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### **Partners Through Prayer**

Have you prayed for your missionaries today? God has called every believer to a royal priesthood where we may share with Christ His work of intercession for mankind. Christ, our great High Priest, is interceding constantly in the presence of the Father, pleading the bleeding wounds He received at Calvary on behalf of our redemption. He prays for His servants who proclaim the gospel and He prays also for those who shall believe on Him through their word (John 17:20). If you are a believer you are called to join Him in this priestly ministry.

Eternity alone will reveal how often the faithfulness of prayer-partners at home has meant the difference between failure and success on some mission field. A remarkable letter came to the Foreign Missions office a few weeks ago. It was written by a young woman in California who was strangely moved to pray during the crisis with the Kwonsi cultists in Ghana (see article, "Missionary Beaten by Kwonsi Cultists," in the Evangel, November 29, 1959). God had saved many Bimoba tribesmen who formerly had been Kwonsi worshipers and their lives were being threatened for revealing the evils of the cult. By August 8 the situation had become so critical that the pastors and Christian workers of the Bimoba tribe gathered at Najon for special prayer. That very night the young woman in California awakened to find herself praying in other tongues. She did not know why the Holy Spirit was moving her to pray but she fell on her knees beside her bed and for a long time poured out her heart to the Lord. The strange burden remained upon her heart for several days. Again and again she prayed, sometimes several times a day. Then on Thursday night, August 20, as she lay in bed, a vision or dream passed before her. "I saw a black man in the shadows, as he grabbed a light-complectioned older woman. In the background were a group of small huts. I prayed with a real burden that night, something I had never before experienced. I wrote of it on a piece of paper and put it in my diary so that I would have the dates in case I wanted them. I did not tell my parents, because they are not Pentecostal and I don't think they would understand, but I did tell my pastor. . . .

"I prayed for some time," she says. "My parents heard me and thought I was having a bad dream. Finally I went to bed but did not sleep. The burden had lifted a little; but suddenly, about one o'clock the next day, I was very burdened. I went to the church and prayed for over an hour. . . ." It was on August 20 that our missionary, Sister Spencer, went to Najon with the policemen to liberate a young Christian girl who had been kidnapped by the fetish worshipers. Miss Spencer was beaten to unconsciousness by six black men but God miraculously intervened to spare her life, and the following day a company of policemen went to the village to arrest the cultists and set the Bimoba girl free.

Our missionaries could tell many similar accounts of how help came to them in the nick of time because someone, somewhere, was sensitive enough to the moving of the Holy Spirit to intercede in prayer in their time of need. What a privilege it is for all believers to be partners in missionary work through this mighty ministry of prayer.

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# Cristobal the Cobbler

### BY ADELE FLOWER DALTON Missionary to Spain

As we walk down into the city of Ronda, we pass through the dusty square where the fairs are held each year, then turn into *La Calle de La Naranja*—"the street of the orange." Here we pause before a wide doorway through the thick wall of an ancient building.

The room beyond is small and windowless; on the far wall there are ladies' shoes hanging by their heels. Here and there on the floor lie piles of men's boots, and a low work bench is littered with scraps of leather, nails, and cobblers' tools. Behind it sits the plump figure of young Cristobal Lopez, his canvas apron stained by the dyes of countless pairs of footwear, his hands roughened and soiled from the work that keeps him busy from morning until service time (and even longer on the nights when we do not meet). As we look into his face, the kindly dark eyes light up and the soft voice is vibrant with its welcome.

The first time I noticed Cristobal was shortly after I arrived in Spain. It was a Sunday morning. The sermon had ended and my husband had asked Cristobal to take up the offering. Standing at the front of our little chapel, his worn suit clean but shiny from long years of washing and wear, he asked the blessing of God upon the gifts that we were about to offer to Him. Then, after solemnly passing the basket to all of our people, he laid it on the pulpit with a reverent, "Que Dios lo multiplique en bendicion!" "May God multiply it in blessing!"

It was some days later that I stepped in over the uneven bricks of the entrance and climbed the worn steps of the house that the Lopezes share with seventeen other families. I found

Joaquina, Cristobal's wife, in one of the two rooms of their "apartment"the living room, with its niche in the wall to hold their one-burner kerosene "stove", her cupboard, her precious sewing machine, the rough work table holding the earthenware jar in which she carries all of their water up from the stone-paved patio below, and the round, curtained table where the family sits in winter time, warming their toes by the basin of burning charcoal beneath. She was dressed in the traditional black of Spanish mourning because of the death of her father. Her dark hair was brushed back from her sweet face and coiled in a heavy knot behind. Snuggled in her arms was Moises, the tiniest of her five, his little round head wreathed in soft black ringlets. With a swift smile of pleasure she offered me a chair with a rush seat. Then she began to tell me about the ways in which God has blessed her family....

"When Cristobal first accepted the Lord," she said slowly, "I was afraid ... afraid that no one would take their shoes to him to mend ... afraid that we couldn't take care of our children. But I was mistaken. At first a few of his clients left him, but they all came back. Now Cristobal has more business than any other cobbler in Ronda. So much so that on one occasion another shoe repairer, who has his shop down nearer to the center of town, said to my husband, 'How is it that sometimes I don't have any work at all, and you, who are a protestante, have more shoes than you can mend?""

In Sunday school Cristobal teaches our intermediates. But greater still is his ministry in his own home. More than once we have entered his apart-

ment and found the Bible lying open on the table. In our Friday evening service it is our custom to pray for at least half an hour, then sing, after which each one repeats a Bible verse he has learned. Almost invariably the first to stand is either Isabel, Cristobal's ten-year-old, or Juan Antonio, his second child. Sometimes they repeat an entire psalm. On Sundays, the family always attends both services. And many times during the week not only Cristobal and Joaquina are present but all five children find their places on the little chairs near the front of our chapel.

One day Isabel came in from school, troubled; her teacher had scolded her for being a Protestant. It wasn't the first time, but little Isabel was especially unhappy that day. Silently Isabel sat down, opened her school notebook and began to write: "...whoso shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6). Since then, Isabel's teacher has never troubled her again.

It was early last spring that Cristobal came to service one evening with the news that Isabel was ill and asked that the rest of us join him in praying for her. The next morning when I went down to see her, I found the little girl in one of the beds in the family bedroom. She was suffering with a very high fever and chills that would come with such violence that Joaquina would have to hold her tightly in her arms while the attack lasted. "Infection of the bowels" they called the illness that strongly resembled what

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Hunger written on the faces of congregation in Taranto, Italy

HAVE SEEN HUNGER! I HAVE preached in lands consumed by famine —"Not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11).

No one can travel extensively in foreign lands, as I did, without being thrilled as he beholds the mighty work of God. Hearts are open and ready to receive the glorious gospel. When the gospel is preached in the power of the Holy Ghost the response is overwhelming. The harvest is out there, ripe and ready for the reaping!

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As I preached in Rome, Naples, Matera, Taranto, and other cities of Italy, it was like living in Bible days. The hunger for spiritual reality is intense. Catholicism wears no mask in Italy. The iron fist of religious oppression has beaten the people down until their souls are weary with trying to meet the ever-increasing demands for tribute.

Although Italy is recognized as a Catholic country, the term is misleading. The vast majority of the people no longer attend Mass; they are thoroughly disillusioned. And, where their lives were once filled with the rituals of their faith, now there is a vacuum. Soon that vacuum will be filled, either with the precepts of Communism or with the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ!

Thank God, our Assemblies of God people in Italy are moving in to fill that great vacuum. Persecuted and jailed repeatedly for their testimony during the Fascist regime, they are now relishing their newly-won religious freedom. They have come out of the cellars and caves and the Pentecostal message of deliverance is being proclaimed from the housetops! And this joyful sound is penetrating the hearts of the people. Our churches are growing and new ones are mushrooming overnight.

I preached in the largest churches in Italy and also in crowded cellars, in private homes, wherever people could find a meeting place. No building is sufficient to hold the crowds. When the invitation is given, they come! Tears of repentance and joy flow freely. What a thrill! Old people, who had lived with only a form of religion, clasped my hand and said, "For the first time in my life I've heard this sweet story!"

The revival in Italy is primarily a work of the Holy Spirit. He has created this intense hunger for God and is bringing the Living Bread to the masses to satisfy that hunger. Italy is ripe for a mighty nationwide Pentecostal revival!

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Preaching the dedication revival for the new Evangelistic Center in the heart of downtown Athens, Greece, was another blessed experience. Hunger again! The cry for reality, the search for truth, has become universal in scope. This hunger in Athens is resulting in dedicated lives and sacrifices for the sake of the gospel. The great new building which houses our church in the busy part of the Biblical city stands as a beacon of hope for the nation. Our work there is a thrilling saga of victorious struggle against oppression, persecution, poverty. The foundation is sure; the superstructure is being

A pastor analyzes

erected, and the search for Truth will bring many Athenians to Jesus.

Africa, a land of many false gods, a place of darkness and seething unrest, is crying for the living God. The witch doctors, the jujus, the gods they have made that are nothing more than little pieces of manufactured helplessness, have only served to heighten the oppression of Satan and intensify the soul hunger of the masses. A ripened, wasting harvest field stands ready for the reapers! Whole villages are ready to turn to the true God as they hear of Him. Living in superstition and fear, they are longing for the glad message of relief for their demonoppressed lives.

Africa is a land of fear—fear of the God they do not understand, fear of the devil and demon powers, fear of their fellow man. And many of their fears are well grounded. The devil cruelly torments his subjects. The "Bush Society," the dread devil-worshipers of Africa, during this past year, has abducted seventeen natives within one mile of one of our mission stations, and sacrificed them to the devil! Only the gospel of Jesus Christ can dispel such heathen darkness.

As I ministered to the heathen multitudes and saw the joy and relief that came as they brought their burdens to Christ, I thought of the words in Isaiah 58:6-9: "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to *deal thy bread to the hungry*, and that thou bring the poor that are what he saw on the mission field



cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am!"

The world is hungry; the Church has bread! Nothing but Jesus, the Bread of Life, will satisfy the relentless, gnawing soul-hunger of our famishing world. Education, philosophy, entertainment, science will not suffice: bread and nothing else! Are we withholding from a starving world the Bread that satisfies?

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Job declared, "If I have eaten my

BY JAMES C. DODD BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA

morsel alone.... [If, out of the abundance God has given me, I give nothing to the needy] then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone. For destruction from God was a terror to me!"

We live in a land of plenty, not only of physical and material things, but of spiritual realities. We are banqueting at a gospel table that is lavishly spread. We eat plenteously; we become satiated with good things; the blessings of God become commonplace. Can we not stop and consider whether we are "eating our morsel alone" or whether we are actually sharing Christ with the perishing world? Oh, that our hearts and minds could reach beyond the things of time and sense, beyond our own limited environment, and share with God His desire for the starving multitudes who cry for the Bread that satisfies!



Congregation at the dedication of the new Evangelistic Center in Athens, Greece. J. C Dodd, wife and daughter at left)



PHOTOS BY J. C. DODD

Hungry souls seeking God at the Assembly in Kano, Nigeria. Many African villages are still waiting for the Bread of Life



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### **Re-evaluating our Objectives**

Some months ago the executive presbyters authorized the visit to the mission fields of members of the Executive Presbytery for the purpose of survey and ministry. The Middle East, Southeast Asia, and parts of the Orient were toured in the first series, and more recently, Africa has been completely covered by representatives of the executive body.

Needless to say, the reports coming from these brethren have been most enlightening and their recommendations are now being acted upon by the highest policy group of the foreign program —the Foreign Missions Board.

Among the recurring features in their reports have been the encouragement to keep the foreign missions program evangelistic and refrain from becoming institutional in our approach to world evangelism. Schools, clinics, hospitals, and orphanages are all worth while, and in some fields absolutely necessary if we are to maintain a missionary ministry, but they have importance only as they contribute to the one important factor-witnessing to lost men. Related to witnessing is the establishment of the local body of Christ everywhere. Any effort, no matter how newsworthy and how glamorous, that does not leave in its wake a church, cannot be the New Testament pattern.

It is still amazingly true—"The world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Our goals are not to produce an enlightened age, nor even to bring about a Christian civilization. We are in 71 countries of the world for the express purpose of co-operating with the Holy Spirit in "calling out a people for His name."

We will have to do some educating, some ministering to the afflicted, the fatherless and the widows, but these ministries are introductory to our main purpose—proclaiming the blessed Gospel of the Son of God.



