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The Story of My Healing

By EVANGELIST LILLIAN WATTERS

AN EIGHTEEN MONTHS OLD BABY FELL DOWN AND STRUCK her forehead. The crushing blow caused many years of heartache and hopelessness. Then—miraculous healing. I was that baby and this is the miracle story:

Not long after the fall, my right eye slid under the eyelid. All that could be seen was the white part of the right eye. My parents took me to the famous Wills Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (where I was born and reared). The doctors explained that the blow to the head had severely damaged the optic system. They could offer no cure for the affliction. But eventually they prescribed strong lenses for me at the age of three. The dreadful condition persisted.

At age six I entered public school. After about three weeks the teacher discovered I was so nearly blind I could not remain in class with normally sighted children. In dismay, my parents returned me to the Wills Hospital and the case was transferred to the chief surgeon. He said I would become totally blind in a matter of weeks unless something drastic was done right away. Within forty-eight hours the chief surgeon himself performed emergency experimental surgery on the right eye in an effort to save my sight. I remained in the hospital about a month, both eyes heavily bandaged. At the end of the "waiting" period the bandages were removed. Against all odds, *I could see!* Not well. Not without glasses. But I was not blind. My family and Christian friends had not ceased to pray for me during those dark days.

Extremely strong glasses helped me to see objects very close to me. Thus armed, I bravely returned to school and continued the battle for sight. My teachers used to say, "Little Lillian reads and writes with her nose!"—so closely did I have to keep to my work. But I was a happy child, well-loved at home and school. I was keenly aware of my handicap, but life held so many blessings I was not in any way discouraged.

The first trying days after the operation faded into weeks and months of difficult vision; frequent returns to the hospital; changing lenses. No longer did the right eye roll uncontrollably under the eyelid as it used to do.

As the years passed, at age twelve, the right eye became noticeably crooked. It moved upward to the outside corner of the socket. The lifelong strain on my vision had taken its toll of the left eye also. My vision split focus: the left eye began to move outward and downward. We consulted several doctors outside the Wills Hospital. No one could help. The sight was waning.

By the time I was sixteen years old we had found an excellent specialist, Dr. Michener-Stratton. This doctor took a great interest in the case. One summer I went for daily treatments, undergoing every known help for the eyes. Another operation was out of the question, as the doctors agreed surgery itself could cause total blindness to me in my condition. The right eye had gone completely out of focus. The doctor said I would never have the use of that eye again. Due to strain, the left eye gradually was becoming blind. My case was considered incurable—hopeless. The doctors declared nothing else could be done to help me. This was my lot in life. Accept it. The heavy magnifying lens over the left eye was my dearest friend. Without it I would have to be led as one blind. It contained my entire world of sight. Just beyond was that misty, impenetrable veil.

During the same months when my condition was discovered to be beyond all help, I had made a complete surrender of my life to Jesus Christ. I had been quite active in high school dramatics and public speaking. Then Jesus Christ touched my life with his love and I deeply desired to go "all out" for Him. I turned from even the most legitimate activities to full-scale Christian endeavor. The Lord helped me to start a Sunday school class of pupils I gathered off the streets into our lovely downtown church. After being pronounced incurable I continued in my new desires to serve God and Him alone.

Although I was two years under the age requirement, I was accepted as a student at Eastern Bible Institute (now Northeast Bible Institute), Green Lane, Pa. This



Evangelists Robert and Lillian Watters with their daughter Dorothy.

is a regional Assemblies of God school. Allan A. Swift, now semiretired, was then principal and president. He, along with all our fine teachers, maintained a dynamic application of the New Testament. Christ was no "has been." Christ is the great "I am." Constantly, the reality of the Word was forced into my consciousness. The studies and the activities of choir and missionary work among needy children filled my days to the brim, but, always, there was the gnawing distress of my hopeless eyes and the knowledge that one day I should be totally blind. I became increasingly nervous and was actually very ill as the months went on.

Then I went into my second year at E.B.I.—a year of triumph! My miracle year—1947! That cold February we had been in the midst of a revival of prayer. So forcefully did those days of prayer fall upon us, that a special permission was granted to dismiss classes and major activities. It lasted eight days. At noon on the sixth day of those never-to-be-forgotten prayer meetings, most of us had left the chapel after a morning of prayer. I had lunch. Then I went into the main entrance to the administration building. A wing from that building housed the girls' dormitories. How could I have known I was walking into a miraculous experience? I do know it always pays to be walking with God. His mysterious leading takes us to the right places, at the right times.

As I started down the hallway, I heard two young ladies praying in their dormitory room. I stopped to listen a moment. A couple other young ladies joined me. We sat on a stairway in the hall. The praying girls heard us as we sang a hymn. They joined us. Within minutes the stairway was filled with other young ladies, all of us singing hymns of praise. Soon the hallway, too, was filled. Then, across the entry hall, the door of another wing was opened as many young men streamed in to join this spontaneous service of worship. Our teachers, too, had heard and were there. Altogether, about 165 people were present. I wish you, dear reader, could have seen this wonderful day with us. The atmosphere was so full of the presence of God, it seemed we could touch Him. As I sat inconspicuously on the stairs I was strangely overcome by the sense of God's nearness. My very soul seemed to be opening for God to come in and fill my life. Yet I felt a great burden. I could not then—and cannot now—explain it. A terrible heaviness of spirit, a crying out of my heart, a longing for God. I tried to pray in words but could not express myself. Then—

THE MIRACLE BEGINS

Portions of this Scripture came to my mind: "...the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:26, 27) "WE KNOW NOT WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT!" This is one of the deep secrets of a Christian faith: our natural inclinations and thoughts do not lead us into the realm of answered prayer. They only fill us with selfish desire. That is why we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit—so God's good things can come to us.

As the words of Romans 8 seared their message into my mind I began to feel the weight of the burden shifting in a purposeful direction. I found words to pray something like this: "Oh, God, let Thy Holy Spirit so control me that my very thoughts and prayers are directed by Thee. Show me how to pray, and what to pray for." Also, I prayed for strength and healing that I might remain in school. These prayers, all so quietly and inwardly spoken, continued to lift my thinking to the power of the Great Physician. Suddenly, I was overcome by the idea that my eyes should be healed. Deep in my heart I wondered how one could believe for such a thing. But the Holy Spirit was leading me.

I stood. There on the stairway I felt a gentle tap on my elbow. A young lady who sang in a trio with me was standing in the hall beside the stair rail. She remarked, "Do you sense God's presence in a marvelous way?" I said, "Yes." As we talked I told her of my consuming desire to be healed. And I expressed my inner doubts and fears. She was reminded of the man in the Bible who believed, yet prayed to Christ, "Help Thou mine unbelief." I was impressed to pray to God to heal my unbelief. Right there on the step, unaware of others present, I prayed, "Oh, Lord, heal my unbelief! Give me Thy faith to believe for my sight." There—on that step—God revealed faith to me. (Hear these Faith Secrets on my "talking record" sermon.)

As the realization of God's faith possessed me, I took off my glasses. I had no outward sign of being healed.

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WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. WE BELIEVE in the Blessed Hope, which is the Rapture of the Church at Christ's coming. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the 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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Friendship With Jesus

One of the most graphic portions of the Bible is Revelation 3:20, where Christ is quoted as saying, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." Artists have tried to paint the scene. They have made pictures of Christ knocking on a closed door, or waiting for it to open; but no canvas or brush can ever depict the glory of that heavenly Visitor who stands outside, or the poverty of the desolate soul that dwells within.

It is the Son of God who knocks at the door of the human heart. He bears in His hand the light of Truth, and in His heart the Love that is eternal. He comes to enrich the life of man with all the treasures of heaven, and asks admission. He will never force His way into your life, but if you will listen to His voice and open the door He will solve all your problems, dry all your tears, supply all your needs, and satisfy the deepest longings of your heart.

This Jesus is a real Friend. He came down from heaven to enter into all the experiences of your life and to save you from all your enemies. He is not a myth, not merely an idea, but a Divine Person who knows what it is to be lonely, misunderstood, tempted, and to suffer in every circumstance of life. He wants to be your Companion, and to dwell with you until the end of time. He says, "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." In fact, this companionship need never end, for He goes on to say that if you will fight against sin and overcome the enemies of the soul, as He did, you will be permitted to share His glory forever. "To him that overcometh," He says, "will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father in his throne."

This companionship with Jesus is the glory of the Christian life. The joy of serving God is not merely the satisfaction of doing a job you like to do, although that is part of it. The deepest joy is the personal friendship you have with Jesus—the knowledge that He is dwelling in your heart through the blessed presence of the Holy Spirit, and that your conduct is pleasing Him. When the way seems hard, His love gives you the strength to carry on. When sorrow comes, He comforts with His grace. In times when temptation threatens to swamp the boat, you call on Him and He stills the storm. It is possible to talk to Him and to hear Him talk to you—not with those impulses of sound that are detected by the human ear but with those impulses of the Spirit that are only felt by the inner man. Your spirit communes with His and you feel like singing:

*"Friendship with Jesus, fellowship divine,
Oh, what blessed, sweet communion—
Jesus is a Friend of mine!"*

If you have been trying to live a Christian life without this personal friendship with Jesus, you need to stop right now and take time to get acquainted with the Saviour. He wants to make Himself just as real to you as He was to the Galilean disciples in the days of His flesh. He braved the storms of life with them—rode in the same boat, drank the same water, ate the same food. He wants to be the same Friend to you today, to sup with you, to talk with you, to work with you, to be with you always. He will teach you the unspeakable joy of worshipping the Father in spirit and in truth. He will glorify even the menial tasks of life with His presence. The Bible will become a new book, and you will sing a new song, when you discover that Jesus is real and that He is your personal friend.

—R.C.C.

THE SPIDER'S DIVING BELL

In South America there is a very interesting little spider. It spends much of its time under the water, coming up occasionally for food. Before it sinks to the bottom it forms a bubble about itself, like a diving bell. It remains under water for hours. When it returns to the surface it is perfectly dry! Not the slightest moisture has gotten into the little spider's "diving bell"! The murky water abounds in filth and uncleanness, but the little bubble keeps the spider clean and dry.

We are living in a world where sin abounds. The filth and uncleanness of the world cannot defile those whose lives are "hid with Christ in God."

