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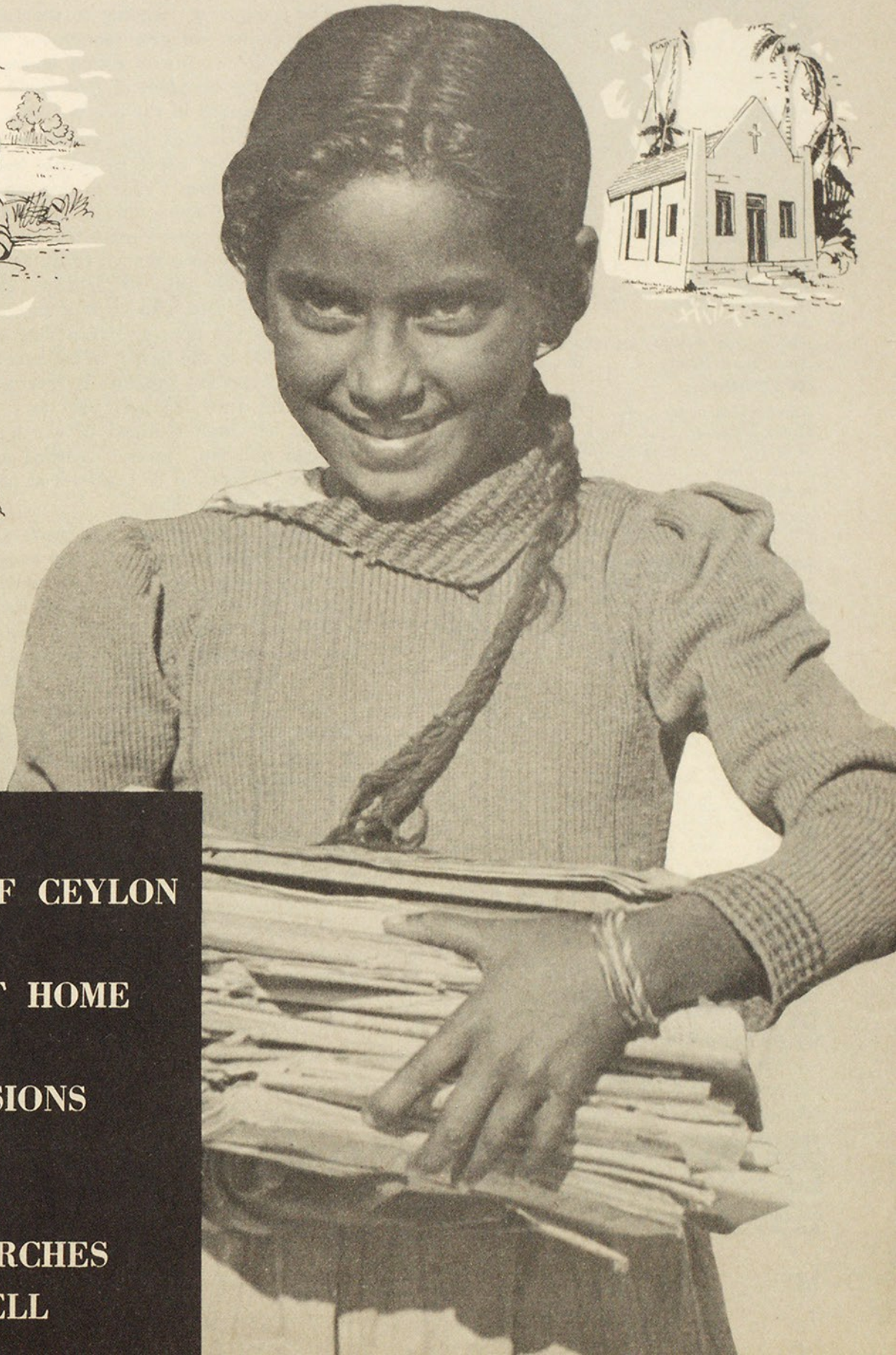
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A Sound Investment

A minister in England preached one of the shortest sermons on record. His text was Proverbs 19:17—"He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." After reading his text he preached a nine-word sermon: "If you like the security, down with the cash."

The thought of "lending to the Lord" changes our gifts into investments. When we give money for the work of the Lord we are not spending it; we are investing it, and the Bible assures us that investments in the kingdom of God yield rich dividends in this life and an abundant reward in the life to come.

Someone has said that "money is a medium of exchange. The Christian takes money which he cannot keep and exchanges it for that which he can never lose. That is one way to lay up treasures in heaven." Jesus gave us the soundest investment advice when He said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal." It is a fact that hoarded wealth leads to tragedy. The other day the newspapers told about an old man who died of starvation. The doctors said he actually died of malnutrition, yet when they examined his papers they found he had \$30,000 in the bank! What needless misery he must have suffered! In other cases the situation is reversed; people have saved thousands of dollars for their old age, only to find when the time came that their savings had been invested in worthless stocks or had lost their value through inflation. Jesus counselled us to "lay up treasures in heaven" because He had our best interest at heart and knew we would be happier and richer by so doing.

Nearly a hundred and fifty years ago Frederick William III, King of Prussia, needed money to protect and consolidate his country. The situation was serious, so he asked the women of Prussia—as many of them as wanted to help the king—to bring their jewelry of gold and silver to be melted and made into money to help their country. For the ornaments that they brought in, they received in exchange a casting of bronze or iron, bearing the inscription, "I gave gold for iron, 1813."

These ornaments became greatly prized, for they were proof that the women had given up something for their king. It became unfashionable to wear jewelry. In this way the Order of the Iron Cross grew up, whose members wore no ornament except a cross of iron.

God is looking for those who will sacrifice their "jewelry" for the cause of Christ: who will give gold for iron. He is hoping His people will be wise enough to invest their funds in His kingdom rather than in needless luxuries or extravagant living. To all who will do this, God in eternity will give an incorruptible crown. He is willing to receive from us the coin of this world, stamp it in the mint of heaven, enroll us in the Order of the Cross, and reward us with spiritual blessings more precious than gold. The angels must be surprised that the average Christian lets so much money slip through his fingers instead of investing it in God's work.—R. C. C.

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The Heathen Are

HUNGRY

By Evangelist Bobby Hoskins

MAN WAS CREATED BIOLOGICALLY SO that he must eat to live. Our live cells are reproduced as we take on food energy. This craving for food is universal.

After God created man with a gnawing appetite, did he throw his masterpiece on a desolate planet where he would grope and search until he starved to death? No! The very thought is absurd.

Man is not only a biological creature: he is also soul and spirit. Just as God gave man a natural appetite to satisfy and sustain the flesh, so He instilled in man another appetite—the longings of the soul. It is just as real in man as his appetite for bread. It is a desire that throbs in man's bosom, as real as the hunger pains in his stomach. It is just as universal. Proof of this hunger is found in the history of every civilization. It is evident in



Spiritual hunger can never be satisfied by the rituals of the ju-ju priest.

every heathen religion. Pagan practices are the result of man's attempt to appease this hunger.

Oswald J. Smith tells this heart-rending story of paganism's cruelty. A heathen in North Africa believed, as most pagans do, that to abuse the physical body would bring contentment and salvation to the inner man. After every attempt to find peace had failed, he hacked his head open with a cutlass until the blood was gushing, then he mashed wads of paper into the ugly gashes. As the paper soaked up the oozing blood, he set the horrible mixture afire. He died screaming in the agony of his physical body, and hopelessness of his hell-bound soul. Why? Because he was hungry.

I have seen the heathen with hooks and pins gouged in their nearly-naked bodies. The sickening feeling as you watch men wade through red hot coals ankle-deep, is difficult to describe. I saw one pagan dragging a weird wooden cart, with its primitive wooden axle and wheels, toward the altar. The cart was laden with offerings for his gods. It was being dragged by two ugly hooks, one fastened into each side of the man's back, with ropes tied to the hooks and fastened to the cart, he pulled the cart every painful foot of the way. Each step imbedded the cruel hooks deeper, ripping and tearing until ragged chunks of flesh and sinew were hanging down his bloody back. Why? Because he was hungry.

Just as God gave bread to satisfy man's natural appetite, He has provided the message of truth that will meet every longing of the heart.

It cost God His Son. It demanded the death of Christ. God was willing to let His only begotten Son endure the ridicule and abuses of cruel men:



"They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not . . . they have ears, but they hear not."

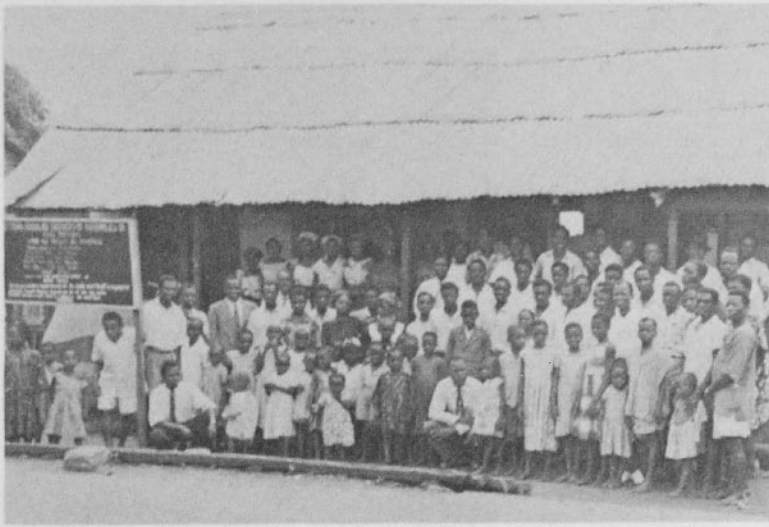
to be despised, beaten, spit upon, and nailed to a cross. This is the price heaven paid to provide "the Bread of Life" that can and does satisfy the insatiable craving that is in every human breast.

Wonder of wonders! After God gave His Son to provide the truth that would satisfy, He said to mankind, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Why God chose to use human instruments is a marvel. He could have commissioned angels, but He has given man the assignment. He has instructed us to take the Bread of Life to a sin-en-slaved and starving world.

The responsibility is ours. We cannot escape it: the commission is there. God created man with hunger, and God provided the message to satisfy man's cravings. We must take it to them. If we do not, they will die in their hunger; they will perish in their iniquity.

If we will be faithful in praying, giving, and preaching—if we make every effort possible to reach them—God makes us this promise: "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not" (Isaiah 58:10, 11). ◀◀



Congregation standing in front of the Onitsha Assembly



National teaching adult class in the church compound

Starting an Indigenous Church

BY HARRY PENNINGTON
Missionary to Nigeria

CHURCHES ARE OFTEN BEGUN IN the homes of believers in America; this is also true in Africa. The new Assembly in Onitsha, Nigeria, began in the home of a national Christian, Mrs. S. C. Freeman.

During the session of the Iboland Girls' School Mrs. Freeman served as matron on the Umuahia campus. The rest of the year was spent at home in Onitsha on the banks of the Niger River. In 1954 she was joined by the Uzoma family in cottage prayer meetings in the Freeman compound. Interested neighbors joined the group and Christians from across the city began to attend the prayer meetings which grew into regular services.

As the congregation grew, a request

was sent to Christians in other areas to assist in opening a church in this river port city. In 1955 a neighboring pastor sent his C. A. group to spend five days in visitation work and to conduct open air meetings. Attendance grew until the Freeman house could not accommodate the congregation. Missionaries Lillian Bach and Minnie Ecklund visited the group and were greatly encouraged by the evidence of God's blessing upon the Onitsha work.

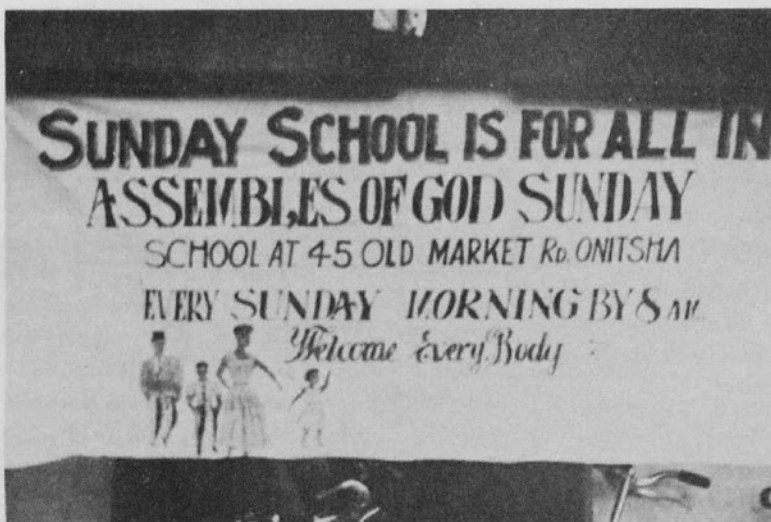
During the next Bible school vacation, two students were sent from Nigeria Central Bible Institute to assist the Onitsha Christians. A hall was rented and services continued in the new location. So great was the moving of the Lord that the Nigerian District

offered to assist in renting the hall and providing leadership to the growing congregation. Evangelistic meetings conducted by both American and national evangelists contributed to the growth of the work.

Four years ago national worker Christopher Iruloh was asked to become pastor of the church. When he arrived there was a Sunday school attendance of thirty.

Within the year, eleven were filled with the Holy Spirit, two baptismal services were conducted, and Sunday school attendance passed the eighty mark.

The Onitsha Assembly continues to grow. Although it is not completely self-supporting, it is assisted by the missionary program of the Nigeria Assemblies and no American funds are used to subsidize the church. The Onitsha Assembly is a monument to the vision of a woman, her friends, and neighbors, who banded together to build for God without the promise of funds from overseas. ◀◀



Sunday school emphasis banner hanging outside church



Young national teaching junior class in the open air

CHURCH OFFICIALS VISIT ARGENTINA

BY LOUIE STOKES, MISSIONARY TO ARGENTINA

BROTHERS CHARLES W. H. SCOTT, Kermit Reneau, and J. Philip Hogan recently visited our work in Argentina. They met a heavy schedule, conducting two conferences with missionaries, preaching in more than twelve churches, speaking in the Bible school, and meeting the national pastors and believers.

Brother Hogan spoke on Sunday night at the evangelistic center to a large and enthusiastic crowd. Many souls came forward to be saved. His message at the Bible school was very edifying and instructive.

Brother Hogan and Brother Scott

visited the Assembly in 25 de Mayo, our oldest church, where Miss Alice Wood spent nearly fifty years. Revival in this church is causing the congregation to enlarge its facilities.

Brother Kermit Reneau stayed an extra week to speak at the Bible school commencement. The Evangelistic Center in Buenos Aires was filled for the commencement exercises. Brother Reneau's message to the graduating students was deep and inspiring. It will long be remembered.

Brother Reneau also visited our churches in San Nicolas and Rosario,



Missionary Louie Stokes interpreting for Brother Reneau while in Argentina

two of Argentina's most important cities, where there are growing Assemblies.

We thank God for these visitors who listened to our problems, saw the work we are doing for God, and encouraged our hearts with their fellowship and counsel. ◀◀

Under a Congo Moon

BY ETHEL N. FURMAN

Missionary to Congo

A SLICE OF PALE YOUNG MOON HUNG in the sky. The evening shadows softly draped dark shawls around the trees; birds settled for the night.

The rhythmic beat of the drum caught our attention and reminded us it was time for service. We missionaries picked up a piece of firewood and, with flashlights in hand, made our way down the path. Men and women, boys and girls, came from all directions, most of them carrying a piece of wood on their head. Everyone brought wood to contribute to the fire—which served as light for the service and to warm us against the chill of the evening air—for it was time for the annual Refresher Course at the Bodi station.

Matayo, one of our faithful national workers, cleared his throat, stood to his feet, and said: "Tonight we have

E. L. Phillips, Field Secretary for Africa, met with all our Congo missionaries the week of February 13 in Nairobi, Kenya.

come together to give praise to the Lord. We want to give opportunity for each one to give his testimony. Let us each one praise the Lord."

Someone started the chorus, "Praise the Lord for the blood of Jesus." Two small boys beat drums made from old buckets with animal skins stretched over them. The perfect rhythm was catching. Some of the Christians clapped their hands; a woman kept time with her two gourds which rattled with seeds.

