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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

April 22, 1962

Christ Lives

*"He lives, and while He lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.*

*"He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to take me safely there.
He lives, to silence all my fears;
He lives, to wipe away my tears.*

*"He lives, to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart.
He lives, my kind, wise heavenly Friend;
He lives, and loves me without end."*



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THE EMPTY CROSS

I had never thought much about the *empty* Cross until one day when God gave me a vision of it.

A friend and I were praying in my home when it seemed God lifted me up in the Spirit and I found myself on Calvary's hill. I could see the vivid green of the grass beneath me, and when I looked up I found I was kneeling at the foot of the Cross. But the Saviour was not on it—the Cross was empty! It looked so old and gray and tattered.

I wondered why I was being shown this, but even as I wondered Jesus suddenly appeared, clothed in white. He stood a little distance away, looking at me tenderly but saying nothing.

There was no need for words—I knew what the message was! His words of victory from Revelation 1:18 rang out again, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

Thank God, Jesus is not dead! He is not still nailed to the Cross as some might think. The dead Christ hanging on the crucifix is for the dead religion it represents. His work on the Cross is *finished* and now He "ever liveth to make intercession for them."

It is to the *living* Christ we pray. It is the *living* Christ who saves, who answers prayer, and baptizes with the Holy Ghost, and who heals sick bodies. It is the *living* Christ who is coming again for all those who have personally accepted His finished work on the Cross.

The empty Cross speaks of a glorious resurrection. Have you permitted this *living*, resurrected Christ to reveal Himself to you? —Mary L. Schmoyer

THE RISEN BODY

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is of the gravest moment, and the person most anxious to prove His bodily resurrection was our Lord Himself.

He pressed the evidences upon the disciples. "See my hands and my feet, that it is *I myself*," He urged. And again, "Handle me and see... *feel* the nailprints." We are told "He *showed* them his hands and his feet."

All law courts accept a scar as a sufficient proof of identity; for a scar, after the wound is healed, can be so shaped and placed as to be unique and decisive.

So it was here. Not only did the prints in the palms and the soles confine the body examined to one of the three crucified, but the scar under the ribs identified it as the only body that had the spear-thrust.

It was therefore no reincarnation: *the body was His*

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

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own. As a wound inflicted in childbirth or in infancy can bear a scar which survives all the physical changes of a lifetime, so the body of Jesus, passing under the mighty changes of resurrection, nevertheless carried the death wounds. The body had not been carried off by angels. It had not dissolved into its constituent gases. Jesus said, "It is *I myself*." —D. M. Panton

SOMEONE DID COME BACK!

To Job's haunting inquiry, "If a man die, shall he live again?" we fling back the unflinching affirmation, "He shall!" Christianity dares to be so dogmatic in its answer because of the empty tomb. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is conclusive proof that our existence does not end abruptly with three score and ten years but stretches on into eternity.

Very often the flippant and foolish objection is brought against the doctrine of immortality: "Nobody has ever come back to tell us." But what a senseless objection that is! The whole meaning of Easter lies precisely at this point: *somebody did come back*. Who? The Lord Jesus Christ!

Death is like a dusty road stamped with millions of footprints all traveling in the same direction. But in the dust of the road—see that! Look! One pair of footprints does not lead in. It leads out. And they are prints left by crucified feet.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ carries with it the certainty of the soul's immortality. As the Saviour Himself said to His disciples on the night of betrayal: "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19).

—Vernon Grounds, in *The Empty Tomb*

"Let every man do after the purpose of his heart, not giving with grief, or by force: for God takes pleasure in a ready giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7, Basic English).

Jesus promised His disciples three things—that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.

precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three," the apostle said. In a world that is sick with fear, troubled and discouraged by the gathering clouds of trouble, hope is something very precious. It is rare as a treasured jewel—and yet it is freely available to all who will trust in Christ.

A review of a recent play by Jean Anouilh entitled, "Antigone and Eurydice," reflected the Greek feeling about hope. It quoted the heroine as saying, "We are of the tribe that asks questions and we ask them to the bitter end until no tiniest chance of hope remains to be strangled by our hands."

Such was the pessimistic view of the philosophers of ancient Greece. They considered hope an illusion and therefore evil. Their world view was fatalistic—fate was unchangeable to them and left no room for hope.

"It was indeed daring of the apostle Paul," says Wilbur C. Westerdahl (writing in *The Tie*, Council of Evangelical Churches of St. Paul, Minnesota), "to write to Greek Christians in the midst of such a pessimistic culture and to declare to them that hope should stand alongside love. In this Paul was faithful to his Hebrew heritage, as well as his Christian convictions. The Jews, a people of faith, were also a people of hope."

"Hope thou in God," the Psalmist said. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" George Muller once said there are only two reasons why our souls need ever be cast down. "If we are yet unconverted we have ground to be cast down—or if we are converted and live in sin, then we are rightly cast down. But except for these two things there is no ground to be cast down, for all else may be brought before God in prayer with supplication and thanksgiving. Regarding all our necessities, all our difficulties, all our trials, we may exercise hope in the power of God and faith in the love of God—and in His own time, help will come."

The Christian's hope is strong and sure, pledged by the Word of God and endorsed by the resurrection of our Redeemer. We have a living hope that abides in the living Christ. Because He lives we shall live also. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," wrote Peter, "which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

This is our glorious hope. D. M. Panton said the root of the word "hope" in Anglo-Saxon means to open the eyes wide, and to watch for what is to come. How well this describes the Christian's attitude as he watches daily, hourly, and momentarily for his returning Lord. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

There is joy in this hope. It brings strength and peace. The fact that Jesus lives today and that He soon will come to take us to live with Him forever in our heavenly home is a hope that lifts our souls and makes our spirits sing. May that hope abide with us and grow brighter every day. May the Lord answer the apostle's prayer for every one of us: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Ghost" (Romans 15:13).
—R.C.C.

OUR FUTURE BODIES

Because Christ rose from the dead, we too shall rise—and our resurrection bodies shall be like His



A BIBLE STUDY BY HENRY H. NESS, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA

MEN OF ALL AGES HAVE ASKED questions about the hereafter. "With what body do they come?" asked Paul the apostle, in regard to the resurrection of the dead (1 Corinthians 15:35). Even in Job, the oldest book of the Bible, we read, "Man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" (Job 14:10).

Saints of all ages have been confident that after death they would see God. We quote again from Job who uttered, during the time of his affliction, those immortal words, "But as for me I know that my Redeemer liveth, and at last he will stand up upon the earth: and after my skin, even this body, is destroyed, then without my flesh shall I see God; whom I, even I, shall see, on my side, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger" (Job 19:25-27, A.S.V.).

And in Hebrews 11:13-16 we are told that the Old Testament saints died in faith looking forward to seeing the Lord.

We read also in the New Testament that when a Christian dies he leaves the physical body of flesh and goes immediately to be with the Lord. "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:6-8).

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Philippians 1:21-23).

This brings us to a question about which many believers wonder. What kind of body will we have after death and resurrection?

WHAT THE BODY WILL NOT BE

It will *not* be the same body as was buried. "And that which thou

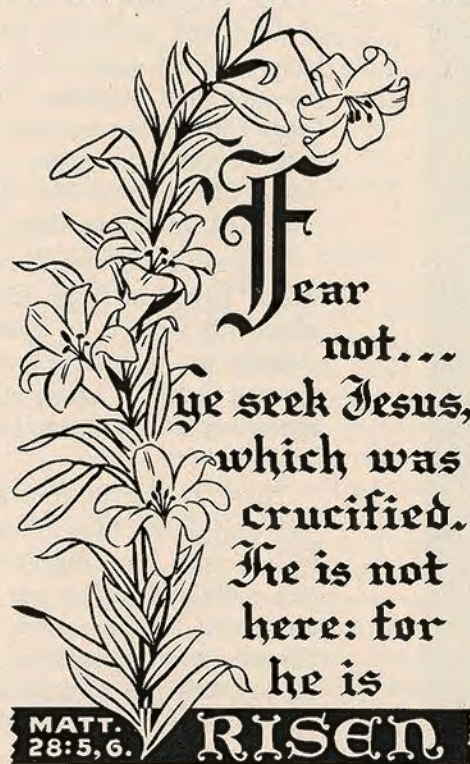
sowest, thou sowest [buriest] not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain" (1 Corinthians 15:37). Surely God would not give us the same old bodies as were buried, such as infant bodies, crippled bodies, deformed bodies, aged bodies.

It will *not* be an earthly body. "There are also celestial [heavenly] bodies, and bodies terrestrial [earthly]: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption" (1 Corinthians 15:40, 50).

It will *not* be subject to material things nor be bound by walls or closed doors. "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you" (John 20:19).

It will *not* be subject to the law of gravity. "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9). "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

It will *not* be subject to sexual appetites. "For when they shall rise



from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven" (Mark 12:25).

WHAT THE BODY WILL BE

It *will* be a body according to God's pleasure. "But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body" (1 Corinthians 15:38).

It *will* be like Christ's glorious body. "Who shall change our vile body [body of humiliation], that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Philippians 3:21). "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

It *will* be a spiritual body. "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body" (1 Corinthians 15:44).

It *will* be an incorruptible body. "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption" (1 Corinthians 15:42).

It *will* be a heavenly body. "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (1 Corinthians 15:49).

It *will* be an immortal body, not subject to death. "Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:51, 53, 54).

Inasmuch as the body will be like Christ's, it will be a body able to eat and drink. "And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he [Jesus] said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him [Jesus] a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them" (Luke 24:41-43).

It *will* be a body able to appear and disappear momentarily. "And it

The Easter Call

The Easter call is sounding o'er the hills and mountains high;
The message of the living One resoundeth through the sky.
"Awake, awake!" the voices sing, "Awake ye sleeping dead!"
"The Lord of life is risen! He is risen as He said."

The ebon wings of Sorrow and the sable wings of Night
Are bearing them fore'er away before the coming light.
A luster brighter than the dawn comes from the Holy One
And lightens up the place of death—the gloom for aye is gone.

A gentle breeze is moving like the breathing of a child
Through all the flowering valley, and the air is calm and mild.
The tender grasses hear the call and raise them from the ground,
And flowers sweet and fragrant wake from winter sleep profound.

The birds are singing sweetly in the choir loft of the trees,
Where blossoms sway in rhythm to the humming of the bees.
The perfumed air is laden with the messages of life,
And Nature's heart is singing for the raptures that are rife.

The Spirit seems to whisper in the churchyard on the hill,
Where silent cedars, sentrylike, stand solemnly and still,
'Not yet, ye dead; rest but awhile, and then thy spring shall come,
And ye shall rise in splendor and in triumph o'er the tomb.

'For yet a little while, ye dead, and ye shall rise and sing—
As sing the birds for gladness in the melodies of spring.
Yea, ye shall hear the trumpet as its glad notes rise and fall,
And hear the voice of Him who sounds the final Easter call!"

—William Burton McCafferty

came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you" (Luke 24:15, 31, 36).

It *will* be like our present body—though not in its nature, but in likeness. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12). "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

Stephen, while being stoned, saw the heavens opened and recognized Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father. "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55).

Jesus said, "Many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 8:11).

Peter, James, and John recognized Moses and Elijah (who had been dead for centuries) and heard them speak on the mount of transfiguration. "And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias" (Matthew 17:3, 4).

David looked forward to seeing his son who had died. "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23).

What a blessed and wonderful hope we have in knowing that some day we shall have a new spiritual body, not subject to corruption, but one like Christ's glorious body in which to dwell with Him forever and ever.

