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## Enlist Now!



OCTOBER IS 1959 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT MONTH!  
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 MAKING AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO REACH THEIR  
 COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST.

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# Nation-Wide Prayer Meeting

The midweek prayer meeting this coming week ought to have a record attendance. President Eisenhower has added his voice to that of the pastors by urging all Americans to give thanks for our national freedom and to pray for nations who are deprived of this blessing. He has proclaimed this coming Wednesday, October 7, as a national day of prayer.

This is the eighth annual prayer day proclamation to come from the White House since it was authorized by an Act of Congress in 1952. Last year's observance seemed to be more widespread than in previous years when the proclamation was usually greeted with enthusiastic comment but largely ignored when it came time to pray. The President reportedly was discouraged by the lack of interest two years ago and considered passing up last year's proclamation, but then he was encouraged by the interest and participation last year.

In his official proclamation the President states that the early Americans were "men and women of profound religious conviction, seeking a free land where they and their children might worship God and follow His commandments as they understood them." He calls on all his fellow-citizens to give thanks for this "heritage."

"Let us give thanks," he says, "for the heritage of free inquiry, sound industry, and boundless vision which have enabled us to advance the general welfare of our people to unprecedented heights.

"Let us remember that our God is the God of all men, that only as all men are free can liberty be secure for any, and that only as all prosper can any be content in their good fortune.

"Let us join in vigorous concern for those who now endure suffering of body, mind, or spirit, and let us seek to relieve their distress and to assist them in their way toward health, well-being, and enlightenment.

"Finally, let us rededicate ourselves and our nation to the highest loyalties which we know; and let us breathe deeply of the clean air of courage, preparing ourselves to meet the obligations of our day in trust, in gratitude, and in the supreme confidence of men who have accomplished much united under God."

To this end he has proclaimed Wednesday, October 7, as "a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

The day of prayer comes at a time when much attention is being given to international relations. The President's forthcoming visit to Russia will be a crucial event in the history of mankind. If ever we ought to be stirred to prayer it is today.

Thank God for a land in which the Government and the Chief Executive recognize the importance of prayer. There were times prior to 1952 when we Pentecostals clamored loud and long for a national day of prayer and the White House seemingly paid no attention. Now that the proclamation has been made we must not ignore it.

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# Remember ... Repent



General Council Sermon by J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

ON MARCH 6, 1836—123 YEARS ago—Lieutenant Colonel William B. Travis, Davy Crockett, and James Bowie were massacred here in San Antonio. They and 160 others gave their lives that Sam Houston might have time to prepare for the decisive battles that gave Texas freedom. From that 13-day siege came the great rallying cry: *Remember the Alamo!*

That word *remember* is a key word in Revelation 2:5, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

*Remember* and *repent*. These two words are historic and prophetic for God's people. As a nation we will not forget the Alamo. As God's children we will not forget the importance of repentance. It is the theme of prophets. It is the rallying cry of revival.

Revival and repentance cannot be separated, and always God speaks through prophetic ministry. Find a revival in the Scriptures and you'll find repentance. Find repentance and you'll find a prophet. The prophetic ministry cannot be separated from the call to repentance. This urgent demand for repentance is always an authentic element in prophetic religion.

John the Baptist came preaching! His message was true to the prophetic pattern: "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Heaven is always near those who are truly repentant.

John prepared the way for the Lord! Jesus came preaching. His message was true to the prophetic pattern. Matthew records it thus: "From that time on Jesus began to *preach*, and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 4:17). His first word of preaching was *repent!*

Peter, under the Holy Spirit's prophetic anointing, answered the question of those pricked in their hearts—"What must we do?" He said, "Re-

pent!" Again, after the healing of the lame man at the gate, he said to the great crowd, "*Repent!*"

This is the oft-repeated message of the Holy Spirit to the churches. Of five of the seven churches of Revelation He demands repentance. To the Laodicean church, often considered the church of our time, He commands, "Be zealous and repent" (Revelation 3:19). As our church repents we'll have revival. As our nation repents we'll have revival. As *we* repent we'll have *revival*.

*Let our church repent!* Like the church at Ephesus, we have left our first love. The sacred has become secular. A. W. Tozer says, "The church must examine herself constantly to see if she be in the faith; she must engage in severe self-criticism with cheerful readiness to make amends; she must live in a state of *perpetual penitence*, seeking God with her whole heart."

E. S. Williams once predicted, "With the first generation, there are convictions. With the second generation, there are opinions. With the third generation, there are reproaches!" This need not be. Perpetual repentance is the answer! Let our church repent.

Like the church at Pergamos, we love the world. Yes, evangelical Christianity is now tragically below New

Testament standards. Worldliness is now an accepted part of our way of life. This goes deeper than cosmetics or amusements. Our religious mood is social, not spiritual. Our models are Hollywood stars, not Holy Ghost saints; successful laymen, not spiritual leaders.

And youth is the greatest casualty of a worldly church. Demas was a victim of such a church. Demas lived in a "cool" time. Controversies were more common than conversions. Foolish questions were frequent. Fervent testimonies were few. Times had become perilous. Men loved pleasure more than purity. There was a form of godliness, but no power of God. Can't you feel the coldness? No revival, no enthusiasm, no evangelism in the church. Just meditate on the youth casualties to the church, when youth must struggle for faith over such obstacle courses as fussing, fuming, and fighting about externals, traditions, and doctrinal niceties. No wonder the Holy Spirit is powerless to evangelize the church and its ministries. *Only repentance can restore LOVE!*

Like the church at Thyatira, we have turned our children over to Jezebel! Alas, Jezebel is teaching God's people her horrible doctrines. Christian believers in earlier centuries anticipated this danger with greater wisdom than evangelical forces today. Carl Henry writes in *Christianity Today*:

"They founded their universities first! Note Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale...these supplied the faculties which in turn influenced every village and hamlet of the nation. The plain fact is that if Christianity does not shape the schools of higher education, these schools will always frustrate the climaxing influences of the Christian social ethics. If education at the top is hostile or indifferent to the Christian outlook, the expansion of Christian doctrine and life through all levels of society is hindered."

In the providence of God, Evangel College and the Bible colleges have

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## BIBLE VERSE



Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.

Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. JAMES 4:8. 9. 10



Ralph M. Riggs (left), General Superintendent for the past six years, and T. F. Zimmerman, newly elected General Superintendent

Three of the most widely known leaders of the Assemblies of God were honored on the termination of many years of service in national offices: R. M. RIGGS, who served as General Superintendent for the past six years; J. ROSWELL FLOWER, former General Secretary who served for thirty-six years in this and other national offices; and NOEL PERKIN, head of the Foreign Missions Department for thirty-three years.

These three brethren were elected to honorary membership in the General Presbytery. Two other veterans of the Assemblies of God received a similar honor; namely, E. L. NEWBY and CHARLES E. LONG, who served actively in that body for many years.

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The new foreign missions program, "Global Conquest," was launched in a great Sunday afternoon missions rally and a large offering was received for world missions.

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An estimated 8,000 people attended the Sunday night evangelistic rally at Alamo Stadium. At the conclusion of the sermon a hundred or more stepped out and knelt on the grass to receive Christ as their personal Saviour.

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The Christian Cadet program was endorsed by the General Council. It will become a division of the national Sunday School Department in the near future.

# The General Council at a Glance

Over 5,000 ministers, missionaries, and official church delegates registered for the 28th biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God, held August 26 to September 1 in the friendly and historic city of San Antonio, Texas.

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By vote of the delegates, the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God was enlarged from twelve members to sixteen, including eight officers residing at Springfield and eight non-resident presbyters. The following brethren were elected to constitute the Executive Presbytery for the next two years, effective January 1, 1960:

- T. F. ZIMMERMAN, General Superintendent
- BERT WEBB, Assistant General Superintendent
- G. F. LEWIS, Assistant General Superintendent
- C. W. H. SCOTT, Assistant General Superintendent
- HOWARD S. BUSH, Assistant General Superintendent
- J. PHILIP HOGAN, Assistant General Superintendent and Executive Director of Foreign Missions Department
- BARTLETT PETERSON, General Secretary
- M. B. NETZEL, General Treasurer

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- D. L. McLAUGHLIN, Southwest States
- G. R. CARLSON, North Central States
- KERMIT A. RENEAU, South Central States
- ROY H. WEAD, Great Lakes States
- A. A. WILSON, Gulf States
- GRADY L. FANNIN, Northeast States
- ANDREW STIRLING, Southeast States

The Spiritual Life Committee called for a week of prayer and fasting to be observed by the entire Assemblies of God fellowship at least once a year. The date for this observance will be announced by the Executive Presbyters and widely advertised.

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The Foreign Missions Department was authorized to publish an overseas edition of *The Pentecostal Evangel* in the English language periodically (not weekly) for the benefit of the many English-speaking people in foreign lands who find the home edition too expensive due to the high cost of foreign postage on fifty-two copies per year.

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A committee of seven will study our Statement of Fundamental Truths to consider the advisability of enlarging it to include some points of doctrine not presently mentioned. This committee will report to the General Presbyters and subsequently to the next General Council.

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The Assemblies of God voted to set up its own Chaplaincy Commission and endeavor to obtain commissions for more Assemblies chaplains in the armed services.

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The site committee examined various invitations for the 1961 General Council and favored the following cities: Des Moines, Iowa; Miami, Florida; Portland, Oregon; Rochester, New York. Final choice of the site will be made by the Executive Presbytery.





# '...WALKING and LEAPING and PRAISING GOD'

BY EVANGELIST DON GOSSETT

**B**IBLICAL ACCOUNTS OF PHYSICAL healings often stress the importance of praise and thanksgiving to God for His mercy.

Though dismayed at the ingratitude of the nine cleansed lepers who failed to return to give glory to God, Christ was well pleased with the one who "with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks" (Luke 17:15, 16).

When Jesus gave sight to the blind beggar on the Jericho road, the man "followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God" (Luke 18:43).

Upon His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, "the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen" (Luke 19:37). How pleased Jesus was with their praises!

In Acts 3 we have the narrative of an outstanding miracle. A helpless, hopeless cripple was instantly healed in the name of Jesus, and was enabled to go his way, "walking and leaping and praising God."

Harry Erickson of Gold Beach, Oreg., is one of the many modern-day examples of the Lord's power to enable a crippled man to walk and leap and praise God. Harry spent seventeen years as a logger in the lumber camps of the Pacific Northwest. In June 1952 he was pinned under a load of logs which fell from a logging truck. Miraculously, he maneuvered his body to the "cold deck" quickly enough to escape the full blow on his body, but his right leg was broken severely in three places. Even after surgery, Harry's leg was crooked and deformed, with the foot permanently extended to one side. Also, the right leg became

approximately two and a half inches shorter than the other one.

The Erickson family was invited to attend services at the Gold Beach Assembly of God, and under the ministry of Pastor Clarence Gossage they were led to a saving knowledge of Christ the Lord. They united with the church and later were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Then on the night of August 1, 1957, Harry Erickson was prayed for during a revival at his church in Gold Beach.

After prayer we asked him, "What can you do now that you could not do before?"

Mr. Erickson replied, "Brother Gossett, if I can rise up on my right toes, that is something I could not do before."

Immediately upon finding that he could do so, he was beside himself with gratitude to God and went out of the auditorium into the adjoining prayer room, "walking and leaping and praising God!"

He says, "In the prayer room I fell on my knees and dedicated my whole life to this wonderful Lord who could do such a great miracle. Then our Sunday school superintendent came into the prayer room and said, 'Harry, get up and let us see exactly what

God has done.' I rolled up my pants leg, took off my shoe and sock, and examined the leg. Every bone was straight and normal! The twisted foot was straight too, and all the swelling was gone! Also, the leg had grown to the same length as the other one!"

Harry returned to the auditorium, weeping for joy as he demonstrated to the audience what Christ had done. The people were electrified, for most of them had been well aware of his former crippled condition.

The next morning, while walking on the beach, he suddenly began to watch the footprints he was leaving in the sand. Ever since the accident his right foot print had been crooked, but now it was different!

"When I looked and saw two straight, normal footprints behind me again, I could hardly keep from shouting the praises of God," he says.

Harry's pastor rejoices with him. He reports, "Harry's testimony has been a powerful witness in our community, and has been instrumental in winning whole families to the Lord. One man came to our church with his family and publicly gave this statement, 'I have known and worked with this man, and I know how he suffered and how bad his leg was. If there is a God who can do something like that for him, I want that God to have my life.' The man and his entire family were saved in that service."

Harry Erickson was pronounced thirty-five per cent disabled by the State of Oregon and he received compensation accordingly. However, like the lame man of Acts 3, through faith in Jesus Christ he too has received "perfect soundness, and his name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong" (Acts 3:16). ◀◀

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Enlargement month brings a challenge to Sunday school members. Will you respond?

# ENLIST NOW

*We are not saved to bask in the luxury  
of our spiritual blessings: we are saved to serve.*

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK

**A**NDREW WAS A WORKER. HE HAD followed John the Baptist through many trying days of ministry in the desert, in the wilderness, and beside the River Jordan. He was present when John introduced Jesus and heard him say, "Behold the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Spiritually perceptive, Andrew recognized Jesus as the Messiah whom he had long sought. He followed Jesus without hesitation.

For many, that would have been sufficient—but not for Andrew. He could not be selfish with the spiritual blessings he was receiving by following Jesus: he wanted to share them with someone else. So, "Andrew . . . findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah . . . and he brought him to Jesus" (John 1:40-42). Peter followed the Lord because Andrew issued him the challenge—*enlist now!*

The next day Jesus, accompanied by Peter and Andrew, journeyed through Galilee. He issued an invitation to Philip, "Follow me." Philip followed. But that is not all—"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him . . . Jesus of Nazareth . . . Come and see" (John 1:43-46). Nathanael followed the Lord because Philip issued him the challenge—*enlist now!*

Those who know Christ are called to *enlist now* in enlisting others in the cause of Christ. We are not saved to bask in the luxury of our spiritual blessings: we are saved to serve. The initial step in service to God is witnessing to others, enlisting them for Jesus. Now is the time for every child of God to enlist in the service of the Lord.

Our Sunday School Enlargement Campaign is a golden opportunity for concerted effort in enlisting workers in the service of the King. It is also an opportunity to enlist others in the cause of Christ.

*Enlist now in prayer.* The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ can enlarge successfully only if the planning is saturated with prayer. Human efforts fall short of eternal goals; it is God who gives the increase. Pray systematically—set regular times for prayer, pray in groups at church and in homes; pray individually.

Pray specifically. A prayer list may be old-fashioned, but it is still effective. List the needs of your church in relation to enlargement. Pray for the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, the teachers and workers. Pray for the saved and unsaved. Pray for adequate

equipment and for anointed ministry in each phase of your Sunday school.

*Enlist now in visitation.* Don't leave it to others: put legs on your prayers and witness yourself. To those who are ill or discouraged, your visit will be a real spiritual blessing; to those who are beyond the reach of your church, your visit will be an encouragement. Your visit may be the one thing needed to bring them to Sunday school and into the Kingdom of God. Pray for others we must, but we should also *visit* those who are within our reach, giving them our personal witness of Jesus Christ. The sick, the newcomer, the unchurched, the one irregular in attendance—they all need the inspiration of a personal visit.

*Enlist now in literature distribution.* A piece of full-gospel literature—a tract, an *Evangel*, a Sunday school paper—may open a hungry soul to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The printed word can be read over and over again; it gets undivided attention in quiet hours; it never flinches, never shows cowardice; it prepares the heart for personal ministry. Here is a good way to be a silent witness—distribute full-gospel literature and let the printed page do the talking.