Hundreds of Pakistanis visited the Christian Book Stall at Jessore

# Christian Book Stall at Agricultural Exhibition

### BY ELSIE BRIDGMAN

Missionary to East Pakistan

W HEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT stalls were available at the Jessore Agricultural Exhibition, our Christians made immediate application. We did not go in for a lot of fancy decorations—just a red cloth on which we printed in silver letters, "Christian Book Stall, Jessore." Two benches, one placed on top of the other and covered in front with curtain material, served as a counter on which books were placed for display. To one side we had a special display table for Bibles.

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

Assemblies of God FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT 434 West Pacific Street Springfield, Missouri From the time the book stall opened at three in the afternoon until closing time at ten in the evening there was always someone standing reading the Bible. The Agricultural Exhibition was arranged so that it was not permissible to have open-air preaching, but many questions were answered on the spot and questions are still coming to us now, several months after the exhibition closed.

As crowds gathered around the counter, one of our national salesmen gave a short sales talk on a number of the books displayed. As one person would show interest in a book, another salesman would take over and close the sale. This was repeated and each customer was given personal attention. At times four salesmen were busy closing sales while another made change, wrote out receipts, and kept accurate records. Nearly \$200 worth of Christian literature was sold during the exhibition. Some thirty Bibles and twenty-five New Testaments in the Bengali language were sold, as well as Urdu Bibles and Testaments. Hundreds of Gospel portions were sold. As a result of the book stall, at least one person has accepted Christ and several inquirers are still coming to us. Pray that the Word of God which has gone forth, according to His promise, shall "not return void."

### Urgent Need in Manila By Maynard L. Ketcham

Field Secretary for the Far East

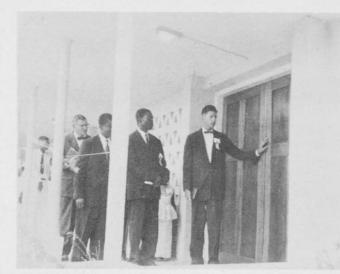
Bethel Bible Institute in Manila has been the secret of the Assemblies of God success in the Philippine Islands. This school was established in 1940. It normally has from 100 to 125 students, making it one of the larger Bible training institutes in foreign lands.

The accomplishments of Bethel Bible Institute in training competent, qualified preachers has been impressive. Most of the students graduating from the school have been readily absorbed into the ministry in the Philippine Islands. Thus the work throughout the islands has grown and grown, and still there is a demand for graduates from Bethel!

At the present time a new water system is urgently needed. In a tropical country such as the Philippines, the demand for water is great! Not only must the students be served, but water must also be provided for the various faculty members, for two missionary families who live on the compound, for national officials of the Assemblies of God in the Philippines, for workers and assistants, and now for the plant being established for the Philippine literature program.

For some years the old water system has been barely able to meet the need; finally it succumbed to the strain. Both the pump and motor are completely worn out and the water table has dropped so low that the well must be deepened to around 300 feet. A six-inch casing, a five-horsepower motor and pump, plus an overhead tank and piping to various sections of the compound, must be installed immediately. This is a *must* if Bethel Bible Institute is to open its doors for the coming term.

The estimated price is in excess of \$3,000. If you should like to assist in meeting this need, send your contributions to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: "Manila Bible School, Water System."



Field Superintendent Franklin McCorkle opens the door to dedicate the new Evangelistic Center in Accra, Ghana



Missionary Mel Harrel and national workers under temporary brush arbor built to accommodate the crowds at the dedication

BY MEL HARREL Missionary to Ghana

### **Evangelistic Center Dedicated in West Africa**

LVANGEL CHURCH, OUR NEW EVANgelistic center in Accra, Ghana, West Africa, was dedicated recently.

More than a thousand attended the opening services. Ministers from Ghana, Nigeria, and Trans Volta attended. Whole congregations traveled almost an entire night to be present at the historic meeting.

Evangel Church is the first Pentecostal church to be built in the capital city of Accra, and is the second Protestant church to be erected in this city in the past twenty years. It is located in the heart of the city and its auditorium (seventy by fifty) will seat about 800. Attached to the side is an office and bookstore. On this same location are three other buildings which house our day school with 500 pupils.

The church is valued at \$30,000. Of this amount, the local congregation contributed some \$1,500. Considering that the average wage of the members is about \$30 a month, this amount represents real sacrifice. Gifts from America have made it possible to complete construction. However, an indebtedness of approximately \$3,600 remains on the evangelistic center. We ask your prayers that God will send this amount to clear the debt; also pray that revival fires will ever burn brightly in this center.

If you should like to help clear the debt on the Accra Evangelistic Center, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield, Mo., designated: "Accra Evangelistic Center."

Outside view of Evangel Church, new Assemblies of God evangelistic center in Accra



February 28, 1960

### A LETTER FROM INDIA

"I am glad and feel proud to testify that our Lord and Saviour healed me and my sister from troublesome neuritis in our arms. My sister and I had been troubled for years: we both were unable to use our arms. We had received medical treatment of all kinds for months, but did not get any relief. Brother Guza Dayal (national worker) at the invitation of Brother Boyce (missionary) came to our village for revival meetings and to pray for the sick. I am extremely grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ in whose Name fervent prayer was prayed for both me and my sister. Both of us are now completely well."

-An Indian Christian

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foreign-speaking people in the United States and Puerto Rico, as well as believers in the "old countries."

Most of these groups publish periodicals in their own languages, some free of charge and some carrying subscription prices.

Over half of the 2,000 copies of Dobry Pasterz printed each quarter are sent to Polish-speaking people outside the U.S. (Bibles, New Testaments, and tracts are also available in the Polish language.) John Nykiel is editor of this twenty-page periodical. Four hundred subscribers underwrite the cost of printing. The subscription price is \$1.50 per year in the U.S.; foreign \$2.00. Orders for any of this Polish literature should be addressed to John Nykiel, 1 Rundel Park, Dorchester, Mass.

THE NINE FOREIGN LANGUAGE BRANCHES OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT PUBLISH THESE FULL-GOSPEL PERIODICALS (AS WELL AS OTHER QUARTERLIES AND TRACTS NOT PICTURED). ALSO INCLUDED IS LITERATURE PRODUCED IN ITALY WHICH THE ITALIAN BRANCH (U.S.A.) HAS HELPED TO PROVIDE

# Foreign-Language Publications Reach

T IS SUNDAY MORNING IN A LITTLE village in Australia. Six or seven Polish Christians, seated in the living room of a home, are joyfully singing hymns in the Polish language. They gather every Sunday to worship the Lord in one of the appointed homes. The inspiring hymns, the encouraging testimonies given by each, the passages read from the Bible, and the exposition from *Dobry Pasterz* keep the fire of faith burning brightly in their hearts.

These people, a few of the many displaced persons in the world, have no pastor—they cannot support one. Some member is selected each week to read an article from the magazine *Dobry Pasterz* ("The Good Shepherd"), which is the official organ of the Polish Branch of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A.

In another small town in Argentina, South America, a family of German believers has just received its monthly copy of *Licht und Leben* ("Light and Life"). This twenty-four-page magazine is the official organ of the German Branch, Assemblies of God, U.S.A. Each member of the family eagerly takes his turn reading the precious paper. Then the magazine is carefully rewrapped and mailed to relatives in another city. When the relatives have "devoured" its contents, the periodical is again sent on its way to cheer other hearts. Thus, some copies are read by four and five families.

These incidents are typical of the blessing which the Assemblies of God in the United States has brought through the printed page. Nine foreign branches (under the supervision of the National Home Missions Department and the Foreign Missions Department) have reached thousands of foreign-speaking peoples in the homeland and abroad.

The foreign branches, operating as separate districts, are: German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latin American, Spanish Eastern (including nearly 50 Puerto Rican churches recently added to this district's area of activity), Polish, Russian, and Ukrainian. Over 600 churches in these branches are seeking to reach approximately 12,000,000 Most of the people reached by this paper outside the United States are displaced persons forced to migrate to Canada, Australia, South America, and England following World War II. In these areas, the individuals are a minority group and have no religious oversight. *Dobry Pasterz*, with its Biblecentered articles, is the only "preacher" they "hear."

Licht und Leben, already mentioned as the German Branch publication, has a circulation of 1,500. C. W. Loenser, superintendent of the German Branch. is editor. The subscription price is \$1.50 per year. In addition to the readers in the States, the magazine also has subscribers in Canada, Germany, Australia, Argentina, and Brazil. The headquarters office often receives letters of appreciation from readers telling of the blessing the periodical has been to them. Some families, living in out-of-the-way places, have stated that, outside of the Bible, Licht und Leben is their only means of spiritual uplift.

This branch also has a German Sunday school quarterly (25c per copy). The lessons correspond with those published by the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo. All orders should be addressed to the German Branch Publishing House, 2226 West 91st St., Cleveland 2, Ohio.

The Hungarian Branch now prints about 1,000 copies each month of its official organ, Lelki-Feny ("Spiritual Beacon"). There are many believers among the Hungarian people in Canada to whom the magazine is sent.

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Thousands of copies have been distributed among the Hungarian refugees in the Austrian camps and at Camp Kilmer, N.J. For a time, the Hungarian Branch was untable to send the paper to Hungary and Yugoslavia, but this is now permitted.

### BY RUTH LYON

# Thousands

The publishers have received numerous letters from grateful people who were saved through reading the magazine or who were blessed and helped by it. Charles Szabo was editor for a number of years. He resigned in 1955 and his successor is Frank Vegh. The subscription price is \$2.00 in the States and \$2.50 in Canada. Write to Frank Vegh, 916 Lindsey St., South Bend 16, Ind., for a sample copy.

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La Luz Apostolica ("A postolic Light") is the official publication of the Latin American Branch. It contains mostly district news and some articles. The subscription price is \$1.50 per year. H. C. Ball, assistant superintendent of this branch, founded the magazine in 1916 and is the present editor. The subscription list now totals nearly 4,700. Orders should be addressed to: La Luz Apostolica, 714 S. Cibolo St., San Antonio, Tex.

The Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God fosters a bimonthly Spanish publication called *Poder* ("Power"), for general distribution in Latin American countries and the United States. Brother Ball is also editor-in-chief of this magazine which has a circulation of approximately 5,000. Of this number, over half go to foreign countries. The subscription price is \$1 for two years. Write to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., for sample copies.

Excellent Sunday school literature and visual aid, vacation Bible school helps, hymnbooks, etc., in the Spanish language are available from the Spanish Division of the Foreign Missions Department. Spanish churches in the United States, Puerto Rico, and other Spanish-speaking countries find this literature invaluable.

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The Ukrainian Branch official organ, Evanhelski Palomnyk ("Pilgrim Evangel"), is published bi-monthly. Subscription price is \$3.00 per year. The periodical is now in its nineteenth year and the subscription list totals 2,000. It has proved to be a definite blessing in the field of evangelism among the Slavic peoples in Europe, South America, Australia, Canada, United States, and other parts of the Joseph J. Matolina, editor, world. writes: "What a joy to receive word from the field that the magazine has accomplished lasting results for eternity. We have received many words of appreciation and thankfulness for the food and encouragement this paper has spread abroad."

The Ukrainian Branch has a part in printing and sending tracts and copies of the Gospel of John in the Ukrainian language to all parts of the world. The district also has sent out many Bibles. The need is great and urgent for more gospel literature now!

Free sample copies of the magazine and tracts in the Ukrainian language may be obtained upon request by writing: Ukrainian Branch of the Assemblies of God, 9 East Seventh St., New York 3, N.Y.

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The Greek Branch publishes a monthly news bulletin, Hellenic Portogonos Apostolic Ecclesia, which means "Greek Firstborn Apostolic Church." Its purpose is merely to convey information concerning the various activities of the Greek Branch. The branch also has a young people's monthly paper.

The Russian Branch publishes a quarterly periodical, Strannik ("Trav-

eler" or "Stranger"). The subscription list is small since they operate mostly on freewill offerings. They print 2,000 copies each time, over half of which are distributed free outside the United States in at least ten countries. The branch has been assisted financially with its publication by the National Home Missions Department. Acting editor is S. Nazaroff. The subscription price is \$1.50 per year in the U.S.A. Other booklets and tracts in the Russian language are also printed by this district. Orders for sample copies should be addressed to: Strannik, P. O. Box 84, Cooper Station, New York 3, N. Y.

The Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God has assisted the brethren in Italy with the production of gospel literature there. The branch distributes a free district bulletin for its churches in the U.S.A. Samuel C. Totaro is editor. Sunday school quarterlies printed in Italy are available from the Italian Assemblies of God in the U.S.A., Sunday School Dept., % John Marckese, 310 S. 22nd St., Bellwood, Ill.