—Glad Tidings

TILL



**We have a date
with destiny. We are
steadily moving toward
the moment when
we shall meet
the living Christ**

EVERY MOMENT OF THE EARTHLY LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST was an expression of the will of God. At no time did He deviate one hair's breadth from it.

Yet it is evident that He had a supreme goal in view—a crisis to which His entire earthly life moved. It was an hour of destiny. He called it “mine hour.” It was the climactic hour which would see the realization of the great and eternal purpose of His coming to this earth—the moment of His majestic and redeeming death on the cross of Calvary. After this “hour” of fulfillment, things became completely different.

The Christian, likewise, has a zero hour—a moment to which his life is steadily moving. It is the moment of Christ's return. This date with destiny is summed up in Paul's three words: “Till he come.”

When our Lord comes certain things will finish, and there will be a change in many things.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper will terminate.

“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death *till he come*” (1 Corinthians 11:26). We shall then celebrate the memorial supper no longer in remembrance of our departed Lord, but celebrate it with Him. At the very time when He instituted the holy communion He promised: “I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, *until that day* when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom” (Matthew 26:29).

A breath-taking scene takes place—described to us in Revelation 19:5-9: “And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. . . . And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

It may be that we already have partaken of our last communion here on earth. The next could be interrupted by His coming!

Our probation in stewardship will finish.

Our Lord has delivered to us His “pounds” and instructed us to “Occupy [trade with] *till I come*” (Luke 19:13).

This—during His absence—is our day for faithful

HE COME

—By George Holmes, Menlo Park, California

service. However, we have a deadline in the use of talents, time, money, and spiritual gifts. Our opportunities will not last forever. "Look carefully then how you walk. Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise—sensible, intelligent people; making the very most of the time—buying up each opportunity" (Ephesians 5:15, 16, Amplified New Testament).

Our probation on earth will then give way to our jubilation in heaven. Christ will say to His faithful stewards: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21). Surely "till He come" denotes a date with destiny!

Our temptation will end.

At present we "are temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials and temptations" (1 Peter 1:6, Phillips). But this "proving of your faith is planned to bring you praise and honor and glory in the day when Jesus Christ reveals himself" (1 Peter 1:7).

To brace up and fit the disciples for their trials Jesus said: "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom" (Luke 22:28, 29).

We have no reason to suppose that in heaven crowns will be distributed like souvenirs, but we do have good grounds for believing that "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him" (2 Timothy 2:12). Our coronation will come when the contest ends.

Our limitation will vanish.

Even we ourselves "which have the firstfruits of the Spirit...groan within ourselves waiting..." (Romans 8:23). Although by the redeeming power of Christ we are delivered from the penalty and power of sin, we are limited by its presence in creation and by its effects upon our body. But this is only "till he come."

At that day our limitation will hold us no more—our manifestation as sons of God will take place. "The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own" (Romans 8:19, Phillips). Then "the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Romans 8:21). The manifestation of the sons of God awaits *His* manifestation as THE Son of God.

Our separation will be over.

We love our Lord and Saviour, yet we have never seen Him. The anticipation of this vision glorious fills us with "joy unspeakable and full of glory." In addition, the separation from our loved ones who have died in Christ will be over.

With our separation ended, our mobilization will commence in accordance with His promise: "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself" (John 14:3).

The summons for such mobilization will be when "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God" (1 Thessalonians 4:16). One word of command, one shout from the archangel and one blast from the trumpet of God, will signal the start as Christ sets out from heaven on His return. The effect of such mobilization will be that "the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). This deadline has dramatic dimensions!

Our consternation will cease.

The ways of God are inscrutable. We peer at them with myopic vision and see but dimly. The Master's guiding words to us are often misunderstood as they were by Peter when Jesus said to him, "If I will that he [John] tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me" (John 21:22).

So Paul admonishes us, "Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come" (1 Corinthians 4:5). There are many misunderstandings that await this moment. But our consternation will receive its full and final explanation. "What I do thou knowest not now (the sum total of all of life's puzzles and mysteries); but thou shalt know hereafter," our Lord promised (John 13:7).

"At present all we see is the baffling reflection of reality: we are like men looking at a landscape in a small mirror. The time will come when we shall see reality whole and face to face. At present all I know is a little fraction of the truth, but the time will come when I shall know it as fully as God now knows me" (1 Corinthians 13:12, Phillips).

All these things are only *till He come!* Zero hour draws near. Maybe the countdown has already begun!

God Can Banish

YOUR CHILDREN'S FEARS



BY LUCILLE CAMPBELL

JACK, AGE SEVEN, CAME HOME FROM school the other night shocked and excited. A boy in his class, together with two smaller sisters, had died tragically the night before when their home burned.

Of course, the children had talked of it at school all day. Jack had been unable to eat lunch. He would not eat supper until dessert tempted him. Shortly after going to bed he lost that. A little later I heard him screaming and found him crying, choking, fighting about his room in half-awake panic. He couldn't tell me what was terrifying him but, in this case, I knew.

I put him back in bed, held him close, and picked up the Bible near his bed. Quietly I read him Isaiah 43:1, 2.

"Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest

through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

Jack sighed with relief and relaxed. "Is there any more to make me feel good?" he whispered, "What else did He say?"

This time I chose Psalm 103:1-4. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies."

Now I saw he was sleeping peacefully, and he was not disturbed again that night.

We looked about our house the next

morning to see what fire hazards there were and cleaned a lot of old clothes and papers from boxes in the attic and basement. We practiced fire drills, too. The children were shown how to tie a handkerchief over their noses and creep along the floor to safety to keep below the smoke. My husband put a sturdy permanent ladder up to the porch roof under the children's bedroom and our older ones practiced climbing down it.

We have six children and, from the time the oldest one was about eleven months old, we've been fighting their various fears; but each little one has had a different way of showing fright. Some rush right to me with their troubles. Others can't seem to talk about what scares them. I first know something is wrong when they start being naughty, won't eat, can't sleep, and cry without reason.

When any fear threatens my child, I first take it to God. I ask Him to give comfort and wisdom to help in the battle.

Children face fears before they can talk, and I often pray aloud for them. This never fails to comfort them... and soon I see them turning to God with prayers of their own, taking things to Him they cannot even express to me. I try to help them learn one lesson which I honestly believe: we cannot know Christ and stay afraid. For me, fear is a thing we meet unexpectedly. It's like an animal that leaps without warning. And I've never been able to avoid being occasionally, temporarily afraid.

When our Danny first started school, he loved it. Then, suddenly, he would not eat breakfast. I had to force him to start the short walk to school. He would not tell me why he hated it so. I talked to his teacher, but she had no clue. She told me he

Scrambled Easter Puzzle

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

BY DICK CHAMPION

Here's the story of Easter, as recorded in Matthew 28:1-6. You'll notice that some of the words are scrambled. Directly after each scrambled word is a space for you to write in the correct spelling. After you have unscrambled all the words, go back and copy the letters with circles around them in the space below the verses. This will give you the purpose behind the Easter message.

Matthew 28:1. In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn *dtwroa*
 *stfri* day
 of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the
 other Mary to *ese* the *splcuhere*

2. *Nda*, behold, there *swa*
 a great *equrhtaek*

... .. : for the angel of the Lord
 descended from *nhvae*
 and came and rolled back the stone from
 the door, and sat upon it.

3. His countenance was like *lgninghti*
, and his rai-
 ment white as *swon*

5. And the angel answered and said *uton*
 the women, Fear not ye: for
 I know that ye seek Jesus, which was
ccfdieuri

6. He is not here: for he is risen, as he
 said. Come, see the place where the Lord
 lay.

FOR PUZZLE ANSWER (letters from
 circles):

was doing fine. He was getting along with all the children, and she almost had to force him to go to his home at evening.

One day I decided to take that walk with him, and then I found the trouble. As we neared a certain house, a great shepherd dog came growling from its kennel. It charged at us to the end of its chain, and Danny, who had been clutching my hand, fled crying toward home.

That night we talked things over with Danny. "You can go to school another way or you can learn not to fear the dog," I told him. "Don't you remember, 'Fear not, for I am with you alway'?"

He considered me gravely. "What was it about the sparrows?" he asked.

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31).

He learned to say the verse by heart, and he walked past the dog willingly. He had deepened the faith that could make him fearless with God beside him.

The dark has always frightened my children. They do sleep with night lights, which I think are safety features, but I hated to see them nervous about the loveliness of the night. One dark night in the summer, we took a powerful flashlight and sat under a tree in the dark on the front lawn. They shivered and huddled closer to me at a terrible racket . . . and we saw a dog chasing a kitten. Then the children trembled at a threatening thud from beyond the fence. The light showed one of our cows peacefully grazing.

Suddenly Michael spoke up: "The heavens declare the glory of God . . ." He hesitated, and I finished for him, "And the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge" (Psalm 19:1, 2).

"Let's learn those verses," Donna spoke up, "Then we could play hide-

and-seek in the dark and have a lot of fun." They did just that, too.

Another aid I have against the dark are some records of pleasant music, fine poetry, gentle stories of Jesus, and some of the most beautiful Psalms. When the children are in bed, I often let these play until sleep closes every eye.

In our section of the country, death-dealing tornadoes strike each spring. Our children happened to see some pictures showing the aftermath of an especially terrible tornado. The scenes were enough to frighten anyone. Our Billy has a very keen and sensitive mind, and they affected him especially. Each time a storm came up and the wind rose, he came running to us, frightened. The first few times I took him to our storm cellar where he was assured of safety. And while the high winds howled, we repeated Isaiah 26:3.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Then one night a particularly violent wind arose. Breaking branches struck the house. I hurried to Billy's room, thinking he'd be terrified. But I found him lying peacefully in bed.

"Oh, Mother," he said, sleepily, "I'll just say my verse here in bed, I guess." As I left, he was repeating the words in perfect peace and trust.

One day our doctor told us that Donna, who was then just over six, must go to the hospital and have her appendix out. Donna has always been a sunny, happy child, but she is very shy. If she goes to the store for me, I must write the order down, even if it is just one or two items. If any thing must be explained to her teacher and I cannot do it in person, she wants to carry a note.

She felt badly about the operation, though we talked it over with God. Also, we played that she was in the hospital. I put her to bed, and pretended to be the nurse, taking her temperature, feeding her, even pretending to give her a shot. She enjoyed all that, but still I could see she was disturbed. Finally she told

A Word from an Executive Presbyter
on the Subject of Church Membership



Why I Should Belong to the Church

Because the church is one of the greatest influences for good in the world today. It stands as a bulwark against sin and injustice. It has no parallel or competitor and is different from all other organizations.

Because in the church I gain, by regular worship and Bible study, spiritual discipline and faith which will sustain me in times of temptation.

Because the church stands as a symbol of the better things of life, while it reminds me of eternal values.

Because, when I join a congregation for worship, something takes place which could not happen when I am alone. Worshiping together we tap resources of energy we would never otherwise find and discover a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Because the church is the body of Christ on earth. Since I am a Christian, I should support and perpetuate its ministry with my membership. For it is written, "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

—CHAS. W. H. SCOTT

me . . . some of her playmates had told her she might die. "Mother," she said, "I wouldn't know what to say when I saw Jesus. Will you write a note for me to put in my pocket?" After I did that, and she had tucked it securely in her pajama pocket, she was ready for anything.

