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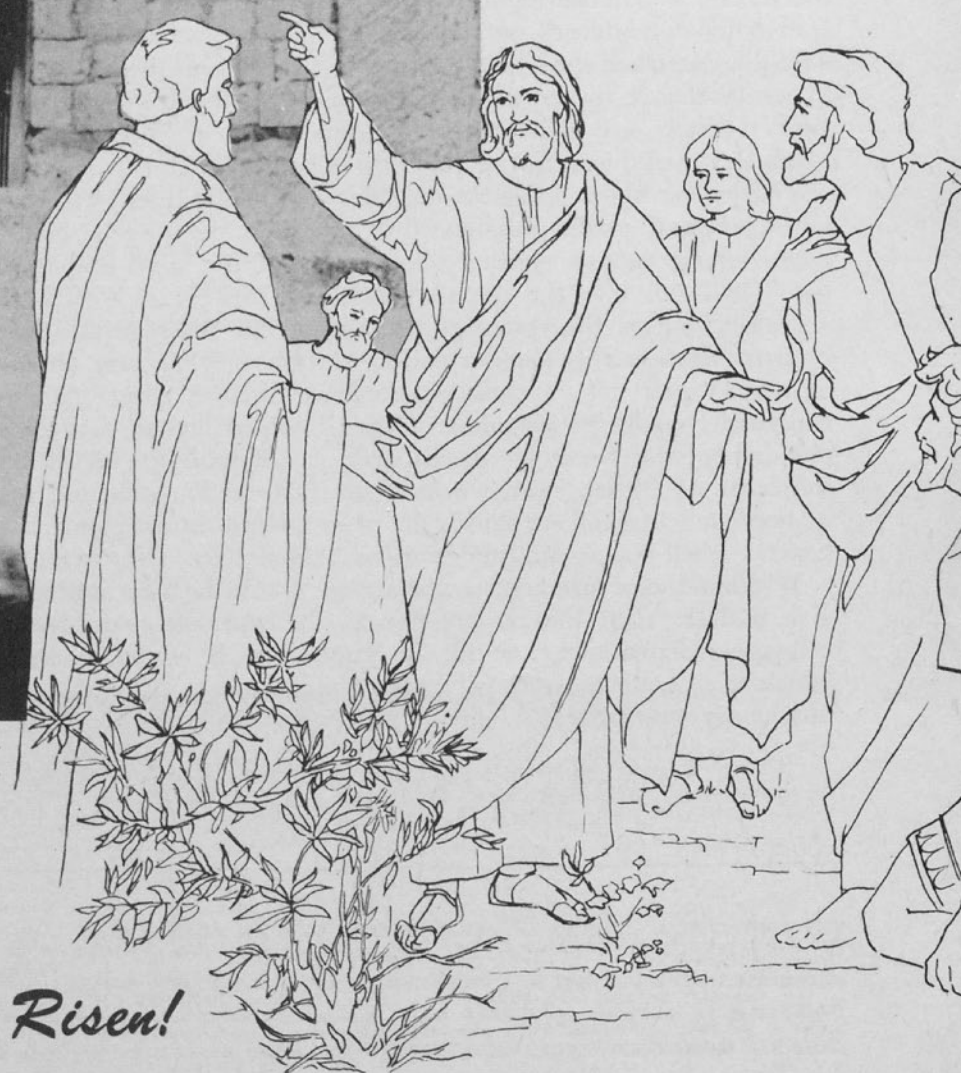
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 *Christ Commissions
His Followers To Tell
the Whole World - He Is Risen!*



Resurrection & Missions

By R. L. Brandt

National Home Missions Secretary

The resurrection of Christ makes World Missions the most reasonable thing in the world. If He were still in His tomb it would be rank folly to expend our energies in opening new churches and striving to reach the multitudes with our message. But He is alive! And that glorious fact gives meaning to our mission.

A thousand messages fall upon the eager ears of despairing men in our generation, each of them offering hope for the hopeless and some type of solution to the modern dilemma. But how shall we evaluate these messages of men? Some of them are the fruit of fertile brains or the product of excited imagination. Others are founded on purported revelations received through visions and dreams of so-called religious leaders. Yet, through them, God has not spoken. They cry, "Peace, peace," but they give no real peace. They offer hope, but it is a false hope. They say, "This is the way," but it is only the way of men.

The resurrection validates our message. We say God sent His Son to save a lost world, and to support our claim we point to the resurrection: Christ was "declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4). We assure men they can be justified through faith in Christ Jesus, and to establish the certainty of it we again point to the resurrection: "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25). We teach men that they can be free from their hopelessness. We substantiate the truth of our message by the resurrection of our Lord. "God . . . hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

The resurrection validates our mission. Only men with a valid message have a valid mission. All others cause men to build their hopes for eternity on shifting sand. "And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:14).

Not only does the resurrection validate our message and mission; it demands a worldwide circulation of our message and an untiring devotion to our mission. Should someone discover a sure cure for all malignant tumors he would be a traitor to the human race if he did not divulge the secret of his discovery. Likewise we are traitors to the cause of Christ when we have the resurrection-validated message of hope and life and we fail to do all in our power to impart it to the hopeless, hell-bound multitudes of our time.

Without the resurrection our message would be vain and our mission useless. But the resurrection is the glorious guarantee of the message we proclaim, and at the same time it is the glorious fact which spells out the necessity and reasonableness of our worldwide missionary enterprise. ◀◀

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The risen Christ is calling men and women to collaborate with Him in redeeming the world. Will you do your part?

Partners in Redemption

By Ralph M. Riggs, General Superintendent, The Assemblies of God

IT IS EASTER, 1959, AND THE HEARTS of Christians everywhere echo with joy the wondering words of the disciples, "The Lord is risen indeed!"

Let us turn to Luke 24:46-48 and study the words of the resurrected Christ as He opened the Scriptures to His disciples. "Thus it is written," He said, "and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day..."

It behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day. It was Christ who suffered, but He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father. "God... raised him up from the dead" (1 Peter 1:21). So we have the Father brought into the picture. Using the passive voice Jesus continues (Luke 24:49) by saying it behoved (was necessary and proper) "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

Theirs was a twofold witness. They had witnessed the death of Christ. With their eyes they beheld the risen Christ. But they were also appointed witnesses of the solemn obligation resting upon themselves and upon each succeeding generation of the people of God to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

They were not to be mere spectators; they were to be the actors in this third part of the program of redemption. Now lest someone think that Jesus was merely making an indirect reference to the fact that they ought to be witnesses, let me cite you the Great Commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." There is nothing

ambiguous about that. It is a positive command in the imperative mood.

Jesus showed the disciples how it behoved God the Father, God the Son, and the disciples of Christ all to do something to promote the Kingdom, striving together for a common cause. The word "behooved" is an uncommon English word. It only occurs twice in Scripture. It means that a thing is incumbent upon us. It is our duty. It is proper. It is the thing we ought to do.

"It behoved Christ to suffer..." Now it is the Father's turn. The Son lies in a garden tomb, having given His life to pay the price of redemption. Is the price acceptable to the Judge of the universe? Is it satisfactory? Then it behoves the Father to raise Christ from the dead! It was His turn to do something for the world.

Christ Himself opened the minds of His disciples to understand a little more. "It was my duty to die. It was my Father's duty to raise me from the dead." This was their part in the program of redemption and they performed it.

But there was a third factor in this revelation of Christ to His disciples. The Father and the Son alone did not complete the redemption of the world. Something else is needed. It is necessary that repentance and remission of sins be preached in His name among all nations. And this is *our* part.

Christians are actually permitted to share in the redemption of this world. "We are labourers together with God." Paul caught a glimpse of our strategic position in this task of world redemption when he cried, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise" (Romans 1:14).

Let me show you something of the



R. M. Riggs

solemnity of the situation. Here is a chain with three links in it. This chain holds up the world. It holds up each individual. At the top is God the Father; next is God the Son, and you are next. The world is at the end of the chain. Christ has reached down and lifted us up out of sin. He then tells us to reach down and get hold of others. It is His providential plan that we shall share in the work of redemption.

Every one of us is important. Here is a switchman whose duty it is to throw the switch. And here comes an express train with hundreds of people aboard, the engineer trusting that the switchman shall have done his duty. He plunges on recklessly, determined to make his schedule. What if the man at the switch has failed?

Someone says, "I don't feel like going to Sunday School this morning. Who am I? I'm just one person out here in the dark. Nobody sees me." They don't talk like that in the railroad realm. They are on the job whether anyone sees them or not. Sometimes they have to risk their lives to turn the switches.

Our missionaries are faithfully waving the flag, trying to hold back darkened souls that are about to plunge headlong into the horrible pit of destruction. And we are their partners.

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A Pastor's Look at the Mission Field

By *J. Boyd Wolverton*

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THE INVITATION TO PREACH TO our missionaries at a convention in Italy was the greatest honor I have ever received. I felt that I would be the one ministered to, rather than ministering to them. This proved to be true.

I left San Francisco on Monday night, October 6, and flew to Copenhagen; then went by Russian jet into Moscow, arriving there on Wednesday afternoon. It took less than two days! I realized how much the miracle of modern transportation has shrunk this globe.

During my three days in Moscow I attended the Baptist Union Church where the Pentecostals worship. I experienced a greater degree of liberty in sightseeing and picture-taking in the Russian capital than I had anticipated. I left Moscow on another jet for a few days in Copenhagen with Brother and Sister V. G. Greisen and the other Danish workers.

Denmark, with its few little Pentecostal churches, has one of the most unusual youth training programs to be found anywhere in full gospel circles. The school in Mariager, headed by Harold Rich, was built by the Danish government. Its teachers' salaries are also paid by the government, as well as running expenses and a major portion of the students' tuition. This school is already making a tremendous spiritual impact, having great influence on the youth and the Pentecostal churches of Denmark. Added to the influence of the school is the personal ministry of V. G. Greisen, former Kansas District Superintendent. My own observation is that Brother Greisen is reaching proportions of greatness for God in his present labors. His fervent preaching, great faith, and ministry are leading the Scandanavian countries into a greater effectiveness. I had the opportunity of ministering in two of the churches in northern Denmark—

Aahrus and Randers—before traveling by car with the Greisens from Mariager, Denmark to Rome, Italy.

Enroute we stayed overnight in a small town near Hanover. The next day we drove on the autobahn to Bonn and Frankfurt, stopping long enough to visit the Bible School near Frankfurt. I was greatly impressed with the activities and development of the school. Not only do the faculty and students have a very effective ministry with the servicemen at the American military establishment nearby, but they also publish great amounts of literature for the many churches and evangelistic activities in Europe. They print tracts, Sunday School literature, and other aids to effective evangelism. When we arrived they were in the process of enlarging the school for the larger enrollment expected in November.

From Germany we went on to Zurich, Switzerland, and Milan, Italy. We could not resist visiting Pisa for a look at the Leaning Tower. We arrived in Rome on Saturday. The trip was most enjoyable: the beautiful scenery in the Swiss Alps, narrow roads in the mountains, lunches and meals along the roadside, and the continual fellowship of fine Christian friends.

In Rome it is interesting to find that the ruins of the past remain in close proximity to the modern buildings of the present. A distance of a few feet from the ultra-modern railroad terminal is a section of the ancient wall around the original city. Modern apartment buildings are almost side by side with old ruins and pagan temples long ago deteriorated into rubble. The church in Rome where I was to be convention speaker is close beside the old wall in a poorer section of the city.

The convention opened officially on Sunday, October 17, with Bert Webb, an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God in America, as the morning speaker. It was my privilege to minister at night to approximately 1,000 people who gathered in the church building.

On Monday morning the regular business session began with reports from the various countries of Europe, combined with spiritual fellowship. Afternoons were partly given to sightseeing and the evenings devoted to evangelistic services in the church. On Wednesday we piled into the missionaries' cars

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Aerial view of Rome, Italy where the Assemblies of God convention was held

and headed for Pompei. There was a service in the Naples church that night.

The following morning we drove back to Rome where Anthony Piraino took me to the airport to catch a plane for Athens and a couple of days' ministry with Mary (Orphan) Metaxatos, her husband, and the Paul Boyers of California. The church in Athens was very small. Since that time a very desirable property has been obtained in a choice downtown location. May God bless our workers in that city of ancient culture.

From Athens I flew to Cairo, Egypt. I had wanted very much to visit Lillian Trasher's orphanage in Assiout, but traveling difficulties and uncertain plane schedules finally prevented my going there.

However, while in Cairo I made a lot of inquiries about Miss Trasher. Much to my gratification I found that almost everyone I talked to either knew her or knew about her, and all of them had the most glowing reports of her work and the value of the orphanage to the country of Egypt. I met several persons who had been in the orphanage and all had the highest praise for Sister Trasher. Only eternity will reveal the full value of the Assiout Orphanage. She has sent Christian laymen into every walk of life; her "children" are continually in contact with that great

nation of Egypt. Political leaders may come and go, but those children who have learned the truth of the real Saviour of Egypt cannot help but lend their influence for the better. I firmly believe that one of the greatest missionary works in the world today is Miss Trasher's Orphanage. It is more than just a humanitarian institution; it is a great medium for training youth for life and Christian influence in a land that sorely needs the message of the Prince of Peace.

(To be continued next week)

HARVEST HINTS

BY THE PROMOTIONS
SECRETARY OF THE
FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPT.

J. Philip Hogan



THE TWO MAGIC WORDS IN MISSIONS are: POPULATION and PRIORITY. The raw material for the mill of gospel witness must always be unreached men, regardless of their culture and level of civilization. They may huddle together in cities or live scattered far and wide, yet it is the business of Christ's

Church to co-operate with the Holy Ghost in calling out a people for His name.

The primeval missionary burden asks only two questions of geography—"Do people live there?" and, "Have they ever heard?" The five missionary martyrs of Venezuela were trying to reach a tribe of little more than 500 people. The incentive of their expedition came not from the prospect of contacting an uncivilized tribe but from the knowledge that these people had never heard the gospel.

Famines are the result of maldistribution more often than of actual lack of food. Who can observe the lopsided distribution of gospel witness in this generation and not feel appalled at our failure? Please observe the following: only nine per cent of the world's population speaks English, yet ninety-one per cent of the Christians of the world are found among the English-speaking minority. Ninety-four per cent of the ordained Christian preachers of the world minister to this minority. Even more surprising is the fact that ninety-six per cent of the finances of the Christian world go to the continued witnessing of the gospel to this oft-indifferent nine per cent.

Somewhere before these revealing figures the Church must stand condemned. We cannot plead misunderstanding of the orders. God's goals have always been global. His field has always been the world. The one thing Jesus asked most urgently for us to do we have failed to accomplish. We engage in many projects, necessary and even good, which demand our time and resources thereby keeping us from doing the whole will of God. We have placed ability above availability. We have mistaken being active for being effective.

In America there is one minister for every 514 people, while it is reliably related that in the heathen world there are 1½ billion who have never even heard the name of Jesus once.

Could we dare reduce our thinking to include only these two bare facts? There are but two groups of people in our world today—those who have heard the gospel, and those who have not heard; those who can hear and those who cannot hear. It is up to us in prosperous America to once-and-for-all destroy this unjust imbalance of concentration, finances and effort. You and your church hold the answer!