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The Zvestovatel Plneho Evangelia ("Full Gospel Herald") is published in the Czechoslovakian language. There is no subscription price. Orders may be sent to Ladislav W. Huba, 3030 W. Cortland St., Chicago 47, Ill.

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Glasnik Puta Spasenja ("Herald of Salvation"), in the Yugoslavian language; is published quarterly and enjoys a circulation of 2,000. It is free of charge. In one year, the publishers also mailed out 24,000 gospel tracts and booklets to Yugoslavian people in Canada and the United States. Orders should be sent to Peter J. Krnjeta, 17193 Greeley Ave., Detroit 3, Mich.

It is impossible to tabulate the rewarding results of the Assemblies of God ministry through its foreign branches in placing full-gospel literature in the hands of needy and often desolate people all over the world.

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

Assemblies of God HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT 434 West Pacific Street Springfield, Missouri



### GOALS FOR 1960

One new church for every day in the year is the Assemblies of God church extension goal for 1960. This goal was not established merely by guesswork but on the basis of past accomplishments. The five-year average number of new churches opened was ascertained for each of the fortyfour districts and nine branches of the Assemblies of God. For each five new churches averaged by a given district, one more was added to make the goal for 1960. Thus, if a district opened an average of ten new churches for each of the past five years, its goal for 1960 was set at twelve new churches

When goals had been established for all the districts and branches of the organization, it was learned that the national goal, which was simply the total of all district goals, was 366 one for each day of the year, since 1960 is leap year.

Goals do not accomplish themselves. They merely serve to inspire action and to bring objectives into focus. Clearly defined objectives are the seed of noteworthy attainment.

With definite goals established, the next logical step is the development of plans for their accomplishment. The national goal will only be reached through the concerted effort of all the districts, and likewise district goals will only be attained as sections and local churches wholeheartedly concern themselves with the lost in their immediate areas.

It has been wisely stated that what is everyone's responsibility is no one's responsibility. Perhaps, as a reader of this column, you have concurred with the ideas set forth. You have thought it a good idea that national and district goals be set. No doubt you have agreed the National Home Missions Department and each of the districts should launch an all-out effort to reach the increasing multitude of lost souls. Perhaps you have even approved of the idea that every church, including your own, should lend a hand in the task.

But, has it occurred to *you* that the national organization is made up of districts, that the districts are made up of sections, that the sections are constituted of local churches, and that the local churches are made up of individuals such as yourself? Since this

is true, each of us has an important role to play. Of course, no individual is expected to carry the whole load; but if every one will get under the burden and make the need a matter of serious concern, soon all of our churches will be bearing their fair share of responsibility. Once that happens it will be no problem to reach sectional, district, and national goals.

Can the Lord count on you?

A Salute to the WMC groups, churches and individuals who have helped "speed the light" to Pueblo and Navajo Indians

# Laborers Together— The WMC and Home Missions

By Lemuel and Dorothy Daris ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

**W** E HAVE SIX PUEBLO INDIAN tribes, as well as many Navajos, represented in our services in the Albuquerque Indian Mission.

On October 17, 1957, we arrived in Albuquerque, N. Mex., to work with the American Indians. We parked our



Pastor and Mrs. L. E. Davis and Jimmy Neal.

house trailer in the east part of town, thinking it was just a temporary place, but we remained there for eight months.

During this time we met and visited the Indian people in the city and also conducted regular weekly services for the Jamez (Pueblo) Indian people. God gave us three wonderful conversions and moved on many hearts in the Pueblo village. The Holy Spirit then began to deal with us concerning a permanent place of worship for the Indians in Albuquerque.

One morning, after we had searched many times, God directed us to a building owned by the Church of God. Brother Hudson, our district superintendent, negotiated and arranged to purchase this for \$8,500. The District Home Missions Department helped us with the down payment and we raised funds for a year to apply on it. Then we were able to finance the balance on monthly payments of \$55.35.

We are grateful to the churches, WMC's, C.A.'s, and other individuals who have contributed finances to enable us to put on a new roof, install restrooms, revamp much of the old



Missionettes of Victory Assembly, Fort Worth, Tex. collect clothing and toys for the Indian children at Albuquerque.

plumbing, and rewire the electrical installations. The apartment in the rear was incomplete. Now it has been repainted, the cabinet rebuilt, and linoleums placed on the floors. Brother Davis and some Indian brethren redecorated the inside of the church. A fine WMC lady made new curtains for it. Our Indian people painted the outside.

The Indian people express appreciation for the liberal contributions of WMC groups and others who have taken an interest in them and their people who are still walking in darkness.

The Friendly Assembly of God, Dallas, Tex.; the Victory Assembly of God, Fort Worth, Tex.; and the First Assembly of God, Carlsbad, N. Mex.,



G. O. Halls, pastors of Friendly Assembly of God, Dallas, Tex. which sends offerings to Albuquerque mission.

all deserve special mention for their generous contributions of used clothing, food supplies, and other offerings.

Many souls have found Christ as Saviour and Healer in this church. Some are already going to their own reservations to spread the gospel. What God has begun, He will finish, if we trust and are willing to make the necessary sacrifices.

We need a Holy Ghost revival, for many false cults are now bidding for the Indian people here. But if the folk are grounded in truth and led by the Holy Spirit, they will not fall into the pitfalls of false doctrine.

We are teaching the people to honor the Lord with their substance. The first Sunday in each month, our Sunday school offering goes to toreign missions. It has always been our largest offering. The Indians are not selfish, but desire to work for God. Some who live ninety to one hundred miles away drive in to Albuquerque by pickup loads. They realize the value and



Mrs. C. R. Lane and Mrs. Otts, officers of the WMC's of First Assembly, Carlsbad, who help the Albuquerque mission.



Navajo Christian mother and baby.

the need for prayer to overcome temptations and to be witnesses for Christ.

God bless all who have had a part in the building and the work of the Indian Assembly of God in Albuquerque. Continue to remember us in prayer as we also seek to reach out into the untouched pueblos with the gospel. We are anxious to establish permanent houses of worship in these places.



This Navajo family drove 90 miles to attend services at Albuquerque.



Indian Assembly at Albuquerque, N. Mex.



Navajos on an unreached reservation (where Christmas is unknown) reach for leftover Christmas candy Brother Davis distributes.

# **Home Front Highlights**

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields

### AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

### Winslow, Arizona

A float entered by the young people of the Winslow Indian Assembly of God won the second prize given by the Chamber of Commerce in that city's 1959 Christmas parade. Under the missionaries' supervision the teen-age class constructed the float around the theme, "From the Manger to the Cross for All the World."

Both Navaoj and Hopi teen-agers rode on the float and Christmas music, recorded in the Navajo language, was played.

Incidentally, this Indian church received its third consecutive Gold Crown (for Sunday school attainment) this year. They had an excellent Teachers Training Class in September.

A new church building is planned here since the present one is completely inadequate for the crowds.

### Near Fresno, California

The Table Mountain Indian Assembly congregation plans to build a new church on a site they have recently acquired. The present building is very old and completely inadequate. Anyce Hutchison, who ministers here, is encouraged with the spiritual progress evident. Prayer is requested for this needy field.



The Table Mountain Indian Assembly (near Fresno, Calif.) which is in such poor condition. A new building is scheduled to be started soon.

### Keams Canyon, Arizona

Before Christmas, while the Don Johnsons (missionaries at Polacca Village on the Hopi Reservation) were preparing Christmas gifts for the Indians, the oil stove in the church caught fire. Eight of the new quilts they had received from WMC groups were burned. As soon as the fire was extinguished, several of the Hopis helped to clean the church. They repainted the ceiling and walls and did other necessary work to make the church presentable again. All were thankful that the new mission was saved.

Bita Hochee, Arizona Helen L. Burgess, missionary to the Navajos here, reports a revival spirit



Prize-winning float built by Indian teenagers in Winslow, Arizona.

among the people. Some Navajos are coming to the services for the first time. At least ten have been saved recently.

### Ganado, Arizona

Missionary Don Ramsey has begun regular gospel services at the El Paso Refinery compound for plant employees and the public.

### Phoenix, Arizona

Mrs. Clarence Washburn, director of the All-Tribes Indian Bible Training School at Phoenix, and her staff are rejoicing over a new deep freeze and a large electric mixer presented to them by the Covina, Calif., Assembly of God. Sister Washburn is planning to start a building program for new classrooms and dormitories in the near future. The school has experienced a revival recently. Several have been saved and three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

### McDermitt, Nevada

Mrs. George Forrest recently broke her leg in three places just above the ankle. Pray for her speedy recovery.

### ALASKA MINISTRY

### Anchorage

The Oscar D. Butterfields are now back in Alaska in evangelistic work. They may be reached at Box 881, Anchorage.

### McGrath

The Clifford Geedys, formerly missionaries at McGrath, are now missionaries in Japan.

### Angoon

Eva Wright, who recently began ministry in Angoon, reports that several people have reconsecrated their lives to the Lord here and others are testifying to experiences of salvation and healing. Sister Wright conducts a Children's Bible Club every Tuesday after school. Attendance has been between 40 and 60 each week. Both the Anchorage and Sitka Assemblies have contributed materially and also given prayerful support to this work.

### New Appointees

The Don Copes have recently received missionary appointment to the Assemblies of God Children's Home at Valdez, Alaska.

### FIELD MINISTRY

G. F. Lewis, Executive Director of the Home Missions Department, dedicated the new Indian church at Gallup, N. Mex., January 24. He also conducted a seminar for home missionaries to the Indians in Albuquerque, N. Mex., January 25.

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL



The Hugh Coultases and three of the blind girls from the Illinois Blind and Sight Saving School who attend their Sunday school class at the Assembly of God, Jacksonville, Ill.

### BLIND MINISTRY Jacksonville, Illinois

Many persons are now making it possible for the Blind in their communities to receive the gospel. The contributions of friends make it possible for those who cannot see to receive Braille publications free from the Home Missions Department. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coultas, of Jacksonville, Ill., teach a blind Sunday school class and provide the pupils with our Braille literature. The cost of producing one quarterly is approximately \$5 per year. Grace Ward, one of the faithful blind members of the Sunday school writes, "I want to thank you for sending me my Braille quarterlies. I enjoy them so much. I just love being with the Assembly of God people. They are so good and kind to me. I do so want to be the kind of person my Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Coultas, tells me a Christian should be."

### JEWISH MINISTRY

### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Monty Garfields, who minister in the Philadelphia area, always have a Christmas party for the Jewish people. This year, twenty-five Jews and six Gentiles were present. Abraham Solomon, a Hebrew Christian caterer, has supplied some food for the Christmas parties for two years. About six months ago he joined the noon prayer meeting at the Mission and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. These Christmas get-togethers have played an important part in interesting Jews in the Hebrew Mission and finally, in their true Messiah.



Monty Garfield, missionary in Philadelphia, acts as host at one of the tables during the annual Christmas party for Jewish people.

### EMERGENCY

Three couples are needed immediately to work in the Assemblies of God Children's Homes in Alaska. One couple should have some knowledge of farming. Those who apply need not be ministers, but some experience in dealing with children would be advantageous.

If God has laid this important home missions work upon your heart, you may contact R. L. Brandt, National Home Missions Secretary, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

### PRISON MINISTRY

Last year 12,000 Bible courses were supplied free of charge to prisoners by the Home Missions Department. This figure tops the 1958 total by 3,000! Arvid Ohrnell, national prison chaplain, is kept busy grading an average of twenty-five courses a day. Six thousand men are currently studying the courses.

### DEAF MINISTRY

### Pueblo, Colorado

In 1954, David Correa, a hearing member of the First Assembly of God in Pueblo, Colo., asked God to send someone to that area to minister to the Deaf. After much prayer, he felt that God wanted him to learn the sign language. He purchased a sign language book, and Ivan Brammell, a deaf friend, helped him to learn the language. In less than a year Brother Correa began to interpret the services and to teach a Sunday school class for the Deaf. The Torchbearers Deaf Class is growing and the members are busy telling others about Jesus. The hearing pastor, Richard Emerson, is happy to have this faithful group in the church.

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DID YOU KNOW that the Assemblies of God has 40 appointed ministers to the Deaf, plus 28 lay workers? Besides these, there are some who do interpreting and teach Sunday school classes. Also, gospel services are conducted for the Deaf in Hawaii, Korea, Lebanon (in Palestine), and Alaska. Four Bible colleges of the Assemblies of God teach the sign language. In Springfield, Mo., there are two deaf young people enrolled at Central Bible Institute studying for the ministry. There are three ministers, also deaf, who attended this college and are now ministering to their people in the States.



### British Guiana

### 900 ACCEPT CHRIST IN RECENT REVIVAL

Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley Mac-Pherson recently concluded a four-week revival in Georgetown, capital of British Guiana, South America. More than 900 people came forward for salvation, reports missionary David Guenther.

