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... **We believe** the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

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The Sixth Pentecostal World Conference held in Jerusalem, Israel, last month was a significant event for many reasons.

It was significant for its wide representation. There were 2,595 delegates registered, representing forty countries.

It was significant also for the warmth of fellowship enjoyed by these hundreds of Pentecostal men and women from every continent under heaven; who, though divided by language differences and cultural contrasts in the natural, were united in a common spiritual experience of "joy unspeakable and full of glory" through the mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Another significant feature was the cordiality with which the Jewish nation welcomed this Christian convention, the largest international meeting to be held in Israel in over nineteen centuries. The Mayor of Jerusalem gave an address of welcome and all his fellow citizens showed every possible courtesy to the delegates.

Though the Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, had to cancel his appearance due to urgent government business, he sent warm personal greetings by writing a letter to the convention with his own hand. His representative, the Minister of Education and Culture, delivered a most inspiring speech in which he described Israel's national revival as a literal fulfillment of the ancient Biblical prophecies.

The conference was significant, too, for a word of exhortation it offered to all the Christian world. This timely word from Jerusalem was as follows:

"In this World Pentecostal Conference gathered in the holy city of Jerusalem where the living God has revealed Himself in the past through His servants the prophets, and where the Christian church was born through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, we have a special reason to consider the need of the whole Christian church in this hour. We cannot escape the feeling of responsibility to send a message first of all to the whole Pentecostal movement, and then to all our fellow Christians who share our same realization of the spiritual need of this time.

"First, we thank God for the impact that the gospel of Jesus Christ has made on the world through the centuries up to this day. We have to confess that there has often been a wrong impression of what Christianity should be, but in spite of this there always has been a testimony to the truth, and the Pentecostal revival has been brought into being by the grace of God to provide a living testimony that Christianity is to this day as real, clear, and powerful as it was in the beginning.

"As we look around the world today we see fear, unrest, and perplexity in all spheres of life. The situation is desperate. But this very world is that which 'God so loved' that He gave His only begotten Son to save it.

"The world itself has no answer to this spiritual crisis. The Christian church has not had sufficient power to guide and save either individuals or communities from this grave dilemma. This situation has arisen because Christianity has not preached the gospel in all its fullness.

"The only way is a renewing of the Pentecostal power of the Holy Spirit with all believers. A personal experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit with His manifestations, operations, and administrations, according to the Scriptures is the great need of the time. This would provide the renewing of true Christianity that the Christian church and the world need.

"We therefore call all believers to continued prayer, faith, and obedience to the Word of God. (Signed) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE"

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Sounding the Final Call

From Evangelistic Centers in the World's Great Cities the Gospel Is Going to the Nations

BY EVANGELIST GLADYS PEARSON

IT IS DUSK. TWO FORMS ARE HURRIEDLY CROSSING THE plains toward the city. They seem shrouded with mystery. But God knows their mission. He ordered them to go.

The cry of the sin of Sodom God can ignore no longer. Judgment is long overdue. "Angels," He said, "go and see." Not that God needs any angel's sight. He has an all-seeing eye. He knows the sin there. What He really means is, "Give them one more chance."

How like God! In His longsuffering love He calls many times, "Return unto me." Each call increases in intensity until the last one, the final chance. Rejection, then, brings irrevocable judgment.

Egypt had ten calls. The last one, the strongest, came through the angel of Death.

God spoke to the Jewish people many times through prophets, commanding them to repent. The last call, the greatest, came through His Son, Jesus Christ. Rejection of Him brought national dispersion.

Sodom perished! Fire came down from heaven and destroyed them all. Even angels were not revered.

Look today! Light has seeped into the heathen nations through the centuries. For the past 150 years missionary activity has been open and strong. But now the loudest, most universal call ever known to man is ringing out. Chosen men of God are speeding to foreign fields. They are conducting mass evangelistic meetings on an unprecedented scale. Wherever the doors are open, they move in with an urgency born of the Spirit. All who will hear, are hearing. All who will come, are coming.

"There came two angels to Sodom at even." In like



Inside view of Evangelistic Center in Frankfurt, Germany



Evangelistic Center in Tokyo, Japan

manner, God is giving one more chance to this world before the final, cataclysmic judgment. Oh, the goodness of God—"not willing that any should perish."

Missionary Elwin Grundy of Sierra Leone, West Africa, had a vision of these days in which we live. It confirms what is happening throughout the world.

He saw a great field of grain, white unto harvest. An older man was in the corner of the field, cutting the grain with a scythe. The wind started to blow. Looking above, he saw furious black clouds gathering. He increased his efforts. But Brother Grundy said, "I began to sob aloud, for I knew the old man could never harvest the grain before the storm broke."

Suddenly Brother Grundy heard a loud noise from behind him. When he looked, he saw huge combines coming down the road, manned by strong men. They took their place in the field, as if guided by an unseen Hand. Working fast and yet watching the storm above, they harvested the field just before the storm broke. Hallelujah! This gospel shall be preached in all the world! We cry with God, "Yes, give them one more chance."

Huge evangelistic centers are being erected to take care of the people. This is the day for gathering in the harvest. Judgment soon will fall. The night is approaching so fast.

We are crying for money to help build these centers! Oh, invest your money where it can bring eternal dividends. Seoul, Korea, needs help. Taipei, Formosa, needs a center to house its multitudes. And at the recent West Texas District Council \$2,000 was raised to start the center in Rangoon, Burma. More money is urgently needed now. Frankfurt, Germany, still has an indebtedness on her building. Zurich, Switzerland, needs a permanent building. Athens, Greece, has a small indebtedness against her building.

Let us lay up treasure in heaven. If you should like to help build or pay off the indebtedness on one of these evangelistic centers, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designate your offering to the center you would like to sponsor, or designate it "Revolving Loan Fund" to be used for new centers being planned for immediate construction.



Initial class at the new British Guiana Bible school. Faculty on front row are Mr. and Mrs. David Guenther (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Palser

New Bible School in British Guiana

BY PAUL PALSER
MISSIONARY TO BRITISH GUIANA

CONSTRUCTION OF ANY KIND IS A fascinating and wonderful sight to me. But no other construction equals the task God is performing in the building of His Church all over the world. We feel that the opening of a Bible school in British Guiana is a vital step in promoting God's kingdom in this country.

The Assemblies of God in British Guiana, being young in years, purchased the only property it owns in July, 1960. An old building on the property has been remodeled and repaired. It is this building that houses the infant Bible school, along with the district office, literature department, library, and Central Assembly.

The first term of school began on February 6 of this year with an enrollment of thirty-seven. Of this number there are many promising workers—the majority of them already serve in some capacity in their home churches. It is encouraging to see the intense interest and hunger they have for a deeper knowledge of God's Word.

The Assemblies of God Christians in British Guiana are an enthusiastic, zealous, hard-working group. Every spare moment is given to the work of the Lord. Every month, almost without exception, new Sunday schools and preaching points are established.

Wonderful? Yes, but the need for

capable, trained leadership has become acute. Further expansion—and many areas of the interior are as yet completely untouched—is hampered by the lack of workers. The Bible school is helping to meet this need. The call of God is upon the lives of these young men and women; and though they work all day and attend classes three nights a week, the other four nights they are busy for God somewhere in this "ripened harvest field." One pastor has reported, "Already the young preachers are preaching with new authority."

Your prayers are needed for this new Assemblies of God Bible school. Both students and faculty are taxed to the fullest extent of physical strength. But through the eye of faith we can see a flourishing, growing, well-constructed "wing" of the mighty Church of which Christ spoke when He said, "I will build My Church." And the young people who pass through our new Bible school in British Guiana shall play a vital part in this construction.



British Guiana Bible school in Georgetown



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY

TWO YEARS AGO, AT THE SAN ANTONIO General Council, *Global Conquest* was launched as a "crash" program for world evangelism. International conditions since that time have proved that such a program is essential if we are to reach this generation for Christ: eighteen African nations have received their independence; political upheavals in numerous countries have curtailed missionary advance.

During this same two-year period *Global Conquest* has assisted in providing gospel literature through seventeen print shops to 71 mission fields, assisted in training 2,500 national workers in 70 overseas Bible schools, and sponsored evangelistic campaigns on every continent of the world.

It is again time to support this effective missionary program in a concerted, tangible way. August 27 has been designated GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY for this purpose.

Each Assembly is requested to receive a special *Global Conquest* offering on Sunday morning, August 27, and report this offering to the General Council in session in Portland, Ore. The *Global Conquest* telephone number is BELmont 5-8901.

At the last General Council the *Global Conquest* offering, counting telephone reports as well as cash and pledges given at General Council, totaled \$75,087.83. Our goal this year: \$100,000 for *Global Conquest*.

Remember: Sunday, August 27, each church is requested to (1) take a special *Global Conquest* offering, (2) report the amount of that offering to the General Council in session by calling BELmont 5-8901 in Portland, Ore., and (3) listen to *Revivaltime* that evening to hear the report of victory for our *Global Conquest* Day.

If you cannot participate in this offering by attending General Council or attending church on August 27, you may send your offering to *Global Conquest*, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

Co-laborers in Harvest Fields

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK

WHEN PAUL SAID, "FOR WE ARE labourers together with God," he was talking of Christians working together in evangelism. Many skills and talents must be utilized in reaching our generation, and each task is vital to the success of our missionary commission.

Missionaries abroad have their hands tied if they do not have the resources at hand to meet the challenges they face. These resources come from Christians at home who are dedicated to a life of missionary sacrifice by contributing to the financial needs of the missionaries abroad.

A number of our foreign missionaries are being hampered in their effectiveness because they do not have regular support coming to bolster their ministry. Their basic allowance comes not from regular support but from Undesignated Funds. At the end of the General Council fiscal year (March 31), Undesignated Funds in the Foreign Missions Department were overdrawn in excess of \$18,000. This means that we have had to go in the red to keep the basic essentials of living supplied for some of our missionaries. Obviously this cannot continue, for we cannot operate our foreign missions program very long at a deficit.

In order to correct this situation, the Foreign Missions Department is sharing with you the following information concerning the needs of specific missionaries who have had to be supported from Undesignated Funds during a recent four-month period. The figures given include only basic support to maintain the missionary and his family; funds for projects and special equipment are not included.

Caleb McAfee, superintendent of our work in the Bahamas, needs an additional \$220 per month support to meet his expenses.

Harold Headrick, superintendent in Hawaii, needs an additional \$115 per month to carry on his responsibilities.

John Wright needs an additional \$70

per month to continue his village ministry in South India.

John Kolenda, who assists our Bible school and churches in Germany, needs an additional \$70 a month to carry on his ministry.

John Richards, veteran missionary to South Africa, needs an additional \$50 a month to permit him to continue his evangelistic ministry.

These are appointed missionaries of the Assemblies of God who need financial assistance in completing the task the Lord has laid upon their hearts. If you should wish to be a colaborer

Sowing the Seed Bountifully

BY MRS. R. L. CIMINO
MISSIONARY TO NIGERIA

ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO WE OPENED A correspondence branch in connection with our Bible school work in Umua-hia, Nigeria. At the end of the first month we had 66 applications for courses; now the school is growing at the rate of almost 100 new enrollees per month. Some are enjoying studying God's Word in this way so much that they ask for course after course.

We receive some very interesting letters from all over Nigeria—some serious, some touching; some humorous. A schoolboy requested prayer for help in passing his exams. He promised, "Tell God if I pass it, I will give Him a hen." A man evidently thought he was paying us a compliment when he wrote, "I thank you people very much for having made up your mind to work for Christ in truthful heart and sincerity."

Most of the letters we receive tell of the tremendous blessing which the Word of God has been. "I am no longer in darkness, but in that true

light of life," wrote a student. Another said, "You have shown me the right way to salvation and I must follow it."

Another testimony was, "My interest in trying to know more about the Bible is to help myself in winning souls for my Christ Jesus." One man wrote a prayer to which I believe we could all say "amen": "My Lord, my God, through these studies allow Your light to shine in my heart. Help me to accept Thee, to love Thee, and to follow Thee. Amen."

BGMC funds are helping us to sow the seed bountifully in this land of Nigeria through our correspondence courses. We believe God's Word shall not return to Him void, but according to the measure in which we sow, in that same measure shall we reap souls and Christian character for God's glory.

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

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FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 West Pacific Street
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Mrs. Cimino and students of Nigeria Central Bible Institute grade correspondence course examinations

Operation Capacity

After fifteen years, the Far East Broadcasting Company has facilities to cover three-fourths of the earth with daily gospel radio broadcasts

BY ANDREW E. NELLI

APPROXIMATELY 35,000,000 RADIO RECEIVERS in Asia offer a possible audience of multiplied millions that can be reached daily by the Far East Broadcasting Company, a soul-winning enterprise raised up by God and prospered to an astonishing degree.

Half the world's population is in Asia. Many are beyond our personal reach, but radio waves can pierce every "curtain" and set the captives free. For fifteen years FEBC has been proclaiming in the Orient and around the world the happy news that "Jesus saves."

From Christian Radio City in Manila this message goes forth in thirty-six major languages and dialects. Over 450,000 have enrolled in the free "Bible School of the Air" offered by FEBC.

The Philippine Service includes four radio stations broadcasting to the Philippines, China, Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the sea. The overseas service includes eight radio stations broadcasting to China, Japan, Rus-

sia, Southeast Asia, the Near East, Africa, and Europe.

From Okinawa, this gospel of Christ is broadcast over three radio stations—in English for American servicemen, in Japanese for the Ryukyuan nationals, and in Chinese to Red China just 350 miles away—on standard broadcast band, 100,000 watts.

From Belmont, Calif., twenty-five miles south of San Francisco, this very same gospel is broadcast to Latin America in Spanish, Portuguese, and English over a 50,000-watt international shortwave radio station.

Missionaries and national workers in various parts of Asia outside the bamboo curtain make tape-recorded programs for release over FEBC stations. Missionaries and national ministers receive free time on FEBC stations and do follow-up work to listener response.

In remote or by-passed villages that lie on far-off islands, mountain-hidden or buried deep by jungle, little mechanical missionaries take residence to give daily witness in places where there



The gospel is presented in 36 major languages and dialects from Christian Radio City in the Philippines

are souls that need the Saviour. These little "voices of the gospel" which we call Portable Missionaries (PM's) are transistorized radio receivers of special tropics-resistant construction and are pretuned to the frequencies of the Far East Broadcasting Company stations.