—WALTER B. KNIGHT, in *Gospel Herald*

OUR SAFETY BELT

A telephone lineman approached a harness maker and said that, as he was required to climb some very high poles, he wanted a safety belt that he could trust. He was told that one would be made to order.

The harness maker selected his best hide from which to cut four pieces for the belt. As he was sewing these together he noticed that the waxed thread was changing color. Looking at his hand, he discovered he had pulled the waxed ends so tightly that the thread was biting into his flesh, drawing the blood.

"As I was sewing," he said, "all I could see was a



One Day at a Time

One day to love Jesus with heart, soul and mind,
One day to be sweet, to be tender and kind,
One day hungry sinners, for Jesus, to find;
God gives us one day at a time.

One day to be brave, to be patient and strong,
One day to be victors, to triumph o'er wrong,
One day to be steadfast, at home, in the throng;
God gives us one day at a time.

One day to show others the grace of the Lord,
One day to be led by His Spirit outpoured,
One day to be true to His excellent Word;
God gives us one day at a time.

And if for the Lord we can live just one day,
We can do it the next, and the next, all the way;
Sufficient His help as we trust, watch and pray;
God gives us one day at a time.

—*Evangelist Louise Nankivell*



man on a high pole, leaning his full weight on the belt I had made, and I am sure that it will hold, for I put my very life into it."

There can be no doubt as to the security of the soul who trusts in the Saviour who shed His blood for sin. When He gave Himself a ransom for lost men He "put His very life into it," and every believer may rest his eternal future with confidence on the salvation that Christ provided at Calvary.

—*Riches of Grace*

AN OAK OR A TELEPHONE POLE?

Have you ever walked down a street which was lined with stately oaks? Rising high on either side, they extend their leafy arms across the street until they form a canopy of green, affording shade throughout the summer months.

At regular intervals among the oaks is a shabby telephone pole—splintered, gashed, and weatherbeaten. Although it stands erect as the oaks, it sprouts no branches, shoots forth no leaves, and contributes nothing to the gorgeous symphony of green and brown and yellow which thrills the heart of every passer-by.

What is the difference? Simply this: the oaks have roots and the telephone poles have none.

The Christian is just like one of these oaks. He has sunk his roots deep into the promises of God, and in those promises he has found the source for transforming life into a fresh and growing vital thing. That source is Christ!

—T. ROY FINLEY, in *The War Cry*

LOOKING FOR THAT BLESSED HOPE

The promises of God are great to the believer who accepts them and, in sincerity, approaches the throne of God through faith and prayer that resurrection power may be present today.

Paul did not pray, "That I may remember Him." Nor did he pray to remember the resurrection itself though it was a great event. He prayed, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection!"

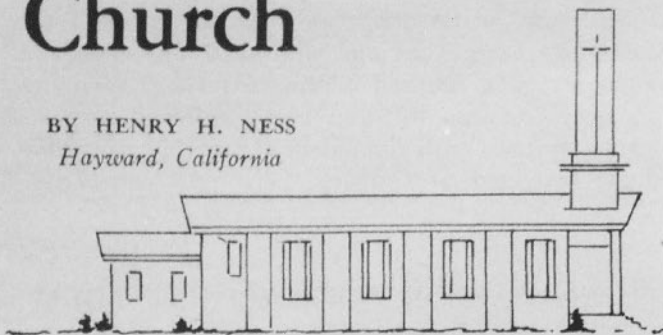
This is our need today. The powers of darkness, evil, and death move in upon our generation. As we watch world events and see prophecies made by the Master almost two thousand years ago fulfilled all about us, we can rejoice in the hope that the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken our mortal bodies.

This is the power and the hope needed by our generation. This is the answer to every problem of every man, woman, and child. May each one stand in his place and move the battle to enemy territory and see souls liberated through the wonderful gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

—RAYMOND HUDSON, in *New Mexico District News*

Faithfulness in the Church

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IN THESE DAYS WHEN CHRISTIANS ARE SO BUSY THERE IS general lethargy with regard to the things of the Lord. In 1 Corinthians 4:2, we read, "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Originally, a steward was one who was responsible to his master for all his possessions, which in early times consisted mostly of cattle.

Christians are stewards in that they are responsible to their heavenly Master for the possessions with which He has entrusted them, whether that be natural abilities or material possessions. The message to the stewards is that they be faithful.

If there is one quality needed more than others in the church today, it is faithfulness. Sometimes when the pastor looks over his congregation on Sunday evening or at the midweek service, he may feel like quoting Proverbs 20:6—"Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?"

In 2 Chronicles 31 there is a beautiful example of the results of faithfulness on the part of God's people.

First, in this chapter it states that the people of God "brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully." In fact, it states that when the people brought in their contributions to the house of the Lord there was an overabundance. There was no deficit. There was more than enough. This reminds us of what Malachi says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

Faithfulness in tithing and making offerings is absolutely necessary for the spiritual growth of the individual Christian and for the furtherance of the church.

Other things which the people of God faithfully brought in were "the dedicated things." What are "dedicated things"? In Romans 12:1, Paul writes that we are to "present our bodies" to the Lord as "living sacrifices." Our "bodies" means the whole person, our abilities, our talents, or whatever gifts God has en-

dowed us with. What a difference there would be in the church if the members remembered that they are to faithfully contribute the "dedicated things"—their talents, their abilities, their gifts—whether it be for teaching, singing, praying, visiting, testifying, etc. Whatever God has given to a person, he is obligated as a steward to faithfully contribute that to the church. This does not mean just when he feels like it, or if it is convenient, or if he has nothing else to do, but regularly to make his contribution.

In verse 15 (2 Chronicles 31) there is another example of faithfulness. We read that six men, who are named, faithfully assisted the priest in making distributions to others. What a picture this is for church members! If they could only get a vision of their responsibility to be helpful to the priest (minister), what a change there would be in the church. Too many people have the mistaken idea that the minister is a servant who is to wait on his congregation, whereas the truth is that they as members have the responsibility and joy of using the "dedicated things" to help him in the work of the Lord.

The Shunammite woman had this kind of vision, and God greatly rewarded her for it. When Elisha came through her town, she recognized him and respected him as the man of God. She ministered to his needs faithfully, never expecting to receive anything in return. Yet because of her faithfulness to the man of God, the Lord gave her the desire of her heart (2 Kings 4:16, 17).

If Christians could only realize the blessing they lose because they do not assist their pastors, they would be more faithful. Jesus said that a cup of cold water given in His name would not be without reward. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The fourth thing mentioned regarding the people of God in this chapter is that they were faithful in keeping themselves holy. "Holy" means to be set apart from secular and profane use for sacred and divine use. In other words, these people under King Hezekiah maintained their consecration, their dedication to God. They kept themselves from pagan worldly practices; they went to the house of the Lord regularly; they contributed their tithes and offerings; and they used their abilities for the service of the Lord. It was not the priest alone who did this, but all the people.

What were the results? The people under Hezekiah prospered; and later when the enemy came against Israel in the form of Sennacherib, God miraculously defended His people.

In this church age, God has given His Holy Spirit to those who will receive Him to empower them to be witnesses. The ministers are the shepherds of the flock, but they are not expected to do all the work of the Lord. They are the leaders whom Paul admonishes believers to respect highly (1 Timothy 5:17).

How is the church of Jesus Christ going to succeed spiritually? Only by following the example given in 2 Chronicles 31. The people of God must faithfully give their tithes and offerings. They must regularly contribute the "dedicated things." They must faithfully assist their ministers. They must faithfully keep themselves holy. Then, and only then, can the church prosper.

May God help all of us to be faithful stewards. ◀◀◀



The Hand That Touches God

BY EMIL BALLIET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

PRAYER IS THE HAND THAT TOUCHES GOD. THERE is something warm, intimate, personal about the touch of a hand. Friendship, fellowship, love—all of these are conveyed by the touch of one hand upon another. The apostle Paul uses this thought in connection with prayer, as he writes: "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (1 Timothy 2:8). When we reach upward with faith and worship, our hand of faith touches His hand, and there is communication and fellowship that is warm and real.

When the disciples asked, "Lord, teach us to pray," they gave voice to a desire that is very deep in us all. We need to learn *how* to pray! The earnest longing for communion with God is present, but how to establish that communion is the big question! How can we reach out by faith and touch Him and indeed feel HIS touch upon us, which alone makes communion complete?

Like the five fingers of a hand, there are five parts in the full gamut of prayer.

I

Begin with pure praise! Jesus taught His disciples to begin prayer with the great thoughts of God's glory and God's majesty—"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. . . ." Fill your mind with the Scriptures that exalt the greatness of God, His holiness, His creative power, His redeeming grace, His eternal love! Come before His presence as do the angelic hosts who cry: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory."

To begin prayer like this is the spiritual equivalent of stepping into an elevator and rising from the clamor and the claims of our earthly level to the higher atmosphere of reverence, worship, and love. As we never tire of hearing those thrilling words, "I love you," so God, the great Lover of our souls, delights in the expressions of love and worship which come from the lips and hearts of His children.

II

Confess before Him your weakness, failure, and sin. The thoughts of the greatness and goodness of God serve to give us a true perspective. In the presence of the holy God we are made aware of our unholiness; before Him who is almighty we see our weakness, our frailty, our sinfulness. Here is where true humility is born: we see ourselves in the light of His glory.

How important it is that we be completely honest with ourselves as we bare our hearts before God. Pretense and hypocrisy are absolutely useless, for God is "a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). We know by experience that it is easy to see the sins and faults of neighbors and friends. They seem so completely obvious! But we are quite blind to our own sins. Jesus warned about seeing the mote in our brother's eye, and all the while ignoring the beam

in our own eye. Let us remember that when we lift a finger to point at another, three fingers of our hand are pointing back at us!

There is no sin so black but that God can and will forgive if we honestly confess and ask for His forgiveness. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). But God can do nothing for the one who is blindly self-satisfied.

III

Let your whole being be filled with thanksgiving. We have good reason for gratitude to flood our thoughts, for in spite of God's greatness and our meanness He loves us! He deals with us in mercy and grace! Concentrate your thoughts on His great acts of love for you; His answers to prayer; the daily provision of your needs for spirit, soul, and body. Count your blessings! Name them aloud! And as the old hymn tells us: "It will surprise you what the Lord has done!"