"The meeting started in the Town Hall, but ended in the open air. Many testified of the healing of their bodies. There are many lasting results of the anointed ministry of Brother and Sister MacPherson and we are so happy the Lord directed them this way."

### Dahomey

### PROGRESS AMONG THE KOUANDE

Charles and Frances Petroskey write: "This past Sunday afternoon we baptized seventeen of our Kouande Christians. Also at Wassa, about thirty miles from here, we baptized twelve. We thank God for the work He is doing in this area at the present time. From the beginning it has been a battle, but victory is on the way. Praise His Name!"

### **Dominican** Republic BIBLE SCHOOL DEDICATED

The new Bible school building in Dominican Republic, which includes classrooms, dormitory, dining room, kitchen, and missionary residence, was dedicated recently.

Missionary Raymond De Vito, director of the school, reports: "Students marched into the dining room (which had been converted into a chapel for the occasion) singing 'The Banner of the Cross.' Enrique Suarez, superintendent of the work, brought a history of the Bible school and preached the dedicatory message. J. J. Perez, pastor of the Central church, offered the prayer of dedication, and Missionary Wayne Turnbull brought the charge to the students and congregation. The glory of the Lord filled the room and everyone felt His presence."



New converts in Georgetown, British Guiana, praising God for salvation.

### Liberia

### REVIVAL AT PLEEBO BIBLE SCHOOL

Missionary Louise Davis reports from Liberia that a revival has swept through the Pleebo Bible school. "Several of our students have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and quite a number of others have been refilled and revived. We are looking to God to do yet greater things in our midst."

### New Guinea ASK BAN ON CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

A delegation in Rabaul, New Britian, said to represent 500,000 islanders asked the Australian government to ban additional Christian missions in the New Guinea area. A spokesman acknowledged that missions had done much for the population, but added: "There are too many of them. The mind of the native is confused. We don't want any more coming here from Australia, and we ask you to keep them out." The Australian representative replied that, under the United Nationals trusteeship, missions cannot be kept out.

### Nyasaland

### "OPERATION EVANGELISM" LAUNCHED

"Our fourteen students who went away to Bible school this year came back to us with fire and zeal to tackle our 'Operation Evangelism,'" reports Missionary Paul Wright. "Some went out by bike, some by foot, and others in the car with a loudspeaker on top. It's amazing how quickly you can collect a big crowd with the loudspeaker ...and a big crowd is all you need to set these young preachers on fire!

"Four new works were established in a radius of fifteen miles, and a fine revival was held at the Limbe church. As a result of the revival, a male quartet was started. You should hear them sing!

"We also converged on the capital city of Zomba, thirty-seven miles away. Here we found a hunger such as we haven't experienced in years. Many were saved, including a number of the educated class. Our pastor there, though uneducated, is mighty in the Scriptures and full of the Holy Ghost. He lives in a small thatched house about ten by twelve, but though he has none of this world's possessions, God is using him to confound the mighty! Pray for him."

### Nicaragua MOB VIOLENCE DISRUPTS OUTDOOR SERVICE

"A few days ago I took our Speedthe-Light International out to a nearby town to join a group of students in an outdoor service," reports Missionary Loren Triplett. "Mrs. Triplett and our children went along. I set up our P. A. equipment, played some music, and the service began.

"After Mrs. Triplett and I had sung a special song our national superintendent began to preach. It was then that we saw the local priest coming with a large group following. He gave quick orders for the mob to get us out of town, and the rocks began to fly. A man rode his horse right in upon our group and tried to trample our local pastor's wife by rearing the animal's feet into the air over her. She darted from that danger, only to be cruelly lashed across the head and shoulders with the braided leather reins the rider was using.

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

"No one was seriously hurt, and forgive me if I just say that the stones which I received gave me great joy. A few blows make fine spiritual tonic!

"Prudence demanded our retreat before the mob could break up our equipment and truck, but we returned the next week end with eleven students and left the gospel through the printed page in every house in the town!"

### The Philippines

### REVIVAL ON NEGROS ISLAND

Reports of a Pentecostal outpouring on the Philippine island of Negros are thrilling!

"At the close of a Sunday morning service," writes Mrs. Lester Kenney, "the Spirit moved over the congregation and everywhere Christians spontaneously raised their hands and began praising the Lord. While we stood there rejoicing, two new converts were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit continues and many more have been filled with the Spirit. At the same time, the Spirit fell on another church south of here and many were baptized.

"As the work on Negros has expanded so rapidly, with new churches being opened and many new converts recorded every month, it has been our earnest desire to see each church become truly Pentecostal. Thank God for this divine outpouring which is the answer to the prayers of the Spirit-filled Christians here and friends in the United States."

### India

### LITERATURE PRODUCTION CURTAILED

Robert W. Edwards, missionary to South India, reports, "Sunday school quarterlies in the Malayalam and Tamil languages are a very important link in keeping our churches united in a teaching ministry which includes the *whole* Bible. It costs us \$74 per quarter to publish these quarterlies. In addition, two district papers have been added to our literature production, one in the Malayalam language and one in Tamil. It costs \$26 to publish these. Unfortunately, we have had to discontinue these because of lack of funds."

Gospel literature is urgently needed by our missionaries in South India. If you should like to have a part in publishing these quarterlies and papers in the languages of South India, send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific, Springfield, Mo., with the designation: "Robert Edwards—for printing."



- SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, IS EXPERIENCING A GREAT REVIVAL. Five thousand people are coming nightly to hear the gospel. From 50 to 70 have responded each night to the invitation to decide for Christ. Day services are being held in the Evangelistic Center and reports indicate that from 15 to 20 have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit each day.
- OUR EVANGELISTIC CENTER IN MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, has just established its seventh pioneer church. Sunday School attendance is averaging 220 for Managua and the outstations.
- THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT, for the first time in history, has entered into contract with the Roman Catholic Church, giving her the right to supervise religious instruction in the public schools.
- ROMAN CATHOLICS HAVE OPENED A NEW MISSIONARY OFFENSIVE on Formosa. Special teams of priests and nuns have learned the Hakka language for work in the interior of the island. Their goal: the conversion of one million Hakka tribesmen to Catholicism within the next ten years.
- A ONE-WEEK SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' TRAINING CAMP was held recently in East Pakistan. Eighty Assemblies of God teachers completed the course and received certificates. A number of the teachers walked 50 to 80 miles to attend the camp.
- MOSLEM OPPOSITION TO BILLY GRAHAM has been pronounced. Anti-Christian literature was distributed by Moslem missionaries at the Graham evangelistic crusade in Lagos, Nigeria. The opposition was the greatest display of Moslem strength in Western Nigeria, an area where Moslems have been in the minority.
- MOSLEMS ARE MAKING MANY CONVERTS. Out of every ten converts in Africa today, seven become Moslem, three become Christian.
- IN RECENT ELECTIONS IN THE PHILIPINES, Protestant candidates won two gubernatorial posts and two mayoralty seats. Evangelicals viewed the results as highly significant in a country which claims to be 98 per cent Roman Catholic.
- <u>COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES</u>, anxious to discredit the name of Hudson Taylor, undertook to prepare their own version of his biography. In the course of the work the one who was assigned to do research into Hudson Taylor's life found Christ as his Saviour.
- ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MISSIONARIES are continually working toward the goal of placing trained nationals in positions of leadership in the national church. Recently, for example, a national pastor was put in charge of the Assembly in Paysandu, Uruguay, replacing the missionary.
- <u>NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES</u> have been opened at our new Evangelistic Center in La Paz, Bolivia. Thirty working students have enrolled in these special Bible classes.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTHUSIASM IS RUNNING HIGH IN MEXICO. The demand for children's lessons and handwork has increased 400% in last year in the State of Guerrero and a new Assemblies of God Sunday school has been opened at San Jeronimo.

Women's Missionary Council MILDRED SMULAND, NATIONAL SECRETARY

# WMC'S SHARE IN MOUNTAIN MINISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES



Elva Vanderbout

**M** ISSIONARY ELVA VANDERBOUT has spent thirteen years among the mountain people, including head-hunting tribes, of the Philippines. God has used her in an unusual way to win souls and to conserve the fruit of her labors.

During Mrs. Vanderbout's first year in the Philippines she organized the first WMC group there. Now most assemblies in the Islands have very active WMC groups. The *Filipina* WMC's carry on outstation work, raise funds for churches, care for the poor, and engage in evangelistic work whenever possible.

It was also during her first year of service that Mrs. Vanderbout opened the Bethesda Children's Home near Baguio City, Mountain Province. Through the years, WMC groups in the States have faithfully provided clothing, food, and other necessities for the Home.

Many of the children have been brought to the Home suffering from severe malnutrition, or actually facing starvation. Some have been rescued from certain death in other ways. Little Sharon was one of the latter. Sharon's Christian mother died in childbirth, and since her father was a pagan, preparations were made to follow the Igorot tribal custom of suffocating the new-born infant and burying it with its mother. Two national pastors visited the village that day, however, and asked for the child. The father gave her to them and they presented her to Mrs. Vanderbout. Sharon is now four years old, and a very lovely child.

BY ELVA M. JOHNSON

In August of 1952, a worker sixtyfive miles back in the mountains wrote that a newly converted family wanted to give their infant twin boys to Mrs. Vanderbout since they could not care for them. The father had been a pagan priest until his conversion a short time before. When workers from the Home arrived in the village to get the twins, they found them in a pitiful condition. It was cold, and the mother had laid them on a small rag near an open fire on the floor of the one-room grass house. They were covered with another old rag, and had not a single garment of their own. The parents had no money for milk and one of the

babies cried day and night from hunger. The workers had brought clothing for the babies and dressed them warmly for the sixty-five-mile trip in an open bus through the rain back to Baguio City. Even so, one of the babies was found to have pneumonia, but tender loving care brought them both through.

Mrs. Vanderbout says, "They were so delicate we didn't dare give them a bath, so just rubbed them with oil for a few days. When they were twelve days old, one weighed four pounds, and the other four and a half. I appealed to some WMC groups for help, and it wasn't long before baby clothing, blankets, diapers, quilts, bottles, etc., began to arrive. Oh, how happy I was to receive these much needed items. Some sent offerings. One lady has for several years supported one of the twins. Now Donnie and Ronnie are past seven years of age. I have always been glad I obeyed the voice of the Lord and took them, even though I could not see my way clear to do so at the time."

In August, 1958, Mrs. Vanderbout



The two sets of twins given to Mrs. Vanderbout as infants.



Gervacio Tovera, Jr., first child in the Bethesda Children's Home.



Head-hunters hold gongs with human jawbones as handles. Man at left is now saved.

was given another set of twins at birth by a poor farm family who have six other children living. Several weeks before the babies were born, Mrs. Vanderbout knew she was to receive them, so, she says, "I notified some WMC groups in America of their expected arrival, and praise the Lord, once more lovely layettes, blankets, diapers, safety pins, baby powder and oil, and all the other nice things mothers like to receive for their new babies, began to arrive from America! How I do praise God for the way He cared for these two precious baby girls, now sixteen months old, and a real blessing and joy to all of us."

The first child to enter Bethesda Home was Gervacio Tavera, Jr. He was thirteen years old when he came. A year later he entered Bible school. He was an exceptional student and was class speaker when he graduated. He is now an ordained minister and one of the ablest interpreters in the Philippines.

In 1955, Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Byrd held an open-air meeting in Baguio City. Gervacio served as their interpreter. God saved and healed many, including some from the area of Bontoc, capital of Mountain Province. A one-night meeting was then held in Bontoc, and many attended from Talubin, a head-hunter village about seven miles away.

Mrs. Vanderbout writes, "The inhabitants of Talubin are Igorots. They have been a fierce people—feared by other tribes. For centuries the Igorots have been known as recalcitrant, headhunting heathen. After the meeting in Bontoc, the people from Talubin requested our national pastor to come and teach them more about the Word of God. He did so, and from the

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The night group of WMC's at Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, Calif., with Evangelist Gladys Pearson holding check for the Talubin church.

### **"SO SEND I YOU"** Theme for WMC Day-February 28

**I** OR YEARS, WMC GROUPS HAVE joyfully supplied food and clothing for the Bethesda Children's Home in the Philippines. Elva Vanderbout had ceased to be surprised when *these* needs were met. But what could women do about a church for converted headhunters?