This far-reaching "voice" of the gospel of Christ is heard today because of the prayers of three men, John C. Broger, Robert H. Bowman, and William J. Roberts, whose vision became a reality at the close of World War II. The story of how God gave the franchise for the construction of radio stations and how He provided the means will forever remain prominent in the annals of missionary history.

The total assets of FEBC at the time of incorporation in December, 1945, were \$1,000. A portion of this was used for a one-way ticket to send John Broger to China where he spent six months attempting to get permission to build missionary radio stations. God in His wise foreknowledge closed every door for stations in China.

Mr. Broger arrived in the Philippines just two days after the country had received its independence from the United States. He applied for a radio franchise which was granted six weeks later—the first one issued by the new government. Then he was asked for the exact location of the intended installations. Property was imperative; keeping the franchise depended upon it; but there was no money!

Twelve and one-half acres suitable to the need were found just north of Manila. It was offered for \$20,000. Feeling the Lord was leading, the new-



Villagers throughout the Orient gather to listen to the gospel as it comes over pre-tuned radios from the FEBC studios

ly founded corporation took an option on the property.

Three weeks before the option date would have expired, the full \$20,000 still was not available. The FEBC founders believed that if God wanted these radio stations established, He would provide the money. They said, "If God is not in this thing, we want to find out now before we go any further."

The three men, with others, participated in a week of prayer. At the close of the week God had supplied all but \$4,000. By faith, a cablegram was sent to Manila, informing the property owners that the full \$20,000 would arrive on time. Within the next twenty-four hours a letter from a businessman in Chicago arrived in the FEBC office—a check for \$5,000 was enclosed. The gentleman stated that while vacationing in California he had heard of the beginning of FEBC and God had laid it upon his heart to help. God had supplied the need!

December 20, 1960, marked the fifteenth anniversary of the Far East Broadcasting Company. An average of one station per year has been added to the "radio family," making it possible to cover three-fourths of the earth's surface daily with the message of Christ. But the end is not yet! The real work has just begun! Now the stations must be utilized to their utmost capacity! These instruments must be made to be the most powerful means of molding the minds of men in the world today. People are what they are because of their *beliefs*, and they believe what they do primarily because of what they *hear*. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God!" People must hear the Word if they are to believe!

Asia needs the gospel as never before. "The church visible as it exists on the mainland today is not fit for the true Christian," is the sad testimony of Chinese Christians who have come from inside the Red China border. Communism has taken over pulpits. Congregations, weak in the faith, have dissolved or have capitulated to false indoctrination. Many, however, strong in the faith and knowing the power of the Lord, are prepared to resist this onslaught upon their souls and are even now continuing to serve and worship the Lord out of the sight and hearing of their oppressors.

Many have added their names to time's book of Christian martyrs. The

church (invisible) in China today is stronger than ever—as it draws on the power that God has promised in time of trouble. One of the many true stories of Christian fortitude coming out of China today is that of the pastor who refused to give his endorsement to communist propaganda within the walls of his church. He was tied by his thumbs to the rafters of his little church and whipped into unconsciousness. When they cut him down they warned him to think it over more carefully. Quietly he confided to a friend with rejoicing—"Now I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus!"

We have a responsibility to help sustain in prayer and encouragement those of His body who are suffering for Him. We also have a responsibility to reach those who have yet to hear the Good News for the first time. We can fulfill these responsibilities by radio.

The ministry of the new 100,000-watt station KSBU broadcasting to the China mainland is twofold:

1. To bring hope, comfort, and in-

spiration to the oppressed Christians in China.

2. To present the hope of eternal life to those who do not know Christ.

We know that many are listening regularly to KSBU's broadcasts. A recent letter came from near Peking, 1,000 miles away, from a person who listens in the early morning hours. He said he had listened many times before.

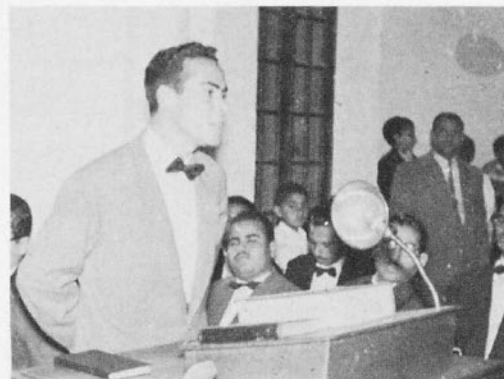
According to reliable reports there are now more than four million radios on the China mainland. Factories in China produce 100,000 a year. Many thousands of others are imported from Russia.

They have receivers—we have KSBU! For three vital hours daily the giant speaks. Let us now pray for more hours on the air for this great voice. Pray for Operation Capacity and KSBU. Pray for more capable, consecrated, Oriental personnel to be added to the staff and for increased operation funds. Pray that the broadcast schedule can be increased from 717 to 980 program hours every week.

"Best Convention in Forty Years"

BY JOSEPH BROWN
MISSIONARY TO EGYPT

WE HAVE JUST CLOSED OUR biennial district convention. About 100 pastors and delegates participated in the three days of meetings in Port Said. At the closing service this testimony was repeated over and over again: "This has been the best convention we have ever seen." Our eldest pastor, who has been with the Egyptian Assemblies since their beginning forty years ago, echoed this same impression.



Student speaker at the 1961 graduation of the Middle East Bible Institute



Executive Committee of the Assemblies of God of Egypt

On Sunday fifteen young men, all graduates of the Middle East Bible Institute, were ordained to the full-gospel ministry. In the evening service certificates were given to ten students who had completed three years of Bible study at the Port Said school.

Each of these graduates has gone into pioneer ministry. In spite of this, however, there is a shortage of trained workers. Numerous villages have asked for a worker, but we have no one to send. There are still hundreds of villages in Egypt where there is no church and no Protestant Christian worker. Pray that we will be able to train more laborers for the harvest. Forty students are on the waiting list and one student has come from Jordan to prepare for the ministry. ◀ ◀

Ministering to Christ's "OTHER SHEEP"

BY MRS. T. L. JOHNSON
Tuba City, Arizona

WHILE ATTENDING NORTH CENTRAL Bible Institute in Minneapolis in 1947, my husband had a vision which led him to consecrate his life for American Indian ministry. He saw dark-skinned women, with long, black hair falling over their shoulders, pulling heavy plows around and around in circles. After graduation in 1947 we began preparing for the Indian mission field.

Before long, we found ourselves situated on the Apache reservation at Whiteriver, Ariz. There the women seemed to share the greatest part of the home burdens, carrying wood and water, and building the tepees. We were privileged to witness the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apache women here where we helped with the work of the second Assemblies of God Indian Mission in Arizona. All of our

possessions were moved into a borrowed thirteen-foot house trailer.

Later, we helped with the Indian work in Phoenix and at Bylas. While in Phoenix we became acquainted with Navajo and Hopi students at the All Tribes Bible School.

Six years ago we moved to Flagstaff to attempt to reach part of the vast Navajo reservation. From there we drove 74 miles back and forth to the reservation at Tuba City (named after Chief Tuba, a Hopi Indian). We visited Navajo hogans and rock homes of the Hopis. The children reached eagerly for literature and pieces of clothing. It was a happy day for us when we finally moved our trailer to Tuba City. We also minister in two nearby villages, Moencopi (Hopi), and Moenave (Navajo).

The potential for evangelism is great here, for there are many Indian people around Tuba City. We held our first services in a hogan church and later in a tent, both summer and winter. Now we have a portable tabernacle for which we are grateful, but it is already inadequate for our needs.

When we first came here, we traveled dusty roads farther into the reservation. Now these are replaced with hard-surface roads. Also, direct electric current is now available.

Brother Johnson regularly visits the Indian hospital, giving out picture papers and other literature. Some have looked at Jesus' picture and said, "Who is that?" The church work here has not progressed at a rapid rate; however, when we conducted our first communion service last month I realized that this was indeed a church, a part of the great family of God.

Sunday school attendance averages 70. Several hundred souls have been

saved in the church services and through visitation in the hogans. Pentecost was unheard of when we arrived. Now Pentecostal believers are scattered here and there to the four corners of this area of the reservation.

Yes, we battle against odds: a liquor store on the edge of the reservation, the Peyote religion, severe winters, and burning hot summers. We must travel 74 miles to get car parts and then perhaps they have to be ordered. Fellowship meetings are all too few; but then, this is Indianland. We must go to the people in order to win them.

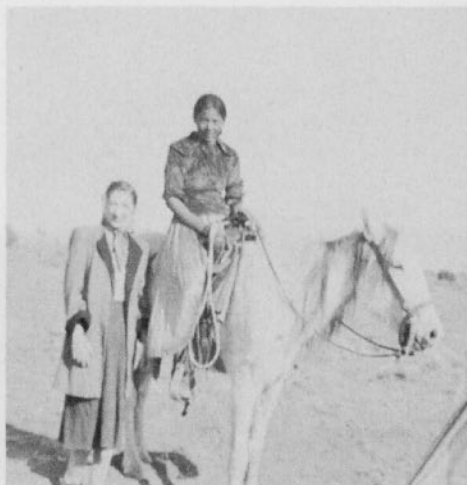
Our hearts have ached at times when we would take a lifeless little form from the hospital and hear the nurse say "malnutrition." Such situations are sometimes the result of liquor and the peyote drugs. *When Christ comes into a hogan, He makes a difference spiritually and materially.*

Last winter many sick folk and their relatives stopped by as they went to the government hospital. There were few nights when we did not take into our house trailer Indian people, even whole families, as overnight guests.

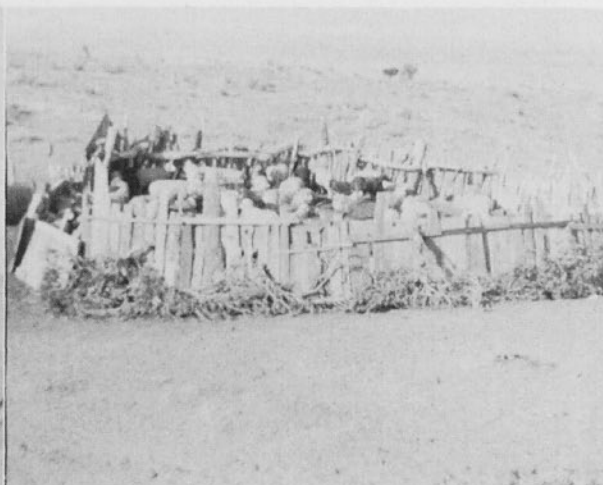
It would be New Testament gospel if we could put up a small building as a guest room for overnight visitors, which we so urgently need before another cold winter. Women's Missionary Council gifts of clothing and food have assisted us immensely in our work.

We had been worshipping in a tent until the need for a building was presented in *The Pentecostal Evangel*. God began to supply the money and materials until it was possible to build the tabernacle. Two more classrooms should be added to this building immediately to accommodate our growing Sunday school and congregation.

Some employment is available here



Navajo sheep herder near Tuba City chats with Sister Johnson



Navajo sheepfold reminds us of God's "other sheep" the missionaries are attempting to win



Indians stand outside a hogan which served as the first Indian Assembly in Tuba City, Ariz.

for the Indian people—work at the uranium mine and construction jobs, and work as government school assistants. But there are more people than jobs!

About five miles out of Tuba City, one can see Navajo sheep herders taking their sheep and goats to pasture and to water early in the morning. These animals seem to find the smallest leaf on the tumble weed. The sheep-herders' hogans are many miles apart. It takes several acres to feed one sheep, and the herders move from place to place, having summer and winter camps for themselves and the sheep.

Many of the Indian people are receiving welfare checks and most of them have large families. For the most part the people are poor, although silver and turquoise jewelry may adorn their clothing. Many of the Navajos must trade their beads across the counter to get much-needed food. The Navajos are famous for their beautiful woven rugs; but often they must sell these far too cheaply to obtain food.

Supplies at the Trading Post are expensive. This is caused by the fact that they operate on the credit plan and the trucking companies have many miles to haul supplies across the rough reservation roads.

Our church people give small offerings as they are able. Some even give when they are without work. These offerings pay for our Sunday school literature and for some of our utilities.

We maintain this Mission station with limited funds, but must not delay the King's business at any sacrifice or cost. "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost" (2 Corinthians 4:3). How much we appreciate those who have a vision for the Lord's "other sheep." ◀ ◀



The new tabernacle-type Navajo-Hopi Assembly in Tuba City, Ariz.

"Who Is This Man You Call Jesus?"

BY JAMES REINER
Ventura, California

APPROXIMATELY 85,000 NAVAJO INDIANS, two-thirds of whom cannot speak English, dwell in hogans on a 25,000-square-mile reservation situated in parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah. One out of every four do not live to see two years of age and one-half die before the age of twenty-one.

These figures are even more significant when we realize that many of these people for whom Christ died have never even heard the name of Jesus.

The missionary at Chambers, Ariz., told us of going into the hogan of an old woman. After they had sung songs and testified (through an interpreter) they offered to pray for her sick body, telling her that Jesus could heal her. She asked the interpreter, "Who is this man you call Jesus? I have never heard of him before."

When the Lyle Wolvertons moved from Parker, Ariz., to Chambers, Ariz., last November, the station was suffering from understaffing. Missionary Beulah Bills had started the Chambers Mission some six years before and had labored to support herself and the Mission by secular work. She realized the task was too great for one person and turned the land and building over to the Assemblies of God.

The Arizona District in turn sent the Wolvertons to be the head missionaries there. Sister Bills consented to stay on to help them with the work.

When we were at the Mission Easter Sunday the little 20 by 40 building was

jammed with 179 happy singing Indians and seven white people. A tremendous task lies ahead for the missionaries. Plans have been made to build a new 40 by 70 concrete block church which will have wooden benches and a concrete floor—real luxuries for these people. The church will include a 30 by 40 auditorium that will seat 250, eight Sunday school rooms, a pastor's study, a nursery, a 10 by 30 room for children's church and a baptistry. They are worshipping in a little lean-to church with a rock and dirt floor.

Running water is available and taken for granted in the United States, Europe, South America, and even in Russia, but not on the Navajo reservation. Water must be hauled from miles away.

The Catholic church has announced its intentions to build in the same block as our Mission, so if we are to do anything we should do it quickly. Once the Catholic church goes in and indoctrinates the people, exchanging their feather fetish prayer sticks for rosary beads and their yellow powder for statues of Mary, they are far harder to win to the Lord than from their pagan ways.

Three people cannot undertake this building project by themselves. They need help. Twenty-eight cents will buy one concrete block; one dollar will buy three and one-half blocks. About \$1,500 more is needed to complete this project.