Perhaps a note to God in our pockets isn't such a bad idea. I think I really have one. It is His promise, the supreme verse to guard us all from fear:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Liquor

Nuns Get Liquor License

According to a UPI report from Edinburgh, Scotland, nuns at Trachrogue House, a guest home run by a religious order are practicing the art of bartending. The guest home is Scotland's first religious establishment to obtain a liquor license.

"We're very pleased to have this license," said one nun. "It means we shall be able to cater for our guests properly."

Bill Would Prohibit Cocktails on Airliners

U.S. Senator Olin D. Johnston (S.C.) has presented a bill in Congress which would prohibit the serving of free cocktails on commercial planes.

"There is no reason in the world why passengers who do not drink, but who wish to travel first class, cannot do so without paying a price that covers the cost of liquor they do not consume," the senator said.

Bible

Bibles Distributed on Philadelphia Waterfront

Representatives of the Pennsylvania Bible Society regularly visit ships along the Philadelphia waterfront and offer Scriptures to officers and members of their crews. The organization is an auxiliary of the American Bible Society.

On visits recently to 384 ships, 11,132 Scriptures were distributed. Because Philadelphia is a port of call for ships of many nations, the Scriptures are provided in a variety of languages and are carried all over the world.

Gideons Give Scriptures to Antarctic Explorers

Members of the Gideons International recently presented a hundred copies of the New Testament and a

hundred additional copies of the complete Bible to personnel of the U. S. Navy's "Operation Deep Freeze," which is headquartered at the Christchurch (New Zealand) Airport. All men attached to the operation will be offered the Scriptures for their companion as they go out to explore unknown areas of the Antarctic.

Illustrated New Testament Now Ready

Publication of a slick-cover edition of the New Testament in the King James Version, profusely illustrated with photographs and selling for one dollar, was recently announced in New York City by the American Bible Society.

Twelve years in the making, the new 259-page edition was produced by rotogravure and contains 566 photographs, nine maps, and six diagrams to illustrate various portions of the New Testament in the light of recent archaeological and historical studies. A similar edition in Spanish was published simultaneously.

Since it was founded in 1816, the American Bible Society has distrib-

uted more than a half-billion volumes of Scriptures. It is a nonprofit organization supported voluntarily by churches and individuals of many denominations.

Bible Reading Ban Called Serious Blow

Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia said that the recent court decision barring Bible reading from Pennsylvania public schools "will be a serious blow to the public schools."

If the Federal District Court's decision is permitted to stand by the U. S. Supreme Court, he said, it will have "revolutionary effects upon the entire system of public education, as well as upon the meaning of separation of Church and State."

Protestantism

Protestant Gains in South America

Evangelist Billy Graham, back from South America where he conducted a month-long crusade in five countries, said that Protestant churches "are growing faster there than they are anywhere in the world."

"Many American church members couldn't qualify for membership in Latin American churches," the evangelist said, explaining that members there cannot smoke or drink and "must devote a prescribed amount of time daily to prayer and attend church regularly."

He said the Pentecostal churches are the most vigorous in South America because they require every lay member to preach on street corners.

Survey Shows Missionaries Risk Leprosy

In modern leprosy work in certain sections of Africa, missionaries stand about one chance in a hundred of contracting leprosy from the people with whom they work.

A recent survey of 907 Protestant

Pentecost Crusade

EASTER TO PENTECOST

Sunday night services can be well attended and rewarding. Burton W. Pierce, National Secretary of Evangelism, gives some helpful suggestions in his article on page twelve.

Theme: "Win New Friends to Christ"

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missionaries in northern Nigeria disclosed that there were twelve cases of leprosy among them. This is a prevalence rate of 13.2 per 1,000 as compared with 35 per 1,000 among the native population in the same year.

In a survey of two schools for missionary children with 223 students in northern Nigeria, only one early, mild case was discovered.

Spanish Court Upholds Protestant Wedding

Protestants in Madrid, Spain, hailed a decision of the Spanish Supreme Court of Appeals in December, which ruled that there was no objection in law to a Spanish Protestant (Baptist) couple contracting a civil marriage in that country.

It is believed that this decision constitutes an important precedent which will bear on similar cases in the future. Under article 42 of the Spanish Civil Code, persons who formally affirm that they are not Roman Catholics may contract a civil marriage. According to an official estimate, Spanish Protestants number about 20,000.

Miscellaneous

Well-known Tract Publisher Dies

Clyde H. Dennis, 48, founder and president of Good News Publications, died February 14 following a long illness with hepatitis. Thirty years ago, when gospel tracts were dull and unattractive, Dennis pioneered an effort to make the little printed messengers colorful and readable.

In addition to his publication plant in Westchester, a Chicago suburb, he established gospel printing plants in Switzerland and Nigeria.

Christendom World's Largest Religious Body

Statistics show that Christendom now constitutes the largest religious body in the world, numbering 888,803,000. This is more than double the next largest group, the Moslems, with 430,325,000.

A breakdown within the "Christian" constituency shows 537,533,000 Roman Catholics, 214,133,000 Protestants, and 137,137,000 Eastern Orthodox. The total world population is estimated at three billion.

In the United States the figures reportedly are: 62,000,000 Protestants, 42,105,000 Roman Catholics, and 2,820,000 Orthodox.

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS



* *If God finished His work of creation on the seventh day, how can it be said, "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth?" (Genesis 2:2 and Exodus 20:11).*

The Samaritan and Syriac Versions read, "In six days God ended his work which he had made." Calvin and others translate it as "had finished," making Genesis 2:2 read, "And on the seventh day God had finished his work which he had made."

* *What scriptural grounds have you for saying that communication with the dead is not of God, but is the work of the devil?*

Throughout the Old Testament period God's people were forbidden to seek communication with the dead. See Exodus 22:18; Leviticus 19:31; and Deuteronomy 18:10-12. In the New Testament we are warned that this practice will bar our entrance into the kingdom of God. Read Galatians 5:20, 21.

Spiritism is demonism, according to Acts 16:16-18. Those who practiced "curious arts" burned their books of instruction when they accepted Christ as Saviour. See Acts 19:19. We cannot warn too strongly any who dabble with spiritism—lest they become demon possessed.

* *In Jonah 2:2 we read, "Out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice." Did Jonah die in the fish? Then was he restored to life that he might be a type of our Lord in His death and resurrection? See Matthew 12:40.*

Matthew 12:40 does connect Jonah with Christ's death and resurrection, but it does not state that Jonah died. I believe Jonah spoke of hell in a figurative sense. We all have heard people say, when passing through some tormenting experiences "I have been in hell." Such a word is used to emphasize the tortures of mind through which they were passing. Jonah, while inside the fish, felt he was not much better than dead. His life was cut off

from the earth—he was swallowed up in darkness. Moreover he was conscious that his rebellion had cut him off from God and he was suffering from guilt. He cried in this distress, and God heard him.

* *I am told that Jesus was not a full-blooded Jew since Ruth the Moabitess was a maternal forebear. Is this correct?*

Jesus had in His lineage, on the maternal side, two women who were not Jewish by birth: Rahab of Jericho, and Ruth the Moabitess. Jewish genealogy, however, was reckoned through the paternal line—the line of fathers. Jesus, therefore, was just as much a Jew, or descendant through the tribe of Judah, as was either David or Solomon. He was a direct descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; He was of the tribe of Judah.

* *In Matthew 16:28, Jesus said, "There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." It is now almost two thousand years later and He has not come yet. How then could some of His disciples see Him as He promised?*

The answer is found in Matthew 17, involving Jesus' transfiguration—when He appeared in kingdom glory. Peter, James, and John saw Him transfigured. I believe Peter had this event in mind when he wrote of "the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (2 Peter 1:16). Peter went on to describe the honor that the Father conferred upon Jesus on that occasion.

The transfiguration also gives us some idea as to what our glorified state will be, when "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

Sunday Evening BREAKTHROUGH

By BURTON W. PIERCE
National Secretary of Evangelism

Large Sunday evening crowds have been typical of Pentecostal churches in past years. Can we expect this to continue in the present highly-competitive age?

WHILE I WAS PASTORING IN KELSO, Wash., the minister of a large neighboring church visited my study one Monday morning and made an interesting observation.

"It amazes me," he said, "to see large crowds at your church every Sunday night as I return home from my own services. Ours is an evangelical church, but we have to struggle to get a handful of people out to our Sunday evening services. Please tell me, what is the drawing power that causes your people to attend church on Sunday night?"

That morning we spent some time discussing why an evangelistic, Pentecostal service is different. Our discussion brought a new conviction to me that a great Sunday night evangelistic service is the very heart of our Pentecostal movement.

Many of my most precious memories of spiritual advancement are framed against the background of an outstanding revival meeting where we meet God—a Sunday evening service that is bathed with the glory of the Lord. The great tarrying meetings have added a great deal to our spiritual advancement.

It is always a thrill to see large groups of young people lost in the Spirit—oblivious to time, perhaps unmindful of term exams to be written the following day. The Sunday night evangelistic meeting has been the scene of many a sinner weeping his way through to God, and Christians being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Recently it was necessary for me to drive through our city during church time. I reflectively viewed the huge darkened churches. Upon my return to our great evangelistic meeting I pondered how so-called Christians could possibly stay at home on Sunday night, for the Sunday night evangelistic meeting has always been an integral part of my own life and that of my children. Yet it is well that we evaluate our Pentecostal fervency in the light of this present day.

The world needs to feel the impact of a major spiritual breakthrough by the church. Evangelism is the very heart of our spiritual progress as a movement. Yet no evangelism program can possibly exist without a strong moving of the Holy Spirit upon the service. The Sunday evening meeting requires the drawing and compelling power of the Holy Spirit to make it effective.

Let us evaluate the secret of our success in reaching sinners for God.



Burton W. Pierce

How can we make the evangelistic meeting a blessing to new converts and the young people of our church?

1. *There must be a burden for the lost.*

No evangelistic meeting is complete without sinners at the altar and new converts seeking for a victorious, Spirit-filled life. It is utter folly to expect an evangelist to bring a revival without believers doing their part in bringing the unsaved to the meeting. What would be your greatest concern if you were the pastor or the evangelist entering the pulpit on Sunday night after having spent time in prayer for the salvation of the lost? Your first question would be: "How many unsaved are here tonight?" Some of my own darkest hours followed one of these meetings where I felt a strong anointing and burden to reach sinners, yet the altars were empty because no one was saved. I have awakened in the middle of the night with a deep sense of failure, realizing that only a few unsaved people had been in the service.

Yet we dare not retreat. We must preach evangelistically and believe God for the salvation of the unsaved. If the minister compromises through discouragement and ceases to preach salvation messages, the program of God comes to a standstill. The next step in reverse would be for this to become just another meeting to bless the saints. That is but a short distance to another darkened church on Sunday night. *There is one absolute requirement. Sinners must be present to hear the gospel and to meet God through divine conviction.*

It is time we learned how to shift gears to reach the lost. The simple fact is, they are not coming to us as in former days. Therefore we must go to them. We must not be discouraged. There are various ways in which individuals can bring the lost to Christ. A number of our pastors are packing the Sunday night evangelistic service by setting aside one night during the week for personal evangelism.

A pastor recently made this interesting observation: "There are many types of mid-week services in my church, yet I esteem my evangelism night the most important." He continued, "This is not just a night to invite people to Sunday school or church, but to go out and win the lost to Christ through a simple, effective, Holy Spirit-anointed plan—

personal evangelism." This pastor also stated "As the groups return to the church with reports of victory, the prayer time together has all the elements of a Holy Ghost-anointed meeting. You see this spread throughout the Book of Acts. People were not just listening; they were individuals participating in a revolution."