One of her letters concerning the need for funds to finish the church at Talubin fell into the hands of Evangelist Gladys Pearson. She felt impressed to read it to the WMC group which met at night in Bethel Temple, Los Angeles. Here, in her own words, is what happened:

"The burden fell upon this small group of WMC's to finish this church for the former head-hunters. In ten minutes \$2,055 was raised! Two women gave \$500 each; a schoolteacher gave her promised raise in salary, \$300. One woman gave her check from a recent jury-duty assignment—\$100, plus another \$100. Working girls sacrificed vacations and new clothes to help meet the need."

These are only a few of the thousands of women who have been obedient to the call of Christ either in taking or sending the gospel to the ends of the earth. May this National WMC Day be the beginning for every WMC group of an even greater year of service to the Master.

Jesus said, "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you." There was sacrifice involved in sending Jesus to earth. And it will take sacrifice on our part to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. But Jesus knew a deep, abiding joy in fulfilling the Father's will, and as we serve Him in the same spirit we shall know the same joy.



The first WMC group organized in the Philippines, still active today.



The Talubin Assembly of God, built by former head-hunters.







The Missionette Club at the Assembly in Trumann, Ark., began with four members and now has about twenty girls who attend regularly. Whole families have been saved because of girls attending Missionettes. They honored their mothers last year with gifts which they had made from suggestions in *Missionette Memos*. Sponsor is Shirley Young.



Here are the Missionettes of the Assembly in Lancaster, N. H. Each of these girls has accepted the Lord as Saviour and desires to grow in the Lord. They have completed several projects and especially enjoyed a visit to a convalescent home where they had a Christmas party for the patients. Gifts were distributed, carols and hymns sung, and refreshments provided by the girls. Sponsors are Marion Meloon and Gladys Ingerson.



Sponsor, Mrs. Robert Johnston, of First Assembly, Wichita Falls, Texas, is shown with her Missionettes. One of the girls' projects was to embroider tea towels for missionaries to Africa. Another time they painted forty coffee cans, put decals on them and filled the cans with cookies to be given to members of the extension department. The girls greatly enjoy their meetings and are helping to make others happy.



These Missionettes are from Glad Tidings Assembly, Bay City, Mich. They have formed a choir and made blue robes with white collars which they wear when singing. As a special project they made dresses for teen-age girls at New Hope Town Leper Colony in Liberia. Sponsor is Mrs. Dorothy Deja, center back row. Her helper is Marion Sharp, on the right in back row.



Missionettes and sponsor, Mrs. Harvey Burwick, of the Assembly in New England, N. Dak. They are shown with May baskets they made and distributed to elderly people last May Day. The recipients were delighted to be remembered and sent "thank you" notes.

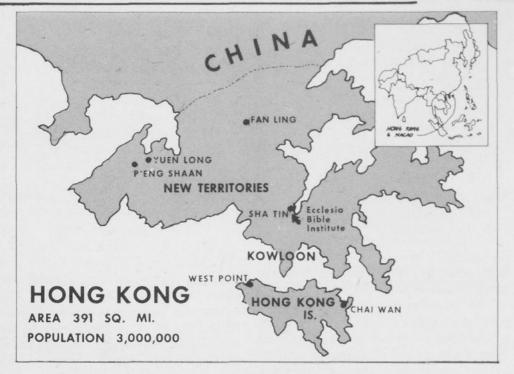


A children's home in Hawaii received items made by these Missionettes of Glad Tidings Church, San Diego, Calif. Sponsor is Betty J. Ashburn.

MISSIONETTE CERTIF	ICATES ISSUED IN	DECEMBER 1959
CHURCH	LOCATION	SPONSOR
ESSEX A/G A/G	Baltimore, Md. Mountain Home Idaho	
FIRST A/G	Live Oak, Calif.	
FIRST A/G	Hagerman, N. Mex.	
OAK CITY A/G	Tallahassee, Fla.	
A/G CALVARY ASSEMBLY	West Plains, Mo. Carthage, Ill.	
FIRST A/G	Bessemer, Ala.	Mrs. Jeff A. Pierson
A/G	Slaton, Tex.	Alice Ridings
MONTE VISTA A/G NEIGHBORHOOD A/G		Lorna Sailer Lois W. Gardner
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A/G A/G MISSION	Milford, Nebr. Jabalpur, India	Mrs. John M. Lewis
BEREAN A/G	Moses Lake, Wash.	
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THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

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# **Outpost of Democracy**

H ONG KONG, THE LAST OUTPOST OF democracy on the China mainland, is a British colony located on the southeast coast of Kwangtung Province, ninety miles south of Canton. Hong Kong Colony comprises an area of 391 square miles and includes not only Hong Kong Island and several smaller islands, but also Kowloon Peninsula and the area known as New Territories. From a population of 800,000 twenty years ago, Hong Kong has mushroomed into a metropolis of 3,-000,000.

Hong Kong is one of the most picturesque spots in the Orient. Victoria Peak rises majestically behind Victoria City, which is the capital and business center of the colony. The harbor is one of the most nearly perfect natural harbors in the world and provides seventeen miles of anchorage. Here cargo is unloaded for transshipment to other countries in the Far East. It is a free port and trade restrictions are held to a minimum.

Once considered a barren and valueless island, Hong Kong is now a hive of activity. Excellent banking facilities, large mercantile establishments, and fine modern buildings bear evidence that British interests have prospered.

The colony has a cosmopolitan atmosphere of blended cultures but the population is overwhelmingly Chinese, the majority of whom speak Cantonese. Since Hong Kong is British territory, English also is widely used. Buddhism is the dominant religion of the Chinese in Hong Kong but Confucianism and Taoism also have their adherents.

### POLITICAL HISTORY

Through the Treaty of Nanking (1842) the thirty-two-square-mile island was ceded to Britain by China. The tip of the Kowloon Peninsula and Stonecutters Island were annexed by the British in 1861. In 1898 the rest of the Kowloon Peninsula, known as



Literature produced by the Assemblies of God Prèss at Hong Kong.

New Territories, was leased for a period of ninety-nine years. Ever since Hong Kong was established as a British crown colony it has been a sanctuary for people fleeing from political upheavals in China.

In December 1941, Hong Kong fell to the Japanese and was under occupation until August 1945, when it was liberated by the British fleet.

### PROTESTANT MISSIONS

Foreign missions had an early and advantageous start in Hong Kong 150 years ago when Robert Morrison, an English missionary, made his headquarters in nearby Macao. Since that time nearly every mission board has gained representation in the colony, particularly British societies. The Church of England is today the most prominent ecclesiastical body there.

### BEGINNING OF OUR WORK

Mattie Ledbetter went to Hong Kong in 1928. She was the first of our Assemblies of God missionaries to concentrate her efforts there. As a result of two successful tent meetings in 1931 and 1932 conducted by Pastor John Yang from the north, a large number of converts united with the Hong Kong church. After the evacuation of our missionaries from China a number of them settled in Hong Kong.

With the Japanese occupation, however, missionary efforts came to a standstill. We had eight Assemblies of God missionaries and four children there at the time. With the exception of one, these were all interned in the much-publicized "Stanley Internment Camp." After six months of nearstarvation existence, the missionaries were repatriated in an exchange agreement between the United States and Japan. Two eventful months later they reached New York on the *Gripsholm*.

When our missionaries returned to Hong Kong in 1945 they rejoiced to find that the churches had continued under national leadership.

In 1947 the American Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, with their respective Chinese workers, formed a united organization known as the China Assemblies of God. The loss of China to Communism forced us to discontinue missionary work in that country, but the Pentecostal witness continues to the Chinese in Hong Kong through the cooperative efforts of the Canadian and American missionaries and national workers.

### Assemblies of God Churches

For many years the Kowloon congregation worshiped in a rented property. In 1952, under the leadership of Harland Park the congregation purchased land, and a fine building was constructed under the supervision of Arthur Ahlberg. The church, seating 800 people, was dedicated in 1955. Services are conducted in Cantonese, Mandarin, and English.

This aggressive congregation has extended its ministry beyond the local church and today there are many village chapels, preaching points, and branch Sunday schools. An elementary school with 300 children enrolled is also a part of the church program. More than 100 women are active members of the Women's Missionary Council.

Two of our missionaries, Lula Belle Hough and Annie Bailie, are supervising churches in New Territories, very close to the Red China border.

To help resolve the refugee-housing problem the government constructed seven-story concrete buildings in resettlement areas. Our missionaries recognize in these crowded tenements a ripe harvest field. Though government rules somewhat restrict extensive evangelistic efforts, the missionaries are having a fruitful ministry.

Great blessing has come to the Hong Kong area through salvation-healing crusades conducted by visiting evangelists.

WIDE USE OF LITERATURE Challenged by the desperate need of thousands of children who throng the highways and byways of Hong Kong, our missionaries are winning boys and

Missionaries from U.S.	13
National ministers	37
Churches and outstations	20
Adherents1,8	306
Bible schools	1
Bible school enrollment	41
Elementary schools	7
Elementary school	
enrollment	967

girls to Christ through extensive Sunday school and vacation Bible school programs. They have excellent Sunday school literature which is used by other missions as well.

The intensive vacation Bible school program is unique in its outreach. From a small beginning it has expanded until many thousands of children are reached by the gospel each year. Schools are conducted not only in our own churches and chapels but on roof tops, in resettlement areas, and orphanages. In order to cope with this tremendous task, Bible school students are trained to help conduct the courses.

Christian literature is distributed through the Assemblies of God Press Bookroom which was opened in May, 1957. B. L. M. Embree of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada is director. This bookroom is an important outlet for Christian literature at a time when it is so greatly needed to counteract the mass of anti-Christian literature from Communist China.

### Ecclesia Bible Institute

Founded a number of years ago in Canton, the Bible school was moved to Hong Kong in 1949, and for five years was conducted in rented buildings. The new building for Ecclesia Bible Institute, dedicated in 1954, was constructed through the financial co-operation of Canadian and American assemblies and the sacrificial giving of the Chinese Christians. The student body numbers between forty and fifty. Principal J. Elmer Morrison, of the Canadian Assemblies, is assisted by an excellent Chinese and missionary faculty.

This school, at the very door to Red China, is an invaluable training center for Chinese young people. E.B.I. graduates are ministering throughout the Hong Kong area, and twelve graduates have returned to Communist territory to witness for Christ. These courageous young people have dedicated their lives to carry the gospel to their own land, and count no sacrifice too great.

### BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN

Reports from behind the Bamboo Curtain indicate that the Christian Church continues to function. There is ground for encouragement, also much cause for prayer. Christians are suffering grave persecution and many have given their lives.

### MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Missionaries currently under appointment to Hong Kong include: Annie Bailie, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bard, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker Hall, Lula Belle Hough, Sarah Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Riley E. Kaufman and Mr. and Mrs. Harland Park. (Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greisen have recently been approved for appointment.) —By Christine Carmichael



Ecclesia Bible Institute, Hong Kong.



Recent annual conference of Hong Kong workers.

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL



Trophies and plaques awarded to districts and churches which excel in Speed-the-Light giving each year. District awards are returned at the end of each year to be awarded to the next winner. The district winning it most times in a five-year period retains the trophy permanently.

### Speed-the-Light Giving Hits Three-Year Peak

### By VERNE B. MACKINNEY

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS EVERYWHERE have responded to the challenge of the hour with another generous gift to the Assemblies of God World Missions program. Amount given through Speedthe-Light in 1959 total \$355,072.62, highest yearly total since the all-time high of \$368,000 in 1956. During the four-year span, giving has totaled over \$1,400,000. Aggregate giving since the program began now tops \$3,300,000.

During 1959, purchase was made of 165 new vehicles ranging from bicycles to airplanes. The year has also seen a steady flow of radio and printing equipment reaching the mission field to further increase the effectiveness of the missionary force. A percentage of World Speed-the-Light funds is returned for buildings for new churches in the district from which the offerings come. In 1959, \$59,572.28 went into that phase of the work.

Leading the nation in total giving was Southern California with \$35,273.-70. This marks the tenth consecutive year Southern California has led the nation in Speed-the-Light giving. The Arkansas District C.A.'s shone brilliantly by placing second with gifts totaling \$23,238.02. North Texas was third with \$21,845.05; Northern California-Nevada, fourth with \$20,138.65; South Texas fifth, \$18,781.68. Other districts which gave more than \$10,000 were Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, and South Florida.

When giving was computed on a per capita basis, five districts showed an average of better than \$10 per member. The Southern Idaho district led with \$14.11 per member; South Carolina was second with \$13.15. Other leaders were: Kansas, \$12.20; Montana, \$12.19; New Jersey, \$11.86.

Trophy awards were presented to the top two districts in each category (total and per capita) in connection with the District C. A. Presidents' Conference this past week in Springfield, Mo. At the same gathering, plaque awards were presented for the top five churches in the nation in Speed-the-Light giving. These are also given for excellence in both total and per capita giving. The first five churches in each division will receive these awards.

