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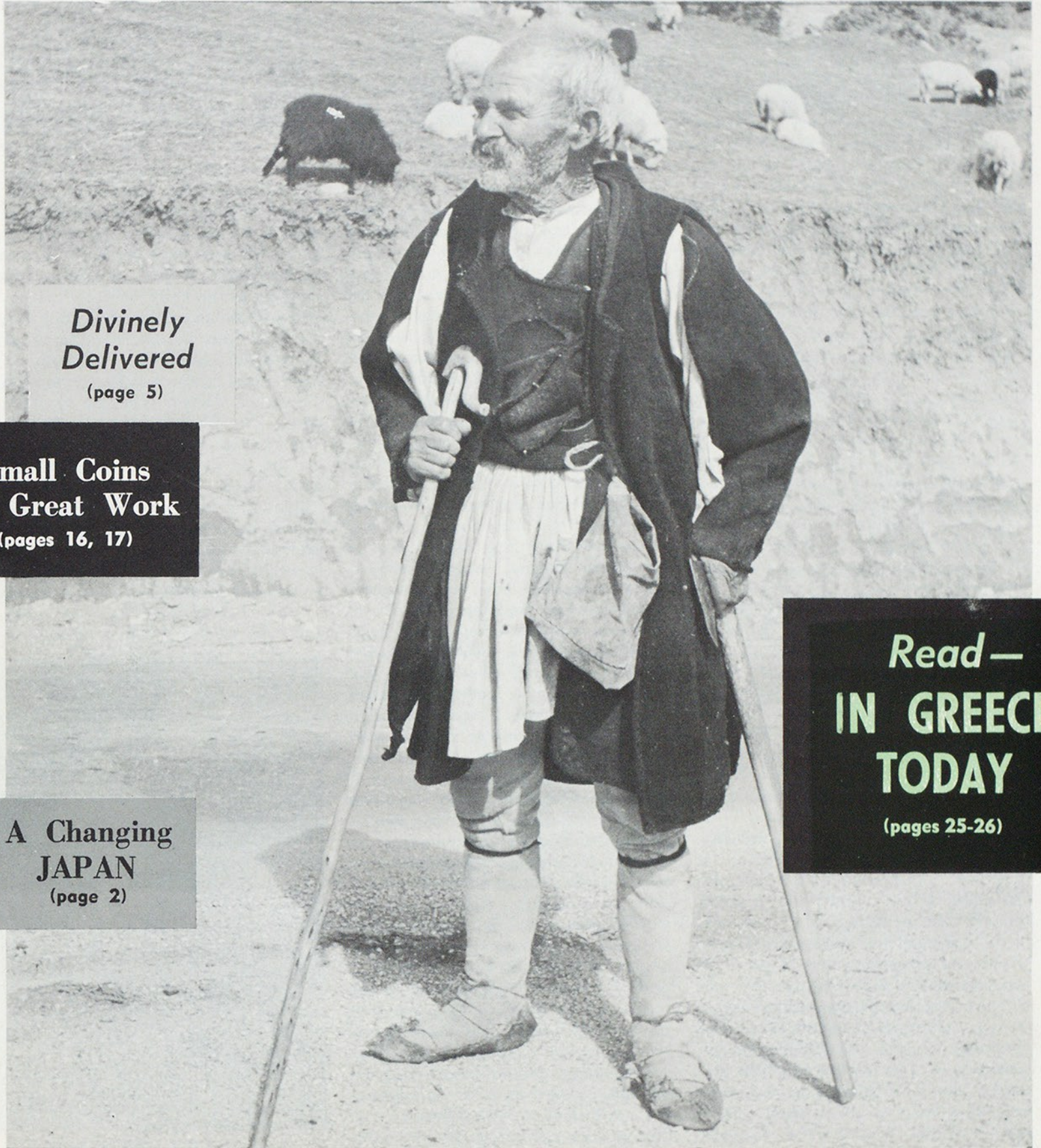
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Through radio, literature, evangelism, and Bible teaching
your missionaries are preaching Christ to—

A Changing Japan

BY FRANK M. BOYD

JAPAN, THE "LAND OF THE RISING Sun," is rapidly going through a period of transition, particularly since the War. The older generation clings tenaciously to its ancient culture and religious beliefs, but "Young Japan" is on the move. Where? They seem not to know, but they are avidly seeking for some new and satisfying ideology.

Japanese young people are following extreme western dress styles, and I have even seen a few young women who had dyed their beautiful black hair a ghastly red. The numerous "pachinkos" (slot machine parlors) are usually crowded.

I have seen the young people in Tokyo packed like sardines in the numerous bookstores of the city. At times I could hardly squeeze in to buy an American magazine. Japanese young people are intensely eager for knowledge and, as might be expected, false ideologies are taking advantage of this thirst—socialism, communism, and new Buddhist sects.

False so-called Christian cults are also moving in—Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Unity. Even the universities which have a Christian background seem to be enamored with Neo-orthodoxy and the teaching of Barth, Bultmann, and Kierkegaard. The Philosophy of Schleiermacher is widely read.

A very fine young man who came to our home for English lessons, Yukihiro Kimura, was in great perplexity. He had been *born again* in the Hal Herman campaign in Tokyo, but was attending Aoyama University, a reputedly Christian school. His professors were assigning him reading from Bultmann and Schleiermacher on which he was to report. Since his English was limited and my Japanese more so, I found it difficult to analyze these false positions for him, but left him for instruction in spiritual and scholarly Japanese hands. This is a typical case.

However, there is a brighter side to this spiritual picture. The Japanese

young people in our Assemblies of God are being stirred to consecration and many are attending our Chuo Seisho Gakko (Central Bible Institute) in Tokyo. When our Foreign Missions Committee early in 1960 asked this "young" oldster of seventy-seven years to consider going to Japan to assist in teaching and guidance in this school, I almost dismissed it from my mind as preposterous. But the feeling that I should respond kept growing. I had always been missionary-minded and frequently had told my Bible students through the years that I wished I could put them in a huge "scoop-shovel" and scatter them the world around. Little did I know that I would land in that "scoop-shovel" myself.

Former students and friends responded with gifts for transportation and support and March 20, 1960, found Mrs. Boyd and me winging our way across the Bering Sea from Anchorage, Alaska, to Japan. Seven and one-half hours we flew by DC-7 across the open icy waters of the north Pacific. A somewhat natural feeling arises under these circumstances: *What if—?* But the propellers kept whirling and God protected us for a landing and warm welcome at Haneda Airport in Tokyo.

One striking evidence that we were in the will of the Lord was the ease with which we adjusted ourselves to the Japanese students in the classroom and to our Japanese pastors and people in the churches. We never for a moment felt strange, self-conscious, or out of place. The result was that we came to love them deeply. Now that we are again in the States, we are both homesick for Japan and for our warm-hearted Japanese friends and brethren. God's love was "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit." We have also a deep longing that the darkened hearts may know our wonderful Jesus.

This spring semester, twenty-five new students enrolled in C. S. G. (Japan's C.B.I.), making a student body of over fifty—the largest group in the history

of the school. C.S.G. occupies a strategic position for the realizing of future goals for our work in Japan. When we left Japan in March of this year, the Holy Spirit was moving in the student body and some were prophesying and speaking in tongues with interpretation. Much prayer is going up for revival in Japan, and we have a deep conviction that God will soon visit these really wonderful people with a tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

For eight months I conducted a Bible class every Wednesday evening with a group of about thirty university and high-school students at our Evangelistic Center in Tokyo, pastored by Tadao Hara. This Center, located in the teeming populous area of Tokyo called Ikebukuro, is now about to be relocated and enlarged with new educational facilities. These young people attending classes at the Center "ate up" a series of studies in prophecy.

After the War, when our present missionary Chairman, Leonard Nipper,



Mr. and Mrs. Boyd in Tokyo



A class enjoys the teaching of Principal Yumiya.



Students relax in a fellowship period on the campus.

came to Japan, there were thirteen Assemblies. However, a strong foundation had been laid in the Yokohama, Kobe, Magoya, and Tokyo areas by our earlier missionaries—the Juergensen family, the Norman Barths, the Gordon Benders, Florence Byers, Jessie Wengler, and others. The Central Bible Institute had its beginnings under the leadership of John J. Clement. Today there are 73 churches, two-thirds of whom are graduates of our Japan 130 Japanese ministers, eighty per cent of whom are graduates of our Japan Bible Institute since the War.

The administration of our Japanese Assemblies Fellowship is in the hands of a fine group of Christian statesmen, similar to our executive presbytery, which they call the Rijikai. Kiyoma Yumiya, a fine Christian gentleman and capable leader, is the general superintendent. The warmest fellowship exists between the missionary body (now numbering thirty, including those on furlough) and the Japanese administration. It is a shining example of the success of the indigenous principle.

One big lesson, known before in theory but learned anew as a result of our recent experiences in Japan and at the Far East Conference of national workers in Hong Kong last summer, is that the Lord "hath made of *one* blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17: 26). The only superiority we may claim is the result of our Christian civilization and of the transforming power of the gospel. Given the same opportunities, advantages, and the potential of the grace of God, other people are just as capable as we in any field of gospel endeavor and of governing their own national church.

Every department of our Assemblies work in Japan is expanding:

A new *Convention Hall* was completed last year at a cost of \$12,000. It was built by a Christian Japanese contractor from surplus U. S. Army and new material. This building would be a credit to any city. The annual convention of the Japanese Assemblies, held there last year and again this year in the month of May, was attended by 800 or more Christians. I had the joy of addressing this gathering in 1960. What a thrill to speak to 800 Japanese believers all seated on the floor before you!

The *Literature Department* is now translating good spiritual books and commentaries from English into Japanese. Books and papers by capable spiritual Japanese authors are also being printed to provide Pentecostal literature for our pastors and people. This activity is meeting a great need.

The *Sunday School Department* is flourishing. It provides literature for vacation Bible schools, papers for Sunday school children, and a Japanese "Sunday School Counselor" and "Superintendent's Guide." Mrs. Nettie Juergensen moves about our churches in Japan promoting Sunday school conventions and Christian worker's study groups. Children's camps are now organized with great blessing to the youngsters.

The *Christ's Ambassadors Department* is showing a healthy growth. District areas are being established and heads appointed. The C.A.'s are very active in evangelistic work and tract distribution. A striking fact is that the membership of our Japanese churches is preponderantly young people. In southern Honshu, they are buying a

site for a permanent youth camp. This gathering has been held every year since 1952. The C.A.'s are fast becoming a feeder for students for the Bible Institute in Tokyo. Japanese Christian youth are on the march.

The *Radio Department*, which broadcasts from the Tokyo campus, is reaching more and more of the Japanese people with the gospel. Proof of this is the fact that six of the 1960-1961 students of the Bible Institute were first contacted through radio. The department is offering free correspondence Bible courses to which there has been a fine response. The field of radio offers a tremendous challenge, for the Japanese people are the most radio- and TV-minded people in the world. There are more radios in Japan, in proportion to the population, than in any other nation. The Tokyo broadcast has a greater listening potential than even New York City.

A new development in the Japanese Church is the *foreign missions* outreach. This May, for the first time, a Foreign Missions Committee was appointed. Special offerings are now being taken in churches and conventions. Two churches take a *monthly* missionary offering, and plans are on foot to send a missionary to Taiwan (Formosa). This is an extraordinary indication of spiritual progress.

PRAY for our Japanese neighbors. As a people they are not anti-American, despite misguided leadership and demonstrations on the part of a small minority in Tokyo last year. PRAY also for the establishment of an evangelistic center in the great industrial city of Osaka. Some funds are already on hand for this vital project. ◀◀

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Money for Missions

"I will build My Church," the Saviour said, and today He is at work in the world doing this. The job is very expensive and He needs all the offerings we can bring to help get it finished.

God once wanted a house built in the wilderness and He commissioned Moses to supervise the constructing of it. The people brought gold, silver, brass, and a great variety of precious gifts for the project. In fact, they were so liberal that finally Moses had to tell them to stop giving, for there was enough on hand to finish God's house. The Lord has never told us to stop giving, for His Church is not yet completed. There are still many souls to be saved, and these are the raw material of which His Church is made.

The building of a house of worship is important but the building of the mystical Church is vastly more so. We have always admired those congregations which studiously seek to spend more on missions than they spend on their own local program. There are numerous Assemblies of God churches in this category. We could cite many churches of our own denomination as examples of unselfish giving, but there is an undenominational church that has been in the news lately and you will be inspired by its story. It is The Peoples Church in Toronto, Canada, founded by a pastor with a great missionary heart—Dr. Oswald J. Smith.