*Enlist now in service to the Sunday school.* There are many necessary tasks to be done in a successful Sunday school. Enlist in a phase of ministry that gives satisfaction. Teachers are needed as the attendance grows and new classes are organized. Secretaries are needed to keep accurate records. Men and women, boys and girls are needed to welcome newcomers to the Sunday school. Drivers are needed to bring folk to Sunday school. Enjoy the thrill of Christian service—enlist now by offering your services to your pastor and Sunday school superintendent.

Enlisting others in the cause of Christ is our goal. As Christians unite their efforts in service to the Lord, the unsaved are introduced to Him. What a thrill to be instrumental in bringing someone to Jesus! Andrew and Philip knew that thrill. You can know it today if you will *enlist now* to introduce your friends and loved ones to Jesus.

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Earl liked to fish, and Sunday was the best fishing day he could find. His next-door neighbor, however, wanted Earl and his family to go to Sunday school. They refused but they did give



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permission for their little girl to go. (Confidentially, Earl told me it was an ideal way to get excellent baby-sitting service on Sunday morning—free!)

The neighbor was faithful—every Sunday he came for the little girl and invited the whole family to Sunday school. But the rest of the family always headed for the river, returning about the time they thought church would be over.

When the neighbor deposited the little girl safely with her parents each Sunday afternoon, he left Sunday school papers for them to read.

Weeks went by. The little girl talked about her Sunday school lessons and quoted scriptures she had memorized. She told stories her teacher had made so interesting to her. The child enjoyed Sunday school and begged Daddy and Mother to go with her. The neighbor persistently came, invited the family and took the little girl to Sunday school.

Out of courtesy to the neighbor (and to satisfy the child) Earl gave in unexpectedly one Sunday morning, and had the family ready when the neighbor arrived. The two families went to Sunday school together.

Earl found Sunday school interesting: church was satisfying to a deep-seated longing in his heart. He said so on the way home. The neighbor invited the family to the evening evangelistic service and Earl quickly accepted the invitation. At the appointed hour the faithful neighbor was again on the spot with his car and the two families rode together to church.

Earl and his wife both gave their hearts to the Lord that night and He called them into Christian service. Earl became a successful evangelist, pastor, and district Sunday school director. Why? Because a layman was faithful to pray, to visit, to leave full-gospel literature, to take a child to Sunday school, to drive his car and take a family to church. What a thrill this soul winner must have felt when he knelt beside his friend at the altar and heard him accept Jesus as his personal Saviour! With what joy he must have followed reports of Earl Davis' ministry across the Southwest and along the West Coast!

The thrill of soul winning awaits every born-again Christian. *Enlist now* in Sunday school enlargement and see what thrilling experience God may have in store for you! ◀◀

October 4, 1959

# Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

**Had Adam and Eve not sinned, would children have been born to them in the Garden of Eden?**

I see no reason why children should not have been born in Eden. Had they been born, of course, they would have been born without the curse of the Fall.

**Since God told Noah to prepare an ark for the saving of his house, could any of the antediluvians other than his family have been saved in the ark had they repented?**

Since God gave no instruction for the deliverance of any other than those of Noah's family, He evidently foresaw that the antediluvians would not repent. Nevertheless, He sent the Holy Spirit to strive with them. Had the people repented there might not have been a flood. The people could have been spared as God spared Nineveh under the preaching of Jonah (Jonah 3:4-10).

**A Russian scientist says that man's venture into space proves there is no God. He says no space flight has ever met up with God or with angels. How can we answer this?**

Man's efforts to reach distant planets is in the realm of the material. It is material man trying to reach material worlds. God is a Spirit and the angels are spirits. Man cannot see God through material vision, but that does not prove He does not exist. It is when we are changed from the material to the spiritual existence that we shall see God and shall know even as also we are known. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

**Please explain Genesis 4:7.**

The Lord shows here that although the offering Cain had brought was not accepted, God would still accept Cain if he brought a satisfactory offering. "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?"

If Cain did not do well, then sin, crouching like a wild animal, waited to spring upon him. The Revised Version reads, "Sin coucheth at the door: and unto thee is its desire, but thou shalt rule over it."

Another explanation is that the same Hebrew word is translated *sin* and *sin-offering*. If Cain sinned, a worthy sacrificial animal was before the door. He could make it an offering that was pleasing to God if he would.

**Since there were tongues of fire manifest at Pentecost why should there not be the same manifestation in our day?**

We must remember that Pentecost was a unique and special occasion, the beginning of the New Testament dispensation, the opening of the Church Age. When the Tabernacle was dedicated, the glory of the Lord so filled it that Moses was not able to enter, but this cloud of glory did not continue (Exodus 40:34, 35). When Solomon dedicated the Temple (2 Chronicles 7:1, 2) it was similar. These unusual manifestations of divine power and presence were witnesses to God's acceptance of the service that was to be performed there. So it was at Pentecost—the Lord gave vivid proof of the fact that the New Testament dispensation was now being ushered in. There have been people in our day also who have seen tongues of fire when the presence of God was manifest in an unusual manner. However, this does not ordinarily occur.

*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).*



# BORN TO RULE

GENERAL COUNCIL SERMON BY **MURRAY W. McLEES**, EUGENE, OREGON

**A** NUMBER OF YEARS AGO, WHILE MINISTERING in Wyoming, I was appointed to serve as the State Prison Chaplain. During the time I served in this position I was brought into contact with a man whose story introduces and illustrates my message to this General Council.

Henderson was reared in a Christian home. He was familiar with family altar, prayer, Bible reading, Sunday school, and church attendance, but he did not become a Christian. Upon graduation from college he married a very fine Christian young woman. Life was pleasant until he became involved with the wrong crowd. On one occasion, while under the influence of alcohol, he almost killed his wife. He swore off and for five long years not a single drop passed his lips.

Then one Christmas Eve a group of his old drinking companions needed him into going off on a spree. After breaking his vow and consuming twelve straight shots of whiskey at a bar in Laramie, Wyo., he left the party and went to the home of his parents. When his mother reprimanded him for his weakness, he returned to his home and armed himself with two forty-fives. He then proceeded to the home of his parents where he brutally shot them both to death.

Returning to his home he threw himself in a drunken stupor across the bed. Early in the morning he was awakened by law enforcement officers. When they told him what he had done he nearly lost his mind. On two occasions while interned in the county jail awaiting trial he tried to commit suicide.

He was in this condition when we confronted him. After many sessions together and much prayer, the prisoner opened his heart. This was the essence of his thinking: "Chaplain, the thing that bothers me most is not the fact that I am locked behind these bars and will never get out [for the prison psy-

chiatrist had said he could not be rehabilitated], nor the fact that I will not see my little golden-haired daughter again, as my wife is divorcing me. It is not even the fact that I daily associate with the off-scouring of the world—murderers, thieves, rapists, etc.—nor even that I took the lives of my own parents, for they were good Christians and I know where they have gone. The thing that bothers me is my memory. Day and night I am tormented with the truth that I had hundreds of opportunities to be different and I missed them. *I know that it was not the will of God that I should be a captive!*"

Indeed, it is not God's will that we be captives of circumstances, self, or Satan. We have been *born to rule!* I want you to notice the purpose, plan, and process of God for our lives.

*The Divine Purpose of God—Ephesians 1:1-6.*

While pastoring Trinity Assembly in Rawlins, Wyo., I spent one winter studying Ephesians, from which this message was born. After translating the epistle from the original I discovered a fabulous truth which has changed my whole life and ministry.

First, I want you to notice the little prepositional phrase, "in heavenly places in Christ." It is used five times in the New Testament and all of those times by Paul in the Ephesian epistle. It is the key to my message. He begins this message by telling us of an "election." Almost immediately I hear some one say, "Predestination—that means once saved, always saved." Does this mean eternal security? The best definition of election I have heard is that of the colored preacher who was seeking ordination. When he was asked by the elders his understanding of election, he responded, "Well, God was for me so He voted for me; and Satan, he was against me, so he voted against me; and I was for myself, so I voted

for myself, and I won the election!"

Before the foundation of the world we were chosen, predestinated unto adoption. God was not taken by surprise! The Psalmist says of Him, "From everlasting to everlasting thou art God." In the dateless ages of antiquity Lucifer reared his ugly head and sin entered the universe. Chaos and carnage came as a result. God then re-created the world and brought forth man, giving him *dominion*. In the mind of God, man was created to rule and reign. Satan, in his hatred of God and jealousy of man, has organized the world of fallen angels against God's purpose.

But God has elected that we should rule with Him "to the praise of the glory of his grace!" Grace so marvelous that sinners without hope can become "kings and priests" to rule with Him (Revelation 1:6).

Israel was in the mind of God to fulfill His purposes; therefore Pharaoh's forces perished. Moses was in the mind of God before the foundation of the world to be a deliverer, and God gave him success. Paul was in the mind of God a chosen vessel to witness before the then-known world, and to leave this wonderful letter to the Church.

I believe the Assemblies of God has been in the mind of God for such an hour as this—an age that great leaders predict is facing the possible disappearance of all that we know in the dust of an atomic explosion. This is a time that President Eisenhower has referred to as "*not a moment of peril, but an age of peril.*"

*The Divine Plan of God—Ephesians 1:7-10.*

God has a plan whereby He will defeat the aims of Satan and his crowd, a plan that will permit Him to pick up fallen man from a state of ruin and cause him to become a ruling being. The plan is expressed in verse seven:



"In whom we have *redemption* through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

Jesus came to us while we were yet sinners and loved and purchased us at a great price. The prophetic twenty-second Psalm rings out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" In the third verse He declares, "Thou art holy." And in the sixth verse He answers the previous question, "I am a worm" (or, I have become the crimson one. I have become sin.).

The Bible states that His becoming the crushed crimson one was substitutionary. It was in our behalf. "He (Jesus) who knew no sin became sin [sin offering—crushed crimson one] on our behalf that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Three little Greek prepositions in Galatians validate our position on substitutionary atonement. We were under the curse of sin (*upo*). The Damascus blade was about to fall on us. Christ came in between (*uper*), in place of, and we walked out (*ek*), exodus, from Egypt's dark land of sin and bondage, taskmasters and death. Praise be to His name!

*The Divine Process—Ephesians 1: 11-14.*

This marvelous salvation was made effective by the work of the Holy Spirit. We were "sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." What a responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the full-gospel people in heralding the message of the Spirit!

His Word states, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. . . . He shall glorify me, for *he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you*" (John 16: 13, 14). We cannot over-emphasize the need of the fullness of the Spirit of God in our lives, for it is the work of the Comforter to enlighten us as to the purpose and plan of God relating to His kingdom.

At the outset of this message I stated that we as children of God were not created to be held captive by Satan, but to rule with God's Son. It is the Spirit that leads us into an understanding of this truth.

Jesus said, "But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you, or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he *first* bind the strong man? *And then* he will spoil his house." In this passage the "strong man" represents Satan. "The

stronger than he" is none other than the Lamb; because of His blood we can overcome the powers of darkness (Revelation 12:11). The Lamb is engaged in a deathless conflict with "the strong man," and he will not rest until he is overcome and his palace utterly destroyed. In this conflict between rival kingdoms the Church fills an important part. *We were born to rule.*

In Ephesians 1:19-22, Paul uses a constellation of Greek words which present the greatest description of power in the New Testament. He declares that power which God "wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." In Ephesians 2:6, the Amplified Version gives us the clearer meaning when it states, "And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together—giving us *joint seating* with Him in the heavenly sphere by virtue of our being in Christ Jesus, the Messiah, the Anointed One."

This joint seating grants us authority and power over the same area as the Son of God. The Greek verb speaks of our being enthroned with Him. This privilege is ours as we remain in Him and are covered with His anointing.

If we do not take our authority and sit on our throne, a usurper will. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness *in high places*" (Ephesians 6:12).

Satan's kingdom is organized against God and righteousness and the Bible makes it clear that he interferes with the spiritual life of the believer and thus hinders the progress of the Kingdom. Daniel prayed and fasted for three weeks before a heavenly messenger arrived and said, "Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me" (Daniel 10:12-13).

God created man to have dominion and to subdue. The purpose of God is further revealed in Ephesians 3:9-11: "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers *in heavenly places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the *eternal purpose* which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

It is through redeemed, Blood-washed sinners, sanctified by His Spirit, that all orders of intelligent beings, both good and bad, are shown the brightest display of God's power and wisdom. Oh, the wonder of it! God has chosen and it has always been His eternal purpose to take captive, down-trodden sinners and jointly seat and enthrone them with Himself to rule and reign. Jesus spoke of binding the strong man. That we may understand what is meant by this expression, let us quickly look at how our Lord Himself bound him. In the wilderness He used the Sword of the Spirit and the devil vanished.

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# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Schools

### GOD NEEDED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

American schools need to teach more about God than ever before, in order to offset the anti-religious teachings of Communist-ruled countries, the director of the McGuffey Reading Clinic at the University of Virginia said.

Dr. Ullin Leavell, speaking before an audience of 600 teachers and high-school officials at the Peabody College Reading Laboratory institute in Nashville, Tenn., said the word "God" is a part of our American spiritual and cultural heritage.

"We can teach the children anything we want to," he said, "but we must be conscious of our ultimate purpose" which, he declared, is to inculcate spiritual values. "The New England Primer," he added, "used in the nation's schools for over a hundred years, was 30 per cent direct Biblical quotations and 65 per cent quasi-Biblical."

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR TO BE REPEATED

The Central California Sunday School Fair, which was held the past

two years in Turlock, Calif. with great success, will be repeated this year. The site is being moved to Fresno, Calif., where the Fresno County Fairground will be available to accommodate the larger crowd expected.

The fair will begin Wednesday night, October 28, with a mass rally, and will end Saturday night, October 31, after three full days of working sessions. Ulphin Davis of Portland, Oreg., the fair director, said the event will serve a dual purpose: to stimulate public interest in Sunday school and to train personnel to do a better job by showing them the latest methods and materials. (Information regarding the fair may be obtained by writing to: Central California Sunday School Fair, 2529 Belmont Ave., Fresno, Calif.)

## Scriptures

### TRANSLATING SCRIPTURES FOR ESKIMOS

A representative of the Wycliffe Translators has recently moved into the Eskimo village of Wainright, Alaska, for the purpose of translating the Bible into Innupiat (Eskimo) language. At

present the northern Alaskan Eskimos have only the Gospel of Mark and the Epistle of Romans. Since the Eskimos do not have an actual written language they will have to be taught to read their own language.

### BIBLES FOR THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

The Zionist Organization of America recently sent 1,000 Jewish Bibles to the "Land of the Bible." The shipment marked the beginning of a campaign to place a copy of the Old Testament in every room in Israel's tourist hotels.

## Temperance

### LIQUOR BROUGHT INTO CHURCH

City fathers in Wichita were trying to protect the people when they passed a law that beer should not be sold within 250 feet of a church. Little did they dream the day would come when beer would be sold right in the church! But that is what happened recently, according to *The Standard*. The city commissioner reported that people were playing bingo and drinking beer at a church affair. The city attorney applied his legal mind to the situation and decided the law was not being violated. He ruled that "it is illegal to sell beer within 250 feet of a church in Wichita, but there is no state or city law against dispensing beer inside the church."

### BEER AD TERMED UNETHICAL

The trade journal *Advertising Age* has taken exception to a series of ads appearing in leading magazines which seem to give the impression that beer has "curative or therapeutic effects." It reminded brewers that "in the past any mention of the therapeutic value of beer has been forbidden by the Federal Alcohol Administration Act."