Sunday night services in this man's church reflect the elements of Pentecost. His mid-week efforts are feeding in candidates for salvation and for the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Here are some other factors that make the Pentecostal meeting different:

2. A Holy Spirit-anointed song service is imperative.

Song leading is a God-given ministry. The greatest requirement for any song leader is to reflect his personal concern for the lost and his desire for God. Sufficient time should be given here for hearts to be opened through worship, so that waves of the glory of God might move over the service. Even sinners can detect the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the song service. A leader should no more attempt to lead the singing without the anointing of the Holy Spirit, than the pastor or evangelist should try to preach without it.

3. The testimony service plays an essential part of our Pentecostal services.

This has been a source of untold blessing in our movement. I am deeply convinced that some time must be found in the worship pattern of our church for it. When the church relegates a testimony meeting into the realm of the obsolete, she has deprived the congregation of one of its most potent weapons against Satan. It must be said that the Sunday night evangelistic meeting is still a good place for personal testifying, for testimonies are a powerful tool to bring conviction into the hearts of sinners. We must recognize again that the participation of the individual believer has always been a singular avenue for God to work through, regardless of the size of our churches.

4. The altar call is the major battleground of each service.

Every part of the meeting is focused on the final goal of pulling in the net. The Spirit-filled believers must assist the minister in battling

down the leagues of hell. This can be done through intense prayer before the service. Our men's group covenanted with God to spend an hour early Sunday morning in earnest prayer for a spiritual breakthrough in our services. As we participated in such spiritual efforts, it was easy to recognize the cooperation of the Holy Spirit in answered prayers.

As the unsaved are brought to the meeting, members should be alerted to assist the minister in inviting them to Christ. A corps of godly, alert ushers is a prize asset to any minister—particularly during the altar call.

5. Prayer time is indispensable.

This period can be set aside, not only to take special requests unitedly to the Lord, but to open avenues for spiritual worship. These times of praise create an ideal climate for the Holy Spirit to move upon the hearts of the unsaved.

6. The prayer room is the place where many spiritual battles are won.

I favored the use of the prayer room in my church, because there we found strength in united prayer. However, it could be more desirable to invite the unsaved to a public altar. Some years ago, an older minister brought to my attention the fact that the Spirit of God seems to move in waves. There will be a real surge forward in prayer, followed by a period of calm when a number of people have reached the end of the tarrying period. The Spirit of God will move again, and then there will be another pause, and another group will leave. Of course, the small group that stays till the last receives the richest experience.

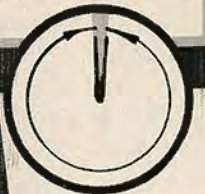
It has been my practice to encourage the hour of prayer just before the main meeting. The evangelistic service must be preceded by much prayer and certainly followed by much more. This PENTECOST CRUSADE is spotlighting the winning of *new* friends to Christ. This indicates again that many people are hungry for God.

It is the conviction of many that this is the time of our greatest spiritual opportunity. We must believe God for the greatest harvest of the Church. I believe God has only begun to use our movement, yet we must become obedient to His plan and humbly confess where we have missed Him. We must renew again the fires of consecration upon our altar. ❧

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TO THE LANDS OF THE ANDES



La Paz, Bolivia, has the highest commercial airport in the world.

By Raymond T. Brock
Foreign Missions Editor



COME WITH ME SOUTH OF THE BORDER to the lands of Latin America. Our immediate destination is Santa Cruz, Bolivia, to participate in the first Bible school seminar of the Assemblies of God in South America.

We leave Miami International Airport about midnight, January 12, and, in the comfort of our Panagra DC-7, wing across the broad Caribbean which is cloaked in darkness so that we do not see the numerous islands spotted on the inky sea.

Stopping at 4 A.M. in Balboa, Panama, we immediately became aware that we are in the tropics. How different this heat from the eight-below-zero temperatures we left in Springfield! We are surprised to see, in this last outpost of the United States, that alcoholic beverages are the chief attraction at the airport. A free port, Balboa offers luxuries of many lands without duty, but the longest lines are queued at the liquor counters. Is this our "best foot forward" for our Latin neighbors?

Guayaquil, Ecuador, is our next brief stop. Walking into the terminal is not a rewarding experience, for

there is nothing here but a few Indians trying to palm off monkey heads for shrunken human heads. Flying over Guayaquil upon departure, we become aware of the vast city that sprawls on the lowlands of Ecuador's mountainous terrain. It is here that a nucleus of Pentecostal Christians has formed and petitioned for a missionary. As we look down upon the simple corrugated houses and mud streets, we are aware that the Lowell Dowdys have a tremendous challenge as they plan to open our first mission station in Guayaquil later this year.

Following a pause at the oil port of Talara, Peru, we trace the coastline of the ancient Inca country, bound for the capital city of Lima. The pilot calls to our attention that we are flying over the ancient city of Trujillo which was established by the Spanish conqueror, Pizarro, in 1525. It is gratifying to know that we have a thriving Assembly in this third-largest city of Peru.

Pulling into a steep bank, the pilot maneuvers over the heights of Mount Huascarán which rises 22,334 feet. Only two days before, tons of ice and

rock broke away from the peaks of Huascarán and descended with cataclysmic force upon the unsuspecting villages below. Only eleven minutes from the time the avalanche started, the deluge thundered to the foot of the mountain, leaving behind about three thousand dead and a half dozen villages stripped from the mountain sides. The only survivors were those who were not home! Later reports indicate that several of our church members in these villages were killed; the pastor of one Assembly lost seventeen relatives in the inundation.

Solemnized by this new illustration of how quickly life can be extinguished, we thoughtfully continue our trip. It is only when we follow the coastline into the Lima airport that we return to thoughts of our flight and anticipate the city of Lima.

Built as the "city of kings" by Pizarro in 1535, Lima is capital of Peru and the fifth largest city in South America, with 1,186,600 inhabitants. It never rains in Lima, so they say. Rain is so rare that the roofs of the homes are flat layers of adobe with no weatherproofing. It is a view

of these roofs from the air that marks Lima as a unique stop on our trip to the lands to the south.

Although time does not permit our lingering here, we know there is a strong Assemblies of God Bible school with sixty students under the directorship of Richard Palmer whom we shall meet when we arrive at our destination. This is the alma mater of Domingo Torres and other Peruvian workers. There is also a strong literature ministry which centers in the city and reaches into the mountains of the interior and villages in the headwaters of the Amazon to the north and east.

Leaving Lima, we wonder if our climb into the mountains will ever end. But in three hours we are taken from the desert coasts of Lima to the airport above La Paz, Bolivia. About 14,000 feet above sea level, this is the highest commercial airport in the world, and we are aware of this fact as we step from the pressurized cabin of the plane into the rarefied air of the Andean altiplano. We notice our hearts beating faster and our lungs laboring for oxygen. We are told that those who remain in the city for several hours suffer altitude sickness, similar to sea or air sickness. We are fortunate, however, because Paul Hoff and Don Haas meet us and quickly transfer us to another airport where we make arrangements to continue our flight to Cochabamba. Brother Hoff is working with the Monroe Grams at the Evangelistic Center in La Paz and Brother Haas, brother of Sister Grams, is teaching in a local school.



Missionary Paul Pugh buys a native poncho in the Cochabamba market.



Literature stalls are on every corner in Cochabamba, Bolivia, but it is disheartening to see the abundance of Communist literature as displayed in this Communist bookstore.



Although we have been told the flight from La Paz to Santa Cruz does not go on Saturday, the flight does go as far as Cochabamba, and Brother Hoff informs us that a group of missionaries has driven the three hundred miles from Santa Cruz to meet us at the Cochabamba airport. How thankful we are that we can proceed on our trip! Otherwise, we would have missed our scheduled Monday classes. This change of plan is just another of many circumstances which make us feel the Lord has prepared this trip.

In the hour it takes us to reach the Cochabamba airport, we fly over the high Andes and descend to 8,392 feet and Bolivia's second largest city. Here the Leland Goods are stationed and it is a welcome relief to see Brother Good with Missionaries Bryan Mock, and Paul Pugh, and Lawrence Olson at the terminal. With them are Harmon Johnson from Chicago and Joao De Oliveria who teaches in the Bible school in Brazil. Reunions and acquaintances made, we leave the airport for the mission house.

Entering Cochabamba, we drive to the *concha* (street market) which is at its height on Saturday afternoon. Walking through the narrow lanes between the miniature stalls is an intriguing experience. Native products are in abundance. Literature stalls are on every corner. It is surprising to see how much the Bolivians are reading, but it is disheartening to see the abundance of communist literature and paperback comic books and thrillers translated from English works.

The greatest surprise in the *concha* is the abundance of American goods. We are told that these products are from CARE packages that have been diverted for sale on the black market!

After a hearty supper at the Leland Goods' we retire, for we must leave early Sunday morning and it is an eleven-and-one-half-hour drive through the mountains to Santa Cruz where the seminar is already in session.

As we retire this first night in South America, we reflect on the goodness of the Lord that has made this trip possible and we seek His guidance for the days ahead. This seminar is of vital importance: the results will be felt in Assemblies of God Bible schools in Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Brazil.

As the sounds of Cochabamba city float through the window on the night breeze, we are acutely aware that we are in a strange land and we feel a new urgency to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ while there is time. Closing our eyes we can still see the anti-American signs scrawled on the walls of the city and the host of Roman Catholics in clerical garb at the La Paz airport. We remember the monks and nuns from more than a dozen monastic orders who had gathered to greet the papal nuncio arriving on our plane.

This is a needy land: it is passive to the full gospel and unfriendly to the American way of life if the numerous signs are indicative of popular opinion.

We need not anticipate tomorrow, so we drift off to a peaceful sleep.

Next week: "The Seminar"

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Foreign Missions Department
 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo.



The long expanse of the new international headquarters building is broken by this handsome foyer which is encased in rainbow granite.

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Dedication of New Adm

REPORTED BY

the *Evangel* and other Assemblies of God periodicals having a worldwide circulation are located. The new building houses more than a dozen service departments which minister to all branches of our constituency.

For nearly forty-four years our headquarters offices were located on West Pacific Street. Between 1918 and 1948 these premises were remodeled and enlarged five times to accommodate the ever-growing operation. In 1949 the production and merchandising divisions of the Gospel Publishing House were moved to a new site where a large, modern printing plant was erected, but the headquarters remained on West Pacific Street until December 1961 when the new office building at 1445 Boonville Avenue was completed. Our work is expedited greatly now that all operations are under the same roof.

The exterior of the four-floor office building is done in molded squares of turquoise porcelainized aluminum divided at intervals by tall panels of gleaming white steel. All the windows are tinted glass. The walls of the foundation and foyer are of Minnesota rainbow granite.

The handsome foyer measures 20 by 40 feet. It contains a receptionist's desk, visitors' lounge, and space for a sculptured mural of Christ's Second Coming which is being created by Warren Straton. Above it, on the third-floor level, is a large conference room attached to the executive offices.

The predominant color in most of the office areas is earth beige accented by the colors of nature. Marbleized tile covers the floors. The building has zone heating and air conditioning for maximum temperature control the year around.

A color guard composed of uni-

"THIS BUILDING, BEAUTIFUL AS IT IS, has not been erected to the glory of any denomination, or of any man or group of men. It has been erected to the glory of God."