This congregation purchased an empty church on Bloor Street in 1935 for \$75,000. It was a large church seating 1600 but it was a very old building. As the years went by it became more and more shabby. Some folk thought a part of the church budget ought to be spent to renovate the place, but Dr. Smith insisted that souls in heathen darkness needed the gospel much more than the church needed paint. So the congregation gave liberally to missions. Each year their missionary offerings increased. Visitors have always been amazed at the old-fashioned equipment and inadequate facilities to be found in every part of the century-old building, but they have been impressed even more with the missionary fervor.

Few churches, if any, have supported such a vast missionary program as this congregation. The members are nearly all of the working class but they give toward the support of 340 missionaries. During their annual missionary convention in May of this year they gave or pledged over \$300,000. When the total was announced they sang the Hallelujah Chorus for joy over the privilege of being able to give so much to Christ for the building of His Church.

During the past thirty years The Peoples Church has spent more than four million dollars on missions—and practically nothing on the maintenance of the home base. But while the people have been giving to missions, God has been increasing the value of the property. Due to its strategic downtown location the congregation a few weeks ago was able to sell the church for \$650,000 which will permit them next year to move into a brand-new church in another part of the city.

God will never be debtor to any man or any congregation. The Bible says, "Give and it shall be given unto you." Truly "there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."
—R.C.C.

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DIVINELY DELIVERED

How God protected His servants in a flash flood.

BY DAVID KENSINGER
Missionary to Costa Rica

A FEW WEEKS AGO, SEVERAL OF THE national Christians, John Verbarendse, and I were driving to a fellowship meeting at one of our new works in the banana zone, along the American highway. It was necessary for us to ford some twenty rivers on the way to the church. Inasmuch as the heavy rains had not started and the water level was comparatively low, we anticipated no trouble.

We had crossed all of the rivers except the last two, when the situation changed. As we approached one particular river, we could see it was a little higher than the others, but it did not appear to be too high for us to cross. However, when we got in the middle of the river, we suddenly discovered that it was deeper than we had thought. The water flooded the motor and stopped it; we could not get our pickup truck started again!

Suddenly, we realized that we were in a flash flood! It had rained a few hours earlier up in the mountains, and

now all the water was rushing down upon us.

Within ten minutes after we drove into the river, the water rose almost level with the top of our Speed-the-Light pickup. The force of the current was terrific. We realized the pickup could never withstand the force of the current and would soon be swept away.

We climbed to the back of the pickup to help the people to safety, if possible. Jesus Gomez, his wife, and four-month-old baby, as well as his mother, his nine- and thirteen-year-old daughters, and a young man were all in the back of the pickup. Brother Verbarendse, Brother Baez, and I were in the front. When we got to the back of the pickup the force of the current was so strong that, if we loosed one hand, the current would sweep us down the river. It was one of those moments when I realized there was absolutely nothing I could do: we were all in God's hands. We could only pray and commend ourselves to Him.

Big branches of trees and other debris were sweeping down with the current and hitting the pickup and us as we clung to the back of the truck.

Finally the force of the current became too strong. It swept the car over on its side, then pulled it down the river and nearer the other bank. It seemed we had no choice but to plunge into the current and make for calmer waters as best we could. The current pulled us downstream, but we made it to the shore.

When we looked back, the pickup was turned over on its side, still in swift waters but nearer the far side of the river. The heads of the people in the back of the pickup were still above water. Brother Gomez was able to get his wife and baby out of the pickup, but as they made their way to shore, his wife dropped the baby into the raging torrent. Then another miracle occurred: the baby rose to the surface of the water, and Brother Gomez was able to grab it. They made their way to shore. Brother Gomez' mother followed them to shore.

By this time a young fellow had arrived with a rope and was able to help the young man and one of the girls to shore. But the little nine-year-old girl was swept downstream about two hundred yards. The young fellow rushed down the river bank and saw her clinging to the branches of a tree. He jumped in and saved the girl. So, God marvelously saved *all* of our lives!



Missionary Kensinger in his office



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

MOBILITY IN MISSIONS

"Thrust in thy sickle and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe" (Revelation 14:15).

Harvesttime carries its own terrible priority. It upsets the status quo. It requires expenditures of men, animals, and machinery that no other season of the year requires. The outcome of the labor of an entire season depends on a few faithful hours of harvesttime.

Perhaps this is the reason why the command to "thrust...and reap" in Revelation 14 is so obdurate and firm. The changes that move across the face of the nations at this time are so sure, so swift, and so devastating that only a firm command and an equally firm obedience will suffice.

The worst mistake any reaper could make in harvesttime would be preoccupation with other tasks to such an extent that he could not move in when the harvest is ready. Likewise, the worst mistake the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ could make in this generation would be to become so committed to other things—be they ever so necessary and worthwhile—that we miss God's timing for the harvest.

Global Conquest offers the Foreign Missions program of the Assemblies of God just this mobility. While we must designate large portions of our resources to personnel, institutions, and some of the more or less stable facets of missionary endeavor, we dare not commit everything and leave nothing for the harvest that appears unannounced. Changing laws, changing political climates, changing levels of literacy—all of this suddenly can throw open doors of opportunity unheard of a decade or less ago. If, in such a situation, our efforts are limited to the set forms of missionary work, we will be out of step with the times. Our *Global Conquest* program offers the best vehicle I know for our constituency to "thrust in the sickle and reap."



TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?

A FEW WEEKS AGO I READ THE INTERESTING words, "Throw the printer's inkpot at the devil." Since then I have been increasingly impressed with the tremendous value of gospel literature.

It is a known fact that in order to gain political victories printed matter is of definite value. It has been said that the printed page is the fourth power in politics. If it is the fourth power in politics, it is even more important in religion. It has to be of prime importance in religion because God in His great wisdom saw fit to leave His instructions to man in printed form.

The church is now awakening to the unlimited possibilities of world evangelism through the printed page. However, the enemies of the gospel and democracy have long recognized the value of literature and are working desperately to take the fullest possible advantage of it. A quotation from a recent Mexico newspaper portrays what is being attempted, not only in Mexico, but in other Latin American countries: "REDS FLOOD MEXICO WITH PROPAGANDA." An intense propaganda campaign is being pushed in Mexico by the Kremlin, Red China, and Cuba. Tons of literature, tuned to the Lenin-Marxist line and heralding the consolidation

of the "people's democracy" in Cuba, are pouring into key sectors of Mexico. It comes by mail; it is sent from ports in the United States, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; it is even postmarked in Red China, Soviet Russia, and Castro's Havana.

This flood of Red material is augmented by low-priced books, pamphlets, and magazines printed in Mexico. All eulogize the "glories" of life in Soviet Russia, Red China, and Cuba.

In a gigantic battle of words, the Reds appear to be far ahead in propaganda over the information about freedom and democracy distributed by the United States Information Service.

The American Embassy in Mexico spends about \$700,000 annually, whereas the three communist nations are spending seven million dollars a year for information and propaganda services.

The big Russian Embassy in Mexico City, a nerve center for Red espionage and propaganda throughout Latin America, is credited with financing much of the printing of this material in Mexico.

The attractively-prepared literature is substantially financed by 115 prominent United States Reds who fled to Mexico to avoid being arrested, or subpoenaed to testify, during the Senate's

internal security investigations.

Influential Mexicans say if the communists got the top hand in Mexico, that would be their triumph and could lead to other countries joining the communist block. Certainly the situation is a serious threat to our United States, due to the close proximity of this neighboring nation.

This picture is especially significant to me, for I have been in missionary service in Mexico for fifteen years. I feel that Mexico *must not* be lost to communism. Mexico is a key country in this hemisphere. It has been said, "As goes Mexico, so goes Latin America." Already we have seen communism try to seduce and take over Guatemala and other Latin American countries. Now Cuba has fallen. What direction will the key country of Mexico take? The answer is already in our hands. As Christians, we must flood Mexico—and keep flooding it—with gospel literature and especially the printed Word of God.

How thankful we are to God for a group of our own Assemblies of God men who have a vision to see this very task accomplished. "Light for the Lost," composed of men from our own Men's Fellowship organization, has a single objective: *to provide Gospel Portions to the missionaries for saturation distribution around the world.* With this weapon in our hands, we can give God to the confused people of Latin America.

In addition, the American Bible Society has produced a gospel portion with a modern new and attractive cover which we are now distributing. We are more encouraged than ever with the possibilities of distributing the printed Word of God to the people of Mexico.

Let us not be guilty of doing too little, too late, as has been the case so many times in history, but let us rather give sacrificially, denying ourselves unnecessary luxuries, until the eternal seed of the Word has been planted in every human heart. ◀◀



Eager hands reach out for Spanish Gospels. (Photo by John Franklin.)



Some of the Ipoh young people who attended summer youth camp

After Youth Camp

BY MRS. LULA BAIRD
Missionary to Malaya

IPOH, THE THIRD LARGEST TOWN IN the Federation of Malaya, has been the third town to be occupied by the Assemblies of God in the Federation. (The other two towns were Kuala Lumpur, the capital city, and Georgetown, on the island of Penang.)

A little over fourteen months ago a house was rented in Ipoh and a portion of it was converted into a small chapel. As is usually the case in pioneer efforts, children made up the congregation, except for three to five young people. Little by little God began to break down barriers, and more and more young people became interested. The majority of them accepted Christ as time went on, but there was little depth manifested in most of their lives—until youth camp.

Thirty young people from Ipoh attended the camp. On the second day of camp one of the young men was filled with the Holy Spirit. By the last day of camp twenty-three had been filled with the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday after their return from camp, as the first song was being sung in the worship service, young people began falling on their knees, praising

and worshiping God. Those who had not been able to attend the youth camp were made hungry for the Holy Spirit, and one by one eight were filled. Many were given visions of the Lord Jesus and eternity. Prayer continued for three hours. We dispersed in order to hold our Chinese Sunday school, but immediately afterwards the young people sought the face of the Lord for two hours.

One young man who had gone to camp unsaved was not only saved but also filled with the Holy Spirit. He could hardly wait until he could return home and apologize to his younger sister because he had ridiculed her for her stand for Christ. His face was shining with the glory of the Lord; he couldn't retain the joy he felt.

Seeing the marvelous change in their older brother, not only this sister to whom he apologized, but also a younger brother and sister, sought the Lord and were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. In this one family alone, five have been filled with the Holy Spirit and seven are believers.

The parents have persecuted the children—attempted to force them to eat

food sacrificed to idols, and threatened them. The smallest girl, around ten years of age, testified afterwards saying, "When my father beat me, forbidding me to attend services again, I didn't even feel the pain because Jesus was there with me." The father locked all doors at service time, threatening not to let them in again if they attended our services. To the eldest son he said, "You can do what you want, but you are no longer considered as a son." Needless to say, the seven did much praying. Now the parents have relented and they are all back again at the services.

"And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses"—this is certainly being manifested in the hearts of these young people who now long to do something for Christ. They are gladly taking their places as Sunday school teachers and leaders in the church. The last few Sundays, through their efforts, our Sunday school increased from the record attendance of 74 to 127.

Picture what it must be like to try to handle a lively group of children and about 45 young people in a space about 12 by 24 feet, and you will understand what we mean when we say we are crowded. It is only because of good weather, vine-covered arbor, and banana trees that we have had shelter for our classes.

There are no larger buildings to rent in this area, but there are lots which can be bought at a reasonable price. A choice corner lot on a main highway, situated right at the entrance of one of the new housing estate projects, is available. It would not only mean we could keep our present congregation, but we would have an opportunity to reach souls in the new housing area as well. It will take 4,625 (U. S. dollars) to purchase this lot for a church building.

If you should like to help purchase the lot and build a church in Ipoh, Malaya, send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: LULA BAIRD—CHURCH BUILDING.

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

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Showing Love for Our Jewish Neighbors

BY MONTY GARFIELD

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

IT COSTS SOMETHING TO LOVE. THE centurion mentioned in Luke 7 had built the Jews a synagogue because he "loved the nation."

Love motivates giving. "God so loved ... that He gave His only begotten Son." After Jesus arose from the dead, He asked Peter whether he loved Him. Peter said, "Thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus answered, "Feed (or give to) my sheep."