The magazine particularly cited an ad which depicted a fishing scene alongside a glass of foaming beer with the caption, "Good for you!" The ethics of the ad were brought into question with the comment, "In context it refers to the good work done by the

## \$5,000 GIVEN TO SCHOOLS AS ENDOWMENTS



Presentation to J. R. Ashcroft (left) by A. Foster

At its annual meeting convened on August 26 at San Antonio, Texas, in conjunction with the General Council, the board of directors of Church Extension Plan adopted a resolution authorizing the endowing of our Assemblies of God schools with a total of \$5,000. Certificates were presented to the presidents of the four schools by Atwood Foster, C. E. P. president, during the great public service one evening.

Certificates of \$2,000 and \$1,000 were presented to J. Robert Ashcroft, president of Evangel College and Central Bible Institute; \$1,000 to C. C. Burnett, president of Bethany Bible College at Santa Cruz, California; and \$1,000 to C. W. H. Scott in behalf of North Central Bible College at Minneapolis. Frank J. Lindquist, president of the latter school, was not in the meeting to receive the certificate personally.

"This gesture by Church Extension Plan is a modest beginning to a project that has found much favor in the minds of the Board of Directors," said Brother Foster. "This beginning will likely be followed by similar endowments to our schools in the years that lie ahead."



fishermen in the illustration, although to others it might imply that beer is 'good for you.'

## Morals

### COURT UPHOLDS SEIZURE OF PORNOGRAPHY

Police seizure and destruction of obscene or pornographic literature does not violate freedom of speech or press, the Missouri State Supreme Court ruled at Jefferson City.

The decision upheld a Circuit Court ruling after Kansas City police seized alleged pornographic material from a wholesaler and five news dealers.

### SUNDAY JEOPARDIZED IN NEW JERSEY

Petitions have been sent to more than two thousand Protestant and Orthodox congregations in New Jersey calling for signatures to place the Sunday closing question on the November ballot in all counties.

"Unless the trend toward Sunday business is curtailed quickly," said one church official, "over 20 per cent of our population will be drawn into Sunday employment."

## Miscellaneous

### WATER SEALS FOUND HIGH ABOVE SEA LEVEL

Amazed American and Russian scientists recently discovered mummified seals encased in ice at heights up to 2,000 feet above sea level.

The scientists, teaming up in an Antarctic program for the International Geophysical Year work, were stumped as to how they got to those high levels.

The humble Bible believer has no problem in this regard. He finds an adequate possible solution in Genesis, chapters 6, 7, and 8 which deal with the great flood during Noah's day.

### SPECIAL SERVICES FOR HORSE RACERS

Special services for Australia's horse racing fraternity—believed to be without precedent anywhere—were to take place in Roman Catholic, Anglican and Presbyterian churches in Sydney in August. They would mark the 101st year of horse racing in Australia.

Methodist churches, however, would not collaborate. A statement issued by A. Harold Wood, one of the Methodist leaders in Australia, said: "I do not think my Church could join in any service of horse racing men. The policy of my Church is to oppose gambling, even in its smallest forms."

# EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

THIS IS WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY. Each year the first Sunday in October is observed as World-Wide Communion Sunday by churches of all faiths in some fifty countries.

EARLY REPORTS FROM TOKYO told of great victories in the Japanese capital's first sustained evangelistic campaign. Evangelist Harold Herman preached to large crowds nightly and many hundreds sought salvation. Brother Herman obtained daily radio time on Tokyo's powerful 50,000-watt station JOQR to preach the gospel throughout the month of September.

SENATOR HUMPHREY OF MINNESOTA endorsed proposals that the American people pray for peace during President Eisenhower's visit to Russia, but he warned they will have to do some very sincere praying if they are to equal the Russian Christians with whom he worshipped last winter. He said, "If we all prayed as fervently and earnestly as those Russians, I am afraid the Lord would have to put on earmuffs!" (The Senator visited Moscow's Baptist church where Pentecostals and other evangelicals regularly join with Baptists in worship.)

THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE OF KERALA has been expelled and India's central government has taken control. Prime Minister Nehru defended the action of the central government by stating that the Indian Communists' "ideological and mental contacts" lie outside the country and therefore the party is not truly a "national party." The Communists had a chance to rule a state and "failed," he asserted.

LIQUOR WILL NOT BE SERVED at official Canadian government functions in the future. Prime Minister John Diefenbaker set the pattern at a Montreal dinner celebrating the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. He issued orders that no cocktails be served on that occasion. The experiment was so successful the government afterward decided to make it a regular practice at official functions.

THE PROHIBITION PARTY, at its national convention in Winona Lake, Indiana, nominated Dr. R. L. Decker as its candidate for President in next year's national election. Dr. Decker is pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. For a number of years he was Executive Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION IN AUGUST set an all-time high. The total value of new houses of worship was \$89,000,000, the highest amount for any single month in U. S. history. To date, 1959 church construction is running 11 per cent above 1958.

ENROLLMENT IN PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS IN PENNSYLVANIA has reached 598,000 this fall, an increase of 20,300 over last year. Enrollment in public elementary schools throughout the state has dropped some 18,000 and a top official in the State Department of Public Instruction explained the drop by saying many children who normally would have gone to public schools have enrolled in parochial schools instead.

# Our Missionary Advance

## AROUND THE WORLD



BIENNIAL REPORT BY NOEL PERKIN

*Executive Director, Foreign Missions Department*

**T**HERE IS A SENSE OF REAL SATISFACTION in being able to report consistent advances in our missionary work.

In our last General Council report there were 699 missionaries on the active list and 59 ordained Assemblies of God ministers serving on foreign fields without appointment. This list included 36 superannuated missionaries. Since our last General Council, six of our faithful missionaries have passed on to be with the Lord, 18 others have retired from active service because of ill health, 30 have taken up home ministry or failed to return to the field for other reasons, making a total of 54 names removed from the active missionary list. During the same period 22 were transferred from inactive to active status and 86 new appointments were granted, making a net gain of 54. We now have 753 missionaries proclaiming the gospel in 71 fields or political areas.

The latest reports indicate that there are 11,338 national workers, 13,795 churches, and 627,443 believers associated with the national Assemblies of God groups. There are 2,183 students enrolled in our 61 overseas Bible schools.

Financially, this has been the greatest missionary biennium we have ever known. However, figures in no wise convey the thousands of individual sacrifices, the multiplied thousands of miles of missionary travel by every known conveyance, nor the heartbreak, separation from family, loneliness, and all the rest that goes to make the missionary spectrum.

During the 21-month period ending March 31, 1959, offerings received for foreign missions, plus offerings reported by our Assemblies as given direct to Assemblies of God missionaries, amounted to \$6,734,780.86. During this same 21-month period \$246,912 was returned to the districts, and \$60,056 was

transferred to the National Home Missions Department under the World Missions Plan, making a total of \$7,041,744.86 in foreign and world missions offerings.

These are encouraging totals and show substantial growth. The major portion of this increase came in 1958 when our foreign missionary giving showed an amazing increase of \$835,730.40 over the previous year.

Over the past years an average of 66 per cent of our churches gave a missionary offering in any given month. We are still only two-thirds a missionary people on a regular monthly basis. Our per capita response nationwide was \$7.82. During the calendar year of 1958, 395 churches gave absolutely nothing to missions; 3,010 churches gave less than \$100 to missions. On the other hand, 1,081 churches gave over \$1,000 to missions.

To tell our story in more graphic form, the Foreign Missions Department has launched a new free publication entitled *Global Conquest*. This publication will reach around 200,000 persons and will highlight a new "CRASH" program for missions.

### AFRICA

In the face of persecution, insurrection, and revolt the Assemblies of God advances in Africa! One hundred fourteen new Assemblies of God churches have been built in the past twelve months and hundreds of other new congregations are being formed.

Our Sunday school program is expanding so rapidly that any figures given today would be out-dated in a matter of weeks. Several Nigerian congregations have again won international recognition in the *Christian Life International Sunday School Contest*—one with an average attendance of over three thousand. South Africa and Congo have established excellent records

in a new Sunday school drive. Thousands of nationals are receiving teacher training in organized programs.

Our six printing establishments are producing literature in no less than 61 distinct African languages. Some of these printing establishments work three shifts daily to keep up with the insatiable appetite of Africa for gospel literature. Over 5,000,000 pieces of literature have been printed on our presses in Africa in the past year. Speed-the-Light and the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade have linked hands in providing both the printing equipment and the paper for this enormous literature program.

Africa's 16 Bible schools continue to provide trained Assemblies of God pastors and evangelists.

The work has grown in recent months in the face of opposition and violent persecution. Several of our pastors have suffered physical violence for preaching the gospel; several others have lost their lives in fires of incendiary origin; numbers of our churches have been burned. One mission station was destroyed with a loss of nearly all personal and missionary equipment. In the face of rising nationalism our Assemblies of God members, our 1,300 pastors, and our missionaries have continued their efforts unabated. From one end of Africa to the other, revival fires are burning more brightly than ever, for which we praise God.

### ASIA

This past year has witnessed steady growth throughout Asia. Positive and long-range planning years ago laid the foundation for national organizations which allow full participation and direction by local people. In South India, Ceylon, Indonesia, Japan, and the Philippines, the places of top leadership in our church organizations are filled by national brethren.



Due to the proximity of its various fields to Communist China, the Asian Division must be keenly aware of the pressures of communism. A ring of Bible schools almost encircles Communist China—beginning with the school in Korea, going to the fine school in Japan, coming down to the school in Formosa, the three schools in the Philippines, the outstanding school in Hong Kong, the five Bible schools in Indonesia, the small school in Singapore, the newly established school in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, and ending with the large school in the mountains of Northern Burma on the southwest side of China.

News filtering out of Communist China would indicate that the Pentecostal church is growing despite great persecution. It is an established fact that there are about 100,000 Spirit-filled people in all of China today.

It has now become practically impossible to get additional missionaries into India. The work must be consolidated and available personnel must be used for those ministries which are essential to the growth of the church itself. This will no doubt mean a stringent curtailment of certain philanthropic activities which have been considered vital in days gone by but which cannot be given priority under existing conditions. It is safe to say that over half of India's 100,000 Spirit-filled people have come into the Pentecostal experience through the activities of Assemblies of God missionaries and workers.

Indonesia has suffered gravely during the past year, partly because the central government at Djakarta has attempted to extend its rigid control over

outlying areas, which in turn are pressing for a large measure of local autonomy. The city of Tomohon, where we have our Bible school and headquarters, has been a constant battleground between the government and rebel forces. It was necessary to close the Bible school and the buildings have been used as a hospital. The Morris Devin family stayed bravely through all the fighting in order to protect property and hold the work together.

The remarkable work of the Assemblies of God in Northern Burma continues to grow and there are now about 10,000 Pentecostal Christians scattered in remote villages in the mountain fastness of the area between Burma and China. There is desperate need for additional missionary personnel in Burma.

The Philippines perhaps have witnessed the most spectacular growth throughout the past year in the Asia Division. Much credit must be given to a group of evangelists who conducted a successful campaign in Manila and outlying cities. These campaigns were entirely within the framework of the Assemblies of God and our capable staff of missionaries and national workers greatly appreciated the impetus given to the established work by the visiting evangelists.

At present we have 23 Bible schools in the Asia Division with approximately 950 students. As these young men and women go out into the work of the gospel, the growth of the Assemblies of God throughout Asia is assured!

#### EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

This past year has been one of the most fruitful years in the history of our work in Europe and the Middle

TEN TOP DISTRICTS	
The ten leading districts for missionary giving in the calendar years of 1957 and 1958 were:	
1. Southern California	\$1,087,482.30
2. Northwest	687,667.47
3. N. California-Nevada	680,446.26
4. Eastern	425,113.80
5. Ohio	406,658.43
6. Oklahoma	403,410.88
7. Michigan	373,344.61
8. Oregon	366,775.63
9. North Texas	362,136.76
10. Minnesota	360,015.80

TEN TOP CHURCHES	
The ten leading churches for missionary giving in the calendar years of 1957 and 1958 were:	
1. New York City, N. Y. Glad Tidings	\$94,975.67
2. Denver, Colo. Calvary Temple	81,168.63
3. N. Hollywood, Calif. First A/G	57,183.44
4. Bakersfield, Calif. Full Gospel Tab.	56,1390.6
5. Cleveland, Ohio First A/G	52,055.92
6. Sacramento, Calif. Bethel Temple	50,419.35
7. Memphis, Tenn. First A/G	49,688.56
8. Turlock, Calif. Bethel Temple	45,647.80
9. Minneapolis, Minn. Gospel Tab.	44,757.60
10. Seattle, Wash. Calvary Temple	44,403.03

East. Our workers have not endeavored to establish an Assemblies of God work in Europe but to co-operate with the existing groups of Pentecostal believers.

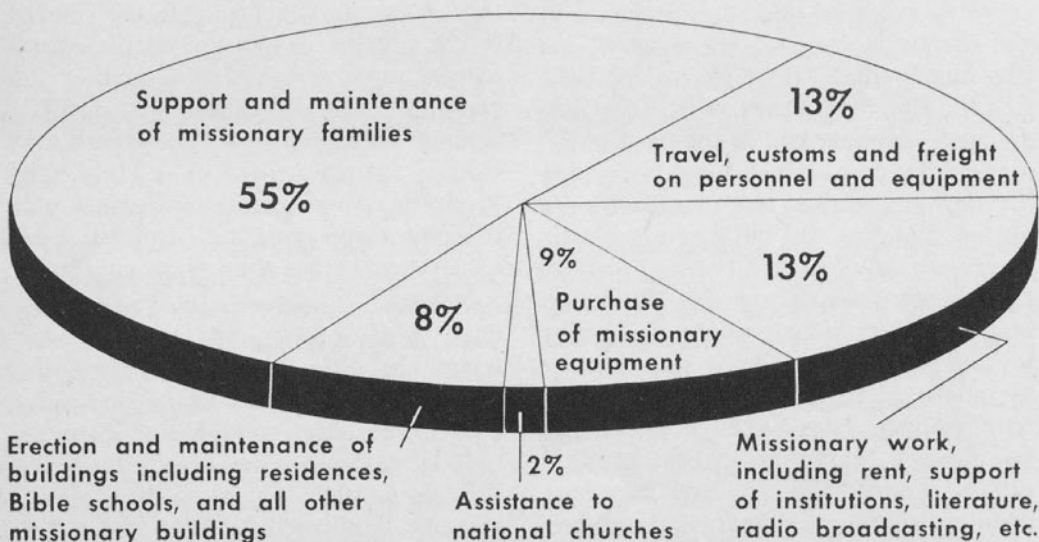
It was recognized that the only way to reach Europe with the gospel was through trained national preachers. A chain of Bible schools now extends from Denmark across Europe to Port Said, Egypt. Recently splendid property was purchased near Liege, Belgium. This property, appraised at \$200,000, was made available to us for about \$30,000 and will be the site of our French-speaking training center which opens this fall. Land for the Bible school in Rome has been purchased and a building is under construction.

The outstanding single event in Greece was the purchase of property for the Athens Evangelistic Center. In addition to the church auditorium seating 600 people, there is ample room for a growing Sunday school and a Bible school.

The Bible school in Port Said, Egypt, continues its fine work of training Egyptian young men. Graduates of the

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### HOW THE MISSIONARY DOLLAR IS SPENT





# The Greeks Had a Word for It . . .

BY RAYMOND L. COX

**Q**UITE OFTEN WHEN THEIR VOCABULARIES fail to provide properly for the expression of their thoughts men remind themselves that "the Greeks had a word for it!" Usually this happens to be true, because ancient Greek was probably the most perfect vehicle for conveying exact ideas that man ever knew. Thus, when the need arose for a term to designate clearly the relation of God's Son to the Father, "the Greeks had a word for it." Transliterated, the word is *Logos*.