Doubt and fear are the enemy's favorite tools. He will seek to magnify a problem, and enlarge it way out of proportion. An individual, greatly disturbed about a personal problem, came to talk with a minister about it. During the conversation the minister put a smudge of black ink on a piece of white paper, held up the sheet, and asked, "What do you see?" "A black spot," was the reply. "Yes," rejoined the minister, "but that's only a fraction of what is before you, for the page is 98 per cent white paper." Think of the good things, not of the bad!

IV

Intercede for the needs of others. The world around you is filled with people who carry staggering burdens. Reach out to touch God on their behalf. Intercession truly is "Love on its knees." Many are the remarkable instances of God's answers as intercessors have held on in believing prayer. The wanderer is restored; the sick are healed; and loved ones are protected and kept by the power of God.

It will be very helpful to make a list of those for whom you pray daily. The list will become additional fuel for thanksgiving as prayer is answered.

V

Bring your own petitions to God. When you place your own needs last on the list, you make the surprising discovery that there is really very little that you need! The greatness of God, His manifested mercy, and the needs of others make one's own needs seem small indeed.

No doubt you will have definite and real needs for body and spirit. God is concerned about your needs. He loves you. He invites you to cast all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you. (1 Peter 5:7). He promises to be your strength, your life, your all in all! Just reach up with the hand of faith and touch your Lord. ◀◀◀

What Must I Do to Be Saved?



In the nineteen centuries that have passed since this question first was asked, it has been repeated by countless people.

By **NOAH P. WHITE**

Dallas, Texas

A FEW YEARS AFTER I FOUND THE LORD JESUS AS MY Saviour, a young man asked me, "How do you get saved?"

As best I could, I explained to him how a person may be converted and become a new creature in Christ Jesus, but I felt within myself that I had failed to make plain the way of salvation. I *knew* that I was saved, but I did not know how to instruct others.

Since that time I have learned a few things by studying the Scriptures and by observing the experiences of other people. If you asked me this question today I think I could give a more helpful answer.

Suppose a man is deeply convicted of his sins and really wants to become a Christian. Suppose he goes to several different Christians and asks them the question which the Philippian jailor asked Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" (See Acts 16:30.) Probably they will give him several different answers—some of which will be confusing and perplexing.

One well-meaning Christian will tell him to get down on his knees and pray. This is good advice, but some who have knelt and prayed have not been saved.

Another sincere Christian will say to the seeker: "Repent of your sins and cry unto the Lord." But this still does not answer the question. It is true that repentance is necessary and must precede salvation, but any man who wants to be saved as much as the Philippian jailor did is already in a repentant state of mind. It is possible to weep and cry out unto the Lord with a loud voice and not be saved.

When a certain barbarian Saxon king heard for the first time the story of the crucifixion of Christ, he was deeply moved. Tears trickled down his cheeks as with a trembling voice he exclaimed: "If I had been there with my men, we would have avenged the death of this good and innocent person." But although his emotions were stirred, the king's heart was not changed.

Another zealous person might urge the diligent seeker to publicly confess Christ and be baptized. Public confession and water baptism should immediately follow the new birth—not precede or replace it!

Paul said: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9, 10). (Notice especially the latter sentence which gives the order in which faith and confession occurs.) When a person receives the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, he will confess Him before the world, but first he must have something to confess!

The same thing is true in the matter of water baptism. Baptism is a testimony to the world that we have been buried with Christ in His death and raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

Another Christian—perhaps I should say, another church member—would probably want the inquirer to join the church and become actively engaged in religious service and church work. This is good advice for a Christian, but not for an unsaved person. A person should become a Christian before he joins a church.

Perhaps another religionist would tell the repentant seeker to quit his meanness and turn over a new leaf, to do good works and live a clean, respectable, moral life. But there has never been one sinner saved yet by his own efforts and righteousness. It takes more than that.

Yes, you can repent of your sins, get on your knees, pray and weep, publicly confess Christ, join a church and be baptized, be an active worker and leader in church and religious circles, and still not be saved! But if you follow the simple instructions Paul and Silas gave to the jail keeper you will be saved. He said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). No man can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart and not become a new person.

When God drew up the great plan of salvation, He made it clear that "whosoever shall call upon the name

of the Lord *shall* be saved" (Romans 10:13). The dying thief hanging on the cross could not get on his knees to pray; he could not join an organization or be baptized; he had no time to do good works—but he wanted to be saved. There was one thing which he could do—"believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Because of the act of faith he was born again and accompanied our Lord into heaven.

The only requisite for obtaining salvation is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and in His atoning blood. Likewise, the only sin which will cause man to be banished eternally from the presence of God is unbelief—neglecting or refusing to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some may find fault with these two positive statements and claim they are incomplete. However, when properly considered, I believe these facts will be corroborated by the New Testament.

Let us consider the kind of faith the Apostle Paul was talking about. He said: "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness" (Romans 10:10). Saving faith comes from the heart and not merely from the mind. When Philip explained to the Ethiopian eunuch that Isaiah 53 referred to Jesus, the eunuch pointing to some water, said: "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Philip answered: "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." Then the eunuch said: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Upon this confession of faith, Philip baptized the eunuch.

No man can exercise saving faith who does not recognize he is a sinner and needs to be saved. Neither can he exercise saving faith until he repents of his sins and is willing to forsake them.

Let us consider the statement that only the sin of unbelief will cause a man to be lost eternally. A man will not go to hell because he steals, lies, curses, gambles, or commits murder. He will go to hell because he has refused to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and receive through Him eternal life.

When a man believes on the Lord and accepts Him as his Saviour, he is made a new person—a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). He no longer loves the things of the world. He does not continue to practice his

Because God does not punish sin immediately, some think they can go on sinning without ever paying the bill. But God does not collect all His accounts on the first of the month. He extends a man's credit in order to give him time to settle the account with the currency of repentance, faith, and obedience.

former sins. But he is not saved because he quits his sins; he quits his sins because he is saved!

We cannot do anything to merit salvation. We are saved by the grace of God, through faith in His Son! "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

If salvation is a free gift of God, what about our good works? The answer is: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works . . . that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). Paul, who was writing to saved people, said we are saved *for* the purpose of showing forth good works. Because we are saved, we abhor and detest sin and we love our heavenly Father so much we want to do nothing to displease Him.

I trust that if you are in the same miserable condition as the Philippian jail keeper was in when he asked what he must do to be saved, you will accept this simple gospel truth and put your trust in Christ alone. If you are spiritually hungry and desperately in earnest you are not far from the kingdom of God. But I do fear for the man who feels no conviction for sin and has no desire for salvation. He is a long way from the kingdom of God.

Our heavenly Father wants to save each one of us and to make us His own, but He cannot force salvation upon us. No one can be saved unless he really wants to be saved. But no one who really wants to be saved will be turned away. If you are tired of your sins and have a longing for joy, peace, and satisfaction in your soul, let me urge you to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" and you *shall be saved!* ◀◀

THE STORY OF MY HEALING

(Continued from page three)

But the surging force of faith within spurred me on. I cried out, "The Lord will give me my sight today!" There were various responses aroused in my fellow students that day. Some wept and prayed. Others watched, amazed and wondering, yet believing. John 16:23 then came to my mind. I quoted it aloud: "... Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." "WHATSOEVER!" "IN JESUS' NAME!" Weeping and quoting the Scripture I moved along the hall; stopping at the back of the stairway I quietly pondered on my actions that day. For a moment it seemed I was taking part in an unutterable foolishness. But the Lord was with me. I could hear the nearby voices of those who were praying for me. Every doubt passed away. I took a few steps toward a familiar voice. A dear young lady was standing there, praying audibly but softly. I was stand-

ing face-to-face with her. I looked heavenward. "My heavenly Father, I thank Thee for healing me and I accept it now in Jesus' name." I waited. The young lady cried out. She saw the eyes slip into place! Then she started forward to shout aloud, "It's a miracle! I've seen a miracle!" I turned my head. Instantly every object, every feature, every fine line—to the end of the hallway—came into perfect focus. The misty, impenetrable veil was forever lifted.

From that day to this, my eyes have been perfectly normal. I have never worn glasses since. The same doctors who said my eyes were incurable have tested and proven that I have normal vision.

That devastating damage to the optic system when I was only eighteen months old was with me through all those years. I was constantly under medical care, but to no avail. In one instant God healed me, and my eyes are simply wonderful. TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE. ◀◀

*It's a harrowing experience!
Parents that have ears to hear, let them
hear this story about teen-age loneliness.*

ALONE!

By LON WOODRUM

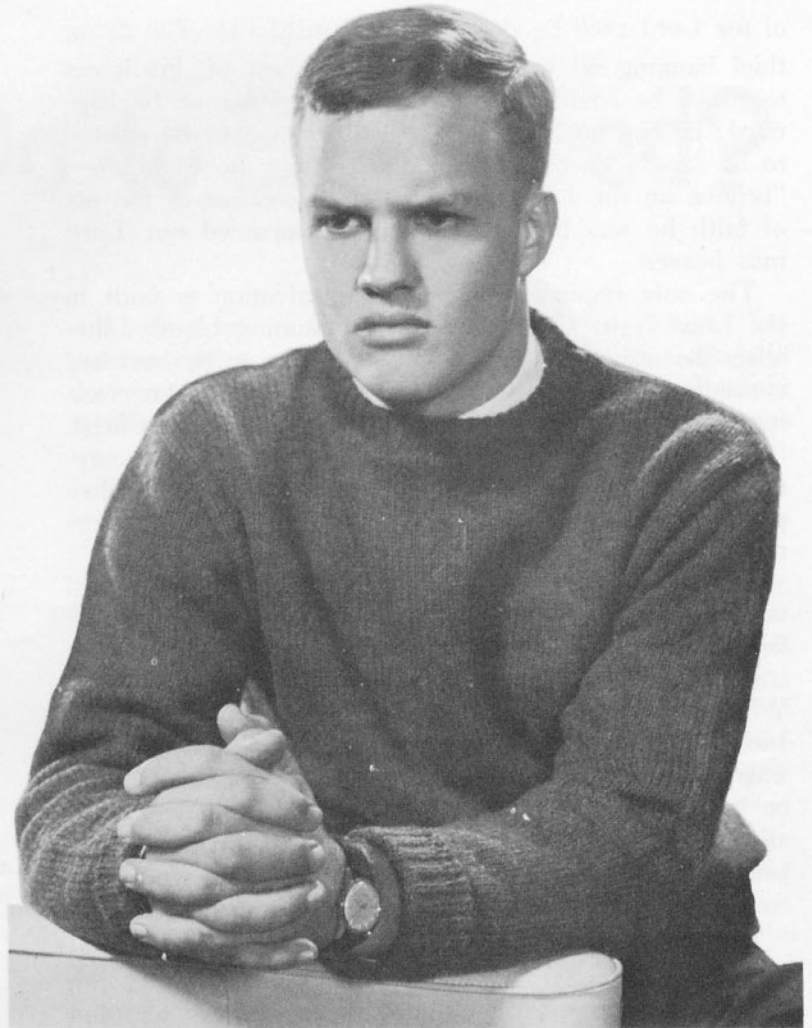


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ROGER CAN NEVER FORGET WHEN HE first realized he was *alone* in the world!