Welcome to New Readers

We are pleased to present this special World Missions issue incorporating the many fine features that formerly appeared in *The World Challenge*. It presents, in words and pictures, a thrilling story of soul-winning and revival in almost every corner of the earth. We hope that as you read the various articles you will be moved upon by the Holy Spirit to pray for the lost as you have never prayed before. If you are moved to do this, the issue will have made a great contribution to the missionary cause, for prayer is the key to conquering the world for Christ.

A warm welcome to all the *World Challenge* subscribers who are reading these lines. Beginning today, there will be a World Missions issue of the *Evangel* once a month due to the merger of the monthly *Challenge* with our weekly magazine. The World Missions issue will be mailed to you each month until your *Challenge* subscription has expired and we hope you find it as informative and as interesting as the former issues of the *Challenge*.

If you are not acquainted with the regular weekly issues of the *Evangel* we would like to send you a sample copy, without cost or other obligation to you. You will find in it a variety of helpful features. Every issue contains missionary news—so we would urge you to read the *Evangel* every week to keep up to date on the worldwide missionary advance.

—Your Editors.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, ON A CHILLY afternoon, a slight little woman and her heavy-set, jovial husband wended their way up the twisting road that leads to Bethany, God's five acres lying at the edge of the ancient city of Ronda in the Spanish province of Malaga. Quickly we brought Olvido Castro and her husband into the warmth of our tiny but energetic stove. There, over a cup of steaming coffee, we chatted together about the Lord and His faithfulness.

Business had brought this couple southward from their home in Gijon, a seaport located on the northern coast of Spain. But this afternoon was for pleasure—they had set it aside to visit with us before their long journey home.

"Do you see this scar on my nose?" Olvido asked in a gentle voice, strongly touched by the dialect peculiar to her region of Spain.

We really hadn't noticed it, but there

it was on the tip of her nose.

"That," she explained, "is where I had a cancer." Then she told us her amazing story:

For three long years she suffered with the unsightly and painful growth. Once the doctor removed it, but it returned. Different remedies were tried; still it persisted.

Olvido was not a devout woman, but she was desperate. Weeping, she went to the only church that she knew, searching for God. Without receiving any satisfaction, she left its portals and turned despondently away.

"I'm condemned," she said bitterly. "I'll confess my sins... then I'll never commit another as long as I live."

Thinking that the priest could grant her salvation, she poured out before him all the load of her guilt. But by the following day she realized that she was just as much a sinner as before.

Already, in the city of Gijon, there had come into existence an evangelical chapel—one of the four Assemblies of God works in this vast land. At that time this group of believers was under the leadership of Carmen Prieto, a Pentecostal woman who had accepted the Lord in New York City. One of

the members of this Assembly was also a friend of Olvido's, although she had never witnessed to her of the power of the gospel.

One evening, while walking down the street, Carmen and this friend met poor, unhappy Olvido. As they chatted together it was inevitable that the conversation should turn to that which was most vital in Carmen's life.

"You must believe in the Lord Jesus," she said.

"I already believe," Olvido answered, thinking of the images which were the only Lord she knew.

"If you'll come to the chapel," Carmen assured her, "and accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, He will heal you."

Alone at home, Olvido pondered over the strange things she had heard. How she longed for the joy, the sense of assurance that Carmen and her friend possessed!

"But how can I exchange everything that I have always known," she asked herself in confusion, "for something with which I am not acquainted?"

However, as the days passed by, this one ray of hope pierced its way into the darkness that enveloped her. A

by
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Ronda, Spain

Olvido Castro and Her "Doctor"

"Lord," she said, "you must help me. You are the only true Doctor... none of the others knows what to do."



week later, service time found her in the little chapel.

Eagerly she listened as Carmen explained the true meaning of the gospel. For years she had been acquainted with the crucifix, but for the first time in her life she learned that Jesus had died for *her* sins. Back she came to the services, again and again. It was not long before she had completely surrendered her life to Christ.

Many times prayer was offered up to God for Olvido. On one occasion, when Kenneth McIntyre, one of our missionaries, and Manuel Lamas, the pastor of our work in La Coruna, visited the Assembly in Gijon, hands were laid upon her and prayer was offered that she might be delivered.

It was about a year after her conversion that the doctor who was treating Olvido assured her that the cancer was cured. But she knew this was not true. Outwardly the skin was healed over, but deep inside her nose she could still feel the tenacious grip of the cancer's roots. Before long its growth became apparent once more.

Worried and frightened, she went about her household tasks, caring for the needs of her husband and children. One afternoon in particular as she was clearing up the noonday dishes her thoughts kept turning irresistibly toward the hopelessness of her future.

Suddenly, without even pausing to remove her apron, she dropped to her knees beside the kitchen table and poured out to God all the desperation of her troubled heart.

"Lord," she said, "you *must* help me. You are the only true Doctor... none of the others knows what to do. Rebuke the devil and I *shall* be healed!"

A prayer as simple as that! But it reached the loving ear of the Great Physician. The next morning when Olvido rose from her bed and looked into the mirror *not the faintest trace of the cancer could be seen*. Only the scar, the result of the surgeon's scalpel, remained to show where the growth had been.

More than four years have gone by since Olvido's desperation reached out and touched God. But the malady has never returned.

Her name means "forgetfulness." But it would be impossible for Olvido to erase from her memory the miracle that God has performed on her nose. Nor could any of the others who belong to our Assembly in Gijon. ◀◀

SIGNS FOLLOWING

Ministry on the Danish Islands



BY V. G. GREISEN

WHEN GOD SPOKE TO OUR HEARTS to go to the Danish Islands with the gospel we knew it would be no pleasure trip. But we had business to do for God so we went to these islands, located about halfway between Norway and Iceland. We arrived in Faeroerne on November 17, and the next day sailed to the island of Sandø.

These islands are all moss-covered rock. There are no trees or other vegetation. The cliffs rise from two to a thousand feet above the water, and the sea pounds relentlessly at the islands, digging back under the cliffs as far as three hundred feet in some places. The weather is nearly always rainy and when it is not raining it is foggy and damp.

The 33,000 inhabitants of the islands live mainly by fishing for cod and whales. While we were here, the whale fishers sighted a school of *grind whales*. They went out in their motor boats and surrounded the whales, driving them toward the harbor. They cornered four hundred forty-four of the

huge mammals, killing them with long, sharp spears. They cure the meat and it forms an important part of their diet.

The religion of the islands for the most part is that of the Danish State Church. The Pentecostal work is very small. There is a church in Thorshavn, the capital of the islands, and a small one in Skopun, another island.

We stayed in a little home which was cold and damp. Our room was so small that only one person could dress at a time. But I felt a burden for the dear people here, and accommodations were not so important. I started to teach the Word, going from one town to another. I found a tremendous hunger for the Word of God, and as I spoke to the people the Holy Spirit worked.

Of course, the devil did not like it, and usually someone threw stones during the meetings. The Pentecostal way is persecuted. Believers are called dogs and other unflattering names. But God

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Thorshavn, capital of the Danish Islands, with group of grind whales on shore

granted us grand services everywhere. News of the meetings was broadcast over the radio and passed from home to home. God began to confirm His Word with miracles.

Many were healed. One man who had suffered from a rupture for twenty-two years was healed instantly, and for the first time in all those years he did not have to wear a support. A woman with dropsy felt the water go out of her swollen knees and was healed completely. They looked so gloriously happy when they testified of their healings. They had never seen it on that fashion before. Never had they come up for prayer as they did in these meetings. Never had they had such liberty to testify and praise the Lord. Then others began to be saved and went home to tell their loved ones the good news. This was also unusual as they are so timid.

When God began thus to pour out His Spirit, I preached repentance and forgiveness. I said that with the same measure by which you mete it shall be measured to you again. The result was that they began to ask each other's forgiveness. We encouraged them to live on that basis and to love each other, forgiving one another as God for Christ's sake had forgiven them.

When we left Thorshavn, about sixty people or more waited in the cold until the ship left. They sang and thanked us without ceasing because we had come to help them.

I want to express our appreciation for the wonderful help we received through the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. We took to the Islands boxes of tracts and little booklets that the BGMC paid for. How eager the people were for this literature! How they treasured it! Our workers went from town to town and from house to house with the tracts. One man wanted a thousand to pass around. God bless those boys and girls who contribute so generously so that we can get the message to the lost through the printed page! They are all very anxious to read tracts over here.

Before we leave for the States in March we have many meetings. I am also busy with the school work at Mariager, Denmark. Everywhere we go we find an interest in the Assemblies. I believe it is because they see that God blesses us as we work together as brethren, united for the purpose of bringing the message of salvation to all people. ◀◀

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61 Million Latin Americans Now Can Be Reached

BY O. S. BOYER

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

To every Latin American that speaks English there are six that speak Portuguese and can understand neither our English nor our Spanish literature. The Portuguese are indeed *Latin Americans* for there is no living language with so much Latin content as theirs.

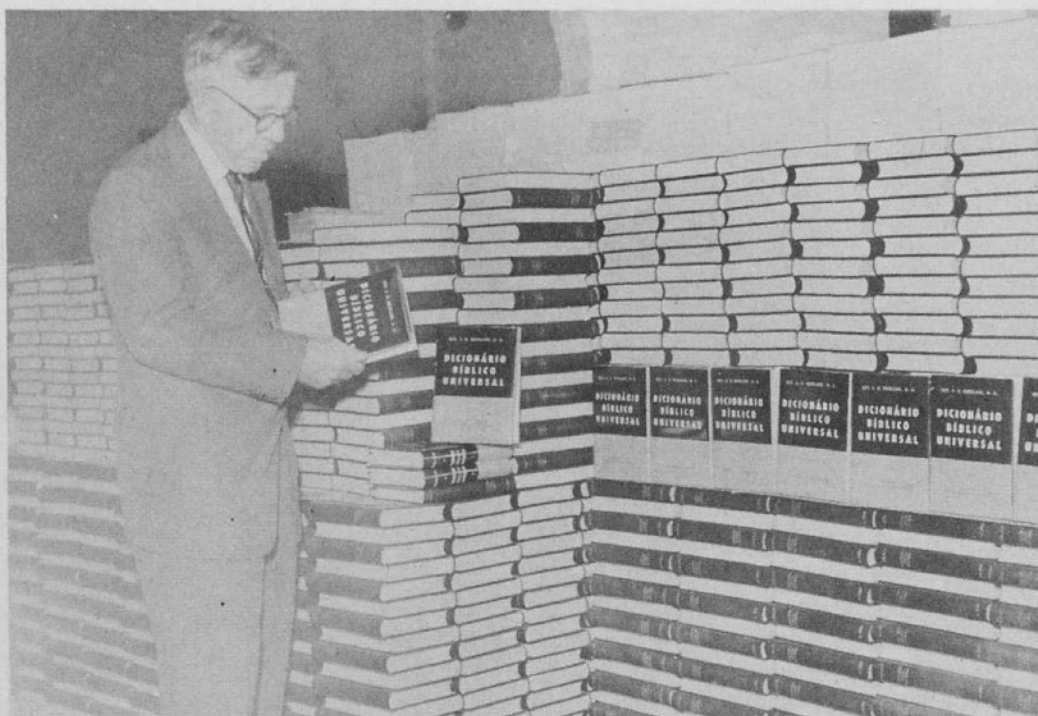
They live far south of the Rio Grande in a country that has an area greater than that of the United States, England, Italy and Palestine put together. The fabulous population of this nation of immortal souls is greater than that of Mexico, Cuba, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia and Argentina combined. In their own language, this country is called the *Republica dos Estados Unidos do Brasil* (Republic of the United States of Brazil).

In 1927 we left the U.S.A. for this

land. We understood not one word that was spoken; we knew not one soul and there was not one person of our denomination. To our amazement, we found millions of souls who had never seen a Bible. The land was in gross spiritual darkness.

To the glory of God I can testify that through the years He was always by our side helping us win precious souls. Through the long, dark times of fanatical persecution and the prolonged scorching days of tropical famine, God was with us. When all around us many hundreds of thousands died of starvation, the Lord preserved His servants.

God has used thirty or more of our missionaries, along with those of other denominations, to turn the "waste howling wilderness" into a beautiful garden, spiritually speaking. Whereas once there were cities in Brazil that had never had a gospel sermon, now it is not easy to find a town without an Assemblies of God church.



Mr. and Mrs. Boyer revised and printed 7,500 Bible Dictionaries in the Portuguese language

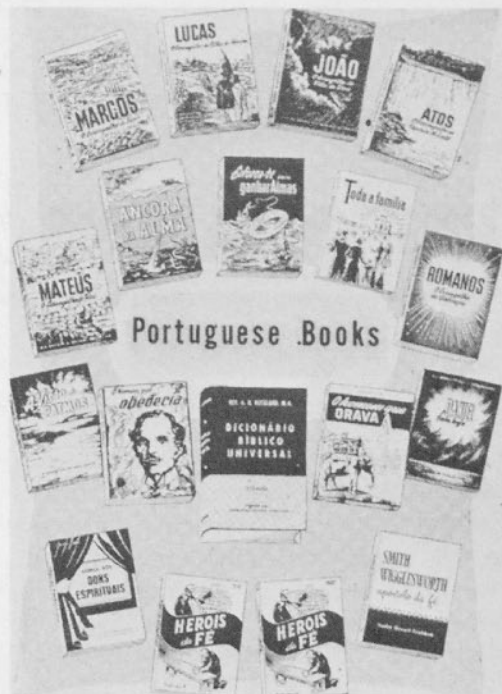
In 1945 at the insistence of both nationals and fellow-missionaries we moved to Rio de Janeiro for the purpose of devoting all our time to producing literature. While at Rio, we served for six years as treasurer of the publishing house. We introduced practical methods of bookkeeping and office management and installed equipment for a print shop. I served as a voice for the missionary printer who did not understand Portuguese. The work also entailed reading proofs and attending the many errands requested by other missionaries in the interior. During those eight years we wrote the adult quarterly. In 1952 we turned all our attention (except for continuing our missionary home in Rio) to producing the books in the illustration accompanying this article.

Twelve of the eighteen books pictured here the Lord enabled me to originate. Five other books I translated, in addition to revising the Bible Dictionary. My wife and I were enabled to revise and print 7,500 of these 840-page dictionaries. This was financed solely by pre-publication sales.

The commentaries pictured here (except one) are the work of thirty-five years. These have a background of not only the best commentaries in the English language but also of the best teachers' quarterlies filed during this preparation period. Our Portuguese language books are now all stocked and sold by the various denominations in this area of Brazil.

At the present time our Sunday Schools have no teachers' quarterlies. Before leaving Brazil for our present furlough we were enabled to print 20,000 Scripture calendars and distribute the same. These were financed by sales of our books. Many Christians in the interior are using these Scripture calendars as make-shift quarterlies, so you may be certain there is a very urgent need that quarterlies be provided for our churches. We are praying that some *Evangel* readers will help supply funds for this urgent need.