"I want to thank the Lord for these classes," one of the pastors said, standing. "Before I heard these lessons I thought I was a good preacher, but now I don't know anything. I praise the Lord that these lessons have opened my eyes. We want to give a name to these classes."

"What do you want to call them?" asked one of the missionaries.

"Classes of Blessing," came the quick reply.

A pastor's wife testified: "My heart is broken because in the classes for the pastors' wives we have learned that there are things that we should not do and some things we have left undone."

On around the circle they went, expressing words of praise and thanksgiving, words of admonition and exhortation. A brief message from the Word followed, given by one of our very young ministers. After prayer we

stood to our feet, sang a dismissal chorus, and then the circle was broken as calls of "Goodnight" filled the air.

The moon had disappeared behind the trees when we left the glowing embers of our fire. We could hear gospel choruses filling the night as the workers returned to their campfires. Our hearts were encouraged, for we sat with our brothers and sisters in sweet fellowship in the presence of the Lord. ◀◀

IT WORKS

A mechanic was called in to repair the mechanism of a giant telescope. During the noon hour the chief astronomer came upon the man reading the Bible. "What good do you expect from that?" he asked. "The Bible is out of date. Why, you don't even know who wrote it."

The mechanic puzzled a moment, then he looked up. "Don't you make considerable use of the multiplication table in your calculations?"

"Yes, of course," returned the other.

"Do you know who wrote it?"

"Why, no, I guess I don't."

"Then," said the mechanic, "how can you trust the multiplication table?"

"We trust it because—well, because it works," the astronomer finished testily.

"Well, I trust the Bible for the same reason—it just works."



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Wind Is Blowing

TO ANYONE BROUGHT UP IN THE Jewish religion, it is natural to compare the Spirit of God with the wind, for in the Hebrew tongue the same word stands for both. When Jesus said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth" (John 3:8) He said in effect, "Listen to the wind, Nicodemus; you can hear the sound; the night is full of it." The Spirit of God comes and goes; no man can tell from whence it comes or where it will blow next.

Only the Spirit of God makes missions worthwhile these days. To present Christianity as a counter-ideology in today's mad race for the allegiance of men and nations is already a lost cause. At this moment on my desk there are several thrilling reports from areas of the world where revivals have broken out, and where missionaries who have labored for years are now aglow with encouragement over the "blowing of the wind of God."

Uruguay is a prime example. The smallest and perhaps the most complacent country of South America, this land has not been noted for its receptivity to the gospel. Although nominally Catholic, this country is almost entirely of European culture and has been too self-satisfied to care about God. Our missionary staff has witnessed and waited. In recent months God has raised up a national minister who manifests a genuine call of God and the gifts of an anointed evangelist. Large crowds are being attracted and genuine results are reported from his plaza meetings. One by one the

missionaries are leaving their former ministries to assist in consolidating this work. The whole complexion of spiritual things has been changed.

When will we all learn that there is a sovereign freedom in this wind? We are prone to imagine that our way

of doing things is the only way. How often we are impatient with any other! We cannot dictate the wind's direction; we cannot domesticate its blessed flow nor can we delimit the sphere of its operation. We can but pray, "Blow on us, O breath of God." ◀◀



David Kensinger in front of the building used for the Costa Rica Bible school

Urgent Need in Costa Rica

BY DAVID KENSINGER

Missionary to Costa Rica

CURRENT POLITICAL UNREST IN Central America points again to the fact that the training of national workers is essential. To this cause our Bible school in Costa Rica is dedicated. Government officials, however, have posed a serious problem: our facilities are not adequate to pass the health authorities of Moravia. They have threatened to close the school.

Two years ago we were able to satisfy the health officers by showing them the plans we had drawn for permanent buildings. Last year it was not so easy, but the fact that we had constructed one unit of the school persuaded them to go along with us, provided that we would continue construction of a satisfactory kitchen-dining room unit. We have not been able to seat all of our students at one time in the dining room. Conditions in our

school kitchen are deplorable!

In addition to this we are faced with the need for more dormitory space for single students and housing for the married couples. A classroom is urgently needed also, for the third-year class meets in one of the rooms that must double as a dormitory room.

Three thousand dollars is needed to complete the kitchen and dining room. After that is completed we will be able to plan for the dormitory and classroom facilities. Only as we have these enlarged facilities will we be able to train the consecrated workers who have been called of God to minister to the lost of Costa Rica.

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If you should like to help provide the kitchen and dining room at the Costa Rica Bible school, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: COSTA RICA BIBLE SCHOOL—BUILDING

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Missions Begin at Home

Field Secretaries' children follow in their parents' footsteps by serving on foreign mission fields

By Raymond T. Brock



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M. L. Hodges



Mrs. M. L. Hodges



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E. L. Phillips



Mrs. E. L. Phillips



Donald Phillips



V. G. Greisen



Mrs. V. G. Greisen



Paul Greisen

MISSIONS BEGIN AT HOME IN THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, for every field secretary in the Foreign Missions Department has a missionary in the family.

FAR EAST DIVISION: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ketcham served in India and pioneered our work in East Pakistan. Their daughter Marjorie (Mrs. Ernest Jones) is a missionary in Nyasaland, East Africa.

LATIN AMERICA DIVISION: Various countries of Central America were home at different times for Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hodges. Their daughter, Miriam (Mrs. John C. Jackson), served in Chile with her husband who is now a member of the Spanish Literature Department staff.

EUROPE AND SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION: After serving as district superintendent in Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Greisen ministered in Denmark and other European countries. Their son Paul is now a missionary in Hong Kong.

AFRICA DIVISION: Two terms were spent in Nigeria by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Phillips before they were invited to join the headquarters staff. Their son Donald has just been approved for missionary service in Nigeria, West Africa.

Asked why she became a missionary, Marjorie Ketcham Jones says: "My parents never urged or even encouraged me to be a missionary. They did show me, perhaps unconsciously, what a rich, full, rewarding life missionaries have. Why am I a missionary in Nyasaland? Because God called me, and I could be nothing else."

After less than a year on the foreign field, Paul Greisen writes from Hong Kong: "I became a missionary because of God's personal dealings with my life. The heritage of having missionary parents definitely shaped my attitude toward missions. The wholesome spiritual environment of daily prayer for the needs of missionaries created within me from childhood the necessity of prayer for, and the need of missionaries. Further, God helped me to search out the motives of my ministry, and this led me to the mission field."

Newly-approved for missionary service, and still on deputational work in this country, is Donald E. Phillips. "In being a missionary's son I have had many experiences that the average American boy would not have," he says. "These experiences have been wonderful! But with such experiences come responsibilities. I feel that I would be shirking my responsibility if I did not go. I have seen first-hand the need on the harvest field, and when you have seen the needs, you never forget them!"

Assemblies of God leaders have indeed responded to the challenge of world-wide missions: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). ◀◀

The Women Behind Home Missions

A well-deserved tribute to the Women's Missionary Council groups over the nation

BY RUTH LYON

IS THIS FOR ME?" THE EIGHTY-year-old Indian (a former medicine man) asked, as the missionary handed him a lovely quilt during the distribution of Christmas gifts after the program in an Indian Mission. When the missionary assured him that it was, the lonely old grandfather, with tears coursing down his furrowed cheeks, threw his arms around him. "Ah-ghay-hay, Ah-ghay-hay-tlah-see-kiss" (Thank you, thank you a lot my friend), he said brokenly.

"It has my name on it," one Indian lady cried out as she received a package. When she was also given a brand-new quilt, she began to cry from joy and gratefulness.

These incidents are typical of the blessing Women's Missionary Council groups of the Assemblies of God have brought to Indian reservations and to Alaskans at Christmas and other times. Now that these women have organized and become so vital a lifeline to our home and foreign missionaries, we often wonder how our workers on the home front ever existed without their tremendous assistance.



Willing helpers unloading the food barrels sent to the Children's Farm Home in Palmer, Alaska, by the Oregon WMC's

In many of our Indian churches, the missionaries plan to give one quilt to each Indian family at Christmas. Who makes this possible? The WMC, of course. These energetic women, anxious to serve the Lord wherever the opportunity presents itself, take upon themselves such projects as providing quilts, other Christmas gifts, and used clothing for the Indians and Alaskans. They often supply clothing for pioneer pastors' families as well.

During the year, used clothing is gathered and mended. WMC groups also send new clothing for children in the three Assemblies of God Children's Homes in Alaska. In addition they remember the home missionaries with little gifts on their birthdays.

Following is an excerpt from a letter the department received from I. Cecelia Piper who is pioneering a new church at Wainwright, Alaska: "Thank



Congregation in Canyon Day, Ariz., waiting for the distribution of gifts after the Christmas day services

you for all the help and kindness. The people of Wainwright have deeply appreciated the clothing that has been sent. I have seen tiny babies born into homes with nothing but an old caribou skin to wrap them in. Often a dirty old blanket is used. They are born in the poorest of conditions in the home. There is no hospital or doctor here.

"It would bless your souls to see the dear little village children in warm, clean clothing. Some of them have never had any before—only filthy rags and caribou hides. Any kindness shown surely goes far in reaching these souls for Christ and gives us a new interest in their humble hearts. We have experienced a great revival in which most of the village has turned to Christ. We believe a substantial number are genuinely saved and will stand true. The WMC's have surely had their part in this great victory."



Children of the Indian Assembly in Guadalupe, Ariz., wearing new clothing made by the WMC members

Owen Mincks, who has recently begun ministry on the Cheyenne Reservation in South Dakota, greatly appreciates the help he received for Christmas from the Aberdeen, South Dakota, WMC's, the Sunday school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the Missionettes from Macon, Ga. He writes: "One Indian woman expressed her delight by saying, 'I thought there would be no Christmas for my family—and now this!' It was a joy to see the happy surprise registered on the children's faces at Cherry Creek."

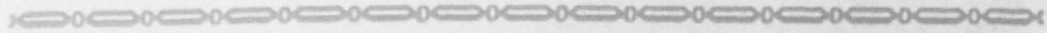
The ramada (brush arbor shelter) in which Missionary Mary Booher at Guadalupe, Ariz., kept used clothing for the Indians, burned down a few months ago. The WMC's came to the rescue with a new supply of clothing.

Mrs. Booher tells of the Christmas party she and her workers had for the Spanish-speaking Yaqui Indians. "We gave 500 gifts. Each regular family in the church (we have 75) received a blanket or a quilt. Then three hundred bags of candy were distributed to all the Sunday school children and visitors.

"Other gifts included about 135 boxes of clothing, sorted and planned to meet the needs of the designated families; 65 teen-age girls' gifts (including new scarves, wash cloths, soap, pretty dresses from the WMC clothing boxes, and a piece of jewelry for each, gift wrapped); 55 teen-age boys' gifts (including new scarves, hankies, socks, billfolds, games); and 35 complete baby layettes. Every Sunday school boy and girl received either a new shirt or jacket or a new dress.

"We also made 47 gift packages for the t.b. ward patients at the County Hospital, and packages for many other families that came to us for help.

"The school nurse called us during



A WORD FROM THE NATIONAL PRISON CHAPLAIN

ARVID OHRNELL, NATIONAL PRISON representative of the Home Missions Department, wishes to thank all the faithful contributors who have helped to make the expanding prison literature ministry of the Assemblies of God possible.

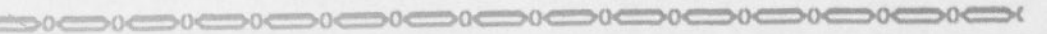
Seven free Bible study courses are provided prisoners upon request. The attention of many prisoners was directed to the Bible through these courses and eventually numbers of them came to know the Lord as Saviour.

Letters come to the Prison Division every day in which prisoners express their gratitude for the opportunity to study these courses. Also, prison chaplains all over the country appreciate these courses and keep a supply on

hand for prisoners who request them. May the Lord richly bless all of you who have had a part in helping us maintain this great prison ministry.

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Bible Dictionaries	3
Sunday school quarterlies	42
"You May Have Freedom" (leaflet)	2,600
"I Lost My Freedom" (tract)	2,350
Prison Issue <i>Evangel</i>	200
Scripture text calendar	62
Books—new	11
Books—miscellaneous	130
(Pentecostal <i>Evangel</i> s are mailed to all State and Federal institutions.)	



generously shared North Carolina's burden in taking the gospel to the first Americans. This year and other years, this group has supplied Christmas gifts for the Cherokee-Lumbee Indian people.

The Arizona and Northern California-Nevada WMC groups have regular Christmas parties for their missionaries to the Indians and provide much help for the Indian congregations, as well. The Southern California District contributes greatly to the Arizona WMC Christmas party. Other districts having Indian population provide similar help. Kansas WMC's provided Christmas for two Indian congregations in Arizona.

Newcomerstown, Ohio, WMC's sent fifty dolls they made to the Indian children at Phoenix, Ariz.

Some WMC's have regular food showers for needy pioneer pastors in their districts. They also help financially and send clothing. These generous contributions have often spelled the difference between success or failure of a Home Missions project. Many Home Missions churches are standing today mainly because the WMC's stood behind them!

Missionettes over the nation, as well, have done their part to help make Christmas possible on the reservations and in Alaska. They have made many gifts themselves. We could go on and on reporting what WMC's and Missionettes have done for Home Missions and quoting letters of thanks from grateful missionaries.

Most of the Indian churches were packed out, with people standing for lack of seats, this Christmas. Of course, some came for the first time to receive little gifts. But, some of these have returned and will keep returning, for the gospel pricked their hearts. Many of the missionaries are reporting souls genuinely saved during their Christmas services.

Faithful home missionaries and pioneer pastors are sowing the seed of the gospel and extending the kingdom in the homeland. But they all acknowledge they could not possibly accomplish what they do without the consistent, generous help of their dependable co-workers, the WMC—the women behind Home Missions!



Mary Booher speaking to the Yaqui Indians at the Indian Mission Christmas party at Guadalupe, Ariz.

the Christmas season, informing us that she knew of five children who had not eaten for three days. Their mother was in the hospital with a new baby. How happy we were when some food came in the WMC boxes and we were able to give her food and clothing. A kind-hearted junk dealer donated an old-fashioned cook stove for cooking facilities and warmth. I wish you could have seen the father's face when we brought him the food and other things, including a nice mattress."

From the Children's Farm Home for boys in Alaska, Supervisor C. L. Strom tells us: "We were well remembered with greeting cards and gifts. For the Home, we received quite a bit more for the boys than last year. Each of them received a number of gifts plus items of clothing, besides what we put aside for coming birthdays. Also, the workers received quite a few things. Just before Christmas, we received two barrels containing five hundred pounds of canned foods (mostly fruits) from the Oregon District. This is the second year they have sent us food."

When the Shawano, Wis., WMC group heard about the urgent need for a well at San Tan, Ariz., where Edna Griep ministers on the Pima Reservation, they sponsored a money shower. At the close of the special service, the women marched past the replica (poster) of a pump and well leaving their "greenback" offerings that were fastened to the poster one by one. They "hit water" at \$120. This may have been "only a drop in the bucket" toward paying for the well, but it was a start and an encouragement to the missionary. Today, there is a well on the church property at San Tan, thanks to these and other WMC's.

The Eastern District WMC's, having no Indian population in their area, have



Happy Papago girls of Sells, Ariz. hugging dolls sent by the WMC's



Sunday morning service in the Indian Assembly in Canyon Day, Ariz. (left) and a service in the Indian Assembly at Fort Hall, Idaho show the crowded conditions and the need for enlarging the buildings

They Must Wait

YOUR REQUEST IS JUST ONE OF SEVERAL similar ones which have become a constant burden to us. We are so limited in what we can do to help with church buildings on the various Indian reservations and yet we have scores of requests of this nature constantly. We certainly recognize the need, but are sadly lacking in ability to do something about it." Thus reads National Secretary R. L. Brandt's reply to one of the Assemblies of God district superintendents.

In several districts, Indian congregations are outgrowing their present buildings. *Souls are being lost* to the church and to the Lord because there is NO MORE ROOM to accommodate the crowds. While we rejoice in this upsurge of interest in the full gospel on the reservations, our hearts are saddened by our inability to help these needy congregations.

On most reservations, our fine Christian Indian people are unable to support their missionary-pastors, let alone building programs, being in need themselves. They do what they can; but this is not enough to provide the adequate buildings so urgently needed at once.