So said Brother T. F. Zimmerman, our general superintendent, at the dedication of our new headquarters building on Friday, March 2. The dedication service climaxed six days of special activities here at Springfield during which many hundreds of visitors toured the new edifice.

The series of dedication week events began Sunday afternoon with formal cornerstone-laying and flag-raising ceremonies. It included a series of luncheons on ensuing days at which hundreds of local clergymen, educators, and businessmen were our guests.

Other hundreds visited the building on Tuesday afternoon and evening during the general open house. We wish every *Evangel* reader could pay us a visit in our new home. Your many

friends who serve you in the various departments here at headquarters would love to greet you and to show you the fine facilities God has provided for carrying on His work.

The building is 360 feet long and it is 105 feet wide where it joins the printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House. It contains 156,000 square feet of floor space including auditorium, cafeteria, prayer chapel, library, bookstore, storage and supply areas, as well as offices, conference rooms, and lounges.

It is appropriate that the words, "Into All the World—Mark 16:15," are engraved on the cornerstone for the new building is the headquarters of the worldwide missionary program of the Assemblies of God.

It is also the center from which the *Revivaltime* radio broadcast, heard on 380 stations in the U.S. and overseas, originates each Sunday night.

It is here that the editorial offices of

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Administration Building

THE EDITOR

formed employees of the Assemblies of God who are in reserve units of the armed forces was spotlighted in the flag-raising ceremony.

The Evangel College band and concert choir provided stirring music before and after the cornerstone-laying.

At the dedication services inspiring music was provided by the *Revival-time* choir. A large number of distinguished guests were present including city officials, government representatives, officers of various Assemblies of God district councils, and fraternal delegates from other organizations. Among those introduced were the architect, Eugene F. Johnson, of Springfield, Mo., and the general contractor, Don Sharp of the Sharp Brothers Construction Company, of Kansas City, Mo.

Brother Zimmerman presided at the



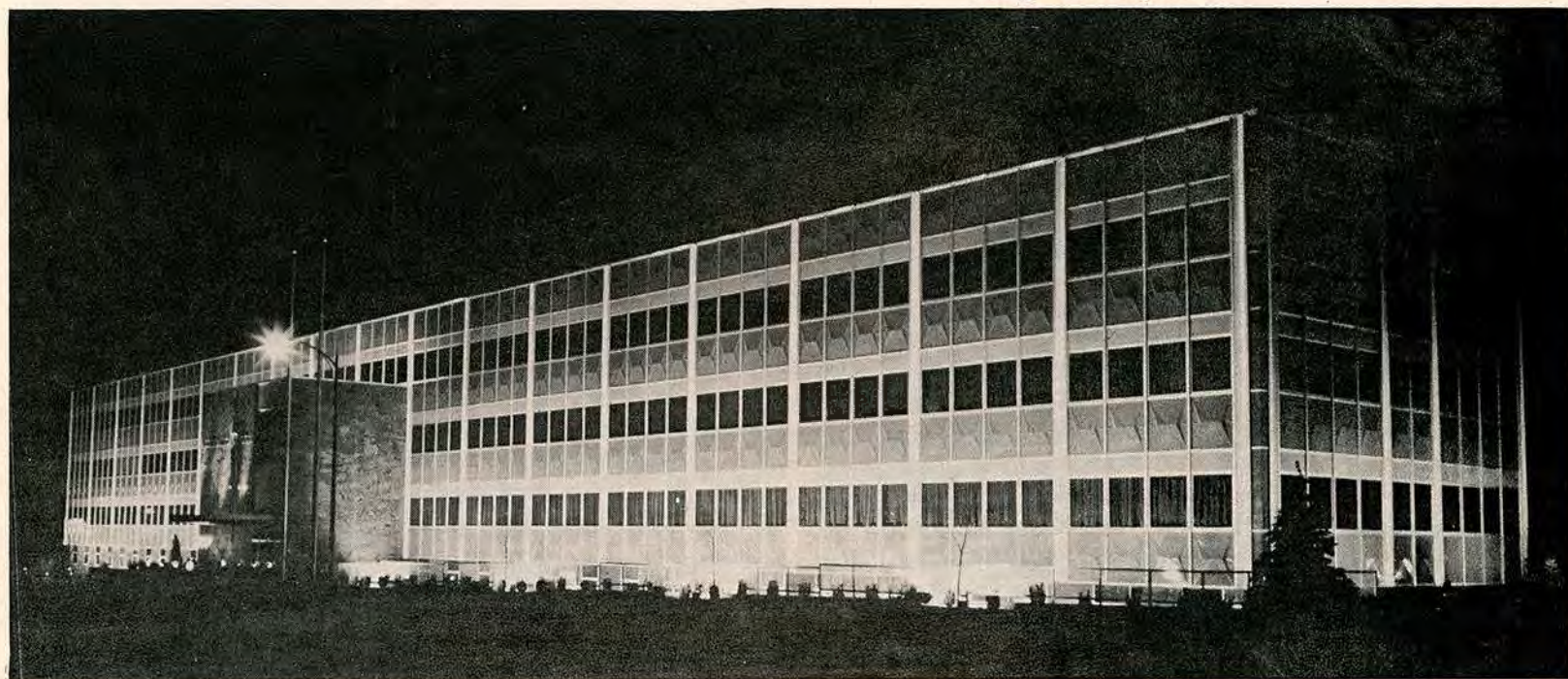
Brothers C. W. H. Scott, M. B. Netzel, J. R. Flower, T. F. Zimmerman, and G. F. Lewis watch as workmen put cornerstone in place.

dedication service, which was seen and heard over a number of TV and radio stations. He called on Brother Bert Webb, chairman of the building committee, to point out the high lights of the new building. All of the resident executives participated in the dedication ceremony, together with all of our re-

tired executives. One of the joys of dedication week was the presence of Brothers R. M. Riggs, Fred Vogler, Noel Perkin, J. R. Flower, and J. O. Savell in the services.

The dedicatory address was given by Brother Ernest S. Williams who, prior
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The building gleams at night under floodlights which change the turquoise panels to a beautiful pale blue.



Erected to the Glory of God . . .

to his retirement, served as general superintendent of our fellowship for twenty years. He recalled the early days of the Assemblies in Springfield when the activities were confined to a small building once used as a meat and grocery store. He also recalled that the present site of the international headquarters was then a baseball park.

"Little did we comprehend in those days that today we would be meeting in such a building as this," he said. "To employees here I would say this is no ordinary place where you are employed. This is God's house. You are doing God's work.

"Some of you have grown gray-haired in the employ, of



The auditorium seating 654 is used for staff devotions and for the Revivaltime broadcast each Sunday night.



There are two serving lines in the cafeteria which will accommodate 350 persons at one sitting.

the Assemblies of God. No longer are you 'sweet sixteen,' but by the grace of God you can be 'sweet sixty.' And 'sweet sixty' is sweeter than 'sweet sixteen.'

"As we dedicate this building to God, may we make it an occasion of fresh dedication for each of us. . . . God bless every member of the headquarters staff, of the Gospel Publishing House, and everyone of us."

Said Brother Zimmerman: "This lovely structure, with its beautiful appointments and its modern facilities, speaks loudly of God's goodness to us. It has come into being because of a ministry; its greatest glory will lie in expanding that ministry.

"May there ever flow from this, the heart of the Assemblies of God, ever-increasing streams of life and light, of blessing and help, to the ends of the earth."



This view of the executive floor shows the stained glass screen depicting the six days of creation and the day of rest.

ACROSS THE PAGE

1. **Evangel College concert choir and band provided music at the cornerstone-laying.**
2. **Ernest S. Williams delivered the dedicatory address.**
3. **The flags were raised by Assemblies of God employees who are reservists.**
4. **Boonville Avenue was blocked off for the flag-raising and cornerstone-laying.**
5. **All of the resident executive presbyters participated in the dedication ceremony.**
6. **The visitors' lounge is in the foyer just inside the front entrance.**
7. **This view of the foyer shows the split-level arrangement leading to the first and second floors.**
8. **A large bookroom is open during office hours to serve church members in the Springfield area.**
9. **The prayer chapel on the top floor is always open for use by individuals and small groups.**





The office of the general superintendent, T F. Zimmerman, is walled with walnut panels and furnished in fruitwood.



The executive board room on the third floor is the largest of several conference rooms provided in the new building.



The volume of incoming mail handled in the Central Mail office averages from 4,000 to a peak of 6,000 pieces a day.



Records on 14,492 Assemblies of God ministers and 8,273 churches are kept in the general secretary's records office.



From 700 to 1,500 orders for literature and church supplies are processed each day in the Order Clerical office.



Art and layout work for Sunday school literature and other publications is done by a staff of sixteen artists.



Seven executive offices like that of G. F. Lewis, shown above, have grasscloth walls and specially-designed carpet.



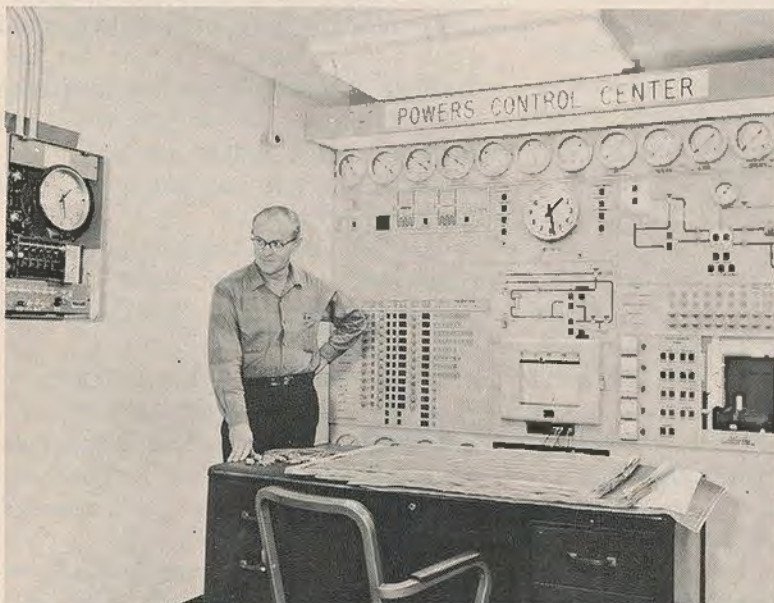
Bert Webb and his secretary, Marjorie Lessten, handled most of the arrangements for constructing and furnishing the building.



The Remington Rand Univac computer and other data processing equipment greatly speeds up the accounting operations.



Lloyd Christiansen, R. C. Cunningham, and Betty Jansen are seen in a section of the *Evangel* editorial office.



Fred Anderson, chief engineer, controls temperatures in all zones of the administration building from this office.

Bless This House

Bless this house, O Lord, we pray,
Guard its future from this day.
Bless these walls so firm and sure,
May their witness long endure.

Bless these doors, and may they be
Ever open, Lord, for Thee.
Bless these halls, and let them lead
To the answer for every need.

Bless each office, may its span
Bring Thy Word from God to man,
Bless this chapel, may it sound
The gospel news this world around.

Make this house Thy dwelling place,
Hallowed by Thy power and grace;
Bless us all that we may be
Fit for service, Lord, to Thee.

Bless us all that one day we
May dwell, O Lord, with Thee.

—Words adapted by Gwen Jones

"Bless This House," was sung at the dedication service by Harris Jansen, Workers Training Supervisor.





"I want you to have this when I'm gone, Dear. I want to know that it will be in the hands of someone who will cherish it."