Although occasionally someone with means contributes a sizable amount to Home Missions, which of course is greatly appreciated, the work of God is built mainly by those who contribute regularly and faithfully to His cause. If all help to bear the burden of the home missionaries and do what they can, God blesses both the gift and the giver, and the missionaries' terrific load is lifted. Your offering for the *Chambers, Ariz., Indian Mission* may be sent direct to the Home Missions Department at Springfield, Mo.



Lyle Wolverton, missionary - pastor at Chambers, Ariz., breaks ground Easter Sunday for the new Indian church so urgently needed



What About the Deaf?

Here are some answers to many of your questions

BY LOTTIE L. RIEKEHOF
Instructor in Sign Language
at Central Bible Institute

THESE ARE MANY QUESTIONS IN THE minds of people about ministry to the Deaf. Some of these are discussed here in order to give you a better understanding of the needs of those who live in a silent world.

We have deaf people in our church and I would like to help them but do not know how. What shall I do?

Ask these folk to teach you the sign language. They will be glad to do so when they see you are genuinely interested. In the meantime, sit beside them in church, write the main points of the sermon, and turn to the songs being sung so that they can follow along with the congregation.

There are deaf people who have said they attend an Assemblies of God church regularly although no one there interprets or writes for them. They like the atmosphere and can feel something in the church. The Spirit of God is faithful in meeting their hungry hearts!

I have three deaf children, all attending the special school in West Virginia. When they are at home with me



T. A. Kessel, Dean of Central Bible Institute, makes the sign for spring as described in the new sign language book prepared by Lottie Riekehof

in the summer I would like to be able to tell them about God but I cannot even sign to them. Where can I learn?

This question was asked by a mother at the Potomac District Camp. Her heart ached for her children and she felt she was unable to tell even simple Bible stories to them because they could not hear and she did not know their language.

Anyone can learn to talk to the Deaf. The first step is to learn the one-handed manual alphabet, and the second is to study the simple signs used by all American deaf people. The Deaf are good teachers and very patient with hearing people who wish to learn. A number of our Bible schools offer courses in sign language and within a few months a student can become fairly proficient.

I have heard that lip reading is the most modern method of teaching the Deaf. Why bother with signs if they are becoming obsolete?

Schools for the Deaf emphasize speech and speech reading (often called lip reading), but as deaf children begin to mingle with the older Deaf they express themselves quickly and easily by means of sign language. The adult deaf everywhere in our country use signs.

At its best, lip reading is a limited means of communication, particularly in public gatherings. For many of the Deaf, the sign language is the only satisfactory means of communication.

Why so much emphasis on the Deaf and the sign language? Surely by this time there must be enough workers out to reach them.

The Deaf do not live in their own separate communities and therefore a missionary cannot easily reach them in large groups: We must literally go into the highways and byways to find the Deaf and to witness to them individually, inviting them to the church. Deaf evangelism is slow work requiring much patience. There are approximately 500,000 deaf people in the United States and there are still 25 states without even one Assemblies of God full-gospel worker to the Deaf.

Why go to the trouble of learning the sign language when we believe in divine healing? Is it a lack of faith to interpret to the Deaf in our churches when we believe God could heal them of their deafness?

This is a question frequently asked and about which many pages could be written. The Bible asks, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" How shall the Deaf know the way of salvation and the miracle of divine healing except it be preached to them by someone who knows their language?

When a deaf person is prayed for and his ears are opened by a miracle of God, it takes a second miracle for him to understand our language. We must remember that the Deaf have never heard this language before. Although a deaf person who is healed can now hear a language, it is foreign to him. If the second miracle is not given to him, that of understanding, someone must take this person who has been healed and begin teaching him to speak and to understand the English language. This is a tedious task which few people have undertaken.

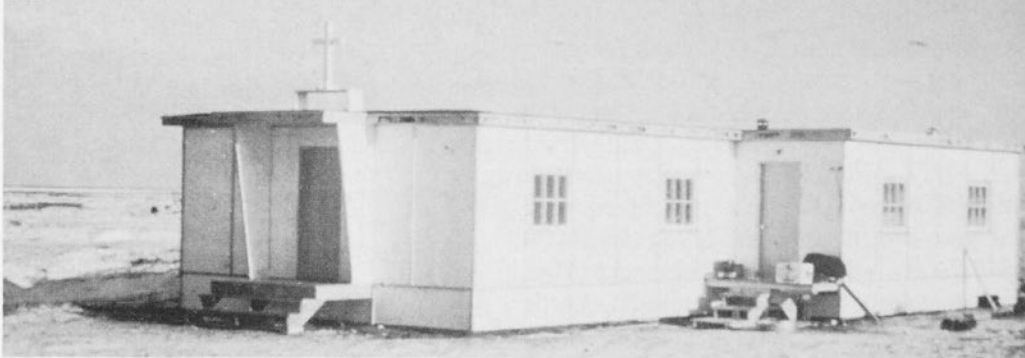
The Deaf are a happy people and consider their loss of hearing a handicap and not an illness. Therefore, they do not usually seek healing. They marry the Deaf, have homes, are employed, and are usually well adjusted to living in their silent world. In their circle of friends they find happiness, particularly if they are Christians and attend a church where they are ministered to through the sign language and led into deeper experiences with the Lord.

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Editor's Note: Miss Riekehof has just completed a manual, *The American Sign Language*. This book contains an easily-understood description of 989 signs. Copies may be ordered for \$2 each from the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.



The 1960 Deaf Convention was held at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Mo.



New church built at Wainwright, Alaska. (Inset: Cecelia Piper, missionary)

Eskimo Congregation Helps New Church

Arctic Converts Learn "It Is More Blessed to Give than to Receive"

THE NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS Secretary could hardly believe his eyes as he read, "With this letter you will find a check for \$300 which is to be applied to the Eskimo Building Fund."

He read this first sentence of I. Cecelia Piper's letter again to be sure he had read correctly. Yes, there it was in black and white. The letter from Sister Piper, who is missionary-pastor of the new congregation in Wainwright, Alaska, continued:

"I would like you to know where the most of this money came from. One Sunday morning while I was leading the service for the Eskimo people here in Wainwright, a note was placed on my desk. Hurriedly I read, 'You never preach us we should tithe. Why? We want to give to God and in Bible I find it says bring tithe to God. This money is my tithe on sale of polar bear.'

"Needless to say, my heart was touched. These people are extremely poor. I have never stressed tithing or the offerings, for I know the sacrifice it would be to them to give. But there

were others that same day who brought tithe on their trapping interests, and from day laboring, and so forth.

"So the next Sunday I told them about the need for funds for a new church in Barter Island. They were extremely happy to help, for others had helped them to have a fine new church in Wainwright. I made a little thermometer; and as fast as money came in, the mercury would rise. The goal was \$300 for Barter Island.

"Brother Brandt, we started this project in February. Now the first of May, the mercury is at the top. I know there have been many sacrificial gifts. How it should move the hearts of some of our Assemblies Christians in the other states to know what the pure love of Christ (who said, 'Love thy neighbor') can mean to a people long deprived of such love and grace.

"I might add that one man gave a donation of \$70—his tithe on the hunting for the year. With tears flowing down frostbitten cheeks, he said, 'I never felt so happy in all my whole life!'"

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Please be sure to state clearly the fund to which you are contributing. Thank you.



PRAYER IS NO SUBSTITUTE

THERE IS A TIME FOR PRAYER AND there is also a time for action. But there is danger that prayer may become a substitute for action.

When Israel had suffered her despicable defeat at Ai, Joshua immediately went to prayer. And he stayed upon his face until the Lord rebuked him. "The Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?" (Joshua 7:10). Evidently Joshua was praying that God would solve the problem, and this was good. However, Joshua apparently failed to understand that there was no solution apart from definite action on his part. When he did act, the matter was rapidly settled.

Only a fool would diminish the importance of prayer; yet prayer by itself will not save this generation. Unless prayer is mingled with action, it can become but a substitute for action.

The harvest is the principal concern of Jesus, although in His eyes there is no harvest problem. To Him "the harvest truly is plenteous..." (Matt. 9:37) and "the fields are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). It is rather a labor problem which troubles Him, for "the labourers are few" (Matt. 9:37).

What then is the solution? It is obedience to the simple harvest commandment, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38).

The church can pray for the lost and then, with Joshua, be victim of the misconception that the rest is up to God. But she cannot for long pray earnestly and honestly that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers, without hearing the searching plea Isaiah heard: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Nor can she thus pray without committing herself to definite action and responding, as the prophet did, "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

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

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Glimpses of the Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department

JEWISH MINISTRY

Riverside, California

Manuel Buttram, missionary at Riverside, is grateful for a 1961 Volkswagen. A pastor in California gave him his equity in his car, and God has provided the rest of the money for the payments also.

PRISON MINISTRY

Angola, Louisiana

V. K. Fletcher, Protestant Chaplain at the Louisiana State Penitentiary, writes: "Our religious program here at Angola is expanding very rapidly and the number of men that have requested Bible courses greatly exceeds the material we have available. We have found that the Bible courses offered by the Assemblies of God are by far the most popular with the inmates of this institution and we are completely out of them. If it is at all possible we would appreciate receiving any number of the seven courses you provide for prisoners free of charge."

ALASKA MINISTRY

New Appointees

The Juneau Children's Home in Alaska is gaining some newly appointed workers. Carol Riley of Kirkland, Wash., who attended Northwest Bible College one year, and has been active in church work as C. A. president and children's worker will join the staff in July. Rose Ellen Rosier of Fremont, Calif., will assume her duties in the Juneau Home in September. She attended Bethany Bible College for a year and a half. She also has been active in church work.

Palmer

Boys of the Children's Farm Home at Palmer are thrilled with the forty laying hens the supervisors bought in March. One of the little Eskimo fellows was really amazed and said, "Them chickens are neat; they lay eggs!" With fresh eggs \$1 a dozen, it was not possible for eggs to appear on the Children's Home menu before.

Now the boys enjoy eggs for breakfast every morning.

Kaktovik (Barter Island)

Agnes Rodli has been living on Barter Island and having services for the natives. Recently her cabin burned, so she had to leave the island.

Kenai

Sunday school and church attendance has more than doubled recently in Kenai where the Carl Glicks pastor.

Point Hope

Alvin Capener, missionary at Point Hope, reports good results from a meeting conducted in March by the Oscar Butterfields, evangelists. Attendance at the meetings in this pioneer field averaged 43 and the missionaries prayed with several natives for salvation.

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

New Appointees

The Vern L. McNallys, recently appointed to serve in the American Indian field, pastored the Assembly of God in Willard, Mo., while attending Central Bible Institute. When Brother McNally graduated this year these new missionaries began their ministry as pastors of the Indian Assembly in Sisseton, S. Dak.

The Lonnie P. Thomases of Dayton, Tex., both graduates of Central Bible Institute, have recently been appointed to American Indian ministry. They plan to work among the Papago Indians in southern Arizona. These missionaries hold credentials with the South Texas District.

The Larry E. Fosters of Couderay, Wis., have received appointment to the American Indian field. Both attended North Central Bible College and Brother Foster is a graduate.

Denver, Colorado

The Indian Mission in Denver, where Ruby London ministers, recently had an encouraging revival with the Gosnetts. All members of one Navajo family were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school is growing, with an average for April of 65. Many new

people attended during the revival. A young people's group was organized. A number of people were saved and filled with the Spirit during the five-week meeting.

Lumberton, North Carolina

R. W. Buchanan, missionary in Lumberton, is completing the 8- by 20-foot addition to the front of the Indian Mission and has just finished painting the whole church building. He plans to add a steeple in the near future.

Table Mountain Rancheria, California

The new Indian Assembly at Table Mountain Rancheria near Clovis, Calif., will have a new roof, according to Pastor Alvin McSwain. Churches of the section pledged from \$20 to \$50 each, totaling \$500 for the new roof.

Farmington, New Mexico

Recently while Decie Evans, missionary at Farmington, was preaching one Sunday morning, a Navajo man saw a vision of Christ standing near her. At the close of the message the Indian went to the altar for salvation.

Casa Blanca, Arizona

Marcia McCorkle, missionary at Casa Blanca, reports 11 at the altar for salvation recently. A new well has been drilled at Casa Blanca which is a great help to the missionary and the people.

West Texas

The West Texas WMC's recently supplied the Lemy Pikes, Dulce, N. Mex., and the James Browns, Stratford, Tex., with items from their WMC linen closet, to help them in their work among the American Indians. The Browns will soon be ministering in Arizona.

HOME MISSIONS LITERATURE AVAILABLE

For the Home Missions Day services on July 9 the following literature is available from the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

Free posters; free pamphlets on the Special Ministries of the department (state quantity desired); an attractive comprehensive booklet, "Special Ministries," at 10c each or \$8 for 100 (one copy free); a tract, "Trail of Tears," telling the story of the Cherokee Removal, at \$1.50 for 100 (five copies free); a free illustrated story, "The Latchstring Picture"; a large map of Alaska.

(Be sure to order literature two to three weeks in advance of date needed. Excellent suggestions will be found in the July 9 opening service programs in the Superintendent's Planner.)

Prior Lake, Minnesota

Adult and youth Indian camps will be conducted simultaneously, July 17-23, at the Prior Lake camp twenty-five miles south of Minneapolis. Mel-ford Olson of St. Paul will be speaker. For further information, contact Pas-tor Lawrence L. Bisonette, 2320 Bloom-ington Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

Dodson, Montana

George Effman will be the speaker at the Indian Camp beginning July 19 on the Lodge Pole Reservation at Dod-son, Mont., where John Gunderson is pastor.

Shawano, Wisconsin

In spite of the turmoil caused by the termination act, which will bring about a drastic change in living for the Menominee Indian people, our work among them is progressing well. The Norman Rehwindels are now building a church on the reservation and feel confident that many of the Indians will attend church when it is finished.

Port Angeles, Washington

Ed. H. Brothers is moving to Cana-da to pastor and Bernard Ellsworth will replace him at Port Angeles. The Northwest Bible College recently sent this Indian church \$285.71, the most of which was applied on a much-needed Sunday school bus. The in-terior of the church is completed ex-cept for the floor. The exterior is near-ly ready for painting.

Mexican Hat, Utah

The Grant B. Croasmuns have re-cently started outstation services (in addition to their regular Mission ser-vices) at a Vanadium Mill called the VCA, 17 miles from Mexican Hat. Already eight have made decisions for Christ.

Whiteriver, Arizona

Paul Evans' home church in Denton, Tex., recently brought him a Chevrolet pickup loaded with clothing from that section for distribution.