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

Let us consider a few of the many requests for assistance which are flooding the department. One reads, "We were building on our Mission most of November. But it goes slowly, as we are trying to do it ourselves and Brother _____ has to spend most of his time at his secular job. We finished it enough to have a Thanksgiving service in it and 64 persons were in attendance. Only one window was in, no floor, no doors, and there were seats for only twenty-five people. The rest of the people sat on the ground. We would be so grateful for financial means to finish the building soon." (This comes from a section of the West where the weather is very cold.)

A superintendent in the Southwest writes: "Brother _____ is doing a fine work at _____. His need for funds to complete the building is one of the greatest we have."

Another letter from a superintendent in the West tells us: "A log building originally housed the _____ Indian congregation. Considerable damage has been done to it by termites. Several years ago a Sunday school annex was built. This is now used for church services as well. The original sanctuary needs to be repaired. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated, and I feel, well invested. God has blessed this congregation which meets regularly."

A home missionary in the East writes: "We are in need of sufficient funds to complete the interior of our Indian church. Also, we need funds to

pay off debts incurred during the construction of the church building."

From Washington, another missionary writes that they "build only as the money comes in." He says, "We are progressing slowly on the addition to our church. We now have the four-foot concrete wall for the basement poured and are praying for about \$100 to finish the basement and to construct the top floor."

At the present time, *there are at least thirty Indian churches that need help*, either in building new churches, adding annexes, or in paying off debts incurred during building operations. Other missionaries are building or fixing up parsonages and they too need financial help.

A number of home missionaries do not have adequate room for their own families without considering entertainment of evangelists or visitors. Some of their living quarters are unhealthy and hard to heat. For instance, the Charles Lees at Shiprock, N. Mex., are adding an annex to their church to accommodate their growing congregation; and at the same time, they are much in need of an adequate parsonage. They have three small children and have been living in a 14 by 28 two-room house, in order to put every dollar they can on the much-needed church annex.

The present needs are greater than the Home Missions Department can meet. They are greater than our Indian congregations and their missionary-pastors can meet. *These congregations must wait until funds are available.*

Can you send an offering? The *American Indian Building Fund* set up by the Home Missions Department is exhausted. ◀ ◀

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD EXTENDS BOUNDARIES IN 1960

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD ESTABLISHED 204 new churches in continental United States during 1960. The Latin American Branch again leads districts of the organization in opening 20 new churches. Also, again the Southern California District listed the second largest increase with 15 new congregations.

NEW CHURCHES OPENED 1956-60

The Assemblies of God has opened 1,179 new churches during the past

five years. The greatest increase during the period was realized in 1956 when the number mounted to 292.

NATIONAL GOAL SET

A goal of 300 additional churches has been set for 1961 by the Home Missions Department. The goal is divided among the 44 districts and six branches of the organization according to previous growth records.

BLUEPRINT PROGRAM GROWS

As of January 1, 1961, 102 sets of blueprints from the "Plans for Pioneers" have been distributed through the Home Missions Department's Church Building and Planning Commission. Interest in the program is steadily increasing. The Commission has already saved Assemblies of God churches more than \$50,000.

TOP TEN DISTRICTS	
New Churches Opened in 1960	
Latin America	20
Southern California	15
South Florida	11
Southern Missouri	11
Eastern	9
Alabama	8
Potomac	8
South Texas	7
Louisiana	7
Appalachian	6
Arizona	6
Illinois	6
Northern New England	6
North Texas	6

Special congratulations are extended to districts that *exceeded their goals*: Arizona, Northern New England, and Potomac; and to those that *reached theirs*: Appalachian, Northwest, Ohio, Southern Missouri, Southern New England, and West Texas.



Chain Reaction

SOMEONE INFLUENCED A YOUNG LADY in Sweden to accept Christ. Later this young lady came to America and enrolled in North Central Bible College in Minneapolis. From there she went to a small North Dakota prairie town where God greatly used her. Among those influenced was another young lady who, in due time, also enrolled in the same Bible college.

While in Minneapolis, the second young lady went out into a suburban area of the city and influenced a number of people toward God. Today as a direct result of her efforts, in that same suburb there is a fine new Assemblies of God church whose influence will doubtless be felt around the world. This is Biblical chain reaction.

The chain reaction principle is worthy of careful consideration as it relates to church extension. For example, Paul the apostle clearly recognized it when he wrote to Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). Here the chain begins with Paul. He influenced Timothy, and Timothy was to influence others who would likewise influence yet others *ad infinitum*.

Each individual Christian, each preacher of the gospel, and each church is but another link in what our Lord intends to be an endless chain. Never does He intend for any one of these to be an end in itself. The Christian is charged to reproduce himself through his witness. The preacher should reproduce himself by his influence; and the church should do likewise.

When the chain-reaction principle is practiced, progress is certain. When it is neglected progress is curtailed.

One of two things happens in every case. The layman, the preacher, or the church is either the end of a chain or the continuation of it. Each individual or group determines this. ◀◀



Committee Makes Long-Range Plans for Church Extension

Pictured above are the six men who met in Springfield, Mo., January 4 and 5 to develop a long-range church extension program. They are, left to right: (front row) N. Cleo Tapp, R. L. Brandt, G. F. Lewis; (back row) Lester W. Dickinson, G. W. Hardcastle, E. M. Clark.

It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to the entire committee, moved by an unusual

urgency, to draft a plan of such magnitude that it would meet the challenge of what promises to be history's most explosive decade—1961 through 1970. The committee's goal far exceeds anything yet attempted.

The entire Movement will be invited to participate in this great spiritual thrust which will be launched at the General Council in Portland, Oreg.

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Home Front Highlights

News Briefs From the Home Missions Fields

JEWISH MINISTRY

Bell Gardens, California

The Meyer Tan-Ditters, missionaries in the Los Angeles area, are happy over 47 souls, 23 of whom were Jewish people, who accepted Christ during their ministry in 1960. Thirty-one people were baptized in water and 16 of these were Jewish. The Tan-Ditters visited over 250 homes in 1960. Other Assemblies of God missionaries to the Jews, like the Tan-Ditters, do a great deal of visitation and literature distribution work.

PRISON MINISTRY

Recently, a lady interested in Prison Evangelism sent \$150 (and is planning to send \$50 more) to pay for the seven Home Missions Bible study courses offered for prisoners and the eleven courses offered by the Berean School of the Bible (Assemblies of God Correspondence School). A contribution of \$100 will pay for the 18 courses for two prisoners. Arvid Ohrenell, national prison representative, carefully selects prisoners he knows are worthy to whom he sends the courses thus provided.

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

New Appointees

Recently the John C. Gundersons, who are ministering on the Fort Belknap Reservation in the Lodge Pole Indian Assembly, and Robert C. Ruark, who is located at Winslow, Ariz. were appointed to American Indian ministry.

Winslow, Arizona

The Indian Mission at Winslow is in a building program at present. Their Sunday school has crowded out the present building and they are losing some people for lack of room. All previous Sunday school records were broken and no doubt even greater attendance will come when there is adequate room.

Several were saved and filled with the Spirit during the Christmas Day services. A spontaneous revival broke out in regular services during the past two months. From Thanksgiving to January, more than forty have been to

the altar for salvation. Some were genuinely converted.

San Tan, Arizona

Edna Griep and her congregation are rejoicing that the well, so long needed here, is now completed!

Pocatello, Idaho

Four knelt for salvation in December at the Pocatello Indian Assembly, where the J. T. Kindalls pastor.

More Arizona News

At *Bylas*, the R. A. Foxes conducted a two-week revival recently, during which nine received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and a number were saved. This church has its first Apache Indian pastor, James Phillips. The Sunday school is running over 100. In November, five Papago Indians gave their hearts to the Lord during a revival with Virgil Sampson at *Stanfield*, Ariz. Lucille Farmer is pastor.

D. L. Johnson, *Keams Canyon*, reports a two-week December revival with

FURNACE BREAKS DOWN

The large furnace which heats the administration building in the Juneau, Alaska, Assemblies of God Children's Home has drawn its last breath! Adequate heating, at best, in Alaska is a problem, for temperatures soar way below zero. A new furnace will cost approximately \$1,000. This is an urgent need.

About 40 children who live in this Home must be kept warm and comfortable. They are looking to the Home Missions Department to take care of them, for there is no other financial provision for maintenance of the Alaska Children's Homes. Your offering to help in this emergency may be sent direct to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., and designated JUNEAU CHILDREN'S HOME FURNACE FUND.

Grace Paxton from Oklahoma City. Souls were saved, reclaimed, filled, re-filled, and healed.

Fred Cruse, *Parker*, has seen a dozen saved and two reclaimed since he came to Parker a few months ago. Attendance is never less than 35 in service and at times attendance has reached 200.

Gallup, New Mexico

The Caleb Smiths had a December revival with the James Burketts of Tennessee. The church was filled almost every night with Indians. About a dozen knelt at the altar for salvation; also several backsliders came to the Lord.

Guadalupe, Arizona

On New Year's Day at Guadalupe, Ariz., the Indian Mission had a *Pinata* for the children. This is a game in



A Pinata for the children on New Year's Day at Guadalupe, Ariz.

which a large box full of candy and nuts is hung from a pole or a wire. The children are blindfolded. The first child to break the box gets the candy.

Espanola, New Mexico

Three were baptized in the Holy Spirit and there were other encouraging results in a December revival conducted by the J. W. Lumans of Borger, Tex., at Espanola, N. Mex., where the Ira Van Houtens minister.

Denver, Colorado

The Indian Mission in Denver has recently doubled its attendance, growing from 40-44 to 60-87 since Assemblies of God workers have volunteered to help teach. A Navajo Class is taught by a Spirit-filled Navajo. The Navajo women do not speak English. Ruby London is pastor.

Oneida, Wisconsin

Mildred Kimball, pastor of the Oneida Indian church, reports a four-week meeting in December in which Christians were blessed and inspired and several sinners were converted.

There is now a well on the church property here on which \$200 has already been paid. They still owe over \$400.

Infant-ry

The Don Johnsons, Keams Canyon, Ariz., have a new tax deduction—Sherri Lynn—who arrived December 30. Congratulations!

ALASKA MINISTRY

Point Hope

On October 24, the Alvin E. Capeners came by chartered plane to Point Hope. On November 1, Brother Capener began construction of the new building there. By November 30 they were able to move into living quarters in the new building. They have conducted services in it all winter and the attendance has averaged about 45. Interest is good. As yet, there have been no conversions in this new field, but the missionaries are carefully laying the groundwork of the Word of God and believing Him for a moving of the Holy Spirit.

Fort Yukon

The Ken Andruses with Oscar Butterfield visited the little village of Venetie recently and held a meeting



The Norman Rehwindels, pastors of the Indian church in Keshena, Wis. display gifts they received for the Indians

with encouraging results: nearly a dozen adults and some children indicated their desire for salvation. There has been no regular missionary at Venetie to teach the people and establish the work. They need someone to lead them on in a consistent manner.

At Fort Yukon, four were baptized in water in November. Brother Butterfield built the baptistry. A large crowd attended the baptismal service. Following the service, the Lord added His blessing with a wonderful moving of

His Spirit and power. The following Sunday morning, three boys received the baptism in the Holy Spirit—the two older Andrus boys and one native boy. There is a real need for Spirit-filled natives as workers in the church here.

Pelican

The man who rode out of the jaws of death on a tidal wave (see July 1960 Reader's Digest account) is yet needing a greater deliverance for his soul. His son who was with him in this earth-shaking event comes to the Pelican church. He also needs salvation. George E. Downs is pastor here.

DEAF MINISTRY

The deaf group in Beloit, Wis., sent candy and cookies for Christmas to the Norman Rehwindels for the Menominee Reservation Indians at Keshena, Wis. Various Assemblies also contributed gifts for these Indians.

BLIND MINISTRY

Ravanna, Missouri

Ray Aldrich of Ravanna has completed a course in Braille and is now helping the Home Missions Department prepare Braille literature for the Blind.

“We Don't Have To Be Afraid Here”

by Mrs. Lyle Johnson
Juneau, Alaska

A LITTLE GIRL, A NEWCOMER TO THE Juneau Children's Home, came shyly to my side while I was at my desk one evening. Leaning lightly against me, as though she were just longing to be loved but was afraid of being repulsed, she said, “We don't have to be afraid here, do we?”

I put my arm around her, pulling her close as I kissed her, and she leaned harder against my side. I assured her that she need never be afraid while with us. She sighed contentedly and visited with me awhile before going to play with the other children.

This lovely child and her two sisters came to the Home recently. They were unwanted by their father and knew that fact very well. Their parents are divorced and the mother is unable to care for them. Of course, they were frightened at first, as any children would be to be moved into a family of utter strangers. We tried to make them feel at home and to help them

to relax and adjust to the fact that they were here and would be for some time.

Now, these three girls make regular trips to my side, wherever I may be; and I love them and hold them close for awhile and visit with them, for I realize they have a deep need of reassurance, of love and security. I found long ago that it is not enough to give children a good home and keep them well-fed and clean. They must also have assurance of our love at all times.

I would like to introduce you to four more of the children who now reside in the Home.

Allen had scrounged around for his food and for cigarette stubs from the gutters until he was a wild-eyed, hungry, ragged little seven-year-old when I took him into the Home. He had huddled in hallways and doorways at night trying to get a little warmth while he slept.

How did I get him? Someone re-

Eskimo children typical of those reached by our children's homes



ported his condition to a welfare worker, who in turn asked me to take him. She knows that in this Home the children are well fed and well cared for and are loved, trained, and helped in every way possible.

Now, Allen has learned that bad language and cruel actions are not allowed in the Home, just as he has learned

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Ghana

NEW CHURCHES DEDICATED IN NORTHERN GHANA

"We have just completed and dedicated two permanent buildings in the Bawku area," reports Missionary D. L. Jolley. "There are now ten organized churches and many outstations representing well over 1,000 born-again Christians in this part of Northern Ghana. We also have one other building ready for dedication and another building under construction."

GROWTH IN NORTHERN GHANA

"The work in Kumasi, Ghana, is still progressing," reports Missionary Elvis Davis. "On December 18 we baptized fifty-six converts. There are several more waiting for baptism. Attendance grows weekly."

"Recently two new churches, built entirely by the villagers, were dedicated. These are attractive churches—one of them is by far the nicest building in the town. The dedication offerings more than paid off the indebtedness on the church, leaving a balance toward their educational building."

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT LAUDS MISSION

Salifu Yakubu, member of the Ghana Parliament, spoke at the recent groundbreaking for the Memorial Chapel at the Assemblies of God Bible School in Ghana. His remarks are indicative of the attitude of the government of Ghana toward the Assemblies of God mission.

"The government of Ghana has realized the terrific effects of the Assemblies of God Mission toward the development of this part of the country. This wonderful achievement has been made possible by the tireless efforts of good men like Mr. Homer Goodwin and others whose relationship with the local people has always been cordial. On behalf of my government, council, and people of this area, I wholeheartedly extend our sincere thanks to you for your benevolent offer of this sum of money to build this church. My people in Ghana do highly appreciate the magnificent efforts you Americans are contributing towards the success of our inevitable independence. I am sure, under God's guidance, the church will not only be an everlasting fountain but a factory for human hearts."

Memorial Chapel is being built at Northern Ghana Bible Institute by Mr. E. H. Buel, Oakland, California, in memory of his mother.

Japan

REVIVAL CONTINUES IN JAPAN

In spite of political upheavals in Japan, the Assemblies of God work is progressing. "Recent conventions and special evangelistic meetings have shown us afresh that the people are not anti-foreign or anti-American," reports Missionary Leonard Nipper. "People come to hear the message of truth. They re-

spond to the gospel and are being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. God is giving an increase in His great work here in Japan."

Spain

CONVERTS BAPTIZED IN BARCELONA

"Our chapel in Barcelona was filled to overflowing for a baptismal service held recently," reports Missionary Kenneth McIntyre. "Each of the seven baptized marks a real victory in this Catholic-dominated country. Other believers have received the Holy Spirit recently and a general spirit of revival prevails throughout the churches."

Fiji

TEEN-AGE EVANGELISM

An interior village has been opened to the gospel through the efforts of a sixteen-year old boy, reports Missionary Lawrence Larson. "Previously a member of a juvenile gang in the city of Suva, Ovini was marvelously saved. His father, school headmaster in the village, had been saved but had drifted away from God."