Up until now our books have been printed by a commercial printing company since the publishing house here has more than it can do to publish papers, quarterlies and songbooks. In order that you may understand to what extent our hearts are in this work we might mention that Mrs. Boyer and I by ourselves have not only written these books but we have supervised the print-



Twelve of these books were originated by O. S. Boyer for the Portuguese

ing, read proofs, stored the stock, wrapped and mailed them, written the correspondence, addressed 4,000 circulars at regular dates—and all in our own small house.

We are not soliciting funds for printing our Portuguese literature. However, we are believing God for certain urgent needs connected with the printing: (1) More space where we might store the books that will be coming off the press. (2) Funds to provide a proofreader;

the work has grown to such proportions that we can no longer keep up the proofreading ourselves. (3) A translator; it is almost impossible for the missionaries to do all the translating that is necessary. It will take finances to provide all this.

Since the Foreign Missions Department now finds it necessary to have pledges from the churches for missionary enterprises such as this, we trust that your church will get under the burden of the Portuguese literature and send in its pledged support at once.

Remember that while 101 million Spanish Latin Americans understand our Spanish literature, there are 61 million Portuguese Latin Americans who do not understand Spanish literature at all. Won't you help us advance with the full gospel message by providing the money to produce gospel literature for them? Will you join us with your own personal sacrifice? Send your contributions to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., designated "O. S. Boyer—Literature Fund."

Offerings for any of the Foreign Missionary projects mentioned in this magazine should be mailed to:

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Easter Meditation

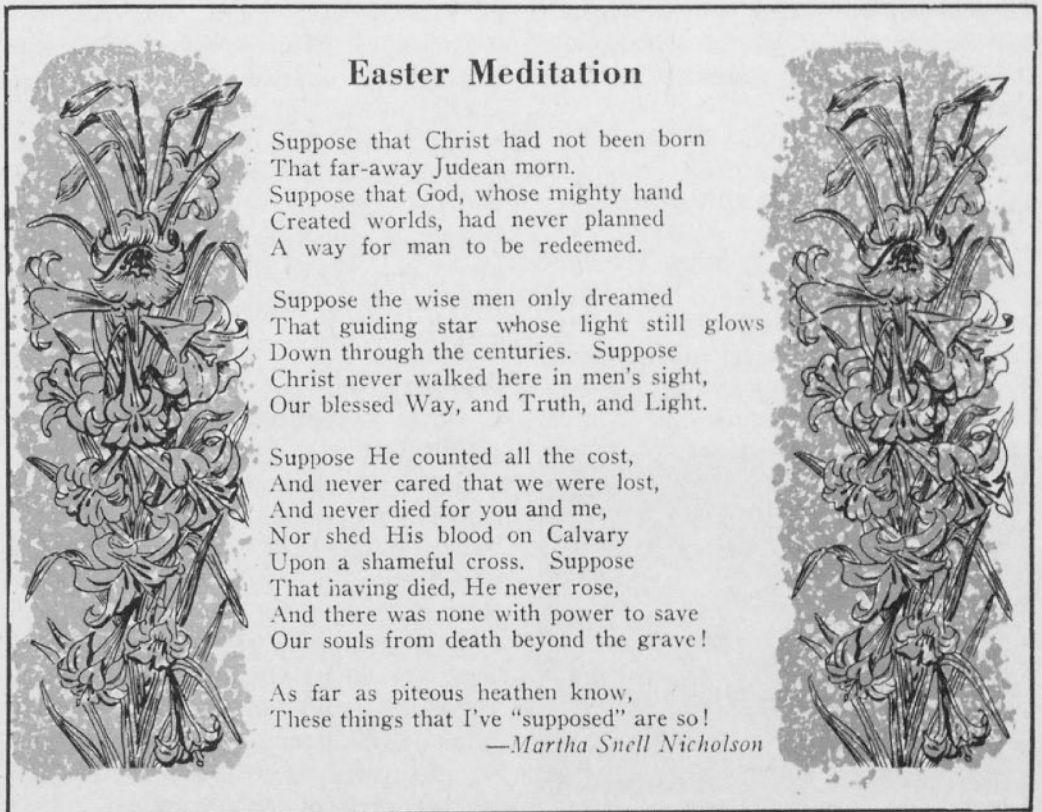
Suppose that Christ had not been born
That far-away Judean morn.
Suppose that God, whose mighty hand
Created worlds, had never planned
A way for man to be redeemed.

Suppose the wise men only dreamed
That guiding star whose light still glows
Down through the centuries. Suppose
Christ never walked here in men's sight,
Our blessed Way, and Truth, and Light.

Suppose He counted all the cost,
And never cared that we were lost,
And never died for you and me,
Nor shed His blood on Calvary
Upon a shameful cross. Suppose
That having died, He never rose,
And there was none with power to save
Our souls from death beyond the grave!

As far as piteous heathen know,
These things that I've "supposed" are so!

—Martha Snell Nicholson





FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Philippines

ISLANDS VISITED BY REVIVAL

"It is the same power that fell on the early church that we are experiencing in these islands." So writes missionary Leslie E. Bedell of Cebu City concerning the recent revival meetings at which he was a speaker. These Pentecostal meetings were held in the northwest section of the island of Mindanao. The churches gathered in the mountain village of Bangko. An eyewitness said, "The Holy Spirit swept through the congregation much as on the Day of Pentecost. Many Filipinos received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This occurred in every service and continued for several days without letup. The missionaries were overwhelmed at the mighty blessing of God in their midst."

A similar outpouring took place in the town of Guindulman on the island of Bohol. The report reads, "Many were delivered from sicknesses and diseases and others were saved from sin." The convention closed with a remarkable baptismal service in which new believers bore public testimony to their conversion.

India

BABIES DEDICATED AT RUPAIDIHA ORPHANAGE

It is not unusual for Anna Tomasek to dedicate babies to the Lord but it is uncommon to dedicate one that presumably was the object of a superstitious charm. A low-caste Hindu man carried his baby many miles in a



Children in Rupaidiha Orphanage

basket. When he arrived at the orphanage it was wrapped in a filthy rag. Beside it in the basket was a monkey skull to keep away evil spirits from the baby. These children come to the Rupaidiha home under various circumstances, all of them motherless, but they find a mother in Anna Tomasek who raises them for the Lord.

South Africa

REVIVAL BREAKS OUT IN GOLD FIELDS

The city of Welkom was the scene of two months of outstanding Pentecostal revival recently with African Evangelist Philip Molefe. We quote missionary Eugene Grams: "God did wonders in our midst. No less than 300 people were added to the church as a result of this campaign. They attended from all walks of life. Scores were saved—drunkards, drug addicts, gangsters, thieves, robbers, policemen, nurses, doctors, office clerks, etc. Evangelist Molefe and the missionaries prayed for many afflicted people who received instant healing. Many deaf, dumb, crippled, blind and diseased were healed. The power of God was unusually manifested in these meetings. We give God all the glory."

(The sum of \$150 will be needed at once in order that Brother Grams will be able to fulfill his plans to launch similar revival meetings in the needy reserves of the North Transvaal where millions have never heard the gospel.)

Nyasaland

AFRICAN PASTOR PIONEERS NEW CHURCH

Saulos, a national pastor, single-handedly developed his own assembly fifteen miles back on the plains of Nyasaland. In one year the work developed from forty baptized members and 120 in Sunday School to 120 members, including thirty-two Christ's Ambassadors, and a growing Sunday School. This twenty-three-year-old pastor is proving a great power for God in that area of Nyasaland.



Mrs. Lee (with her pastor, Brother Cho) who was crippled before she was healed.

Korea

CRIPPLED WOMAN MIRACULOUSLY HEALED

Following the birth of her child, Mrs. Lee seemed destined to drag herself about for the rest of her life, for she was left a cripple. In her completely paralyzed condition she often wished that someone might help her. There was no one to turn to. Her husband was a drunkard and often beat her cruelly, and her baby was dying with malnutrition.

Then the miracle happened. A Bible woman from the church in Seoul, where Harry J. Petersen is pastor, visited Mrs. Lee. Prayer was offered and she was instantly saved. Feeling began to come back to her paralyzed limbs. Later on Pastor Cho prayed for her. During the night she cried to the Lord and was completely healed and filled with the Holy Spirit simultaneously. The next morning in her ecstasy Mrs. Lee proved her healing by lifting her baby high into the air, and in that moment God healed the child also. Mrs. Lee declares she is the happiest woman in the world.

Hong Kong

CONVERTS DESTROY THEIR IDOLS

When members of the Ha-ka tribe ask the missionary to burn their idols it is a high day in any missionary's life. Annie Bailie of Kowloon gives this account: "My Bible woman Poon Tai Koo met these new converts at the church door. They insisted that we go to their homes and destroy their idols. It did not take us long to carry out their wishes and hold an idol-burning ceremony. Thank God He still has power over the powers of darkness in this heathen village at the border of communist China."

Basutoland

CLINIC'S HIGH STANDARD IS COMMENDED

African missionaries Hilda Olsen and Peggy Anderson recently received high commendation when a distinguished lady from Britain visited their clinic. The Countess of Limerick, Overseas Director of the British Red Cross, on an inspection tour termed it the "nicest furnished" clinic in all Basutoland.

Nicaragua

DEVIL WITHSTOOD IN CENTRAL AMERICA

A remarkable incident is reported by missionary Ellis Stone. The national pastor was preaching in an open-air service in a small mountain town when a demon-possessed man came down the hill brandishing his machete. Brother Stone says: "The man struck the benches with a resounding blow and made for the preacher to strike him down. The preacher stood his ground, rebuking the man in the name of the Lord. Suddenly Teresita, a newly-saved girl, leaped to her feet, and speaking in other tongues rebuked the evil spirit. The would-be assassin dropped his machete in fear and fled back into the hills."

Peru

STUDENTS OPEN NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Each Sunday, students of the Peruvian Bible Institute visit outlying towns and *haciendas* to minister the Word. Several new Sunday Schools have been started, in one of which twenty children accepted Christ, in another ten, and in another seven adults received the Lord. There are sixty students in the Bible Institute. Recently seven of them received the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, helping to launch a strong and aggressive evangelistic effort in that neglected area.

March 29, 1959

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

POLITICAL UNREST is presenting many problems for our 218 Assemblies of God missionaries and 1,226 national workers in Africa. In Nyasaland, for example, Ragnar Udd has had to leave his post following threats by nationalists against his work and family. He is now in Tanganyika, having been taken to the border by police escort for his protection. Paul and Miriam Wright report great disturbances in Limbe-Blantyre, Nyasaland. Police are escorting their children back and forth to school every day. They may have to leave their station at any moment.

ALL AFRICA IS CRYING FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT. Recent issues of East African newspapers carried the headline, "All Africa Free in 1963." War in Algeria continues unabated; the rebels killed the first American last month. Riots have occurred in Congo following that country's vote for autonomy. Each report of unrest in one part of Africa or another should be taken as a call to prayer. Opportunities for missionary work may not always be as great as they are today. The Assemblies of God has 2,047 churches and 79,675 converts in Africa.

GOD IS POURING OUT HIS SPIRIT in many places. Evangelist Lorne Fox recently concluded some very successful meetings in Accra and Kumasi, Ghana. Many were converted and over 400 were filled with the Holy Ghost. He is now conducting revival meetings in Nigeria. He has been preaching to tremendous crowds.

CONDITIONS IN SPAIN still make missionary work difficult in that land. Several Baptist and Methodist churches were closed recently by Spanish police, including one at Celle Verdi (in Barcelona) that seats over 600 people. Hundreds of Protestants have no church in which to worship. The United Evangelical Seminary in Madrid is still closed after three years. Protestants are forbidden to import, print, or distribute the Scriptures. They are not allowed to print their own gospel literature. In the meantime the U. S. Government continues to pour billions of dollars into Spain to indirectly support a regime that shows very little tolerance toward Protestants.

PRAYER IS REQUESTED for a contemplated series of evangelistic campaigns in Italy. The one at Bologna will be April 12--20 in two well-known theaters. Campaigns in other key cities will follow.

TWO MILLION GOSPELS OF JOHN in the Italian language will be distributed in these campaigns. Already a quarter-million have been printed and nearly all distributed. "World Gospel Crusades" is providing part of the necessary funds. BGMC is helping. An additional \$1,000.00 is needed at once. If you would like to contribute toward the printing of these Gospels for Italy, please send your offering to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., marked "Literature for Italy."

GEORGE CARMICHAEL, Field Secretary for Europe and the Middle East, is en route to the Mediterranean area. He will spend some time with Gayle F. Lewis in Egypt attending to urgent business that will further the gospel work there. The Assemblies of God has 883 churches and 92,043 converts in Europe and the Middle East. There are 32 of our missionaries and 672 national workers in the area.



This story will inspire you to help start a branch church in your community, if it is large enough to need another assembly

Uncle Billy's Garden

BY BETTIE SANDERS

UNCLE BILLY READING HAD SAT still for so long that he was all trembling inside. It had never been his way to speak his mind and contradict those he felt to be his betters, but this occasion seemed to be different. He was impressed to believe that his prayers would be hindered if he did not stand up and take sides with what was so plainly God's Word. The issue involved an opportunity for the growth of the church, and Uncle Billy was especially sentimental toward growing things.

This very day, while working in his flower bed, he had gently pushed aside small clods of soil in order to assist the new green shoots in their fight for growth. He had known that his help wasn't needed in the least, but that was his way. When he had come to the board meeting, Uncle Billy was hopeful of seeing the green shoots of

a new church spring up out of the hard ground. But the arguments were not going well, and he realized it was going to be necessary to push a few clods back. As various board members spoke, Uncle Billy sensed that the ground was hard—seemingly too hard for shoots so tender.

The discussion had been long, and at times heated. The hour grew late, and very plainly Chairman Bowman wished to bring the matter to a vote. "Gentlemen, are you ready for the question?"

Time was running out. He must speak now or never. In the next second, nine voices would echo, "Question," and all would be lost. So Uncle Billy acted. Springing to his feet so rapidly he all but lost his balance, and raising his eyes to those of the chairman, he spoke as evenly as his voice

would permit. "Sir, I have somewhat to say."

The chairman, looking rather displeased, gravely nodded; and without further ado, Uncle Billy began.

"We, as a board of ten men, have met here tonight to decide, at least in part, the eternal destiny of some four thousand souls who live only six short miles from our church door. All too few of them have ever attended one service here. As has been pointed out by Brother Jameson—" and he nodded toward the dapper figure of the church treasurer, "old Grace Assembly has been on this very location for some thirty years, and our new annex for two. We are the second largest church in the community and we are fast rising to first place, both in size and the esteem of the townspeople. I feel we can be mighty proud of these facts. The question tonight is, *Shall we take a handful of our members away from this fine church to establish a new and separate one across town, which in time will be entirely independent of the home body except in fellowship?*

"If you will permit an old man to reminisce a little, let me speak of the beginnings of Grace Church. We were few in number. The town, too, was small. We were poor, all of us. My, how we welcomed any helping hand from the outside as we labored to build the house of the Lord. Well do I remember when the little neighboring church heard the Macedonian call and came over to help us. They not only helped in the building; they went so far as to lend us a young woman to play the piano on Sunday morning. She came each week with their blessing, and she most certainly left with a hearty blessing from us. But enough of that. The town has grown by leaps and bounds, and so have we. We have done a great job, but now I fear we are prone to be content with our labor."