It was a pretty startling experience. It was something like being in a vast strange forest, without a guide, suddenly aware that you didn't know one direction from another, with night coming on fast.

This consciousness of aloneness hit Roger during his teens, of course. That's when it always comes. Some teen-agers might not *think* as much about it as Roger did, but they probably *feel* it.

Roger and his parents had always been close. Now they weren't in the same world! Between them was a gulf. At times the gulf seemed too wide to even yell across!

When you thought about it, there weren't so many *years* between their ages, yet their generations seemed as far removed from each other as Venus from Mars. Big changes had come to the world since Roger's parents had been teen-agers: great political economic, social, and religious changes.

Roger just couldn't *reach* his par-

ents at many points. Nor could they reach him. In a way, they were strangers. Much as he loved them, he was apart from them.

He was alone! He was a solitary figure against a measureless desert sky!

He was alone in countless ways. Responsibility had caught up with him. He was on his own—for real! What he did from now on was *his* doing, his alone, and he couldn't plead a child's innocence any more about any-

thing. He was a man! A very young man, but a man nonetheless.

He was at that point in life where he must give an account of his actions. He must be his own moral and spiritual bookkeeper. As a small tike he could have held his parents more or less responsible for small misdemeanors. But no longer. Now he must meet the world *himself*.

He was utterly unprotected! Who was going to guarantee him a job? If he got a good job, who would in-

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sure him against losing it? There was illness, too. Nobody could shield him from that. Death was another possibility. Innumerable forces stood against him. He was a lonely and inexperienced warrior.

He had a lovely girl friend, Lorraine. But he was still alone, in a way, even when he was with her. Sometimes she actually seemed an added burden! There was this feeling he sometimes felt that he had not only himself to look out for but Lorraine also! And if they should get married, someday they'd have children—and he'd be responsible for them, too!

It was a terrific thing—becoming a man! For a moment he thought it might be better to have been a girl! Girls aren't supposed to be as tough as men. They can act soft without losing face. In fact, their helplessness sometimes made them seem more feminine.

But he was a man. Stripped of help from any quarter he must go out to build a kingdom, and not show any weakness while he built it!

Time has passed. Roger is old now. He's twenty-five! He has a wife and a year-old son. He is no longer alone. He has discovered that some people in the world wouldn't let him be alone. They *wanted* to help him, to stand by him. And that made him want to stand by them.

Roger discovered something else, something very important. At a rather desperate moment in his young life he suddenly knew that a man needed God. After he came to know Him he had an assurance in his heart that he would never be quite alone again.

Now Roger is concerned about his son. For a while little Mark won't have much to bother about. Roger and his wife will look after him, guide him, love him, put him on the beam when he gets off, provide for him. But the time will come when Mark will be over there on the other side of that big gulf, all alone, as Roger had been.

Roger hopes by then to find a way to bridge the gulf to his son. But he knows he may not be able to do this completely.

Still, Roger is going to do all he can to get ready for that time. And when it comes he will be praying for his son, knowing by experience that a boy-man can survive that time of aloneness and arrive at that place where he is no more alone again. ◀◀



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

What was Paul's thorn in the flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7)?

The Bible does not tell us. The Lord meant Paul's experience to be a means of help to all who might have some kind of thorn. The point is not the thorn, but the Lord's answer to Paul.

How do you explain divine inspiration?

I do not explain it, I accept it. The Bible does not teach any one mode of inspiration. In giving the Law, "God spake all these words" (Exodus 21:21). In Jeremiah 1:9; 36:22 we read something of the experience of Jeremiah. Daniel 7:1 mentions an experience of Daniel. The prophets were moved, or borne along, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21), and their thoughts were provided by Him.

Our Sunday school class would like to know what is the most important characteristic of a victorious Christian.

If I must name one thing, I would say a life in which divine love rules all relationships and actions! "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10). It would be a mistake to seek to develop one characteristic more than others. In a well-rounded Christian life, all should be brought into harmony with the will and Spirit of God. The divine life within us will be revealed by *all* the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23).

Who are the saints?

The saints are those who are sanctified; that is, who are holy. According to 1 Corinthians 1:2, all believers in Christ are *called to be saints*. "Sainthood" is not a future state; throughout the New Testament God's redeemed ones here and now are called saints. Paul often used this term in the salutations of his letters to the churches. An example is: "To all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi" (Philippians 1:1). When Jesus comes He will be glorified in His saints (1 Thessalonians 1:10).

Is it right to say that Jesus was a god, rather than that He was God?

Those who teach that our Lord Jesus was an inferior god, a creation higher than but similar to angels, pervert the truth. The Bible says, "The Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (John 1:1, 2). Our Lord Jesus was "God manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16). He was named Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14), and this means, "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

I have not yet been filled with the Spirit and some tell me therefore that I could not have the gifts of the Spirit. But I know God gave me faith for the healing of my sister-in-law. Was this not the gift of faith?

From the beginning of time, faith has been manifested among the people of God. Hebrews 11 is a record of faith under many different circumstances. In Old Testament times some had faith for miracles; others had faith to endure when life was filled with suffering. If God gave you faith for the healing of your sister-in-law I would consider this a special impartation of faith for that need, rather than one of the gifts of the Spirit described in 1 Corinthians 12.

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 Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.



Reach These Too!

By GAYLE F. LEWIS

Executive Director of the Home Missions Department

THIRTY-FIVE MILLION PEOPLE ARE INCLUDED IN THE minority groups to whom the Home Missions Department ministers through its seven Special Ministries.

In the last two years, 11,666 people were converted, 2,785 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 2,216 were baptized in water on our Special Ministry fields. Certainly these figures witness eloquently to the need for and response to full-gospel evangelism among neglected groups of the United States and Puerto Rico.

More than 340 home missionaries, half of them ministering on American Indian reservations, are taking the gospel to those who otherwise would not have it. The Special Ministry fields include: American Indians, Alaskans, the Deaf, the Blind, Prisoners (Teen Challenge is under the Prison Division), Foreign-language Groups, and Jews.

Eighty-four new churches and outstations (including 17 new deaf groups) were opened during 1961-62 in Special Ministry fields. In the last two years, 82 missionaries were added to the Home Missions family. Most of these workers must be supported by churches and friends, since it is not possible in many instances for missionaries to obtain work for self-support, especially on Indian reservations. Therefore home missionaries are required to itinerate among Assemblies of God churches, in cooperation with district officials, to obtain pledges for support on the field.

Only two of Alaska's 35 churches are considered self-supporting, and many Indian congregations are unable to support pastors or building programs.

The Home Missions Department has established a fund for support of staff members in Alaskan children's homes. There are two orphanages in Alaska which accommodate about 60. To date, the department has been unable to underwrite the orphanages. However, salaries were supplemented to a limited extent and it is hoped new pledges will come in to make it possible to give worthy staff members better salaries. Most missionaries sacrificed much to pursue the ministry of caring for Alaska's unfortunate children.

American Indians are now increasing at a faster rate than the entire United States population, according to a report from the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior. The annual growth rate of the nation's Indian population during the last decade was about 2.5 per cent, compared with 1.7 per cent for the whole country.

A well-known foreign missionary who did excellent work in his field once visited some American Indian

reservations in this country. He later stated: "I saw more actual sacrifice among missionaries to American Indians than I witnessed on some foreign fields." But our dedicated home missionaries discount inconveniences, discomforts, and lack of adequate finances they must face for the pure joy of ministering where God directs. The reward is to see souls saved and brought into the kingdom. Home missionaries have seen the confirmation of the promise in Joel 2:28 as the Lord has poured out his Spirit *upon all flesh!*

Now and then, missionaries to Indians report the salvation of medicine men. This is a great victory, for these men still are leaders of their people and have lasting influence. A worker recently wrote of a touching incident on the Indian field:

"A young father was killed in a car wreck. We attended the sad funeral, and saw the Indians following the custom of sitting up with the body all night before the burial, wailing and screaming.

"Hundreds of people came during the evening hours and several fires were built around the house for warmth and light. The only light inside the tiny mud hut was the lantern hanging over the casket. It was a sad picture because another soul had gone into eternity. So many of the mourners in and around the little house also were without Christ and hope.

"Our church choir crowded into that little house and began singing songs of comfort, hope and joy in Christ. All became quiet as we sang and testified of a glorious peace for this life, and hope beyond the grave. We pray the Word given through song will lodge in hungry hearts and result in salvation for many."

The material needs of Indian people are innumerable on most reservations. A U.S. Government social worker on one reservation said with tears in her eyes, "I have never seen such a *neglected* people." Many adults sleep on the cold ground. In 20-degree weather one grandmother slept on the mud floor, leaving the rag-covered bedspring for the children. The missionaries helped this family build a new house.

An entire Indian colony had no drinking water at one time last winter when the pipe froze at the only well, located at the Mormon Church. Our workers were told it may be five years before government funds are available to pipe running water to these people!

But more important than material needs are the spiritual needs of the first Americans. Over half never had the gospel, and many are bound by superstition and tradition. Many are addicted to drink and peyote drug.

B. P. Wilson, supervisor of our Alaska work, tells us the Arctic Coastal work has developed greatly in the last few years; the Holy Spirit has been outpoured and the gifts of the Spirit are in operation among the Eskimos. Also, he says the Indian work of the interior holds steady, but at times lacks workers. A number were baptized in water, and also in the Holy Spirit. Some have given evidence of gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In Miami, the new evening Bible school, operating under the Spanish Eastern Branch, the Evangelical Refugee Center, and churches for Cuban refugees are attempting to reach as many as possible of the more than 100,000 refugees. Rudy Cerullo, an Assemblies of God evangelist under Home Missions Department appointment, will conduct revivals in several areas of Miami. There are several other Spanish Assemblies of God churches in Miami. Numbers have been saved through Assemblies of God ministry.