If, as some suggest, the contents of the fourth Gospel were first communicated by John to his congregation, the aged apostle one day may have stood before the church at Ephesus and startled his auditors with the proposition, "In the beginning was the *Logos*, and the *Logos* was with God, and the *Logos* was God" (John 1:1).

The announcement would have been astonishing primarily because that term had been widely discussed in contemporary religious and philosophical speculation.

The Stoics applied the word to what they called "the soul of the world." Others used it to express the generative principle in nature. The Alexandrian Jew, Philo, came the closest to proclaiming the doctrine of the *Logos* in terms of its later Christian significance. But even he was very vague. He reasoned that the great unknown God, who dwelt in some unknown place in the heavens, might at some unknown time and in an unknown manner appear in an epiphany to man. The manifestation of this God, Philo designated as the *Logos*. Thus the

Greeks had a word ready to be sanctified to Christian usage for the purpose of expounding more fully the true doctrine of God.

In the Authorized Version *Logos* is translated "Word." If this term is to be translated, no better rendering is available in English. But most interpreters recommend transliteration instead. Moffatt therefore renders the first phrase of the fourth Gospel, "The *Logos* existed in the very beginning."

*Logos* aptly designates an eternally existing, divine person, described as "God only-begotten" in the original text of John 1:18, who by incarnation "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). The *Logos* is the perfect manifestation of the nature and will of the Father. He is, indeed, the only avenue of access to God.

The first fact which John declares regarding Christ as the "Word" is eternity and co-existence with the Father.

Some suppose that the declaration, "In the beginning was the *Logos*," infers merely that Christ was older than Adam. But that is not what John announced. His use of "in the beginning" carries the Son's genealogy back past the day of creation to the very bosom of the Father. In the beginning the *Logos* already "was!"

Significant indeed is the distinction in phraseology between *was* as applied to the pre-existent Christ and *became* as it is used in verse 14 in connection with the incarnate Word. *Was* conveys no idea of beginning, either for God or the *Logos*. Its absolute use here denotes continuous, eternal existence.

John's next announcement declares, "The *Logos* was with God." "With God"—"face to face with God"—or "at home with God." All these concepts are inherent in the Greek preposition. Equality, intimacy, and fellowship between the Father and the Son were enjoyed before the foundation of the world.

He was "with God" in creation, for, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The Hebrew word for God (the plural, *Elohim*) foreshadows the Christian doctrine of the divine tri-unity. "The Trinity is latent in *Elohim*" declares Dr. Scofield. Thus even in the Genesis record divine co-operation appears in creation, a fact which John corroborates in verse three.

The "Word was with God" in redemption from the beginning, for Christ is the Lamb foreordained before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 1:19-20) to take away its sin (John 1:29).

John's third assertion relative to the *Logos* affirms the absolute deity of Christ. "The Word *was* God."

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus Christ is presented as very God. The Father Himself affirmed Christ's deity when Jesus was baptized. Paul designates the Son as "over all, God blessed forever" (Romans 9:5), and "the great God and our Saviour" (Titus 2:13). Jesus Christ is God incarnate in the flesh. He has been eternally divine and will be divine throughout the ages of the ages, in what Origen called "the eternal generation of the Son."

The first verse of John's Gospel is unique in another respect. Not only is it a key-verse in Christology; it also constitutes a categorical contradiction of two major heresies of Church History, concepts which plague the Church to the present day disguised in various names and forms. Martin Luther declared, "'The Word was with God' is against Sabellius, and 'The Word was God' is against Arius." The Holy Spirit, anticipating men's tampering with the pure deposit of faith, refuted these ideas even before they were conceived!

Sabellianism corresponded to present-day "Jesus only" or "Oneness" doctrines. Sabellius taught that there was no multiplicity within the divine unity. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are only three progressive manifestations of the one person. No distinction of personality is allowed between the Father



and the Son. "The Word was *with* God" adequately refutes Sabellius.

Arianism, named after its first exponent, the presbyter Arius of the fourth century, declared that Christ, though the noblest and loftiest of God's creations, was neither the eternal Son of God nor of the same essence as God. Arius condoned calling Christ "God" by *courtesy*, much as a lieutenant governor is sometimes called "governor," but the presbyter made it clear that Christ was not really divine. Arianism survives today in modified forms among those who envision a "reduced" Christ. "The Word was God," however, contradicts all who deny the essential and eternal deity of our Lord.

The prologue of John's Gospel, while it borrowed a word which the Greeks had, surpasses anything and everything which Greek philosophy (and, indeed, the theological speculations of all inspired men of all ages) could offer. John 1:1 outstrips the doctrines and traditions of men. Nothing can ever be said to transcend either the simplicity or the profundity of this presentation of mutual relations between the Father and the Son. John's first seventeen words excel the voluminous speculations of the sages of all ages. He who was God in the beginning, in time came to be with man, assuming the form of man, in order to become the pioneer of salvation for a ruined race! ◀◀

God?" is full of doubt. *The statement, "God can," is an affirmation of faith.* Questioning God and limiting His power shut Israel out of Canaan and sent them wandering for forty years in the wilderness. If we question God's power, we too may find ourselves shut out from the fullness of His blessing.

Abraham walked a path of faith that glorified God. There were many trials of his faith, and, humanly speaking, it seemed impossible for God's promises to him ever to be fulfilled. Yet he kept on hoping and believing. He never asked, "Can God?" He was "fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform" (Romans 4:21).

After the great Chicago fire, some ashes of Bank of England notes were found. Were they worthless? Would the bank honor them now? The ashes were carefully put between boards and taken to the bank. Chemical tests were made and the numbers and values of the notes were ascertained. Then the Bank of England redeemed the notes. This human promise was kept because it was considered a trust; how much more sure are the promises of God!

There were some who came to Jesus for help, yet hardly dared to believe He could actually meet their needs. The appeal of the man whose son so desperately needed help was, "If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us" (Mark 9:22).

Jesus answered, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." In other words, "My doing depends upon your faith."

The writer to the Hebrews pointed out the example of the Israelites and the consequences of their unbelief, and warned his readers against a similar course. "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12). The Israelites in the wilderness did not fail because of intellectual unbelief, but because they did not have a heart-trust in the living God. Their trouble was "an evil heart of unbelief." Their hearts resisted the claims of God.

Unbelief is responsible for spiritual failure, backsliding, and loss of spiritual blessing, while *faith* has brought victory and power to God's saints through the ages.

*God can!* He can do what He has promised. And He will. The only limitation is in our faith. "Lord, increase our faith." ◀◀

Only two small words—  
but what a difference it makes  
when they are reversed!

# CAN GOD?

BY OLIVE BISHOP BRANCH

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAW GOD'S power demonstrated many times. In Egypt they witnessed the terrible plagues when Pharaoh refused to free them from bondage. God divided the Red Sea and led them across on dry land, holding back the wall of water by His power. He led them in the wilderness by day with a pillar of cloud and by night a light of fire hovered about them. When they were without water, "He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers" (Psalm 78:16). Still they were not satisfied, nor did they trust Him fully. "Yea, they spake against God; they said, *Can God* furnish a table in the wilderness? . . . *Can he* give bread also? *can he* provide flesh for his people?" (Vv. 19, 20).

They had seen the mighty works of God but still they questioned Him. They wondered if His power had not reached its limit. They were beginning to feel

there were some things beyond Him. His unlimited power was too much for them to believe. "Can God?" they were asking.

They incurred God's anger "because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation" (V. 22). He showed them what He could do. He rained down manna upon them, and men ate the food of angels. He gave them meat, "feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea." But "for all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works" (V. 32).

Unbelief was a sin not only of the ancient Israelites. It has plagued mankind since the beginning of time. God has filled heaven and earth with proof of His love and power, yet we do not always fully trust Him. We are "slow of heart to believe."

The order in which words appear can make a considerable difference in their implication. The question, "Can



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# My Best for My Children

by V. RAYMOND EDMAN

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**F**AITH IN THE SAVIOUR IS THE greatest contribution any parent can make to his children.

Greater than fame and better than money, even more important than education, to each child is the gift of faith. That gift will be enlarged and strengthened as he goes onward; and all of life will be sweeter, stronger, and better for it.

How can I do my very best for my children? The best method is to teach them by precept and practice. By seeing the Lord Jesus in you, they will come to love Him, trust Him, and to obey Him.

Your *conduct* will be the most obvious factor to them. Actions always speak louder than words. In his love and admiration for his parents, the little child learns early whether he is loved or not. As he grows older his big eyes observe what is done, and he correlates his observations with the instructions given to him.

Intuitively the child understands practical Christianity in action. His response will first be imitation of what he sees and hears, but imitation can soon become a living reality. He will believe what we believe. He will walk

and talk as we do. It will be easy for him to believe in the Saviour for having seen Him in father and mother.

Christian *character* will be as apparent to our children, younger and older, as to others—perhaps more so. Before they learn to read the ABC's they read character. Intuitively they understand adults much better than we suppose. Integrity, honesty, honor, unselfishness, courage in the face of great difficulties—such character traits are deeply impressed upon young plastic



For Junior Readers

## CODE MESSAGE

To decode the following message, make every "Z" that appears an "A"; every "Y" a "B"; every "X" a "C"; and so on through the alphabet.

ZMW SV HZRW FMGL NV, NB  
TIZXV RH HFUURXRVMG ULI GSVV:  
ULI NB HGIVMTGS RH NZWV  
KVIUVXG RM DVZPMVHH. NLHG  
TOZWOB GSVIVULIV DROO R  
IZGSVI TOLIB RM NB RMURINRG-  
RVH, GSZG GSV KLDVI LU XSIRHG  
NZB IVHG FKLM NV.

(To check your answer, look up 2 Corinthians 12:9)



minds. The children will see Christ in our character, and will share the confidence that others have in us. They will be proud of mother and dad, and of the Saviour.

Our *conversation* can show forth the Lord Jesus. Little folk have big ears, as well as big eyes. They comprehend the intent, as well as the content, of our talk. They will make mental note of our appreciation and helpfulness toward others, and likewise of unkind and unfair criticism. Our kindness and consideration for others in what we say and what we do can teach them of Him who went about doing good to all.

*Consistency* is a jewel, and nowhere does it sparkle more brightly than in the Christian home. At the family altar we can teach children about Christ as we read the Bible, but even more impressive to them will be their seeing Christ in us. They will note what we say and do in Sunday school and church, and will compare that with our attitude and actions in the home. Consistency in our words and our works will be evidenced by the standards we maintain in the Lord's house and on His day, and in the carefulness with which we do His work as laity or clergy. Your faith in the Saviour will be conveyed to the children by your faithfulness to them and to the Lord, and by your fatherly care and concern. To me it has always been challenging and encouraging to remember that in days dark and foreboding, Noah's sons followed their godly father even into the ark. That action must have seemed somewhat foolish to them, as it certainly was to the worldlings round about, but they had learned to trust God because they trusted their father.

The future of your children depends largely upon their faith in Christ. Christian conduct, character, conversation, and consistency will pay big dividends in the life of every child.

A family altar with its open Bible and bended knees for the whole family; the happy home; the attendance of all the family at Sunday school and church—all these make for a wholesome outlook on life by the children, and the establishment of standards that will go with them throughout life. Correction that is constructive, co-operation that is cheerful, harmony that is helpful, such are the memories the children will carry with them when they leave our homes and go into their place of service and usefulness.

—National Sunday School Association



## Wednesday, October 7



# Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS  
BY R. G. CHAMPION

### Monday, October 5

**Read:** 1 Peter 5:1-7

**Learn:** "Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

**For the Parent:** These practical teachings from Peter include exhortations to the elders and to the younger people. Point these out, stressing Christian humility, love for Christ and others, and a genuine desire for the good of others. God knows our motives—why we do what we do. Let us be certain that we serve God and others out of love.

**Question Time:** What reward will go to the faithful elder? (v. 4) Why should we avoid being proud? (v. 5)

**Missionary Birthdays:** James E. Baker, Formosa; Ray Jones, Bolivia; Mrs. Waldo Nicodemus, Cuba; Ernest Sorbo, India.

### Tuesday, October 6

**Read:** 1 Peter 5:8-14

**Learn:** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

**For the Parent:** Peter warns the Christians against Satan, pointing out one of the tricks he uses, v. 8. We are told to resist him, v. 9, and thus gain victory. Point out also the things God is striving to do through us, v. 10. This should result in eternal glory and dominion to the One who has done so much for us, v. 11.

**Question Time:** What is one of the tricks of the devil? (v. 8) Does this mean he will literally eat us up? (No; this refers to our spiritual lives).

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. Dale Barber, Hong Kong; Mrs. R. R. Webb, Liberia.

**Read:** Psalm 47

**Learn:** "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. (Psalm 47:1).

**For the Parent:** Because God has done so much for us, we should praise Him continually. Point out the ways in which we can praise God: clapping our hands before Him, v. 1; shouting with the voice of triumph, v. 1; singing praises to Him, v. 6. Point out also that God rules all the world, v. 2; and whatever power Satan has in this earth is by God's permission only. How wonderful it is to serve such a great God.

**Question Time:** What are some ways in which we can praise God? (See above) Why should we praise Him?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Herbert L. Griffin, Congo; Fred Merian, India; Mrs. William Sakwitz, Japan; Virgil Smith, Brazil.

### Thursday, October 8

**Read:** Genesis 25:27-34; Hebrews 12:16, 17

**Learn:** "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment" (Luke 12:23).

**For the Parent:** (Additional material on "Selling the Birthright" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Discuss the differences in the twin brothers, Jacob and Esau. As the firstborn son, Esau acquired the birthright—a larger share of the inheritance and the right to a special blessing. Discuss how he despised it and sold it for just a little of something to eat. Are we selling out cheap, too? What does it take to make us forget God?

**Question Time:** What was the birthright? (See above) Why did Esau sell it? For how much did he sell it?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Anna Jean Armstrong (Deaf), Ill.; Inez Kreiss, India.

### Friday, October 9

**Read:** Matthew 5:5; Numbers 12:3; 1 Kings 17:10-16 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

#### CALL TO PRAYER

Beginning with this week's Family Altar feature, you will find the names of our missionaries listed according to their birthdays. If you and your family or prayer group will faithfully take these names before the Lord in prayer on their birthdays, in the course of a year you will have prayed for every one of our more than 1,000 home and foreign missionaries.

You may receive a special monthly CALL TO PRAYER bulletin, containing the full addresses of the

**Learn:** "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace" (Psalm 37:11).

**For the Parent:** Be sure that the group understands the meaning of the term, "meek." It means teachable, gentle, kind. The Biblical term does not include the modern meaning of spinelessness. Discuss Moses as an example of meekness. Also show how obedience to God's will, illustrated in 1 Kings 17:10-16, shows a truly meek spirit. As God's children, we must let Him teach us.

**Question Time:** What is meekness? How does Moses' life illustrate it?

**Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. H. B. Hawkes, Pakistan; Mrs. W. F. Lasley, Senegal; Marian Neff, India; Mrs. J. W. Nilsen, Congo; Mrs. Dorothy Ponge, Alaska; Mrs. E. E. Vincent, Hawaii; Mrs. Kenneth Weigel, India.

### Saturday, October 10

**Read:** Genesis 1:26; 2:1-5, 18-25 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

**Learn:** "The Lord...hath made us, and not we ourselves" (Psalm 100:3).

**For the Parent:** Review the story of creation studied last week (Genesis 1). Then discuss how God created Adam and Eve, our first parents. Emphasize also the purpose for which He created them—to bring glory to His name; to have a being with whom He could have fellowship. We must always keep this purpose in mind, for only in doing so can we live fully. Discuss ways in which our lives can bring glory to God.