Searching the faces of his listeners for a sign of agreement, Uncle Billy decided that his last words had been harsh. But surely, he reasoned, the scripture bore him out, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*"

He continued, "I believe that it can be said that we have now grown to maturity, and without doubt this is the time for us to fall into the ground and die that we may bring forth a hundred-fold."



Bowing his head as if asking their forgiveness, he plunged on. Painstakingly he tried to recall the arguments against the new project: the building fund and the heavy commitments requiring every member's help; the need for talent with none to be spared; the Sunday School teachers who seemed needed without exception; the necessity for a strong home church. The sentiment had been to buy another bus to run to the west side so that those who showed interest could come downtown to old Grace Assembly.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." The fine old voice grew loud and confident. "Few of those folk will ever seek us out. It's up to us to move to their doorstep. Must we worry over finance and talent when the needs of our church are so well supplied? Westside needs our help now. This is God's time to win souls. Behold the fields are white unto harvest!"

With the mention of the fields, once again there flashed before Uncle Billy's mental eye the vision of his tender green shoots in his flower bed. He paused as he recalled the scene, and then continued. "Brethren, today I have been working in my flower garden. Some of my choicest flowers are just breaking through the soil, and I have been removing clods of earth to help the tender shoots to spring forth. I know that maybe I don't need to do it, but the ground is packed hard and firm and I want none of those tender young shoots to miss their opportunity for life. And the place where I worked the hardest in my garden is the place that is most barren, because I want it to spring forth and turn into a spot of true beauty."

Uncle Billy paused and came to himself with a start. He had begun by talking of the Westside branch church, but now he was talking about his garden. He looked about with confusion and then concluded, "This is all I have

to say. Give of your best to the Master."

His speech ended, the old gray-haired man slumped in his seat, utter defeat written on his face. He had meant to say so much to make a strong and moving appeal, but he had failed. Why, he even had forgotten the topic he had meant to talk on, and some-

how he had wandered off into his beloved garden. Now his time was gone and it was too late to say more.

The chairman called for the ballots. Uncle Billy dropped in his without bothering to raise his head. He felt old and tired and useless. He waited while the ballots were counted and the

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Prison Ministry Rewarded

By Joseph Nelson

FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS I HAVE been holding gospel services in the county jail at Harvard, Ill. During the first year or so, my ministry seemed fruitless; there was not much response. It was difficult to get anyone to accompany me to hold the services.

Finally, one brother said he would



Joseph Nelson, jail worker, of Harvard, Ill.

go with me, and we opened the service with a "congregation" of eight or ten in the cell block. One man sat at the back, seemingly unconcerned. We did not have much response that day, but on the following Sunday the man who previously had appeared to be completely disinterested sat right up close to the bars. At the close of the service when we asked how many desired prayer, his was the first hand to go up. He knelt and prayed through. In a few more weeks he told me that he was sentenced to prison.

All the way home I felt I must pray especially for this man. As I

prayed the Lord showed me that I was to keep in contact with him. I wrote him a note at the county jail asking him to keep in contact with me after he received his number in prison. We have heard from him every week now for four years, and he is growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. For over two years he has been holding a daily Bible class for one hour and he has as many as seventeen in the class at one time. Several who once attended this class have left the prison and he says that he prays daily that God will keep them going on for Him.

Since that time I have seen several reclaimed, so I have been repaid for every trip over icy pavements and through all the storms.

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The four Bible study courses written by Arvid Ohrnell, national prison chaplain, have been a great blessing to many prisoners in jails and state and federal penal institutions. These are provided free of charge to prisoners. Prison chaplains have written repeatedly that these books have been the means of helping some to desire salvation and others who have already accepted Christ as Saviour to live more overcoming lives.

The Home Missions Department is able to supply these courses for prisoners from the offerings of contributors who are interested in prison work. One dollar will pay for one course and \$5 will send six books. Your offering should be sent to the National Home Missions Department designated PRISON LITERATURE FUND.

Offerings for any of the Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department should be mailed to:

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Home Missions Department
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Springfield, Missouri

Casa Blanca Indian Church Has Growing Pains

ON THE GILA RIVER RESERVATION at Casa Blanca, Arizona (about forty miles from Phoenix) Missionary Edna Griegg ministers to the Pima Indians. She transports people to the church in a ¾-ton pickup truck which she purchased second-hand almost three years ago. Many times she has had to make the second trip in order to bring all the people who wished to come. This means traveling at least 141 miles on



Indian children from the San Tan area in Sunday School.

Can you find the truck in this picture? It is used to bring Indians from the San Tan area where a new church will be built.

a Sunday and about 271 miles each week.

There is no parsonage on the reservation, either, so Miss Griegg provides her own apartment in Chandler. This means additional travel, and the truck is worn out after traveling so many miles for three years over the wash-board roads of the reservation. It is unsafe to drive in traffic except at very low speed.



Edna Griegg, missionary to Indians.

Another "occupational hazard" of Miss Griegg's missionary work is the dust. Two years ago her co-worker developed valley fever, a sickness as serious as tuberculosis, from the dust as they traveled across the reservation.

The missionary has been able to save \$900 toward a new church for her congregation. This amount will not begin to erect a 30 by 50 building, which is what they need in order to have a little Sunday School space. The need for a parsonage is also very pressing if the missionary is to further the work of God among the Pimas as she would like. There is no well there, either, so water will have to be hauled. Sister Griegg has been unable to have a series of meetings due to the transportation problem.

Now, while the weather is cool on the desert, is the only time to work on a building. Two carpenters, A. R. Foster and a Brother Weatherford, plan to begin building this church soon and

funds will be urgently needed to complete the ceiling, the wiring and the insulation before the summer heat begins. It is important that the money be available without delay. There are many demands on the carpenters' services.

Your generous offering for the present building program of this church for the Pimas will be gratefully received. Use the coupon below for sending it in. Also, should the Lord lay it upon your heart to contribute toward the purchase of a new bus or the construction of a parsonage, clearly designate how your offering is to be distributed.

Ajo Church Gives Indian Worker a Station Wagon

IN NOVEMBER, 1958, PASTOR JOHN W. Owen of the Assembly of God at Ajo, Ariz. presented the keys of a 1955 Plymouth station wagon to Miss Blanche Carpenter, missionary to the Indians in Ajo. The presentation took place at a venison barbecue at which the R. L. Brandts, J. K. Gressett, and Ruth Lyon were guests.

Some months before, people of the church had mentioned that they would like to get a car for Missionary Carpenter. The pastor decided that he would present the matter to the congregation as a church project. However, it was impossible for the people to do much about it for awhile since some of them were working only sixteen days a month in the copper mine. Later, when they went back to six days a week, the people were able to begin building up the fund for the car.

The idea caught fire and gained momentum. In one of their business meetings the whole church agreed by faith to undertake the project. The WMC's spearheaded the program, but the C.A.'s and the entire congregation had a part too.

The Ajo Assembly is not large, but it has vision. The church membership totals 43 and the C.A.'s number 35.

When sister Carpenter was presented with a corsage and the keys to the station wagon at the barbecue, she was overwhelmed. She had so much needed such a car for her work among the Indians, for she has to pick up a num-

Home Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific,
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Here is my offering of \$..... for the

PIMA INDIAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND

at Casa Blanca, Arizona

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City

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Church name



John W. Owen, pastor in Ajo, Ariz., presents keys to Plymouth station wagon to Blanche Carpenter, missionary to the Indians.

ber of them for Sunday School and church services or they would not be able to attend. She does a great deal of visitation work as well. To see God's provision for her need through the generosity of the Ajo Assembly was a great blessing to her. But the blessing was shared equally by the church, for each one who had a part in this worthwhile project certainly must have felt the truth of the scripture, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ◀ ◀

Deaf in Indianapolis, Ind. He also is a Central Bible Institute graduate.

VOCATIONAL MISSIONARIES

Wesley Hansen, missionary at Sitka, Alaska, writes that there are wonderful opportunities for vocational missionaries in Alaska, especially teachers, nurses and nurses' aids. Vocational volunteers may write to State of Alaska, Department of Education, % Mr. Don Dafoe, Juneau, Alaska; or Bureau of Indian Affairs, Box 175, Juneau, Alaska. The state requirements are quite low, about twelve hours of college credits; while the Bureau of Indian Affairs requires twenty-four hours for a teaching certificate. Form 57 can be obtained at any post office to make application for appointment as teachers, nurses, or nurses' aids for the BIA. Alaska missionaries welcome such workers to assist them during summers as Sunday School teachers, visitors, youth workers, story hour leaders.

VICTORY ON ALASKAN FRONT

Recently the *Paul Billses* at Barrow Alaska, enjoyed a wonderful two-week revival with the *Oscar Butterfields* as evangelists. Several were saved and seventeen received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Brother Bills had the unusual opportunity of baptizing thirty-two Eskimos in water! Others are now requesting baptism. The entire village is talking about what's happening at the Assembly of God. Several wicked characters have been transformed. Between two and three hundred were present every night. The revival spirit is continuing since the close of the special meetings and people are still getting saved.

The people at Wainright, near Barrow, are begging for an Assemblies of God church there. Pray for this needy field. The Butterfields have conducted encouraging revivals in Stevens Village and other places as well.

Brother Bills was confined to the hospital for five days due to serious illness but he is recovering now. Please pray that he will regain his strength.

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Brother and Sister Charles Hirschy at Kodiak, Alaska, have a great opportunity to work among the servicemen and their families. They can visit on the base any time, day or night. Also they have a standing invitation to come to the U.S.O. in town any

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Home Front Highlights

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields

CHANGE OF MINISTRY

Mrs. Rowena Chaves is no longer working among the Hopi Indians at Polacca Village in Keams Canyon, Ariz. but is enjoying an evangelistic ministry among the Indians of Arizona with her co-worker, *Mrs. Elsie Watson*.

The *William Barbarys* are now located at Albuquerque, N. M., assisting the *L. E. Davises* among the Pueblo Indians.

NEW APPOINTEES FOR ALASKA

The M. C. Higginbothams (Jr.) who have previously ministered in Alaska as appointed home missionaries are planning to return to Alaska soon. *Miss Shirley Newton* will go to the newest state soon to help in the Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home. *The Lowell Carrikers* will be located at Nome to assist *Harriett Brown*, and the *Charles Kellys* will be associated with the Children's Farm Home at Palmer.

WORKERS APPOINTED TO DEAF

Miss Virginia Lacey, who is working in Millville, N. J., is pioneering a deaf group and also conducting a Bible study for an 11-to-15 age group in the New Jersey State School for the Deaf at Trenton. Miss Lacey is a graduate of Central Bible Institute where she was

very active in deaf outstation work. She is also secretary to the district superintendent for the New Jersey District.

Mrs. A. W. Pettet is ministering to a deaf group in Lebanon, Mo. Some students from Central Bible Institute pioneered this work, and when Mrs. Pettet realized that they would be going home for the summer and the Deaf would be without anyone to interpret for them she requested that the students teach her the sign language. Already a busy pastor's wife and mother, she took on this added responsibility. She worked diligently and learned the language. By the time the students left for home, Mrs. Pettet was adept enough to take over the group and has been ministering ever since. She has her own Sunday School for them and interprets Sunday morning, Sunday night, and prayer services.

Mrs. Croft Pentz is working with her husband in the New York-New Jersey area. They are ministering to five different deaf groups, teaching a sign language class at Eastern Bible Institute and ministering at the Aged Home for the Deaf.

Miss Dorothy Hill is working with the Deaf at St. Louis, Mo., where she is secularly employed.

Edsel Jones is working among the

time. The director always introduces them to the fellows and mentions their church.

The Brewer family, members of their church, also go to the U.S.O. several times a week to meet the servicemen. Many servicemen have either been saved or drawn back to God through our missionaries' work.

POLACCA VILLAGE, ARIZONA

At Keams Canyon, Ariz., Missionary *Jewel Barnett* reports that in January a number of Hopi Indian people were saved and nine were filled with the Holy Spirit.

BIBLE STUDY COURSES

Bible Study courses distributed to prisoners by the Home Missions Prison Division totaled 9,000 in 1958!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST WINNER

The Sunday School at Kodiak, Alaska, where the *Charles O. Hirschys* pastor, was Fourth Award Winner in Division "F" in the latest *Christian Life* National Sunday School Contest. The March and April issues of *Chris-*

tian Life magazine carry the complete story of the contest. This Sunday School will receive gifts from several companies.

ALABAMA REPORTS FIRST

D. H. Browne, Home Missions Director for Alabama, sent in to the Home Missions Department the first Mission U.S.A. report for 1959.

PIONEER WORKERS NEEDED

The eastern part of the United States is desperately in need of pioneer workers. In one of the districts there is only one Assemblies of God church for every 120,000 people. If interested, write to the following men who are district superintendents:

Grady Fannin
146 Baldwin Street
Laconia, New Hampshire

George E. Flower
7 Auburn Street
Framingham, Massachusetts

Richard J. Bergstrom
1879 Pennington Road
Trenton, New Jersey

Joseph R. Flower
P. O. Box 122 Colvin Station
Syracuse, New York

Kenneth Swenson is pastor of the hearing church in Williamstown, Kansas, and also pastor of the Deaf group in Topeka, Kansas.

While at my first pastorate at a hearing church in Jewell, Kansas, I became acquainted with some deaf in Superior, Nebraska. As their hearts seemed opened I began a weekly service for them. These deaf, as most deaf people, attended regularly, thrilled that someone was interested in their needs.

Soon after I accepted the pastorate at Williamstown, Kansas, I accidentally met some deaf in a business establishment. This was providential, for as I conversed with them I learned they were from Topeka, Kansas, eighteen miles west, and they were very interested in having me minister to them. The First Assembly of God (610 Lime Street) opened its doors and we began regular services for the deaf of the area. Ralph Wilkerson is pastor here.

I have two very able assistants, Mr. and Mrs. George Bingham, who help by bringing the deaf to the services, leading the songs, visiting, and making contacts. I appreciate what God has accomplished and pray that I may be able to do much more in this field of ministry.

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Editor's note: Brother Swenson has been invited to direct the first camp for the deaf ever to be held in Missouri at the Lake of the Ozarks Camp, July 6-11. A fund for Deaf Camps has been set up by the National Home Missions Department to provide for the necessary expenses of these camps. This work among the deaf is expanding rapidly and the camps are a real inspiration to all who attend. Your offering should be clearly designated DEAF CAMPS and sent to the National Home Missions Department.

Taking the Good News to the Deaf

by Kenneth Swenson

WHAT A PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO hear! Yet many have been denied this privilege. They are the deaf of the world who need a Saviour the same

as the hearing. The deaf cannot turn on a radio or enter an ordinary church service and hear the "good news" of salvation, but must be reached by those who have learned their language, the sign language. "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

During my four years at Central Bible Institute I did not realize that God would use me in ministering to the deaf as well as to the hearing. Because the sign language class seemed to be something "different," I chose it not knowing God's plan for it in my future ministry. I have never regretted this choice.