The Latin American Branch operates two Bible schools one in California and the other in Texas. The Spanish

The death of C. Arvid Ohnell, former national prison chaplain in April, 1963, was a great loss to the department. However, a new chaplain, Paul R. Markstrom, was appointed and the prison work is continuing to expand. From the beginning in 1953 through 1962, approximately 81,422 courses were distributed.

Teen Challenge, operating under the Prison Challenge, has centers in New York and Chicago. Another center is being established in Los Angeles. A Training Center also was established recently at Rehrersburg, Pa., by the New York center. Hundreds of young drug addicts and gang members have been saved through this ministry. Some attend Bible schools, and others do rehabilitation work at the centers.

We have only 12 missionaries to the Jews, although half the world's Jewish population live in the United States. This is a difficult and specialized ministry, involving intensive personal evangelism, but Jews are accepting Christ as Messiah and Saviour through the efforts of our devoted missionaries. We have Hebrew missions located in Chicago, Philadelphia, and San Francisco.

Women's Missionary Council groups of the nation are lifesavers to our missionaries in many instances through generous gifts of clothing and equipment. Missionaries write that gifts of used clothing to needy families have often opened new doors which would otherwise remain closed. Alaskan and Indian workers cannot praise too highly the work of WMC's. Likewise, pioneer pastors and their families often are the happy recipients of WMC food and clothing showers. The WMC's have helped to build or establish many pioneer churches.

The Home Missions Department is often called to help Alaska and American Indian churches in emergencies such as flooded churches, broken-down vehicles, sudden deaths, unfinished churches.

Missionaries write: "We have outgrown our present building and need Sunday school rooms. Now we have four classes in a building about 8 by 38 feet and this is difficult for all." Another says: "At present we have four Sunday school classes in an auditorium 32 by 42 feet. As can be imagined, this is an imposing problem." One Indian missionary says: "For five years our church tried to reach the unchurched on the reservation by radio, but a lack of funds ended the effort. To us, this is a step backward. This was the only all-Indian program in this territory."

We thank God for helping us one way or another on these long-neglected fields. We also thank all who generously supported this ministry with prayer and finances. You are our co-workers—a lifeline for our missionaries—and make evangelism in Special Ministry fields possible. As you continue to support these ministries, you will help us to expand our efforts to include the unreached. There is yet much to be done. We must *reach these too* for whom Christ died. ◀◀

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Eastern Branch has schools in New York and Puerto Rico, in addition to Miami. Many graduates now minister to their own people.

The six foreign-language branches, operating as separate districts under the Home Missions Department, reach numbers of the foreign-speaking not normally contacted. The Latin American Branch has led the nation in the number of new churches opened in the last several years. Several of the branches have a worldwide literature ministry.

We have 93 deaf groups, most of which are closely associated with local Assemblies. The Central Bible Institute School for the Deaf opened last fall with twelve enrolled. Another course will be added next fall. Sign language is taught in five Assemblies of God Bible schools for hearing students who wish to minister to the Deaf.

The Home Missions Department produces the only full-gospel literature available in Braille. One appointed missionary assists the department in this ministry. Gospel tapes are available now on a loan basis for blind persons who own tape recorders.

The Prison Division has provided eight free Bible study correspondence courses for prisoners upon request. Thousands of such courses are distributed each year, many of which are returned for grading. Prisoners often write grateful letters to the department, telling how they were led to consider spiritual values through their studies. Many prisoners have been saved and now serve the Lord; some become full-gospel ministers.



God's Sufficiency

Sunday School Lesson for July 21, 1963
2 KINGS 4:1-7; PHILIPPIANS 4:15-19

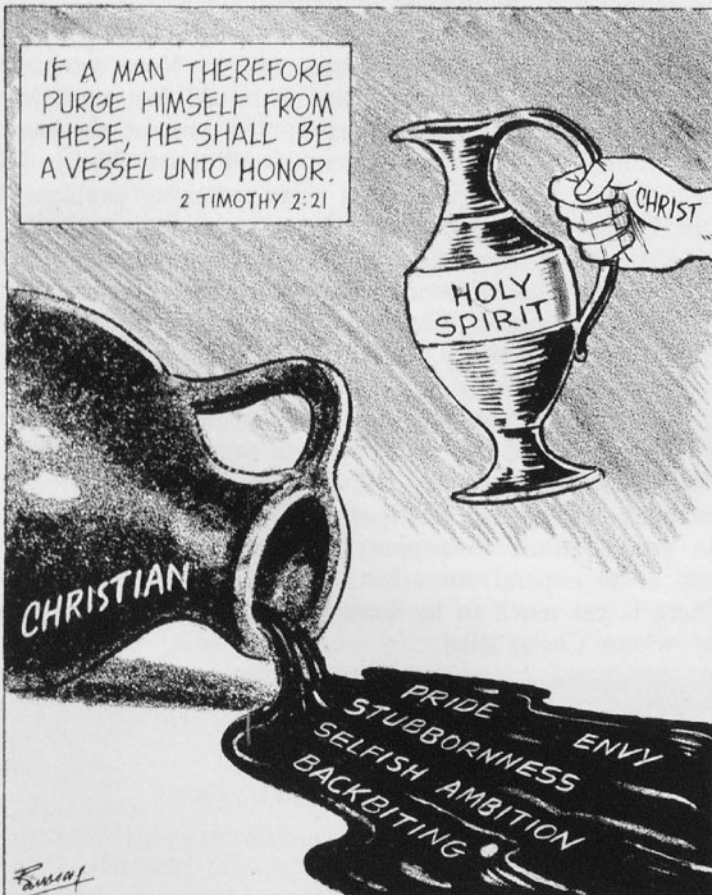
BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Elisha is a type of the ideal Spirit-filled believer who is never at the mercy of circumstances, but ever able, by the Spirit's power, to minister to the needs of others. In our lesson text we find him ministering to the widow of one of who had been a member of the school of prophets to which Elisha himself belonged. Consider:

The Desperate Need (v. 1). In Old Testament times when men borrowed, they offered as security themselves or their sons. This woman's husband had died leaving debts. According to the law her creditor was entitled to take her sons to be his servants until they had worked out the debt, and he was about to do so! The helplessness of the widow and the hopelessness of her situation is representative of all human weakness and need. Yet, as it was on this occasion, great faith is often born out of times of extremity and distress. Difficulties are to be received not as calamities calculated to ruin us, but as opportunities given us by God to know Him better and to prove Him as the All-sufficient one!

The Meager Resources. "And Elisha said . . . what hast

ONLY AN EMPTY VESSEL CAN BE FILLED



thou in the house? And she said . . . not anything . . . save a pot of oil." God loves to make use of resources He has already given us. (See Exodus 4:1-9; John 6:5-13.) Our least is enough for God, if we allow Him complete control. The pot of oil illustrates the power of the Holy Spirit which every believer, in some measure, possesses, and which is equal to every possible situation.

The Strange Command (vv. 3, 4). We must make room for God. The widow was told to borrow empty vessels for the oil which she in turn was to pour out. Our greatest need is to make room for God—to be emptied of self-interest, self-consciousness, self-sufficiency, and everything else that springs from self. Then, when we are empty, we are in a position to receive God's fullness.

We must be unselfish in our asking and seeking. For all the widow knew, she was being asked to give her last bit of oil to others—and evidently she was willing to do so! And it is quite probable that when she returned the vessels they were as full as her own! As we pour out our lives in service to others God will pour His blessings in to us.

The Implicit Obedience (vv. 5, 6). We must believe God's promises, offer Him the obedience of faith, act in accordance with His commands regardless of how unreasonable they seem. The widow did not say, "Why borrow empty vessels? I certainly cannot fill them with my little bit of oil. There must be some mistake. Perhaps the prophet is making fun of me!" On the contrary, the widow demonstrated her faith by doing exactly as Elisha had said. As she poured, her oil continued to flow.

It was when the water at Cana was poured out that it became wine (John 2:7-9). It was when the lame man stretched forth his withered arm that it was healed (Luke 6:8-10). It was as the lepers went on their way that they were made whole (Luke 17:14).

The Miraculous Supply (v. 7). The widow was told to sell the oil which had been miraculously provided and to live on the proceeds for the rest of her days. The oil was the result of the widow's faith—the fruit of her faith. Again, we may say that the oil was of representative value—a type of the flow of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer who obeys God. All this illustrates the simple truth that living a life of obedience, faith, and surrender is to live a life wherein Jesus Christ is made to us everything we need!

The Pauline Promise (Philippians 4:19). The Old Testament illustrates the application of New Testament truths. In Philippians 4:15-18, Paul wrote to thank the church at Philippi for having sent him several love offerings. He told them that his rejoicing was not only because his needs had been met, but also because he was confident that they in turn would find God supplying their needs as they had supplied his.

"My God shall supply *all* your needs," said Paul. There were no limitations to this promise. They had no needs which God would not meet!

"My God shall supply all your need *according to his riches in glory.*" God's "riches in glory" are inexhaustible; no need can ever exhaust God's supply. God will supply all our need "by Christ Jesus." Everything we get from God we get *in and through* Christ! ◀◀



Before studying for the state contest, the Rose Bud C.A.'s prayed, seeking the anointing of the Holy Spirit.



Earnestly, the quiz team studied the Word of God together, making certain their minds and hearts were open.



Led by Pastor John H. Young, the girls drilled faithfully week after week to learn the contents of Luke's Gospel thoroughly.

Interest High in National Quiz Tournament

C. A. Team from Rose Bud, Arkansas, Is State Winner in "Learning Luke" Contest

BY PATSY MATTHEWS

WHEN ASKED IF WE WOULD ENTER the National Christ's Ambassadors Department's "LEARNING LUKE" contest this year, our C.A.'s were very eager to try. We sent our application to Hot Springs for the Arkansas state contest.

To memorize and fully understand our topic, our team reserved each Tuesday night for study. Thereafter our Bibles had a special place atop our textbooks.

As we went to high school each day, fellow students would ask why we carried our Bibles. Each time we explained our purpose was to study for the "LEARNING LUKE" contest. Our friends gave us encouraging words

Excitement mounted with each successive query as the quizmaster read the questions on Luke at the C.A. convention at Hot Springs.



which boosted our morale. More important, each day we carried our Bibles gave us another opportunity to witness for Jesus Christ.