Yerington, Nevada

Bethel Indian Assembly had a suc-cessful series of meetings in April, lasting three weeks. Several were saved and some were reclaimed. Van Cum-mings, pastor of the white Assembly of God in Yerington, George Effman of Sacramento, Calif., and the Robert Caudles of Tulare, Calif., ministered in these services.

The present church building in Yer-ington is inadequate for the congrega-tion. Materials are available nearby and a carpenter is also available to work on a new building, but funds are in-

sufficient as yet to begin building oper-ations. The Luther Claytons are pastors here.

San Tan, Arizona

Following two years of drought, the Pima tribe located in this area is suf-fering a serious water shortage for ir-rigation. They cannot grow the usual crops and this creates an unemployment situation. None of these Indians get government checks. Due to lack of funds, the Welfare Department has dropped many needy families. The In-dian people are allowed a certain quota of water and when it is used up the land has to lie idle. The San Tan church still owes \$500 on the well and pump they have just put in.

Missionary Edna Griep, P. O. Box 163, Chandler, Ariz., would welcome packaged and canned foods to help

relieve the suffering of these needy people.

DEAF MINISTRY

New Appointee

Ann Maselli of Springfield, Mo., has received appointment as a home mis-sionary to the Deaf. She learned the sign language at Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, Calif., and taught the sign language in that college for one year. While continuing her studies this past year at Central Bible Institute, she ministered to the Deaf in various cities in Missouri and other states on week-ends. She has also worked in summer camps for the Deaf. At present she is ministering once a month to the Deaf in Burlington, Iowa, and plans to re-side there in September to establish regular services for the Deaf in that area.

New Appointees to Home Mission Fields



Vern McNally
(American Indians)



Dorothy McNally



Carol Riley
(Alaska)



Lonnie P. Thomas
(American Indians)



Alma Thomas



Rose Ellen Rosier
(Alaska)



Larry E. Foster
(American Indians)



Ruth Foster



Ann Maselli
(Deaf)

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

American Samoa

SPEED-THE-LIGHT PROVIDES NEW PRINTING PRESS

A multilith offset press has been purchased by Speed-the-Light for use in American Samoa. Jim Cummins, of Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, Calif., assisted Missionary Maurice Luce in selecting the press and other accessories. The *Evangel*, tracts, and other Christian literature will be printed in Samoan on this new press.

El Salvador

STUDENTS PIONEER A CHURCH

Young people from one of the San Salvador churches started preaching in Apulo, El Salvador, two years ago. "However," reports Missionary Arthur Lindvall, "little results were seen until recently when in three weeks' time 35 accepted the Lord as their Saviour. Now this congregation has its own pastor and is conducting Sunday school and preaching services in a number of places in the area."

Liberia

BIBLE SCHOOL OPENED AT NEW HOPE TOWN

A Bible school with an initial enrollment of seventy-one has been opened in New Hope Town, reports Missionary Joseph Judah. The program

is designed to train the lepers so that they may effectively minister to their people when they are discharged. Missionaries Bonnie Roush, Mrs. Norman Backman, Vernon Hager, and Joseph Judah are the teachers.

DEMAND FOR LITERATURE INCREASING

The literature ministry in Liberia is steadily increasing, reports Missionary Norma Johanson. "A bookstore has been opened in Nyasske, Webbo. Adult quarterlies printed in Nigeria are in such demand that our order must be raised from 300 to 500. Every quarter it is necessary to order 300 servicemen's New Testaments to meet the demand in the Pleebo area alone."

Philippines

HOLY SPIRIT RECEIVED DURING BAPTISMAL SERVICE

"During a recent baptismal service all twelve candidates received the baptism of the Holy Spirit while still in the water," reports Missionary Leslie Bedell. Hundreds of Philippine converts have been baptized in water this past year.

HEADQUARTERS BUILDING DEDICATED

The headquarters building of the Philippine Assemblies of God was dedicated recently, reports M. L. Ketcham, Field Secretary for the Far East. These quarters have been established in a newly constructed addition to Bethel

Temple in Manila. The building will house the superintendent's office, secretary's office, literature department, Sunday school department, etc. According to unofficial estimates there are now 35,000 communicants in the various Assemblies of God churches throughout the Philippines.

Honduras

FIRST C. A. CONVENTION A SUCCESS

"More than 500 attended the first camp meeting and national C. A. convention in Sula," reports Missionary Ben LaFon. "Forty accepted Christ, five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and twenty or more were reclaimed. On Bible school night, many dedicated their lives for Christian service.

The Honduras Bible school had a record attendance of ten second-year students this year. In one of the outstations opened by the students this year, forty have accepted Christ.

Nigeria

ANOTHER NEW CHURCH OPENED

A two-week revival with Evangelist George Yeoman from England has resulted in establishing a church in Awaka, reports Missionary Ralph Cimino. Averaging more than 100 in attendance, the church is pastored by a graduate of Nigeria Central Bible In-



Missionaries and natives gather for dedication of new headquarters buildings in Manila, Philippines



Jim Cummins (left) helps Missionary Maurice Luce select accessories for the new Speed-the-Light printing press for Samoa

stitute. "Revivals conducted by Evangelist Yeoman in other cities of Nigeria also produced lasting results," Brother Cimino affirms.

Congo

NATIONAL WORKERS MAINTAIN MINISTRY

Our work in the Congo is continuing under the leadership of nationals, reports Missionary Lillian Hogan. Bible school students are directing vacation Bible schools that had been planned by the missionaries. National women have completely planned and carried out a number of conferences. The day school is being conducted up to the sixth grade entirely under the direction of Congolese teachers. The director is a normal school graduate about nineteen years of age. Eleven teachers are working under the supervision. All other phases of the work, including the leper dispensaries at Andudu, Bodi, and Betongwe, are completely in the hands of the Congolese.

North India

NEW BOOKSTORE FOR NORTH INDIA

"A new bookstore has been opened in Purulia," reports Missionary Esther Olson. It has been stocked with Bengali Bibles and Testaments, Hindi Bibles and Testaments, Gospels, and other Christian literature.

PROBLEMS ARISE IN NEPAL

"Our Nepali evangelists, who have been in Nepal all winter, report that several have turned to the Lord," writes Missionary Anna Tomaseck. A group of secret believers in the interior requested that some one come to tell them more. Two men responded to this request. They report that about twenty people are ready to take water baptism. The law states that the day a Nepali man changes his religion, he will be jailed without a trial. The women are not considered. Pray for these converts, that God will strengthen them as they publicly confess Christ.

Ghana

TAKORADI SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWS

"On June 1, 1958, we organized and departmentalized our Sunday school in Takoradi with 68 in attendance," reports Missionary Edward Ziemann. "We now have eight classes divided according to age and language groups. Our average is now more than 350 each Sunday."

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What does "not giving of necessity" mean? 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Our giving should not be out of compulsion. Christian giving should be from the heart—because we want to support the work of God. "If I do this thing willingly, I have a reward," said Paul (1 Corinthians 9:17).

Is there any place in the Bible that teaches there should be deaconesses in the church?

Paul commended Phebe, "servant of the church which is at Cenchrea." The Revised Version speaks of her as "the deaconess of the church which is in Cenchrea" (Romans 16:10).

Why is it said that partaking of the bread and cup at the Lord's Supper is a means of grace?

This sacrament presents to us in a visual demonstration the fact that our Lord Jesus gave Himself for us. In the Lord's Supper, Christ "is evidently, or graphically, set forth before our eyes as crucified that we might enjoy the redemption provided through His sacrificial death." It is a means of grace in the same sense that attending church and hearing the Word of God expounded are means of grace; that is, these things inspire us to live for the Lord by His help.

Is it right that people should partake of the Communion as families in their own homes?

If people live where they cannot get to a place of worship, I would raise no objection to family Communion. But the Communion, or Lord's Supper, is a church ordinance, not a family ordinance. It sets forth that all are members of the Body of Christ, sharing the redemption provided through His sacrificial body and blood. Believers were to eat their ordinary meals at home, and were to come together at the place of worship to partake of the Lord's Supper. See 1 Corinthians 11:33, 34.

Is a minister justified in teaching that God is not so much interested in saving individuals as in saving society?

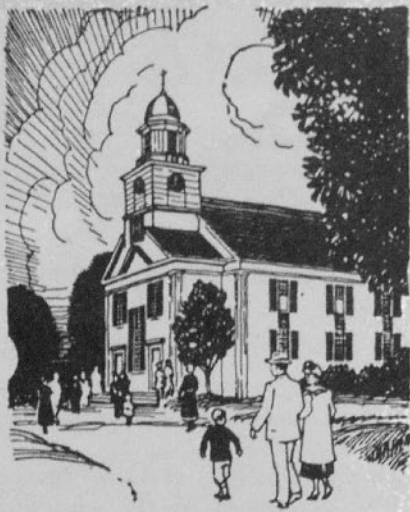
Modernist ministers, who deny the virgin birth and the atonement of Christ, stress the "social uplift." True Christian teaching is a personal call to men to repent and prepare for the life which is to come. The influence of Christianity should contribute to the improvement of society, but this is not its primary purpose. The inheritance of Christians is "reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:4, 5).

Must a person be baptized in water before he can be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

Cornelius and his household were filled with the Holy Spirit before they were baptized in water—possibly because they did not have light on water baptism before they were instructed by Peter. See Acts 10:44-48.

Since Jesus taught that we should repent and be baptized, a person ought to be baptized in water as soon as possible after taking Christ as his personal Saviour. If a person refuses water baptism, which he knows to be right, he is disobeying God and he cannot lay claim to the Holy Spirit whom God gives to them that obey Him. However, if a person has no conviction that he should be baptized in water, I do not say he cannot be filled with the Spirit without water baptism. Baptism is "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (1 Peter 3:21).

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).



Your Family and the House of the Lord

When—if not while under parental direction and tutelage—will the children acquire the habit of church attendance?

BY GEORGE HOLMES

THE PSALMIST SAID, "YEA, THE sparrow hath found an house and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God."

The church of the Lord Jesus is meant to be the very hub of our personal and family life. God took care to picture this for us in the lives of His people Israel. The way in which He dealt with them and the things that happened to them were for our example, and they "are written for our admonition" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

When God's detailed instructions for the placing of the tribes of Israel were carried out, it was found that the tab-

ernacle was in the very center of the entire camp. Later, under Joshua, the Lord's house was located at Shiloh—again a central position and a focal point for every Israelite. It is true to say that the nation's life revolved around the house of the Lord. Its worship and testimony were the pivot and power of this nation's existence. Very literally God was in their midst. Their children lived daily with this truth vividly held before them.

Attendance at church should be one of the child's treasured memories. We may not be able to leave our children much of this world's riches, but we can bequeath to them the priceless heritage of consistent Christian character, a chief evidence of which is faithful church attendance.

Samuel had a heritage like this. His parents lived in an age when religious tides were at a low ebb. They could have found many excuses to absent themselves from the temple, but they didn't. We read that his father Elkanah "went up out of his city . . . to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts in Shiloh" (1 Samuel 1:3). It was no easier for Elkanah to turn aside from his business interests and home problems than for us, but he did it because God had commanded it.

Going to worship at our church should not depend upon such variants as "if I feel like it," or "if the visitors do not come," or "providing we do not go to the beach." The unvarying rule that fixes this godly and necessary habit in the center of our lives is written in these solemn words: "Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together (as believers) as is the habit of some people, but admonishing, warning, urging, encouraging one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:25, Amp.)."

"To worship and to sacrifice"—what words could better describe the true attitude and activity required when we go to the house of the Lord! The meeting with friends is pleasurable, but secondary. Exposure to a leader's personality is interesting, but not essential. A numerically large crowd is enticing, but it is not imperative. Without any of these the true child of God can worship Him with heart uplifted in gratitude and adoration. To that humble soul the greatness and glory of the Eternal will be progressively and powerfully revealed by the Holy Spirit.

Of Samuel's mother we read, "She

went up to the house of the Lord, . . . she wept" (verse 7). In Hannah's home were clashing discords. Her broken heart was aggravated by marital unfruitfulness. Like the dripping of water in the night, the taunts of Peninnah drove Hannah to distraction. Where could she go to get away from this melancholy environment? She went to the house of the Lord.

It is probable in this present age that all of us have burdens of some kind. Marital unhappiness ranks high and draws within its train a host of problems. A highly civilized and prosperous society, spinning like a wheel of fortune, can throw off thousands of crushed, lonely, and unwanted human beings. Were it not for their faith and church home many of these would be derelicts. In the house of the Lord they need to find friendly people and an atmosphere free from conceit, dissension and gossip. Still waters, green pastures, and quiet resting places is the treatment they need until renewed.

"She was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord" (verse 10). God be thanked, there are still houses of prayer in the land. It is far better if bitterness is spilled out to God than if such poison seeps inward to accumulate like an unclean pond in the underground of one's life. In the house of the Lord Hannah found she could drain off her bitterness. What a privilege it is for every mother to go to Him and tell Him plainly just how she feels about her domestic problems! Rest assured, He is interested in every detail.

And let it not be thought that this interview with her God was the work of a few minutes only, for "she continued praying before the Lord." There is something precious and mighty that happens when the Christian *waits* in the Lord's presence. This exposure to the melting glow of God's countenance, this partaking of the very sweetness of His love, this holy communion of our spirit with His, is what we need. This is the means by which, to use the expression of another servant of God, "we draw into ourselves by the suction of longing the very life of God." God's house is a house of prayer.

After unloading all her grief upon the Lord, Hannah began to talk over her problem with Eli, the priest. The house of the Lord—the church to which you belong—is a place where you should be able to receive counsel from a man of God. Many times we just need a

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The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, JUNE 26

READ: Psalm 119:1-8

LEARN: "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart" (Psalm 119:2).

FOR THE PARENT: The psalm, a Hebrew poem, is the longest chapter in the Bible. Each of its divisions is based on one of the characters of the Hebrew alphabet. Its basic theme is the Word of God. From this passage point out: (1) ways in which we can be blessed of God, vv. 1-3; (2) God's commandment to us regarding His Word, v. 4; (3) the psalmist's desire and determination to walk according to God's Word, vv. 5-8. This desire and determination should be a part of the life of every child of God.

QUESTION TIME: Why is this such an unusual psalm? (See above) How can we be blessed of God? (vv. 1-3)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Mrs. James F. Keifer (Indian), New York.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

READ: Psalm 119:9-16

LEARN: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Psalm 119:9).