YOUR WILL

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BONES SUPERNATURALLY REPLACED BY FAITH

It was while I was sitting in a funeral home attending the funeral of a friend that God reminded me of His healing power. I saw that Satan was trying to destroy my life, and I determined that I would trust the resurrected Christ to heal me by His life-giving touch.

I had suffered first one trouble and then another, and was wondering why all these things were happening to me. Did the Lord want me to be constantly afflicted?

For more than nineteen years I had known Him as my personal Saviour and Physician. Just three years earlier I had suffered a kidney infection from which the doctors had given me no hope of recovery. However, after prayer, the X rays had showed the kidney again functioning—to the great surprise and delight of the doctor.

Now I was afflicted with something that seemed even worse—deterioration of the bone. I nearly died during my first surgery in October, 1961, and the doctor found a tumor on the spinal cord, the removal of which could have meant death or paralysis for me. The Lord was good and brought me safely through.

But thirty days after I was released from the hospital I was facing another major operation—bone grafting. I was told I might have to spend six months out of the year in the hospital.

I felt I could not go through anything more. One day, while my pastor preached a funeral message, God showed me just what Satan was doing to me—how he wanted to destroy my life and put me where this friend was. My faith reached up to God and that night my body was completely healed. God performed a miracle, replacing bones where there were no bones. I threw away my brace which I had been told I must wear for a year.

I was scheduled to go into the hospital on January 23, but X rays on

that day showed that God had done the work. The doctor was amazed to see what had happened. He said he had never witnessed such a healing. God had truly performed a miracle.

—Lorene Still, Fowlerville, Mich.

(Endorsed by Stanley Hicks, Pastor of the Assembly of God in Howell, Mich.)

HEALED OF CANCER

I WISH TO TELL OF MY RECENT HEALING from cancer in the hope that it will help someone else to believe God for divine healing.

After having had some physical difficulty of a minor nature for some time, I had a hemorrhage on September 8, 1961. The following day my condition became worse. Our family physician, Dr. Lessenden, told me to come for a check-up immediately. I was sent to the hospital for surgery.

The doctor intended to do scraping but upon examining the samples of tissue, he discovered cancer. He packed me to stop the bleeding until he could operate the following morning.

My heart began to "act up" (an unusual occurrence), and the operation was delayed until Monday morning. I really believe the Lord delayed that operation so that the church could have an opportunity to pray for me. Brother Krimmer and the Lawrence Assembly earnestly sought the Lord for me that Sunday morning, September 10, 1961, and God heard and healed my body.

On Monday a hysterectomy was performed but after an exhaustive search not one bit of cancerous tissue was found!

I am thankful to know from experience that Hebrews 13:8 is true, and Jesus Christ is "the same, yesterday, and today, and for ever."—Mrs. Glenn L. Colson, Lawrence, Kansas.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. J. Krimmer, Assembly of God, Lawrence, Kansas.)

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



CHRIST, THE TESTED HIGH PRIEST

Sunday School Lesson for April 29, 1962

MARK 1:9-13; HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:1-10

Only in the Epistle to the Hebrews is Jesus called the High Priest. And how precious are the truths relating to those priestly aspects of both His earthly ministry of the past and His heavenly ministry of the present! In Hebrews 3:1, we are told to "consider the... high priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." This we shall do in our lesson today.

AN EXALTED HIGH PRIEST

"Inasmuch then as we have a great high priest who has (already) ascended and passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession (of faith in Him)," as the Amplified New Testament reads. The earthly high priests were all just types of Jesus, who is here called the "Son of God" to remind us of His divine nature. He is called "Jesus" to remind us that He is also a man, God's man in the glory. His presence there is a pledge of our future position with Him.

Just as the earthly high priest passed through the veil into the Holy of holies, so the great High Priest passed through the heavens. He triumphed over all spiritual opponents in the heavenlies, putting them to open shame (Ephesians 1:19-22; Colossians 2:15), and appeared in the holy place in heaven—in the very presence of God, presenting the perfect sacrifice of His own blood. In view of this fact, we are exhorted to "hold fast our confession of faith in Him."

A SYMPATHETIC HIGH PRIEST

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to understand and sympathize and have a fellow feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to assaults of temptation, but One who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning" (Amplified Version). How can Jesus sympathize with us since He never committed sin? He did not have to *experience* sin in order to sympathize with us! He who resists until victorious feels the strength of temptation far more keenly than he who yields. Jesus felt the strength of temptation not with our coarse, dull, blunted sensibilities, but with the keen and delicate sensitiveness of a sinless nature. He can sympathize with us perfectly, and with His sympathy He can pour in grace sufficient to enable us to overcome the enemy.

"Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace—the throne of God's unmerited favor (to us sinners); that we may receive mercy (for our failures) and find grace to help in good time for every need—appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it" (Amplified Version).

Satan is everlastingly engaged in seeking to discourage

us from availing ourselves of our blessed blood-bought access to God. What wonderful words are *mercy* and *grace*—mercy freely available when we have sinned, and grace available to enable us to overcome and to keep us from sinning! So then, far from hesitating to come to God through Christ when conscious of sin or of needed grace, let us immediately and confidently come to the One who waits to plead our cause!

A PERFECTED HIGH PRIEST (Hebrews 5:1-10)

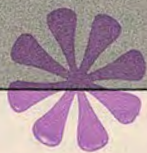
The earthly high priest had to fulfill two qualifications: (1) He was "taken from among men"; that is to say, he must be one who had fellowship with other men, conscious of his own sinfulness and frailty in order to have compassion on those for whom he acted as a mediator (vv. 1-3). (2) He must have been called and authorized by God (v. 4). Christ more than fulfilled these qualifications. He was, first of all, divinely appointed, an appointment that was based on His eternal Sonship. Second, He had fellowship with man, "tempted in all points like as we are"—and yet, unlike the earthly priest, "without sin."

Furthermore, Christ's earthly life and conduct resulted in His being declared "perfect," and "the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him." Verse 7 reveals the school in which He was perfected; namely, the school of suffering. Verse 8 discloses what He learned; namely, obedience. Verse 9 shows the result of His schooling—"He became the author of eternal salvation." This does not mean that there was ever in Him any resistance to the will of God; it means that He was willing to obey the Father in submitting to humiliation and to the death of the Cross, though this involved agony and suffering. —J. Bashford Bishop

HE WENT BEFORE



LETTER FROM BRITISH GUIANA TELLS HOW GOD BLESSES RADIO MINISTRY



"Revival Time"
Springfield, Massurie,
U. S. A.

Dear Brother Ward,

I was never so much touched by the Spirit of God, like since I begin listening in on your bible broadcast. I should say not only me but my family also. Week after week on Sundays they would gather around the radio anxiously awaiting the moment of "Revival Time" through Radio Demerara, the station to which we are tuned. You have really found a way through our hearts, in so much that we couldn't do other than confessing our sins to God, asking his forgiveness and to help us in the continuance of a new life. We have found you a purposed worker in the reaping of souls Sir, in the harvest of mankind. We are praying that God will bless you with length of days to keep the Torch of truth lighted as to give guidance to the feet of the lost, way down in these dark ages, in these distant parts of the World. I held talks with many on your spiritual activities, and have also invited them to listen in.

Ever truly yours,
H.S.

ON THE AIR



**WITH D.V. HURST
SECRETARY
OF RADIO**

WORLD-WIDE RADIO IS GAINING! ONE million radio receivers were sold in Africa during 1961, bringing the total there to six million.

Another report states: "Three per cent of India's population have refrigerators, twelve per cent have access to telephones, fifty-two per cent have radio receivers."

This is a door that is open to us!

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And *Revivaltime* has just received this word from India: "A friend of ours, a Roman Catholic, is very interested in your weekly messages. He has started reading his Roman Catholic Bible. Pray for him that he will see the light. He goes to his friends' houses asking them to listen to *Revivaltime*." Mrs. A. P., Madurai, India.

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I sense the stirrings of a rebirth of the spirit of evangelism among us. People are seeing the need and expressing deep concern about it. It's a healthy sign. *May God grant a baptism of desire to reach men and women with the gospel in every way!*

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And people are becoming concerned about their loved ones once again. *Revivaltime* mail shows people

are requesting prayer for the members of their families who are unsaved—perhaps more than ever before. I've noticed the predominance of this request in services, too.

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It is significant that Mrs. Emily Conner of Mansfield, Ohio, wrote to *Revivaltime* requesting prayer. Later she wrote again to say: "Since I sent in my prayer request, God has forgiven my sins. I've taken the Lord as my personal Saviour. Please thank the prayer band for their prayers. My faith has been restored. I also thank you for these wonderful booklets of faith which have drawn me closer to the Lord."

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And this is encouraging: Mrs. E. B. of Petersborough, Ontario, said: "I like *Revivaltime's* altar call, an appeal for souls to get right with God immediately after the message is preached. That part of the broadcast gets results!"

We believe it does, too. We want to encourage all believers who listen to pray especially at that moment. *Prayer tips the scales of decision!*

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From Germany we have the appeal: "Send us the time and place of *Revivaltime's* release everywhere outside the United States so we can publish the information. The servicemen here want to hear and need to hear."

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Think of it! Just one dollar per year per Assemblies of God member or four dollars per month per Assemblies of God church would meet *Revivaltime's* entire budget.

Revivaltime Giving TOP DISTRICTS

January 1 to February 28, 1962

TOTAL GIVING

1. New York\$2,819.85
2. Southern California 2,723.54

AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. New York\$ 17.96
2. Arizona 14.43

INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

1. New York\$1,108.52
2. Arizona 939.16

INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. Arizona\$ 10.00
2. New York 6.99

GREATEST INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. North Texas 15
2. Southern California 14

GREATEST INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES GIVING

1. New Mexico8%
2. Wyoming6%

Then with the personal contributions from *Revivaltime* listeners now received, *Revivaltime* could go forward in a great expansion of the program. Quickly it could become America's foremost religious broadcast—if everyone would do his part.

* * *

William Swanson from Beloit, Wis., wrote: "I have just heard the message by C. M. Ward over radio station WLS and I would very much like to have a copy.

"I am a high school junior and am enclosing one dollar which I earned today by shoveling sidewalks."

* * *

Will you share, too?

* Billy Sunday Speaks on the Second Coming



* Billy Sunday's sermon—preached in 1913—on the Second Coming has been reprinted by permission.

You will want to read this book to see what Billy Sunday said about Christ's Second Coming. If this noted American evangelist was right about the things which have been fulfilled in the past 48 years, how quickly will the few events yet to be fulfilled take place?

You will also want to pass this book on to an unsaved friend. As a result of reading this sermon when it appeared in the *Kansas City Star*, the parents of C. M. Ward's wife, who were living worldly lives, gave their lives to Christ.

To receive your copy of this book, fill in the coupon below and mail to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. When you write, enclose your special offering for this soul-winning radio broadcast ministry. Only through your prayers and offerings can *Revivaltime's* ministry be expanded.

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PAUL AND HIS VOCATIONAL VOLUNTEERS



By EARL W. GOODMAN
Montana District Superintendent

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT Rome was committed to the care of a Christian businesswoman for delivery. The sixteenth chapter reminds us that she was a servant of the church at Cenchrea. The saints at Rome were urged to assist her in any way she might need their help. Paul declared that she had been a savior of many including himself.

The outstanding thing in Paul's letter to the Romans is the introductory verse of chapter one. "Paul, a servant [bond slave] of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated [isolated] unto the gospel of God..."