In response to the manifestation of love, I, an orthodox Jew and a fearful hater of Jesus, was saved in 1945, when I was 38 years old. In 1954, after Bible school training and several years of evangelistic ministry, in obedience to the call of God, my wife and I gave up our home in sunny San Diego, where we had lived for over twenty-five years. We left the evangelistic field and sold our remaining businesses to accept Home Missions appointment to love, and feed with the Bread of Life, the almost 500,000 lost sheep of the house of Israel in Philadelphia.

With only the assured help of one church, Highway Mission Tabernacle,

THE JEW

Scattered by God's avenging hand,
Afflicted and forlorn,
Sad wanderers from their pleasant Land,
Do Judah's children mourn;
And e'en in Christian countries, few
Breathe thoughts of pity for the Jew.

Yet listen, Gentile, do you love
The Bible's precious page?
Then let your heart with kindness move
To Israel's heritage.
Who traced those lines of love for you?
Each sacred writer was a Jew.

And then as the years and ages passed,
And nations rose and fell,
Though clouds and darkness oft were cast
O'er captive Israel
The oracles of God for you
Were kept in safety by the Jew.

And when the great Redeemer came
For guilty man to bleed,
He did not take an angel's name;
No, born of Abraham's seed,
Jesus, who gave His life for you—
The gentle Saviour—was a Jew.

And though His own received Him not
And turned in pride away,
Whence is the Gentile's happier lot?
Are you more just than they?
No! God in pity turned to you—
Have you no pity for the Jew?

Go, then, and bend your knee to pray
For Israel's ancient race;
Ask the dear Saviour every day
To call them by His grace.
Go, for a debt of love is due
From Christian Gentiles to the Jew.

—Author Unknown

we began our ministry. Out of our business savings we purchased tracts, Bibles, and a public address system; and we rented a small apartment.

Witnessing to the Jews and preaching on the streets for several months did not bring any visible response although they seemed interested and spiritually hungry. Despondency would often grip us, but thank God for Assemblies of God Pastor Clifford Lewis of Glenholden, Pa., who is from a missionary family. He lived in the same apartment building as we and almost daily he would visit us showing Christian love and giving encouragement.

Out of our savings we bought a house in a Jewish section close to

where we held our main street meeting. We also purchased time on the radio. This went on for about a year with still no definite fruit and no Jews attending church with us. Then, we decided to open our home. By showing the films of Israel and gospel slides and inviting the Jews in for dinner with us, we began to see desired results. Since then scores of Jews have knelt and accepted Christ Jesus as their Messiah. Over 25 have been baptized in our Assemblies of God churches, and around 12 have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Jewish evangelism entails a great sacrifice of love. Several full-time workers are required for visitation, street work, and staffing the mission, and we have been fortunate to have some well-qualified assistants. Last year, mission workers distributed 50,535 pieces of literature and 925 New Testaments. They conducted 115 street meetings, 34 children's meetings, 49 Bible study services, and 52 Sunday indoor Mission House meetings.

We attend almost all meetings at our Assemblies of God churches and take with us our Jewish congregation and new Jews each time. We also serve many meals to Jewish people. Six were saved this year, besides many Gentiles.

To supply the need, it was necessary for me to itinerate often. Besides overseeing the Mission activities, I preached in 111 Assemblies with folk being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. I travelled 13,655 miles to do



Missionary and Mrs. Monty Garfield



Missionaries with a group of Jewish converts in Philadelphia. These were all saved at the Assemblies of God Mission.



Brother Garfield illustrates some of the Jewish customs and feasts, ably assisted by Mrs. Garfield.

this. This strenuous schedule resulted in a spell of nervous exhaustion.

Here is an excerpt from a letter my wife wrote while I was away preaching: "We had a wonderful service in the Mission. Twenty-one Jews also went to our Assembly of God church. In taking the Jews home that night, we had many trips to make in the car. There were ten or eleven of us still waiting when they began locking up the church. It's a pity. We need a bus so desperately."

We have to furnish transportation to and from the services. These Jews must be home on time to avoid too much questioning from their unsaved families. Also, the dark streets are dangerous at night for some of the older Jewesses. We had a Volkswagen station bus in which we were able to squeeze around fifteen passengers at one time. Eventually this bus began to wear out. The upkeep became exorbitant, so we purchased a 1957 Pontiac nine-passenger station wagon. This is far from being satisfactory.

FLANNELGRAPH STORIES NEEDED

Bible stories and other flannelgraph stories suitable for use in emphasizing Christian living and missions for children's story hours are needed by several home missionaries. Also, folding easels and Bible-story slides (2 by 2 inches) would be welcome. Missionaries in Alaska and on Indian reservations sometimes cannot afford enough stories to meet their child evangelism needs. If you have stories, slides, or easels you are no longer using, write to the Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., for the name of a missionary near you to whom you may send them.

We have another vehicle in mind; it could seat eighteen but it would require considerable money to arrange a trade-in. At the same time, transportation vehicles are one of the most important needs in this ministry. Besides needing them for transporting Jews to the Mission and the churches, we also need good cars for street meeting and visitation work. (There is no provision made for vehicles for Home Missions such as there is for Foreign Missions through Speed-the-Light and other programs.)

May God bless all who have obeyed the Lord's command that the gospel must go "to the Jew first." The Jewish nation is still dear to the Lord's heart, and those who bless the Jews will themselves be blessed.

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Editor's Note: There are only fourteen Assemblies of God appointed missionaries to the 6,000,000 American Jews. The need is staggering.

The Assemblies of God has three Hebrew Missions, as follows: Shalom Center, 4503 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago 25, Ill., with Ernest Sumrall, pastor of Stone Church, director; Messiah Mission, 2201 North Thirty-third Street, Philadelphia 32, Pa.; Monty Garfield, director; and Shalom Center, San Francisco, Calif., John Kutner, director.

When Sarah Berman passed away more than a year ago, the Mission in New York City closed for lack of someone to take her place. Pray with us that God will call more workers into this needy home missions field.

Brother Garfield offers his interesting book, "A Jewish Passover," to each one who contributes to the Philadelphia Jewish Mission Vehicle Fund.

You may send your offerings for this fund for "Jewish Evangelism" to the Home Missions Department.

CONSECRATED YOUTH

Mrs. Violet Miles, an Assemblies of God church member of Lake City, Iowa, sends this story:

"Our monthly missionary offering amounted to \$17.50 in May. We have in our church a new convert who owned an Indian headdress. This young man used to attend the Indian tribal dances on the nearby reservation and danced with the Indians. He said this was one of the 'old things' that 'passed away' when he was converted. He sold the beautiful headdress for \$50, then gave \$10 to the church in Lake City and the remaining \$40 for missions, designating that \$20 should go to the American Indian work and \$20 to a foreign missionary the church supports.

"The young man was getting married the next day, and of course the new home lacked many things the \$50 would have provided. He told the minister that they could not take a very long wedding trip because they did not have much money, but he wanted to give every cent of the money from the headdress to the Lord."

Surely God will bless young people like this who put Him first in their lives! ◀◀

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

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

Missionary Eugene Herd and some of the members at Holbrook, Ariz., break ground for their new church.



New Indian Church Under Construction

THE INDIAN CONGREGATION OF THE Holbrook, Ariz., Mission is enthusiastic over the prospects of a new church—a church to call its own! Ground-breaking services were conducted April 14, as a feature of the fellowship meeting. The footing and foundation for the building have been poured and the blocks have been laid.

God has certainly helped this young congregation. The faithful members have been giving their dimes and nickels to buy blocks. Their incomes are low, but they believe, as the missionaries have taught them, that God blesses a cheerful giver.

The Eugene Herds, missionary-pastors in Holbrook, have done an admirable work. They have conducted special projects and activities to help interest the Indian people in the Mission and in the gospel. Monday evenings (when there is not a revival meeting in session) the ladies meet for a sewing hour. It is always a busy evening with some of the women cut-

ting out quilt blocks, others sewing them up on treadle-type machines, and still others working on other garments.

Some of the women in the Mission, as well as on the reservation, take the used garments that come in and make them over into attractive clothes for their children and themselves. These classes have been instrumental in getting the Mission going. Through them, the Indian people have learned that Assemblies of God people do desire to help them and that WMC groups have sent the materials for the sewing classes. Some have come to sew and then later attend church services faithfully.

The missionaries spend much time counseling their people when they need advice. The personal interest shown to each individual has played a great part in building a congregation in Holbrook.

On Wednesday night of each week there is Bible study. Brother Herd teaches Bible doctrines while his wife teaches the children a Bible course.

The Indian children learn how to use their Bibles, where to find the scriptures on the life of Jesus, why Christ died, and the truths they need to know to help them live consistent Christian lives. On Thursday evenings, the boarding school children receive the same teaching.

The Herds visit the reservation with their interpreter on Thursday mornings to minister to the people there. The Friday night prayer meetings are well attended and the people really seek God for their needs and for lost loved ones and friends. Then, after each prayer service, they spend about a hour or so testifying and singing song after song. This fellowship draws the people together, for they must learn to help each other and be concerned about one another.

Please pray with these devoted missionaries and their congregation, that God will continue to bless their ministry and enable them to complete their new building. ◀◀



Sister Herd counsels a young Navajo mother.



Ladies enjoy sewing day at Holbrook Mission.

Lonely Servicemen Find Happiness at Alaskan Assemblies



BY HOWARD L. SHAFFETT

IN SEPTEMBER OF 1956, I ARRIVED AT Elmendorf AFB near Anchorage, Alaska. I had only one thought in mind when I arrived, just as the thousands of G.I.'s before me: to finish my tour of duty and go home.

I knew there was an Assemblies of God church at Anchorage, but I did not think it could ever take the place of the little church in South Carolina where I had been saved only a year before.

I met an Assemblies of God serviceman in the squadron to which I was assigned, and he took me on my first visit to the Anchorage Gospel Tabernacle. I was delighted to find a lovely church and noticed the congregation was composed mostly of servicemen and their families. In the basement of the church was a recreation room, a kitchen, and beds for those who wanted to spend a night away from the base. Besides the friendliness of the people, there was the home-cooked dinner prepared for the servicemen every Sunday afternoon by the Women's Missionary Council.

In spite of my skepticism about the church when I arrived in Alaska, I found myself enjoying every part of it. I began to spend my spare time at the Servicemen's Center where other fellows from the base came to pray and fellowship. We organized a Bible study class among ourselves and invited unsaved fellows to sit in on our discussions. On Sunday afternoons we held street meetings and invited all who would come to church with us. *I found myself doing things for the Lord for the first time since I had been saved, and I enjoyed it.*

Even though this is my personal testimony, I am sure that it could be the testimony of many Christian servicemen who have had similar experiences

while stationed in Alaska. The work among servicemen presents a great challenge which many of the churches in Alaska must meet every day. Over half of the population is composed of military personnel and their families, with the bulk of these in the Anchorage and Fairbanks areas. Here lies a vast mission field with unlimited possibilities for those who are privileged to minister in the land of the midnight sun.

The churches and pastors in the military areas of Alaska have accepted the challenge and have caught the vision of ministry to servicemen. They have geared a portion of their program to meet the spiritual needs of these men and to win them to Christ.

The church at Fairbanks serves both Eielson and Ladd Air Force Bases. There is an extensive program here to reach the G.I.'s and a Servicemen's Center with accommodations for an overnight stay on weekends. This "home away from home" has been a blessing to many of the single men and also a means to win many of them to Christ.

North Pole, a town located midway between Ladd and Eielson Air Bases, is a strategic post of ministry to servicemen. The pastor, Ralph Miller, has been appointed "Contact Chaplain" for Eielson. Each month the chapel on base sends him the names of Assemblies of God personnel that check in there. It is his job to contact these men and to provide them with a church home during their tour of duty in Alaska.

The church at Kodiak, the site of a large naval base, ministers almost exclusively to servicemen. Every other week the pastor is allowed to conduct a radio broadcast over the Armed Forces Radio station so that thousands of sailors are able to hear a full-gospel radio program.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shaffett have recently been appointed to the Alaska field to minister in the Servicemen's Center of the Anchorage Assembly. Brother Shaffett will also be assistant pastor. Both the Shaffetts are B.A. graduates of CBI.



THE PULPIT AND THE PEW

What is not preached from the pulpit is not likely to be experienced in the pew. Before men can believe they must hear. Men can believe only after they hear and only what they hear. Where there is no hearing there is no believing. For it is written, "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14). And again, "Faith cometh by hearing" (Romans 10:17).

Only what is preached or taught is heard, and only what is heard and believed is practiced.