"After his conversion Ovini's father demanded his return to the village. As a result of his testimony in the village, the men of the village went to Ovini's father to ask permission for the newly saved boy to tell the people about his conversion."

"The people were stirred. They sent the father into the city to gather more



Convention crowd in the new auditorium in Tokyo, Japan



Baptismal candidates in Barcelona, Spain

information. He came to the mission compound and in the evening service rededicated his life to Christ."

Eight adults and twenty-five children and young people accepted Christ during a recent visit by Brother Larson to Ovini's village.

Formosa

NEW CHURCHES AMONG THE TAIWANESE

"We have visited the Taiwanese tribes and found three established independent churches," reports Missionary Leonard Bolton. "The Chinese brother in charge has invited us to come each month for Bible study and prayer. These churches reminded us of the work in the Lisu hills of China in the early days of God's moving in that area."

Lebanon

NEW LITERATURE MINISTRY LAUNCHED

Recognizing the value of full-gospel literature in the Middle East, Miss Florence Christie has transferred from Egypt to Lebanon to launch a new literature ministry in Beirut. Pray for this new evangelistic thrust in the Arab world.

Ceylon

A NEW OUTPOURING OF PENTECOST

"During recent meetings held in Pas-sara, the Lord met us and graciously poured out His Spirit," reports Missionary Rosa Reineker. "When one young man received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, all the believers really became hungry. They had never seen nor experienced anything like it. As we continued in prayer, God poured out His Spirit and gave floods of water to the thirsty ones. There was not one who did not receive a real anointing of His precious Holy Spirit. Several have since received the Baptism."

Prior to these services no one in this new congregation had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Malaya

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

There was a record attendance of 250 at the annual Youth Camp and Council in Penang, reports Missionary Evelyn Hatchett. "The day Bible classes, conducted by Evangelist Elton Hill, were a real blessing. Fifty-five young people received the Holy Spirit and approximately twenty accepted the Lord as Saviour."

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

The record in John 3:22 indicates that Jesus baptized disciples, while John 4:2 says it was His disciples who did the baptizing. Did both Jesus and His disciples baptize?

In John 4:2 the record is in parenthesis, explaining that while baptizing was a part of the ministry of Jesus, the acts of baptizing were carried out by His disciples.

Please explain: "If thou hast run with the footmen and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses?" Jeremiah 12:5.

The verse teaches that if we are unable to overcome the ordinary trials of life we will be less able to overcome when the heavier trials come. Unless we overcome all temptations in the daily walk, we are almost sure to fail when the big unexpected testings come.

Will those who are man and wife here still be man and wife in heaven?

They will not. "In the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven" (Matthew 22:30).

Since Jesus was eternal and had no beginning, why is He called the Son of God? Why did He call the Father "His God" after His resurrection?

Before the world was created the relationship of Father and Son was enjoyed. In the incarnation Jesus "took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7). Thus He submitted Himself to human life and earthly conditions. In this life He was dependent upon the Father for guidance from day to day.

At His ascension following His resurrection, it was the man Christ Jesus ascending to his God; yet not to his God only, but also our God, making us equal with Him in the grace of salvation (John 20:17) that He might be the firstborn among many brethren (Romans 8:29).

What caused Moses to be barred from the Promised Land?

The Lord told Moses to smite the rock and it would bring forth water (Exodus 17:6). This was a type of Christ, smitten that the water of life might be provided to save all who will believe. Later, Numbers 20:7-13, the Lord told Moses to speak to the rock, but in his anger he smote it. In doing this he violated the type. Christ was to be smitten only once. After Calvary we are but to speak to the rock. In other words, we are to ask for grace and divine blessing because Jesus was smitten that we might receive. Because Moses violated the type and publicly disobeyed God he was not permitted to enter the promised land (Deuteronomy 32:48-52).

What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "In my name they shall take up serpents" (Mark 16:18). Do you take it literally?

Yes, I think Jesus meant this in a literal sense. The rest of the verse reads, "And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." It is blessed to know that God will deliver us from harm if we are bitten accidentally by a poisonous reptile, or if we accidentally drink poison. However, it is wrong to take up poisonous snakes deliberately, or knowingly to drink some deadly fluid, and think that God will deliver you. Some people think they can demonstrate their faith in this way. This is a great mistake and it can be a fatal one, for we are told in the Bible, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

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).



The CMF (Spanish equivalent of WMC) of San Jose, Costa Rica.

They Minister With Fervor

BY RUTH F. KENSINGER
Missionary to Costa Rica

THE NIGHT WAS COLD AND RAINY. We thought there would be very few women in *Concilio* that night, but as we began singing, one by one they slipped into the room. Among them was an attractive young widow and her two very pretty little girls. Her name was Cruz (cross) and she seemed to be carrying a heavy one by the sad

expression on her face. We learned during the testimonies that her rent was overdue several months. Her landlord had put all her belongings into the street where the heavy rain was ruining them. Immediately three women stood to their feet and offered Cruz shelter in their homes; the men of the church went for her furniture; and before morning Cruz and the little girls were located in a believer's home. The San Jose *Concilio* had come to the rescue again!

This women's group in our San Jose church was formed ten years before with the purpose of holding "ladies' meetings" in the local church, but soon their vision took in all of Costa Rica. From a weekly prayer meeting and Bible study they branched out into practical ministries. Forty women united in one purpose to minister for Christ can accomplish much.

Several years ago we found that one of our Bible students had no white shirt for the closing exercises of the

school. It was mentioned in the next *Concilio* meeting. Immediately, several asked why we couldn't present a good white shirt to each student every year for the closing exercises. White shirts cost twenty *colones* or about three dollars down here. That meant a big undertaking for our women who mostly are quite poor. At that moment was born a tradition in San Jose. Every year the students have their white shirts for the closing exercises. Last year we had worked hard to buy the twenty-eight shirts that were needed.

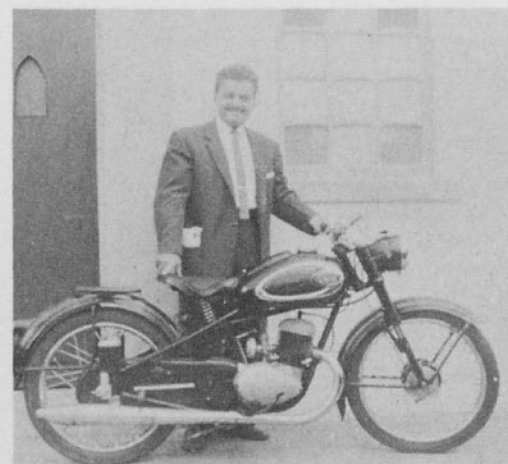
Then just two weeks before graduation a robber broke into the church and stole all of our money. What were we to do now? One of the men came to our rescue with a gift of a dozen new white shirts, and the women emptied their purses to make up the deficit for the remaining shirts.

This year we had ten girl students also, so they bought ten dress lengths to present to them. Once every month during the Bible school term the missionary collects all the buttonless shirts, worn socks, underclothes and other clothing that need mending and we women have a "mending bee" for the students.

A few years ago the church provided a motor bike for the pastor to use for his visiting, but for the past few months he had been walking instead of riding to his calls. The motor bike was in the repair shop and he didn't have the seventy-five *colones* to get it out. Neither did the church have this money to help him. Our *Concilio* decided to surprise our pastor, get it out of the



Officers of the San Jose CMF with Ruth Kensinger, national CMF secretary, right.



Pastor Gonzalo Baez, of San Jose church, with his motor bike.

shop, and have it put on his front doorstep the next morning! Joyfully the women emptied their purses of all except bus fare home, and the motor bike is on its visiting ministry again.

Costa Rica girls marry young, sometimes at fourteen or fifteen years, and this usually means large families. After a while they become saddened, old looking, and almost apathetic in their attitude toward the new arrival. How could we change their outlook and make the event a happy one? Baby showers were unheard of, but we decided to have one for an expectant mother in our group. One woman made a lovely embroidered "diaper bag" and the women were asked to come with a surprise gift, however small, for the new baby. At the close of a service keyed to a mother's interests the honoree was asked to come forward. The bag was presented and the other women gave their gifts. Some brought a few safety pins, others a bar of soap, talcum powder, a baby bottle, an indispensable pacifier, a little shirt, a little dress, or a pair of hand knit "bootees." Soon the bag could hold no more. With hands and voice trembling and eyes filled with tears the mother expressed her thanks. We continue to have baby showers as the need arises, and they are a wonderful blessing.

There is more than "good works" in this group. There are services when we dedicate our full time to prayer, bringing to God the many needs and petitions that come to us by voice or letter. There are times when the glory of the Lord has filled our meeting. Three women received the baptism in the Spirit in one service. Work without prayer is dead, and we try to keep a healthy balance between the two.

Today, we have thirteen organized *Concilios*, not only in the cities and villages but also among the Indian women in the country. They collect their *cincos* (pennies) to fill a dishpan at the Annual Conference. Last year we collected sufficient to help buy the new chairs for our Bible school dining room. This year our *cincos* will go for an automatic coffee pot for the school. There will be many pieces of clothing made by the *Concilios* and brought to Conference to be distributed among the families of needy pastors.

The *Concilios* of Costa Rica have chosen as their motto or theme "Christianas que Ministran con Fervor" which in our language means "Christian Women who Minister with Fervor." ◀◀

TODAY IS NATIONAL WMC DAY

Today, February 26, is National WMC Day. Thousands of our churches will enjoy special services planned and presented by WMC groups in co-operation with their pastors. Theme of the day is found in the command of Jesus: "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).

At the beginning of this year a newspaper columnist listed some of our nation's blessings and then quoted the words of Jesus from Luke 12:48, "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

If this is true of our nation and its position in the world, it is infinitely more true of the Church. That is why everyone of us must find a way to serve and to give. We cannot leave the task of evangelization and missions to mission-

aries and church leaders alone. Each of us must find a way to serve. Each of us must give. And each of us must share the prayer burden. This is the basis on which the Assemblies of God Women's Missionary Council operates. This is the vision that has caused WMC giving to benevolences and to missions at home and abroad to top the million dollar mark annually for the past five years.

National WMC Day affords our churches a once-a-year opportunity to share in the operational expense of the National WMC Department. No other appeals for the support of this office are made to local churches. Your offering today will help make it possible for us to continue to serve our vast WMC organization, and through them our worldwide missionary program.

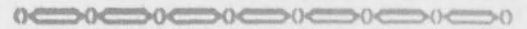
GERMAN BRANCH WMC'S

The German Branch WMC's were organized in July 1959 during the branch camp meeting. They were encouraged in this move by the fact that the large German Branch First Assembly in Benton Harbor, Mich., had already organized over a year before. When the other ladies saw the good work these were able to do by pooling their efforts, they appealed to the German Branch presbytery that WMC's be organized in the churches and a branch WMC president be appointed.

Mrs. Alvin Sprecher was appointed branch WMC president. There are now nine active groups in the branch, and although they are scattered from Ohio to North Dakota, they have worked together on a number of projects.

In addition to individual church projects, the German Branch WMC's have helped furnish dishes for the Bible school in Erzhausen, Germany. They have also provided their own home for the aged in Bridgman, Mich., with some equipment.

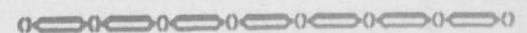
These ladies are entering wholeheartedly into the over-all work of WMC. One of the largest church offerings for the Etta Calhoun Fund this year came from the German First Assembly in Benton Harbor, Mich. They sent \$100 toward the fund. ◀◀



DOLLARS FOR SOULS IN NEBRASKA

During the past eight years, Nebraska WMC's have given \$21,419 in dimes for district projects, including camp ground improvements. Last year they topped the \$4,000 mark for the first time. Forty thousand dimes were converted to dollars and pinned to a wash line on the platform of the camp tabernacle. This year the directors have voted that half the dimes collected in 1961 will go for camp ground improvements and half for home missions projects. They expect to top last year's record-breaking offering as enthusiasm continues to rise.

Shown in the picture above are the present district WMC officers. Left to right they are Mrs. H. W. Lebsack, vice-president; Mrs. L. E. King, president; Mrs. Wayne Hall, secretary-treasurer.





These Missionettes are from the Assembly in Conneaut, Ohio. This picture was taken at their last meeting before Christmas. Items on the table were distributed to the needy at Christmas time. Sponsor of this fine group of girls is Audrey M. Dodge, standing at the left.



Above are the Missionettes and sponsor, Evelyn Worley, of the Assembly in Prichard, Ala., pastored by Wiley Davis. The picture shows them with packages which they mailed to a home missions worker. Co-sponsor of the group is Mrs. Wiley Davis.



Here are the Missionettes of El-Bethel Assembly, New Brockton, Ala. Two girls have been saved and seven filled with the Holy Spirit since the group was organized a year ago. These girls have made quilts for Lillian Trasher's orphanage, rolled bandages for New Hope Town, sent a Christmas package to missionaries in Egypt, and mailed wash cloths for African mothers to wash their babies. Standing in the back row left is Mrs. J. H. Barfield, pastor's wife and WMC sectional representative. At right is Mrs. Albert Edgar, sponsor.



Some of the Missionettes of Firth Tabernacle, Firth, Idaho, are shown with Mexican children of a needy family to whom they gave new and used clothing. Sponsor is Mrs. Elmer Wiklund.



Eleven of the 18 missionettes of Glad Tidings Assembly, Lake Charles, La. are pictured above. The girls rolled bandages for leper colonies, made Christian plaques, and sent used literature to missionaries in South America. Sponsor is Mrs. Joy Humphries and co-sponsor, Mrs. Dorothy Baker.

MISSIONETTE CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN DECEMBER, 1960

CHURCH	LOCATION	SPONSOR
Bethel Assembly	Rapid City, S. Dak.	Mrs. B. Nollsch
Glad Tidings A/G	Lincoln, Nebr.	Mrs. Shirley Bruha
A/G	Gladstone, Oreg.	Joyce S. Treluggen
A/G	Trenton, Mo.	Mrs. J. H. Rosenboom
Trinity Temple A/G	Long Beach, Calif.	Mrs. Thelma Correll
A/G	Shawano, Wis.	Mrs. Howard Richter
East Side A/G	Stockton, Calif.	Mrs. Joanne Bombach
East Side A/G	Stockton, Calif.	Florence Carlson
Bethel Tabernacle	Watsonville, Calif.	Linda Titus
English Bayou A/G	Lake Charles, La.	Miss Earline Cating
Calvary Tab A/G	Centralia, Wash.	Mrs. Mary Cowley
A/G	Lead, S. Dak.	Mrs. Marvin Voss
Bethel A/G	Elkart, Ind.	Mrs. Regina Shank
A/G	Dexter, Ga.	Mrs. T. G. Hobbs
First A/G	Centralia, Wash.	Flora Read
A/G	Farmington, Minn.	Mrs. Chester Wibbels
Pent Church the		
Light of the World	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Mrs. Eugene E. Lossett
A/G	Picayune, Miss.	Iris Aviles
Pent Church of God	Bronx, N. Y.	Ruth O. Endresen
First A/G	Worcester, Mass.	Mrs. Katherine Jackson
First A/G	Northridge, Calif.	Mrs. Betty Adams
Old Republican	Union City, Tenn.	Mrs. Tricia Rogers
Central Assembly	Modesto, Calif.	Mrs. Edward Atchison
Full Gospel A/G	Mobile, Ala.	Mrs. Frank Finkenbinder
First Spanish A/G	Denver, Colo.	Mrs. Lloyd Harris
A/G	Sutherlin, Oreg.	Mrs. Richard Utter
A/G	Sharon Springs, Kans.	Mrs. Eugene L. Burge
A/G Church	Northmoor, Mo.	Mrs. Rosie Wilson
Calvary Tabernacle	Stockton, Calif.	Mrs. Ivan Noll
A/G	Emmetsburg, Iowa	Mrs. Lillian Etcher
Berea Tabernacle	Detroit, Mich.	

THE STATE WILL MAKE YOUR BOY MIND

By W. J. PHILLIPS



A WELL-MEANING MOTHER SAID TO me the other day, "I don't know what to do with that boy; he won't mind a word I say."