**Question Time:** Who created Adam and Eve? Why? (See above) In what ways can we bring glory to God?

**Missionary Birthdays:** E. Walter Erola, Burma; H. Eloise Jackson (Indian), N. Mex.; Mrs. R. M. Scotti, Belgium.

**Missionary Birthdays for Sunday:** Mrs. O. Dillingham, India; Miss Virginia Kridler (Indian), Ariz.; Mrs. G. Goomas, Greece; Delmar L. Guynes, Malaya; Mrs. D. L. Jolley, Ghana; Ted Schultz, Dahomey.

foreign missionaries (along with their pictures) by sending your request to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

PLEASE PRAY for the efforts of our Sunday schools across the nation during October which is Enlargement Month.

October is also Protestant Press Month. Pray for the foreign literature phase of Global Conquest, and for the ministry of full-gospel literature in our own nation.



# Victories on Our

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD HOME MISSIONARIES, pioneer pastors, established churches, and district leaders are endeavoring to meet the challenge of the Great Commission in the homeland. Strides have been made with over 2,400 conversions reported and 423 new churches organized or in the process of organization over the land during 1957 and 1958. The department had (as of March 31, 1959) 263 appointed home missionaries.

### CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

Several changes have taken place in department personnel in the last year. R. L. Brandt succeeds Victor Trimmer as national secretary. Ruth Lyon replaces Elva Johnson as Home Missions promotional editor and writer. Twila Brown Edwards was named supervisor of the Deaf and Blind Ministries, replacing Earl Walpole. (Mrs. Edwards has since resigned, and Maxine Strobbridge has been appointed as her successor.)

The Church Building and Planning Commission which was set up in 1955 has been of great assistance to our new works. The following men are now serving as regional architects: Joseph Colombo, chairman; A. V. Gustafson, James H. Hennix, Pleas Hyatt, Gordon E. Nickell, Earl C. Rodgers, John Wolfe, Orié Davis, and Jim Shade. Several others are also co-operating with this program.

At the 1957 General Council an offering was received in our home missions service to help finance a program to provide building plans and blueprints for our pioneer churches. (However, this program is no longer confined to pioneer churches.) A number of requests have been received for the service from other denominations besides our own. This program is expanding rapidly and should be of great help in establishing new Assemblies of God churches over the nation. A booklet, "Plans for Pioneers," has been published and a larger, revised edition will be completed in the near future.

Spring seminars were conducted by G. F. Lewis and R. L. Brandt in 1958 and 1959 in our Bible schools, and special help was provided for students interested in pioneer work.

### Mission U.S.A.

Approximately 163 Mission U.S.A. rallies were conducted in 1959, most of them during February. Thirty districts co-operated with the national department in an all-out effort to acquaint their membership with the home mission fields and to challenge them to renewed action for the lost of America. Mission U.S.A. offerings were divided according to the "Share Plan."

### Share Plan

The Share Plan of the National Home Missions Department provides for offerings to be divided as follows: 25 per cent is returned to the district; 50 per cent is added to the Pioneer Revolving Loan Fund; 25 per cent goes to the National Home Missions Emergency Fund.

Thus, every Mission U.S.A. offering benefits the district, the pioneer churches, and the National Home Missions Emergency Fund. Each dollar in the Share Plan will go on working to build churches and win souls.

### Pioneer Revolving Loan Fund

The Pioneer Revolving Loan Fund, which is a part of the Share Plan program, has made possible scores of loans annually to assist new churches with their building projects. It is made up of contributions and gifts of interested individuals and churches. As borrowing churches repay their loans the money is used repeatedly in the building of new churches.

### Needy District Fund

The national department has been able to help many districts in their great work of church extension through contributions designated for "Needy District Fund." Many districts are expanding so rapidly that their finances cannot keep pace. Twenty-three grants totaling \$31,980.68 were made to districts for churches under three years old from April 1, 1958, to March 31, 1959.

As of March 31, 1959, the loans made from the following three funds since the last audit total:

### Loans

Krause .....	\$40,804.36
Pioneer .....	47,637.36
Home Missions Accommodations .....	290.00
<b>Total Loans .....</b>	<b>\$88,731.72</b>



Gayle F. Lewis

### SPECIAL MINISTRIES DIVISION

#### The American Indians

Eighty per cent of evangelical work among American Indians is being done by Assemblies of God workers. In 1958, nearly 800 souls were saved. We have 118 workers appointed to work among the Indians, with 79 churches (nine are new) and nine outstations (seven are new), plus other preaching points. This expanding ministry, under the supervision of the districts in co-operation with the national department, extends into some 20 states (18 districts) on more than 70 reservations and rancherias and reaches approximately 100 tribes. Each summer, several Indian camps are conducted with very encouraging results. The first one in Alaska was conducted this year. Four new Indian church buildings have been erected, or were under construction in 1958.

Much of our work has been and will continue to be on the reservations. However, due to the relocation of thousands of Indians in large cities we have established several Indian Evangelistic Centers in these areas also.

#### Jewish Work

Eleven Jewish workers are under appointment with missions located in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Workers also carry on extensive personal work among the Jews in Kansas City and New Kensington, Pa. It is recognized that it is impossible for so few workers to reach the millions of Jews in America.

#### Deaf and Blind Work

Forty-four appointed ministers and 28 layworkers, plus others who do some



# Home Missions Fields

BIENNIAL REPORT  
**GAYLE F. LEWIS**  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
 HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

interpreting and Sunday school teaching, minister to the Deaf of the United States in 61 churches. Approximately 100 souls were saved among the Deaf in 1958. Our workers cover a total of 76 points of ministry in the United States, Hawaii, and Alaska. Four Bible schools are teaching the sign language. In 1958, two deaf camps were conducted. Three were scheduled for 1959. Financial assistance and special Bible courses for them are provided by the national department.

A monthly publication, *The Silent Ambassador*, and a quarterly, *The Deaf Student*, are published for the Deaf.

Ministry to the Blind is the newest of the department's activities. In January 1958 the Home Missions Department began producing *The Adult Student* quarterly in Braille. The Braille is done by Howe Press at Watertown, Mass. Because of a free mail permit, the department is not permitted to charge for this quarterly. Quarterlies must be sent directly to blind persons—not to churches. Sunday schools and churches are being encouraged to provide these quarterlies, which cost \$5 per set per year, for the Blind of their churches and communities. This work has grown so rapidly that it was recently necessary to purchase a new Braille machine for Mrs. E. W. Whitney, Pewaukee, Wis., housewife, who supplies *The Primary Pupil*, *The Junior Pupil* and the *Teen-Age* quarterlies in Braille. She also prints in Braille *The Pentecostal Digest*, a compilation of articles and stories from *The Pentecostal Evangel*, *Live*, *HiCall*, and *Revivaltime* sermons.

## Prison Work

National Prison Representative Arvid Ohnell is carrying on a nationwide ministry in federal and state penal institutions. Several Assemblies of God ministers are serving either as full- or part-time chaplains and an increasing number of local churches are conducting jail services.

Each year the second Sunday in November is observed as National Prison Sunday. The purpose of this special effort is to encourage local churches to conduct services in jails and penitentiaries.

Five introductory Bible correspond-

ence courses have been written by Arvid Ohnell for use in prisons. Prisoners who satisfactorily complete them are permitted to continue with the more advanced courses furnished by our regular correspondence school—Berean School of the Bible. About 9,000 basic courses were provided for prisoners by the department free of charge in 1958. *The Pentecostal Evangel* is sent to about 125 state and federal penitentiaries.

## Alaska Ministry

Ninety workers are under appointment in this field with 33 churches, four outstations, and other preaching points. We have churches in every Alaska town of 1,000 population or over.

Three children's homes are in operation, caring for approximately 66 children.

Seven missionary planes are in operation by our missionaries to reach remote villages with the gospel.

In June 1958 the Seventh Biennial Alaska Convention convened in Anchorage with 200 workers, delegates, and visitors present. The executive committee, consisting of three presbyters, was re-appointed—B. P. Wilson, chairman and pastor at Fairbanks; David Hogan, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Anchorage; and Harold Maley, pastor at Juneau. When Brother Maley resigned his church later, Leonard Olson, pastor at Haines, was chosen to replace him. This executive committee has greatly strengthened our ministry in Alaska. The work will continue to operate under the supervision of the National Home Missions Department even though Alaska is now a state.

## Ministry to Foreign-Language Groups

A list of Foreign Branches, includ-

ing total churches and total membership follows:

BRANCH	CHURCHES	MEMBERS
German	19	1,206
Greek	10	430
Hungarian	12	280
Italian	66	4,763
Latin American	296	19,790
* Spanish Eastern (in U.S.)	66	7,564
Polish	19	904
Russian	12	402
Ukrainian	23	879
Yugoslavian	1	

\* Approximately 35 Puerto Rican churches were added to the Spanish Eastern District in 1958.

## Bible Schools

Four Bible schools (one now in Puerto Rico) are included in the ministry of the Home Missions Department. The new one recently acquired in Puerto Rico is under the supervision of the Spanish Eastern District.

## Puerto Rico

In 1958 ministry in the island of Puerto Rico was placed under the Home Missions Department. This island has been added to the Spanish Eastern District's area of activity. Definite steps have already been taken in the development of our Puerto Rican work which has received considerable impetus through the affiliation of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ with our Assemblies of God churches there.

## EDITORIAL AND PROMOTIONAL

The filmstrip, BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY, covering the over-all Home Missions program, has been shown in 194 churches and 185 cities since it was prepared in 1956.

A new film, TAKING THE CITY (prepared in 1958 in the interest of

(Continued on page thirty)

## CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT

New churches added to our Assemblies of God districts in the past five years are reported as follows:

388 in 1954; 477 in 1955; 292 in 1956; 205 in 1957; and 218 in 1958.

It has been discovered that for every ten new churches opened in the homeland, one new missionary can be sent to the foreign field. It is evident that unless we continue to build new churches, we will reach a sat-

uration point and so curtail our foreign outreach. Thus, there is a distinct relationship of home missions to the growth and development of foreign missions.

The 1957 and 1958 surveys revealed the following facts concerning the 423 new churches reported by our districts: 2,400 conversions; 402 filled with the Spirit; 5,961 enrolled in Sunday school; 64 organized C. A. groups; 57 organized WMC groups; 9 organized Men's Fellowships.



## SELLING THE BIRTHRIGHT

Sunday School Lesson for October 11, 1959

GENESIS 25:27-34; HEBREWS 12:16, 17

In the life of Jacob we find much encouragement for we find so much that reminds us of ourselves. His failings, his aspirations, and his sorrows are so much like our own. Why did God choose Jacob? Who knows? Certainly it was not because of anything in Jacob. Neither were any of us chosen because of anything in us! The answer lies in the mystery of God's sovereign grace which, though we may not fathom it, we may experience and rejoice with joy unspeakable!

### THE BIRTH OF THE BROTHERS (Gen. 25:23-28)

1. *The Prediction.* Rebekah received an unusual message from the Lord in connection with the birth of her twins. First, the elder should serve the younger—something entirely contrary to custom in those days. Second, that the sons would represent two nations which would become bitter enemies of each other.

2. *The Partiality.* Trouble began in the home (as it will in any home) when both Rebekah and Isaac were guilty of partiality and favoritism.

### THE BARGAIN OF THE BROTHERS (Gen. 25:31-34)

Esau, returning home from a hunting trip, and weak with hunger, found Jacob cooking a very appealing meal of lentils, and asked for a portion. Jacob, sensing an opportunity to take advantage of his brother, struck a bargain with him. "Sell me this day thy birthright." And "thus Esau despised his birthright."

1. *The Birthright.* What was it? Not worldly prosperity, for though he sold his birthright, Esau to the end of his days was a prosperous man. (1) Not immunity from sorrow and heartache, for Jacob who secured the birthright apparently experienced a great deal more sorrow in his lifetime than did Esau. (2) The birthright was a spiritual heritage including Abraham's spiritual blessing, the right of family priesthood, the privilege (in this case) of being progenitor of the promised Redeemer, as well as the inheritor of the land of Canaan, and a double portion of the family inheritance.

2. *The Barter.* It seems clear that both Jacob and Esau were familiar with the divine plan for their lives as revealed at their birth. Bearing this important fact in mind let us draw some lessons from the bargain which Esau made with his brother.

(1) *Getting ahead of God.* It had been whispered in his mother's ear that the elder should serve the younger. Jacob should have trusted God to work out what He had promised, instead of resorting to carnal trickery. We can never further the cause of God by fleshly activity and carnal means and methods. It pays to wait on God and for God.

(2) *The weakness of physical strength.* Esau was the athletic type, a strong man who illustrates the fact that those strongest in muscle and brawn may be weakest in

resisting the appeals of momentary passion. Natural strength and devotion will always fail in the time of crisis!

(3) Appeals to the senses often come when we least expect them. This is Satan's method. It calls for constant vigilance and an up-to-date spiritual experience.

(4) Appeals to the sense come in the most trivial things. One tasty meal, one glass of strong drink, one moment's unbridled passion, a simple gesture or look. In such so-called little things great issues are determined and great decisions affecting life and character are made.

3. *The Bitter Cry.* Hebrews 12:16, 17. We read of Esau that (1) He lacked self-control. He is called a "profane person...who for one morsel of meat (food) sold his birthright." The word "profane" literally means "outside the temple" and refers to the plot of public ground outside the sacred fenced enclosure of the tabernacle or temple. This word sums up Esau's character. His life was "unfenced", an open thoroughfare for all the appeals of Satan. He lived his life outside of God, had no holy place reserved in his heart for his Maker.

(2) He "found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears." See Genesis 27:36, 37. Do these words mean that Esau had committed the unpardonable sin? that he could not be forgiven for his wrongdoing? No. The meaning is that he could not undo the past; God Himself cannot do that. God is always willing to forgive sin, but as in the case of Esau, the consequences of sin are often irremediable!

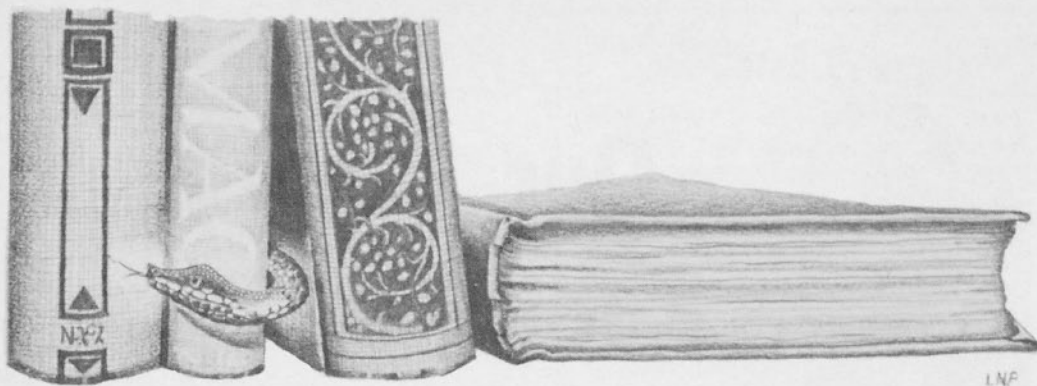
The God, who in His abundant grace, will choose a Jacob, will also, as in the case of Jacob, take marred vessels and make them again into vessels which He will use for His own glory to bring blessing to the world!