This enables us to understand why there are both strong and weak points in our Movement and in certain areas of truth among us. We have obtained that which we have preached, and we have failed to see that which we have not preached.

Nothing can be done about the past, but much can be done about the future. The rules remain the same. The people in the pew today are what they heard from the pulpit yesterday; but what they will be tomorrow will be determined by what they hear today.

This is a tremendous challenge, especially to the preacher and teacher. Consider the vision of God's children for the lost in America. There is no greater need among us, for Solomon declared, "Where there is no vision the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). This includes both the people without vision and the people for whom there is no vision. In this light, vision is of vital importance.

God's children will experience a genuine vision of the lost only as it is preached to them and to the extent it is preached to them. The Word of God has already provided a revelation of the actual fact, state, and end of the lost. The truth only waits to be preached; and if it is preached consistently, it will revolutionize the outreach of our movement for America's perishing millions. ◀◀

Home Front Highlights

Glimpses of the Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

Sisseton, South Dakota

The Vern McNallys, recent appointees to Indian ministry in Sisseton, lost all their belongings on the way to their new charge when their trailer came loose from the car.

Potlatch, Washington

The Indian church at Potlatch, where Alvin Oya is pastor, is rejoicing over 75 new songbooks provided for them by a Christian man in Anchorage, Alaska.

Whiteriver, Arizona

Fred Cruse, missionary at Whiteriver, recently baptized five converts in the Colorado River. Among them was an 85-year-old Chemehuevi Indian lady!

Shiprock, New Mexico

Charles Lee, missionary at Shiprock, writes: "We are thankful to God for the miracle performed in the life of our baby, Evan. He was accidentally shot through the face with a 22-caliber pistol and is completely unharmed. Not one vital spot was hit and he never suffered pain. We give all the glory to God for this miraculous healing." The incident greatly impressed the doctors and nurses at the hospital where he was examined.

San Ysidro, New Mexico

The W. L. Barbarys, who are starting a new church for the Jemez Pueblo Indians, are grateful for a ditto machine provided for them by the Southern Missouri District WMC's.



Group baptized at the Winslow-Flagstaff, Ariz. fellowship meeting.

Grants, New Mexico

Leonard Everly, missionary-pastor at Grants, had a serious accident April 7. He was taking a Navajo lady and her husband and their three-year-old daughter to the Indian hospital at Crown Point about 54 miles from Grants. When they were about 14 miles from the hospital, a drunken Indian driver in a pickup pulled over to Brother Everly's side of the road. In some way the missionary avoided hitting him



Leonard Everly's car as it appeared after the wreck.

head-on, but the pickup side-swiped the back of the Everly car and it rolled over five times. All were thrown from the car except the Navajo woman and she was pinned in.

An ambulance took all persons to the hospital in Gallup. The doctors found nothing seriously wrong—no bones had been broken—and the Navajo woman's baby was born fifteen or twenty minutes after the group arrived at the hospital! After viewing the wrecked Carryall, the Everlys felt their escape was miraculous.

Brother Everly is rejoicing that, in the mission and the Crown Point outstation, 20 have been saved and 15 have been baptized in the Holy Spirit since the first of the year.

Flagstaff, Arizona

On May 21, the Winslow and Flagstaff Indian Missions had a joint water baptismal service and a fellowship picnic. Sixteen were baptized.

New York District

The WMC's and C.A.'s of the New York District are helping to purchase a bus for the church on the Cattaraugus

Reservation at Lawtons by collecting green stamp books. James Keifer, missionary here, feels that many more would come to Sunday school if they had a means of transportation.

Holbrook, Arizona

In error, we stated in the May 28 *Evangel* that the John Davises were assisting the Eugene Herds at Holbrook. This is not the case. The Davises only live in Holbrook and are working out of this place, holding services on the Navajo reservation each Sunday.

Indian Camps in Minnesota

Larry Bisonette, missionary in Minneapolis, reports his Sunday school is now running in the 40's. He is having mid-week meetings in the homes and the people are responding. He has organized Missionette, WMC, and Men's Fellowship groups recently.

ALASKA MINISTRY

Nome

The L. Duane Carriker at Nome announce the arrival of Leland Duane, born May 5.

Valdez

All the children in the Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home, except one, have been saved recently. Two girls and one boy received the Baptism. Ten were baptized in water.

Kodiak

Two were saved and one filled with the Spirit recently at Kodiak.

Pastor and Mrs. William Cummins and their four sons welcomed a new little son and brother into their home in Kodiak on April 18. He has been named Jonathan David.

Fort Yukon

The Ken Andruses are very thankful to the Northwest District for the financial help they received to repair their much-needed plane. The plane is essential for ministry to surrounding



Latin American congregation at Nogales, Ariz. Caroline Paulsen, pastor.

villages, and for reaching game that is needed for meat, as well as to haul groceries and supplies from Fairbanks, and to transport missionaries and evangelists between villages.

The Andruses have been flying to several small interior villages, only one of which has a resident evangelical missionary. In each of these places they conduct services or visit homes to pray and give out tracts.

Wainwright

The Eskimo Christians are still on fire for the Lord in this village.

Missionary I. Cecelia Piper thanks all who have contributed clothing for distribution in the Wainwright area. She says it is always needed, for there are so very many children in the village and the finances are spread far too thinly to feed and clothe such a large number properly. It gives Sister Piper an opening into the homes to present the gospel if she can also take with her something to help ease the personal suffering.

Recently, the people at Wainwright caught a whale, their first in six years, and there has been much rejoicing among the Pentecostal folk for the "Muktuk." The whale was over forty feet long and weighed nearly twelve tons.

FOREIGN-LANGUAGE MINISTRY

Nogales Arizona

Caroline Paulson, who pioneered the Spanish Assembly at Globe, Ariz., about two years ago, has now opened another Spanish Assembly in Nogales, Ariz., according to Brother Jose Giron, superintendent of the Latin American Branch.



Members of the Latin American mission in Nogales meet in the basement of this home.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweeney, a blind couple, record the voice of William Gockley as he reads from *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

Blind Hear the Gospel Through Tapes

BY WILLIAM GOCKLEY

Minister to the Deaf and Blind, Janesville, Wisconsin

BLIND PERSONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES are now receiving spiritual blessings through gospel tapes sent to them by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweeney, a blind Christian couple in Janesville, Wis.

The Sweeneys have a great burden for the many blind who are in spiritual darkness as well as physical darkness. For seven years they prayed for someone to help them begin a gospel tape ministry. They knew that gospel tapes could be a blessing to the blind who have tape recorders. During a visit with them, I learned of the burden on their hearts.

The possibilities of having a tape ministry were then discussed with Maxine Strobridge, national representative of the deaf and blind ministries of the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department. Plans were made to begin. Friends and other interested persons contributed to the Home Missions Department to make it possible to purchase fifty tapes and mailing boxes. Brother Sweeney had already made a Hi Fi tape recorder on which master tapes could be produced.

Since the beginning of this ministry, members of the Janesville Assembly of God have devoted many hours to the reading of *The Pentecostal Evangel* as the Sweeneys record the reading on

William Gockley has been working in deaf ministry several years in Beloit, Wis. and Rockford, Ill. He has recently received appointment as a minister to the Deaf. Brother Gockley studied the sign language at CBI. He holds credentials with the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District.

a master tape. Other tapes are quickly and easily made from the master. Each month, three-hour-long recordings are provided for the blind who request the tapes. When the individual is finished with a tape, it is returned to the Sweeneys for re-cutting.

We are thankful to God for the opportunity of presenting the gospel to the blind in this way and trust that as a result of these tapes many will find Christ as their Saviour.

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Editor's Note: Letters of thanks are coming to the Home Missions Department from blind persons who are thrilled to receive the tapes. If you know of blind persons who have tape recorders, please send their names and addresses to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. No charge is made to the blind who request the tapes.

If you would like to help provide tapes, your offering may be sent to the Home Missions Department designated for the BLIND FUND. A contribution of \$5 buys a tape and provides many hours of listening for a blind person.



The workers pray that the tape will be a blessing to many blind people.

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Liberia

NEW HOPE TOWN CELEBRATES FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

New Hope Town recently celebrated its fourteenth anniversary, reports Missionary Florence Steidel, founder of this great leper colony. It was a busy day. Activities included a 4:30 A.M. prayer meeting, a worship service with communion and the dedication of 22 babies, and a baptismal service.

Mexico

BIBLE SCHOOL GRADUATES TWELVE

Twelve students were graduated from El Instituto Biblico Bethania in Tijuana on May 12, reports Director Francisco Aquilor. Work has begun on a new chapel which will be completed in time for the reopening of the school on October 2. Construction will soon begin on a new girls' dormitory also.

Spain

NEW ASSEMBLY FORMED

A new congregation has been formed and is now looking for a building and pastor, reports Missionary Kenneth McIntyre. "Two months ago we began conducting Wednesday evening services in a town 25 miles north of Barcelona," he writes. "A group from another church became interested in the Pentecostal experience and divine healing. Javier, the leader of the group, received the baptism of the Holy Spirit,

and another was healed of a severe case of curvature of the spine. These Christians have now come to us for help." (Javier is not a pastor, but a lay member who is leading the group until a pastor can be called. He is looking for a suitable building; at present services are conducted in a home.)

Congo

MISSIONARIES RETURN TO CONGO

Brother and Sister J. W. Tucker, who have returned to Congo, report attendance is steadily increasing in the services at Paulis. On a recent Sunday more than 310 were present and seven accepted the Lord. The church has now called a Bible woman to help among the women and girls. It has become necessary to purchase additional benches to accommodate the crowds. A larger building will be needed soon.

Fiji

NATIONAL WORKERS ENTER MINISTRY

On Easter Sunday a record crowd of 503 attended the Evangelistic Center in Suva, reports Missionary Lawrence Larson. During a consecration service, two received licenses to preach and eleven young men received Christian Worker's papers. These new workers were all the fruit of the Suva Evangelistic Center.

In a recent evening service ten were baptized in water and twelve accepted Christ.

British Guiana

GROWTH REPORTED AT NEW ASSEMBLY

Golden Grove Assembly, established six months ago, recently conducted evangelistic meetings in a nearby city. "The results of the entire nine-night campaign were 325 decisions for Christ and 30 baptized in water," reports Missionary David Guenther. In three months' time, twenty-five have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Golden Grove Assembly.

Colombia

NATIONALS LAUNCH INDIGENOUS CHURCH

In the past twelve months 173 have accepted Christ in Bogota's North Church, Missionary Norman Campbell reports. Many of these have been baptized and become members of the church. Faith promises, in the amount of 15,535 Colombian pesos, were received recently toward the down payment on a lot for a new church building. The church hopes to raise an additional 15,000 pesos by the end of December to complete the down payment. Plans are being made to construct a church with 1,000 seats.

South India

BIBLE STUDENTS BUSY ON EVANGELISTIC TOURS

Thirteen students were graduated from Bethel Bible Institute at the close



Students and faculty at El Instituto Biblico Bethania, Tijuana, Mexico. Twelve students graduated last May.



In the last twelve months 173 Colombians have been saved at the North Church in Bogota.

of this term, reports Missionary Mildred Ginn. After graduation the young men graduates and upper classmen, accompanied by their supervisors, went out in four groups on evangelistic tours. They reported far greater response in open-air meetings than on any previous tour. From two to four hundred people crowded around, sitting on the ground for hours listening to the messages.

A number also have accepted the Lord as a result of the students' visitation work.



New Bible school in Rome, Italy

Italy

ROME BIBLE SCHOOL DEDICATED

A new five-story Bible school building was dedicated by the Italy Assemblies of God. Brothers T. F. Zimmerman and J. Philip Hogan were present and spoke at the dedication ceremony. Located in Rome, the building will accommodate 100 students. Presently 35 students are enrolled. Roberto Bracco is director of the school.

Ghana

REPORTS YEAR OF PROGRESS

"The ten young men who graduated from our Bible school this year are already pastoring churches," reports Missionary Margaret Scott. "At the District Council reports were given of new churches being built and new areas entered this year. A national presbyter stated, 'In every church souls have been added, Christians filled with the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies healed.' Recently two young Mohammedan teachers who had been conducting religious instruction classes for Mohammedan children were saved. Now the children come to our religious instruction classes."

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Please explain the meaning of the gift of prophecy. 1 Corinthians 12:10; 14:3.