I said, "How old is he?" She said, "He is four and going on five."

Then I said—and I didn't mean to be discourteous or cruel—"If you can get along with him three or four years longer, the State will take him off your hands and the State can make him mind. The State has detention homes, reform schools, and penitentiaries for that purpose, and the State can always make a boy mind."

This was not a pleasant thing to say, and it was not a pleasant thing for this selfish, sentimental woman to hear, but I say lots of things that I hate to say; it seems that someone has to say them.

Then I continued: "A boy that is raised to disobey the authority of his mother will, when he gets older, disobey the authority and laws of both God and the State.

"That is why we have juvenile courts, reform schools, and penitentiaries, and if your boy gets, with the State, to where you say your four-year-old boy has got with you, the State will either shoot him down as a bandit or hang him. The State can and will make the boy mind."

I heard an ex-judge say the other day that about ninety-eight per cent of the tens of thousands now in the penitentiaries of this country were boys who wouldn't mind their mothers in the home. It's pitiful to think about it and it's worse to talk about it, but what can one do!

After all, the fault is not originally with the boy who, in the end, will have to suffer; no, he was innocent and pure when like a pearl of great price he was dropped into the lap of life. Now at four years, says the mother, "He won't mind a word I say."

I said, "Did you ever punish him for disobedience?"

"Punish him! I don't believe in punishing children. Why, it would nearly kill me to punish or whip him; I just couldn't do it."

"Well," I said—and this is not a treatise on raising children—"there is your trouble; you are not willing to

hurt yourself for the good of your boy.

"You allow your own feelings to control you and in doing so you are making a criminal of your boy, who later will break your heart.

"The best and only genuine love is the love that regards and is willing to suffer for the welfare of the one loved.

"The diamond, to be of value, must be cut and ground and polished. There are many diamonds in the rough in San Quentin and Folsom prisons today... just because they were not polished in the home lapidary. Some disobedient boy's mother sits shamefaced and with bowed head and breaking heart in our courts every week and hears the sentence, maybe of life imprisonment or of death on the gallows pronounced against her little boy who wouldn't mind a thing she said."

"Now, madam, don't conclude that I am cruel or heartless; I am not. I love children and I would, if I could, save every one of them.

"I would if I could—at any cost—make honorable, high-minded gentlemen and ladies of every child in the

State, of every race and color, but I can't do it. You can; at least you can make such of your own, if you will."

There was a little boy in one of the middle States a few years ago—I could give the exact location if I wanted to—just like this little four-year-old boy; he wouldn't mind, and his selfish, sentimental mother "couldn't make him mind," of course.

When he was a little older (twenty-three, I think) his sobbing mother saw him ascend the scaffold and, as the black cap was being adjusted before springing the trap, she sobbed, brokenhearted, and heard as a last word from her boy an oath with the additional words, "No use to sob now, old woman. You're to blame for this. If you'd raised me right when I was little—"

But the trap was sprung; the little boy who wouldn't mind plunged to his reward and the mother into unconsciousness.

It's mighty unfair to the boy or girl. It is ever true as Milton said, "The child shows the man, as morning shows the day." ◀◀

The Revivaltime Choir
at Central Bible Institute



Revivaltime Choir Presents Music of the Pentecostal Churches

BY LOIS HOKANSON

MUSIC HAS BEEN NOTED THROUGHOUT history for its power to influence moods. An old, familiar hymn has caused many prodigals to "arise from the pig-pen." A stirring gospel song has often renewed a "fainting" Christian. Music can soothe ragged nerves, inspire the discouraged, and restore faith to the disillusioned.

Knowing the value of music in a full-gospel broadcast, Cyril McLellan and thirty-two Pentecostal young people at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, have dedicated themselves to winning souls through their ministry as the *Revivaltime* choir. Heard each week over the ABC radio network, their inspired singing has not only brought souls to Christ but has also blessed shut-ins and missionaries far from home. The Radio Department

has received numbers of testimonies of blessings received from persons listening to the *Revivaltime* choir.

From Alaska a minister wrote of the inspiration and reassurance he received from *Revivaltime*.

"I just felt the urge to write you," he said, "and tell you how much your messages and *the choir's singing* mean to us here in Alaska. We are located on an island (Mitkof Island) in southeastern Alaska. The only way out is to fly, so we stay here. When 10:30 Sunday night arrives and the *Revivaltime* choir begins to sing, 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,' we seem to be lifted up, especially after a hard and discouraging day. But the songs, testimonies, and messages from God's Word make us forget the problems and cares of the day and let us know again

that God is on our side."

A woman who had drifted from her Pentecostal experience wrote about how the *Revivaltime* choir helped her find a vital present experience. She and her husband were attending an evangelistic church and acting like Christians. However, each Sunday as she listened to the choir singing, "There's Room at the Cross," she was reminded of the lack of power in her life. Then last year one particular message struck home, and she determined to launch forward in Christ by returning to the Pentecostal walk. Now, in answer to prayer, her husband is Pentecostal, too.

An Akron, Ohio, teen-age boy concludes his Sundays by listening to the broadcast. He believes that "hearing the marvelous choir sing their beautiful songs of praise to God really ends a day of worship right."

A teen-age girl in Wolcott, New York, told how *Revivaltime* cleared away her worries. She wrote:

"I once again tuned into your program last night. I enjoy listening to your program, and *I like the singing especially*. I know the Lord allowed your program to come in clearly last night because my parents had to be away on a business trip and I was all alone. I was beginning to worry about

them, but your program took away every fear."

Enjoyment of gospel music is not limited to young folk. A former Salvation Army member from Fort Benton, Montana, was reminded of days gone by through hearing a choir song.

"I want to say that I heard the old song by your wonderful *Revivaltime* choir as it came over station KOJM, Havre, Montana. The song, 'Hold the Fort for I Am Coming,' swelled my heart to tears. When I was in Salvation Army work years ago that song was really our fort. The entire Army Corps received their Pentecost."

The popularity of *Revivaltime* choir music brought a demand for long-playing records which listeners might enjoy throughout the week whenever they wished to hear them. One of the most unusual ways in which the first record, "Music of the Pentecostal Churches," has been used, was reported by E. S. Caldwell, pastor of First Assembly of God, Caldwell, Idaho.

As an Assemblies of God pastor he was invited to lecture at the College of Idaho (Caldwell) to the class on American churches. The professor asked him to present the Pentecostal movement to his upper division class in one seventy-minute class period.

While meditating on how to best present the subject, he had the *Revivaltime* record playing softly in the back-

ground. Suddenly he had an idea; he would use the Pentecostal songs to introduce the spirit of our movement.

The students received him very favorably as he played, "All Hail the Power," "Then I Met the Master," "The Healer," and "Waiting on the Lord." He introduced each hymn with comments as to its relationship to the doctrinal stand of the Assemblies of God.

"Your fine choir presented the 'spirit' of our movement in a most effective manner," he wrote. "After this introduction, it was easy to lecture to the class."

A few days after his visit Pastor Caldwell received a thank-you note from the professor, saying that the lecture was well received by the class members. He especially thanked the pastor for using the *Revivaltime* hymns. Pastor Caldwell told Brother McLellan, "I want to thank you and the fine choir for presenting to the nation a record that so wonderfully presents our denomination."

A young man found the record album, "Music of the Pentecostal Churches," a real blessing as he played it on a weekly Christian broadcast. The interdenominational program is aimed to present Christ to young people.

From a family in Fort Wayne, Indiana, came compliments on the "terrific" selection of songs and the choir's professional quality. "We have an assortment of sacred records at our house, but the one by *Revivaltime* is the most popular," they wrote.

Across the ABC network and independent stations, as well as on two long-playing high-fidelity and stereophonic records and through tours of churches each spring and fall, the *Revivaltime* choir is spreading the full-gospel message in song. As many as one hundred have been won to Christ in a single choir tour, and uncounted numbers through the broadcast ministry. If you have received a special blessing from the choir's ministry, let us know about it. It will encourage the choir members in their dedication to sing for the glory of the Lord.

For further information about ordering *Revivaltime's* two record albums—"Music of the Pentecostal Churches" and "*Revivaltime* Around the World"—write to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Your prayers and support will mean much to keep *Revivaltime's* ministry advancing around the world. ◀ ◀

SPEED-the-LIGHT

TOP TWENTY-TWO

LEADING THE NATION

January 1—December 31, 1960

TOTAL GIVING

Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif.	\$7,604.67
F. G. A/G., Bell Gardens, Calif.	4,503.65
A/G, Winfield, Kans.	2,615.00
Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo.	2,501.00
First A/G, Phoenix, Ariz.	2,366.37
Rev. Ctr. Tab., Niagara Falls, N.Y.	1,874.11
First A/G, Springdale, Ark.	1,656.80
Chap. of the Valley, Harlan, Oreg.	1,600.00
First A/G, Grand Junction, Colo.	1,464.70
First A/G, Topeka, Kans.	1,370.30
First A/G, Vallejo, Calif.	1,306.00
First A/G, Glendale, Ariz.	1,245.25
A/G, Mont Belvieu, Tex.	1,225.00
First A/G, Madison, Tenn.	1,214.28
Bethany A/G, Adrian, Mich.	1,195.83
A/G, Redwood City, Calif.	1,167.51
A/G, Roseburg, Oreg.	1,150.31
A/G, Edmond, Okla.	1,130.49
Riverside Tab., Flint, Mich.	1,115.15
First A/G, Russellville, Ark.	1,088.72
Grace Pent. Ch., Johnstown, Pa.	1,045.97
A/G, Shoshone, Ida.	1,045.00

PER CAPITA GIVING

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

Chap. of the Valley, Harlan, Oreg. (7)	\$228
First A/G, Gallatin, Tenn. (6)	93
First A/G, Russellville, Ark (12)	90
A/G, Shoshone, Ida. (12)	87
Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Calif. (90)	84
F. G. A/G, Bell Gardens, Calif. (54)	83
A/G, Hazleton, Ida. (4)	80
First A/G, Phoenix, Ariz. (33)	71
A/G, Geary, Okla. (8)	66
A/G, Winfield, Kans. (40)	65
First A/G, Glendale, Ariz. (20)	62
First A/G, Madison, Tenn. (20)	60
A/G, Rifle, Colo. (5)	59
A/G, Eads, Colo. (6)	56
Rev Ctr Tab, Niagara Falls, N.Y. (35)	53
A/G, Mont Belvieu, Tex. (25)	49
A/G, Morland, Kans. (13)	48
First A/G, Springdale, Ark. (36)	46
First Pent Ch, New Castle, Pa. (20)	42
A/G, Forest Grove, Oreg. (12)	42
A/G, Boulder, Colo. (16)	41
First A/G, El Centro, Calif. (25)	38

Revivaltime Giving

TOP DISTRICTS

January 1 through December 31, 1960

TOTAL GIVING

1. Southern California	\$19,081.52
2. Eastern	17,455.67

AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. Nebraska	\$ 103.56
2. New York	101.84

INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

1. Southern California	\$ 3,729.82
2. Michigan	3,683.37

INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. Nebraska	\$ 29.50
2. Arizona	22.00

GREATEST INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. Tennessee	9.9%
2. North Texas	9.8%

GREATEST INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. Tennessee	9.4%
2. Rocky Mountain	8.9%

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The World Conference of Pentecostal Churches in Jerusalem

May 18-21, 1961

For information write to the Secretary of the Advisory Committee—**GAYLE F. LEWIS, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri**



THE MAN RAISED TO LIFE

Sunday School Lesson for March 5, 1961

JOHN 11:21-27, 38-44

I. SUFFERING PERMITTED. John 11:1-16.

The urgent message. "Lord, behold, he whom Thou lovest is sick." Mary and Martha did not demand nor dictate. Yet their tender insinuation was a powerful plea! They did not say, "Lazarus who loves you," or "Lazarus whom we love." Neither our love for Him, nor our love for others can commend us to Him, or be used as a basis for securing His help. Our love for Him is not worth speaking much of; but His love for us is the source of His wonderful ministry to us!

The strange delay. "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus." Yet he waited for two whole days in the place where he was! It was expressly because Jesus did love the family that He delayed to answer their plea for help. Christ's delays are due to His love—we need to regulate our lives by this truth. Again, we need an appreciation of the timing of God. His time is always best.

II. SUFFERERS COMFORTED. John 11:20-37.

Keen disappointment. Vv. 20, 21. "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." From Martha's words we may gather the following lessons:

(1) A lesson on expectation. (a) Sometimes too much is expected. Jesus was under no obligation to keep Lazarus alive. There is reproof in Martha's words as if Christ were bound to be present. (b) Sometimes too little is expected of Him. Martha limited Christ in thinking it was necessary that He be personally present. We may similarly limit Him by failing to take advantage of His omnipotence and omnipresence. (c) In some respects too much cannot be expected of Christ. In regard to believing Him concerning the things He has definitely promised us we cannot trust Him too much.

(2) Unavailing regrets. "If Thou hadst been here." Do we indulge in similar regrets? Some may say, "Lord, if Thou hadst been here I should have trusted Thee." Answers the Lord, "Blessed are those who, having not seen, yet believe."

Glorious assurance. Vv. 23-27. "Thy brother shall rise again... whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? ... Yea, Lord: I believe that Thou art the Christ." Though Martha believed in the doctrine of the resurrection, it did not seem that the blessings of eternal life were sufficiently wonderful to Martha to compensate for her grief.

III. DEATH DEFEATED. John 11:38-44.

The deep emotion. In a preceding verse we are told that "Jesus wept," and that He "groaned in spirit and was troubled." The word groan, according to Greek scholars, conveys the thought of indignation.

(1) The tears of Christ. The shortest verse in the Bible, "Jesus wept," is one of the greatest. Christ's tears em-

phasize His humanity, His real sympathy and ability to enter into the sorrows of others, His own personal sorrow for the havoc wrought by sin and death. His tears are a pledge of the future, teaching us what He is and ever will be—a Great High Priest who is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities."

(2) The indignation of Christ. Jesus groaned and was troubled (a) because of the unbelief of some who were present; (b) because of his indignation at Satan and his evil forces. Christ never took a passive attitude toward sickness, but opposed it with all the holy vehemence of His being. Can we read the Book of Acts, then, and be content to give men solace instead of healing?

The practical command. V. 39. The command to remove the tombstone seemed useless, but it must be obeyed, if the miracle was to be performed.

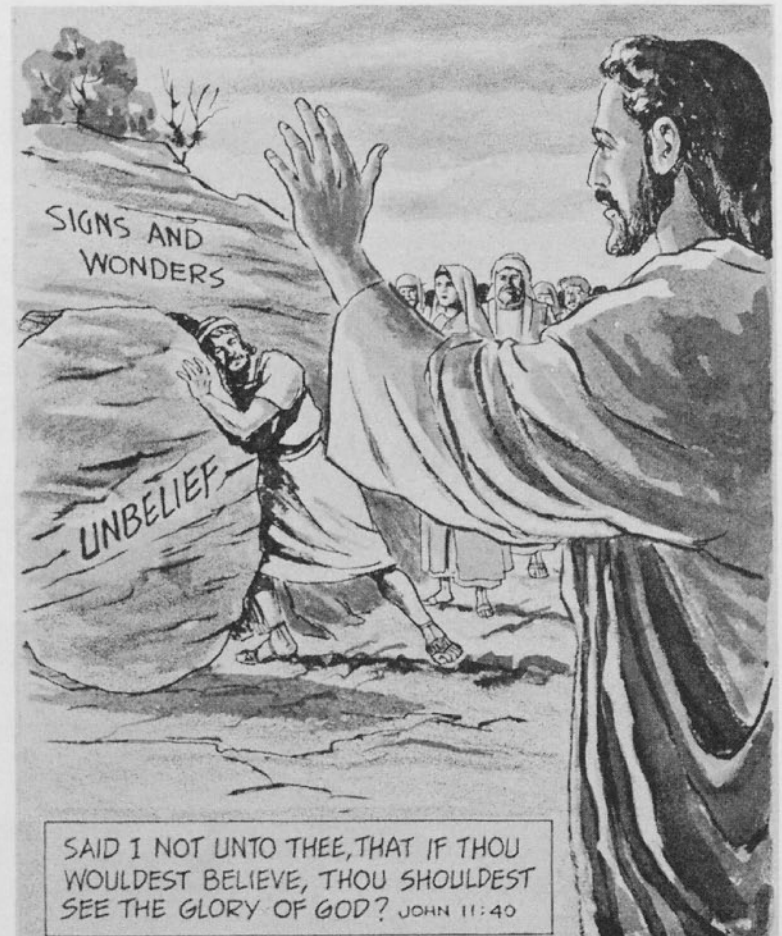
The firm reminder. Martha shuddered at the thought of exposing the body of her brother which by now was decomposing. Jesus replied with a principle we all need to be governed by—*believing is seeing*. The world says, "Seeing is believing." In the spiritual realm the order is reversed. Mark 11:24.