Wonderful as are the past achievements made in Speed-the-Light giving and sacrifice, there is still much to be done. While 165 vehicles were being purchased with funds raised, and while the various districts were completing 183 projects or parts of projects on which they had pledged, 245 new projects were being approved by the Foreign Missions Department, based on needs reported from the field. Missionaries are still going abroad, in some cases, without needed equipment. Sometimes furloughs are extended in the hope that a few more months will mean the difference between not having and having that very necessary station wagon. Missionaries are now using smaller, cheaper cars in an effort to stretch Speed-the-Light dollars (as well

### SPEED-the-LIGHT

### TOP TWENTY-TWO

### LEADING THE NATION January 1—December 31, 1959

### TOTAL GIVING

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A/G, Cut Bank, Mont,	
1st A/G, Topeka, Kans.	
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A/G, Winfield, Kansas	
1st A/G, Memphis, Tenn,	
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1st A/G, Springdale, Ark.	
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A/G, Redwood City, Calif.	1,078.00
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F. G. Tab., Bakersfield, Calif		
1st A/G, Birmingham, Ala.		
1st A/G, Pocatello, Idaho		
1st A/G, Winfield, Kansas		
F. G. A/G, Bell Gardens, Calif.		
1st A/G, Russellville, Ark.		
1st A/G, Deming, N. Mex.		
1st A/G, Springdale, Ark		100
Oak Grove A/G, Malvern, Ark.		53
1st A/G, Vallejo, Calif.		48
Univ. A/G, Waxahachie, Tex.		47
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1st A/G, Gallatin, Tenn.		
1st A/G, Shrewsbury, N. J.		
A/G, Eads, Colo.	(6)	45
F. Gosp. A/G. Caruthers, Calif.	(21)	44
A/G, Rifle, Colo.	(5)	44
A/G, Twin Falls, Idaho		42
Berea Tab., Detroit, Mich.		42

as travel allowances). The needs are great, but with everyone doing his part Speed-the-Light can continue to give our Foreign Missions program this much appreciated help.

Again this year, a report poster has been sent to each church to indicate what they have given to Speed-the-Light in 1959. New goals are being set for 1960. Be sure to help your church measure up.



# Revivaltime Requests Special Prayer for British Guiana Crusade

**P**<sub>RAYER IS THE FORCE BEHIND Every great revival! Only when people band together in prayer, earnestly seeking God's will, do we have true revival. As faith reaches out to the heart of God, the lives of men and women are changed. When revival comes, the unsaved will be converted, believers filled, the sick healed, and homes reunited. This is what British Guiana needs and what the workers and missionaries are praying for.</sub>

Today, D. V. Hurst, our national radio secretary, is in Georgetown, British Guiana, South America, conducting special pre-crusade services, in preparation for ten days of intensive evangelistic rallies March 1-10. C. M. Ward, radio evangelist, and the *Revivaltime* team will conduct nightly evangelistic services in Georgetown. The March 6 *Revivaltime* broadcast will originate from Georgetown, British Guiana, and will be heard on the ABC network at 10:30 p.m. that night.

Brother Ward is going in response to invitations from the Foreign Missions Department, as well as from missionaries and workers in the colony. They have earnestly sought God's will and believe the field is now ripe and ready for a great harvest of souls. *Revivaltime* has had real impact on the entire country, for it is the broadcast that has brought the message of Pentecost to them. However, as the team leaves to answer this call, they are depending on the prayers of friends everywhere. For it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." There must be prayer heart-searching intercession for souls still bound by darkness in this neighbor to the south.

*Revivaltime* has become an "open sesame," unlocking the hearts of the Guianese. As a result of the broadcast ministry over Radio *Demarara*, doors have been opened for Assemblies of God missionaries into the Mahaica Leprotorium, the city prison in Georgetown, and obscure villages where the full-gospel message has been heard only through the voice of radio.

Prayers of the *Revivaltime* Prayer Fellowship, of Brother Ward and the *Revivaltime* team, and of friends who feel the urgency of a radio broadcast and who support its ministry have made the broadcast effective in reaching the hearts of the Guianese. Now as Brother Ward follows up the broadcast work with personal ministry, we are asking our friends to join with us in special prayer for this great crusade.

We would like to know that you will be praying for this missionary evangelistic endeavor. Fill out the coupon below pledging special prayer for the crusade, and if the Lord lays on your heart a desire to send a special gift for the support of *Revivaltime's* foreign ministry, you may enclose it with your prayer pledge. Send to RE-VIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRING-FIELD, MISSOURI.

### Dear Revivaltime friends:

I will be praying earnestly for the British Guiana Crusade. Enclosed is my special offering for *Revivaltime's* world-wide evangelistic outreach. \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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IN SUNNY FLORIDA MISSIONARY-REVIVALTIME CONVENTION with **C. M. WARD** MARCH 15-18 Special missionary speakers MARCH 13, 14, 19, 20 **GLAD TIDINGS** ASSEMBLY OF GOD 532 33rd St. So, St. Petersburg, Fla. For information write Pastor J. Bashford Bishop at above address

### WMC's Share in Mountain Ministry

(Continued from page seventeen)

very first service the people there accepted Christ by the scores, until now almost everyone in the village has accepted the Lord and been baptized in water. Recently the Lord enabled them to erect a lovely church building with help from friends in the USA.

"The men went to the forest and cut down trees for the framework of the building, then sawed boards for the siding. The women, young people, and children did the excavating, leveled the lot, and carried hundreds of stones as well as sand and gravel from the river below for the retaining wall and foundation. The old pagan fathers of the village built the retaining wall because, 'We want you to know we are not against you.'

"The daughter of the chief has recently graduated from the Bible school and she and another young lady have gone to take the gospel to another headhunter village.

"We do praise God for the lovely church in Talubin, standing within full view of the pole where the men of the village formerly hung the heads of their victims. Most of all, we thank God for these precious souls who have been saved out of heathenism, and who now serve our Lord Jesus Christ!" \* \* \*

There is an immediate, *urgent* need for \$200 in monthly pledges for the Bethesda Children's Home operated by Mrs. Vanderbout. Your pledge, large or small, will be appreciated. Please direct correspondence concerning this need to the Foreign Missions Department.



In John's Gospel we read, "The Holy Ghost was not yet given," yet David had said, "Take not thy Holy Spirit from me." Zacharias also had been filled with the Spirit, and Elizabeth was filled with the Spirit and had prophesied (Luke 1:41). Will you please explain this?

The Holy Spirit has ever been present and working in the world. He brooded over the waters in chaotic creation (Genesis 1:2). He inspired the prophets, and He manifested Himself in other ways. But He had not come to bring into being the New Testament Church. In Old Testament times He came upon *individuals* as seemed fitting; at Pentecost He came upon the church. Now the promise of the Spirit is to everyone who believes.

### Is it a sin to be poor?

Many of God's children are poor. "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith?" (James 2:5.) The Revised Version gives the thought, "to be rich in faith," rather than "rich in faith." This may indicate that God would have those who are poor to exercise faith that their needs might be met and their circumstances bettered.

### Do you think Saul of Tarsus might have been thinking of the stoning of Stephen when the Lord said to him, "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks?" What were the pricks?

The pricks were goads used by those driving oxen to keep the animals moving, much as whips are used to cause horses to go faster. Saul no doubt was suffering the goading of conviction as he traveled toward Damascus, possibly asking himself such questions as, "Was Jesus, after all, Messiah?" "Was Stephen, who gave such vital testimony as he died, right?"

### Was Saul filled with the Holy Ghost at the time of his conversion?

I think Saul's conversion began when he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" I think also I might safely say it was consummated, or sealed, when he was baptized at Damascus (Acts 22:16). Evidently he was filled with the Spirit also at that time (Acts 9:17).

### How many in Israel were killed for going into the Holy of Holies without having first offered a sacrifice for sin?

Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron, were slain because they offered strange fire, but I do not know that they sought to go into the Holy of Holies. See Leviticus 10:1, 2. I know of no others similarly slain. King Uzziah was smitten with leprosy when he tried to assume priestly duties in the holy place (2 Chronicles 26:16-21).

### Was it in the mind of God or in the mind of Isaac that Esau could find no place of repentance, although he sought it carefully with tears? Hebrews 12:16, 17.

In these verses of Scripture there is a double truth. Esau found no place of repentance, or change of mind, in his father Isaac. The blessing had been given to Jacob, and Isaac would not change it (Genesis 27:37). But the writer to the Hebrews had also a spiritual meaning for us. We are to look diligently lest we fail of the grace of God (v. 15); lest we sell our brithright in Christ for selfish gain or gratification of the flesh. It will be too late in the "afterward" (when life here is over) to regain that spiritual grace which we forfeited through choosing to live after the flesh.

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).



To Open Their Eyes BY JUDI JENKINS

Now I SEND THEE, TO OPEN THEIR eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me" (Acts 26:17, 18). "The Word for the World" aptly

"The Word for the World" aptly describes the ministry of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. Many there are who would accept Christ if they had but one opportunity to hear the gospel—just one chance to hear the Scripture verse so familiar to us, "For God so loved the world...." BGMC offerings pay for the printing and distribution of literature on the mission fields—literature which will give that one opportunity to souls in darkness. Every person believes in something beyond himself, whether it is God or an idol, but many are incapable of telling you what they believe.

BGMC offerings make it possible for missionaries to take the forward step necessary in presenting the gospel to the doubters and indifferent, the hesitant, and the interested. These people lack knowledge of their real needs. Often the disbelievers refuse to admit the object of their belief; the doubters and indifferent find it hard to decide what they do believe; the hesitant yearn for something more, but lack knowledge of the truth; and the interested need encouragement and instruction in finding Christ. Christian literature in their hands will point out their spiritual need and keep the proof of God before them.

The BGMC field of emphasis this year is Latin America, where the Assemblies of God have 180 dedicated

missionaries to an anticipated population of 400,000,000 by the end of the century. It is becoming generally recognized that Protestantism is the strongest force in Latin America. The Pentecostal Movement and the Assemblies of God are easily in the lead. A Roman Catholic writer describes the influence of the Pentecostal movement in this manner: "The real Protestant force in Chile, however, as in other Latin American countries is the Pentecostals," and of El Salvador, he writes, "The Pentecostals, notably the Assemblies of God, have recently attracted the greatest attention."

How will the BGMC funds be distributed in 1960? Melvin L. Hodges, secretary for Latin America and West Indies, has reported that a good part of the offering received on BGMC Day, February 7, will assist our Spanish Literature program. Presently the Spanish Literature Department of the Gospel Publishing House is publishing a series of short courses for teaching on evangelism in the churches and in regional ministers' institutes. Literature is needed to support evangelistic campaigns in some of the larger cities. There is a constant demand for tracts, and funds are needed for the operation of bookstores and the establishing of new bookstores.

A limited amount of the BGMC offering will be used to help furnish a library for each Bible school in Latin America. To date there are twentytwo Assemblies of God Bible Institutes in Latin American countries where the national leadership is trained. A special effort will be put forth in this area to provide adequate staff and buildings so that the schools can do a competent job of preparing ministers and leaders.

There have been requests for visual aid for children's work, and funds are necessary for the shipping of backdated Sunday school literature to several fields where it is needed. Here again BGMC will supply the financial help.

We trust BGMC will make it possible in 1960 to continue the remarkable growth of the work in Central America. The printed page, as provided by the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, will be one forward step in the field of literature in Latin America "to open their eyes" and "turn them from darkness to light."

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### Monday, February 29

Read: Ephesians 6:1-9

Learn: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother" (Ephesians 6:1, 2). For the Parent: This passage deals with relationships between parents and children and employees and employers. Discuss the commandments for children and the rea-sons behind them. Also discuss the resonsibility of the father, v. 4. While vv. 5-9 were originally addressed to servants and masters, the principles in them can be applied today to employers and employers. Emphasize that our work and our relationships with others should please God.

**Ouestion Time:** What is the promise to the child who honors his parents? (v. 3) How should we work? (vv. 6, 7)

Missionary Birthday: Mrs. Floyd H. Horst, Philippines.

### Tuesday, March 1

Read: Ephesians 6:10-17

Learn: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10).

For the Parent: From this familiar passage review the Christian soldier's: (1) power, v. 10; (2) armor—his defense against attacks, vv. 11, 13-17; (3) enemies -spiritual wickedness, v. 12; (4) offensive weapon-God's Word, v. 17. Point out that while a number of defensive items are named there is only one weapon for offense-the Word of God. Urge each member of the group to be an effective Christian soldier.