Paul regarded prophecy as the most edifying gift; for he said, "He that prophesieth edifieth the church." Prophecy may include anointed testimony or preaching. "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10). "He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." It is very rare that prophecy is given for the purpose of foretelling coming events or for giving guidance to others as to what they should do.

Can we expect God to help us in difficult circumstances when we learn of six million Jews suffering every indignity and death?

God is "a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1), but I do not interpret this to mean that we can always escape disasters and sorrows. Were our country invaded we would all have to suffer the consequences. It is true that God could provide a means of escape, but more likely He would be our helper by providing us strength to bear the test. Many of the worthies of Hebrews 11 suffered greatly, but they were sustained by God. He will enable us to stand similar tests if they come.

Was it impossible for Jesus to die on the cross unless He willed to die (John 10:18)?

I think so. He was challenged to come down from the cross if He were indeed the Son of God. No doubt He could have done this, but if He had saved Himself He could not have saved us. He chose to die. He said, "No man taketh it [my life] from me, but I lay it down of myself." The mob was unable to take Jesus until He allowed them to do so (John 18:5-8). He willingly gave His life for the sins of the whole world.

I am told that according to tradition Mary was fourteen and a half years old when Jesus was born. Is there any scripture which supports this?

There is no scripture to support this tradition. However, there is a tradition (how reliable I do not know) that Mary lived for eleven years after the crucifixion of Jesus and died in her fifty-ninth year. Jesus was about thirty-three and a half years old at His death. Deduct eleven from fifty-nine; then deduct thirty-three and one-half and you have fourteen and one-half as the age of Mary when Jesus was born. Let me repeat, there is no scripture which says this; it is credited only to tradition. Whether it is correct or not we do not know.

I am not saved, but I like a girl very much who is saved. Is it right that we go together, or should we part company?

It is well that you think of the well-being of the young lady in whom you are interested, but it would be better were you to give your heart to the Lord. Then you could have good Christian fellowship together. The Bible says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Your desires are likely very different from the desires of your Christian girl friend. She loves the things of God; you love the things condemned by God. The Bible admonishes Christians to "be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 6:14). It is much better that Christian young people find their companionship with other Christian young people rather than with those who do not know and love the Lord.

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).



Women's Missionary Council

MILDRED SMULAND, NATIONAL SECRETARY

ACCORDING TO THE 1960 reports thirty-eight district WMC organizations engaged in collecting coins of various denominations for specific projects. The year's total of these "fragments" faithfully gathered up came to \$67,306.52. More of the money was used for home missions within the districts than for any other purpose.

Pennies were the most popular coins collected, with twenty-one districts specializing in penny collections. Leading the nation in coin collections (pennies) was Northern California-Nevada. At last report, the total was \$5,897. This will be used for church extension in that district.

Oregon lacked only seventy-three cents reaching \$4,000 in pennies. Other districts topping \$3,000 in penny collections were: Illinois, South Texas, and Wisconsin-Northern Michigan.

New Jersey led the nickel march



E. D. Cooley, Michigan Superintendent, accepts check for \$1,666.64 from Mrs. F. A. Thornton, WMC president (right), and Mrs. Florence Way, treasurer. The money for home missions was collected in pennies.



BY ELVA M. JOHNSON
National WMC Representative

with \$4,638, contributed to that district's revolving loan fund. Southern New England also gave nickels for the district revolving loan fund, and Southern Idaho gave their nickels to put a roof on a pioneer parsonage.

In nine districts, dimes were collected, with New York leading. WMC's of that district gave \$2,241 in dimes to the district revolving loan fund. Ohio was close behind with \$2,101, also given for district home missions.

Oklahoma uses a pledge system instead of small coin collections. In 1960, Oklahoma WMC's responded with over \$9,000 cash to be divided among the various areas of WMC service.

Small coins are collected and used in various ways as determined by the district WMC leaders who may confer

with district officials. In West Texas, for instance, pennies were collected to supply the needs of missionaries to the American Indians from that district. Mrs. H. H. Woods, district WMC president, says:

"The local groups saved pennies from August (camp-meeting time) until district council which was held at Big Springs, Texas, in April 1961. Awards were given to the sectional director whose section brought the most pennies, and to the local group which had the most pennies. Our total offering was \$1,745."

In Southern Missouri, Mrs. Cleo Tapp, district WMC president, says coin collections have been made each year for the past ten years. A three-year cycle of giving has been worked out, so each year the collection goes for a different area of service. In 1958, their coins went for scholarships for foreign Bible students. In 1959, district home missions were emphasized, and in 1960, the money collected was divided between district and national home missions. Last year \$2,670 in quarters came in, setting a record for small coin giving in Southern Missouri.

Minnesota WMC's put dimes to work for God by helping on pioneer building programs. During the period between 1958 and 1960, Minnesota WMC's gave a total of \$4,665 in dimes for home missions. The District Presbytery determines where the money so collected should be spent. The churches at Hibbing and Grand Rapids each received \$1,575, while Ada, Mora, and the Jackson Street Assembly in St. Paul, each received \$505.



This new church at Hibbing, Minn. received a grant of \$1,575 from the district WMC small coin project. Right: Pastor Norman Levang accepts check for the Mora Assembly from Minnesota district WMC treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Johnson.





One of the many floats used to present the small coin collections in the Northern California-Nevada District.



Mrs. Goldie Anderson, District WMC president, presents plaque to first-place winner in penny float contest.

The women have not carried the vision for home missions alone, however, for the Men's Fellowship in Minnesota has organized a program known as God's Mission Men. Enrolled members respond to calls for \$1 each for various pioneer projects. They have substantially assisted three home missions churches through this plan.

Mrs. E. B. Adamson, District WMC President, says, "We are pushing the dime project forward in the name of the Lord, and trust we will break all previous records in 1961. Our annual coin offerings are brought in for the WMC service at Lake Geneva Bible Camp."

Thus WMC's all over the nation are backing our home missionaries and other missionary efforts by gathering up the small coins that would otherwise be spent for trifles. ◀◀



Scene on WMC Day at the Northern California-Nevada District Council

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Spanish Children Are Intrigued by Washer

WMC's of the Southern New England District recently supplied the Roy Daltons, missionaries at Ronda (Malaga), Spain, with a much-needed washing machine.

Mrs. Dalton, pictured at right as she washed, writes: "The children, members of our Sunday school, were charmed with the mysteries of the machine. Never in their lives had they seen such a thing. They watched every move for an hour.

"I just can't tell how much it means to me to have a machine that can really wash. I'm so grateful not to have to rub and wring out by hand. . . ."

Mrs. Dalton had previously used a machine with a stationary hand wringer which only washed one sheet at a time. This was the best available in Ronda.



Girls Find Christ Through Missionettes

By Charlotte Schumitsch

"The Lord has really been blessing our group," writes Missionette president Naomi McKenzie of Salinas, California. "Our main goal for this year is to win other girls to the Lord. At our last meeting four visitors were saved." In her letter, Miss McKenzie went on to say that the presence of the Lord was so real that the girls did not take time to work on their projects.

Due to the great interest in Missionettes, it was necessary to divide the group and start a club for Junior Missionettes at the Alisal Assembly in Salinas. A number of clubs, which had all the girls from 9-17 in one club, are finding that the rapid increase in membership has made it imperative to have two separate groups. When the division is made, the girls from 9-11 meet together while the older girls from 12-17 have their own meetings.

As the girls meet with their sponsors they feel a sense of belonging. And truly the Missionettes do belong to the local church. Hundreds of pastors could testify to the fact that having a Missionette Club in their church has helped the girls to grow spiritually and, in many cases, brought new girls and even entire families to the Lord.

While contributing much to the local church, Missionettes also have a part in the home missions, foreign missions, and benevolence branches of the church. Handwork projects are appreciated by the missionaries. Patients in hospitals and nursing homes look forward with great anticipation to the coming of Missionettes who will sing and testify to them.

The Missionettes of Alisal Assembly have the opportunity of working as nurses aides in the county hospital, and what better way could be found to witness to the needy.

The Missionette program is a supplement to the other functions which are already a part of each local church. If we are to keep our young people in the church, we must give them something to do that will make them feel needed. The church needs Missionettes, and Missionettes need the church. It is the earnest desire of the National WMC Department to see a Missionette Club in every local church. More than 2,000 clubs are now active. May we add your group to this number?

For information write the Missionette Division, National WMC Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

Here are the Missionettes and sponsor, Geneva Robinson, of the First Assembly, Grants, N. Mex. The girls enjoy learning about our Assemblies of God missionaries.



Mrs. John P. Riley sponsors these girls at Faith Tabernacle in Oklahoma City. The girls have prepared fruit baskets for the ill and have contributed many items for missionaries.



Missionettes at Ypsilanti, Mich. are shown with Easter baskets they made for children in a local hospital. Mrs. Robert Hudson, sponsor, is standing in back row left. The club helps to maintain the girls' interest in the church.



These young people attended a Missionette King and Queen Banquet which was sponsored by the Missionettes of Owensboro, Ky. The girls enjoy the material found in Missionette Memos according to their sponsor, Clifty Felty.

Mary Helen Douglas was crowned queen of the Coalinga, Calif. Missionettes. She is wearing a crown in the photo. Miss Effie Haggard, sponsor, reports that two clubs have now been formed.





The Family Altar



MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

MONDAY, JULY 31

READ: Romans 13:8-14

LEARN: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour" (Romans 13:10).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage stresses the importance of having love for one another. Love is shown as: (1) fulfilling the law, vv. 8, 10; (2) covering all areas of human relationships, vv. 9, 10; (3) being genuinely concerned about others, v. 10. This love is necessary because: (1) our final redemption is at hand, v. 11; (2) we must put on the armor of light, v. 12; (3) it is a part of walking honestly and avoiding sin, v. 13; (4) it is involved in our walking according to Christ's commandments.

QUESTION TIME: Of what value is love? (See above.) Why is Christian love necessary? (See above.) How can we have more of this Christian love?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

READ: Romans 14:1-12

LEARN: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

FOR THE PARENT: This chapter involves relationships among believers, especially differences of opinion regarding the rightness or wrongness of things. Emphasize the principles: (1) there are differences among Christians, v. 2; (2) all our relationships are to be guided by Christian love and mutual respect, v. 3; (3) we are not to judge one another, v. 4; (4) we should be firmly convinced of our own convictions and do all things for God's glory, vv. 5, 6; (5) we must remember our influence, vv. 7-9; (6) we shall give account to God, v. 12.

QUESTION TIME: Why are we not to judge one another? How do verses 7 and 8 affect our Christian attitude?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAY: Raymond M. Stawinski, Paraguay.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

READ: Romans 14:13-23

LEARN: "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material. This part of the chapter adds another important principle to help us determine our actions: we must not put a stumblingblock in another Christian's path. The primary reference, of course, is that we should do nothing to discourage the weaker Christian. Then point out the importance of being firmly convinced ourselves that our actions are right in the sight of God, v. 22. This is important because whatever is not of faith is sin to us, v. 23. From Romans 13:8-14 again stress the importance of having love for one another.

QUESTION TIME: What is our responsibility toward the weaker Christian? (See above.) How does love enter into this?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Jimmie W. Davis, Japan; Edna M. Hudson, North India; Robert McClay, North India.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

READ: Judges 16:23-31

LEARN: "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee" (Psalm 86:5).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Samson's Final Victory" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the

group review the story of Samson's life to the time of his imprisonment. Samson had a great deal of time to think about his life while he was imprisoned, and no doubt he repented of his sins. Then discuss this final victory, stressing the fact that God is merciful and ready to forgive. Emphasize the importance of seeking God's forgiveness for our sins; then show God's love and mercy toward us.

QUESTION TIME: What was Samson's final victory? What does this lesson teach about God's mercy?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Adrian M. Heetebry, Fiji; Mrs. H. I. Specter, Haiti; Mrs. Verne Warner, Dominican Republic.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

READ: 1 Kings 21:1-6; Job 1:20-22; 2:7-10 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

FOR THE PARENT: The Bible passages for today reveal two distinct attitudes toward problems: Ahab's pouting when he couldn't have his way and Job's complete trust in God in spite of what must have seemed like total disaster. Our attitudes toward material things are geared to the values we place on them. Stress that God understands the difficulties we face and stands able to encourage us and help us through them. When things go wrong we need not be thrown if our faith rests in God. We know that whatever He allows in our lives will be for the best.