The thankful prayer. "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me." Here is an unusual prayer. Christ gives thanks for the answer to His prayer before the miracle takes place. Are we thanking Him for prayers He is *going* to answer, as well as for those already answered?

The mighty miracle. Vv. 43, 44. Lazarus in his graveclothes may fitly represent the Christian, alive in Christ, but bound by graveclothes of fear, carnal habits, pride, ignorance, prejudice, etc. The gospel is the way to liberty. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32, 36).

—J. Bashford Bishop

"TAKE YE AWAY THE STONE"



I Looked Into Hell

By Normand J. Thompson

I WAS DISTURBED AT WHAT MY VENERABLE, white-haired neighbor told me that morning. I know I alarmed *him*, telling him about hell. But he needed to be told.

I was looking at the rose-covered bungalow for sale across the street when he came over to introduce himself and invite me to his bachelor home for a cup of coffee. Mortimer Pike was his name. He was a tall, friendly old man. With his twinkling eyes and active step, I'd never have guessed him to be almost eighty.

His dining table was loaded with bottles of pills and medicine. With an apologetic gesture, he chuckled, "I'm half Christian Science, half optimism—and the rest of me is a walking drug-store. I've got diabetes, high blood pressure, and a leaky heart—and my arthritis hurts my joints in wet weather."

"You live all alone?" I inquired in surprise.

"Been alone now for a year, since my wife Imogene passed on to the next phase." Old Mortimer Pike cocked his head on one side. "I never think of her as dead."

"Why not?" I asked. "The Bible

says it is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the—"

"You're wrong!" The old fellow cut me off sharply to explain that death and heaven and hell were not real. Neither was sin; thus no place of punishment existed in "the next phase."

I mentioned the rich man and Lazarus. Just a parable, he snorted. The more he talked, the more alarmed I became at the poor old man's unscriptural beliefs. Gazing at all those bottles, I thought of his ailments. A heart attack—and where would he spend eternity? *Oh, God, help me to help old Mortimer Pike!*

"Mortimer," I said, "there is a hell. I know it's true, because I actually looked into hell one day."

The coffee mug in Mortimer Pike's shaky hand slammed down on the table, spilling the contents on the checkered oilcloth. "What's that you said?" he gasped.

"Yes, Mortimer, I saw hell with my own eyes," I said. "Let me tell you about it, just as it happened. I was pastoring a fine little church in Porterville at the time. Usually I spent Saturday evenings quietly at home, reviewing the Sunday school lesson and putting the final touches to my Sunday morning sermon.

"This particular Saturday I was seated at my desk at home, searching my Bible for a pulpit theme. Some scriptures came to mind, but somehow I lacked the blazing, compassionate zeal for winning souls I once had. All at once, things started happening. A sinister presence seemed to envelop me. Then I could see them, faintly at first, then as plainly as I see you sitting at this table. Demons! Their great black wings flapped, almost touching me. The stench of these evil monsters was sickening. Away in the distance lay a lake of fire, quivering and curling with green, orange, and red flames, and sending out billows of smoke and fire. Then from these flaming pits of hell rose a woman's voice, wailing in agony and fear, 'Let me out! Let me out! Let me OUT!'

"The demons cavorted about, flapping their wings and laughing as they dived and soared toward that voice.

That laughter—I'll never forget it, Mortimer. Such fierce, unearthly glee. It was horrible.

"'Slave! Slave!' they taunted. 'You're mine. You're here to stay—forever. Never will you get out. Never! Never!'

"I tell you, Mortimer, that shook me up."

Mortimer Pike scowled above his coffee mug. "You trying to tell me hell is a real place? And devils are real creatures?" he snorted.

"Why do you suppose the Lord let me look into hell?" I asked. "Why did He let me hear the despairing cries of that poor lost soul? Why did He show me those ugly, mocking devils? Simply to impress me with the terrible reality of the unseen world. Believe me, my preaching has been different since, Mortimer. I'm warning sinners, at every chance, of that terrible place of punishment."

Mortimer Pike was still unconvinced. "Maybe you dozed off to sleep, like I do sometimes, and you had a bad dream," he suggested.

In my defeat, I prayed silently, *Lord, what more can I say to Mortimer Pike?*

"Supposing I didn't, Mortimer," I said. "What then? Supposing there is a hell with tormenting flames, after all? I find that Jesus Christ, the greatest teacher of all time, talked more about hell than heaven. In the gospels He mentions hell some thirty-seven times. Why? Wasn't He warning sinful men about a terrible place of punishment?"

Mortimer Pike cocked his head reflectively on one side.

I went on, gently: "Mortimer, if there's no sin and no place of punishment for sinners, then why does Paul, in Romans 5, verse 8, write, 'God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!'"

Tears shone in Mortimer Pike's eyes. The faithful Holy Spirit was dealing with his heart. His Adam's apple moved up and down, and he gulped: "I—I'm not young any more. Another heart attack—Let me see your Bible. If I'm wrong, I've got to do something about it." ◀◀

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BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE

YOU CERTAINLY ARE HEAVY THIS month, Buddy," Terry said as he placed the little barrel on the chest of drawers in his bedroom. "I wonder what the money you contain is going to buy."

"I don't know, Terry, but would you like to hear what some BGMC money once did for a little girl and her family?"

"Oh, Buddy, I'd like that very much!" So here is the story Buddy Barrel Bank told Terry.

* * *

Rosario Ruiz lives in sunny Spain. She is a happy little girl, about your age, with beautiful black hair and a smile as bright as her sparkling black eyes.

Rosario had been attending a vacation Bible school at the little mission near her home. She enjoyed listening to the Bible stories the missionaries told, especially the stories about Jesus. Each day Rosario told her family the same stories and asked them to come to the mission with her. They told her the priest would be angry if they went. The Ruiz family was Catholic, just as are most people in Spain.

One day nuns from the Catholic church came to Rosario's home. They knew she had been going to the mission and wanted to stop her. They called Senor Ruiz into the family room and asked him, "Have you given your daughter permission to go to this terrible place and learn the wickedness they teach?"

Senor Ruiz was kind in his answer, "Rosario is happy when she goes to the mission. She tells me the stories she hears and they aren't bad. What is taught is not evil."

"You'll be sorry that you let her go when your family is punished for this sin!" The nuns turned and left the Ruiz home, their black robes fluttering behind them.

Senor Ruiz called his daughter from behind the drapes where she had been hiding and told her she could still attend the school if she wanted to. Rosario was so happy that the next time she went, she promised to live her whole life for Jesus. Her family was afraid for her when she told them what she had done, but they listened to all that she told them about Jesus. They wondered why the priest had

never told them such wonderful things about God and His Son. Rosario prayed for her family every day and believed that Jesus would save them soon.

Suddenly Rosario's father became very sick. He lay in bed, day after day, unable to do any work. A brother had a barber shop which helped support the family for awhile, but business became so poor that he had to close the shop. Rosario's mother had to work long hours to earn a few pesetas. Rosario was very sad because her family blamed her for their misfortune. They said God was punishing them because Rosario had disobeyed the nuns. They believed the nuns were right!

Rosario finally had to go to work so the family could buy food. She arose with the sun in the mornings and scrubbed floors all day. Her knees became red and hard; her little hands hurt so badly that she cried at night when everyone was in bed.

When Senor Ruiz was too sick to sleep, he would lie in his bed and listen to his poor daughter crying. He felt sorry that she had to work so hard. On one night such as this he called to her, "Rosario, come here, my child; I cannot sleep either. The pain is especially bad tonight; the medicine no longer brings sleep to my tired eyes. Please, Rosario, stop going to that mission. Perhaps if you stop, God will let this pain leave my body."

"Oh, father, God can take the pain away and make you well again, but not because of me. He can do more than that; He can live in your heart as He lives in mine."

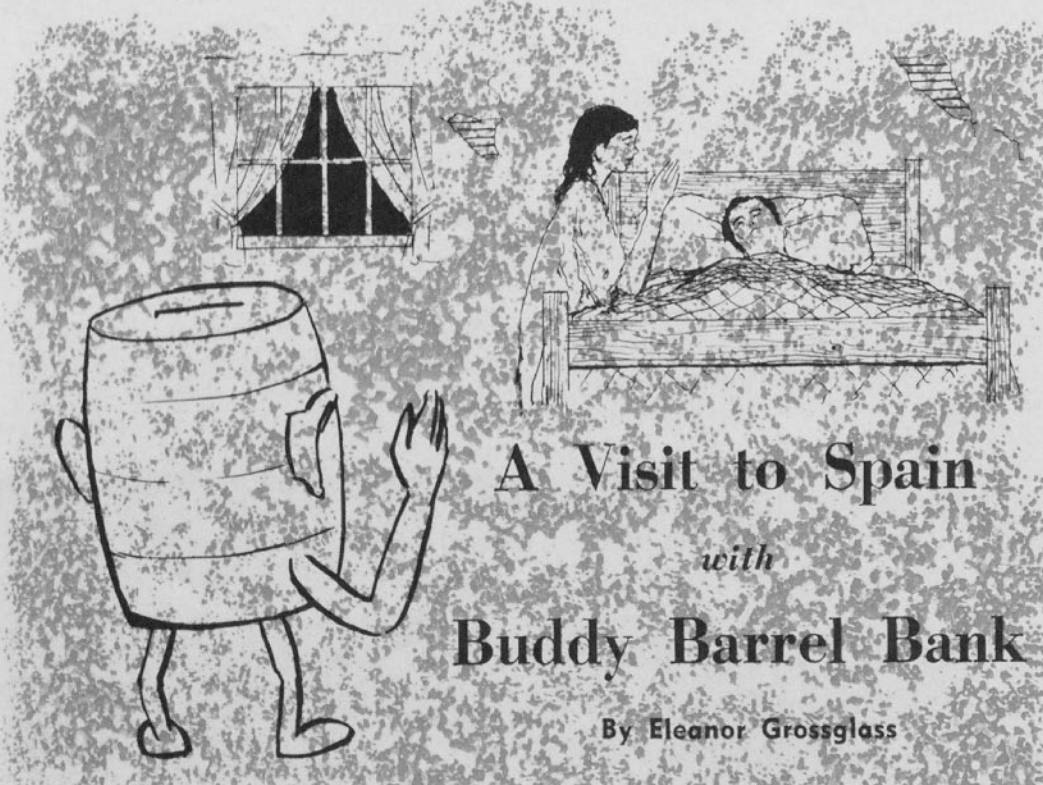
"Are these things you tell me true, child? Can your God really do this?"

"Yes, father. Everything I have told you is written in the Bible the missionaries gave me; so it is true. Let us pray now that God will come into your heart and take away your sickness."

* * *

"But Buddy Barrel Bank, what happened? Don't stop now!" exclaimed Terry.

"Terry, Jesus came to live in the heart of every member of the Ruiz family. Also, Senor Ruiz began to feel better and went back to work. All of this happened because Rosario learned about Jesus at VBS where BGMC sent materials. Perhaps the money you put in me will help another little girl find Jesus." ◀◀

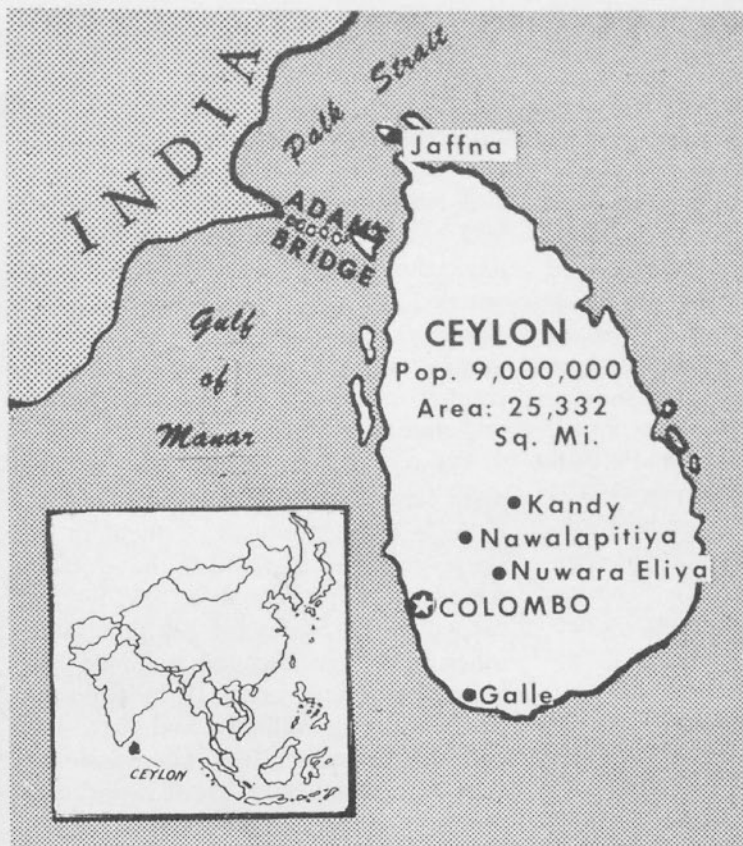


A Visit to Spain

with

Buddy Barrel Bank

By Eleanor Grossglass



The Challenge of Ceylon

THE ISLAND OF CEYLON HAS BEEN LIKENED TO A "pearl-shaped pendant dangling from the throat of India." It is separated from the India mainland by the 30-mile-wide Palk Strait, but the two countries are almost joined by a chain of sand banks known as "Adam's Bridge." Ceylon is one of the crossroads of Asia for it stands upon the great sea and air routes from east and west. Colombo has one of the finest harbors in the world.

This lush, tropical island is relatively small, having an area of only 25,332 square miles. It has a population of nearly 9,000,000 people of whom 426,000 are concentrated in Colombo, the capital. There are few large cities in Ceylon; more than 85 per cent of the population is rural.

Ceylon has been blessed by an equable, sub-tropical climate, and ample rainfall. The coastal plain is hot, but within a few miles is the bracing air of six and eight thousand-foot mountains.

Mute symbols of vanished glory are the famous "buried cities of Ceylon." The older, Anuradhapura, founded in 437 B.C., was for 1,000 years the capital of Ceylon. It had, in its day, magnificent palaces and temples, and was the home of 3,000,000 inhabitants. Its sister city, Polonnaruwa, almost 1,000 years younger, once covered an area as large as modern London. A stupendous history was uncovered in 1845 when British archaeologists began excavating these cities which for centuries had been buried under jungle and debris.

Beginning with the 16th century Ceylon was occupied first by the Portuguese and then the Dutch, before it be-

came a British Colony in 1815. Ceylon became a self-governing Dominion within the British Commonwealth of Nations in 1948. The country flourished under British rule. Besides introducing tea and rubber, the British built excellent roads, schools, and hospitals. Ceylon's living standard is one of the highest in Asia.

Ceylon is essentially an agricultural country. As a producer of tea, Ceylon ranks second only to India. Rubber is next in importance as an export product. Ceylon's cinnamon is world famous. The mineral wealth of the island consists chiefly of precious and semi-precious stones. From the primitive gem mines of Ratnapura, known as "The City of Gems," come practically every variety of gem, with the exception of emeralds and diamonds. The "gemming" method of hand dredging from gravel pits has remained unchanged throughout the centuries.

There are many racial strains in Ceylon, but the two major groups are the Sinhalese (6,000,000), and the Tamils (2,000,000). A third group, the Burgers (50,000), are descendants of early Dutch and Portuguese settlers. Following independence, Sinhalese was made the national language, but Tamil, English, and various other languages are also in use.

Religiously, about two-thirds of the Ceylonese are Buddhists. Buddhist temples and yellow-robed priests are found everywhere. Kandy, a city of 57,000, situated in the center of the island, is sacred throughout Buddhism for its "Temple of the Sacred Tooth," said to house one of Buddha's molars. The plan to make Buddhism the state religion is bitterly opposed by the Tamil population.