In the fifth verse of this chapter we read that his call to "apostleship [was] for obedience to the faith..." I would assume that Paul was a "bond slave" of Christ before his call to apostleship. I would declare just as assuredly that he was isolated to the gospel before he was called to be a preacher and an apostle.

I like to think of Phebe, the servant of the church at Cenchrea, as being

a "bond slave" and "isolated" to the gospel, even though she had no ministerial call. It is evident that she was a servant of the church and a strong supporter of those that preached the gospel.

I follow Paul through the epistle and read his generous tribute to his fellow laborers. I am not able to determine whether they are preachers or "vocational helpers." We know Dr. Luke was a divinely inspired writer and an apostle. He may not have done a great deal of preaching, but he was known everywhere as the "beloved physician." What a joy it must have been for a young preacher to be supported by Dr. Luke.

Paul urges Titus to "Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos [the young preacher] on their journey diligently that nothing be wanting unto them (Titus 3:13). Oh, what our young preachers today would not give to have an attorney-at-law helping them found a new congregation in a strange city. *This seems to have been an order in Paul's day.* Churches were started by "bond slaves"—"isolated" to the gospel. Some were preachers, of course; but primarily they were dedicated laymen giving all possible support to the gospel.

I am deeply impressed with the reasonableness of this practice. After all, every person shares equally in the grace of God. Those called to preach have no greater stake in the gospel than others receiving the grace of God. It is equally glorious to all. We have allowed a gulf to develop between preachers and those that support the gospel in closely related ways.

Some teach, and others support in the administration of the program of God. All are to work as laborers and helpers. The sixteenth chapter of Romans is an honor roll of "gospel greats"—a host of persons immortalized by the Holy Ghost for unselfish service to Christ. These are "bond slaves" and "isolated," whether preachers or lay members. Preachers or lawyers, and men or women are all one in the gospel.

One vital facet of the new Home Missions "Breakthrough" program is "Vocational Volunteers." Let us face it; God's plan through the ages has been just this—never anything less.

The church world is waiting for a great preacher to head a mass revival but God is looking for "bond slaves" of Jesus Christ who will "isolate" themselves to the gospel as vocational "fellow helpers" of the dedicated preachers of our day.

Another Victory in Texas

By P. A. SAMFORD
Kansas City, Kansas

A FEW MONTHS AGO I CONDUCTED A revival for Artie Jones, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God in Henderson, Tex. While there I heard the story behind this new church and felt impressed to write it.

Brother Jones, with his family, felt the burden for a new church in this city of about 10,000 population, and with the permission of the district officials began to seek a place to hold services. He found a church building on the west side of town that was no longer in use. However, he also discovered that other groups had tried unsuccessfully to rent it.

Brother Jones began to pray and to believe God for the use of this building. Soon he was able to rent it and then was extended the privilege of buying it at a very reasonable price with low monthly payments. The people from whom the congregation purchased the building carried the note.

Feeling the location of the church was a little too far out of town, Pastor Jones began to pray about a new



Artie Jones (left), pastor of Calvary Assembly in Henderson, Tex. with Evangelist P. A. Samford and Jim Livingston, Sunday school superintendent. Right: Part of the Sunday morning congregation at the new Calvary Assembly.

lot on which to move the building. In a short time the group was able to purchase a choice lot valued at \$1,000 for just \$350!

However, the most miraculous part of the story is that although the church is less than two years old and started with only the pastor's family, it now averages nearly 100 in Sun-

day school attendance and has at times gone over that number. It was a privilege to conduct a revival in such an up-and-coming church. Surely God still works with those who work for Him, as in Bible days: "And they went forth . . . the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20). "

NEW CHURCH IN NEW YORK

FOUR YEARS AFTER SERVICES WERE started, the Assembly of God in Boonville, N. Y. (population 3,000) has a new church building. And it was erected in only eight weeks!

The dedication service was held on January 14, when 160 happy people filled the church. Five ministers from the community and two sectional officers of the Assemblies of God took part in the service. Mayor William Hall was present and extended a word of greeting. Then Paul R. Buchwalter, district Home Missions director, brought the dedicatory message.

For some years Peter Wasco, a member of the board, had a burden for his home community. About four years ago services were started there in a second-floor hall by the Ernest Darlings, pastors at Rome, N. Y. After that William Snyder was in charge of the fledgling congregation for several months.

William R. Sanders began his ministry in Boonville on July 31, 1961. A lot had been purchased before his coming, and under his leadership the new building was constructed to the glory of God.

Only nine people were present at

the first service when Brother Sanders came, but he and the church members were determined to build a church. Several banks refused to lend money to the small group, but God intervened and one local bank granted the loan of \$16,500 through the intercession of a Catholic lawyer.

The new thirty-by-sixty-foot church is located in the heart of the city and accommodates about 150 persons. Though the structure is valued at \$30,000 the actual cost will be around \$22,000. The basement of the church contains Sunday school classrooms and living quarters for the pastor. Pastor and congregation are confident that God will continue to bless and add souls to His kingdom in Boonville.



Dedication service of the new Assembly of God in Boonville, N. Y. in which five ministers of the community took part. Inset: Pastor William R. Sanders.

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Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

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CERES, CALIF.—Central Assembly reports a successful two-week revival in February with Evangelist and Mrs. Cecil Welch of Licking, Mo. The blessings of God were manifested as 31 accepted Christ as Saviour and nine received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The results were especially significant in view of the inclement weather.

—G. W. Alsup, Pastor

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Bethel Church has been signally blessed of God in recent ministries with Evangelist and Mrs. Bill McPherson of Toronto, Canada, as well as with the Don Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. The musical talents of both of these teams were an inspiration and blessing, and the preaching of the Word brought great conviction to the hearts of the people. Sinners were saved during both meetings.

—L. R. Keys, Pastor

DELAND, FLA.—God dealt primarily with believers during a

two-week revival just concluded at First Assembly of God here under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. J. Vernon Cardiff of Orlando. The meeting was truly blessed of God and many results continue to be felt in the regular services.

—William P. Berringer, Pastor

SALEM, N. J.—First Assembly reports a most successful revival conducted by Evangelist Oren Paris. As a result of the cooperation of both pastor and people in prayer, visitation, telephone evangelism, advertising, etc., great victories were reported. Twenty accepted Christ as Saviour, five were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 23 were baptized in water. For several nights many sought the Lord in the prayer room until after midnight. Specific instances of God's dealing with individuals included the salvation of two college students—one of whom also received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The acting president of the Salem Temperance Union was al-



Evangelist Oren Paris (left) and Pastor Robert J. Lundstrom (right) are shown with several of the water baptismal candidates during revival at First Assembly, Salem, N. J.

so gloriously baptized in the Holy Spirit and has since brought several others to the services. The secretary of the Salem County Juvenile Department received a marvelous baptism and also had a glorious vision of Christ and heaven. The anointed ministry of the evangelist will long be remembered and appreciated.

Since the crusade several others have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, including a Roman Catholic mother whose husband has also recently become converted. The church is planning a new building for which several thousand dollars have already been received.—R. J. Lundstrom, Pastor

TORONTO, ONT., CANADA—The Sunshine Evangelistic Party ministered for six weeks at Evangel Temple here. Many persons were saved and backsliders were reclaimed. It was a time of rich blessing not only for the members, but also for the many visitors who filled the Temple night after night.

—W. G. McPherson, Pastor

POMONA, CALIF.—Both the Sunday school attendance and offering records were broken during a recent revival conducted at Faith Assembly of God here by Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild of Garden Grove, Calif. The outstanding feature of these revival services was the deep moving of the Holy Spirit night after night as sinners and backsliders prayed through to a definite experience in the Lord. During the regular Wednesday night service, following the campaign, one person was saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. —Virgil Price, Pastor

MERIDIAN, MISS.—Fourteen persons came forward for salvation, and 14 others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in a recent revival conducted at First Assembly of God here with Evangelist Woodrow Oxner of Springfield, Mo. The entire church was greatly blessed as a result of this revival service.

—R. C. Davis, Pastor

TOLEDO, OHIO—Over 140 visitors attended special services conducted at the Assembly of God here with the Musical Lebsacks of Nebraska. One Sunday night, following an illustrated message by the evangelist, fifteen persons came to the altar for salvation. Altogether, there were 27 decisions made for Christ. Many of the church members were stirred with a new consecration as they gave themselves to working around the altars night after night.

—G. G. Martin, Pastor

DES ARC, MO.—Evangelist Glenna Byard recently conducted a revival service at the Assembly of God here in which four persons accepted Christ as their Saviour, 14 were reclaimed, and six were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Lizzie Johnson of Des Arc, was healed of a serious ear infection which had resulted in loss of hearing. She was scheduled to go into the hospital, but the doctor pronounced her completely healed. The revival stirred the entire church, and visitors came to the services from various communities. Many young people were revived and, as a result of these meetings, a Christ's Ambassadors' group is being organized.

—Charles F. Brown, Pastor



PROGRESS REPORTED AT MURRAYVILLE, GA.

The Full Gospel Assembly in Murrayville, Ga., at the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is making progress through the united efforts of its members and the blessing of the Lord. The congregation now worships in a debt-free edifice which is valued at \$15,000. The church was started ten years ago by Willie Mae McCarter. Mrs. McCarter later resigned as pastor but remains active in the church, serving as deaconess. The active pastor is Arnie Abercrombie, who became a charter member as a teen-age boy when the church began about October 1951.

E. D. BEARD RE-ELECTED

NEWCASTLE, Wyo.—The fourteenth annual Wyoming District council, which met here March 6-8, greatly enjoyed the ministry of the guest speaker, Pastor V. L. Hertweck of Mesa, Ariz.

Superintendent E. D. Beard was returned to office, and J. E. Overstreet, pastor at Glenrock, was chosen as assistant superintendent, filling the unexpired term of L. E. Wead who moved recently to South Dakota.

Others returned to office were Pastor H. W. Thiemann, Cheyenne, secretary-treasurer; Pastor Glen Burris, Gillette, Sunday school director; Pastor Walter Ventling, Buffalo, Men's Fellowship Director; and Mrs. J. E. Overstreet, WMC president.

—H. W. Thiemann,
district secretary

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J. R. TON CALLED TO ALHAMBRA CHURCH

J. Raymond Ton was recently appointed to be director of religious education and youth at Bethany Church, 21 North Olive Avenue, in Alhambra, where Dr. C. E. Britton is pastor and Mark A. Hinman is assistant pastor. Brother Ton assumed his duties on March 15.

Dr. Britton, beloved pastor for thirty-eight years at Bethany Church, is recuperating from a serious illness. *Evangel* readers are asked to pray for his complete recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENT

TENTH ANNIVERSARY of Bethel Assembly, Huntington, Ind., Apr. 29. Services at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7 p.m. William Van Winkle, district superintendent, afternoon speaker. Dedication of parsonage and Sunday school annex in afternoon.—by Rosamond Gross and Edna Phelps, pastors.

WITH CHRIST

MRS. L. E. IVEY of Port Lavaca, Tex., recently passed away. She was a licensed minister of the South Texas District. Sister Ivey was co-pastor with her husband, Leroyce E. Ivey, one of our ordained ministers. She is survived by her husband and three children.