FOR THE PARENT: From this section point out: (1) the cleansing power of the Word of God, v. 9; (2) the power of God's Word to keep us from sin, v. 11; (3) the factor which determines whether or not God's Word will be effective in our lives—if we seek Him with the whole heart, v. 10; (4) God will guide our lives, vv. 11, 12; (5) as we live in God's Word it will cause us to rejoice, v. 14; (6) we are to delight ourselves in God's Word and meditate upon it, vv. 15, 16.

QUESTION TIME: How can we find cleansing from sin? (v. 9) How can God's Word keep us from sin? (v. 11) What was more important to the psalmist than riches? (v. 14)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Ralph L. Cimino, Nigeria; Everett L. Devine, Chile; Thomas Hindle (superannuated), China; Glenn D. Stafford, Burma; Mrs. W. F. Woods, Nigeria.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

READ: Psalm 119:17-24

LEARN: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

FOR THE PARENT: From this section point out: (1) it is of God's mercy that we live, v. 17; (2) life is fully lived only as we live for God, v. 17; (3) God reveals great mysteries to us as we search His Word, v. 18; (4) God reveals to us what we need to know to serve Him, v. 19; (5) God's judgments are right and true and are determined by our lives and deeds, vv. 20, 21; (6) regardless of what else happens to us, we can always be secure in God if we live in His Word, vv. 22, 23; (7) God's Word gives us counsel and direction.

QUESTION TIME: To whom do we owe our lives? (v. 17) On what basis does God make His judgments? (v. 21)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Margaret Falch, India; Mrs. Clarence Washburn (Indian), Arizona.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

READ: Judges 9:48-57

LEARN: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "God Punishes Abimelech" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The incidents in this passage of the Book of Judges are apt illustrations of the fact that God hates sin—and that sin will not go unpunished. Discuss what happened to the people of Shechem (vv. 48, 49) and then show why God allowed it to happen (v. 57). Show also what happened to Abimelech (vv. 52-54) and why God allowed it to happen (v. 56). Use these illustrations to stress that God will punish the unrepentant sinner.

QUESTION TIME: What is the important lesson from these illustrations in the life of Abimelech? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. A. Cawston, Philippine Islands; Katie J. Jones, Liberia; Mrs. V. Harry Shumway, India; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John A. Lindvall, U.S. Army; Raymond Myers (Indian), California.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

READ: Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Proverbs 14:34 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor" (Romans 13:7).

FOR THE PARENT: A good Christian is also a good citizen. From Romans 13:1-7 show why this is true: (1) because God has commanded us to be subject to governmental power; (2) because rulers are actually God's servants, carrying out His purposes; (3) for conscience' sake; (4) out of fear of what will happen if we do not obey them; (5) resisting them is the same as resisting God. Stress obedience to those in authority.

QUESTION TIME: Why should the Christian be a good citizen? (See above.)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Mrs. James Edwards (Deaf), Texas; Mrs. Paul Carlstrom (Deaf), Washington; Martha L. Frank (Deaf), Kansas.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

READ: Luke 6:12-20; Matthew 6:26-30; 10:29-31 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

FOR THE PARENT: One of the comforting things the Christian learns is that God loves and cares for him. The passages read today not only stress this fact, but also stress *how much* God cares for us—our value to Him; they show also how God calls us to help Him. As we serve Him, we are also to trust Him to take care of our everyday needs, realizing His great love and concern for us—and the great value He places upon us. Stress the importance of keeping from worrying.

QUESTION TIME: Why doesn't the Christian need to worry? (See above) How much does God love us?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Charles O. Hirschy, Alaska; Charles E. Kelly, Alaska.

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BY ELEANOR GROSSGLASS

BUDDY BARREL BANK, DO YOU KNOW of a town called Lome, Togo? The story I am reading mentions it and I never heard of such a place before."

Terry laid aside the book he had been reading and waited for a reply. Finally Buddy answered his question.

"As a matter of fact, Terry, I have a very good missionary friend who lives in Lome. Her name is Ruth Wakefield."

"Is your friend a real live missionary, Buddy? Oh, tell me about her!" Terry exclaimed.

"Well, let's just pretend that we are in Lome right now, and it's mid-afternoon.

"Look! See how the children are all running toward that white lady? Some of them are dirty, some are clean, some are dressed in ragged, tattered clothes, and some have no clothes at all! That lady is the missionary, Ruth Wakefield!"

"What is she doing, Buddy? Why are all the children running toward her?" Terry was full of questions as he listened intently to Buddy Barrel Bank's story.

"Don't worry, Terry, the children won't hurt her. They know why she has come to their part of town. It is



Little Togo children eagerly receive gospel tracts from the missionary's helper

the day for Story Hour. Missionary Ruth and her helpers have children's groups all over town. Whenever the children see her coming they run to her as fast as they can, just as they do today, and it doesn't matter how they are dressed. They are always happy to see missionary Ruth coming.

"At Story Hour they sing songs. Oh, the boys and girls sing with all their might and they just love to do the motion songs. Look how their eyes shine as they sing. There is a little boy named Moussa sitting on the front bench. He sings as loudly as he can and his face just beams the whole time. When it is time to pray, watch him. He closes his eyes, lifts his hands, and really talks to the Lord. Moussa is only six, but missionary Ruth says she has great hopes for him in the future.

"After missionary Ruth and her helpers tell the story, the children receive picture papers. How they treasure these! They take them home and save everyone of them. Each boy and girl is so careful to keep them clean and unwrinkled.

"The little children of Lome are different now from what they used to be. They used to play outside the missionary's house and sing the African dance songs they heard over the radio. Now as they play they sing songs such as, 'I'll Live for Jesus' and 'Joy, Joy, My Heart Is Full of Joy.' Every day they run up to the missionary's house, stop directly under her window, and scream at the top of their lungs, 'Ruth, is there church today?'"

"If she answers yes, they start dancing around saying, 'Woy, woy, churchie ele egbea!' This means, 'Boy, oh boy, there is church today!'"

"Two little girls—twin sisters, whose names are Akoko and Akoele—began to come faithfully to the Story Hour and Sunday school right from the beginning. Their parents are Catholic, and when the priest threatened them the frightened parents refused to let the little twins come.

"One day during Story Hour, missionary Ruth noticed the twin girls hid-

ing just within hearing distance. They looked so unhappy that Ruth asked them why they didn't come in and sit on a bench as they used to. Akoko spoke up and said their mother had forbidden them to come. So missionary Ruth went to visit their mother. She didn't go just once but many times. Each time she went the people in the compound would say, 'Oh, she isn't here; she has gone to mass with her twins.' But one day missionary Ruth found the mother alone. This mother didn't want to talk about why the twins hadn't been coming to Story Hour.

"Missionary Ruth just smiled and said, 'We certainly have missed the girls at Story Hour lately. I've been wondering why they haven't been there. Will you allow them to come to the next Story Hour?'"

"The mother of the twins agreed to let the girls come; and sure enough,



Neighbor children look on as Moussa reads a gospel tract provided by BGMC

there sat Akoko and Akoele at the next Story Hour. And you know, they have been coming ever since!"

Terry said, "These children of Togo certainly sound nice, Buddy Barrel Bank. I wish I could meet each one of them. I would especially like to meet missionary Ruth."

"Yes, missionary Ruth has done a great job in Lome, but many of the parents are Catholic or pagan and they won't get the children ready on time or they forbid them to go to the Story Hour or Sunday school. One family had seven little children who were faithful attendants, and when the priest threatened them the children were forbidden to come any more. When missionary Ruth goes to visit them, they just make excuses and say the children will come next time. But they never do. Pray for the children of Lome, and pray for their parents, that they will be saved also." ◀◀

If it were possible for humanity to be washed clean of all sin as the rain washes the earth, God would do it. But the human family can only be cleansed one by one—willingly

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD THIS would be if sin could be eliminated! The rich would never again oppress the poor. Every man would be employed; there would be none idle. The laborer would receive a just and adequate wage. Everyone would have all he needed. There would be abundance, and no one would be hungry. Poverty would be unknown. There would be no children working in factories.

There would not be a drunkard anywhere in the world, for men would bring home their wages and spend their money for food and clothing. The appetite for strong drink would be gone. There would be no drunken drivers and no all-night parties.

Not a single prostitute would be found. All lewd literature and suggestive pictures would be gone. Nothing unclean would remain. Never again would adultery be committed.

There would be no thieves, no burglars or crooks. Banks and homes would be safe. Keys and locks would no longer be needed. None would be kidnapped. There would be no jails or penitentiaries; no poorhouses anywhere. Taxpayers would be free from all such burdens. No one would gamble. Horse racing, stock markets, and slot machines would be out of date.

Never again would we hear a man cursing and swearing. God's name would not be taken in vain. None would be angry. Jealousy would be unknown. Never again would anyone be hanged for murder, for such a crime could not be committed, since love would dominate every action. There would be no hate, no selfishness.

Sickness would be gone and death, as we know it, be no more. Never again would there be a funeral, nor a door with crepe. Every man's word would be trusted; there would be no liars. The dope fiend would be a relic of the dark centuries. War would be no more, for never again would nations fight. Armies, navies, and bombs

God's Golden Age

BY OSWALD J. SMITH

would be unknown. Peace would reign supreme.

Oh, what a vision! Do you want it fulfilled? Are you really anxious to make this world a better place to live in? Then you must go the whole way. You must deal with sin, for sin is at the root of all greed and selfishness, all the woes and troubles of the human race—sin, yours and mine.

To deal with sin you will have to go further and deeper than mere reformation and social regeneration, for sin is a cancer. Only the blood of Christ can cure it. Ignore that, and you have not touched the heart of the disease. Since you and I are sinners, we must be regenerated as individuals.

Saw, Came, Conquered!

He saw my sin
That from within
Must conquer me.
He knew no power of mine could wrest
Sin's guilt and anguish from my breast,
Tho' I would strive my mortal best
My doom to flee.

He came, He gave
His life to save
My soul from night,
And with compassion took my blame.
Before a world He bore my shame,
And by the power of His own name
He brought me light.

He conquered sin—
Now, deep within,
His praises swell.
My freedom's price He fully paid
And all my care upon Him laid.
Since life and hope are in Him staid,
His love I'll tell!

—Daniel I. Barron

That is why Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." The heart must be changed, with all its appetites and desires, for "the heart," says God, "is desperately wicked." When the hearts of men are changed, then, and not until then, we shall have a better world.

That better world, the Bible tells us, can come only in part now, for the great majority of men will not accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. If they would, the Golden Age would be here. But they will not, and hence we have to wait until Christ returns for a better world, for the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth.

"The blood salvation," said D. L. Moody, "has a wonderful effect upon men's characters. They rarely remain subjects of charity, but rise at once to comfort and respectability." It is the old story of the pig in the parlor. You have to change its nature before it is fit for such an environment. Only the gospel can do that.

Education has never done it. Nor has reformation. Environment has failed. Cures have all proved useless. There is nothing, my friend, absolutely nothing that has succeeded except spiritual regeneration, and you know it. Regeneration did it for Jerry McAuley, the noted river thief. It did it for John Newton, the African slave trader. It did it for Mary Magdalene, the harlot; for Mel Trotter, the drunkard; and for tens of thousands of others. It will do it for anyone.

Sin, my friend, is the problem—*SIN*; and Christ is the remedy. All the woes and ills of mankind can be attributed to one thing—*sin*. Not until you deal with *sin* will you be able to make this old world a happy place to live in.

My Lord can make drunkards sober. He can make harlots pure. He can lift the heavy burdens of life and make sad hearts glad. My Lord, I say, can do all that, as thousands can testify, and infinitely more. He can "save His people from their sins."

Yes, He can save you if you will but trust Him as your Saviour. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Do you believe it? Then trust Him. Will you do it? Do it—and do it now.

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



GOD PUNISHES ABIMELECH

Sunday School Lesson for July 2, 1961

JUDGES 9:48-57

A casual reader of the story of Abimelech may conclude that there is little or no connection between the sins of this usurper and the sins of humanity today, to say nothing of the sins of Christians. Actually, this is far from the truth; for the same spirit and methods employed by Abimelech are found both within and without the church today.

Instead of treating the lesson verse by verse, we will suggest some of the practical lessons to be drawn from the story as a whole.

THE EVIL EFFECTS OF SELF-INDULGENCE. See Judges 8:29-31; 9:1-6.

Not satisfied in having seventy sons and many wives, Gideon had a concubine who gave birth to a son named Abimelech ("my father is king"). While it may be pointed out that concubinage was in no way unusual or irregular during this time, it must also be said that over and over in the Bible we have record of terrible suffering, sorrow, and bloodshed arising directly from the problem of a plurality of wives.

Self-indulgence may reap a frightful harvest. Fleshly activity can produce nothing that pleases God. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth." Who can estimate the damage done to the glory of the kingdom of God because of lack of self-control! In Gideon's case, his freedom to take a concubine cost the lives of thousands of people in the end!

THE WEAKNESS OF HUMAN ALLIANCES.

In his campaign to become king, Abimelech ran on a clever platform. "I am both a son of a king and a blood relative of all you people! How much better to have one king who is a countryman than be ruled by seventy men who are pure Jews!" And, as always, a gullible public fell for his pleasant-sounding promises! Three years later, however, the same people who chose to follow him had tired of his reign and planned to destroy him. They undoubtedly had reason to object to his rulership, yet they proved their own complicity in the matter because they accepted him in the first place. All this leads to some important observations:

(1) It is a good thing to seek the Lord in the selection of those who are to be our leaders, both in and out of the church.

(2) We may be easily misled when our carnal pride and personal vanity are appealed to by those who seek office.

MAN'S FRIGHTFUL INHUMANITY TO MAN.

What a bloody episode in the days of the judges of Israel is the story before us! Abimelech mercilessly murdered seventy of his own half-brothers, the sons of Gideon; he invaded the city of Shechem, "slew the people that was therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with

salt," thus consigning it to perpetual ruin; he methodically burned to death a thousand men and women who had taken refuge in the temple of an idol. Here we have the kind of spirit which motivates men like Hitler, Stalin, Khrushchev, and others. But let us remember that the wholesale atrocities perpetrated under such leadership have their beginnings in the same spirit which makes one Christian angry, resentful, and revengeful at another! We must guard against the beginnings of sin! The progress and development of evil is so rapid that our only recourse is to "put to death" instantly the uprisings of the flesh! And this we may do, through faith, and by the Spirit of the Lord!

THE RETRIBUTIVE JUDGMENT OF A RIGHT-EOUS GOD.