QUESTION TIME: How were Ahab and Job different in their reactions to problems? What does Romans 8:28 mean to you?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Ralph D. Williams, Venezuela; S. E. Chainey, (Deaf), Missouri; Moses Proshansky (Jewish), Missouri; David D. Schmidt, Alaska.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

READ: Luke 15:3-7; John 10:1-16; Psalm 100:3 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep" (John 10:14).

FOR THE PARENT: From these passages use the illustration of the shepherd and his sheep to stress the love and care that Jesus has for us. From John 10:1-16 discuss: (1) the difference between the true shepherd and false shepherds, vv. 1, 2; (2) the shepherd leads the sheep, vv. 3, 4; (3) the sheep have confidence in their shepherd, vv. 4, 5; (4) the application of the parable to Jesus and to Christians, showing that Christ is the Good Shepherd, vv. 6-16. Stress the importance of following the Good Shepherd.

QUESTION TIME: Who is the Good Shepherd? Why is He called this? How are Christians like sheep?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Blanche R. Appleby (superannuated), Philippines; Mrs. H. C. Ball (superannuated), Spanish Literature Department; Mrs. James Modder, North India; E. Eloise Smith, West Africa; Clarence L. Strom, Alaska.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SUNDAY: Elbert W. Brown, Indonesia; Elsie Strahl, Brazil; Carol E. Wingren, West Africa; Paul C. Wright, East Africa; Mrs. Gilbert Mort, Alaska; Lemy L. Pike (Indian), New Mexico.



SAMSON'S FINAL VICTORY

Sunday School Lesson for August 6, 1961

JUDGES 16:23-31

THE COURSE AND CONSEQUENCES OF SIN. Judges 16:21.

According to the cruel custom of those days, Samson's eyes were put out, and to complete his misery he was bound with fetters and sent to grind corn—the task of a common slave. The treatment he received strikingly illustrates what happens in our spiritual lives if we compromise our ideals and yield to the flesh and the devil. Three words sum it up—blinding, binding, and grinding.

Samson's physical blindness was symbolic of his spiritual blindness which had first come upon him as a result of tampering with wrongdoing. It is one of the subtleties of sin that when men begin to depart from the light of God's revealed will they are soon plunged into great spiritual darkness and self-deception. The binding with chains suggests that spiritual bondage is also the inevitable result of failure to walk in the Spirit. The grinding likewise suggests the dreariness, hopelessness, monotony, and futility of life when a man has lost that fellowship with God which alone can make life happy and complete.

THE CONSOLING RESTORATION. Judges 16:22.

"Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven." Just as the loss of his hair was symbolic of the lost consecration, so we may believe that the growing of his hair symbolized reconsecration and the gradual return of strength. This thought brings encouragement. A person who has lived a godly life may fall into sin. But the memory of his experience still lives; his soul bears impressions of grace that used to be there. The Holy Spirit deals with him. He becomes troubled, restless, then fully repentant. He breaks with sin, begins to read His Bible again, attends the services of the church, and makes a new consecration. The hair of his head has begun to grow! Here is the true doctrine of the second chance. Not a second chance after death, but through God's grace, mercy, and longsuffering a second chance here and now to the truly repentant.

THE CALLOUSNESS OF THE PHILISTINES. Judges 16:23-25.

What a grim picture of the depth of man's inhumanity to his fellow man! Not satisfied with the treatment to which they had already subjected Samson, they now proceed to amuse themselves by exposing him to ridicule before thousands of people who had gathered together for one of their idolatrous feasts to their god Dagon.

UNLAWFUL AMUSEMENTS. "Call for Samson that he may make us sport."

In all ages men have engaged in sports and amusements which God condemns as He did on this occasion. What amusements and forms of "recreation" are unlawful today? The question is a serious one which, for the sake of youth, should not be dodged. May we not say that any amusement is unlawful—(1) when one spends too much time; (2)

when one spends money which he cannot afford; (3) when one's health is impaired ("recreation" means to build up, or to re-create, not to break down); (4) when one's interest and appetite for spiritual things is dulled; (5) when one's associates are of the wrong sort; (6) when one cannot indulge "in the name of the Lord" (which means by His authority, or as a representative of Him—Colossians 3:17); (7) when one cannot indulge "to the glory of God" (which means that it will bring honor and credit to Him—1 Corinthians 10:13).

THE CRUSHING OF THE PHILISTINES. Judges 16:26-30.

This occasion was not merely a personal matter between Samson and the Philistines. The glory of Jehovah was at stake for the Philistines claimed that their god Dagon was responsible for their victory.

Thus it was that Samson prayed unto God and God graciously answered his prayer. Samson was not simply asking for divine aid in committing suicide. On the contrary, it seems evident that in his death he rose to a nobility which he did not exhibit during his lifetime. He realized that in order to conquer the Philistines now would mean his own death, yet he was quite willing to pay the price.

In one final effort Samson exerted himself. The power of God came mightily upon him and the huge pillars of the massive temple crumbled, bringing down to their death more Philistines than he had slain during his life. Thus Israel was once again delivered from her enemies.

While we may be encouraged by Samson's last-hour restoration, we cannot but regret that a man with such great spiritual privileges and opportunities so abused them that he never became the leader God intended him to be; nor did he exert upon his people any real lasting influence.

—J. Bashford Bishop

OVERPOWERING THE ENEMY



As ancient as Job, as modern as tomorrow, is the question
of the life beyond. Where will you be five
minutes after your heart stops beating?

THE QUESTION OF THE AGES

—BY MICHAEL HORBAN

JOB SAID, "BUT MAN DIETH, AND wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" That is a very important question. Where is he when death takes him away from this earth?

Wherever he is, he will be there a long time. Have you given this subject much thought? You should, because you also are mortal.

"Man dieth," said Job. And he certainly does! Death comes to all. The wise man wrote, "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it" (Ecclesiastes 8:8).

Man is absolutely powerless in the day of death. This enemy holds the field against all man's efforts. Neither science nor learning, wealth nor fame, can provide an escape. There is no defense against death. God has made an appointment with death for every person. *You* have a date with death.

The entire Bible points out the uncertainty of our days. It stresses that life is frail and that death often comes unexpectedly and without warning. Experience teaches us that death is no respecter of age. As a pastor I have conducted funeral services for infants too young to walk, and also for the aged who were too feeble to walk. I have buried people whose life was snuffed out instantly in car accidents, and I have buried people who died in their sleep. It is not left to us to set the time or the place of death.

Eugene Christian wrote a book entitled *How to Live to Be a Hundred*. But Mr. Christian himself died at sixty-nine, barely two-thirds of the way along the path of his coveted goal. The old poem puts it this way:

*The clock of life is wound but once
And no man hath the power
To tell just when the hands will stop—
At late or early hour.*

That truth should make the most careless think. David said, "There is but a step between me and death." Think of it! Life hangs by such a thin thread that a fall, a draft, an insect, a poison, a germ, a virus, a blood clot, or a hundred other things can bring it to an end. Every year in the United States alone over 40,000 people start out in their cars and never get back from their trip. Read your newspaper and see for yourself how suddenly and unexpectedly people step out of this life into eternity.

But to die unexpectedly is not a tragedy unless you die unprepared. To die without Christ is the worst thing that could happen to you. That you will die is a matter about which you have no choice: you *must* die. But the matter of getting ready to die—setting your house in order and being prepared—is up to you. The prophet said, "Prepare to meet thy God."

"Man dieth," Job said, and then he added, "and where is he?" It is here that the Bible throws great light upon death. Solomon said, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was:

and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7). The soul survives death and is in the hands of God for judgment.

Most unsaved people fear death. It is right that they should. This fear is instinctive. It is man's attitude toward the unknown. This fear of death goes hand in hand with sin. How can a man have anything but fear when he knows that he is in the wrong with God? Proverbs 11:7 says, "When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust men perisheth." In other words, the moment an unsaved person dies, his hope dies. It is a sad, bitter thought but one that is nonetheless true. There is absolutely no possible way for a sinner who dies in his sins to get into heaven.

It was Jesus Himself who stated this so clearly when He said, "Whither I go, ye cannot come . . . for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:21, 24). There are no other saviors—and because man is a sinner, he *needs* a savior.

True conversion to Jesus Christ does
(Continued on page twenty-seven)

Prepare

Prepare, O Soul, the night is drawing near,
The daylight fades, the way is growing dim;
Prepare that thou mayest meet without a fear
The Holy One and give account to Him.

Prepare, O Soul, the hours are fleeting by,
The darkening clouds in silence gather o'er.
Unheeding wilt thou blindly close thine eye
To all the dangers that may lie before?

Prepare, O Soul, life's day is almost gone;
Thy summons even now may ready be,
And still all unprepared thou goest on
To meet the Righteous Judge who calleth thee.

Prepare, O Soul, tomorrow is too late;
Thy life ends not when placed beneath the sod.
Shall bliss or lasting woe become thy fate?
Prepare, O Soul, prepare to meet thy God.

—Louise Jeter Walker

Unemployed Find Jobs in Answer to Prayer

Revivaltime Team Prays for 3,114 Requests During Special Meeting in Detroit

BY LOIS HOKANSON

ON MAY 14, IN FORD AUDITORIUM, Detroit, Michigan, the *Revivaltime* team in a special prayer meeting for the unemployed claimed Christ's promise, "... If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 18:19).

From every section of the United States and even several foreign countries, 3,114 requests for persons seeking employment were sent to *Revivaltime* for the special, urgent prayer meeting. Climaxing a *Revivaltime* youth crusade in Detroit, local pastors, young people, and the broadcast origination audience joined with the *Revivaltime* team in prayer for these requests. Each request represented a specific person who was seeking employment.

Even before prayer meeting time in Detroit, God began to honor the faith of those who had sent in their requests. Mrs. E. E., of Maysville, Kentucky, wrote, "I sent in my husband's name and two others. My husband got a job ten days before the fourteenth. Which reminds me that God said, 'Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear' (Isaiah 65:24)."

From Yuma, Arizona, Mrs. R. M. wrote, "The very afternoon that I sent in the request, I was called to the hospital here for an interview. I went to work the next day and have been working five days a week since."

"I want you to know that God has

answered our prayers before the fourteenth," C. H., of Phoenix, Arizona, wrote. "Our son-in-law and daughter now have the best jobs they ever had."

Others reported how God answered prayer shortly after the special prayer service on May 14. A graduate from the University of Oregon wrote, "I have been looking for a permanent job since graduation last June. This spring the Lord assured me that there will be a further training period in my life before my career in social work will open. Therefore, I wrote asking for steady employment. The answer came within twenty-four hours. I will begin work tomorrow afternoon as a general clerk in a grocery store here in town."

"Two days after the prayer service, one of the businessmen telephoned to say he wanted my nephew to go to work for him. It will be a steady job," a woman from Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada, wrote.

A happy wife in Cocoa, Florida, wrote, "Around three o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 14, my husband received a phone call to come to work at seven o'clock Monday morning."

"On May 22 I filled out an application for work and was accepted for the job which will start July 1," a woman of Naperville, Illinois, wrote. "This is a job working in the school on a vision testing program. I have been doing this type of work and am familiar with it. It just fits my situation."

Some who requested prayer had been out of work for several months. From Waveland, Mississippi, H. B. wrote, "The same week I requested prayer, my grandson had two jobs offered to him. He was out of work six months to the day."

"My son had been out of work almost eight months," Mrs. J. S., of Long Beach, California, wrote, "but

the answer came three days after your employment prayer meeting."

R. A., of Jacksonville, Florida, requested prayer after having been out of work sixteen months. "I got a nice job one week later," she testified.

"My husband got the first good job he has had in four years," a woman in Marshall, Illinois, wrote.

Revivaltime is unique for its emphasis on prayer. This meeting was *Revivaltime's* twelfth sponsored prayer service. Answers to prayer continue to come in response to these special prayer meetings.

Another distinctive feature of *Revivaltime* is its prayer partners. This group of more than 3,500 individuals throughout the United States and in various foreign countries pray daily for the numerous requests sent to *Revivaltime*.

The effect of this emphasis on the ministry of prayer is quite evident. First of all, Brother Ward's ministry is strengthened. Secondly, because of their step of faith in writing for prayer for a specific need, many thousands of members of the *Revivaltime* radio audience receive answers to their requests each year. The latest prayer meeting for the unemployed demonstrates again that God hears and answers the earnest, united prayers of His children.