The Tamils are Hindu by religion. Approximately 600,000 Ceylonese are followers of Islam. Under Portuguese rule many Ceylonese became Roman Catholics; this is still the chief form of Christianity in the country.

Early in the 19th century a number of Protestant societies, most of them British, established mission stations in the island. The programs of these and later missions centered largely in educational and medical programs. The number of Protestants in the island is reported to be about 90,000.

The Pentecostal message first came to Ceylon in 1923 through the ministry of a converted Danish actress, Madame Lewini. Upon hearing that Assemblies of God missionary Walter H. Clifford in India was being used of the Lord in praying for the sick and in encouraging believers to be filled with the Spirit, she invited him to Ceylon to conduct meetings. He responded to the call and services were held in



Picking tea is a common sight in Ceylon



Missionary Rosa Reineker and nationals producing literature in the vernacular

various parts of the island. Some time later Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth also held a series of meetings which gave further impetus to the Pentecostal work.

Mr. Clifford remained in Ceylon and under his ministry the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle was established. In 1947 he was instrumental in establishing a church in Kandy, the main Buddhist center of the island. In spite of great opposition the work continued to prosper. While Palma Ramsborg and Kathryn Long were stationed there the Gospel Tabernacle was built. This church, now fully self-supporting, is also supporting a branch work.

During the early days of the Pentecostal revival, an auditor in government service, J. R. R. De Silva, was converted and received the baptism of the Spirit. Upon his retirement from government service he established a church in Jaffna which he pastored for 16 years. When he retired from active ministry Miss Rosa Reineker was asked to take the oversight of this church and an attractive building was erected. Since 1954 a Ceylonese pastor has been in charge of this self-supporting church.

When Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graves went to Galle in the early 1930's they established a fine congregation. Faced with the need for trained workers, Mr. Graves introduced a Bible training program in 1943. As the number of students increased it was decided to move the school to Colombo where, under his supervision, a Bible school building was constructed. The Bible school operated for a number of years, but, due to the lack of missionary personnel, has been temporarily closed. Graduates of Ceylon Bible Institute

have made a significant contribution to our work in the island.

Under the leadership of M. D. William, a graduate of the school, an Assembly was established and a church built in Balangoda. After several years of ministry there he was transferred to Nawalapitiya. "With great joy we dedicated Bethel Chapel for the glory of God on May 1, 1959," he reported. "A number of people have been saved since we occupied our new chapel. God has also filled several with the Holy Spirit. It is my heart's desire to reach this vast district through the believers God has entrusted to my care in Nawalapitiya."

A unique phase of missionary outreach in Ceylon, is known as "Tea Estate Evangelism," developed by Kathryn Long. The majority of the employees on tea estates are Tamils; therefore, Hindu by religion. Chal-



Children on the tea estate gathering for Bible-story hour

lenged by the spiritual needs of these people, Miss Long started Bible-story-hour classes which included not only children but also parents and grandparents. The aggregate attendance reached 1800. In three estates the Assemblies of God was given land, or allowed to purchase it, and now churches have been organized with national pastors in charge.

Communists were the first to take advantage of the government-sponsored literacy program and their literature quickly flooded the island. A Christian literature program carried on by the Assemblies of God is under the direction of Miss Rosa Reineker who devotes much of her time to this work. Thousands of tracts in English, Tamil, and Sinhalese are distributed each year.

Our work in Ceylon was for some years carried on in conjunction with the South India District Council. Due to geographical and linguistic considerations it was later decided that a separate organization could better further the work in the island. The Ceylon Assemblies of God, organized in 1946, now includes ten organized churches and ten other preaching points. Nearly 900 children are enrolled in the Sunday schools in addition to those being reached through the Bible-story-hour classes. The Assemblies of God organization is guided by an executive committee of six Ceylonese members and one missionary adviser.

Many Assemblies of God missionaries have served in Ceylon. It is not possible to mention all of them in this short review. A number have transferred to other countries; a few returned to the States for health reasons; others are now engaged in home ministry. In recent years Rosa Reineker, Kathryn Long, and Mr. and Mrs. John Gottschalk constituted our missionary staff. Of these only Miss Reineker is presently under appointment to Ceylon. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beck served on a special assignment from June, 1959, to December, 1960. Cecil Good, former missionary to India, was recently appointed to assist the Ceylon Assemblies of God.

Ceylon presents a challenge for fervent united prayer. Ninety per cent of all Protestant churches are located in towns and cities; 10,000 villages are without a gospel witness. Missionaries sense the urgency of not only seeing men and women saved, but giving them a scriptural foundation for their faith that will not be shaken by non-Christian religions and communist propaganda. Nationals must be inspired to a new dedication in order to meet this challenge.

—Christine Carmichael



The growing Sunday school in Nawalapitiya, Ceylon



The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

READ: Psalm 107:1-14

LEARN: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy" (Psalm 107:2).

FOR THE PARENT: The theme of this psalm is found in a verse that is repeated four times in the psalm: vv. 8, 15, 21, and 31. From this passage point out: (1) two purposes of giving thanks to God, v. 1; (2) the importance of letting our testimony be known, v. 2; (3) God's love to us shown in His guidance of us, vv. 2-7; (4) more reasons for praising God, v. 9; (5) the reason behind God's judgments, vv. 10-12; (6) the mercy of God shown in His delivering those in distress, vv. 13, 14.

QUESTION TIME: What is the theme of this psalm? (See above) What are some reasons for praising God? (vv. 1, 9) What is one reason for affliction? (vv. 10, 11)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Ellis J. Stone, Nicaragua.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

READ: Psalm 107:15-30

LEARN: "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions" (Psalm 107:20).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material. Then point out: (1) another reason for praising God, v. 16; (2) the reasons for some problems unwise people have, vv. 17, 18; (3) yet they are wise enough to turn to their only source of help—God, v. 19; (4) and God is merciful and delivers them, vv. 19, 20; (5) those who are acquainted with the sea can observe God's handiwork and power displayed in it—even the seas are subject to His commands (compare Matthew 8:23-27).

QUESTION TIME: Why do fools suffer affliction? (v. 17) Who is their source of help? (v. 19) How do those who go to sea in ships observe the power of the Lord? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Fred E. Baltau (superannuated), China; Mrs. Paul Kline, Alaska; Mrs. Fred E. Baltau, China; John W. Peck, Mexico; Mrs. F. H. Horst, Philippines.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

READ: Psalm 107:31-43

LEARN: "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord" (Psalm 107:43).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the material studied earlier this week. Then point out: (1) we are to be faithful to God's house and are to praise Him as we worship Him there, v. 32; (2) what God does for the wicked, vv. 33, 34; (3) the righteous enjoy the opposite of the wicked, vv. 35-43; (4) God's blessings do not mean we are to do nothing for ourselves, vv. 36, 37; (5) a desire for God and for true righteousness makes the difference in God's dealings with us, vv. 40, 41; (6) true wisdom is evaluating these truths and choosing right, v. 43.

QUESTION TIME: What is true wisdom? (See above) What is the importance of worshiping God in His house?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. W. E. Bjur, Chile; Mrs. H. V. Engelgau, Republic of Upper Volta; Alta B. Hodge, South India; Sarah C. Johnston, Hong Kong; Rosa M. Reineker, Ceylon; Raymond L. Zents, Republic of Upper Volta; Mrs. Pittman Lett (Deaf), California.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

READ: John 11:21-27, 38-44

LEARN: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "The Man Raised to Life" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review the story of how Lazarus died and was brought back to life by Jesus. Stress especially the lesson Jesus taught even before this miracle—that He is the resurrection and the life. Eternal life is much more important than physical life—and we have eternal life through faith in Christ. Stress also the great power of Christ in raising the dead.

QUESTION TIME: What lesson did Jesus teach through this miracle? (v. 25) Why is this lesson important to us?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. W. E. Lovick, Togo; Stevens Nolin, Malaya.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

READ: John 11:45-57 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world" (John 11:27).

FOR THE PARENT: Have the group review the material studied yesterday, stressing the death and resurrection of Lazarus. Also emphasize Jesus' concern and love. Point out Martha's declaration of faith (v. 27), the results of the miracle for good (v. 45) and for evil (vv. 46-53). As hard as it seems to believe, the Pharisees decided to put Jesus to death because of this miracle! Show how the truth of verse 50 relates to us.

QUESTION TIME: What were two results of the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead? (See above) In what way was the high priest's utterance (v. 50) prophetic?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Berniece V. Albers, Mexico; Alta Wyckoff, India.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

READ: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth" (1 Samuel 3:9).

FOR THE PARENT: From the first and second chapters of 1 Samuel have the group review the story of the birth of Samuel, the promise his mother made to God regarding him, and the way in which she carried out that promise. Samuel became a helper in the tabernacle, assisting the high priest, Eli. Show how God spoke to Samuel when he was a child, revealing what would happen to Israel because of wickedness. Stress the importance of keeping in touch with God so we can hear him when He speaks to us. Discuss also the different ways in which God speaks to us.

QUESTION TIME: What was unusual about the birth of Samuel? What promise had his mother made regarding him? How did she fulfill that promise? How did God speak to Samuel?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: John L. Franklin, Guatemala; Mrs. P. V. Greisen, Hong Kong; Mrs. M. E. Jorgensen, Republic of Congo; Mrs. Rodger Cree (Indian), Arizona.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Orla S. Boyer, Brazil; Nellie F. Meloon (superannuated), Congo; M. Maxine Richardson, Cuba.



Sandblasting

BY BETTY G. ANDRUS

WATCHING THE SANDBLASTER AT work is most fascinating! When the crew moved in to remove the dirt and grime from the building where I work, I was held spellbound.

During my noon hour, I stood and watched the operation until my eyes burned from squinting against the sun, and my neck was tired from craning it in order to watch the men at work on the top floor of the building.

The four stories to the top of the building had never seemed so high before; I wondered if the men suspended in air without the benefit of any safety device did not think so too!

A wooden platform, secured by heavy ropes, provided the only means of security for the worker. Seven or eight

men formed the crew, each on his individual platform. Precariously, as leaves tossed by the wind, the wooden platforms seemed to sway with every movement of the men or equipment. I marveled at their balance.

Each man was equipped with a canvas headgear for protection. A square isinglass opening in the middle front of the headgear enabled the worker to see. The completely equipped man looked like a creature newly arrived from some mysterious planet!

His mechanical equipment consisted of a hose, with air and sand combination, motivated by compression. The equipment was clumsy and hard to handle. Only a skilled worker could have been so nonchalant, working forty or fifty feet up in the air.

To balance themselves and the heavy equipment used in the operation demanded deftness and dexterity. It seemed to me that each moment was filled with danger and every move was courting death. One of the workmen to whom I talked told me that he had been with the company twelve years, and had seen seventeen men fall to their death.

If they were conscious of their perilous position they gave no evidence of it as they surveyed the world from their lofty height. It was not uncommon to see men on the fourth floor ledge of the building waving gayly to the passers-by on the street below.

The result of their work was fascinating, too! When the operation was finished, the building gleamed and looked like new. None of the old stain remained to mar its beauty.

As I watched those men at work, I was unconsciously putting myself in their place. How similar to theirs my own position and life seemed to be.

For was not my life, too, suspended as it were in air? My very being depended on the next breath that I must draw, and the very next moment of life must hold to this fragile, invisible thread. But though I had no visible heavy ropes to which to cling for security, I could say with the Psalmist, "My times are in THY hands" (Psalm 31:5).

That small wooden platform on which I seemed to stand—what an apt reminder of the frailty of our humanity, and of the limitations in our short span of life. Again the words of the Psalmist came to me, "Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth" (Psalm 39:5).

And what truths I could see here concerning the confidence and balance that is so important in our Christian lives! Certainly, if we do not maintain a perfect balance in our daily living we, too, place ourselves in a hazardous position, both as to our standing with God and our Christian testimony before men.

What poise comes as we remember past experiences of His grace, and what assurance as the Holy Spirit witnesses to our spirit and gives us boldness to declare, "I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (Psalm 16:8). "He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber" (Psalm 121:3).

Surely we, too, have seen men fall to their death. Was it a lack of balance—a failure to heed the immutable Word of God—that caused their wavering? For "He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed" (James 1:6).

How quickly the Christian life will be off balance unless there is a firm faith in the promises of a great God and a trust unshakeable in the Word that is forever settled in heaven.

Even as I mused, the picture seemed to change before my eyes, and I could see this life of mine as the stone building, with the processes of God, the great Sandblaster, at work on it.

What a marvelous, complete work it had pleased Him to perform the day we accepted the Saviour and first were given His sandblasting treatment.

The dirt and grime, accumulated over the years, had to go. How lovely and new our lives had become then, as old things passed away and all things became new!

It had seemed then that never again would soil and sin touch those lives so wonderfully cleansed; but again and again in the daily life there had been necessity for more work to be done on our buildings, and we came to realize that we are indeed "His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Ephesians 2:10).

There may yet be need for much sandblasting, but there need be no discouragement or fear, for we have the promise of the Master Builder's own Word that "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

I wonder what all this process looks like from "up there"? ◀◀

YOUNG PEOPLE HELPED BY OREGON C. A. CONVENTIONS

BROOKS, Oreg.—The youth of Oregon were greatly blessed by two C. A. conventions recently. The first was in Eugene, Dec. 27 and 28. The other was at Pendleton, Dec. 29 and 30. A record was set with approximately 1,800 young people present.

A fervent spiritual atmosphere was prevalent in all the meetings. Many young people were saved, reclaimed, or strengthened to continue their life in Christ.

The convention team consisted of Glenn Horst, pastor of Calvary Temple in Seattle, evening speaker; Elmer Kirschman, pastor of the Assembly of God in Newburg, afternoon speaker; Richard Martin, gospel recording artist, who is pastor of the Assembly of God in Carlton; and the Good News Quartet, a Pentecostal group.

—by *Wm. L. Stephens*
Oregon District C. A. President

VBS WORKSHOPS

Members of the National Sunday School Department will direct training sessions for VBS workers as follows:

Workshop leader: Harold Burris

BATAVIA, N. Y.—Assembly of God, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. (John Brown, host pastor).

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Grace Assembly of God, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. (Norman Farrington, host pastor).

ROME, N. Y.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 1, 7:30 p.m. (Ernest Darling, host pastor).

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Calvary Tabernacle, Mar. 2, at 7:30 p.m. (Mrs. Mary Corvene, host pastor).

BEACON, N. Y.—Assembly of God, Mar. 3, at 7:30 p.m. (Russell Goodwin, Jr., host pastor).

BETHPAGE, N. Y.—Assembly of God, Mar. 4, at 7:30 p. m. (Walter Radawski, host pastor).

Workshop leader: Paul W. Fenton

WHITE FISH, Mont.—Assembly of God, Feb. 27, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Roy R. Munger, host pastor).

LIVINGSTON, Mont.—Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 1, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (E. D. Nicholson, host pastor).

Workshop leader: Alex Hunter

AZTEC, N. Mex.—Assembly of God, Feb. 27, (Oscar Elliot, host pastor).

LUBBOCK, Tex.—Central Assembly of God, Mar. 2, afternoon and evening. (R. Austin Jolliff, host pastor).

Workshop leader: Billy E. Reeves

MINOT, N. Dak.—Assembly of God, Mar. 1, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Paul Sandgren, host pastor).

Workshop leader: L. B. Keener

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 2, p.m. (Melvin M. Byron, host pastor).