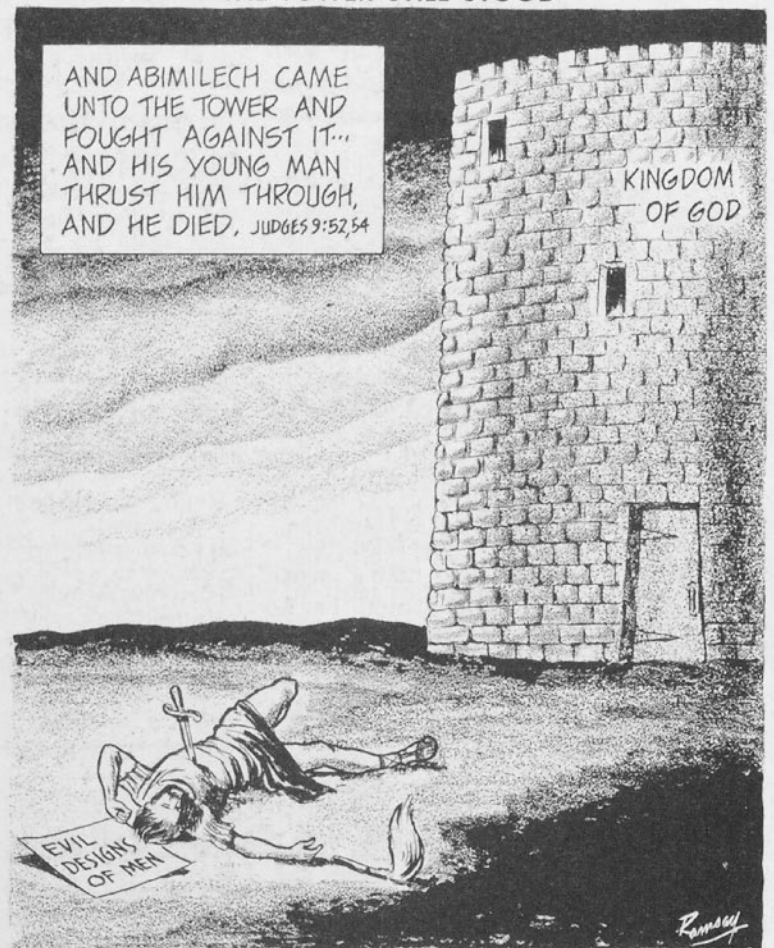
What an ignoble end it was to which the arrogant usurper came! An unnamed woman, hiding in the top of a tower which Abimelech thought to burn, dropped a piece of millstone on his head and fractured his skull! A woman named Jael had put an end to the mighty Sisera; now another woman ends the life of Abimelech.

God allowed the wicked Shechemites to be punished by their own leader Abimelech—which repaid them for their sin against Gideon in following Abimelech in the first place. Then God punished Abimelech for his wickedness against his father and brethren.

God used Hitler, in a sense, for the result of Hitler's persecution of the Jews was that they returned by the thousands to their ancient land. Then God punished Hitler for his own enormous guilt! Though it may not always appear evident to the senses, it is eternally true that God is on the side of righteousness and will ultimately bless it, just as He will surely execute judgment against all evil-doers!

—J. Bashford Bishop

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can dollars with which to pay for it, so we have drawn upon the fund to meet these requests.

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Revivaltime Leads Family of Seven into Pentecostal Church

BY LOIS HOKANSON

N EARLY THREE AND ONE-HALF years ago, Gordon L. Webster, a faculty member in the industrial department of General Motors Institute, Flint, Mich., decided to search the Scriptures to prove to a friend that the Pentecostal teachings were unscriptural. Although he had been brought up in a Holiness church which taught against speaking in tongues as the initial evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, Mr. Webster was sincerely searching for the truth.

To study fully both sides of the question, Mr. Webster attended Pentecostal services, read *The Pentecostal Evangel*, and listened to the *Revivaltime* broadcast, in addition to praying and reading the Scriptures. Soon he became convinced that, to use his words, "There was a scriptural experience which I needed."

At this time Mr. Webster was a Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher, and board member of a Holiness church. When his pastor learned of his interest in Pentecost, he forbade him to further attend any Pentecostal services. Endeavoring to keep him from leaving his church, the pastor used many phrases and expressions to discourage him in his search for truth and reality. During these dark hours *Revivaltime* sustained Mr. Webster. As he said, "Even stringent 'brainwashing' by my pastor failed to change my conviction of the Lord's leading us into true Pentecost."

The Webster family officially moved their church membership to Riverside Tabernacle, Flint, on May 1, 1960. Mr. Webster testified, "July saw the answer to my *Revivaltime* Thanksgiving prayer request of the previous year when my wife was baptized in the Holy

Spirit. Our older daughter received her baptism two weeks later at youth camp. The younger daughter was baptized in September.

"One of the few times I have missed *Revivaltime* in the past two years was last December 11. But on that night I stayed in the prayer room at Riverside Tabernacle to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord for the experience which He gave me that night, agreeing with the *Revivaltime* messages and booklets which helped lead me to that scriptural experience," Mr. Webster continued in his letter to *Revivaltime*.

"*Revivaltime* is largely responsible for our family of seven being in Pentecost," he affirmed. "The Lord's presence has never been more real, and our home was never happier in twenty years of married life. We are rejoicing in the Lord and are witnessing to others that He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. Words are inadequate to express our overwhelming joy, peace, and happiness. We shall continue to support *Revivaltime* and to pray with you that others may be reached in the name of the Lord," Mr. Webster said in conclusion.

Ivar A. Frick, Jr., the Websters' pastor, stated he felt honored to have the Webster family in his church. "They have already proved a blessing," he said, "and have quickly adjusted." Before the Websters made Riverside Tabernacle their church home, Brother Frick often spoke and counselled with them. Since being filled with the Holy Spirit, both Mr. and Mrs. Webster teach in Brother Frick's Sunday school.

Revivaltime Giving

TOP DISTRICTS

January 1-April 3, 1961

TOTAL GIVING

- | | |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Eastern | \$5,658.35 |
| 2. New York | 5,183.86 |

AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Wisconsin-Northern Michigan ...\$ | 34.79 |
| 2. New York | 33.22 |

INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

- | | |
|------------------------|------------|
| 1. South Florida | \$1,935.14 |
| 2. Arizona | 1,290.92 |

INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

- | | |
|------------------------|----------|
| 1. Arizona | \$ 13.41 |
| 2. South Florida | 10.71 |

GREATEST INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

- | | |
|----------------------|----|
| 1. New York | 24 |
| 2. North Texas | 23 |

GREATEST INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES GIVING

- | | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 1. New York | 15% |
| 2. Nebraska | 8% |
| 3. Tennessee | 8% |

This family is typical of many who have been introduced to Pentecost through *Revivaltime's* ministry. They have become a blessing in their church and community, and are now spreading the Pentecostal message.

Your prayers and contributions to *Revivaltime* help to bring families like the Websters into a richer, fuller, and more satisfying experience in the Lord. Send your letters and offerings to

REVIVALTIME

Box 70

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



The Gordon L. Webster family came into Pentecost largely through *Revivaltime's* influence

ON THE AIR



WITH D.V. HURST
SECRETARY
OF RADIO

A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER IS READ OVER Trinidad's Radio Guardian to open each broadcast day. It is this station over which *Revivaltime* is heard throughout that part of the Caribbean. This release sparked the great *Revivaltime* crusade in Trinidad (reported in the May 7 *Evangel*).

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank you for this new day. Help us to make it a more pleasant, constructive, and rewarding day for those we are privileged to serve.

Grant us, O Lord, the grace to practice the virtues of honesty and fair play. Help us to retain humility and good taste.

Defend us from vulgarity, that we may never give offense to those whose trust we cherish.

Keep us ever mindful of our position in the community, that no thought of selfish gain may ever impede our efforts to foster and promote all that is right and good.

Help us to be forthright and objective in observing and reporting, that we may inform without bias or prejudice.

Give to those in authority over us, wisdom and understanding, that we may travel a noble path in dignity and honor.

And now, O Lord, as we enter the homes of many on this new day, let it be Your will that we be an instrument of comfort for the sick, cheer for the lonely, and light for darkened lives.

And when the night has fallen and our broadcast day is done, may those of this community and other lands who hear our voice, be wiser and better and happier because of this our service, upon which we humbly ask your blessing. AMEN.

This prayer gives much to think about. American stations would do well to open their broadcast days with the same prayer.

Revivaltime's "Voice of Truth" to the Russian people is still being heard behind the iron curtain. Each week speakers Paul Demetrus and Fred Smolchuk are beaming their message of truth.

It is reported that there are over 38 million receiver sets in Russia—many of them shortwave. And this for 214 million people!

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The *Revivaltime* pulpit continues to be a place for prayer requests to be offered. Never a week passes but that many testimonies telling of answers to prayer are included in the mail—testimonies related to requests previously sent in.

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This brief letter just received at *Revivaltime* tells a big story:

"In the latter part of 1955 my mother sent my name to *Revivaltime* requesting prayer that I might be saved. I am happy to report that her request was answered in March, 1956. God is still on the throne!"—J. N., Helena, Ark.

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A recent Duluth-Superior survey showed that adults listen three hours a day to radio, but there are wide variations. One adult in ten doesn't listen at all, and one in ten listens eight hours or more daily. Women average four hours; men, two hours. Two out of ten women listen eight hours or more; and radio listening increases with age until about 35, then declines.

If this is an index to the United States' pattern as a whole, it gives a lot to think about. This we know: there are more radio stations in operation and more radio sets being used than ever before!

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I would like to take a moment to urge that every *Assemblies of God* church display the *Revivaltime* sign.

Each church which supports *Revivaltime* is entitled to display the sign. Last week ten churches in Canada asked to display our sign. A great number of our United States churches use it. Does your church support its international broadcast—*Revivaltime*? Does it display the sign?

* * *

See you here next month.

SPEED-the-LIGHT



LEADING THE NATION

January 1-April 30, 1961

TOTAL GIVING

Trinity Tab, Baytown, Tex.	\$1005.00
First Assembly, Binghamton, N. Y. ...	900.00
Calvary FG A/G, Inglewood, Calif. ...	600.00
Crichton A/G, Mobile, Ala.	585.79
Bethel Temple, Dayton, O.	571.55
First A/G, Eugene, Oreg.	505.00
Firestone A/G, South Gate, Calif. ...	502.68
Bethel A/G, Arlington, Tex.	500.00
A/G, Megargel, Ala.	482.75
First A/G, San Bernardino, Calif. ...	435.00
A/G, Ennis, Tex.	434.41
University A/G, Waxahachie, Tex. ...	433.82
G T A/G, Seguin, Tex.	420.00
First A/G, Clearwater, Fla.	378.50
Girard A/G, Phenix City, Ala.	362.00
Pentl A/G, Albany, Oreg.	331.77
Northside A/G, Ft. Worth, Tex.	331.00
First A/G, Alabaster, Ala.	330.17
A/G, Arkansas City, Kans.	310.78
Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.	275.00
Temple Church, Clanton, Ala.	266.00
A/G, Morrilton, Ark.	266.00
Honorable Mention	
SW Bible Inst, Waxahachie, Tex. ...	978.59

PER CAPITA GIVING

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

Calvary F G A/G, Inglewood, Calif (15)	\$40
West Side A/G, Mobile, Ala. (7)	37
A/G, Jacksonville, Oreg. (7)	35
First A/G, Gallatin, Tenn. (6)	31
Girard A/G, Phenix City, Ala. (12)	30
G T A/G, Clio, Ala. (5)	29
Trinity Tab, Baytown, Tex. (35)	28
First A/G, Opelika, Ala. (5)	24
First A/G, Russellville, Ark. (12)	21
Oak Park A/G, Tampa, Fla. (3)	21
A/G, Megargel, Ala. (23)	20
Mount Olive A/G, Brundidge, Ala. (12)	20
Bethel A/G, Arlington, Tex. (25)	20
First A/G, Binghamton, N. Y. (47)	19
Glad Tid A/G, Seguin, Tex. (22)	19
University A/G, Waxahachie, Tex. (23)	18
Cedar Grove A/G, Hector, Ark. (4)	18
Bethlehem A/G, Gordon, Ala. (9)	17
A/G, Rifle, Colo. (5)	17
A/G, Shoshone, Ida. (12)	17
Hobson A/G, Chatom, Ala. (6)	17
Pentl A/G, Albany, Oreg. (19)	17

IS IT NOTHING?

Is it nothing to you
When souls are in bondage?
Is it nothing to you
When their dream-hopes have
vanished?
Can you not hear their cry:
"Carest not that we die?"
All of you passing by:
Is it nothing to you?



NECESSITY-

The Mother of WMC

BY MRS. F. J. WALTON
Oregon District WMC President

IT WAS OUT OF THE NECESSITY FOR missionaries to have a closer contact with those who send them forth, and to have their personal needs met, that the organization of WMC's in Oregon was prompted. A deep conviction that many of these personal needs could be

met by women at home, and the need of a strong bond of love and encouragement and effectual prayer backing, called for a dedicated, intelligent, organized effort.

Missionaries going to the field have a stupendous task in assembling *outfits* to meet their need for periods of three to seven years, especially if they are going where many articles are unobtainable. But, as many WMC groups co-operate to supply the need, the load is not too heavy for anyone.

The first outfits we provided for outgoing missionaries consisted of a few of their most urgent needs—personal clothing, luggage, sewing machine, clock, etc. In later years, the district president has obtained complete lists of needs for outfits of outgoing missionaries and has personally assigned to each of the 150 Oregon WMC groups something to provide. Larger churches have been asked to supply larger items, and smaller churches to assist according to their ability.

Outfits have included washing machines, refrigerators, stoves, beds, light plants, pumps, multilith, musical instruments, furniture, camping equipment, sewing machines, luggage, cameras, silverware, dishes, kitchen utensils, bedding, linens, all sorts of staple groceries besides the canning done by our WMC groups, office supplies, medical supplies, teaching materials for Sunday schools and Bible schools, besides enough clothing to last for their terms on the field. Sunday school children and others in the church, in addition to WMC members, are thrilled to have a part. Seldom do our missionaries

have to write home for new supplies. Each year several of our some twenty Oregon missionary families are equipped while on furlough.