Kenneth Swenson signing to the deaf group at Topeka, Kansas



Part of the deaf group that attends services for the deaf at the First Assembly of God in Topeka, Kansas



Mrs. George Bingham, one of Brother Swenson's able assistants





BARNABAS, THE HUMBLE HELPER

Sunday School Lesson for April 5, 1959

Acts 4:36, 37; 9:26, 27; 11:22-26; 13:2, 3; 15:36-39

No thinking Christian would fail to appreciate the true greatness of Paul the apostle, but how many of us are aware of the greatness of the man who really discovered the great apostle? His very name "Barnabas" means "son of consolation" and indicates his character. He was big-hearted, kind, friendly, protective, hospitable, brotherly, self-forgetful, humble, and courageous. And, by the same grace of God, these qualities may be found in us all!

BARNABAS' CONSECRATION TO CHRIST. Acts 4:36, 37.

So deep and real was the moving of the Holy Spirit among the first Pentecostal believers that they met a present emergency by selling their possessions and pooling their resources in order that needy ones among them might not suffer. And among the givers, Barnabas from Cyprus led the way! We are told that Cyprus in those days was a prosperous island and Barnabas was undoubtedly a man of wealth. While many others also gave, the Holy Spirit singles out the generosity and consecration of Barnabas for special attention. And while it is true Christ measures our giving by the amount of sacrifice involved, it is also true that it is more difficult for a wealthy man than for a poor man to put God before gold.

BARNABAS' CONCERN FOR SAUL. Acts 9:26, 27.

"And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way." When the new convert was lonely, friendless, suspected, and mistrusted, Barnabas came to the rescue. Barnabas had such faith in Saul and in his experience with God that he risked his reputation by opening his heart and home to the newcomer. And Barnabas won the victory that day.

"Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. . . . Then Barnabas departed to Tarsus, for to seek Saul." In these verses the greatness of Barnabas shines at its brightest. Months had passed since Barnabas had secured for Saul the fellowship of the brethren in Jerusalem. And even after he had done so, it seems that some suspicion of Paul remained, for doors of ministry did not open and soon Paul returned to Tarsus from whence he had come. Meanwhile a great revival had broken out in Antioch among

Gentiles there. Barnabas was chosen to supervise the work at Antioch—further indication of the high esteem in which he was held among the Jerusalem brethren.

Barnabas had not been in Antioch long before he recognized the need for a different type of ministry than his own, and so he set out for Tarsus to get Paul! It takes great grace to recognize one's own inability to fit into a situation, and to discover the man who can, and then to take the initiative in getting him into that sphere of ministry. But Barnabas was just that kind of man! He was completely self-forgetful, willing to yield the limelight to another; he put the interests of the Kingdom before his own inclinations and carnal aspirations! If there were more Barnabases around today there undoubtedly would be more Pauls; for it took a Barnabas to discover, befriend, and set into full-time ministry this great apostle!

In Acts 15:36-41 we have a final indication of the greatness of Barnabas. And here the writer of these lines protests the efforts of certain commentators who seek to prove that Barnabas and Paul both lost the victory in their difference of opinion over Mark and missed God's will. May it not be that Paul was right in parting with Barnabas and teaming up with Silas? And was not Barnabas simply keeping in consistent character by rising to the defense of a young minister whose first attempts ended in failure? Paul recognized that Barnabas was right when, years later, he wrote to Timothy and said, "Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is profitable to me for the ministry." Paul and Barnabas—genius and grace. And if the choice must be made between the two, it is far better to have the grace of Barnabas than the genius of Paul without that grace!

—J. Bashford Bishop

FIRST STEPS



Still growing!

BGMC

THE BOYS AND GIRLS
MISSIONARY CRUSADE IS CELEBRATING ITS TENTH BIRTHDAY

By Bobbi Crabtree

IN 1949 A PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade was organized. In the past ten years this crusade has enjoyed a prosperous growth; but more important—it is still growing!

This month, the BGMC page is seeking to acquaint some of our new readers with the program, purpose, and accomplishments of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. In the future, this page will be written for the young reader, giving BGMC stories, articles concerning various BGMC groups, or letters of thanks from some of our missionaries.

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade is the Assemblies of God missionary program for children 13 years of age and under. The purpose of the crusade is best described by its far-reaching theme, "The Word for the World." Money received through the endeavor is spent for translating, printing, and distributing Christian literature on the mission field.

In recent years there has been a tremendous rise in literacy among the people of foreign lands, and the cry for more literature is increasing daily. "Communists brag that China was won with the pen, not with the sword." Communism and false cults are pouring their propaganda into these literature-hungry areas. What is Christianity doing? Our boys and girls through their missionary crusade are helping to take the gospel of truth and life eternal to those who are without Christ.

As the boys and girls save an offering each month for missions, they are learning the joy and the necessity

of consistent missionary giving. (A small wooden barrel is given to each BGMC member in which the monthly offering is saved.) BGMC also instructs them concerning our own missionary activities. The Assemblies of God places strong emphasis on missions and BGMC is teaching our future church leaders the importance of supporting our missions program.

Since 1949 the number of Sunday Schools participating in BGMC has grown to approximately 3,900. By the end of 1958, \$535,194.39 had been given through this crusade for the spreading of Christian literature on the mission fields.

Not only is money spent to provide literature in foreign languages, but some of it pays the postage for sending back-dated literature to other English-speaking countries.

One Sunday each year is set aside for special BGMC emphasis throughout the entire Sunday School. The 1959 BGMC Day was February 1, for which an offering goal of \$20,000 was established. The goal for BGMC Day has been gradually raised from \$3,000 the first year to \$20,000 in 1959. Every year the goal has been met and surpassed. In the very near future statistics will be released concerning the 1959 BGMC Day.

In 1956 the Five-Year Plan of BGMC Advance was originated. Under this plan a specific area receives special recognition each year. The areas which have been recognized thus far are the Far East, Africa, and the Middle East and Europe. During 1959 emphasis will be placed on Southern

Asia and in 1960 attention will focus on Latin America.

The many accomplishments of BGMC cannot be summed up in a few words, a sentence, a paragraph, or even a page. But here is an example of what BGMC has done—and is doing! *We Believe* by Ralph M. Riggs has been translated into six languages and the books, *Successful Sunday School Teaching*, *What Meaneth This*, and *The Holy Spirit* have been translated and printed in Japanese. In Egypt, textbooks for use in the Bible school have been translated into Arabic. Thousands of pieces of Sunday School literature such as quarterlies, papers, and magazines have been printed and distributed on various foreign fields.

Literature provided by BGMC funds can travel into territory which the missionary cannot reach. One remarkable testimony tells how a single tract was instrumental in leading many to Christ. This one tract, placed in the hands of a single man, finally led to the establishment of three churches in a dark corner of Africa that had never been touched by a missionary. BGMC pays!

BGMC, an energetic and growing program, is important to our constituency. The future of our missionary program depends upon our children. We must train tomorrow's church today so that it will perpetuate this world-reaching ministry. Every Assemblies of God church should sponsor a Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade!

Further information pertaining to BGMC may be gained by writing: Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

BIBLE VERSE



ACTS 2:32

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Is Your Home Divided?

By Robert Fairnie

MAKING MY WAY HOME ONE DARK winter night, I was met by a member of our church who told me a friend of his was greatly concerned about his spiritual need. He asked me to go to his friend and help him find peace with God. Although the hour was late and I was tempted to put it off till a more convenient time, I went.

Very soon we were kneeling before God and he was asking for salvation through the blood Christ shed for the remission of his sin. He received assurance that because he had taken Christ as his personal Saviour he was now a child of God. As we talked together later, I noticed that his wife was intensely interested. But when I suggested that she too might like to accept the Saviour, she replied, "Oh, I'm all right."

A few days later, while praying alone in the church, I heard a knock on the door and was surprised to see the man's wife, obviously in great distress. She had spent three miserable days trying to find peace with God. "I told you a lie," she said. "I'm not saved at all. I want to get right with God."

For years she had considered herself *good enough* because she was privileged to have Christian parents, but since her husband had been saved she realized there was a gulf between them and their home was divided. How evident the unequal yoke had become in just three days! As we bowed in the presence of God she called upon her husband's Saviour, and she too received assurance of sins forgiven.

Perhaps you are the unsaved member of a godly family, and you feel the gulf widening as the years go on. The Bible says that when Christ comes, two shall be in the field: the one shall be taken, and the other left (Matthew 24:40). The breach of which you are already conscious will have widened until throughout all eternity it shall never be spanned.

God's word to you is, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

—Redemption Tidings



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, March 30

Read: Joshua 7

Learn: "Thou shalt not covet" (Exodus 20:17).

For the Parent: Review the command of the Lord concerning the spoils of Jericho (Joshua 6:18, 19). Discuss the sin of Achan in disobeying the command of the Lord; its results in his own life, in his family, and to the entire nation of Israel. Point out that we cannot disobey God and get by with it. Discuss also how sin affects not only the sinners but also those about him. Urge each member of the group to strive to be obedient to God.

Question Time: What had God commanded Israel concerning the spoils of Jericho? (See above) What was the result of Achan's sin?

Tuesday, March 31

Read: Joshua 8:1-28

Learn: "Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies" (Psalm 60:12).

For the Parent: Review the story of the defeat at Ai—yesterday's lesson. Then show that when the sin in the camp of Israel was dealt with, the Israelites again went up against the city. Discuss the strategy they used and the great victory God gave them. When we take care of the things in our lives that are displeasing to God, we can expect Him to perform great things for us.

Question Time: How did the Israelites finally conquer Ai? (vv. 12-22) How did they know God would be with them?

Wednesday, April 1

Read: Joshua 9

Learn: "And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord" (Joshua 9:14).

For the Parent: Today is known as April Fool's Day, but any day can be a foolish one if we make the same mistake the Israelites made—a mistake recorded in this passage. Review the story of the deceit of the Gibeonites and the alliance the Israelites made with them. Show the cause of this mistake—the Israelites didn't ask God about it. Emphasize that there is no matter too large or too small for us to take to God for His help.

Question Time: How did the Gibeonites deceive Israel? Why did they do it?

Thursday, April 2

Read: Acts 4:36, 37; 9:26, 27; 11:22-26; 13:2, 3; 15:36-39

Learn: "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith" (Acts 11:24).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Barnabas, the Humble Helper" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From the above references, point out: (1) His complete surrender to Christ, 4:36, 37; (2) his concern for new converts, illustrated by what he did for Saul, 9:26, 27; 11:22-26; (3) his desire to let others know about Christ, 13:2, 3. Discuss also the Bible's evaluation of his life, 11:24.

Question Time: What are some lessons Barnabas' life has for us? (See above)

Friday, April 3

Read: Numbers 13:17-33; 14:26-32 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Take heed...lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief" (Hebrews 3:12).

For the Parent: As time permits, review some of the experiences the Israelites had had in the wilderness and how God had helped them. Then discuss: (1) the sending out of the spies; (2) the report of the ten spies; (3) the report of Joshua and Caleb; (4) the reaction of the people; (5) the judgment of God upon them because of their unbelief. Stress the importance of having faith in God and believing His promises.

Question Time: What kind of report did the ten spies bring back? Why?

Saturday, April 4

Read: Mark 10:35-45; Matthew 25:31-46 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "By love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13).

For the Parent: A big part of the life of the Christian revolves in his service to others. Christ Himself was an example to us in this matter. Point out: (1) we should not be so much concerned about position as we are about serving, Mark 10:35-45; (2) service for Christ is measured largely in terms of what we have done for others, Matthew 25:31-46. Stress the great importance of helping one another.

Question Time: What is the important lesson of Mark 10:35-45? (See above) What is Christian service? (Matthew 25:31-46)

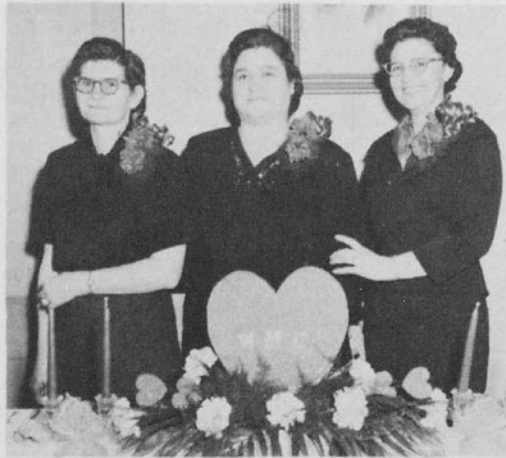


Achievements Through **SHARING**

by Mildred Smuland

THE WMC'S OF OKLAHOMA HAVE learned the thrill and blessing of putting into practice William Carey's admonition, "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God." Every year they set their goals high, and then have the joy of seeing the Lord help them attain and surpass them. In turn they are inspired to reach farther the succeeding year.

"Our district WMC organization," writes the District WMC President, Mrs. R. E. Goggin, "has assumed the responsibility of supplying our outgoing and incoming Oklahoma missionaries with refrigerators, washing machines, stoves, kitchen utensils, clothing, linens, etc. This is indeed a tremendous task, but so far we have never failed to supply any one of our Oklahoma missionaries with these needed items. The Lord has been so good to us in this regard that we have now assumed another responsibility, that of providing all of our missionaries with the canned meats, canned fruits, etc., that



Oklahoma WMC's (left to right): Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Mrs. W. M. Rumbaugh, District Secretary; Mrs. R. E. Goggin, Dist. President

they will be using on the field.

"Our work has not been confined to foreign missions, for we have also given several thousand dollars to home missions and to various district projects."

A recent communication from the National Children's Home reports a substantial sum given by Oklahoma WMC's toward the "re-doing" of the junior boys' dormitory.

How do the Oklahoma WMC's attain their goals? Personal needs of the missionaries are supplied largely through the "adoption plan," and funds for larger items are secured through annual sectional councils and the annual District WMC Convention.

The district WMC president conducts a service at each of the sectional councils throughout the district. For this service she is given part of an afternoon session. Mrs. Goggin reports \$7,600 raised at the 1958 sectional councils.

"Another feature of our sectional councils last year," says Mrs. Goggin, "was the banquets we had for the ladies. We found that the banquet not only provides a very fine time of fellowship, but also gives us an opportunity to take care of matters for which we do not have time in the afternoon service. Last year the emphasis at the banquets was the 'adoption' of our missionaries and their children.

"The co-operation of pastors and churches is increasing every year, and we have set our goal for the 1959 sectional councils at \$8,000. We are also sponsoring the building of five new churches in Togo, French West Africa. We feel sure that we will be able to attain our goal."

The main project for the 1958 WMC Missionary Convention was filling large steel drums with groceries and linens. Twelve drums were in readiness at the



WMC banquet held at one of the sectional councils in Oklahoma



WMC's of Oklahoma display supplies for missionaries at Convention

Conventions (one for each section in the district) and each section was requested to bring at least enough supplies to fill one drum. The response was so tremendous that after the convention Mrs. Goggin wrote, "We have already given away fourteen drums filled with linens and groceries and have almost that many more on hand. We went through the materials, evaluating them at current market prices, and the total was approximately \$3,500. The main speaker for the convention was Gayle F. Lewis, Executive Director of the Women's Missionary Council. Other speakers were our Oklahoma foreign missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cobb and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Roberts.