It was not an easy task and there were trying times when we questioned whether or not the struggle was worth it. Fortunately, when we became discouraged, it seemed a big invisible Hand would help us the next step toward victory.

Before we began to study we were afraid we might enter merely with the idea of winning. Hence, we prayed for God's will to be manifest in our lives.

From tenseness and study we managed only four hours of sleep the night before we were to leave. On the trip to Hot Springs we tried to take breaks from our review. But before we could rest a few minutes, one of the girls would ask "to whom was Luke addressed?"

After reaching the semifinals the tension mounted; we worried how we might react under pressure. Before the questioning began, we prayed silently for the Lord's will. In the afternoon our team earned a spot in the finals scheduled for that night.

Again we prayed silently, and as our group was quizzed, we answered each question one by one. It was obvious that we were not the only ones sensing the strain. As the finals progressed, the faces of those in the audience evidenced tenseness.

When we were named the "LEARNING LUKE" champions of Arkansas we received a beautiful plaque. Our joy was like "the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down to the skirts



The long hours of preparation were well worth the effort when the Rose Bud C.A.'s were named "LEARNING LUKE" champions.

of [the high priest's] garment. . . ." (Psalm 132:2).

We are grateful for a more thorough knowledge of the Gospel according to Luke. Now we are studying for the regional contest.

Whether we win the regional contest or not, we intend to enter the 1964 "LEARNING CORINTHIANS" quiz for this Bible study is such a blessing in our lives. Besides, it's fun. ◀◀

GRAND CHAMPIONS TO BE DECIDED AT MEMPHIS

The "LEARNING LUKE" contest will reach a climax during the General Council at Memphis, Tenn. On August 23 and 24 winning teams from eight regional tournaments will compete for the grand championship. The finals will be conducted during the General Council Youth Rally on Saturday night, August 24. This is the first National Quiz Tournament ever conducted by the National C. A. Department.



More than 1,200 people attended the dedication of Calvary Tabernacle.



Pastor Benjamin Crandall welcomed the members and visitors.

Revivaltime at Brooklyn Church Dedication

By **DARREL M. MITCHELL**

MORE THAN 1,200 PERSONS ATTENDED the 2:30 P.M. service on Thursday, May 30, when the new \$300,000 Calvary Tabernacle at 6324 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., was dedicated.

J. Philip Hogan, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo., and executive

director of foreign missions, was the dedicatory speaker.

Also participating in the ceremony were Benjamin Crandall, pastor; Darrel M. Mitchell, associate pastor; Joseph R. Flower, superintendent of the New York district of the Assemblies of God, Syracuse; Stanley Berg, sectional presbyter, New York City; R. G. Mohrman, promotional director for the metropolitan area, Assemblies of God;

and C. M. Ward, crusade speaker. The Calvary Tabernacle choir, directed by Jeanne Crandall, organist and choir director, and Lee Russel, well-known soloist, presented special music.

Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward was the speaker each evening throughout the dedication crusade, May 29 to June 1, and Sunday morning, June 2. The *Revivaltime* choir, currently

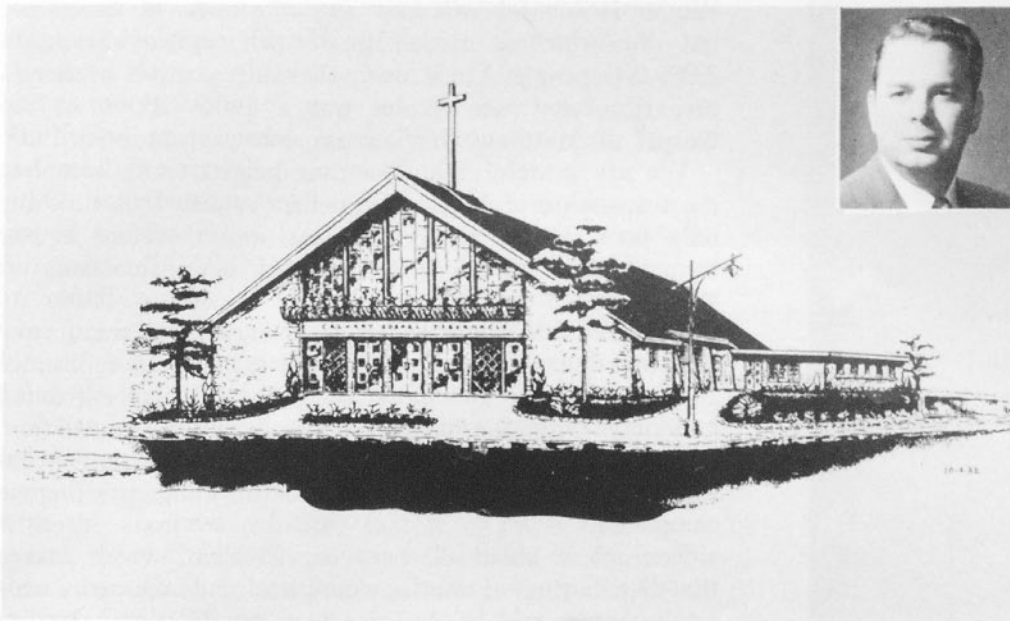


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Officials participating in the dedication of Calvary Tabernacle were, left to right: Joseph R. Flower, superintendent of New York district; Stanley Berg, New York City sectional presbyter; R. G. Mohrman, promotional director of the metropolitan Assemblies of God; Benjamin Crandall, pastor; William T. Conklin, senator of 14th New York district; J. Philip Hogan, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and dedication speaker; Paul R. Buchwalter, secretary-treasurer of the New York district; C. M. Ward, dedication crusade speaker; and Darrel Mitchell, associate pastor.

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Attend the 30th General Council—Memphis, Tennessee—August 21-27



Sketch of the new antique-white brick Calvary Tabernacle (Pastor Crandall, inset).

touring the eastern states, was presented in concert on Saturday, June 1.

Following the dedication service, the Women's Missionary Council served a dinner to 800 members and guests who remained to hear Brother Ward in the evening crusade service.

"Missions for New York's Millions," an enlarged missions program whose goal is to reach 10,000 children in slum areas and various ethnic groups in the city, was launched in the evening service. The special local missions campaign continued nightly through June 3.

Calvary Tabernacle is constructed of antique-white brick in modern design. The walls of the spacious sanctuary, seating 800, are stained both light and dark oak, trimmed with white, green, and beige brick. On the chancel wall stands a rough-hewn, oak-stained cross contrasted by a white background.

Special features include a nursery; six offices with up-to-date equipment; a printing room; a prayer room seating 125; a large fellowship hall and kitchen for social activities; a conference hall; a well-arranged choir loft seating 60; the latest sound system with an acoustical canopy; and the finest hi-fi speakers set throughout the church. The building contains almost

25,000 square feet of floor space.

The building committee was composed of Magnus Tornquist, designer, Irving Berg, architect, and Carl W. Tornquist, chairman.

Calvary Tabernacle was pioneered in 1945 by Pastor Benjamin Crandall in a small store front under an elevated railway with only 48 chairs. God's blessings upon the church enabled it to grow until last Easter there were 1,157 in Sunday school, including persons at outstations. ◀◀

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Pray for the Holy Spirit's Anointing on All of the Council Sessions



George Flattery and Simon Sarr, his co-worker, prepared the first draft of Mark's Gospel in Wolof.

MARK'S GOSPEL FOR SENEGAL

By **GEORGE W. FLATTERY**
Missionary to Senegal

DURING HIS PRESENT TERM IN SENEGAL, MISSIONARY GEORGE W. Flattery has managed to do a number of things. He purchased (through the gifts of churches and friends in America) a property in Kaolack which provides for a missionary residence and a church. He has edited weekly Sunday school lessons in French which are used by all the Assemblies of God fields in French-speaking West Africa. In thirty months he has conducted about six hundred gospel services and Bible study classes. But he believes that his translation of the Gospel of Mark into the Wolof language may turn out to be his most important project, and he has given more time to this than any other single activity. It has been hard work. He writes, "I can think of no more anomalous term than 'lazy linguist.' There just couldn't be. . . ."

WOLOF IS A LANGUAGE FEW AMERICANS HAVE HEARD OF, but one which is spoke by 85 per cent of Senegal's 3,000,000 people. Until now, the only portion of Scripture translated into Wolof was a 1906 edition of the Gospel of Matthew. Its last reprint was made in 1935.

We are grateful that God has helped us to complete the translation of Mark's Gospel in Wolof. It is now the only book of the Bible available, and therefore is extremely important for the help of new Christians as well as for evangelism.

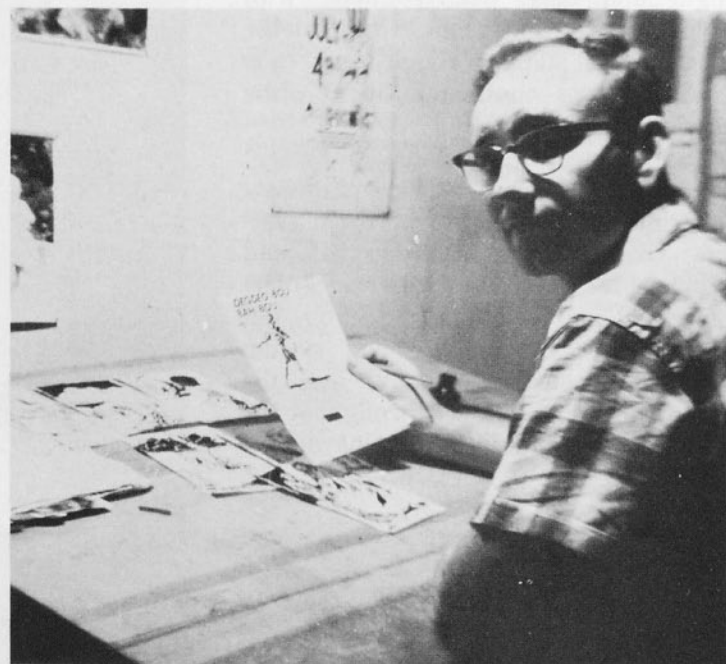
In a country hostile to Christianity, a missionary faces an unusually arduous task attempting to reproduce Bible portions in the native language. He is confronted not only with the often tedious work of translation, but also with subsequent and equally important problems of distribution, after translating and printing is completed.