If you would like a part in *Revivaltime's* prayer ministry or if you have a prayer request you wish the prayer partners to remember, let us know. Send your letter to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri. It means much when you let us know that you are supporting *Revivaltime's* ministry with your prayers and offerings. ◀◀

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1. *The Power of the Holy Spirit* to attract the sinner to the radio set—the sinner who is under conviction and the one who is ready to listen to a gospel message. God sent the Holy Spirit into the world to convict and to draw men to Himself. The Holy Spirit is working today. He can use the fingers of radio to search out the sinner. How often we read this line in the mail, "I just happened to tune in to *Revivaltime*..."! Does this really "just happen" so often?

2. *The Power of the Word*. Jesus said, "... The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." The spoken Word—the gospel Word—conveys an "unction." It carries conviction to the heart! How often we read the line, "Your message was directed just to me..."! But how can this be when millions listen? Is not the Holy Spirit working with the Word to convict?

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Revivaltime speaker C. M. Ward and I were chatting the other day about this medium we use. He said he read in the *Detroit Free Press* that there are now 50,000,000 radios in our homes and 30,000,000 in our cars. The average American family listens to radio seventeen hours per week.

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The *Revivaltime* altars continually see answers to prayer. I was particularly touched by the spontaneity of praise in this testimony:

"I sent in a request that my brother, who was out of work for nearly two years, might secure employment and, also, that I might get an increase in wages as they were very low. The company for which I work usually doesn't give raises, but I knew God was able. Before your prayer meeting on this subject was held, my brother secured a job and I got a raise. I was so thrilled. I thank God for His goodness."—Miss B. S.

And this one, too:

"Thank you for your prayers. The Lord answered in a marvelous way. He supplied the money to pay the pledge I had made to help spread the gospel, and money to pay my monthly gas and light bills. Yes, there was some besides."—F. S.

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E. C. O'Brien, pastor at Drumheller, Alberta, and youth director for the



E. C. O'Brien

Pentecostal Assemblies in his western Canadian province, has also assumed the responsibility of promoting *Revivaltime* in his area. This is what he says about it:

"One of the first things I did after assuming the pastorate of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada church in Drumheller, Alberta, was to contact *Revivaltime* headquarters in Springfield and arrange for a sample broadcast to be sent me.

"Our small prairie city was soon to open its first radio station and the manager, Mr. Tony Mayer, was suf-

ficiently impressed with the program which he auditioned that arrangements were easily made to release *Revivaltime* weekly at the choice hour of 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

"From the very beginning the Lord has provided the finances by impressing one after another to sponsor a broadcast. By tying in with *Revivaltime*, the sponsoring church has received many additional blessings. For example, a local *Revivaltime* prayer meeting was conducted in the church the same night as the national *Revivaltime* prayer meeting convened in Springfield last November. That night seven decisions were made for Christ, two of those being a fine young couple, the parents of four children.

"Sunday, December 3rd, 1961, will mark the beginning of the fifth year of *Revivaltime* broadcasting over CJDV Drumheller; and because it began the very first Sunday the new station was on the air, it will mark the 208th consecutive broadcast."

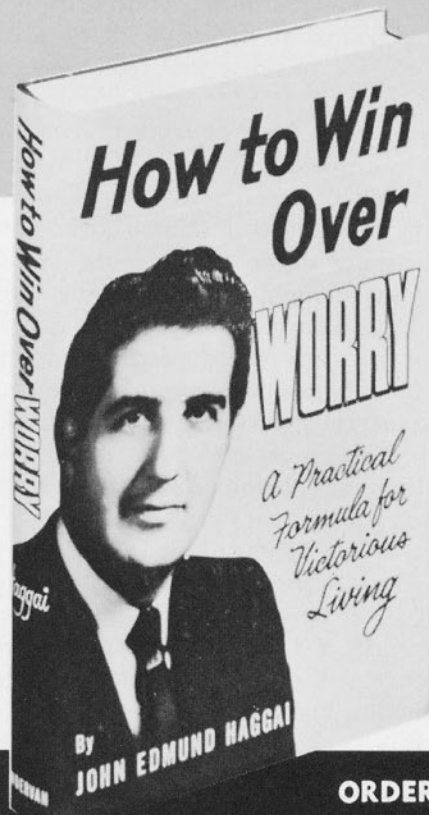
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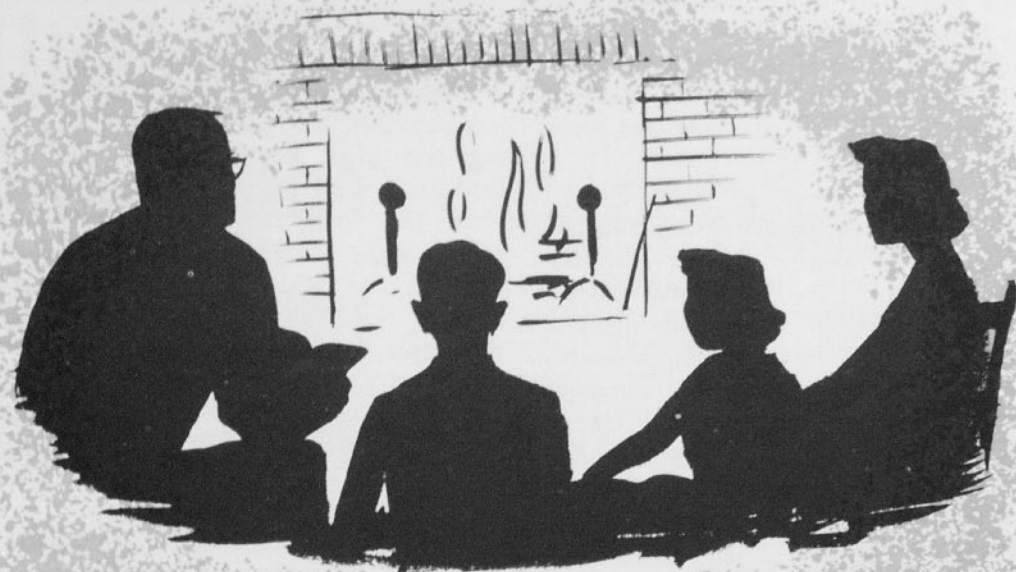
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MARRIAGE

BY HAROLD F. BRANCH

MARRIAGE IS THE ONLY INSTITUTION that has come down to us from the other side of the fall of man. God ordained marriage and it is intended to be the fullest, richest, and most joyous life. If it fails in being this, the fault is not in the institution itself, but in those who enter into it carelessly and fail to fulfill its conditions.

Marriage is a part of God's original plan. It is not a custom into which men fell in the early days of the race. It is not a mere arrangement, temporary and man-made.

There is no relationship on earth so close and sacred as the relationship of marriage. It supersedes the relationship of a child to mother or father. Our Saviour Himself directed that a man should forsake father and mother and cleave unto his wife. After a man has stood at the marriage altar and exchanged vows with his bride... then, from that moment, his highest duty is to her—and hers to him!

The marriage should be performed by a minister of the gospel. It is a ceremony so solemn, so bound up with the eternal destiny of men, that a cheap and flippant mode of entrance thereupon should not be tolerated. I can picture the angels of heaven hushing

their songs and growing silent in wonder while holy vows are taken, and two hearts and lives are thus joined.

What, now, is to be required of these young people if marriage is to prove to them the blessing that God intended it to be?

They must have patience. When two lives are joined, there is, for a time, a dashing of life against life. The discovery is made that habits, tastes, and inclinations differ much more widely than was thought possible during those wondrous courtship days! And at the discovery many young people grow disheartened and conclude at once that their marriage was a dreadful mistake. They give up all effort to live happily together, and before long a divorce is spoken of.

How tragic and how unnecessary! Of course differences are discovered! That is to be expected; but all that is needed is a little wise patience. Adjustment will occur very quickly if each is patient and thoughtful toward the other.

Near my former home in Kansas City, the Kansas River flows into the Missouri. Where the two rivers meet there is the sharpest kind of dividing line. The murky waters of the Missouri

stand out sharp and distinct from the clearer water of the Kansas. One day I went down the river in a boat and was surprised to find that within a short distance all sign of distinction was lost. The rivers had completely merged.

So it is with two lives. Union and perfect co-mingling cannot be forced, ever. It comes quietly and gradually... but it will come, and the united life will be finer, more noble, and stronger than if there had been no differences to overcome.

They must have determination. There must be less thought of happiness and more thought of the simple, unadorned job of marriage.

When a scientist shuts himself up for years in the laboratory for research, when an explorer girds himself for a bitter trip into the torrid or frigid zone, when a child is born crippled and some mother's heart is chained to the little couch of suffering, we do not press upon them idiotic inquiries as to whether or not they are happy. Such a question would be an insult.

Marriage is a "job" that people are to see through. They are to look before they leap, and having leaped they are to stay nobly at the post of duty. There never was a marriage that could not have been a success, nor a marriage that could not have been a failure. No one has a right to happiness unless he wins it by devotion, courage, and self-sacrifice. Happiness has nothing to do with it, save incidentally. If, however, there is determination to be sacrificial, patient, and forgiving... determination to make a success of the venture at any cost... then happiness is found! Marriage is a means of grace, not of shallow human happiness.

They must have courtesy. Before marriage, how attentive men are! But after marriage how prone they are to drop the little thoughtful courtesies that mean so much to the heart and happiness of the girl. Nor is it all a one-sided matter. The wife is often as neglectful in this matter as her husband.

Home hearts are loving, but not so loving that they can permanently withstand boorish treatment. Home hearts are loyal and home love is a hardy plant, but not so hardy as never to need the dew and sunshine of kind, tender, courteous action. Many a marriage has gone on the rocks at this point.

They must have unity of interest.
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In Greece Today

THE ANCIENT LAND OF GREECE OCCUPIES THE SOUTHERN part of the Balkan Peninsula in southeastern Europe. Most of it is mountainous, and the rugged terrain gives to the country a complex coastline of gulfs, inlets, and peninsulas. The blue waters of the Aegean and Ionian Seas are studded with islands which account for 9,000 of the country's 51,246 square-mile area.

Greece is rich in Biblical and historical interest. In the fifth century before Christ, an extraordinary Grecian culture flourished. The masterpieces of art found throughout Greece are reminders of this golden age. In that era also lived great philosophers—Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates. Olympia was the home of the Olympic Games which were first held in 776 B.C., and repeated every four years until A.D. 393. The first modern Olympic Games took place in Athens in 1896.

Of particular interest to tourists is Athens, the capital, which lies a few miles inland from the port of Piraeus. Overlooking this city of 1,500,000 inhabitants, is the Acropolis, a rock plateau crowned by the 2,500-year-old Parthenon, considered to be man's supreme achievement in architecture. A stone's throw from the Acropolis is Mars Hill where the Apostle Paul preached his sermon as recorded in Acts 17:19-34. His message can today be read by modern Athenians from a bronze plaque.

Corinth, sixty miles from Athens, is well known because of the apostle Paul's ministry there and his Epistles to the Corinthian church. Salonika (Thessalonica), the capital of the northern province of Macedonia, and the country's second largest city, has been an important seaport from pre-Christian times.

The country's history of 4,000 years is a story of great achievement in the face of recurrent adversity. Greece was for centuries a battleground and a victim of foreign domination. The Greeks never gave up their struggle for in-



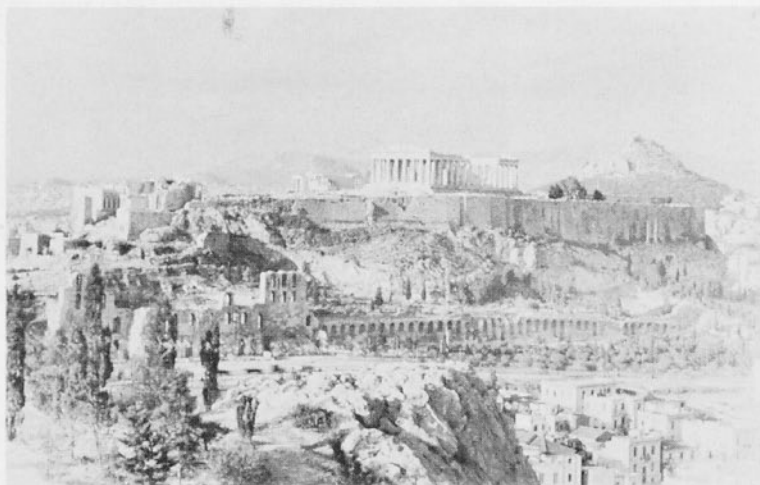
dependence, and in 1830, after four hundred years of Turkish rule, Greece emerged as a modern state under the guarantee of Britain, France, and Russia. A monarchy was restored in 1935 when King George II resumed the throne. Upon his death in 1947, his brother Paul became king. King Paul and Queen Frederika are deeply loved by their people.