The R. L. Cobb family—one of the Oklahoma missionary families at the WMC Convention.

"We have found that when any particular need is presented the ladies of our district are eager to help. This is true, not only from the district standpoint, but in the local churches as well." "Everyone according to his ability" is the scriptural pattern for accomplishing God's work. Needs are met, not by the giving of the rich, or the accomplishments of the specially talented, but by the wholehearted sharing of all who care.

A Letter to All WMC's

Dear Friends:
 Look at the picture and see if you can tell what we need, and why we are appealing for your help. Yes, we need bandages and more bandages. We use so many, for the sores of each member of our big leper family need dressing every day. We have been running very short of bandages. Many times we get to the bottom of the drum and pray that more will come in time.
 Just roll the bandages about 2½ inches

Current Comments



by Edith Whipple

"For Such a Time Thou Art Come"

This expression taken from the story of Queen Esther was the theme of our national WMC Day service last month. It is a theme of special fitness to the Women's Missionary Council and one which we should keep long beyond the passing of this year's national WMC Day.

God has always had a work for women to do and He has always had His Esthers with their spirit of self-sacrifice; His Annas with their earnest ministry in prayer; His Sarahs with their faith; His Dorcases with their good works; His "Shunamite woman" with a heart for the ministry of hospitality; His Eunices and Loises with their influence as godly mothers; and His Deborahs endowed with outstanding leadership.

While we emphasize the urgency of the present time—and rightly so—I feel that we should give special consideration to the second phrase of our theme, "THOU art come." Right now the Lord may be looking for one who will earnestly carry a burden of intercession for some missionary, for the salvation of souls, for your pastor. That one may be YOU! He may be seeking women who realize the high call-

ing of being a godly mother. Is this great privilege YOURS? Will YOU be His present-day counterpart of the Shunamite woman to minister comfort to others through hospitality?
 Always there is a ministry for someone with faith to believe for great things from God. It could be YOU. Timid sister, YOU may be the one in whom God will develop an ability for leadership; accept the first opportunity that is offered you. The Women's Missionary Council is made up of women of good works. Are YOU one of them?
 Esther was constrained to sacrifice everything for the welfare of her people. There is a sacrifice for each of us who would be our best for the Lord in these urgent times—not likely the sacrifice of our life, but of simple things such as time, personal desires, and finances. YOU may be called on to sacrifice something for the work of God. The Esthers and the other women whom the Lord needs in His service are to be found only among the women in His church. Remember, "For such a time—THOU art come." ◀◀

wide out of any old soft, white cloth, pack them in a sturdy cardboard box, and mail to us. Remember, do not place any value when filling out the tags, and mark the package, "BANDAGES MADE FROM OLD CLOTH FOR LEPER HOME." DO NOT pack anything else with the bandages and we will not have to pay duty. Please come to our rescue and send bandages. We sincerely thank all who have been faithful in sending them to us in the past.
 What appear like white gloves, white shoes and long white stockings in the pictures are bandages, so it is not hard to understand why many are needed every day for our large family and patients that come in from the

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Missionary nurse, Arline Crompton, ministers to a leper.

villages. Our nurse, Arline Crompton, keeps more than busy. If you will send the bandages, she will do the rest.

May the Lord bless you!
 Sincerely in Him,
 EDITH IMHOFF
 Uska Bazar, U.P., India

(Be sure to place the bandages in a plastic bag before putting them in the cardboard box, to keep them from unrolling should the box break open.—WMC office)

Pentecostal Progress in Nigeria

Great Spiritual Revival Traced Back to a Copy of The Pentecostal Evangel

NIGERIA, FOR MANY YEARS A BRITISH colony and now on the way to independence, is located under the great bulge of Africa on the Gulf of Guinea. The Cameroons and Dahomey border it on the east and west respectively. On the north it is bordered by the French Colony, Niger, with its entire area lying in the Torrid Zone. The climate varies somewhat in different sections of the country. In the swampy coastal region it is distinctly tropical, but farther north it is more temperate. There the swamps merge into jungles, and the jungles are blended into an almost treeless plateau and hill region extending to the edge of the Sahara Desert.

The population of Nigeria is estimated at 28,700,000. This is made up of more than 200 different language groups. The majority of the people are pagan in worship though Mohammedanism is officially recognized in the northern region. In the south, Christian missions have been established for many years.

Protestant missionary work in Nigeria dates back to the early 1800's. History records that a group of repatriated slaves were responsible for the introduction of Protestant missionary work in that country. These people appealed for teachers to instruct them in the Bible, and in 1842 two Protestant missionary societies responded by sending workers. This urgent request for missionaries brought Nigeria to the attention of several other British and American mission societies who in time established churches, mission schools and other Christian institutions in the provinces. However, treacherous climate with its accompanying diseases caused a severe death rate of missionary personnel in those days, making the progress of mission work very slow.

The Assemblies of God missionary work dates back to 1930 when some Christian nationals were mightily stirred

MISSIONARIES	32
CHURCHES	293
NATIONAL WORKERS	218
BIBLE SCHOOLS	3
DAY SCHOOLS	20
CONVERTS	14,794

by a moving of the Holy Ghost. These Nigerian Christians were led to seek and receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Six years later, after receiving several appeals for help, the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department sent representatives to survey the Nigerian field. The result was that in 1940 missionaries were sent out. Since that humble beginning, the growth of the work has been rapid and very fruitful.

The Pentecostal Evangel appears to have been the first full gospel "missionary" to Nigeria. It is reported that through reading this paper in 1930 the Nigerians became hungry for the baptism in the Holy Ghost. It is not known how the magazine came into their possession, but it is known that they were deeply stirred by the accounts of healing and of believers being baptized in the Holy Spirit. On reading the *Evangel*, the Nigerian believers searched their own Bibles and began praying for like experiences for themselves.

In answer to their earnest prayers God manifested Himself to them in one miracle after another. Their sick were healed and many of them received the Baptism. Overjoyed, these newly baptized believers went from place to place testifying and preaching to all who would hear, with the result that converts were won and small church groups were formed in various places.

With a keen hunger for more knowledge of spiritual things, members of the Ibo Tribe sought help from the Assemblies of God in the United

States, and thus the Assemblies work in Nigeria began.

The peoples of Nigeria are divided into four major Negro tribes: the Yoruba, Ibo, Hausa, and Fulani—with many lesser tribes as well. This is fertile soil for the full gospel since the majority of the Nigerians are religious, finding time to worship in various ways: as animists, Mohammedans, etc.

An important phase of the work in Nigeria is the Bible School program. In Umuahia, a city in the section where E. L. Phillips held his first Bible classes, the training of national workers has been continued. The Nigerian Bible Institute, now called the Central Bible Institute of Nigeria, was organized there and is now a foremost factor in the development of our Assemblies of God work in that country. All of the national ministers have received their training in this Bible School. Recently new administration buildings have been completed. A three-year course of Bible study is offered, similar to the courses used in the schools of America. The school enrollment has gradually increased from less than a dozen students at the school's inception to an average of more than 100.

The Assemblies of God in Nigeria has become almost completely indigenous. This is due to the fact that missionaries and nationals alike have worked together with this objective for many years. Our missionaries have carefully guided the nationals in the organizing of their churches on both the local and national level and the nationals have responded enthusiastically in developing their church programs. They conduct Sunday schools, women's organizations, Christ's Ambassadors groups and missionary programs of their own.

Work in new areas and other worthwhile projects are financed by a central fund that is fed by the tithes of the pastors and the tithes of all the churches. Special missionary offerings are taken once a month in the assemblies and this money is used to support their own national missionaries who are sent to unreached tribes. The most advanced step toward the indigenous church was made in 1947 when all of the districts were formally united into a church organization known as the Assemblies of God in Nigeria. Offices in the organization were open to missionaries and nationals alike.

Each separate division of the work was then organized into a district council comparable to the district councils of the American Assemblies of God. At present almost all of the offices of both the national and district organizations are held by Nigerian nationals. The individual assemblies have become self-supporting and self-governing and through their own missions department they send their own missionaries into the unevangelized areas of Nigeria.

Sunday school work has grown in leaps and bounds. When it was first presented to the Nigerian Christians they quickly recognized its value and began organizing Sunday schools in their churches. As a result the Sunday School Department has become one

of the most important and effective branches of the Nigerian church program. The present approximate attendance in the Sunday Schools of Nigeria is 18,000 members. In 1956 the Nigerian Assemblies entered the International Sunday School Contest sponsored by *Christian Life* magazine of Chicago, Illinois. At the beginning of the contest the Sunday School in the Aba Assembly had an average attendance of 500. Everyone worked enthusiastically until that number was doubled and redoubled. At the close of the contest they reached the record attendance of 2,594. The church facilities were too limited to accommodate the crowds so Sunday School was held in three sessions. Four of the Nigerian

Sunday Schools received prizes from the *Christian Life* magazine contest.

The Nigerian Assemblies of God has its own Christ's Ambassadors Department. In 1956 the C. A.'s of the western section instituted their own Speed-the-Light program and purchased two bicycles for use in pioneer work. The work has grown until nearly all the new churches have organized Christ's Ambassadors groups.

In 1956 Mrs. Rex Jackson organized the first District Women's Missionary Council among the Ibo women. Since that time the W.M.C. has grown and they are supporting some of their own financial program and helping the Nigerian churches in very practical ways.

—L.W.S.

Missionettes

"We Have a Missionette Group, Too"

BY CHARLESE SPENCER, R.N.

Saboba, Ghana, West Africa

IN MANY AFRICAN TRIBES WHEN A baby girl is born she is sold to an older man who bargains with the baby's father. She lives in her father's home until mid teen-age and then is taken to be the first, second, third, fourth, or more wife of the man who bought her at birth.

In the few years of our missionary work among the Konkombas in Saboba, Ghana, West Africa, we have seen

girls from our Sunday School marry ungodly men in heathen villages. This breaks our heart! Therefore, we began to concentrate on indoctrinating the girls in the Word of God. As fast as we could translate important doctrinal portions of the Bible into the Konkomba language (Lekpakpam) they began memorizing it. Each Wednesday the Missionettes played a little game by tossing a beanbag from one to another. The girl catching the beanbag would quote a Bible verse she had learned and then throw it to another girl who would do likewise. This method of quoting scriptures keeps the girls alert and encourages them to memorize God's Word.

There was a great need for benches in the church and the Missionettes popped and sold popcorn, giving the money earned to help pay for benches. They also learned to sew. Handkerchief-size pieces of material received from WMC groups in America were hemmed and sold in the market as handkerchiefs. This money also went toward the price of the benches.

A highlight for the girls was when they made by hand a complete native-style dress of their very own. The dresses were made of feed sacks sent to Ghana from America (see picture).



Missionettes of Saboba, Ghana, West Africa, wearing dresses made from feed sacks

We sincerely pray that the seed sown in these young lives will be an influence on their entire life regardless of where circumstances place them. Of course, we praise God that we have already seen more than one of these girls freed from the heathen man who bought her as a baby. The dowry was paid back and then they were free to marry and did marry Christian young men in our church.

Do you have a Missionette club in your church? Circumstances are different here in America, but the girls will love the activities and it will help them in many ways. ◀◀

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Fifteen Areas Open to Revivaltime's Powerful Ministry

BY STANLEY MICHAEL



C. M. Ward at his office desk

IN SEVEN WEEKS, FIFTEEN NEW areas were opened to *Revivaltime's* ministry as a result of the *Revivaltime* article that appeared in the January 4 issue of the *Evangel*. They are:

WKLF—Clanton, Alabama
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 WWIS—Black River Falls, Wisc.

Even though this full-gospel broadcast is now being heard on 335 radio stations, there are many parts of our country that are not being reached. The January 4 article contained in-

formation on how pastors, churches, or individuals could get the broadcast on the air in their community.

The February 2 issue of *Broadcasting* magazine states that there are now 3,286 operating AM radio stations and 543 FM stations. We are told elsewhere that there are now nearly 150,000,000 radio sets in America. All this goes to prove that radio is a growing industry. It means that there are many individuals listening.

We cannot reach America with a full-gospel broadcast by utilizing only the large stations spotted in various parts of the country. Many people listen to their own community radio station for local happenings. This creates a great opportunity to get our Pentecostal message into their homes through these stations.

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Many of these stations will release *Revivaltime* at a minimum of cost, and some when approached have even carried the broadcast on a sustaining basis. In many cases a radio station will cover several small towns. If *Revivaltime* does not have proper coverage where you live, why not make a survey of radio stations in your area? Then, by following the simple suggestions below, it might be that *Revivaltime* will soon be coming your way to help you reach your town for Christ.

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radio into thousands of homes, introducing them not only to Christ, our wonderful Saviour, but also to a full-gospel church. Full missionary and denominational credit is given for monies contributed to this cause.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO—

1. Contact the local radio station or stations to find out what times would be available and the cost of obtaining the best possible time. (An audition tape of the broadcast is available from the Radio Department upon request for use in contacting the station management. *This tape must be returned to Revivaltime once it has been used.*)

2. Airtime cost must be paid in one of two ways: (a) A local church or churches, an individual or individuals, may pay the station direct. The Radio Department will furnish broadcast tapes free of charge. Or, (b) the churches or individuals can pledge the amount of airtime cost and send their offerings direct to the Radio Department. The airtime cost then will be paid by the Department.

3. If, after making arrangements for the finances to pay for the airtime, you plan to pay the station direct, your next step is to sign a contract with the station and notify the Radio Department of the starting date. (If offerings pledged to pay for the airtime are to be sent to the Department and the Department in turn is to pay the station, effect a contract with the station in cooperation with the Department. The Department will require a copy of the contract for its files.)

4. Write to the Radio Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, and give the following information: (a) starting date of the broadcast; (b) information about the station (address, power and call letters); (c) time of release; (d) churches or individuals sponsoring the broadcast; (e) airtime cost, if any.

5. At the end of each month, a report of the amount paid to the station must be sent to the Radio Department in order for the church to receive missionary and denominational credit. The Department will provide the report forms each month. If a group of churches is sponsoring the broadcast, the amount each contributes must be shown so that each church can be credited properly.

6. Upon receiving these reports, the

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Uncle Billy's Garden

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votes recorded. Then there was the announcement, "The vote is unanimous."

How could this be? Head snapping upward, Uncle Billy began to rise to his feet, but he found no strength. It couldn't be; he had cast his vote for the plan. Had they missed his vote? Slowly he sank back in his chair. What difference would it make to raise an objection? The matter was now settled.

The voice of the chairman reached his ears. "We have agreed, as it were

at the midnight hour and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to give of our very best to reach Westside for Christ!"

With the meeting dismissed, a happy but somewhat perplexed Uncle Billy found himself the center of a cheerful rejoicing group of Board members. He managed somehow to gasp weakly, "But brethren, I really don't understand. What moved all of you to vote as you did?"

"Why," replied Deacon Jackson, "we just have had a lesson on the sown seed and the growing plant in the pas-

tor's Married Men's Bible Class, and none of us could really decide how to apply what we learned in that lesson. If you could have seen the pastor nodding his head in approval as you talked about gardening tonight, you would have known why we all suddenly realized that the Westside subdivision was our opportunity to help the growth of the kingdom of God. By His grace, we aim to plant a thriving work there and to assist unsparingly to help it to grow."