Senegal is about 80 per cent Moslem, which makes the distributing of our new edition of Mark more difficult than would be the case in a purely pagan mission field having equal literacy. Many Moslems hesitate to accept any portion of the Christian Bible. However, I believe that most of them shun Christianity more because of their own heartfelt convictions.

The Governor of the Kaolack area (a Wolof Moslem) thanked me when I presented him with a copy of Mark. But he explained, as tactfully as he could, that he did not want to be photographed accepting it!

However, Ibrahima Thiam, a leading educator in Kaolack (also a Wolof Moslem) had no objection to being photographed accepting his copy. Thiam is principal of a school where 600 students are enrolled.

I have already distributed about 100 copies of Mark in Wolof in the Kaolack District. Our missionaries are distributing them in Dakar, and will later distribute them in the Tambacounda and Kedougou areas. The Swiss Bible House and the Paris Mission Bookstore are also carrying them in Dakar, and the American Conservative Baptist Mission is distributing them in the Thies District.



Missionary John Weidman did the art work.

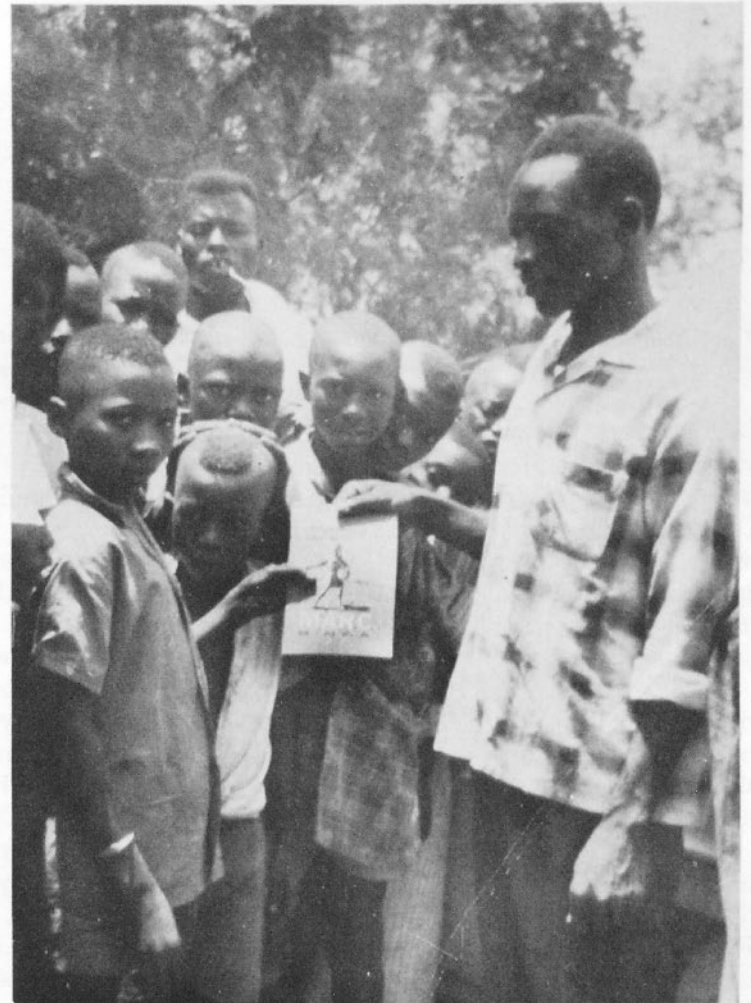
Senegal is about 25 per cent literate. Most of the literate people can both read French and speak Wolof. We have translated Mark with Latin letters, using these letters to represent the same sounds as those in French. We found people who speak Wolof and read French can read our translation readily.

We acknowledge with gratitude the important part played by the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade in this work. BGMC supplied money for the printing of an initial edition of 5,000 copies at the Assemblies of God press in Ouagadougou, Upper Volta. Missionary Harold Jones managed the production, and Missionary John Weidman did the art work.

What is written in one's own language is understood far better than that which is communicated through some language learned later in life. This is consistent with the accepted principle that it is more effective to preach or teach directly in the vernacular of the people than through an interpreter. It is vitally important to put God's Word in the people's own language.

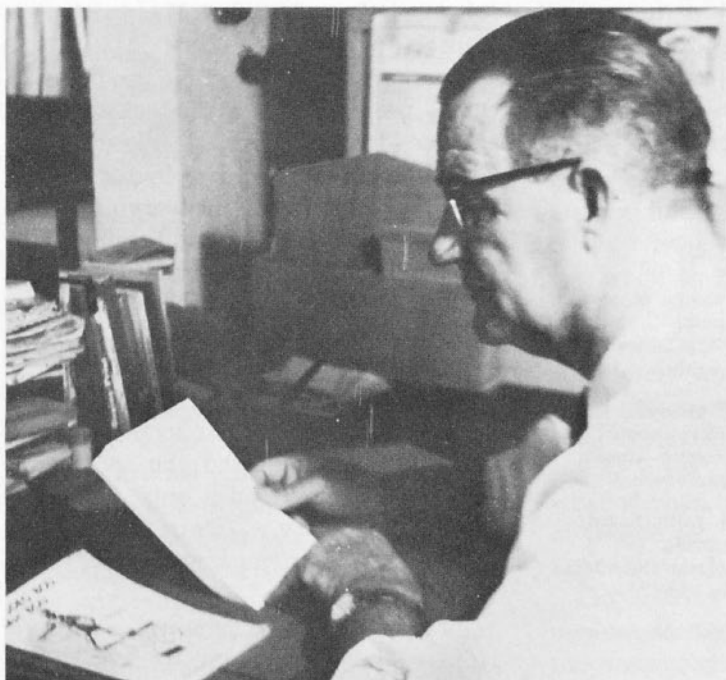
Then too, the *written* Word of God has greater potential for lasting influence than does the *spoken* Word. A good sermon, written down, will continue its effect long after a good sermon, only spoken, is forgotten. Writing remains to influence all who read it or hear it read. It is hard to overestimate the missionary importance of producing written portions of the Bible in the mother tongues of people.

Pray with us that many Senegalese will want this Gospel enough to pay the small price (ten cents per copy) that we ask for it, and that they will read and accept its message of eternal salvation through Christ.

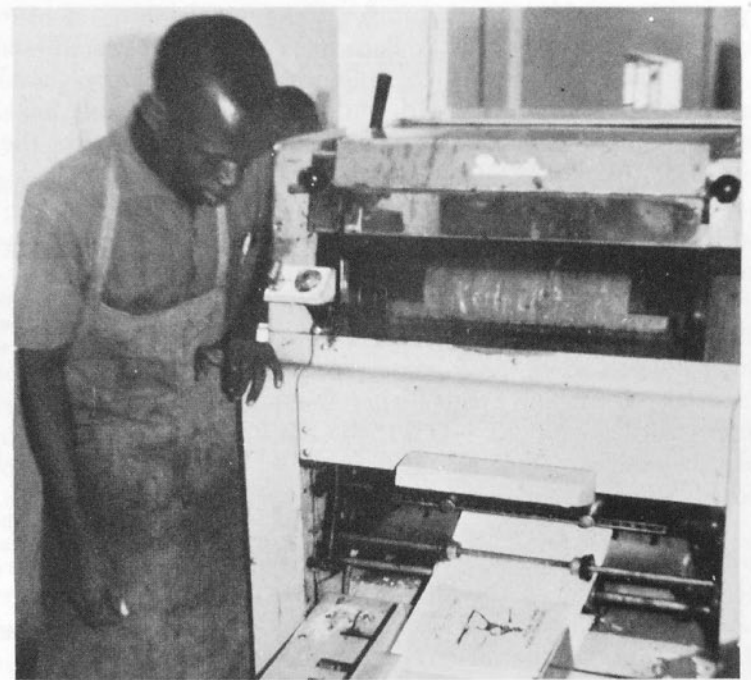


Senegalese Christian, John Beangange, distributed the Gospel of Mark among some school boys.

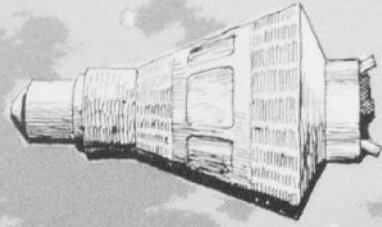
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Miracles in the Air

By MRS. OLIVE ALFORD

St. Helens, California

IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF MAY 16, President John F. Kennedy's voice came over the air waves: "Major Cooper, we're very proud of you. It was a wonderful flight." And Astronaut Gordon L. Cooper replied: "I enjoyed it, Sir. I had a wonderful time."

Then followed the President's invitation to the White House: "I'm looking forward to seeing you here Monday." (The time was changed later to Tuesday.)

Gordon Cooper, traveling 17,544 miles an hour, had successfully made 22 orbits around the earth in just over 34 hours—the equivalent in miles of a trip to the moon. For re-entry into the earth's atmosphere from his 575,000-mile trip the astronaut fired his retro-rockets by hand. This was due to failure of the automatic control system during his twentieth orbit. Today, Cooper is feted as a hero.

One reporter declared the re-entry task was accomplished with "almost miraculous precision." Scientists, engineers, mechanics, and astronauts have pooled their skills, courage, and faith to conquer space. The almost miraculous achievements of men in space have focused the thinking of the world on the skies. The terms—outer space, orbits, astronauts, space-capsules, launching pads—are common words with us. Trips to the planets and to the moon are real possibilities.

But one day a voice with far greater authority than that of President Kennedy will sound on the airwaves. The Lord Jesus Christ will call through the air to all true believers on the earth. At that moment a miracle of

stupendous proportions will take place.

Three distinct sounds *in the air* will bring it about: the shout of the Lord, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God (1 Thessalonians 4:16). These sounds will arouse Christians who have died, whether centuries ago or more recently. Living Christians will also hear the sounds in the air.

All the world was permitted to follow Astronaut Cooper's flight by radio and television. By contrast, only those belonging to Christ may participate in the space flight planned and paid for by Him. Cemeteries or burial places of believers around the globe will yield the bodies of Christians. In a split second, "a moment, a twinkling of an eye," these will be clothed with incorruptibility. An immortal body is the space suit needed for this trip! Similarly, living Christians will "put on immortality." A miracle-working God will change man's physical body and condition him for space flight. He will have a glorified body "like unto the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:21). It will be affected no longer by the law of gravity.