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GEORGE ROBISON, 59, of Seneca, Mo., went to be with the Lord November 21 after a lengthy illness. Brother Robison was ordained in the Oklahoma District in 1947 and served as pastor and evangelist. He pastored in Seneca, Mo., for some years.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	First	Apr. 22—	L. C. & Oleta Eldridge	O. B. Hunnicutt
Ariz.	Douglas	First	Apr. 22-May 6	Winferd Mack	E. E. Franks
	Sells	Papago Indian	Apr. 17-22	Jerry Jones	Rodger A. Cree
Ark.	Benton	First	Apr. 22-May 6	Albert Calaway	John C. Dickinson
	Camden	Cullendale	Apr. 24-May 6	Frank Martin	J. D. Middlebrook
	Clarksville	First	Apr. 22-May 5	Eddie Eaton	Raymond Kendrick
	Fort Smith	New Bethel	Apr. 22-May 6	Johnny Garrison	M. J. Harris
	Rison	First	Apr. 22-May 6	Robert Bowden	N. Fitch
Calif.	Denair	A/G	Apr. 22-May 6	Walt Trumbo	Jim Logan
	Fullerton	* First	Apr. 16-22	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Lloyd Cagle
	Lompac	First	Apr. 22-29	Earl McMillin	J. O. Epperson
	Oroville	First	Apr. 25—	Carolyn Lindblad	Chas. R. Shuss
	Santa Paula	A/G	Apr. 15—	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	Jack Countryman
	St. Helena	A/G	Apr. 22—	Holmes-Jackson	F. T. Alford
	Whittier	First	Apr. 22-May 6	J. G. Hall	John Tinsman
Colo.	Canon City	First	Apr. 17—	M. F. Brandt	W. F. Heaston
	Delta	First	Apr. 23-May 6	Don Hall	Dewey L. Heath
Conn.	Manchester	Calvary Chapel	Apr. 24-May 6	Daniel & Mrs. Mariano	Kenneth L. Gustafson
Fla.	Bartow	A/G	Apr. 8-22	Amelia Bullock	D. N. Asbury, Jr.
	Cantonment	Pugh's Chapel	Apr. 23-May 6	Douglas Bartlett	L. C. Busbee
	Miami	Evangel Temple	Apr. 22-May 6	Paul Olson Party	M. L. Davidson
	Monticello	A/G	Apr. 22-May 5	E. J. Stufflebeam	Myrtis Allen
	Pensacola	Gull Point	Apr. 25—	Nettie Parham	T. A. Walters
	Tampa	* Bethel Temple	Apr. 24-29	Musical Wellards	P. T. King
	West Palm Beach	Calvary Temple	Apr. 15-22	W. E. (Gene) Scott	Roy A. Harthern
Ga.	Cairo	First	Apr. 23-May 6	Shelvey Holland	P. W. Hires
Ill.	Canton	A/G	Apr. 11-22	C. A. Kelly	Willis Akridge
	Collinsville	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Kurt Matschulat
	Danville	First	Apr. 22-May 6	Harry Vibbert	James E. Hyllberg
	Mason City	A/G	Apr. 17-29	Earley-McCulloch Tm.	Kenneth C. Wallace
	Mattoon	First	Apr. 22-May 6	Ron Prinzing	James Drysdale
	Staunton	First	Apr. 24-May 6	Bob & Jeri Winford	Newt Mathenia
	Wood River	First	Apr. 24-May 6	Fred E. Ball	Elbert R. Bucher
Iowa	Macedonia	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	Charles L. Tipton	G. A. Williamson
	Ottumwa	First	Apr. 15-29	Larry Allbaugh	Ernest Illum
Kans.	Lyons	A/G	Apr. 22-May 6	Lambertson Evangelists	Ted Gianopoulos
	Olathe	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	R. R. & Mrs. Morrison	E. E. Henley
	Turon	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	Jeremiah Hanley	James W. Smith
Ky.	Owensboro	First	Apr. 22-May 6	J. I. Carroll	Nolan D. Lee
Md.	Lonaconing	First Pent.	Apr. 25-May 4	C. J. Johnson	C. E. Fussell
Mich.	Bay City	First	Apr. 25-May 6	Olshevski Musical Tm.	Charles Davenport
	Bellevue	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	Joel Palmer	Clarence Pederson
	Flint	Calvary	Apr. 22-May 6	Glynn Hall	Nathan Birdwell
Minn.	Brainerd	A/G Tab.	Apr. 25-May 6	Robert C. Owen	Melford A. Olson
	Minneapolis	City of Lakes	Apr. 25-May 6	Dave Tonn	W. A. Katter
	Spring Valley	* A/G	Apr. 29-May 4	Bob Olson	Ronald A. Snider
Mo.	Hannibal	First	Apr. 24-May 6	Arthur & Anna Berg	Glenn Renick
N. J.	Elizabeth	First	Apr. 22-May 6	Linfield Crowder	Werner M. Johnson
	Somerville	A/G	Apr. 10-22	Harold May, Jr.	N. T. Spong
N. Mex.	Clovis	First	Apr. 24-May 2	Watson Argue	Eugene McClain
Okla.	Commerce	First	Apr. 22-May 6	Ward & Mrs. Popejoy	H. R. Gabriel
	Hugo	First	Apr. 22—	Al Davis	J. A. Hobson
	Idabel	First	Apr. 8—	Mathers-Pharr Team	V. Odell Stuart
	Pawhuska	First	Apr. 15—	Donnell-Holler Team	James Rowton
	Sand Springs	First	Apr. 22-May 6	J. W. Walker	George E. Smith
	Tulsa	Brunner	Apr. 22-May 6	Royce & Mrs. Lowe	P. H. Wootton
Oreg.	Toledo	A/G	Apr. 22—	L. H. Sheets	Leland Morse
	Woodburn	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	Ernest Wm. Bedwell
Pa.	Bedford	The Village Ch.	Apr. 24—	David & Mrs. Howe	David Hardt
	Lock Haven	A/G	Apr. 24-29	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Paul Wonders
	Quakertown	A/G	Apr. 24-May 13	Paul J. Graban	Walter A. Stuart
	Windsor	Gospel Lighthouse	Apr. 24-May 6	James Tucker	Robert Shipp
Tex.	Baytown	Central	Apr. 25—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Lonnie Bowlen
	Fort Worth	Richland Hills	Apr. 22—	Oren Paris	James L. Barnes
	Fort Worth	Lake Worth	Apr. 29—	Oren Paris	Homer Rich
	Lubbock	** Central	Apr. 15-22	Victor Etienne	R. A. Jolliff
	Mesquite	Zipp City	Apr. 23—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	A. R. Wickware
	Temple	Bethel	Apr. 24-29	Ken George Team	Leland Evans
Wash.	Ridgefield	Pioneer	Apr. 25-May 6	The Tanner Team	Elvin D. Irwin
	Seattle	Richmont	Apr. 22-May 6	Wallace Bragg	Roy E. Southard
Wis.	S. Milwaukee	A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	G. A. & Mrs. Snavely	A. F. Sandell
Wyo.	Casper	Faith	Apr. 24-May 6	A. J. Chandonnet	H. R. Kennedy
Canada	Guelph, Ont.	Stone Pent.	Apr. 25-May 6	Kudra Musical Team	V. H. Hillis
	St. Catharines, Ont.	Elim Tab.	Apr. 24-May 6	Dale V. Helle	E. C. Williams
S. India	Shencottah	*** A/G	Apr. 24-May 6	Quentin-Dwight Edwards	Mrs. Robert Edwards

* Children's Revival

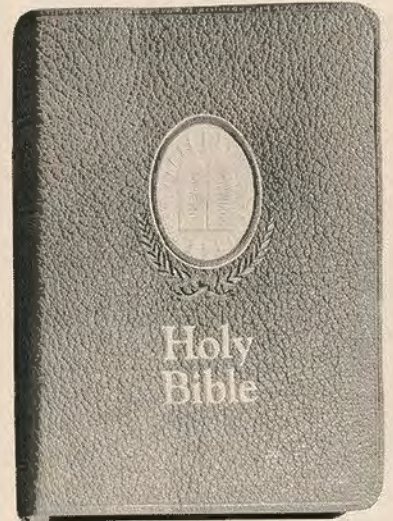
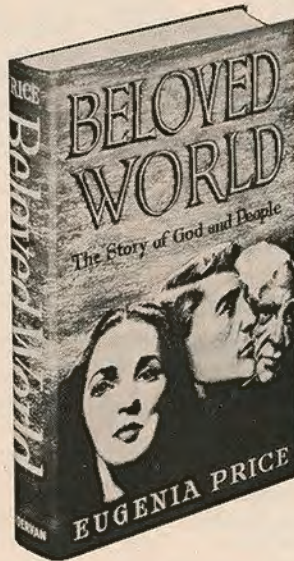
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REMEMBER MOTHER



49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether E-li'as will come to save him.
50 ¶ Jesus, when he had cried again

John 19. 29.
ch. 27. 66.
Or, had been.
Mark 16. 5.

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10 And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.



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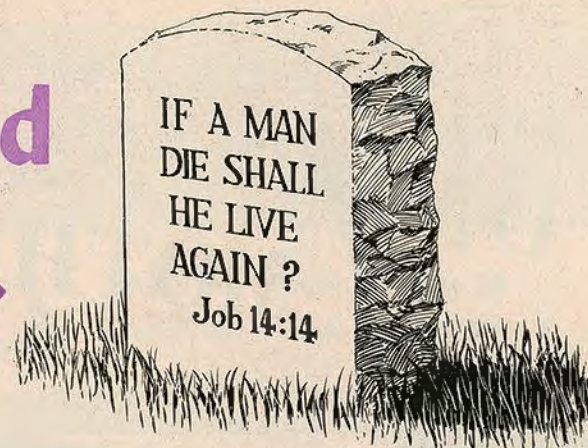
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An Old, Old Question...



IN A MUSEUM IN ROME THERE ARE TWO ROWS OF TOMBSTONES, ONE PAGAN and the other Christian. They have been arranged so as to show the sharp contrast between the Christian and pagan attitudes toward death.

Here are some pagan epitaphs: "Farewell, farewell, farewell forever." "While I lived, I lived well. My play is ended. Soon yours will be. Farewell, and applaud me."

"I was not, I became, I am not, and care not." "Wine, women, and indulgence corrupt our bodies, but they constitute life." "After death no reviving, after grave no meeting."

On the tombstone of a little child: "I, Procope, lift up my hands against the god who snatched me away, being innocent."

Pessimism, gloom, hopelessness, cynicism, and defiance characterized the pagan world in its prospect of death. And hundreds of years later a modern unbeliever, Robert Ingersoll, spoke these words over the grave of his brother: "Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of a waiting cry."

In contrast read the epitaphs over the graves of the primitive Christians: "Weep not, my child; death is not eternal." "Sweet Simplicius lives in eternity." "Gemella sleeps in peace."

"Alexander is not dead, but lives above the stars." "He sleeps, but lives." "He went to God."

Consider the difference Christ has made! His words inspire the hope of eternal life. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." And His resurrection from the grave gives a solid basis to His promises.

However, note the condition—"believeth." Faith means a trustful acceptance of Christ as our Saviour and Master; and death cannot sever that relationship.

The promise of life beyond the grave serves to remind us that this short span of life is not insignificant, that we cannot lightly flick off the passing days as if they were of no account. God wants us to understand that life is meaningful and important. We all are traveling to the grave. But the grave is not a terminal; it is a gateway either to life and light or to gloom and wretchedness. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live" (John 5:24, 25).

You have heard Christ's word. Will you believe on Him? Will you repent and turn away from all evil, accepting Christ as your personal Saviour, and thus be ready for the Resurrection Morning?—M. P.