—Reprinted from *Glad Tidings*, Northern California-Nevada District organ.

Speed-the-Light

REPORT FOR 1958

By Verne MacKinney

ABOUT A MONTH AGO EVERY ONE of our churches received a poster showing its individual achievement in Speed-the-Light giving for 1958. While each of them had a figure much smaller than is shown on this one, each one doing its part made possible another banner year of Speed-the-Light progress with a total of \$337,583.06 given.

Leading the nation in total giving for the ninth consecutive year was the Southern California District with \$31,285.02. Northern California-Nevada was second with \$28,255.64 followed by North Texas with \$21,241.09. Nine other districts gave in excess of \$10,000 each. They are Arkansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Northwest, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Florida, South Texas, and West Central.

Speed-the-Light giving is recognized on a per capita basis also, with the Southern New England District placing first in that category. Their rating was \$27.08 per C. A. member. Northern New England was second with \$23.68 per member and Wyoming third with \$22.61. Those whose ratings were higher than \$7 per member were Appalachian, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Northern California-Nevada, South Dakota, South Florida, and West Central.

The top two districts in each category were awarded trophies at the

Speed-the-Light banquet climaxing the District C. A. Presidents Conference at Springfield last month. At that time plaque awards were distributed for local group excellence in giving also. The top five awards for total giving went to Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.; Full Gospel Assembly, Bell Gardens, Calif.; Bethel Temple, Turlock, Calif.; Assembly, Willmar, Minn.; and First Assembly, Santa Ana, Calif. The five per capita awards went to Oak Park Assembly, Tampa, Fla.; Assembly, Concord, N.H.; Gospel Tabernacle, New Haven, Conn.; Assembly, Eads, Colo.; and Assembly, Coleman, Tex. The top 22 churches in both categories are listed below.

In the past three years over a million dollars has been given to Speed-the-Light. Aggregate giving will probably reach the three million mark next month.

Speed-the-Light is much more than a fund-raising campaign as many a missionary will gratefully testify. During 1958 a record total of 178 new vehicles were put into missionary service through Speed-the-Light. African fields received 60 of them, the Far East 44, Southern Asia 28, South America 22, Central America 10, the West Indies 15. A grand total of 1,409 vehicles have been purchased in the

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At the Speed-the-Light banquet climaxing the 14th annual District C. A. President's Conference at Springfield, Mo., Feb. 23-26, the following D-CAP's received plaques and trophies for Speed-the-Light giving in 1958. Left to right: Robert Clayton, Northern New England; Karl Strader, South Florida; Russell Cox, Rocky Mountain; Kenneth Freiheit, Minnesota; Jim Morrison, North Texas; Dick Fulmer and Bert Webb, National C. A. Department; Harold Hanson, Southern New England; Richard Tufte, South Dakota. Absent when picture was taken were Dean Duncan, Southern California, and Walter Boring, Northern California and Nevada.

fourteen-year history of Speed-the-Light. Vehicles include 24 airplanes, 326 bicycles, 24 boats, 353 cars, 292 station wagons, 106 trucks, 100 motorcycles, motorscooters, and motorbikes, 67 jeeps, and assorted other buses, horses, motors, and trailers.

In addition to vehicles, Speed-the-Light also provides printing equipment and radio equipment for missionary work. Over \$100,000 has gone into each of these phases of the program. On the home front, through a World Speed-the-Light plan, almost \$300,000 has gone into the building of new churches in pioneer fields in the U.S.

Equipment purchased is giving a good account of itself on the field. One missionary stated that whereas before she had the station wagon she could get to only ten preaching points, and that very spasmodically, now she is able to take care of thirty places and much more regularly. Missionary Charles Greenaway who recently opened Senegal, Africa, for Assemblies of God missions, stated that the Speed-the-Light ministry has advanced our missionary program ten years. That is to say that our missionaries are now reaching into places they would not have been able to get to until 1969 without the modern equipment provided through Speed-the-Light. Printing equipment is helping to overcome the darkness of Communism, ignorance, and supersti-

tion with its life-giving gospel publications. Radio equipment gives electronic power to the voice which gives forth the message of spiritual power to deliver from the bondage of sin, carrying the message far beyond the limits of the unaided messenger.

With all the fine accomplishments of our youth groups through Speed-the-Light, there still remains a gigantic task ahead. Requests for new equipment continue to mount as new missionaries receive appointment and old equipment wears out. Requests approved by the Foreign Missions Committee which screens all applications, total well over \$265,000 which is not yet provided for through Speed-the-Light. By the help of the Lord and the wholehearted co-operation of all the Christ's Ambassadors these needs can be met this year, but it will take a sharply increased rate of giving.

Offerings for Speed-the-Light receive regular missionary and Co-operative Plan credit and should be sent to Christ's Ambassadors Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, and designated plainly for Speed-the-Light.

Listed here are the TOP TWENTY-TWO C. A. groups in the nation and the amounts they gave in 1958 both in total giving and per capita giving to Speed-the-Light.

TOTAL GIVING

Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif. ..	\$4,480.00
Full Gospel A-G, Bell Gardens, Cal. ..	3,403.67
Bethel Temple, Turlock, Calif.	3,013.55
A-G, Willmar, Minn.	2,079.60
1st A-G, Santa Ana, Calif.	1,786.45
Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.	1,773.61
Calvary A-G, Inglewood, Calif.	1,544.53
Bethel Tab., Milwaukee, Wisc.	1,484.18
Gospel Tab., Minneapolis, Minn.	1,459.51
Trinity Tab., Baytown, Texas	1,454.00
1st A-G, Madison, Tenn.	1,348.77
A-G, Mont Belvieu, Texas	1,318.55
Bethel Church, San Jose, Calif.	1,234.84
Gospel Tab., A-G, Sherburn, Minn.	1,180.36
Gospel Tab., New Haven, Conn.	1,156.00
A-G, Trenton, Mo.	1,106.52
A-G, Redwood City, Calif.	1,102.50
1st A-G, Coffeyville, Kans.	1,091.99
Gospel Tab., Hartford, Conn.	1,032.99
A-G, Ft. Madison, Iowa	990.86
Bethel A-G, Lincoln Park, Mich.	985.00
1st A.G, Farmington, New Mexico ..	965.99

PER CAPITA

Per capita giving is based on total offering divided by number of C. A. members. Number of members is in parentheses.

Oak Park A-G, Tampa, Fla.	(2)	\$130
A-G, Concord, New Hampshire	(7)	103
Gospel Tab., New Haven, Conn. ..	(14)	82
A-G, Eads, Colo.	(4)	77
A-G, Coleman, Texas	(10)	67
A-G, Greybull, Wyoming	(7)	65
A-G, Newcastle, Wyoming	(13)	54
1st Pentl. Ch., Hollywood, Fla.	(7)	53
F. G. A-G, Bell Gardens, Calif.	(65)	52
A-G, Bingen, Wash.	(6)	51
A-G, Mont Belvieu, Texas	(26)	50
A-G, Warden, Wash.	(4)	50
Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif	(90)	49
G. T. Gospel Tab., Duluth, Minn. (15)		48
Bethel Temple, Turlock, Calif.	(65)	46
1st A-G, Madison, Tenn.	(30)	44
Oak Grove A-G, Malvern, Ark.	(4)	43
A-G, Del Norte, Colo.	(1)	43
A-G, Gunnison, Colo.	(13)	43
1st A-G, Santa Ana, Calif.	(45)	39
Trinity Tab., Baytown, Texas	(37)	39
Gospel Tab., Sherburn, Minn.	(30)	39

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LEADING

The Nation

Jan. 1.—Jan. 31, 1959

SPEED-THE-LIGHT

TOP TWENTY-TWO

TOTAL GIVING

Christian A-G, Wausau, Wisc.	\$503.00
1st A-G, Amarillo, Texas	500.00
Bethel A-G, Lincoln Park, Mich.	359.50
Full Gospel A-G, Caruthers, Calif.	316.00
1st A-G, Vero Beach, Fla.	298.70
Ebenezer A-G, Elizabeth, N. J.	218.00
Calv. Temple, W. Palm Beach, Fla. ...	206.00
1st A-G Carlsbad, N. Mexico	190.41
Dirego Park, A-G, Panama City, Fla.	177.00
1st A-G, San Pedro, Calif.	165.00
Full Gospel A-G, King City, Calif.	150.00
A-G, Aurora, Nebr.	138.80
A-G, Campton, Fla.	135.00
1st Baptist Church, Butler, N. J.	132.00
S. Side A-G, Jacksonville, Fla.	130.00
Trinity A-G, Baltimore, Md.	125.00
Norwood A-G, Jacksonville, Fla.	122.00
Oceanway A-G, Jacksonville, Fla.	110.44
1st A-G, Plant City, Fla.	109.00
Bethel Tab., Milwaukee, Wisc.	107.44
A-G, Deming, N. Mex.	105.00
A-G, Albany, Ore.	105.00

PER CAPITA

Per capita giving is based on total offering divided by number of C. A. members. Number of members is in parentheses.

Christian A-G, Wausau, Wisc. (20)	\$25
1st A-G, Vero Beach, Fla. (14)	21
A-G, Aurora, Nebraska (8)	17
A-G, Campton, Fla. (8)	16
1st Pentl. Church, Hollywood, Fla. (7)	14
1st A-G, Amarillo, Texas (35)	14
Bethel A-G, Ensley, Fla. (8)	9
Calv. Temple, W. Palm Beach, Fla. (22)	9
1st Baptist Church, Butler, N. J. (15)	8
Full Gosp. A-G, King City, Calif. (20)	7
1st A-G, Waynesboro, Miss. (7)	7
Ebenezer A-G, Elizabeth, N. J. (30)	7
1st A-G, Opelika, Ala. (4)	6
Norwood, A-G, Jacksonville, Fla. (20)	6
A-G, Whitefish, Montana (4)	6
Gospel Center, Burlington, N. J. (9)	6
1st A-G, Carlsbad, N. Mex. (30)	6
Atlantic Beach A-G, Jacksonville, Fla. (9)	5
Medart A-G, Crawfordville, Fla. (8)	5
A-G, Bascom, Fla. (9)	5
A-G, Albany, Ore. (19)	5
Bethel A-G, Lincoln Park, Mich. (70)	5

March 29, 1959

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

At the resurrection of Jesus there was a resurrection of others also. If Moses did not yet have his resurrection body how could he appear to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration? (Matthew 27:51-53; 17:3)

I do not believe Moses had yet received his resurrection body when he appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration. This was similar to the appearing of Samuel to Saul (1 Samuel 28:12). The resurrection of saints which immediately followed the resurrection of Jesus was to fulfill Leviticus 23:9-12. When Jesus died He was a single head of grain; when the resurrection took place it was a sheaf. Thus was given the earnest, or assurance, of the coming resurrection of which Christ is the firstfruits.

Recently I heard a minister speak on Isaiah 1:18, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." He said the scarlet dye came from the blood of a worm which had been crushed. Is this correct?

I have been told that the scarlet came from the cochineal worm. Dr. Adam Clarke says: "This color was produced from a worm, or insect, which grew in a coccus, or excrescence, of a shrub of the ilex kind, like the cochineal worm in certain cacti of America."

What is the meaning of Galatians 2:21—"If righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain"? Is He not alive forevermore?

The wording of this verse in the Authorized Version is misleading. Moffatt translates it, "Christ's death was useless." Rotherham renders it, "Christ died without cause." The Centenary Version reads, "Christ died for nothing." The thought is that He died, not that He still is dead. The Bible clearly states that He is alive forevermore. Here Paul is saying that we obtain righteousness by faith in Him, but if we could have obtained righteousness by keeping the law Christ died in vain.

What did Paul mean when he wrote, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed"? (Galatians 1:8)

Paul used these terms for emphasis, meaning that no matter who the preacher might be, or where he might be from, if he preached a gospel different from the gospel of grace which God had revealed to Paul, he would be preaching error. This was not bigotry, since Paul included himself in the pronouncement ("Though *we* . . ."). Rather, it shows Paul's complete confidence in the gospel of grace which was under attack by those who were teaching the Gentiles that they must be circumcised and keep the law of Moses or they could not be saved.

May any believer, whose hands are clean and heart pure, lay hands upon the sick as directed in James 5:14, or must it be the leader of the church?

We are thankful to see any believer used of God and we know God will bless the ministry of anyone who has faith in Him. Jesus promised, "These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17, 18). The promise is for all believers.

But in James the following instruction is given: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church." These elders were recognized overseers, or leaders. In them the church became officially represented. James said the sick should call for these recognized officers.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



All Fool's Day

APRIL OPENS ON A DAY WIDELY known as All Fool's Day. Without doubt, all of us can recall occasions when we have been made to feel like fools on the first of April.

There is a sadder sense in which every day is All Fool's Day, and not by human reckoning alone. When God calls a man a fool, how serious is such folly.

In the Gospel of Luke, chapter twelve, we read of a prosperous man who earned himself the name of fool; and he is typical of vast numbers of us. He had reaped a bumper harvest, for he was a farmer. His granaries were filled to overflowing; there was no room to accommodate the abundance of his fruits and cereals. Being a shrewd man of the world, he held a reckoning with himself and came to a seemingly rational conclusion: "I will pull down my barns, and build greater." Furthermore, he related this possession of wealth to his own experience of life, and by way of self-counsel he added: "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." In other words, the successful man decided to call a halt and live in comfort on his accumulated resources.

But there was something the rich farmer failed to take into his reckoning. The possession of much wealth is twice precarious. Our riches may be taken from us; or, more bitter still, we may be taken from them. So it was in this case, for the Lord's estimate of his plan was shattering in the extreme: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Whose indeed? The truth stands—"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

All Fool's Day. This is the day of materialism. The majority of men

make arrangements only for time, and have not God in all their thoughts. They have their plans well formulated, their future as well assured as money can make it. This is their day, and their name is legion. But what of the night? "This night thy soul shall be required of thee"—then what?

Jesus Christ knew that material things are of minor importance. He impressed on all who knew Him the absolute necessity of seeking "first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness." He did not leave such an important search to the fancy of the human mind. He gave clear counsel that "except a man be *born again*, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3: 3), and, as though anticipating the question, He added through His servant, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is *born of God*."

What is the aim of *your* life? Is it security in the things which are seen? Or is it assurance in the things which, though unseen, are eternal? Will you, through Christ, be "wise unto salvation"; or, without Him, hear those dread words, "Thou fool"?