—J. Bashford Bishop

### RED POTTAGE







Beware of

## The Serpent Among the Books

BY EDGAR M. SCURRAH

RECENTLY A GENTLEMAN IN THE Far East took from his library shelf a book to read, and as he did so he felt a sharp pain in his index finger. Thinking some careless reader had stuck a pin in the binding of the book he dismissed it from his mind. But the pain increased and spread. The finger began to swell, and death claimed him in a few hours' time!

It was not a pinprick that sent this man into eternity. It was the sting of a small but deadly serpent concealed among the books.

And nowhere is "that old serpent, the Devil" more actively at work than among the books and literature being produced today. Concealing himself in the rich foliage of fascinating fiction and false creeds, subtle reasoning, glazed falsehood, the serpent lies coiled ready for attack! One's sense of resistance is undermined by fair speech, and the danger is not always apparent before the fangs of the serpent have gone deep, poisoning the pure springs of the soul. Faith, trust, and the love of God are thus ousted from the heart

and the weeds of the underworld begin to grow.

Beware of the serpent among the books, for a person is either built up or torn down, wasted or increased, blessed or cursed by the choices he makes and the books he reads.

In Arabia there is a small shell fish called "onycha" which feeds on hard and fragrant-plants. As a result, its little being is so filled with fragrance that God commanded its bones to be ground up for perfume to be a constituent to the holy incense for an offering in the sanctuary (Exodus 30: 34).

May the lesson hit home! What we feed on, WE ARE. What we read, we become. It enters into the warp and woof of our being, filling the soul with sweetness or rottenness—truth or error—peace or unrest. Let us feed our minds upon the good things, until even though we be ground to powder we should lose nothing but our dross, and still would be a sweet savor unto Christ, and a savor of life to those around us. ◀◀



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The production of *Revivaltime* is the main activity of the Assemblies of God Radio Department. The ministry of this network broadcast has gained steadily in effectiveness and acceptance across the nation. God has blessed this radio service with intense interest among our own members and friends. Ministers and members of many other denominations listen regularly to the program and speak highly of it.

The mail response to the broadcast has been strong. Records show that 236,345 letters have been received by the Radio Department during the last two years. These letters contain many requests for prayer and spiritual help as well as testimonies of what God has done in the lives of listeners.

The prayer fellowship that has grown around the broadcast has seen many wonderful answers to prayer. During the last great prayer service, over 24,000 prayer requests were received and in turn distributed to the many prayer groups across the country. Through the many months following this prayer meeting testimonies have



# Our Growing Radio Ministry

Biennial Report by T. F. ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, Radio Department

continued to come—as a direct result of this one great prayer service alone.

The evangelistic thrust of the broadcast and the support it gives to our Home Missions effort is one of *Revivaltime's* most significant features. In one seven-week period alone 9,466 names (representing individuals who had written in for the first time) were returned to our districts for distribution to the churches for follow-up purposes. These are the dividends of *Revivaltime* to our churches. Many districts report that as high as eighty-eight per cent of the churches receive names in any one such mailing. In one sparsely-populated district, over thirty towns having no Assemblies of God church were represented by these names. In another district over 130 such towns were represented. Thus the broadcast service itself has been used mightily of God to advance the full-gospel message.

Other ministries that have grown around the broadcast include: *foreign evangelism, counselling ministry, and field ministry*. Foreign outlets added recently include New Zealand, Australia, Okinawa, and Manila (from which *Revivaltime* is beamed to all of India, etc.). The expansion of this phase of the ministry is limited only by lack of funds. Many additional outlets in English-speaking areas can be secured as our friends invest in this ministry.

The literature evangelism phase of *Revivaltime* is another very significant activity. Over 2,000,000 pieces of literature have been distributed since the broadcast went on the ABC network. These include the broadcast sermons by C. M. Ward, tracts, books, world events bulletins, etc. Such books as "Thou Shalt Be Saved" and "Deter-

rents to Divorce" have had marked response. Numerous individuals have told of being saved as a direct result of reading the former book. Others have written to testify that their homes have been reunited because "Deterrents to Divorce" was sent to them.

The counselling ministry of *Revivaltime* is a week-by-week activity. Many who write have grave spiritual problems. Personal letters are written to them and literature enclosed. This followup ministry is proving most fruitful.

The field ministry of the *Revivaltime* team has been widely received. Across the country large and enthusiastic audiences have greeted the speaker, C. M. Ward, as well as other members of the department—D. V. Hurst, national secretary, and Stanley Michael, promotional director. The many outside-of-Springfield originations of the broadcast have also engendered great interest.

The radio log as of March 31, 1959, showed a total of 354 stations, including 105 on ABC network, 215 independent, and 34 foreign.

One of the most encouraging aspects of this ministry has been the steady (although not large) increase in number of churches that have participated in the support of *Revivaltime*. In 1956, approximately 1,200 churches supported the broadcast. In 1957, 1,491 churches. In 1958, 1,626; and in the first three months of 1959, 1,704 churches. Thus an average of almost 22 per cent of our churches now regularly support *Revivaltime*. Our goal for 1959 is 25 per cent support. It is our sincere hope that this percentage will continue to rise after that until all of our churches support *Revivaltime* with a monthly offering.

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## REVIVALTIME REPRESENTATIVES' SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

The *Revivaltime* representatives may be heard in person in the following places:

### C. M. Ward

October 7-9: CASPER, WYOMING—State C. A. Convention, Faith Assembly of God.

October 13-25: ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—Greater Anchorage Gospel Crusade.

October 27-November 1: INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA—Calvary Assembly of God.

### Stanley Michael

October 4 (a.m.): WICHITA, KANSAS—Revivaltime rally, Park Lane Assembly of God.

October 4 (p.m.): HUTCHINSON, KANSAS—Revivaltime rally, First Assembly of God.

October 13-14: PACONO PINES, PENNSYLVANIA—New Jersey Ministers' Institute, Highway 611, south of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

October 15-25: PENNSYLVANIA: District Ministers' Institute and district tour.

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*Revivaltime.* It is not difficult to imagine what could be accomplished if every church did its share. There would be no "blank" areas in the country and many additional foreign stations could be added. The literature ministry of the program could be expanded as well, and everyone who wanted to hear the broadcast at a desirable time would be able to do so.

A comparison between church and personal giving is interesting. The total of church-credited offerings for the two years ending March 31, 1959, was \$558,819.22. (This includes many personal offerings credited to churches.) The total of personal offerings for the same period was \$300,334.25.

Three districts have almost broken even in their airtime cost over the past two years. They are the Appalachian, Mississippi, and South Dakota districts.

Following are the districts that have more than covered their airtime cost during the past two years. They have also borne the load of the foreign outreach of *Revivaltime*:

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Minnesota	S. Idaho
Montana	S. Missouri
Nebraska	W. Central
N. Jersey	W. Florida
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For the present the other ministries of the Radio Department have been limited. However, the possibilities for development are great. Assistance has been given our many local broadcasters in securing materials for radio and mail offers and in providing information about what other broadcasters are doing. It is hoped that a broadcasters seminar can be conducted and that other broadcasting services can be made available, such as tapes for sustained time, devotional radio services, etc.

Since the last General Council convened a change has been made in the office of secretary of the department. Brother E. M. Clark, former secretary, resigned to accept a pastorate in Quincy, Ill. High commendation is due Brother Clark for his many years of faithful and effective ministry in our Radio Department. God has filled this vacancy in our radio staff by giving us

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the able administrative abilities of D. V. Hurst who served with distinction in the Sunday School Department for seven and one-half years. He assumed his present position in April, 1958.

We are deeply conscious that the Lord is directing the ministry of *Revivaltime*. Special unction has rested upon its speaker, C. M. Ward, enabling him to proclaim the full-gospel message most effectively. The accomplishments of this full-gospel radio crusade have been significant. But the need remains great and the challenge most urgent. The possibilities for the expansion of this evangelistic arm of our movement are tremendous. It is our belief that with vision and foresight, careful planning, and full co-operation on the part of our constituency, this ministry will continue to grow until the entire nation is blanketed and the broadcast of the full gospel is truly heard "across the nation and around the world."

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## Are You Building in A RISK AREA?

By JAMES E. ADAMS

**D**R. CHARLES F. RICHTER, A LEADING seismologist at the California Institute of Technology, has prepared an earthquake risk map. It shows the five areas in the U.S. where earthquakes could seriously damage well-constructed buildings.

In response to repeated requests Dr. Richter released the map for distribution with the statement that it should be taken as "representing a long-term risk to be considered for structures intended to be permanent..."

An industrialist who builds in or near any of these risk areas could eventually lose a fortune in case of an earthquake. But it is possible for an individual to lose infinitely more by building his *life* on shaky ground.

The only safe foundation for our lives is Jesus Christ. He said, "Who-soever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them... is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock." The floods could not shake such a house. "But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth;... the ruin of that house was great" (Luke 6:47-49).

It is as if those two men, neighbors, had started to build on the same day. One man dug deep until he struck rock. The second man just scraped the loose dirt aside, leveled the ground a bit, and started to build. He was living in his house, seemingly secure, long before the first man. Finally, both houses were complete, and to all outward appearances they were identical.

But one night a storm arose. The man who built upon a rock slept securely. In the morning he looked to-

ward his neighbor's place. It was in ruins—because it had no foundation.

I know two men (schoolmates at one time) who have been building their lives for more than forty years. One came to an altar of prayer and confessed his sins. As the Spirit of God dealt with him he made restitution even of small things he had taken as a youth. Christ saved him, giving him a solid foundation for his life.

The other man joined a church but did not "dig deep" enough to lay the foundation "upon a rock." He is building his life in a risk area. Being astute in business he has amassed a small fortune.

According to the world's standards, the second man has succeeded in life far beyond anything the first can ever hope to achieve. But what will happen when the rains of trouble descend, and the floods of testing come, and the winds of judgment blow and beat upon that house? When this comes, only the things which cannot be shaken will remain.

How is it with your life? Can you say,

*"My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand."*

Jesus said we are foolish if we hear His words and disregard them. He said we are wise if we hear His words and act upon them. Will you act upon them today? Begin now to dig out the debris and to build your life upon the only foundation that will stand the test of judgment—the Rock Christ Jesus.

## Remember . . . Repent

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

Evangel College must be an "apostolic" college. Evangel College must be a holiness college. Evangel College must be a Pentecostal college. It must be distinctive to make a contribution, but at the same time be so qualified academically that it can merit the accreditation of those colleges who are content to provide an accredited academic program. But America needs more than culture; our church needs more than creed; and our youth need more than just one more college!

Today we are like Rachel weeping for her children. Letters come to Springfield almost every week telling of the lost faith of a son or daughter! One district official said that out of more than 150 Assemblies of God students attending a state college, not one attended the Assemblies of God church in the town in which the college was located. *Let our church repent.*

We have been trying to apply machine-age methods to our relationship with God. The result is shallow lives, hollow religious philosophies—the preponderance of the element of fun in gospel meetings. One individual stated that at a Christian youth rally he saw "youth work which was cheap and vulgar exhibitionism.... Young men dressed in kelly green cheesecloth suits, topped by straw hats, on a Saturday evening that fell on St. Patrick's day, come on to the platform of an auditorium tap-dancing in a vaudeville routine to the music of 'If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.'"

Let's get to the root of the matter. We are satisfied with statistics instead of souls; we have not the spiritual



capital to get spiritual results through the Holy Ghost; we are not willing to *repent*.

Is our church like the Laodicean church? Christ is outside! What a tragedy. At Ephesus He was in the midst of the candlesticks. At Laodicea He was outside of the sanctuary. Rich, increased in goods! Needing nothing!

Have we lost our prophets for priests? Have we lost our anointing for academics? Have we lost our Christ for a cause? Have we lost our repentance for respectability?

Joel has the answer! "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil" (Joel 2:12, 13).

When we repent the Lord will *pity*. The Lord will send corn and wine—*provide*. The Lord will take away reproach; the Lord will remove the enemy—*protect*. The Lord will do great things—*prosper*. The Lord will give the former rain and the latter rain—*pour out*. The Lord will restore the years. The Lord will pour out of His Spirit on all flesh—*your sons and your daughters*.

Let this great General Council be challenged officially to call for SEVEN DAYS OF REPENTANCE with appropriate resolution and decision. Let every pastor, evangelist, officer, teacher, and fellow-Christian in all churches, schools, and institutions join in a deep heartsearching, a change of mind, and renewed consecration to seek God until a manifestation of the Holy Ghost comes in apostolic power to bring in the ill for healing, sinners for salvation, and the church for revival.

Let's have fewer parties, more prayer meetings. Fewer feasts and more fasts. Less entertainment, more intercession. Less program, more passion. Less wishing, more believing!

Let our nation repent. We are trying to make the secular sacred. Mammon is being worshiped instead of the Master. Man is being served instead of God. Militarism is our might instead of morality.

History has shown that our greatest crises have been successfully passed by humility and prayer. In the revolutionary days, when the colonies were struggling to form a constitution, Ben-

jamin Franklin finally interposed, "Unless we appeal to the Father of Light, these deliberations will come to naught."

Industrialization and the War Between the States brought another crisis. Abraham Lincoln's trust and prayer in the Almighty saved the Union from dissolution. General McClellan predicted the next great crisis would not be a political or military crisis, but a moral one!

That crisis is here. It is a moral one indeed! We'll be destroyed from within before we are destroyed from without. Our greatest foes are within. Unfortunately, too many are succumbing in this moral crisis. This includes individuals all the way from the White House to local school custodians!

Henry Steel Commager, the historian, writes, "Summing up the case of the twentieth-century Americans, they are going through a transition from certainty to uncertainty, from faith to doubt, from security to insecurity, from seeming order to ostentatious disorder."

People worship gadgets rather than God. They do what is socially accepted rather than follow a spiritual standard.

Our great internal enemies are Communism, crime, Catholicism. To para-

phrase Joel: that which the Communists hath left, crime hath eaten; that which crime hath left, Catholicism hath eaten.

The easy way for the Communist criminal conspiracy to gain control in America is through internal subversion on every level of society. Herb Philbrick, author of "I Led Three Lives," who spent nine years with the FBI as an undercover agent, states it is only a matter of time until this country becomes Communistic *unless we throw some switches*.

Red strategy in the United States has been the same as in Asia, Latin America, and every other part of the world. Their picked agents have not been assigned to the Chamber of Commerce or the women's club. They have been placed wherever they can brainwash youth—*particularly in the universities*. Only too successful have been Communist tactics of using our own institutions against us. They have taken advantage of our Constitution, and our tax-supported colleges. If Communism takes over, it will parade under a different name and its devotees will be waving Old Glory and singing about

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The threat of Communism is one reason to repent, but crime is also a reason. J. Edgar Hoover reported an appalling 8% increase in crime in 1958. In one city the increase in juvenile crime was 22.5%. Above and beyond the growing problem of juvenile crime is the organized crime operating in big business, labor, and government. It appears we are approaching a time when a few tyrannical men could tie up all the transportation and communications of the entire country through strikes. A foreign power could not do this, but it need not. It will be done for them.

General Albert Wedemeyer said, "If I were advising Khrushchev on his global operations, I would say, Mr. Khrushchev, don't change your strategy or your plans one iota. You are winning all over the world."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation gives the following statistics: Fifteen million sex magazines read monthly by a third of the nation; more barmaids than college girls; three times as many criminals as college students;

one million girls infected with social diseases; one hundred thousand girls entering white slavery each year; one million babies born illegitimately yearly; one in five marriages ending in divorce; sixty suicides every day; one murder every forty minutes; one major crime every 22 seconds; one hundred thousand unapprehended murderers walking the streets of America.