Question Time: What is the Christian soldier's power? (v. 10) What are the

parts of his armor? (vv. 13-17) Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. H. V. Engelgau, Voltaic Republic; Mrs. Essie Haigwood (Deaf), Calif.; Sarah C. Johnston, Hong Kong; Mrs. W. E. Bjur, Chile; Rosa Reineker, Ceylon; Alta B. Hodge, S. India; Raymond L. Zents, Voltaic Republic.

### Wednesday, March 2

Read: Ephesians 6:18-24

Learn: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:18).

For the Parent: Review the material studied earlier this week. Then point out that prayer (v. 18) puts the power of God at our disposal; makes us more effective soldiers for Him; helps us conquer the enemy. Prayer gives us boldness (v. 19) to make known the gospel of which we are ambassadors (v. 20). The remaining verses of the chapter are personal greetings and Paul's benediction to the church. Question Time: What are some things that prayer does for us? (See above) Why should we desire boldness? (v. 19) Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. W. E. Lovick, Togo Dahomey; Stevens L. Nolin, Malava.

### Thursday, March 3

Read: Luke 13:22-35; Matthew 7:21 Learn: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Christ and the Kingdom" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From these parables and teachings of Christ emphasize : (1) the gate to eternal life is narrow and requires earnest seeking, vv. 23, 24; (2) those who do not have a right relationship with God will spend eternity in hell, vv. 25-28; (3) rejection of Christ brings disaster, vv. 34, 35; (4) our hearts must be right with God to gain entrance to heaven (Matthew 7:21).

Question Time: What are Christ's teachings regarding the kingdom? (See above) Missionary Birthdays: Berniece V. Albers, Mexico; Alta Wyckoff, N. India.

### Friday, March 4

Read: 2 Chronicles 29:1-6, 10; 30:1, 10, 11; 31:1; 32:21-23 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you" (2 Chronicles 15:2).

For the Parent: In contrast with the continual wickedness of the kings of the northern kingdom, there were occasional

kings in Judah who brought revival to their country. Hezekiah was such a king. Discuss the revival in his reign, his part in it, the results in the lives of the people, and the way in which God intervened and saved the nation from being conquered.

Question Time: What was one difference between Judah and Israel? (See above) How did revival benefit Judah? (See above) Missionary Birthdays: John L. Franklin, Guatemala; Mrs. M. E. Jorgenson, Belgian Congo.

### Saturday, March 5

Read: Mark 14:12-26 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Love one another; as I have loved you" (John 13:34).

For the Parent: From this passage point out: (1) the miracle involved in finding a room for the Last Supper, vv. 12-16; (2) Jesus' revelation of a traitor in the midst, v. 18; (3) the healthy self-evaluation by the disciples, v. 19; (4) the Last Supper itself-known also to us as the Communion service, vv. 22-25. Emphasize the symbolism of it and its purpose (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Question Time: How did Jesus announce that He would be betrayed? (v. 18) What was the reaction of the disciples? (v. 19) Missionary Birthdays: Orla S. Boyer, Brazil; Nellie Meloon, Belgian Congo; M. Maxine Richardson, Cuba.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Joseph I. Peeples (Deaf), Ariz.; Lemuel E. Davis (Indian), N. Mex.; Everett L. Schoneman, Alaska.

### In the Hollow of His Hand

When I look across the mountain, O so bare, so bleak, so gray,

- And my heart is sick and lonely
- For the faces far away,
- 'Tis a comfort to remember
- That the mountain, sea and land Are gathered all together In the hollow of His hand.

When I think of all the loved ones Who have passed beyond my sight; How their going made the daybreak Seem more dark to me than night;

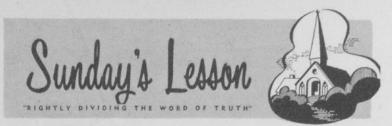
Then I thank my heavenly Father He hath made me understand

That the place where they are sleeping Is the hollow of His hand.

- When I waken in the morning And my heart is filled with fear, Knowing not the unseen sorrow,
- Nor what terror may be near,
- Then a peace falls on my spirit,
- Far too restful to withstand, As I think how safe He holds me . In the hollow of His hand.

When I think of all the sorrow

- And the agony of life, How the world is struggling onward
- In the midst of care and strife, There are depths I cannot fathom, But one thought is at command:
- Jesus Christ stands at the crisis, Stretching forth His wounded hand. -Unknown



### CHRIST AND THE KINGDOM

Sunday School Lesson for March 6, 1960

LUKE 13:22-30, 34; MATTHEW 7:21

There is an old Negro spiritual which contains the words, "Everybody talking 'bout heaven ain't a-goin' there." Christ made that point very clear to a certain individual in our present lesson—and the point needs emphasis today!

### THE IMPRACTICAL QUESTION

"Lord, are there few that be saved?" Christ had been teaching and preaching concerning the kingdom of God. The Jews, bigoted and exclusive in their attitude, felt that the Kingdom could not be for any but themselves. The questioner here undoubtedly hoped for an answer approving this Jewish exclusiveness.

### THE SOLEMN ANSWER

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Jesus as much as said, "Don't worry about how many will enter the kingdom. Make sure that you yourself get there!" Christ's words teach us:

1. The entrance to the Kingdom is narrow. "Strait gate" means "narrow door." The door is wide open. All men may be saved, yet the way is narrow. It is too narrow to admit anyone in his sins. It is too narrow to admit the self-righteous; too narrow to admit persons who seek to enter through any but God's appointed Saviour.

2. Entrance to the Kingdom necessitates strenuous effort. But is not man saved by grace, through faith, rather than by works? Absolutely! Salvation is free, purchased by Christ who shed His blood to cleanse away our sin. Yet a man must "strive" (or "agonize," as the word really means) in order to receive the gift! There is the necessity of repentance. One must be willing to surrender his heart and life to Christ, regardless of the reaction of others.

3. Entrance to the Kingdom is not limited as to number but as to time. "When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock...he shall answer and say.... I know you not whence you are." While God is patient and longsuffering and unwilling that any should perish, yet there comes a time when it is too late, a time when the door of mercy and salvation is everlastingly shut. When is that time? It is when men have so hardened their hearts through rejection of Christ that all desire is gone; or it is when death comes, after which is the judgment.

4. Entrance to the Kingdom is not determined by special privilege. Those to whom the Lord says, "I know you not whence ye are," reply, "We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast been in our streets." The Jews thought that because they were God's chosen people, and because they possessed privileges beyond other nations, they should be accepted before God. How many people make the same mistake today! They think that because they attend church, because they have enjoyed the privileges

of the church, they are therefore saved and accepted of God. But, "There is none righteous, no, not one."

Christ makes it clear in these verses that privileges, far from constituting a ground for salvation, will surely prove a ground for greater condemnation, if they are not properly appreciated and used. See Matthew 11:20-24. The Jews who were "first" from the standpoint of privilege would be "last" from the standpoint of appreciating their privileges and availing themselves of the Kingdom.

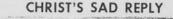
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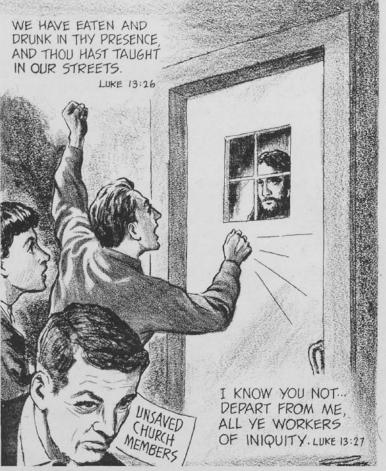
"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" These words reveal—

1. Divine emotion. What depths of love and yearning tenderness Jesus expressed over this so privileged a city and people, who, because of their rejection of Him would suffer centuries of agony!

2. Divine persistence. "How often would I have gathered...." With individuals as with nations, God is patient, "slow to anger and of great kindness." By His Word, by His ministers, by the Spirit, and by providence, with unabating love He seeks the lost!

3. Human rebellion. "How often would I...ye would not." These are among the most tragic words in the Bible! God has granted us freedom of will. Men can and do resist God's redeeming love and grace. They may even continue to do so until they bring about their own destruction—separation from God for eternity! May the Lord never have to say to any reader of this lesson—"Ye will not come to me that ye might have life" (John 5:40). —J. Bashford Bishop





THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

#### COLLEGE-AGE C.A.'S TO TOUR MIS-SION STATIONS IN HAWAII

A hundred college-age young people from southern California will tour the Assemblies of God mission stations in Hawaii in April. The group will leave Los Angeles on April 8 on a DC 6-B and will spend a full week observing the progress of the gospel work in the Islands.

The tour will coincide with the National Youth Week which is being observed by C.A.'s across America. A high light of the tour will be a visit to Pearl Harbor with a memorial service on the sunken battleship Arizona.

While traveling from church to church the young people will visit the leading industries, volcanos, and other points of interest on the various islands. Youth rallies will be conducted in the evenings. Expenses of the trip will be born by each young person.

Purpose of the tour is to survey the needs of the Hawaiian churches with a goal of supplying such equipment as boats, vehicles, and printing equipment for Christian workers in the Islands. The C.A.'s in southern California have led the nation every year for the past ten years in total offerings for Speed-the-Light.

Directing the tour is Roy Sapp, President of the Southern California C.A.'s, whose address is P. O. Box 503M, Pasadena, Calif.

#### BRITISH LEADER PASSES ON

E. C. W. Boulton, one of the bestknown leaders of the Pentecostal movement in Great Britain, passed on to be with Christ on December 23, 1959. For many years he was on the Executive Committee of the Elim Church and held many responsible positions in the Elim movement, including editor of the weekly magazine The Elim Evangel and principal of the Elim Bible College. Brother Boulton's teaching and writing ministry has been a great blessing to many people not only in the British Isles but throughout the entire world.

He is survived by his wife (the former Margaret Mogford) and two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Wigglesworth and Miss Constance Boulton.

#### BAPTIST MINISTER ANSWERS HIS OWN ALTAR CALL

ARDMORE, Oklahoma—Fred Ryser, a Baptist minister, invited the congregation to come to the altar if they wished to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then he stepped down from the pulpit, answering his own altar call, and received a glorious Pentecostal Baptism as described in Acts 2:4.

Elaborating on the story, Pastor Leslie Moore of Lighthouse Assembly of God said: "We felt led of the Lord to invite Brother Ryser to come to us for a week of meetings. He had formerly pastored a Baptist church in Ardmore and we knew him to be interested in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"He gladly consented to come for a week of meetings, beginning December 27, 1959. On the second night of the meetings he made his own altar call, went to the

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Calif.	Fields Landing	Full Gospel	Feb. 28-Mar. 6	Fisher-Cheek Team
	Fresno	Northeast	Mar. 1-13	Ken George & wife
	Glendora	First	Feb. 23-Mar. 6	Paul Cantelon
	Hawthorne	Del Aire	Mar. 1-13	G. A. Snavely
	Hayward	Bethel Temple	Mar 2—	John French
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	Oakland	Calvary Temple	Mar. 6-20	Bill McPherson
	Oceanside	A/G	Mar. 6—	Arvel Kilgore
	Rubidoux	A/G	Feb. 17-	Cecil Barham & wife
	San Bernardino	Central	Mar. 6-20	Oran & Audrey Duncan
	San Bernardino	N. Loma Linda	Mar. 6	Cecil Barham & wife
	Taft	First	Mar. 6—	J. G. Hall & wife
D.C.	Washington	Calvary Gospel	Feb. 14-	C. S. Tubby
Fla.	Jacksonville	Southside	Mar. 3-20	Sid Regnier Party
	Orlando	Fleming Heights		Ruby & Merrill Rayner
	Tavares	* First	Feb. 28-Mar. 4	Bob Olson
C.	Winter Garden	A/G	Mar. 2-13	Wesley Weekley
Ga. Ill.	Pelham .	First	Feb. 29-Mar. 13	Sara Sharp
111.	Macomb Mattoon	A/G	Mar. 1.12	
	Peoria	First Central	Mar. 1-13 Mar. 2—	Calvin Melton Donald Lunsford, Jr.
Iowa	Bettendorf	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 14-28	Sara Sharp
IUwa	Orange City	A/G	Feb. 23-Mar. 6	Ivan Christoffersen
La.	Baton Rouge	Central	Feb. 23-Mar. 6	Ernie Eskelin
La.	Bossier City	First	Feb. 28-	Donnell-Holler Team
Ky.	London	A/G	Mar. 1-13	Wm. Ilnisky
Mich.	Dearborn	Gospel Tab.	Mar. 1-13	J. B. Davis Party
	Wyandotte	A/G	Mar. 1-19	John Higginbotham
Mo.	Belle	Evangel Temple		Glenna Byard
	Kirksville	A/G	Mar. 1-13	Jimmie Parrack & wife
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Nebr.	Lexington	A/G	Feb. 14-	A. C. Bates
N. Dak.	Bismarck	A/G		Orrin & Anne Kingsriter
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	Oklahoma City	Park	Mar. 6-20	E. D. Bagwell
	Oklahoma City	South West	Feb. 28-Mar. 13	Billy Guthrie & wife
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	Sulphur	A/G	Mar. 7-	Marcus Alexander
Oreg.	Hood River	A/G	Mar. 1-13	Ron Prinzing
	Sutherlin	A/G	Mar. 6—	Lula M. Ware
Pa.	Bedford	First	Feb. 23-Mar. 6	Musical Mathans
	Vermillion	A/G	Mar. 1-13	Neale Sheneman & wife
Tenn.	Milan	A/G		Bob Swaim & wife
-	Nashville	First	Mar. 1-13	Jimmie Snow
Tex.	Arlington	Bethel	Feb. 24—	Chas. Chambers Party
	Austin	First	Mar. 6-20	Hildreth Ethridge
	Baytown	Central	Mar. 6-20	Leon Bayless
	Dallas	Oakcliff	Mar. 6-20	Tommy Barnett
17-	Point Comfort	First	Mar. 2-13	Gregg Evang. Party
Va.	New Castle	A/G	Mar. 6-20	Mel Blundell
Wash	Staunton	Calvary	Mar. 1-13	Frank G. Sharp
Wash.	Puyallup	A/G	Mar. 6-20	Cedric C. Wilcox
	Sunnyside	A/G	Mar. 6-20	The Tanner Team

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altar, and received a glorious Baptism. One of his former members also received the Baptism that night, and the next night another of his former members received the Baptism.