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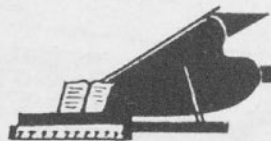
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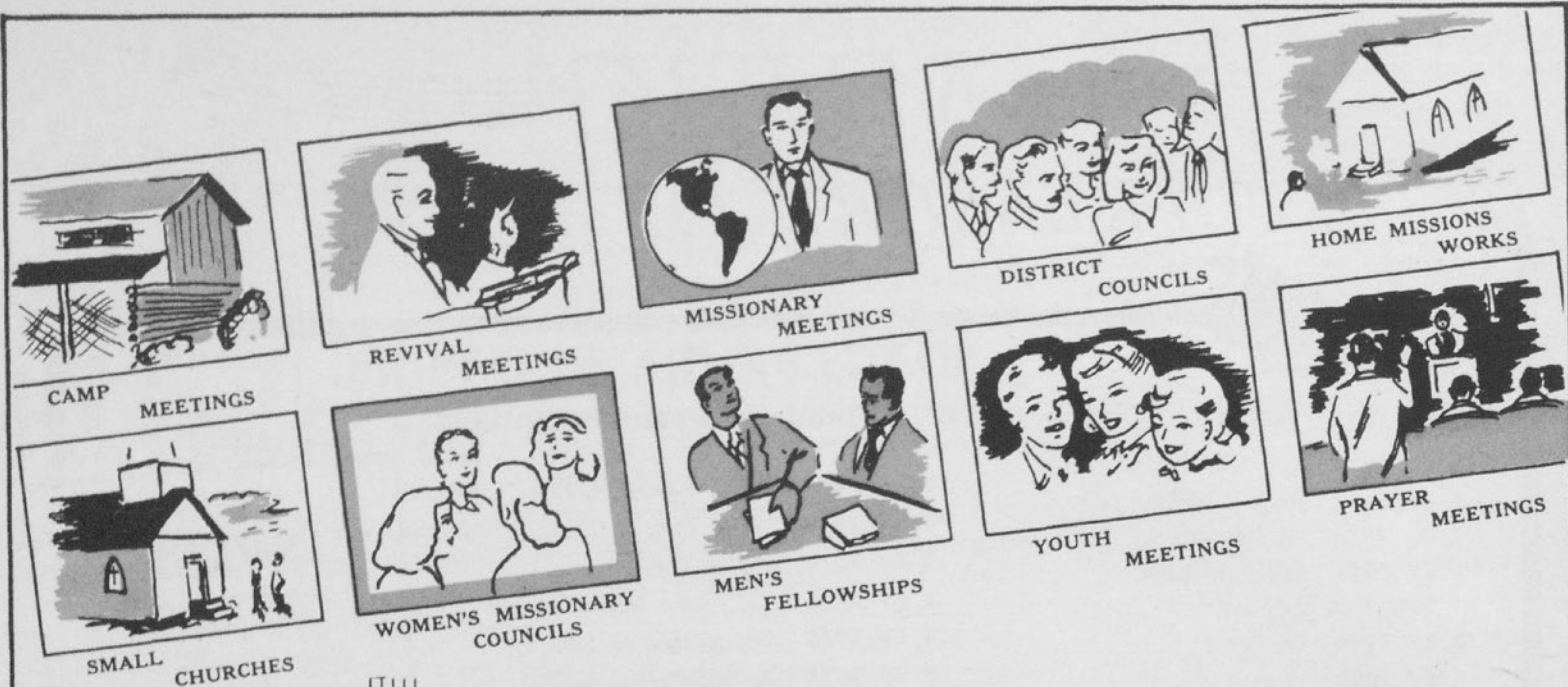
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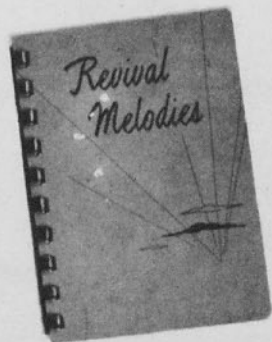
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We dare not consider ourselves better than those darkened souls because we were born in the United States. We are all sons and daughters of Adam. Everything we have is because God gave it to us. Why then do we glory when it is God's gift?

In the electrical world they take the high-powered voltage of the lines that carry enough to run a city, and transform it down until it is 110-220 volts and we can use it. That is all right for us. But what about the kind of person who would take these mighty cables that come from the mountainside and transform them down to one little 110-volt line, and let all the rest of that power coursing down those hills be turned aside and diluted and grounded? By his actions he says, "We have enough to run our house, our refrigerator, our fan. There is enough for our toaster, enough to give us lights. What do we care about the great city out there—just so we have enough?"

This is not at all different from the attitude of the Christian who takes that mighty current of God's love which comes sweeping down from the high mountains of heaven and transforms it down to "me and my wife, my son and his wife. Us four. No more. Amen." God has never intended that His power should be grounded in us. He wants us to be *lines*. We dare not transform that power down into our own little corner and ground it there. He wants us to be of service. Let the power go on. God has intended that all people everywhere should have the same spiritual conveniences you have. God wants enough wires. He wants enough channels to carry His divine current of redeeming grace "into all the world" so that everyone will be able to plug in.

That is the reason for our great missionary emphasis. That is the reason our own missionary challenge is being presented through this Easter issue of the *Evangel*. You cannot separate Christ's resurrection from missions, for each is a link in God's program of redeeming the lost. Our joy in the resurrection of Christ can only be complete as we accept our privilege and responsibility to fulfill our part in the plan of redemption. ◀◀

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STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Clanton	Temple	Mar. 31-Apr. 12	Don McKinney	Nelson E. White
	Montgomery	First	Apr. 5—	Quentin Edwards	Robert Ferguson
	Phenix City	Girard	Mar. 22-Apr. 5	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Emory Andrews
	Robertsdale	First	Mar. 29-Apr. 12	Lewis Coleman & wife	Wm. A. Johnson
Calif.	Chowchilla	First	Mar. 24—	Don George	T. W. Carlton
	Eureka	Bethel	Mar. 29—	Paul Brannan & wife	Gene Riggs
	Orangevale	A of G	Apr. 5-17	J. B. Hosier	M. L. Woods
	San Diego	First	Mar. 25-Apr. 5	Tommy Barnett	Elton Hill
	Santa Rosa	* A of G	Mar. 31-Apr. 5	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Adrian Benning
Colo.	Whittier	First	Mar. 24-Apr. 5	Jerry Fry	John C. Tinsman
	Calhan	A of G	Apr. 1-12	Norman Jones	F. J. Pearce
	Craig	A of G	Apr. 5-19	Billy Heaston & wife	Raymond W. Raley
Ga.	Derby	First	Mar. 29—	Charles Reed & wife	D. F. Chaffin
	Atlanta	Faith Memorial	Mar. 29-Apr. 5	Gene Scott	Ralph P. Byrd
Ill.	Bridgeport	A of G	Mar. 22-29	O. E. Gaugh	George Rutledge
	Chicago	Ebenezer FG	Mar. 24—	Walter D. Lascelle	Paul S. Bredesen
Iowa	Indianola	A of G	Mar. 30-Apr. 3	Bob Olson	Robert Wenig
Kans.	Arcadia	A of G	Apr. 1—	Bob Jones & wife	A. R. Nichols
	Concordia	A of G	Mar. 31-Apr. 12	Ivan Christoffersen	Byron Luckey
Md.	Garden City	Faith Tab.	Mar. 23—	Bill Sharp	Henry Greenwald
	Olathe	A of G	Mar. 29-Apr. 13	Siegfried Enke	E. E. Henley
	Cumberland	Central	Mar. 29-Apr. 5	Louise Nankivell	Frank J. Fratto
Mass.	Chelsea	A of G	Mar. 25—	Jim. & Dorothy Adams	Ben Crandall
Mich.	Detroit	Revival Tab.	Mar. 24-Apr. 5	The Quanaush Team	Irving Mitchell
	Standish	A of G	Mar. 24-Apr. 5	Clenton Winford	Herbert Stevens
Minn.	Dodge Center	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 5-19	Norman Alexandre	Herman Hagemester
	Minneapolis	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 1-12	Garfield J. Unruh	F. J. Lindquist
	Redwood Falls	A of G	Apr. 5—	Waldo Trask	Wm. E. Ashpole
Mo.	Festus	A of G	Apr. 1-12	Paul Hild	James Griggs
	Illmo	A of G	Apr. 5-19	Glenna Byard	A. M. Roberts
Nebr.	St. Joseph	Wyatt Park	Apr. 1-12	Bob McCutchen	Hilton Griswold
	Sikeston	A of G	Apr. 5-26	McColl-Gerard Team	Loren Wooten
	Valley Park	A of G	Mar. 29—	M. Inez Smith	E. L. Glenn
N. Y.	Batavia	A of G	Mar. 24-Apr. 5	Don Ziegler	Charles Turner
	Norfolk	A of G	Mar. 24-Apr. 5	Melvin Jennings	Nolan E. Christian
Ohio	Lyons	A of G	Mar. 29-Apr. 12	John & Olive Kellner	John E. Brown
	Elyria	First	Apr. 1-19	Moses Copeland	Howard A. Sproull
Okla.	Elk City	First	Apr. 1-12	H. B. Kelchner	Robert M. Graber
	McAlester	First	Apr. 1-12	Ken George	Joe Calabrese
Pa.	Brookville	First	Apr. 5-19	Joseph DeGrado	Harold Powell
	Connellsville	** A of G	Mar. 31-Apr. 12	Andrew Basell & wife	Vernon Boyer
	New Kensington	Gospel Tab.	Apr. 5-12	Velmer Gardner	E. J. Hatchner, Chm.
S. Dak.	Scranton	Pentecostal	Mar. 31-Apr. 12	Hance Evang. Team	C. A. Davenport
	Buffalo	A of G	Apr. 1-12	Wm. H. Kautz	Kenneth Wilkerson
Tenn.	Soddy	Community Chpl.	Mar. 25-Apr. 3	Wm. & Esther Ilnisky	Ada Blick
Tex.	Beaumont	First	Mar. 29—	Earl E. Blythe	B. R. Moore
	Dallas	Bethel Temple	Mar. 31-Apr. 12	W. M. Stevens	Bob Willis
	Levelland	A of G	Mar. 29—	Bob Hoskins	Albert Ott
	Skellytown	A of G	Apr. 1-12	W. A. (Bill) McCann	Ted Vassar
	Victoria	First	Mar. 22-Apr. 12	E. C. Lagmay	Robin Byars
Wash.	Waco	East Waco	Apr. 5—	Leo & Emma Walker	J. B. Brumbelow
	Seattle	Richmont	Mar. 25—	Leland Evans & wife	Horace R. Rawls
	Waco	Richmont	Apr. 5—	Marvin L. Moe	Herman Kazen
Wis.	Luck	A of G	Apr. 5-26	Smith-Rasmussen	Arnold Hanson
W.I.	Dominican Rep.	A of G	Mar. 31-Apr. 26	S. MacPherson & wife	Verne Warner, Chm.

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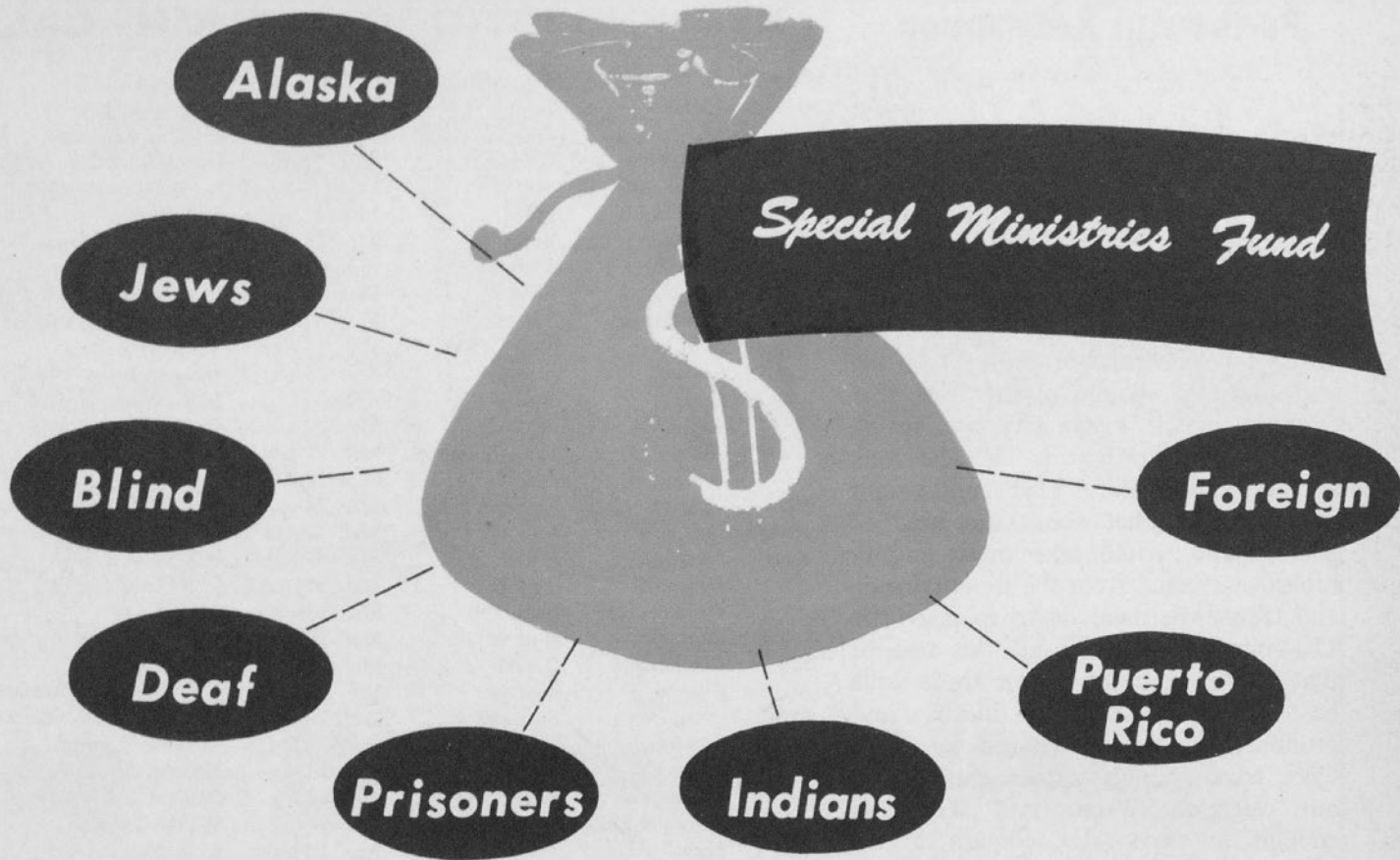
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL, April 7-9 at Assembly of God, 11th and Pase-walk, Norfolk, Nebr. New Norfolk Assembly to be dedicated April 7 during first night of Council. Ottie E. Gaugh, speaker for dedication and Council.—by Nolan E. Christian, Pastor.

HOME-COMING REVIVAL, Mar. 22-29 at First Assembly of God, Waxahachie, Tex., concluding with all-day services Easter Sun-

day. Travis Freeman, evening speaker. H. E. Darnell, former pastor, speaking Easter morning. Former pastors, members, and friends welcome.—by J. B. Bell, Pastor

EASTERN DISTRICT C. A. CONVEN-TION, Mar. 26-28 at Zembo Mosque, Harris-burg, Pa. Musicians: Sunshine Party, Indian-apolis, Ind. Speakers: Jimmy Brown, Mobile, Ala., and C. E. Hennrich of F.B.I.—by Chester P. Jenkins, Eastern District C. A. President.



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