"I COME QUICKLY"

Sickened with slaughter and weary of war,
Torn by bereavement and pain,
Daily our eyes are searching the skies
For signs of His coming again.

Longing, we pray at dawning of day,
"Lord, wilt Thou come before noon?"
Imploring Him yet in the fading sunset,
"Oh, blessed Lord Jesus, come soon!"

Precious the word the ear of faith heard:
"Lo, I come quickly, My bride.
This longing of thine is not greater than Mine
To have thee at last by My side!"

—Martha Snell Nicholson

Without the need of space craft, but quickened by the Holy Spirit, believers who comprise the *church universal* will be "caught up together . . . in the clouds [or travel through space], to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

This will take place with miraculous precision, too. There will be no failures. None who died trusting Christ, none who are alive trusting in the merits of His atoning death, will miss this miraculous trip through the skies. Escorted by the Lord Himself into heaven, His voice of welcome and commendation will say to them: "Well done, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Cooper's triumphant and honored appearance at the White House and the bestowal of the Distinguished Service Medal by the President were well deserved. But these honors cannot compare with the "welcome home" and subsequent rewards given to faithful Christians by the Head of the Church, Christ our Lord!

Five years of intensive and dedicated preparation readied Astronaut Cooper for his orbital flight. The Christian prepares himself for space flight to heaven with unswerving dedication, faithful service, and—above all—faith in the living Christ.

Comparing costs, although the figure for the space flight of an astronaut is indeed astronomical, no money could meet the cost of transporting believers through the air to their heavenly home. It required the sacrificial death of Jesus, God's only begotten Son, on Calvary. "Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25).

Transported from time into eternity, from testing to triumph, by this "miracle in the air," we believers will gath-

er around the Lord's banqueting table "and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

A date was set for Astronaut Cooper's orbital flight. But no man knows the day or the hour when the Lord will call His Church to "lift off" to her heavenly home. Only God our heavenly Father knows the exact time.

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:13). And be ready!

Contractor's Back Healed When He Acts in Faith

I AM A BUILDING CONTRACTOR. I RECEIVED a severe back injury on October 31, 1962, but God has fulfilled for me the promise He gave to all His children when He said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:25).

While working on a job in Oakland I had a fall that could have been fatal. I was helping my building foreman take a two-hundred-pound compressor up the stairs of a large apartment house I was building. In making a turn on the outside staircase (the railings not having been installed as yet) I backed off into space, taking the heavy compressor with me. I fell fifteen feet onto a retaining wall, landing on my back, and then fell a few more feet into the driveway. I thank God for causing the compressor to land beside me rather than on top of me!

I was in much pain. I tried to get up but kept falling back.

This happened across the street from a hospital and immediately three doctors came. They gave me a shot of morphine and told me my back was broken. An ambulance was called. Also an orthopedic doctor was called for an immediate consultation.

My wife and pastor arrived at the hospital in a matter of minutes and they prayed for me before I went into the X-ray room. It was found that my back was not broken, but twelve ribs in my back were broken away from my spine and seven ribs were fractured in front. There was also a large abrasion on my back the size of a football.

I was told I would be in the hospital for several months but after five days I asked to be sent home. At home I was kept under heavy sedatives.

On the ninth day I was praying that the Lord would take me home to heaven, because the pain was so in-

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Millport	Liberty	July 15-28	L. G. (Buddy) Creel	Lodis Ellison
Ark.	Hardy	Highland	July 21-Aug. 2	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	John Warner
	Helena	First	July 21-Aug. 4	Willie M. Stevens	J. C. Nichols
	Warren	First	July 14—	Carl L. Tillery	Raymond Phillips
Calif.	Jackson	A/G	July 21-26	Howard-Youngman Tm.	Julius Gilbert
	Mill Valley	S. Marin	July 21-Aug. 4	Marvin Schmidt	James C. Walton
	Modesto	*Airport	July 15-28	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Velma Lackey
	Pinedale	*A/G	July 21-26	Charles Senechal	L. E. Gilbert
	Stockton	Full Gospel	July 14-19	Youngman-Howard Team	Robert Graham
Colo.	Craig	A/G	July 17-28	Jim Chandonnet	Raymond Raley
	Pueblo	*First	July 15-19	Jerry & Joy Spain	Clyde King
	Security	*A/G	July 21—	Edith Little	V. M. Green
Ga.	Dublin	First	July 21-28	Russell Peavy	Cecil Gray
Ill.	East St. Louis	Wash. Park	July 21—	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	Louis Mattea
Ind.	Alexandria	**A/G	July 8—	Jerry Stegall	Harry Handshue
	Monticello	*A/G	July 15-19	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Marshall Stull
	Spencer	A/G	July 17-28	Charles Crank	Ed Vibbert
Kans.	Plainville	A/G	July 17-28	Perrello Brothers	George Barber
La.	Leesville	A/G	July 21-Aug. 4	Bob & Mrs. Bornert	Edward Smith
	New Orleans	A/G	July 21-Aug. 4	Hildreth Brissey	Chas. S. Craighead
Minn.	Paynesville	Gospel Tab.	July 31-Aug. 4	The Tanner Team	Wilbert Remus
	Sherburn	A/G	July 16-28	The Tanner Team	Melvin Hanson
Miss.	Cleveland	A/G	July 16-28	Frank Martin	Richard Finley
	McComb	A/G	July 16-28	Alfred Allen	F. L. Langley
Mo.	Canton	A/G	July 21-Aug. 4	Glenna Byard	M. V. Nichols
	Houston	***A/G	July 14-28	Bob & Sonya Johnson	Joe Combs
	Kansas City	*Maple Park	July 21-26	Gladys Voight	Howard Jones
Nebr.	Broken Bow	A/G	July 16-28	Ray C. Eskelin	Wayne A. Hall
	Scottsbluff	Neighborhood	July 21—	Walter F. Merian	Larry V. Newman
N. J.	Toms River	****A/G	July 14-28	Paul & Evelyn Graban	D. Richardson, Chm.
N. Y.	Bay Shore	*A/G	July 15-21	Mrs. Robert Beisel	E. W. Benjamin
N. Dak.	Grafton	A/G	July 16-21	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Don Schorsch
Ohio	Girard	*First	July 21-28	Culpepper-Gourlas Tm.	Delmar Ross
	Mansfield	First	July 16-21	Warren Litzman	Clinton Vanzant
Okla.	Checotah	A/G	July 14-28	J. W. Henegar	John Moreland
	Okmulgee	First	July 18-30	Bob & Jeri Winford	H. A. Brummett
Oreg.	Canyonville	Gospel Tab.	July 15-19	Irene Abrahamson	Claude Malan
Pa.	Glenolden	Evangel	July 15—	Inez & Oren Paris	C. E. Lewis
	Harveys Lake	Emmanuel	July 16-28	Jack & Clara Peters	G. W. Clement
S. C.	Greer	First	July 16-21	Eddie Wilson	B. F. Kittrell
Tenn.	Columbia	*****First	July 21-28	Gene Burgess	R. F. Allen
	Elizabethton	First	July 14—	C. E. Rutledge	J. R. Baggett
	Elizabethton	*First	July 15-19	Doris Rutledge	J. R. Baggett
Tex.	Brownwood	First	July 15-28	Leo S. Gaston	C. G. Fuston
	Lubbock	First	July 16-21	Norman Jones	R. I. Stewart
Wash.	Longview	Calvary Tem.	July 14-21	Bob Watters	William Paris
P. E. I.	Charlottetown	Pent.	July 9-21	Abraham Kudra	C. K. Benn
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*Children's Revival

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*****Youth Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance.

tense. At that time the Lord spoke to me and said, "Reach forth thy hands and take what I have for thee."

My wife was standing by my bed with the sedatives the doctor had prescribed to ease the pain. I told her to put them away as I was going to take what the Lord had for me. Immediately I went to sleep and slept all through the night. I awoke in the morning feeling fine. I got out of bed, took off my bandages, dressed, and drove my truck to the job. I inspected the work there. Then I came home and called the pastor. I told him I was completely healed and would lead the song service at church the next day, Sunday, which was the tenth day.

The night the Lord told me to take what He had for me, there was a group of people meeting at the church praying for my deliverance.

On Sunday I walked into the morning service with the pastor, much to the amazement of the people, and led the song service without any pain. I

gave my testimony of healing that day, and to this day (May 23, 1963) I am completely healed. — Paul L. Petersen, Oakland, Calif.

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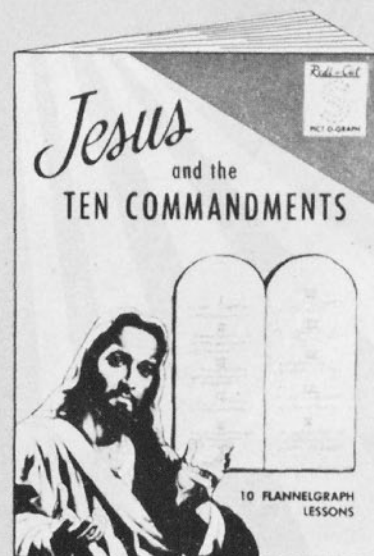
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*General Council
Reminder*

Dear Christian Friend:

Greetings in the Name of our lovely Lord!

As we work on the details for General Council, we are again reminded of the importance of the prayers of all of our constituency for the sessions. Undoubtedly, many unsaved friends will attend the General Council. In addition, we have a great many important decisions on which we need the guidance of the Lord.

Rather than contact a limited number of persons with a mailing, we wish to appeal to all of the Pentecostal Evangel readers to pray with us for General Council. These are important days and the witness of the Assemblies of God is most vital and needed in the world-wide outreach.

It would be greatly appreciated if each church would set aside a week, beginning August 14, and pray for the General Council to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, August 21-27. We are particularly interested that many unsaved be brought to the Lord in the Sunday evening service. Will you also remember the Foreign Missions service, the Home Missions emphasis, the youth service, and the Revivaltime broadcast.

Various hotels and motels in Memphis have offered excellent facilities for our convention. Most of the hotels have given a single price for each type of room. They have assured us these prices will not change prior to your arrival in Memphis. It is therefore important that as many reservations as possible be made in advance to hold the rooms committed to us.

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Thank you for your prayers for the various sessions.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Thos. F. Zimmerman

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