*Let our nation repent.*

Pitirim Sorokin, professor of sociology at Harvard, writes, "Some fifty million pieces of obscene advertising are annually mailed to our teen-agers, and a five-hundred-million-dollar-a-year pornographic business in this country contributes its share to the growth of delinquency. . . . The hidden viruses of these instrumentalities are tangibly responsible not only for the sex obsession and sex delinquency of our population but also for other forms of delinquency; murder, sadistic crimes, etc."

Can America escape the inevitable outcome of such demoralization? No nation has done so in the past. Look at Rome of old—and France today!

*Let our nation repent.*

To compound the problem, an apos-

tate church with loyalties to a foreign potentate now poses a new threat to the America which was originally founded by those who wished to escape from the tyranny of a church without compassion and a creed without Christ.

C. Stanley Lowell wrote in the July 20 issue of *Christianity Today*: "The penchant of the Roman Catholic for politics is well known. New York City, Boston, and Chicago offer ready examples. In New York City where 80% of the apostate church regularly vote the Democratic ticket, no Protestant would have a chance to be mayor. In Massachusetts, from Boss Curley's time, the dominant political power has been Roman Catholic. It is axiomatic that no man can be nominated on the Democratic ticket without the nod of Cardinal Cushing. No Protestant could possibly be elected mayor of Chicago today because of the large 'Catholic vote.' Now the Catholic genius for politics is taking a new direction. It turns from king-maker to king. It would like, perhaps, to achieve in the nation what it has already achieved in New York, Boston, and Chicago."

If the Protestant church acts indifferently toward this new crisis in America we can expect religious liberty to be lost and an accelerated return to the Dark Ages.

Don't forget Latin America. Don't forget the bloody martyrs of our churches in Mexico! Don't forget the constant harassment, delay, and complete blackout of evangelical Christianity that is in other countries than those which are Communistic!

Shall we rock along, indifferent to these threats? Let the church be the church—but let her be prophetic in calling the nation to repentance.

If our nation, like Nineveh, can find a place of sincere repentance, we can be saved from the evils of Communism's materialism, crime's immorality, and Catholicism's tyranny.

Let this General Council in session petition our President to call for a period of prayer and repentance. Like Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, and other great leaders, may he issue a call to prayer that will bring us to our knees, humble before God. Let us pass a resolution to achieve such a purpose. With 15,000 ministers of the gospel let us exert our prayer influence toward a national revival. For "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

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It is easy to talk of the church repenting—of the nation repenting. The real test is, will we—you and I—repent? The great difficulty lies in seeing the need. Do we see the need for repentance, or are we like a generation who cannot conceive of sin with any adequate sense of seriousness?

Repentance must begin with individuals—you and me. Peter prophesied, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

So many of us are like the prodigal son. We've been to the far country. We've been far from the Father. We've had our "goods," lost our God. We've had our things, but lost our soul. We've had our gadgets but lost our goodness.

The fads, fancies, and fashions soon fade. Disillusionment drives us to decision. What will it be? Yes, back to the Father!

We turn to the Father, plan our prayer, but it is never prayed. The Father has turned toward us. Oh, the glory of that moment when the 'Hound of Heaven' finds us. *He chases us until we catch Him!* Oh, the glorious thrill of God embracing the son: forgiving the sinner; clothing the convert; feeding the backslider. That's what our God does when we repent.

I challenge everyone in this great auditorium to take a posture of repentance. Which will you have? The apostolic or the apostate in the church? The freedom or fall of the state? The salvation or sin of a backslider? Do we want God's way or our way? *You* decide. In the words of Jesus, it's repent or perish! (Luke 13:5)

Cyrus Brady tells a dramatic story of the last day in the Alamo. About four o'clock Sunday morning March 6, 1836, bugle notes of Mexican troops rang out over the plain. Lights appeared around the fort, commands, rattling of arms, all indicated zero hour had come!

Travis marshaled his beleaguered forces for the last day's fight. He briefly addressed them, pointing out their certain fate. Tradition states he drew a line in the dust with his sword, asking those who wished to stay and die to cross the line. Not a man availed himself of the opportunity to leave. "We will stay and die with you."

In contrast to Colonel Travis at the Alamo, we stand at Calvary. A line is drawn by the Holy Spirit's sword, the Word of God. Step across now

in repentance to indicate your personal desire for renewal and revival. Please join me in bowing on our knees before the Lord as individuals, as representatives of our church, thus personally and publicly acknowledging our need of God. Let us pray. ◀◀

## Born to Rule

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Because of this triumph, Jesus was able to claim confidently, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." We shall be powerless to effect the practical binding of Satan if there are unyielded areas in our lives which give him hold over us.

Our Lord's next major encounter with the devil was in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed, "Thy will be done." With us too there must be an unquestioning acceptance of the will of God. The complete and final defeat of Satan was consummated at Golgotha where Christ triumphed over him in His death. The very purpose of His incarnation was "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14).

If we have this same consecration that Jesus demonstrated and we place faith in His work on the cross, victory is assured. There is only one word which tells why the early disciples could not cast out the devils as recorded in Matthew 17, and that word is *unbelief*. They did not have faith in the authority of Jesus. The same is true today.

Just two months ago I walked into the city hospital in Eugene, Oreg., where I had been called by the night nurse. She told me of a Mr. England who was very ill. He had been screaming so loudly that the entire third floor could hear. The nurse informed me that he had been given all the sedatives he could safely consume and they had called me to give him a little mental comfort. I said to her, in the full assurance of faith in the enthronement and joint seating, that this would be the end of his screaming. I walked into the room and through Spirit-energized prayer took authority over the enemy, realizing that the Christ had pitched the tent of His Messianic power over me and was dwelling upon me.

In His name we bound the strong man. The next morning the patient was pronounced well. He did not scream again that night, not even a peep. He and his wife have recently joined our church.

If we pray with the authority given in the Name of the Lord, the original language of James 5:16 states that the prayer is energized and contains its own dynamo, and will continue to work until the job is completed.

One day I saw an advertisement on television which had to do with a cleanser. It showed a glass sink with two compartments. The drains in the sinks were clogged with grease and grime. Into one compartment was poured an ordinary cleanser. A few bubbles came up, but nothing really happened. Into the other compartment was poured *Drano*. Dirt and grease began to fly. Soon the drain was open and a supply of clean water was moving through the system. This illustrates the difference between ordinary prayer, and taking by faith our authority. The prayer contains its own dynamo and continues to work until the mountain is removed.

Let us take our ruling power. His Word declares, "All things were made by him." It further states, "He that spared not his own Son...how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" We were not born to be locked up as captives, but we were *born to rule!* It was the purpose of God to parade His Church, more terrible than an army with banners, and through His Church display His wisdom and power in transforming sinners into saints and captives into rulers. His plan that purchased all this was and is redemption through the death of His Son on Calvary. His process of revealing and working out this glorious salvation is through the eternal Spirit. The Spirit-filled Church is His supreme delight. Its conception in the past eternity was the plan of God. Its construction in time is by the power of God. Its consummation in the coming eternity will be for the fulfillment of the purposes of God, the highest of which is to rule and reign with Him. May we hear the coronation eulogy, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make the ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:21).

Faith is not believing that God can; it is believing that He will.



# Spotlight on Evangelism

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► VICKSBURG, MICH.—Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham just closed three weeks of revival here. Souls came to God and there were many outstanding healings. There was a wonderful move among the people. The church has been deeply enriched during these meetings.

—Kenneth Canfield, Pastor

► EUREKA, CALIF.—Evangelist Raymond T. Richey recently held a revival in the First Assembly of God here which was most successful. The Spirit of God was manifest in the meeting. Many people were healed of various illnesses and others were drawn closer to the Lord.

—Johnny Smith, Pastor

► BROWNSVILLE, TENN.—Souls were both saved and baptized in a children's revival conducted here some time ago. The evangelist was Hazel Hutchinson of Union City, Tenn. (now Mrs. Charles Eldon, Miami, Fla.). Many of the children have been baptized in water and in the Holy Ghost.

—L. T. Drumright, Pastor

► NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—The Gospel Tabernacle here just closed its annual tent meeting with Evangelist Ernie Eskelin as the speaker. The talented Eskelin family proved a great blessing with their anointed music. Many responded to the altar call and many new people were reached who had not previously attended the church. The healing services were wonderful. This was a successful step toward reaching the area for God.

—C. A. Davenport, Pastor

► COLUMBUS, OHIO—Calvary Assembly just closed a wonderful two-week evangelistic campaign with the Eskelin Family of Lakeland, Fla. Souls came to Christ in almost every service. Many wonderful healings took place during the meetings as people fasted and prayed for Bible results. A new all-time Sunday school record was set. It was, indeed, a great victory over the so-called summer slump. Two hundred first-timers attended the revival. The music and preaching will long be remembered.

—L. E. Loretz, Pastor

► WINDSOR, PA.—The Red Lion Assembly of God and the Pentecostal Light-house here joined together for a tent meeting recently with Evangelist Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del. as the evangelist for the first two weeks. Almost every night souls came forward to receive Christ as Saviour; and the last night at least 20 came to be saved. There were also outstanding miracles of healing. During the second two weeks Evangelist A. A. Alaimo of Bethlehem, Pa., was the evangelist and again, almost every night, souls were saved. One lady was saved and healed of asthma the same night. On the last Sunday of the meetings a dozen followed the Lord in water baptism.

—John S. Palmer, Pastor at Windsor

—Robert Wallace, Pastor at Red Lion

► PUXICO, MO.—The Heady Brothers, Tom and Dean, served as evangelists in recent revival meetings here. During the meetings 14 teen-agers were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was built up in the faith as these two young men preached the old-time gospel under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

—George Hammett, Pastor

► CHICAGO, ILL.—The Lowell Avenue Assembly recently concluded a very fruitful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmie Snow of Nashville, Tenn. Some 31 testified to salvation and four received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed by the anointed preaching and singing. Although this church is less than two years old the Sunday school attendance has reached 148.

—George W. Lee, Pastor

► N. TAZEWELL, VA.—The Assemblies of God churches in this area united in a 24-day tent meeting with Evangelist Billy Wolfe of Springfield, Missouri, ministering. Some 37 answered the altar call for salvation; 13 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and there were many outstanding healings. A lady was healed of a severe nervous condition after doctors said they could do no more for her. People were delivered from arthritis and the tobacco habit. The straightforward holiness preaching of the

evangelist drew many closer to the Lord. Special services such as the old-fashioned night, quartet singing, miracle night contributed much to the meeting. Edward Blunt, missionary to the Philippines, was present one night to show his slides and tell of the missionary work in that area of the world.

—H. D. Hampton, Pastor

► PARAGOULD, ARK.—This entire area was blessed recently by having Evangelists Louie Shultz of Blytheville, Ark. and Jack Branscum of Dallas, Tex. conduct meetings under their tent. The spirit of co-operation of both churches was great. There were 75 or more saved and 70 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many outstanding healings were wrought. Cripples walked; 14 cases of deafness were healed, and cancers disappeared.

—A. C. Thompson, Chairman

## ANNUAL EVANGELICAL OBSERVANCE SLATED FOR OCTOBER

This year the National Association of Evangelicals has again issued a special appeal to its 28,000 member churches to observe "NAE Week"—a period set aside for pinpointing salient features of the service which the association has been rendering for the past seventeen years to evangelical Christians of America and the world. During the "Week" affiliated churches, schools, and other evangelical groups will be asked to assign certain portions of their programs to recognize the NAE and its far-flung activities.

The observance this year from October 18 to 25 will have as its theme: "Standing for the Changeless Word in a Changing World." Since its formation in 1942 the NAE has been unswervingly firm in this stand. Represented in the constituency which co-operates in maintaining this position are more than forty complete denominations, individual churches from some thirty other groups, Bible schools, colleges, seminaries, ministerial fellowships and other organizations, as well as individual Christians. Actual membership now numbers more than two million, including the Assemblies of God, with a service constitu-



Crowd attending the meetings at the Calvary Assembly in Columbus, Ohio during meetings with the Eskelin Family. L. E. Loretz is pastor.



ency through commissions and affiliated agencies of more than ten million.

During the seventeen-year history of the National Association of Evangelicals, missions of evangelical Christians have found the fundamental stand of this service organization the basis for "co-operation without compromise." To maintain a continued evangelical witness in a changing world, the NAE and its affiliated agencies have aided in an incalculable number of projects such as these: Continuance of paid religious programs on radio and television; development of a world relief program with a Christian witness; extension of the gospel through evangelical churches in new communities; promotion of fellowship with evangelicals in other countries; elimination of government support for church activities; enlargement of effective, efficient, evangelical Sunday schools; witness to men in the military through evangelical chaplains; education of Christian young people through evangelical schools and colleges; and the enlargement of concern for deeper spiritual life.

During NAE Week, churches and other groups will bring to the attention of their members vital issues which face evangelicals today. Material for the observance of this week may be ordered without charge from the National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.

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**PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION**—Eleventh annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 27-29. Day services at First Church of the Open Bible, 19th and Crocker. Night services at Hoyt Sherman Place, 15th and Woodland. For information, write R. Bryant Mitchell, 851 19th St., Des Moines 14, Iowa.

**FIFTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING**—Nov. 1, Central Assembly of God, Union City, Tenn. Evangelist Bob Swaim will speak at 9:45 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Former pastors and members invited.—by Pastor Wesley Payne.

**FIFTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING**—Oct. 4, First Assembly of God, Seagoville,

Tex. Basket dinner served. Former pastors and members invited.—by Mrs. B. M. Heath, pastor.

**HOMECOMING**—October 4, First Assembly of God, Birmingham, Ala. A. T. Hickman, Georgetown, S. C., guest speaker.—by Pastor O. B. Hunnicutt.

## EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Ark.	Bearden	First	Sept. 23—	Jimmy Swaggart & wife	Charles Mattox	
Calif.	Carlsbad	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 4-18	Tanner Team	P. A. Zimmerman	
	Glendale	Bethel	Oct. 11-25	Oran E. Duncan	Arthur Slater	
	Hollydale	* Bethany Chapel	Sept. 20-Oct. 4	Stenhouse-Miller Team	Watson Argue, Jr.	
	Long Beach	N.L.B.—South St.	Sept. 22—	Arthur Arnold	Allan G. Snider	
	Long Beach	N.L.B.—South St.	Oct. 11—	J. G. Hall	Allan G. Snider	
	San Jose	Eastside Village	Oct. 4-11	Christian Hild	Phil Lindvall	
	Santa Rosa	A/G	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	Lloyd Christiansen	Adrian Benning	
	Taft	First	Oct. 4—	Benny Sapp & wife	Claude O. Wood	
	Taft	Taft Heights	Sept. 27-Oct. 11	O. D. Burkett	Earl Davis	
	Colo.	Aurora	First	Oct. 11-25	Bill Newby	J. L. Boulware
Conn.	Hartford	Gospel Tab.	Oct. 6-18	Jack Peters	O. D. Collier	
	Union City	First	Oct. 4-18	H. A. Christopher	Myrl Decker	
Del.	Wilmington	Calvary Pent.	Oct. 6-25	Andrew Basell & wife	C. C. Eyer	
Fla.	Clearwater	First	Oct. 11-25	Willie M. Stevens	A. L. Shell, Jr.	
	Key West	Glad Tidings	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	C. W. Gregg	Wayne Pitts	
	Pensacola	Brownsville	Sept. 30—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Carl Arnold	
Ga.	Valdosta	East Magnolia	Sept. 30—	Lucky Royal	E. L. Gilliland	
Ill.	Alton	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 13-Oct. 5	B. Thum-Sunshine Party	Cecil L. Gruver	
	Galesburg	Calvary	Oct. 6-18	Jess & Judy Hammer	H. J. Walterman	
	Maryville	A/G	Sept. 29-Oct. 18	Bob McCutchen	George Ankarlo	
	Mason City	A/G	Sept. 30-Oct. 18	C. A. Kelly	K. C. Wallace	
	Iowa	Ames	A/G	Oct. 6-18	Frank Martin & wife	N. D. Tosten
Iowa	Ft. Madison	A/G	Oct. 7-18	H. B. Kelchner	Fred Gottwald	
	Jewell	Evang. Ctr.	Oct. 7-11	John French	S. E. Carlsen	
	Kans.	Lawrence	A/G	Sept. 22—	Harold R. Davis	J. J. Krimmer
	Liberal	First	Sept. 30—	Bob Jones & wife	Anthony Benigas	
Iowa	Ness City	A/G	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	Ivan Christoffersen	Vernon Whitmore	
	Overland Park	First	Sept. 22-Oct. 11	Delbert & B. Bucher	Gail Howard	
	Sterling	A/G	Oct. 11—	Billy Guthrie & wife	Ernest Boyd	
	Ulysses	First	Sept. 27-Oct. 18	Lula M. Ware	Jesse Shaw	
	Ky.	Shelbyville	Calvary	Oct. 4-18	Earl E. Blythe	Howard Barrick
Mich.	Paw Paw	A/G	Sept. 20-Oct. 4	Lyle Phillips & wife	A. E. Vold	
Minn.	Willmar	First	Oct. 11-25	John Everett	Richard Orchard	
Mo.	Bolivar	First	Oct. 4-18	Carl Walker, Jr.	Clarence Hampton	
	Brookfield	A/G	Oct. 6-18	Jimmie Parrack & wife	Carl W. Oney	
	Caruthersville	A/G	Oct. 11-Nov. 1	Smith-Rasmussen Team	Robert Gouge, Jr.	
Mont.	Kalispell	A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 4	W. J. Howells	G. J. Mandigo	
N. Mex.	Farmington	First	Oct. 8-21	Wallace S. Bragg	Don Stover	
	Roswell	Central	Oct. 4—	Chas. Chambers Party	Fred L. Ridener	
Ohio	Alger	A/G	Oct. 6-18	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Evan Richards	
	Cincinnati	First Christian	Oct. 11-Nov. 2	B. Thum-Sunshine Party	D. L. Sanders	
	Fremont	Calvary Temple	Oct. 6-18	M. E. Applegate Family	Boyd McClellan	
	Youngstown	Calvary	Sept. 23-Oct. 4	M. E. Applegate Family	Raymond Taber	
	Okla.	Enid	First	Sept. 29—	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Earl Kelly
Oreg.	Perry	First	Oct. 11-25	A. N. Burns	O. E. Gaddis	
	Independence	A/G	Sept. 30—	Don E. Gossett	Charles Shaw	
Pa.	Bradenville	A/G	Sept. 29-Oct. 11	Buchwalter-Brosey	A. W. Buckley	
	Carbondale	A/G	Oct. 7-18	Richard Owens	James Swank	
	Jeannette	A/G	Oct. 6-18	Hance Evang. Team	R. J. Barriss	
	Moosic	Full Gospel Tab.	Oct. 4-10	Byron D. Jones	Fleming Van Meter	
	New Castle	First Pent.	Sept. 30-Oct. 11	Musical Vanderploegs	S. W. Brewer	
Tex.	Austin	Central	Sept. 30-Oct. 4	Robert Watters	J. P. Joyner	
	Paducah	First	Oct. 4-18	Willis Deerman	John F. Eads	
	Seagraves	A/G	Oct. 4—	J. W. Farmer	Gene H. Davis	
Va.	Marshall	Belvoir	Oct. 11—	Leon Morrow	J. B. Heck	
	Norfolk	Calvary	Oct. 6-25	J. B. Woolums	C. Stanley Cooke	
Wash.	Arlington	A/G	Oct. 11—	Wesley W. Fleming	C. Rientjes	
W. Va.	Beckley	First	Oct. 7—	Joe Ragsdale	T. M. Waldron	
Wyo.	Newcastle	A/G	Oct. 11—	Wm. N. Ilinsky	Howard Cummings	
Canada	Drumheller, Alta.	Elim Pent. Tab.	Oct. 2-11	Peter Jepsen	E. C. O'Brien	
	Regina, Sask.	** Exhibition Aud.	Oct. 9-25	Clifton Erickson	J. H. Law, Chm.	
	Toronto, Ont.	Evangel Center	Oct. 11-18	Louise Nankivell	E. Zilch	

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## HOME MISSIONS REPORT

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Church Extension), is available for district conventions, camp meetings, and similar gatherings. *It is now available for showing on the local level.* It has been shown in at least 35 cities and Bible schools.

The department is developing sets of slides on Alaska, the American Indians, and other phases of the special ministries for a slide library. These will be available to churches or interested groups on a free-will offering basis. The set on Alaska is the only one completed at this time.

A series of informative booklets on *Church Extension* and the various phases of *Special Ministries*, as well as other free literature for pioneer pastors and pastors initiating church building programs, is available free upon request to individuals, churches, or districts. *MISSION U.S.A.*, a study book on the subject of home missions, is available at 50 cents per copy.

A set of ten large posters for \$3 and two free posters are available for district promotion, Bible schools, and churches.

*The Hebrew Evangel* is printed each quarter by the Home Missions Department. Ernest Sumrall, supervisor of the Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission in Chicago, serves as editor. Mrs. Ruth Toczek, also of the Chicago Mission, and Ruth Lyon, National Home Missions editor, are associate editors. This periodical is distributed by the Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission in Chicago, and is also available to other Jewish workers over the nation.

### CONCLUSION

While we have reason to rejoice over the victories of the past, it is imperative that we soberly face the future. Confronting us is a population boom unparalleled in the history of our country, making our church extension responsibilities greater than ever. Not to be overlooked, either, is the certainty that our future foreign missions expansion is going to be determined by our home missions program.

Therefore, the task before us is great; but the God whom we serve is also great. By His Spirit we shall go forward, not only to gain a victory but to gather the spoils of a victory already won. ◀◀

## FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

(Continued from page thirteen)

school are doing a wonderful work in the villages of the Nile Valley. Many more trained workers are needed to evangelize this strategic country of the Middle East. We now have 118 churches and 14 outstations in Egypt.

### LATIN AMERICA AND THE WEST INDIES

We are able to report a satisfying advance in Latin America and the West Indies in this past two years. The victories have been gained against a background of political disturbances and monetary inflation. In Cuba our missionaries report greater liberty to preach since the revolution. In Colombia conditions have improved generally for the evangelicals, and for the first time in years missionaries are being granted visas for the work in that country.

It is becoming generally recognized that the strongest Protestant force in Latin America is the Pentecostal Movement, in which the Assemblies of God is in the lead. A remarkable growth continues to characterize the work in Central America, most notable in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. In Paraguay the work is blossoming in an encouraging manner.

Four new Bible schools have either opened for classes for the first time or will be doing so in the immediate future. These are located in Bolivia and Paraguay where the first classes were scheduled to be open by September and in Haiti where a building is being purchased for the Bible school.

In the field of radio we have made good progress, notably in Brazil where the gospel is preached weekly by one of our missionaries. In Central America an Assemblies of God program is being released in Spanish over seven stations in five different countries.

A forward step is due in the field of literature, and we trust that the impetus given to the worthy ministry of the printed page by *Global Conquest* will serve to provide the funds needed for a great forward move.

### SUMMARY

Without question, we are living in momentous times. The constant threat of communism hangs over a large part of the world. At the same time the population is growing much faster than converts to Christianity are being made. It is important to keep in mind that we are not expected to convert the whole world; nevertheless the witness must be given. The need is urgent—the time is short—the Lord is at hand! ◀◀



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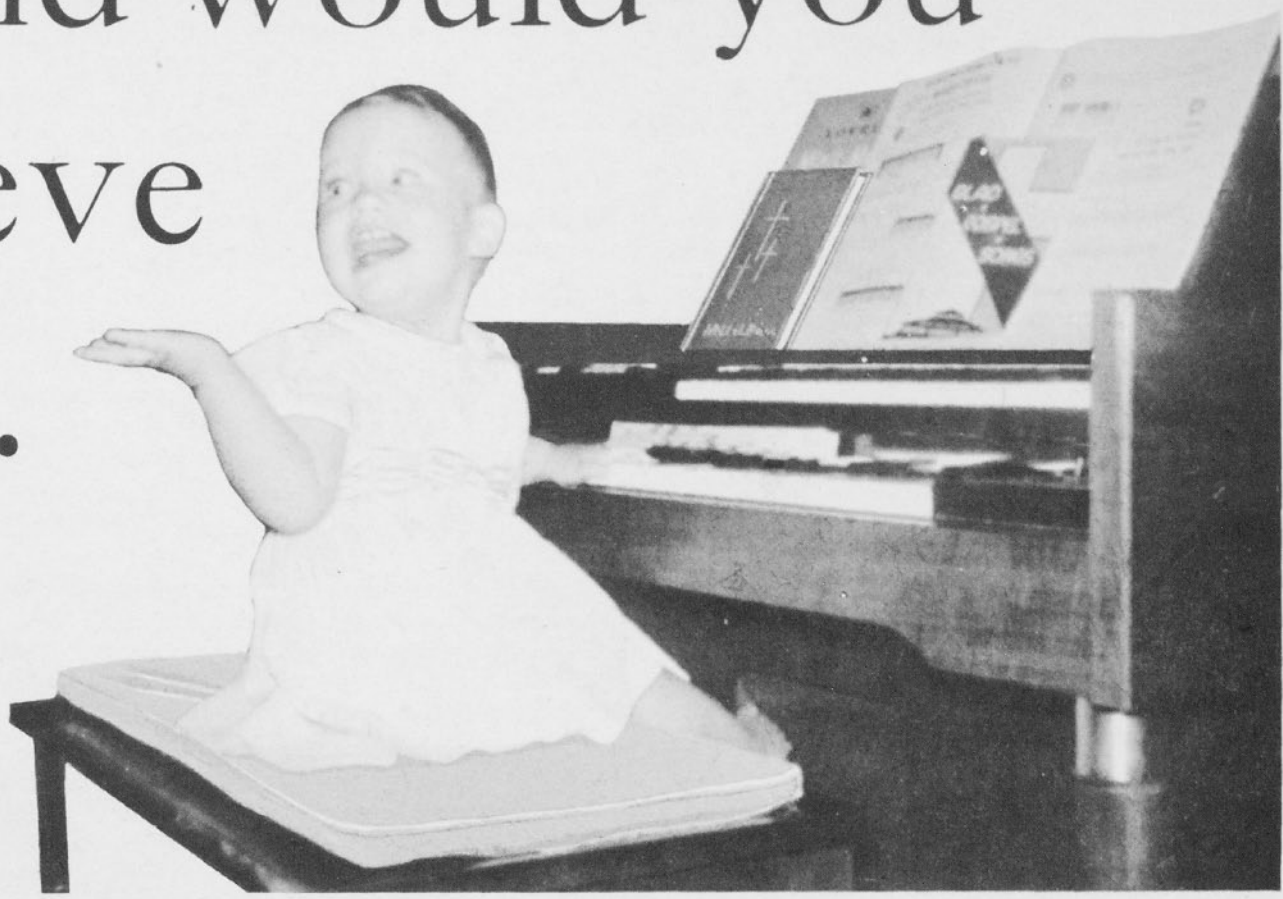
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# HANDS

By Jack Manley

A SHARP OBSERVER CAN TELL MANY THINGS ABOUT A person just by studying the hands. There are hands that tell of toil, rough and calloused with the task of providing for each day. There are hands that reveal a life of idleness. And there are hands that indicate skill in the arts and professions.

## THE HANDS OF JESUS

How much has been written about the hands of Jesus: His skilled hands that early in life learned to manage the hammer and the saw in the carpenter's shop in Nazareth; the divinely strong hands that restored sight to the blind, unstopped deaf ears, and gave health and cleansing to the lepers; yea, that even stopped a funeral bier and gave a dead son back to his mother, alive and well.

We love to think of His kindly hands upon the heads of the children in blessing. We wonder as we see the whip of cords in His righteous hands as He drives the animals from the sacred precincts of the temple and overturns the tables of the moneychangers. We worship as we see Him break the bread on that last night with His disciples, and as He extends the cup to them. In a real way we feel that His hands are offering a sacrifice for our sins as He gives His life for us. With hearts deep-touched we think of His hands nailed to the cruel cross.

## THE HANDS OF JUDAS

We read in the Gospel of Luke that, after the Lord took the bread in His hands and blessed it and gave it to His disciples, and after He gave them the cup, He said: "But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table" (Luke 22:21). The hands of Judas were the hands of betrayal!

Why did Judas betray his Lord? Without conjecturing too much, one thing is perfectly plain; he did it for money. The hands of Judas were greedy hands, eagerly stretched forth to receive money.

## PETER'S HANDS

Peter had heard the Lord's call to be a fisher of men, and for three years he had followed his Master. After his cowardly denial of Jesus, after the crucifixion and brief appearance of the risen Lord, Peter tired of idleness. He wanted some occupation for his strong, active hands. So

he said, "I go a fishing." The others were of the same mind with him.

They prepared their nets and launched their boat one evening, and I think that Peter must have felt something of the old thrill of the fisherman as the net ran out through his fingers, and he found they had not lost their former skill. But the night's fishing was fruitless. It was a tired, disappointed group that met the Lord on the shore early in the morning. There, after they had dined, Jesus said anew to Peter, "Follow me."

Again Peter left his boat and his nets, and with empty hands went out to follow faithfully until the end of his life. Not long after we read of Peter as with John he goes up to the temple in Jerusalem, at the hour of prayer. A lame man looked up at them as they entered the temple and asked alms of them. But Peter's hands were empty, "Silver and gold have I none," he said. *Empty hands are powerful hands when they have been emptied of earth's riches for the love of Christ.* Empty hands are full of spiritual riches when they have turned from seeking worldly gain to serve the Lord of glory. And Peter, stretching forth his empty hand, caught the hand of the cripple and lifted him up, as he cried, "But such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise and walk."

## OUR HANDS

What are our hands doing? Are they reaching out selfishly after the riches of this world? Are they busy providing only for creature comforts? Are they so full of "things" that they cannot grasp the hand of the traveler, shipwrecked upon the sea of life? Are they folded idly while the Master's call for laborers goes unheeded? Are they too weak to work, but not too weak to fold in prayer for others? Are they emptied that the Lord may use them to bless many?

Let us look at our own hands today and in true consecration say: "Take my hands, O Lord, empty them, cleanse them, use them for Thyself." —*The Evangelical Christian*

## His Hands

By Evangelyn Chittum

They soothed away the fever of the suffering when they came;  
They opened blinded eyes and granted healing to the lame;  
They stilled a raging tempest that had threatened with its  
might;

They were often raised in prayer to His Father in the night—  
His hands.

They wove a whiplash quickly and in anger made it strong;  
They drove out evil men who had been robbers for so long;  
They broke the loaves and fishes and a hungry crowd was fed;  
They gently took a maiden's hand and raised her from the  
dead—

His hands.

They blessed and broke the bread one night within an upper  
room;

They gave the sop to Judas who went out into the gloom . . .  
They bore the cross up Calvary where He was soon to die,  
They yielded to the piercing nails, all men to justify—

His hands.

Now they're knocking, gently knocking, on a heart that's filled  
with sin,

And your hands hold the power to let the Saviour in;  
If you'll open to their pleading, they will give to you His best;  
They'll remove your sins and burdens as far as East from  
West—

His hands.