Necessity also brought about the invention of our first *relief program*. In 1947, China was recovering from war, when Brother Martin Kvamme returned from Tientsin with reports of great destitution and need for clothing and food. How proud we were of the first four drums packed and shipped in response to our first appeal! Little did we know how quickly the processes of sorting, packing, fumigating, and shipping would snowball to enormous proportions, or dream that in succeeding years we would ship many tons of food and clothing to China, Japan, the Philippines, Formosa, Indonesia, Malaya, India, Germany, Italy, Greece, France, Jordan, Africa, Latin America, the Islands of the sea, and more recently, Cuba. Nor did we anticipate the great home missions effort, the trucks, busses, carloads that would be taken to the Indian reservations in later years, or the many supplies sent to Alaska.

Our report to the State Department for recognition as a Voluntary Relief Agency indicated that from 1946 to 1952 we shipped 224,091 pounds and spent \$92,248.90 for relief alone. As a result of our foreign and home missions relief programs, supplies were assembled at our Bethel Park campground at Brooks, Oreg., and our



Missionaries and district officials at a recent Oregon camp meeting



Workers in the Philippines unpack Sunday school literature supplied through BGMC and packed by Oregon WMC's



Mrs. Garland Benintendi and children say "Thank you" to Oregon WMC's for canned goods sent to them

packing center became known as the "Drum Room." The district WMC president assumed the duties of "shipping broker" for missionary outfits and relief, saving much expense in hiring shipping agents to handle necessary papers.

Again, *necessity* gave birth to Oregon's *canning project*. When Marie Juergensen was ready to return to Japan after the war in 1949, she was required to take a full year's supply of food, because of rationing. Oregon pastors, the Alquists, came to her rescue. They began canning, in tin, the necessary fruits, vegetables, meat, and staples to meet Marie's need. Following their example, various groups bought their own Burpee Can Sealers and began to can from the abundance of Oregon's supply what otherwise might have been wasted. Local groups sent their canned goods to the Drum Room at Brooks for distribution to missionaries in all parts of the world. An average of 10,000 tins is canned each year. Last year 14,060 cans of food were sent to our missionaries.

The "Adoption Plan" has been used in caring for our missionaries and orphans. Special needs of our missionaries on the field are met, and they are remembered on their birthdays and at Christmas. Items sent may include supplementary clothing and household items, or scarce food items the missionary "hankers for," or perhaps a game, a book, toilet articles, bobby pins, bias tape, or some other small item unobtainable on the field.

While our early efforts almost overbalanced in favor of foreign fields, later years have opened up new avenues on home fields long neglected and equally needy. Our WMC surveys and trips to orphanages and remote villages of Alaska, together with our visits to Indian missions among Apaches, Navajos, and Hopis, resulted in our sending missionaries out under Home Missions Department appointment, and with guaranteed support, to meet the spiritual needs on these fields. Our gifts have included clothing, food, vehicles for transportation, and special items.

We rejoiced to have a part in supplying Christmas gifts for the Indians on the reservations. Many were saved as those who came for a "gift" returned to find the "Unspeakable Gift"—the Saviour of the world. Last year, all the orphanages and remote villages where our missionaries serve in Alaska were remembered with special treats,



SANTA PAULA WMC'S FIND JOY IN GIVING

While in Rome for special evangelistic meetings, Pastor Paul Wells of Santa Paula, Calif. received a definite burden which he was able to bring back to his people and especially to the Santa Paula WMC group.

Scheduled for services in Rome, where Pastor Roberto Bracco and Alfred J. Perna labor together, he had the privilege of visiting the Bible school that is now completed and training young Italians to carry the message to their own people. He saw the great sacrifice Brother Bracco, Brother Perna, and the students were making to complete the building and realized it was a sacrifice even beyond the call of duty.

When Pastor Wells presented this need to his congregation at Santa Paula, the WMC's asked the people to bring canned goods, packaged food, and clothing that could be sent overseas. Shipping costs were defrayed by the WMC's. This stirred the people and they decided to send a box a month to the missionaries they are supporting overseas, and to Hillcrest National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Ark. The zeal and enthusiasm of the WMC has spread throughout the church until all the members have received a new burden for world evangelism.

clothing, and canned goods. A ten-ton truck took supplies to the Indian reservations, followed by a bus load and many freight shipments. Our report for 1960 showed that Oregon WMC's gave or spent \$42,000, with almost equal portions of this amount going to foreign missions, home missions, and local and district projects. Of course, numbers cannot measure the intrinsic value of the love and compassion that has accompanied these efforts, and only eternity will reveal the final results.

During our District Council, one full day is set aside for WMC activities, including a luncheon, rally, Missionette feature, and Penny Parade. In 1960 almost \$4,000 was given in pennies for pioneer churches. Again at camp meeting time we have a "Penny Parade" and last year a "Wishing Well" held checks from thirteen sections for thirteen pioneer churches. During District

Council, two big "cauldrons" were used to "boil" the "Penny Soup" which was to provide kitchen equipment for our Oregon Youth Camps.

At camp meeting, WMC's hold daily vesper services with missionary speakers, skits, pageants, workshops. Abundance of handwork, new articles for outfits, and canning supplies are pyramided high for visiting missionaries. Our Drum Room serves as a packing center for all heavy equipment. Local groups contribute toward shipping expense, but send their own packages directly by parcel post to their own missionaries.

As we are faithful in little things, God gives us greater things to do. Our goal is to have our hearts tuned to the needs near and far. We endeavor to "sit where they sit" and to be "all things to all men, that we might by all means save some." ◀◀

Missionettes

AUXILIARY OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL



Mrs. Warren Peterson sponsors this active group at the Summit Avenue Assembly, St. Paul, Minn. They remember a missionary daughter with cards and a gift on her birthday. Last year the girls collected \$22 for our home for the aged in Florida.



These Missionettes and their sponsor, Pauline Chism, third row right, are from the Mount Sinai Assembly, Rogersville, Mo., which is pastored by Harry N. Cole. All sixteen of the girls are working on the Stairway to the Stars achievement program. Most of them are wearing their felt emblems on their sleeves.



This picture was taken at a Mother-Daughter banquet sponsored by the Missionettes of Kingston Assembly, Laurel, Miss. The girls have completed several projects. Last year they prepared 52 Easter baskets for underprivileged children. Emma Mae Barnes is the sponsor.



From Highland Park Assembly, Topeka, Kans., comes this photo of the very active Missionette Club. The girls have prepared materials for both home and foreign Missions; and furnished paint and tile for their new church building. Sponsors are Mrs. Don Krogh, back row left, and Mrs. Dick McCauley, back row right.



These girls entertained their mothers at a very successful Mother-Daughter banquet last summer. They are from Florissant Assembly in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Bea Dickens is their sponsor.



Here are some of the Missionettes at Lawrence, Kans. This photo was taken at a Christmas party. The girls have sent items to home missionaries, and provided \$5.00 for curtains for the Belgium Bible School. Iris Jones is the sponsor.



Missionettes at Fruitland Assembly, Myers Flat, Calif., are shown working on projects. The girls have made baby clothing, quilts, stuffed toys, and many other things. Mrs. Jennie Ellison is the sponsor.



Winning Souls in IRAN

IRAN IS A VAST ASIAN COUNTRY of 628,060 square miles—equal to the combined areas of Germany, Spain, and Turkey. It was long known to the world by its Greek name, Persia, and once boasted a civilization which rivaled those of Egypt, Babylon, and Greece. The great empire, founded by Cyrus and sustained by Darius and Xerxes, once extended from Greece to India.

Today more than 20,000,000 people inhabit this ancient land. They are descendants of the people that lived there in the days of Nehemiah and Esther. Iranians (Persians) are not Arabs, but Aryans. The language is Farsi, an Indo-European language, written in Arabic script. Iran is ruled by Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlevi who came to the throne in 1941.

The country's topography has a general resemblance to our American southwest. Much of the territory is a huge plateau of 2,000 to 6,000 feet, surrounded by mountains of varying heights. Snow-capped Mount Demavend rises to 18,600 feet.

Approximately 80 per cent of the people are engaged in agriculture. Most of the tillable land is devoted to wheat and barley. Rice is grown in the Caspian lowlands. Agricultural exports include many varieties of fruits and nuts.

The country's greatest source of in-

come is its liquid gold—oil. Iran has been described as "a land of antiquity and tumult sitting atop a pool of oil." Oil moves by pipelines from five fields to the great refinery at Abadan on the Persian Gulf.

Tehran, the capital, a city of 1,500,000, is located in the foothills of the Elburz Mountains at an altitude of 5,000 feet.

Iran has been the home of three successive religions. Zoroastrianism, introduced by Zoroaster in the seventh century B.C., was once the state religion of Persia. In the long ago, escaping gas ignited by lightning became the object of wonder and worship by Zoroastrians who venerated fire. Chris-

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Minarets in Isfahan emphasize the fact that Iran is a Moslem country

tianity was planted by Syriac Christians in the third century A.D. The advance of the forces of Mohammed in the seventh century A.D. resulted in the country's conversion to Islam. There is more religious tolerance in Iran than in Arab Moslem countries, and converts from Islam to Christianity are therefore more numerous.

For centuries the spiritual needs of Iran went unheeded by the Christian church. The work of Protestant missions began when Henry Martyn, after five years in India, arrived in Shiraz in 1811. He was there less than one year but during that time completed his translation of the New Testament into Persian. Due to failing health he left Iran to travel overland to England and died in Tokat, Turkey, at the age of 31.

In 1834 Presbyterian missionaries reached Iran and developed strong educational and medical missionary programs. The Church Missionary Society (Anglican) began its work in 1869. A number of other societies later entered the country. The visible results of a century and a half of missions are relatively small, but greater than in most Moslem lands with the exception of Indonesia.

The Pentecostal message came to Iran in 1909 when a group of Assyrian Pentecostal brethren left Chicago and returned to their homes in Urmia (now Rezaieh) in northwest Iran. They witnessed to their friends and relatives and within a short time hundreds were saved and filled with the Spirit. Then came the tragic years of World War I. Turkish soldiers raided villages, causing great destruction of life and property. As the war progresses the situation for Christians became increasingly desperate. Many were martyred, others fled to Iraq. Christian work in Iran came to a virtual standstill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warton were pastoring a church in New Castle, Pa., when God laid a burden upon their hearts for Iran. In 1924 they went to Iran and started a church in the city of Hamadan. One of their converts was Anna Baba, who is now in charge of our work in that city. The Wartons also established a church in Kermanshah and later ministered in Urmia, the birthplace of Brother Warton. Their ministry brought fresh courage and strength to the nucleus of believers. God sent a revival in which large num-

bers were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. As a result, six new Assemblies were opened in the area. One of the workers who assisted Brother Warton was Tooma Nasir who is now superintendent of our work in Iran.

Before the Wartons left for furlough in 1931, Samuel Kamber arrived and was followed by Philip Shabaz. These two Assemblies of God ministers had an effective ministry among their countrymen in Iran.

Tooma Nasir was led to Christ through the ministry of our missionary to Russia, John Voronaeff. "One chilly October night in 1921," writes Brother Nasir, "I attended the neighborhood Pentecostal church in Armavir, Russia. When Brother Voronaeff rose to speak he looked in my direction and said, 'Your town was not in my schedule, but Jesus sent me here.' His straightforward message gripped my heart and when the altar call was given I went forward and accepted Christ as my Saviour. I know that God sent Brother Voronaeff to Armavir that night to bring the gospel message to my heart. That was forty years ago and I have served my Lord ever since."

Brother Nasir immediately began to witness for his new-found Saviour and felt called to be a minister of the gospel. For some years he preached throughout Russia. The late 1920's brought intense persecution to Protestant leaders in Russia. Brother and Sister Voronaeff and 800 other ministers were exiled to Siberia. Brother Nasir and his family escaped to Iran. The Nasirs found themselves in a strange country and without funds. Their son Anthony recalls, "Sometimes we had only crusts of bread to eat but father always affirmed, 'God will



Tooma Nasir, superintendent of the Iran Assemblies, and Elisha Albehar, treasurer

provide,' and God always did. These words became the keynote of his life.

Northern Iran was again occupied by enemy forces in 1941. There was great poverty as villages were plundered and crops destroyed. Brother Nasir's life was often in danger, but he walked from village to village to encourage the groups of believers.

There have been no American Assemblies of God workers stationed in Iran for more than twenty years. The work continues under the leadership of Brother Nasir and his associates. A new church in Hamadan, dedicated in 1951, is located a short distance from the tombs of Mordecai and Esther. New churches were also dedicated in Rezaieh in 1952, and in Kermanshah in 1957. These buildings were erected through the sacrificial giving of the Iranian believers and some help from friends and churches in the USA.

Now a most urgent need is a building in the capital city of Tehran. Our congregation meets for a few hours each week in a Presbyterian church. This Assemblies of God work cannot grow until it has its own place of worship. The members are very poor and

need outside assistance for a building program. Living costs are high in the capital and building restrictions rigid. Our congregation in this city must have an adequate building.

When George Carmichael (former Field Secretary for the Middle East) visited Iran a few years ago he was deeply impressed by the spirituality of the Iranian Christians. On his return to the States he reported, "In every church I visited I found the believers at the altar long before service time, engaged in intercessory prayer. As a result their services were gloriously free in the Spirit."

The Bible says that "Parthians and Medes and Elamites," from what is now Iran, were present in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, but the Pentecostal message must today be repeated throughout this vast land. Our workers sense a silent, poignant appeal for the gospel. A permanent gospel witness has been established in a number of cities, and there are groups of believers in scattered villages, but relatively few of Iran's 7,000 villages have been reached with the gospel. The nomad tribespeople, who number more than one million, have been tragically neglected. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

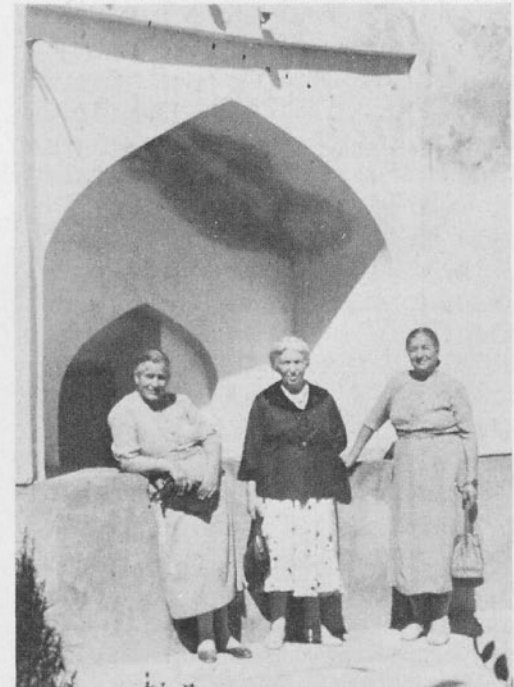
This strategic country is a buffer state between Soviet Russia and the oil-rich areas around the Persian Gulf. It is therefore a target for intense communist propaganda and infiltration. The time for gospel reaping may be short.

