these two lives were offered to be ploughed under for God. They entered deeply "into the rock" and eventually a rich harvest was granted. A great work was raised up, comprising a number of Christian homes which sheltered hundreds.

Our Lord emphasized the blessing of such a life when He said, "Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Zephaniah said, "Before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you, seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth. . . . Seek righteousness; seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Today is the day for us to "enter into the rock."

To return to the article which states that the dimension of depth is lost and that "the voice of the ultimate concern cannot be heard," I am glad the followers of our Lord have some answers. Betty Elliot in her new book, *Shadow of the Almighty*, writes concerning the inner consecration of her husband, Jim Elliot, one of the five youthful martyrs of Ecuador. Quoting from his early diary she gives us this:

"Abraham calls himself a stranger and sojourner in a land he believed God was going to give him. This is the first time he shows any real inclination to make a home on earth,

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and how slight it is—only a field, some trees, and a cave in which he can bury his dead. *Lord, show me that I must be a stranger, unconcerned and unconnected with affairs below, as Abraham 'looked for a city.'* It was when he owned his strangerhood that the sons of Heth called him a 'prince of God' among them. Abraham made no attempt to be a prince of men, as had Lot, and they all recognized his character and inheritance (qualities of a prince) as being not of men, but of God. Oh, to be known as Israel, a prince with God; no longer as Jacob of the carnal mind!

"Help me, Lord, not to mourn and weep for those things, once precious, which you teach me are but dead (whether desires, pleasures, or whatever may be precious to my soul now) but give me a willingness to put them away out of my sight (Genesis 23:4). Burying places are costly, but I would own a Machpelah where corpses (dead things in my life) can be put away."

Young Jim Elliot with his four friends gave one answer to the accusation that the dimension of depth is lost. Betty Elliot and Rachel Saint are giving another. Already they have spent fifty-three days deep in the jungle making friends with the "stone-age" Aucas who killed their loved ones. And this is only the beginning. Instead of entering into the vale of self-pity, they have entered more deeply "into the rock" and become a blessing to many.

As we accept the prophet's admonition to "Dwell deep, yea, dwell deep," our lives also may offer an answer that will bless the world and satisfy the heart of God.

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Making Bitter Waters

SWEET

BY ALEXANDER LINDSAY

THE RED SEA HAD SEEMED AN IMPASSABLE BARRIER TO the progress of the children of Israel, but God reached down His mighty hand and rolled the sea away. They saw Pharaoh and his army destroyed whereas they had passed through safely on dry land to the other side.

Because of this wonderful deliverance the children of Israel sang and danced for joy (Exodus 15:1-21). But just three days later they found themselves stranded in a wilderness with no water to drink. When they did find water it was so bitter they could not drink it. Then, like many of us today, they quickly forgot the goodness of God and began to murmur and complain.

But the Lord knew all about those bitter waters. He had placed them in their path. They were following the cloud when they came to them, fainting with thirst. Why did not God give them sweet waters to drink, instead of bitter? It was because "there he *proved* them" (Exodus 15:25).

God does not prove us by *blessing* us, but by *testing* us. People who run here and there seeking blessings do not know their Bibles very well. It is written, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth... that we might be partakers of his holiness" (Hebrews 12:6, 10).

Tests are for the purpose of promotion. Children are given tests in school to discover if they are ready to be promoted into a higher grade. We are in God's school and He does the same thing for the same purpose. If we murmur and complain in a test—as the Israelites did—

it is evident that we are not ready for a higher grade. Some of God's dear people never leave His kindergarten. The apostle Paul calls them carnal Christians.

May the Lord help us in the time of trial to do what Moses did. "And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet" (Exodus 15:25). Here we have the secret of a victorious Christian life. It has been well said, "The best defense of the Christian life is to live it." This tree helps us to live it.

What then is the tree that makes bitter waters sweet? Surely it is the will of God. Is there anything so sweet as being in the center of God's will? Here nothing can touch our lives but what His love allows. "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).

The apostle Paul learned the secret of making bitter waters sweet. He wrote, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). Surely we should rejoice in the will of God, for it will enable us to be victorious in trial instead of murmuring—and to take pleasure in distresses instead of being discouraged in them.

When Jesus was arrested in the Garden, Peter drew his sword to defend Him. But Jesus said to Peter, "Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" (John 18:11) Notice that Jesus did not say the cup was given by the high priest, or by Pilate, or Judas, or the Jewish rabble—but He called it "*the cup which my Father hath given me.*" He looked beyond all immediate circumstances and saw God.

Jesus had prayed in the Garden, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39). He knew that this cup of death came from God. It was a very bitter cup to drink—we will never know how bitter—but because He knew it was His Father's will, the cup became sweet to Him and He drank it to the dregs.

Oh, for eyes to see the hand that gives the cup! So often we see only our trials, or the people who are making things hard for us, instead of seeing God. When we accept our trials as from the Lord, then we are casting the tree into the bitter waters and making them sweet.

"And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters" (Exodus 15:27). After trial is accepted as God's will, then comes blessing and spiritual growth. What a place of blessing Elim was! The many palm trees protected them from the burning rays of the sun, and they had plenty of sweet water to satisfy their thirst. But they had to pass through Marah, the place of bitter waters, before they came to Elim, the place of blessing.

And so it is with us. Every trial we pass through is God's way of leading us into a richer and deeper spiritual life. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

*"Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain."*