BESSEMER, Ala.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 3. (G. E. Harden, host pastor).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOINT WORKERS TRAINING COURSE—Feb. 27-Mar. 3 at Trinity Assembly, Midlothian, Md. Harold Crosby, instructor. Assemblies in Frostburg, Cresap-town, and Westernport, Md., cooperating.—by James Tate, host pastor.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Phoenix	Glad Tidings	Feb. 21-Mar. 5	A. F. & Anna Berg	D. J. Geist
	Yuma	First	Mar. 1—	Busse Team	O. W. Killingsworth
Ark.	Hope	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	David A. Hastie	W. C. Land
	Magnolia	First	Feb. 26-Mar. 12	C. B. & Mrs. Anderson	Ralph Copeland
Calif.	Brea	A/G Church	Feb. 22-Mar. 5	Don & Pat Hall	A. D. Duncan
	Crescent City	First	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	D. L. Rhodes
	Cupertino	A/G	Mar. 5-19	Oran & Audrey Duncan	H. Russell Baker
	Fresno	Bethel Temple	Mar. 5-12	Ralph & Mrs. Bender	Wallace Ross
	Imperial Beach	First	Mar. 5-19	E. D. & Mrs. Bagwell	J. B. Myers
	Los Angeles	Bethel Temple	Feb. 26—	Busse Team	Arne Vick
	San Diego	Linda Vista	Mar. 5-19	Linfield Crowder	George Gregg
	Santa Cruz	Bethany Bib. Coll.	Mar. 5-10	Ron Prinzing	C. C. Burnett, Pres.
	Santa Maria	A/G	Feb. 19—	Arthur S. Arnold	E. J. Kumpie
Fla.	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	Mar. 5-10	Bob Olson	Harold Schmitt
	Palmetto	First	Mar. 5-19	Wm. F. & Mrs. Voodre	L. B. Johnson
	Tampa	Sulphur Springs	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	Jack & Clara Peters	Joseph Hardt
Ga.	Atlanta	First	Mar. 5-19	Tommy Barnett	Jimmy Mayo
	Columbus	East Highland	Feb. 26-Mar. 5	Mrs. Lorene Daniel	Keetah Jones
Idaho	Aberdeen	A/G	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	Paul Clark Family	Donald L. Craig
	Meridian	* A/G	Mar. 5-19	Gayle White	C. A. Slaughter
	Nampa	* First	Feb. 19-Mar. 5	Gayle White	Warren Combs
Ill.	Carthage	Calvary	Mar. 1-12	Cox-Brown Team	Donald Skiles
	Collinsville	A/G	Feb. 28—	C. M. Smitley	Kurt Matschulat
	Galesburg	Calvary	Mar. 5—	Donald Lunsford, Jr.	H. J. Walterman, Jr.
Kans.	Topeka	First	Mar. 5-17	Watson Argue	P. E. Lowenberg
La.	Minden	First	Feb. 22-Mar. 5	Jack Pruitt	Leslie Hunter
Mich.	Plymouth	A/G	Mar. 1-12	Gaides-Wagner Team	John Walaskay
Miss.	Lucedale	A/G	Feb. 26-Mar. 12	Douglas Bartlett	J. L. McKinney
Mo.	Columbia	First	Mar. 5-19	Floyd L. Dennis	Charles A. Parker
	Grandview	A/G	Mar. 1—	F. D. McClellan	Burrell R. White
	Koshkonong	A/G Church	Mar. 5—	B. P. Carroll	Jesse Taylor
	St. Louis	Berea Temple	Feb. 28-Mar. 5	James Wyninegar	Loren Wooten
Nebr.	O'Neill	A/G	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	Oliver & Fern Johnson	Ivan Christofferson
N. Mex.	Jal	First	Feb. 26—	Charles Ogdon	Kenneth Smith
	Los Alamos	First	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	Wm. Paul Edwards	Forrest W. Mason
N. Y.	Huntington Sta.	A/G Pent. Church	Mar. 5-19	The Musical Vanns	Charles Shaffer
Ohio	Cuyahoga Falls	A/G	Feb. 26-Mar. 12	Musical Vanns	L. A. Thompson
Okla.	Hugo	First	Feb. 27—	Al Davis	J. A. Hobson
Oreg.	Hillsboro	A/G	Feb. 28—	Don E. Gossett	De Loss Crook
Pa.	St. Thomas	Full Gospel Ch.	Feb. 26-Mar. 5	Byron D. Jones	Gene H. Kummerer
	York	Faith Temple	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	Peiffer-Hardin Team	H. E. Hardt
Tenn.	Covington	First	Feb. 28-Mar. 5	J. B. Davis Party	Howard H. Jones
Tex.	Denison	First	Feb. 28-Mar. 5	Bob & Pat Ludwig	H. E. Smithee
	Highlands	First	Feb. 22-Mar. 5	Hardie G. Weathers	Jim Morris
	Mission	First	Mar. 1-12	M. R. & Mrs. Boatright	D. L. Berkheimer
	Nocona	First	Feb. 27-Mar. 12	Leon & Ann Bayless	M. L. Milton
Wash.	Ridgefield	Pioneer	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	Denny Davis	Elvin D. Irwin
	Seattle	Faith Memorial	Feb. 28-Mar. 12	Oliver & Fern Johnson	Willis E. Smith
Wis.	Kenosha	A/G Church	Feb. 28—	The Tanner Team	E. C. Scharnick
Canada	Mission City, B. C.	Pent. Church	Feb. 21-Mar. 5	Dave Tonn	A. Townsend
	Paris, Ont.	Evang. Centre	Mar. 1-12	Kudra Musical Team	T. Johnstone
Hawaii	Honolulu, Oahu	First	Mar. 1—	Johnny Barton	E. Vincent
S. A.	Buenos Aires, Arg.	A/G	Mar. 5—	Stanley P. MacPherson	Louie Stokes
W. Africa	Ikole, Nigeria	*** A/G	Mar. 1-19	Bob Hoskins	Mel Grams, Chm.
W. I.	Pt. of Spain, Trin.	** A/G	Mar. 5-19	Paul Olson Party	Charles A. Barker

* Children's Revival

** Area-Wide Campaign

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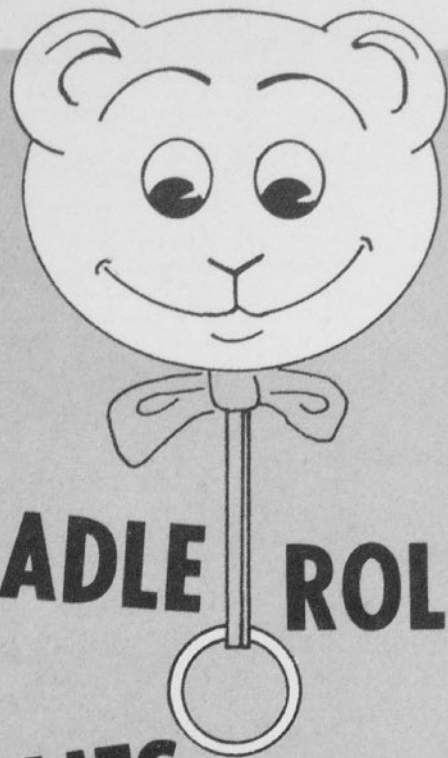
Mar. 3 at 7 p.m., dedication service for the new Central Assembly of God, 2225 E. Central, Wichita, Kans. Thomas F. Zimmerman, guest speaker. Homecoming service, Mar. 5; services at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. J. Boyd Wolverton, guest speaker.—By Victor Trimmer, pastor.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Mar. 7-12 at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, Calif. Pre-convention Rally, Mar. 5 with Wesley Steelberg speaking. Missionary speakers, Charles Greenaway, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, John McPherson, George Effman, Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Dillingham, and Mrs. Bernhard Johnson, Sr.—by Floyd W. Thomas, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

CLARENCE EARL WILLIAMS, 60, of Dallas, Texas, died suddenly of a heart attack January 12. Brother Williams began preaching thirty years ago. He was ordained by the North Texas District in 1946 and engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work in Texas.

MRS. MAY L. DEES, 60, of Deer Park, Ala., passed into the presence of her Lord on December 28, 1960. She had been in failing health for some time and six weeks before her death it was learned she had leukemia. Sister Dees was a licensed minister in the Alabama District. Her husband, Vander T. Dees, a minister, survives.



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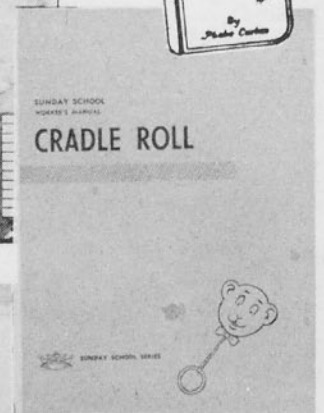
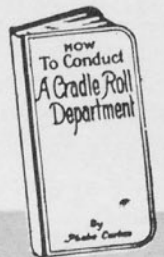
HOW TO ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT THE CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT, by Maxine Ethel Gerber. Helpful directions for setting up an organization, the equipment necessary, and how to run a church nursery, etc. Also included are Promotion Day suggestions and a plan and general rules for making calls. Paper bound, 32 pages. **3 EV 3473 30c**

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"WE AREN'T AFRAID HERE"

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that here he always has all he can eat of good, nourishing, delicious food; that he is loved and wanted; that he always has clean, warm clothing and a clean bed in which he can sleep in comfort and security.

Allen has gained weight. The wild look has gone from his eyes. He is becoming a well-behaved, good-looking little boy—the result of the loving care bestowed upon him by all the Home staff.

Sandra was one month old when her mother brought her to the Home and asked me to care for her. Then the mother left and never returned. Sandra has been with us ever since that day, twelve years ago. She has grown from babyhood, through the sweet years of childhood into school age, and is now in the seventh grade.

Never has Sandra known what it is to have father or mother visit her like some of the other children. She used to ask the current staff member in charge of the girls' dorm, "Why don't I ever have anyone come to see me? Why doesn't my mother ever come?" She is older now and no longer looks for any parent or relative to come to see her. She is happy here with us and has had a good life and an opportunity to grow up in the Christian Home and to learn to love the Lord. She appreciates what God has done for her.

Sharon is ten years old. She cannot go to school with the other children for she is a retarded child. When found by a social worker, Sharon had been alone in an old house for three days and nights, trying to care for a baby brother. Her mother was in jail and her stepfather gone—which was a good thing for Sharon, for he was very cruel to her. At one time she was in the hospital with a broken thumb and other injuries from a beating by this man.

When I got Sharon she was a lost, forlorn, hungry, abused little girl, sullen and unresponsive. It takes a vast amount of patience and loving care to help such a child, but we have accomplished a great deal, with God's help. Sharon smiles often now, is much improved in health, and is responsive. After Christmas she will be sent to a school for retarded children; and I am sure that she will be helped much by her stay there until next spring,

when we trust she will be returned to the Home for the summer.

About eight years ago a blonde, blue-eyed boy of two years came to us. He had a younger brother one year old. His father was in the penitentiary and his mother loved only the baby brother. So she left the older boy tied to the bed and never picked him up or loved him and almost starved him.

The child could not get enough attention for many months after I got him. Finally the father served his time and was released. We let him take our boy back, since he would be home to see the child was not neglected. The old story was repeated however. The father was sentenced to serve another term, the children were sent to a grandmother who became drunk and beat the older boy.

In time, the mother took the younger boy with her, and the older boy was beaten and chased out of his grandmother's home. He returned to us, and later on the younger boy also came to us. Now the father is back in the penitentiary serving a six-year term and the mother is still not able to care for either child. What would happen to these fine boys if the Home were not here to open its doors and take them in and lovingly care for them?

Every child in the Home comes from a broken home. Each has known abuse, neglect, hunger, lack of loving care, and lack of any kind of security.

There are ten of us on the staff, all working without salary, giving time and strength so these poor children may have tender and loving care. We cannot work out to earn money with which to keep this Home going. It is necessary to be right here on the job twenty-four hours a day.

We are doing our part in caring for the children, loving them, teaching them the precious things of God, washing their clothes, sewing and mending, cooking and serving, keeping the Home clean, warm, attractive, and homelike, caring for them when they are ill, and binding up the hurts and bruises of the heart as well as of the body. You who read this have your part to do, as many of God's people have been doing all through the past years. You can pray for this work and send your gifts of food, clothing, and money—a very necessary part of keeping this Home open for the needy children of the Northland.

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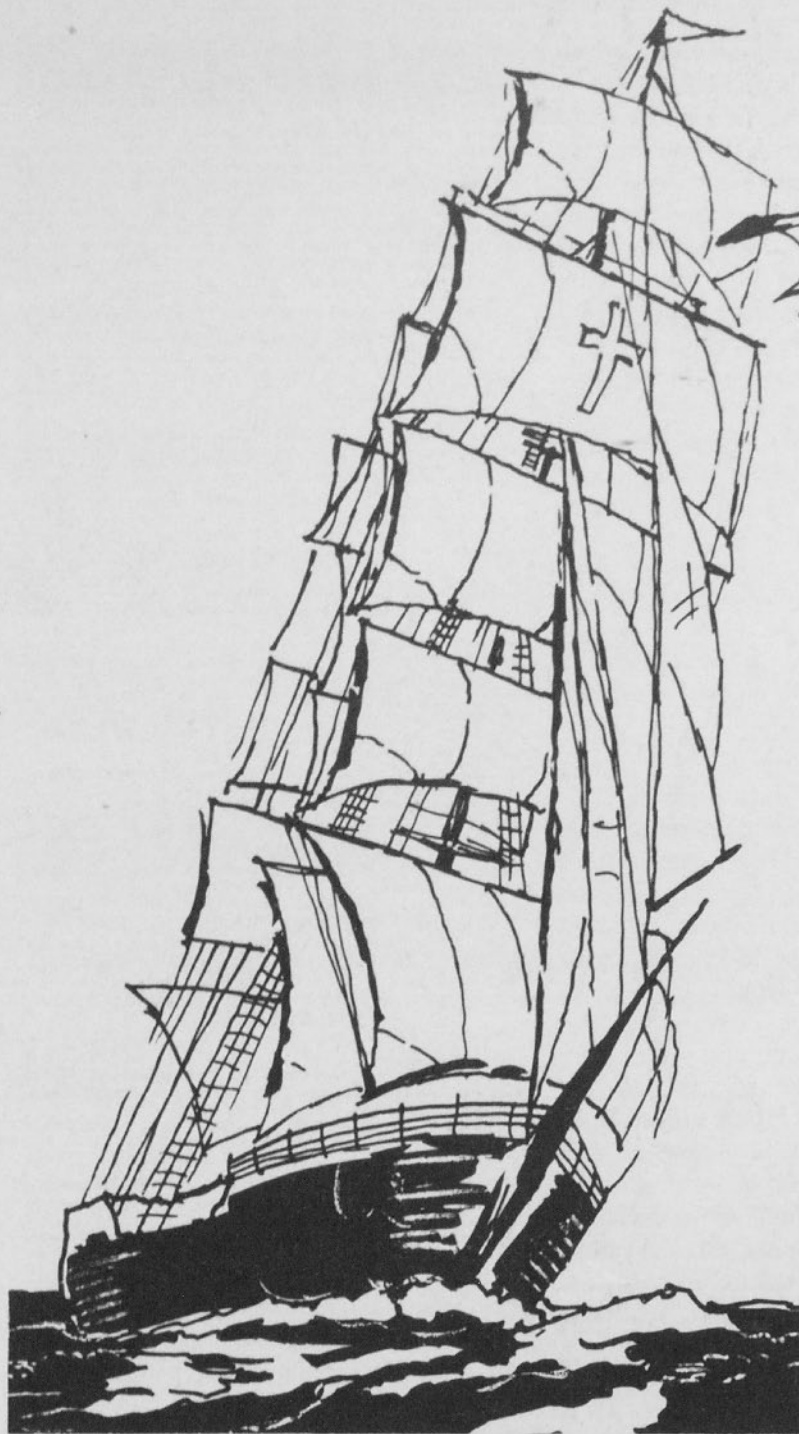
MARCH 12 IS CRADLE ROLL DAY. For ideas and suggestions for a recognition service, see February issue of *Sunday School Counselor*. Honor the persons connected with this vital department of your Sunday school!

enough by far. We need all the help God's people can possibly give. We need your constant prayers, and your faithful generous giving to keep this Home operating, and to bring the children into a saving knowledge of the Lord.

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Editor's note: The Lyle Johnsons have operated the Juneau Children's Home for thirty years and have salvaged the lives of many unfortunate children. The Home enjoys the highest standing with Alaskan officials. Some of the children who have grown up in this Home have now left to take their own place in life. They are young people of whom the Assemblies of God can be proud. Some are engaged in the ministry.

About 70 children are now being cared for in the three Assemblies of God Children's Homes in Alaska. The other two Homes are located at Palmer and Valdez. The Clarence L. Stroms are in charge at Palmer and the D. T. Schmidts at Valdez.



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