—Christine Carmichael

Delegates at a recent Pentecostal convention in Tehran

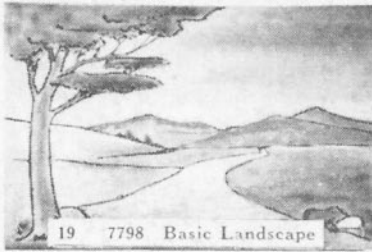
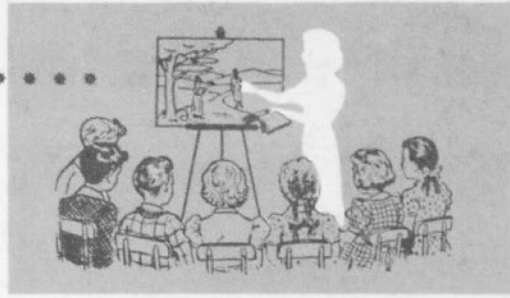


Anna Baba (right) with her friends by the tomb of Esther and Mordecai in Hamadan



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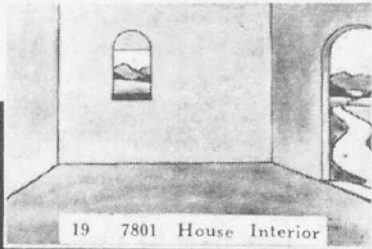
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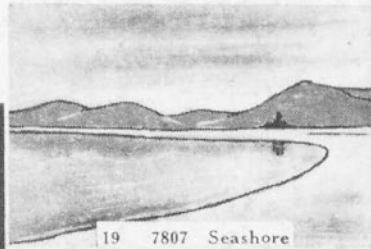
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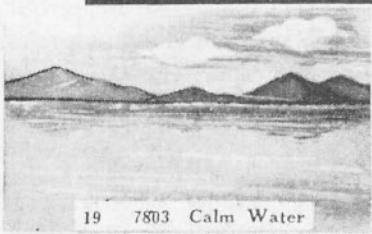
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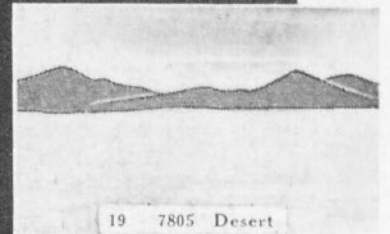
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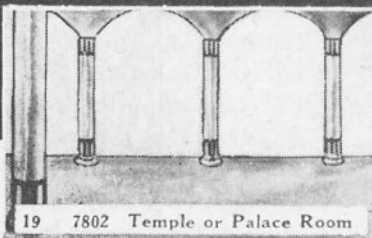
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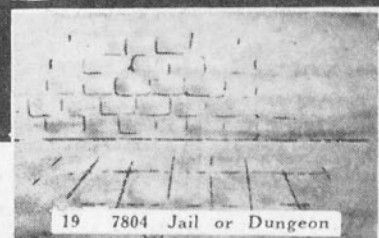
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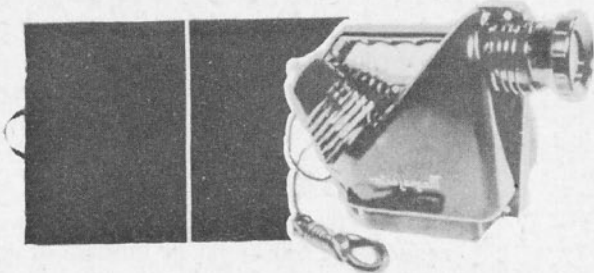
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The House of the Lord

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listening ear—a *sanctified* ear! The opportunity of expressing our problems or difficulties to a person of understanding and tact is a help in itself. Quite often it results in our gaining insight needed, without any advice being given. After talking with Eli "the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad." She had found effective spiritual therapy in the house of the Lord.

"She vowed a vow" (verse 11). The house of the Lord is a place for the making of vows. The Christian marriage service, to take one example, is a time for the making and exchanging of vows before God. Marriage is more than a contract, terminable at will; it is the covenant of the consecration of two lives to each other before God. "Marriage is a life-time job for serious-minded, conscientious, and consecrated people. Anything less makes it a mockery and an abomination in the sight of God and man" (Dr. W. W. Bauer). The place where we make our vows is where we should renew our vows. A marriage thus begun will be fortified and established by attending the house of the Lord.

"She brought [Samuel] to the house of the Lord in Shiloh" (verse 24). Hannah gave back to God, in dedication, the treasure He had given her. Samuel was given to the Lord before he had been conceived, and doubtless he was often rededicated to God as he yet lay in his mother's womb. Now, publicly, he is offered to the Lord in the house of the Lord, as every child should be as early in its life as possible. Samuel's earliest recollections would be the holy sights and sounds of the temple, for he was young when his parents first took him there, and his young opening life grew in the atmosphere of the house of the Lord.

To this hallowed place Hannah returned to give thanks. It is desirable that we should be as punctual with our thanksgiving as we are with our requests. One note of praise in your church goes a long way in encouraging others. Thanksgiving time is always.

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Wherein Thine honor dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels.*

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PASTOR RESIGNS

ELGIN, Illinois—After fifteen years as pastors of the First Assembly of God in Elgin, Illinois, Pastor and Mrs. C. Merrill Johnson have tendered their resignation. During the time of their pastorate the church has witnessed steady progress. The church structure has been greatly enlarged, modernized, and all debts liquidated.

The Sunday school has been departmentalized, children's churches, Christ's Ambassadors, Women's Missionary Council, Missionettes, Men's Fellowship, and other groups established. The church has sponsored many fine revival meetings and it has a strong missionary program.

For years the church has conducted services in the county jail where it has witnessed hundreds of souls accepting Christ. The church orchestra each month for a number of years has gone into Pacific Garden Mission and has seen a harvest of souls reaped for the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENT

DEDICATION of New First Pentecostal Church, Taunton, Mass., July 9, 3 p.m.—by Richard J. Bergstrom, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

CHARLES C. HANSBERGER, 89, Durant, Fla., went to be forever with the Lord on May 12. Saved at fourteen years of age, he had walked faithfully with the Lord more

than 75 years. To those who knew him, he was affectionately known as "Dad." Ordained in 1929 in the South Florida District, he served as pastor and evangelist in a number of states and served pastorates at Homestead, Goulds, Plant City, Bartow, and Jacksonville, Fla. He served both as district and general presbyter. In 1946 he was superannuated. He is survived by his wife.

FRANK L. SOBOTKA, 46, of El Dorado, Kans. went Home to be with the Lord on April 22. In 1947 he was ordained by the Nebraska District, where he engaged in a pastoral and evangelistic ministry. Pastorates held were at Westerville and Burwell, Nebr., and Russell and El Dorado, Kans. A new church was erected at Russell during his tenure there. He is survived by his wife and two married children.

MALCOLM E. EDMUNDSON, 68, of Grover City, Calif., was called to higher service on May 8. Ordained in 1917, he served as a pastor and evangelist in Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Texas, and California. During his ministry he pioneered nine churches. Pastorates were held at Globe, Ariz.; Denton, Tex.; and Santa Maria, Arroyo Grande, and Grover City, Calif. In 1958 he was superannuated. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

SAMUEL MASON, 72, of Bell City, Mo., was called to be with the Lord on April 6. He was a licensed minister with the Southern Missouri District. His wife, a daughter, and two sons survive him.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Andalusia	First	June 25-July 9	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	A. T. Hickman
Ark.	Dardanelle	First	June 20-July 2	Bob & Jeri Winford	Don Duvall
	Watson	A/G	July 2-16	Royce L. & Mrs. Lowe	John W. Shaw
Calif.	Covina	* A/G	June 19-July 1	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Judge Lindsay
	Fillmore	First	June 20-July 2	Sara E. Sharp	N. E. Carlson
	Ventura	First	June 27-July 2	Ralph & Edith Coe	Paul R. Keeth
Fla.	Williams	* A/G	July 2-7	Loretta Kaupanger	Glen Alexander
	Hialeah	Glad Tidings	June 18—	Woodrow Oxner	R. T. Havener
	Miami	Trinity	June 21-July 2	Ernie Eskelin	Tom Miller
Ill.	Chicago	Bethel Temple	June 14-25	Musical Lebsacks	Edward Hartman
Ind.	Valparaiso	A/G	June 27-July 2	Bob & Pat Ludwig	J. Pastore
Iowa	Vinton	A/G	June 20-July 2	Charles Duncombe	A. M. Marshall
La.	Pineville	A/G	July 2—	Joey L. Laird	Billy Harrison
	Shreveport	Jewella	June 11-25	Don Jeter	R. C. Ayers
Mass.	Revere	Parkway	July 2—	Gene Burgess	C. C. Crace
	Taunton	First Pent. Ch.	June 25-July 9	Oren Paris	Richard Bergstrom
Mich.	Flint	* Riverside Tab.	June 26-July 2	Paul Hild	Ivar A. Frick
Mo.	Doe Run	A/G	July 2-16	Glenna Byard	Homer Smith
	Elvins	* A/G	June 25-30	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Charles Upchurch
N. Y.	Hempstead, L. I.	* A/G	June 27-July 2	Musical Wellards	Jack Cleeton
Ohio	Findley	* First	June 26-July 2	Royce & Wilma Nimmons	Carl Malz
Okla.	Antlers	A/G	June 28-July 2	John French	H. H. Davis
	Miami	First	June 28-July 2	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Daniel T. Sheaffer
	Ramona	Oglesby	June 25—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	L. D. Roberts
Pa.	Mansfield	Highway Tab.	June 27-July 16	Olshovski Musical Tm.	Raymond Valimont
	Windsor	** A/G	June 27-July 14	Richard Owens	John Palmer, Chm.
Tenn.	Memphis	Central	June 28-July 16	Sunshine Party	Ronald D. Loy
Tex.	Abernathy	First	June 18-25	The "Evangelicals"	J. C. Strickland
	Brazoria	First	July 2-16	Don Jeter	Roy Bownds
Va.	Saltville	Valley View	June 29-July 11	Bob McCutchen	Elwood McCleary
Wis.	Wausau	Christian	June 25-July 2	Louise Nankivell	Charles A. Anderson
Canada	Chambly, Quebec	Pentecostal	June 27-July 9	Arnold & Anita Segesman	K. M. Hynd
	Vancouver, B.C.	Broadway Tab.	June 30-July 9	Oliver & Fern Johnson	Earl Vance

*Children's Revival

** Union Tent Revival

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DAD'S OLD SAW

BY MABEL H. MARVIN

WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL MY FATHER TOOK ME WITH him to buy a saw. He tested the temper of the steel of many saws by blowing his breath on each, flicking it with his thumbnail, and listening to its ring. Finally he breathed a sigh of satisfaction. One saw sounded just right.

Dad handed the saw to the clerk, saying, "I'll buy this one. It has the finest tempered steel of any. This saw will stand the test of the years. I am a furniture maker, and unless I have the best saw I cannot make the best furniture."

I never forgot Dad's words. He used the saw many years, and it stood all the tests.

After Dad left the furniture factory the saw lay in his tool box for several years. When he was old and sick he had to sell most of his tools, but not the old saw. He couldn't part with that. He finally gave it to me, his only child, so that it would remain in the family.

The old saw went with us everywhere. We left furniture, machinery, tools, and other saws behind, but Dad's old saw always went along.

One day an evangelist came to our church who played beautiful music on a saw. My husband was fascinated. After the meeting he asked the evangelist the brand of his saw, explaining that he wanted to buy one just like it so that he too could learn to play on it.

But my husband couldn't find one like it anywhere. He attempted to order one with the same brand name but the merchant gave little hope of filling the order.

It was then I had a sudden inspiration. I said to my husband, "Henry, why don't you try cleaning up Dad's old saw? I was with him when he bought that saw and remember how carefully he selected it. Dad always bought the best. Please try it."

Henry took the old saw in his hands. It looked of no account. Years of neglect had left it rusty, pitted, and battle scarred. But he decided to see what was under the rust. He went to work with sandpaper, steel wool, whetstone, and an oilstone. Night after night he worked on the saw until finally he had a pleasant surprise. Under all

the scars he found the same brand name as was on the evangelist's saw!

The next night Henry brought home a bottle of alcohol and some rosin. After applying them he took the violin bow and drew it softly across the old saw. Music as high and vibrant as that of the evangelist's saw came forth. It was worth all the hard work.

Perhaps your life is like the saw. When the Lord saved your soul He saw in you a tool of finest steel. He stamped the name "Christian" on you. Trust Him and He'll help you to stand the hardest tests. He promised, "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28). "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Like the old saw you may be laid aside for a time in the Master's tool box. Like Joseph, who must have thought his talents were wasted when God allowed him to be hid in prison. But when Joseph came out he could forgive his brothers' plot against him for he saw that "God meant it unto good" (Genesis 50:20).

Like Moses, whom God hid on the backside of the desert for forty years before He could use him. Moses was not hurt a bit by being laid aside—only prepared for greater tasks.

Do you feel your talents have been laid on the shelf until they are no longer useful to the Lord? Has life left you scarred and rusted? Are you willing to let the Lord use His sandpaper, steel wool, whetstone and oilstone on you in order that He may use you again?

You don't like to be sandpapered by a sermon. Of course not. I remember one sermon that hit me hard. I was sure it was meant for me. But while waiting to shake hands with the minister I heard at least three others tell him, "You meant that sermon for me." So I reconsidered and decided that God who sees all our hearts knew that there were several of us who needed sandpapering by that sermon to take some of the rust off us.

Nor is it easy to bear the steel wool of seeing someone take the position in the church we want. I heard of one man who quit Sunday school when another was voted in as Sunday school superintendent! His steel wasn't tempered enough to take the disappointment.

When the whetstone of criticism comes, do we see it as God's way of removing the rust and scar marks from our nature? Or do we chafe under criticism and try to defend ourselves?

The chastening of the Lord can be likened to an oilstone needed to give the steel in our lives a high polish, a truer ring. God said, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth"—and I am so thankful for the "afterwards," for it says, "Afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them who are exercised thereby" (Hebrews 12:6, 11).

Has our steel been tempered enough to stand the tests of "all things (that) work together for good"? When God tries us do we still keep sweet and faithful? If it has been tempered right, we can make music for the King of kings and one day we shall hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21). ◀◀