The Greek people endured bitter suffering during the Nazi, Fascist, and Bulgarian occupations. Nearly one million people died during, or as a result of, the war. Some 1,500 towns and villages were destroyed, leaving 650,000 people homeless. Resistance to enemy forces remained strong and the Spartan nation won the admiration of the world. A united Greek people turned to the stupendous task of rebuilding their war-ravaged land.

About three-quarters of the population engages in agricultural pursuits, although only one-fourth of the land is arable. Most of the cultivated area is devoted to cereals. Industrial activity has increased in recent years, but large-scale manufacturing is limited by lack of coal, and of capital.

Greece has a population of 8,173,000. Her people have been molded by their long history and democratic traditions into a hardy, frugal, and tenacious people who work hard to wrest a living from the unwilling ground. Their struggle for survival has made them ardent champions of freedom.

The national language is Greek, and it is something of
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The noted Acropolis in Athens with ruins of the Parthenon visible in the center.

a miracle that through all the vicissitudes of foreign domination the language was preserved.

Greeks are deeply religious, and attribute their survival to a faith that might be considered national in character. Ninety-six per cent are members of the Greek Orthodox Church. During the four centuries of Turkish rule the Church was their fortress and strength, else they might have surrendered to Islam. A spiritual awakening, known as the Zoe movement (Zoe means life), is reported within the Greek Orthodox Church. Thousands of children and young people are enrolled in weekly Bible classes.

Evangelicals are a small minority of approximately 15,000 members. These are divided into various groups, the two largest being the Greek Evangelical Church (Presbyterian), and the Free Evangelical Church (Brethren).

Assemblies of God groups of believers came into being about thirty years ago as a result of the faithful witnessing of two Greek brethren who received their training in the Southern California Bible School, then returned to their homeland. After four years of ministry in Athens, Eddie Dictos became burdened for the people in Macedonia. In 1935 he moved to Katerina, a town within the shadow of 9,754-foot Mount Olympus. When Harry Mamalis joined him, Salonika, where the Apostle Paul founded a church, became the center from which they evangelized. Together they established a number of churches.

In 1939 a revival came to the town of Sevasty in which many people were saved and filled with the Spirit. Through this revival, which also spread to other towns in Macedonia, the believers were spiritually fortified for the

bitter suffering they were called upon to endure during World War II.

Now there are congregations in a number of places where Paul once preached. One of our churches is in Kavalla, the Neapolis of Paul's time, in which harbor he first set foot in Europe. Brother Dictos tells of officiating at a baptismal service in the same river, near the ruins of Philippi, where Lydia was baptized. Here four modern Lydias were baptized.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goomas, now stationed in Salonika, are working in cooperation with the churches in Macedonia.

The church in Athens had its beginning when Harry Mamalis conducted prayer meetings in the home of a believer. Many were the hardships he experienced during those early days in trying to establish a church in this capital city. He was imprisoned on several occasions, and his family suffered many privations. With great courage and endurance he gave many years of faithful service to the work.

The growth of the church in Athens was long hampered by the lack of an adequate place of worship. For many years the congregation worshiped in a small third-floor hall. In 1959, largely through the efforts of the Greek Branch of the Assemblies of God (USA), property for an Evangelistic Center was purchased, consisting of two floors in a newly completed building in a central location. This property provides an auditorium seating more than 500 people, also rooms to accommodate a growing Sunday school and proposed Bible school.

Louis Fengos is pastor of the Evangelistic Center and Mrs. Mary Metaxatos is the missionary representative.

The congregation in Piraeus, the port city and big industrial center near

Athens, is desperately in need of larger quarters. Some funds have been raised to help provide a building for this group of believers, but more money is needed.

Altogether, there are eight organized Assemblies of God churches in Greece, including the church in Canea, Crete. Four other churches are awaiting recognition from the Ministry of Religion.

Although the gospel came to Greece in apostolic times, this Christian heritage does not rule out her present need of the gospel. "Sirs, we would see Jesus," is the cry of many Greeks today. Missionaries believe that if full religious freedom were granted, thousands would come to a saving knowledge of the gospel. A training center is needed where young men, called of God and consecrated to His service, can be trained to go out and proclaim the message of salvation. Then, a strong indigenous church of noble Greek believers will be established of whom it can be said once again, "From you sounded out the Word of the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 1:8).

Three Assemblies of God missionaries are under appointment to Greece. All are of Greek parentage. Mrs. Mary (Orphan) Metaxatos was born in the States. Her husband, Jerry Metaxatos, born in Athens, is not under missionary appointment but is active in the work and has given valuable assistance in administrative matters. George Goomas was born in the States; Mrs. Goomas was born in Berea, Greece.

A call to pray comes to us from these, our representatives in modern Greece, in the words that were addressed to the Greek believers so many centuries ago—"Pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed and triumph" (2 Thessalonians 3:1. Revised).

—Christine Carmichael



Congregation at the new Evangelistic Center in Athens



Group of believers in Piraeus, Greece

Lonely Servicemen

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Many of the servicemen that attend church are married and have apartments either on the base or in town. For the single men, there are accommodations at the church where they can stay overnight when they have leave and wish to get away from the barracks for awhile.

Servicemen and their wives have a definite part in the church program at Kodiak. The C. A. leader is a serviceman, the director of youth services (under C. A. age) is the wife of a serviceman, and two of the Sunday school teachers are servicemen's wives.

A Men's Fellowship has recently been organized and also a men's Bible class as means to reach more of these men with the gospel. Transportation is

furnished to and from the base.

The men stationed at radar sites throughout Alaska have no place to go to church so the church has to come to them. Several pastors of our Assemblies of God churches have, from time to time, flown in to these sites and ministered the Word of God.

The opportunities of ministry are unlimited in our 49th state. It is a ripe field that has only begun to be harvested for Christ, and here, as everywhere, the laborers are few. The coldness of human hearts far exceeds the coldness of the climate in Alaska. Only the warmth of the gospel message can melt the hearts of the thousands of soldiers, sailors, and airmen stationed here. The dedicated men and women whom God has called to a ministry in Alaska are working toward the goal that "men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands" to the Lord. ◀◀

The Question of the Ages

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remove the fear of death. That is why a believer is a world apart from the unsaved in his attitude toward death. By faith in Christ his greatest problem in life—the sin question—is settled. His hope rests upon the two greatest facts in the universe, those facts being the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus not only made full atonement for our sins, but He did a work that will one day destroy death. Faith in Christ assures a bright future beyond death.

Christians throughout the ages have been proving the truth of this great fact. Missionary Adoniram Judson said with his last breath, "I go with the gladness of a boy bounding away from school."

Those who know the Lord die with high courage and victoriously. Christ leads them by the hand through death into new life, alleviating all fears. Paul could say, "To die is gain." In another place he said, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

After a man dies, "where is he?" That depends on whether he dies in Christ or in his sins. Men are either saved or lost. They either have everlasting life or perish. They end up

either in heaven or in hell. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Make no mistake. God has made a way for lost men. But the question must be settled before death. To miss eternal life here is to miss it forever. Woe to the man who hopes for another chance hereafter. Yonder world is not the place to settle the issues of the soul. Sin must be dealt with *now*. Salvation is offered to us *now*. "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold *now* is the day of salvation."

Balaam said, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" The only way to be sure of dying right is to live right. And a man starts to live right when he repents of his sin and places his trust in Jesus Christ.

How is it with you, my friend? How will it be with you in the hour of death? Where will you spend eternity?

*Loved ones will weep o'er my silent face,
Dear ones will clasp me in fond embrace;
Shadows and darkness will fill the place
Five minutes after I die.*

*Faces that sorrow I will not see,
Voices that murmur will not reach me.
But where, oh, where will my spirit be
Five minutes after I die?*

Quarterly report on

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Cultivate Thankfulness

Jesus said to a leper who returned to give thanks for his healing, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" A prevalent sin today is that of ingratitude. To counteract it, we need to cultivate the habit of thankfulness, of appreciation. Every day can well be a thanksgiving day in our hearts, for we all have much for which to be grateful.—D. Carl Yoder.

The Word of God Triumphs Behind the Iron Curtain



IT WAS THE FIRST NIGHT OF A NEW play which had opened in one of Moscow's leading theatres—a blasphemous comedy entitled, "Christ in Tuxedo" (dinner jacket). A packed house saw the first act, with a scene featuring a church altar arrayed like a saloon bar with bottles of beer, wine, and vodka. Fat priests sat around the altar, raising their arms in drunken toasts. Nuns squatted on the sanctuary floor playing cards.

It was another of those degrading exhibitions of atheism which repeatedly marked the Red rebellion against the Saviour and which, despite frequent and increasing attempts to whitewash this horror, should make every Christian pray and work with redoubled force that such ruinous godlessness may not overtake our beloved country.

The second act featured Comrade Alexander Rostovzev, a Moscow matinee idol, a dyed-in-the-wool disciple of Marx and a sneering enemy of Jesus. You can imagine how the audience roared when Rostovzev walked out on the stage impersonating Christ, dressed in flowing oriental robe, and carrying a large New Testament. Soon after his entrance he was to read two verses from the Sermon on the Mount, remove his Palestine gown, and cry out, "Give me my tuxedo and top hat!"

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

BIBLE PROPHETS

How well do you know the prophets of the Bible? Check your knowledge. Match the names at the left with the descriptions at the right.

Prophet	Description
... 1. Jonah	a. the weeping prophet
... 2. Agabus	b. was in the lions' den
... 3. John the Baptist	c. was swallowed by a great fish
... 4. Elijah	d. forerunner of Christ
... 5. Elisha	e. predicted Paul's bonds
... 6. Daniel	f. Prayed down fire from heaven
... 7. Isaiah	g. prophesied Christ would be born of a virgin
... 8. Jeremiah	h. God judged 42 youths who made fun of him



Rostovzev, as directed by the script, began to intone slowly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Then, instead of following his cues and putting on the tuxedo, he stopped as though paralyzed.

An uneasy silence gripped the spectators when the smooth, suave actor, his body shaking, started to read again: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." He finished the forty-one remaining verses of Matthew's fifth chapter before a stunned audience.

Backstage, other actors in the cast, thinking that he was drunk, coughed, called, and stamped to urge the star

of Moscow's stage on with his forgotten blasphemies. But Rostovzev was no longer a blasphemer. Christ's Word had conquered and converted him; for there, before the floodlights, he who had reviled the Crucified, now made the sign of the cross in the Russian Orthodox tradition, and cried out in the prayer of the penitent thief, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom!"

That was too much for the management. The curtain was lowered, someone announced that Comrade Rostovzev had been taken ill suddenly; the performance was cancelled.

The heavens must have re-echoed with the special praise of angels who rejoice when one sinner is saved! What a dramatic experience of the working of the Holy Spirit!

—Evangelical Christian

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Noel Perkin

MARRIAGE

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It is a very easy thing for even the hearts that love one another dearly to drift apart. The husband has his office cares, his daily toil. The wife has her household problems, the care of her children, and her social engagements; and often, before either of them is aware, they have drifted apart; and misunderstanding has become easy because interests are so far removed.

An effort must be made to concern themselves each with the problems and hopes of the other. They must worship together and pray together. The years then will only serve to knit them into a perfect union of wedded love.

They must try to avoid misunderstandings. "It is the little rift within the lute that by and by will make the music mute." Married life is no place for nice calculation as to whose place

and duty it is to make the first step toward reconciliation, to apologize first. True love knows no such casuistry! If a hasty word is spoken, let it be recalled instantly. There is no place for pride in wedded life. True love delights in being the first to forgive. The sun must never go down upon a misunderstanding.

They must have the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the home. To leave out Jesus is a fatal mistake. He never had a home of His own; but He was a home lover, and His presence in the home is indispensable. There really can be no deep and abiding love without Him. There may be agreement, after a kind; men and women may even live together in peace; but there is no such thing as a true home without the abiding presence of the Son of God.

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It is usually not so much the greatness of our troubles, but the littleness of our spirit, which makes us complain.

—Jeremy Taylor

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Kans.	Chanute	First	July 30-Aug. 13	Larry Allbaugh	Leroy Whiteman
	Hutchinson	Southside	July 25—	Wesley Pollet	C. M. Applegate
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