"Brother Ryser plans to come into the Assemblies of God fellowship soon."

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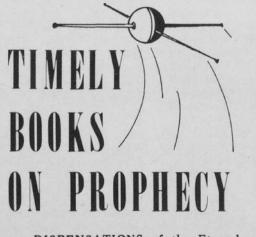
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### Cristobal the Cobbler

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we know as typhoid fever. Troubled, they explained to me that it always runs its course of forty days before the patient recovers. Together Joaquina and I knelt and prayed, reminding the Lord that He had died to heal us of our infirmities as well as to save us from our sins, and claiming His promise to give us whatsoever we ask in His name, in faith believing. Slowly the days dragged by for Joaquinathen we heard that Juan Antonio had come down with the same symptoms. Because of the lack of modern conveniences and facilities for isolating the sick ones, as well as their scanty knowledge of germs and infections, my husband and I realized how easily the illness could sweep through the entire family. Night after night, Cristobal came to the service, and again and again we prayed with him, asking God to intervene.

Then one happy evening he came to church with a radiant face. "We have been through a time of real testing," he said, as he stood up in the service to tell the others of what God had done for his family. "When Isabel was at her worst, our neighbors and friends tried to persuade us to put a cat on her. But we refused, for we wanted the Lord to have all the glory for her healing, and not a cat. At last God has answered our prayer both of our children are completely well." And it was much less than forty days!

A cat! In response to my queries, I discovered that among the more humble people here in southern Spain a "cat" is an ancient remedy for such ailments, and one in which the Lopez family had believed strongly before the time of their conversion. It is customary to kill a black mail cat, split it down the front, and bind it, just as it is, over the naked stomach of the person who is ill. This is supposed to draw the poison out of the bowels so that the patient can recover! How easily Cristobal and Joaquina might have reverted to the superstitious beliefs in which they had placed such implicit faith for so many years! But in the darkest hours of their trial,



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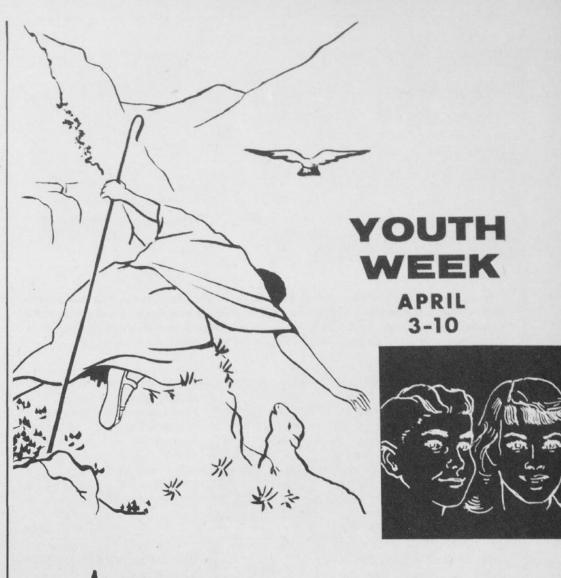
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There is the barber who recently attended services for the first time— Cristobal brought him. And the man they call "the Frenchman"—he too has begun attending church because of Cristobal. Many are the others who have also felt the impact of his quiet consecrated life.

Oh, ask not thou, "How shall I bear The burden of tomorrow?" Sufficient for the day its care, Its evil and its sorrow; God imparteth by the way Strength sufficient for the day.

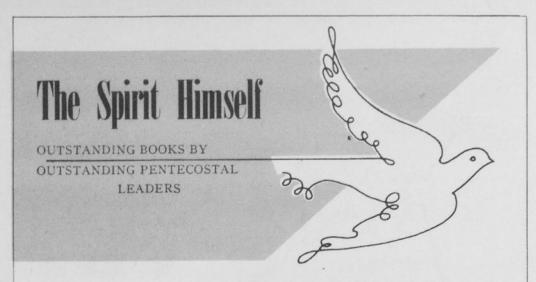


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THE CHRISTIAN HOME

### We Must Not Steal From the Future

A world traveler was reporting his experiences in Russia during a time of famine quite a number of years ago. Close by a group of hungry sufferers was what seemed to be a rather ample supply of wheat, guarded by a single soldier. The visitor asked why persons were starving to death within a few hundred yards of food. The reply was, "That is seed for the next crop. We prefer to die rather than steal from the future."

Here we find foresight and determination. They recognized that to steal from the future was far worse than death to these victims of famine.

Those of us who are parents may put radiant meaning into our sacrifices for our children by ascending to this same point of view. It is costly to give ourselves, day by day, to those dependent upon us. While others are avoiding the privations of genuine parenthood, we undergo a severe discipline of conduct and attitude. But these children need us. They call for our time and strength. They must have opportunities to find God, develop as persons, and grow in health and skill.

The demands which parents must meet are small indeed when set over against the guarantee of a full life for our children. We prefer to make the supreme sacrifice rather than steal from the future.

-C. A. Bowen, in Covenant Companion

### Healed of Asthma

My HUSBAND, DEWEY ELROD, SUFfered from asthma for twenty-nine years before God healed him in August, 1959.

For the past ten years he had grown steadily worse. He suffered a nervous breakdown in 1951 and had not been able to work more than two or three days a week. Even then he could not rest before three or four o'clock in the morning because of coughing and difficulty in breathing.

In 1954 we moved from Oklahoma to California and the change of climate helped for a while. However, for the past three years Dewey was in bed more than he was up.

In the summer of 1959 he went down to 115 pounds from his normal weight of about 145. His voice be-



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came very weak and the difficulty in breathing kept him constantly exhausted. His nerves were very bad, and he coughed and smoked cigarettes continually.

On Saturday morning, August 8, 1959, my husband said, "I guess youhad better take me to the doctor today before it is too late." He was very weak. I had to make a trip to town first, so he asked the children and me to pray for him before I went. We did so, and I made the trip as quickly as I could. When I came back he said he was all right for God had touched him, so we did not go to the doctor.

The next morning he was too weak to go to church but we had special prayer for him at church and he prayed at home. That night Dewey went to church so that our pastor could pray for him before leaving for General Council. The Lord had impressed him that he would be completely healed when he testified to God's healing power. He stood up and testified, even though his voice was so weak the people could not hear him. After that he did not cough any more.

We prayed that the Lord would take away his desire for tobacco and give him strength to overcome. He hasn't touched a cigarette since. God performed a miracle in healing my husband.

Now, four months later, he weighs 155 pounds. He has picked seventeen bales of cotton this fall and worked every day. He sleeps and eats well. He does not miss any church services. We thank God for this outstanding miracle He has worked in our home. —Mrs. Dewey Elrod, 12199 Ave. 22, Chowchilla, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor T. W. Carlton, Box 842, Chowchilla, Calif. Brother Carlton says, "The Dewey Elrod family attends First Assembly, and they are very faithful. Truly this was a miracle.")





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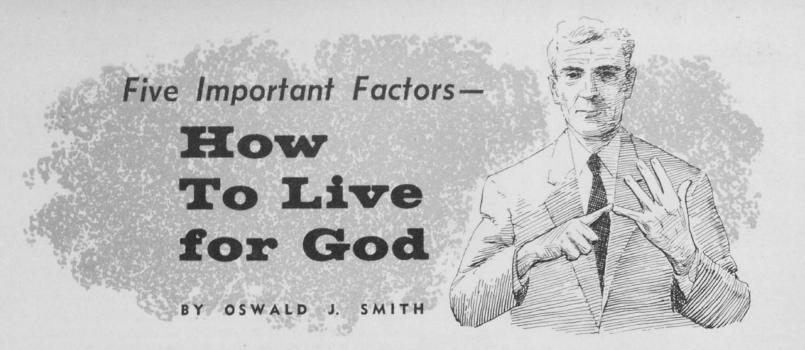
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1. BE SURE OF YOUR SALVATION

How can you know that you are saved? By God's Word. The blood of Jesus Christ shed for your sins makes you safe, and the Bible makes you sure. "These things have I written unto you . . . that ye may *know* that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). Not that ye may hope, or guess, or think, but "that ye may *know*."

It doesn't say, "These happy feelings have I given you," but, "these things have I written." It is written, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). Have you come? Then where are you, out or in? He says He won't cast you out. Then He must have taken you in. Again it is written, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). Did you receive Him? Then what are you? His child, are you not?

You see, it depends on God's Word. Your feelings will change every day. Today you may "feel" saved; tomorrow you may feel lost. But don't go by your feelings. Go by His Word. Believe what God says. Believe what is written. God's Word never changes. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10: 17). It is when you dare to believe that the Holy Spirit bears witness with your spirit that you are God's child. Thus you are assured of your salvation.

2. TAKE A PUBLIC STAND FOR CHRIST

Don't try to be a secret believer, for it won't work. Unfurl your flag and come out into the open. Confess Christ at every opportunity. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words...of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed" (Mark 8:38). If you want Him to acknowledge you, then you must acknowledge Him. If you want to grow rapidly, confess Him openly. Do it at once. Don't wait. Start now.

3. TURN FROM ALL YOU KNOW TO BE WRONG

As His Spirit indwells, you will be delivered from your sins. "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). He gives you a new nature, a nature that loves righteousness and hates iniquity. The Holy Spirit enables you to overcome bad habits. He sets you free. You can now overcome temptation. "Sin shall not have dominion over you" (Rom. 6:14). But you must choose righteousness and forsake sin. Turn your back on it. Put it away. Set your regenerated will against it. "Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good" (Romans 12:9). That besetting sin of yours—run from it. Have no dealings with sin. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18). When you mean business, God will deliver you. All you have to do is to plead the merits of the blood of Jesus and the power of His name. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body" (Romans 6:12). Come clean. Be through with sin. Resist temptation. "Cease to do evil; learn to do well" (Isaiah 1:16, 17).

4. SPEND MUCH TIME IN BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

The more you read the Bible the more you will want to read it. If you want to grow in grace, meet God every day. Have a place and time for prayer and Bible study. Be a Bible Christian. Never let a day pass without spending time alone with God. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Psalm 119:9). If you neglect the Word you will backslide. If you learn how to pray you will make rapid strides forward in the Christian life.

### 5. KEEP BUSY IN THE SERVICE OF GOD

Satan always finds mischief for idle hands to do. Therefore, find something to do. Give out gospel tracts. Get into a live, soul-winning church. Don't wait to be asked to do something. Pray about it and get busy. Help wherever you can. Attend the prayer meeting. Become a personal worker. Teach a Sunday school class. Visit the poor, the sick, the imprisoned. Give your testimony. Put first things first. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

If you are sure of your salvation, if you take a public stand for Christ, if you turn from all that you know to be wrong, if you spend much time in Bible study and prayer, and if you keep busy in the service of God, you will do well. You will be a bright and happy Christian. God will use you in His service, and you will be a blessing wherever you go.

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