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A Sad Day for America

Can the Supreme Court decision on the reading of the Bible and prayer in the public schools be anything but another step down the road to national destruction?

By **JAMES E. HAMILL**

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JUNE 17, 1963, WILL GO DOWN IN AMERICAN HISTORY AS a sad day, indeed, for all God-fearing citizens!

For on that day the Supreme Court of the United States took another step in outlawing God from public life in our nation when it ruled that it is Unconstitutional to read the Bible, recite the Lord's Prayer, and have any type of religious devotion in the public schools. This is one more huge step down the road to a godless, atheistic, materialistic nation.

In 1961 the Supreme Court ruled that one did not have to believe in God to take the oath of office. In 1962 the Court ruled that the prayer prepared and suggested by the New York State Regents for the public schools in that state was Unconstitutional. And now in 1963 all religious exercises in our public schools are outlawed by the Court.

What will be next? Do you think the forces of Anti-Christ will stop now? Do you believe the godless forces in this nation will be satisfied with driving God from our public educational system? Of course not! There will be more attacks, and soon, upon the very foundation stones of our great and glorious nation.

It was with simple faith in God that our forefathers faced the West and carved a civilization out of a wilderness. That nation became the strongest and most powerful, the most prosperous, the best educated and the freest people who ever lived upon the earth. If we are to maintain that freedom, that prosperity, that blessing, that strength and power, we must maintain that faith in God.

The very purpose for the settling and establishing of America was that men might find a land in which they could worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. Their faith in God and their worship of the Almighty was the motivation that drove them on in the face of indescribable privation, hunger, cold winters, hostile Indians, disease, sickness and death.

Our forefathers provided that on United States coins there should be the inscription, "In God We Trust;" that in the taking of the oath of office the words, "So help me God," would be used; and that witnesses in the

court of law would take an oath upon a Bible in recognition of Almighty God.

What will be next? Will our chaplains in the armed forces offend some, thus resulting in the discontinuation of chaplains for our young men?

What about prayer in Congress or the inscription on our coins? Must they go too? What about our calendar, which recognized God by referring to "the year of our Lord"?

What about the phrase in the oath of allegiance, "one nation under God"? An attorney in Los Angeles has already filed a lawsuit to eliminate this phrase from the oath. Will this country then become "one nation under the Supreme Court," with the Court Lord and Master, as Cal Alley suggests in his excellent cartoon in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* of June 18?

When the atheistic, communistic, pseudo liberals and naive do-gooders accomplish this, we shall have become the pagan nation the Devil wants us to be.

By no stretch of the imagination, even a warped imagination, could one believe that there was any intention or thought on the part of the framers of the Constitution of the United States that we would outlaw God from our government or from our school system. They believed, as we do, in separation of church and state, but they did not believe in separation of the state from God. If we miss the lesson of our history, we, as a nation and as individuals, will perish from the earth.

The real issue is not the matter of the separation of church and state, but it is the tragic error that the Supreme Court believes that religion should be relegated to certain areas of life only. Christianity must permeate every phase of our lives.

May I quote Dr. Henry Russell, "The Bible produced the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. We can't have freedom in religion by freedom from religion."

Bishop John Vander Horst said in regard to the Court decision, "It is a negation of the principles on which this country was founded."

It is amazing that for 150 years the Supreme Court
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Is It Fair to the Children?

By shutting God out of the public schools the Supreme Court would deny many children the opportunity to make life's most important decision.

By JAMES E. ADAMS
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AFTER THE RECENT SUPREME COURT RULING AGAINST state laws requiring Bible reading and prayer in the public schools of America, I visited our local library. I wanted to check various newspapers to find the full text of the high Court's findings.

In the library a public school teacher and several other women were discussing the case. The teacher said, "I would like to see Bible reading and prayer continue in our schools if for no other reason than that it settles the pupils." Evidently she found the period of quiet reverence helped put the children in a frame of mind more conducive to the studies to follow.

"Ah, but you Americans are doing a tremendous job of keeping the church and state separate," another lady remarked. "This was the only decision the Supreme Court could reach."

I was moving out of earshot, but I noticed the second speaker particularly because of her accent. I thought she must be an immigrant.

While reading a city newspaper a few minutes later, I sensed someone was moving slowly by the table. Looking up I saw the immigrant lady eyeing the heading which identified the article I was reading. I smiled, scrambled to my feet, and asked her to pause a minute. I introduced myself and said, "I couldn't help overhearing that you agreed with this decision, but I feel it is very unfair."

The lady shook her head negatively. "You say that because you do not realize how fortunate you Americans are—you do not realize what it is to live in a country where church and state are not separate. I come from Italy where religion is crammed down one's throat. I want my children to grow up unbiased and then reach their own decision."

"I agree everyone should be allowed to make his own decision without undue pressure," I said. "I also agree the chief responsibility for religious training lies in the home and church. But it is still unfair to many American children to remove from them this short daily devotional privilege."

"Unfair? I do not understand..." The lady shook her head negatively again.

"Here in the text of the Supreme Court decision Justice Clark said, according to the Bureau of Census, sixty-four percent of our people have church membership. That sounds pretty good," I continued. "But a Gallup

poll several years ago stated on an 'average' Sunday forty-four percent of church members are in church. To me, this means better than half our children are receiving little or no Bible reading and religious instruction."

"It is still the responsibility of home and church," the lady said quietly.

"But the church cannot and will not try to force parents to attend church and to give their children Bible training," I said. "And in millions of American homes parents have relinquished their responsibility to do so. Will these children be able to reach the unbiased decision you spoke of? How can they? If they know very little about God, the church, and the Bible, no choice is involved; there is no decision to reach. They will live as they always have—without God, the church, and the Bible."

The lady was silent and deeply thoughtful. Highly intelligent and well-educated though she was, this aspect evidently had not occurred to her. Perhaps it has not occurred to eight Supreme Court justices. Or if it has, they may feel it was more essential to reach a decision in keeping with the trend of their previous rulings than to allow millions of American children to receive a small amount of religious knowledge—knowledge which would help them to make life's most important decision truly unbiased and valid. That decision is—to be or not to be a Christian.

In America, which prides itself in its sense of fair play, this decision of the Supreme Court has deprived millions (of the twenty-three millions of children who have been participating in school devotional periods) of the basis of a free, unbiased choice—the two sides to every question. A choice accorded our forefathers has been removed. A traditional activity we would do well to cherish has been banished. This is unfair.

On June 25, 1962, the Supreme Court showed its awareness of the low state of American morals by refusing to bar three lewd publications from the mails. While the magazines were (in the Court's words) "unpleasant, uncouth, and tawdry," they could not be considered so offensive "as to affront current community standards of decency." The lewd stuff now is openly displayed in stores where children can hardly miss seeing it. So the Court did not effectively hinder the flow of filth to our youth. Yet it has unequivocally ruled against uncoercive Bible reading and prayer.

On the one hand, the Supreme Court has but thrown a pebble into the flood of filth, and on the other it has dammed a stream of righteousness and morality. In one case they judged, in a measure, according to the prevailing spirit of indecency. In the other, they hewed to the letter of the law and ruled against the spirit of fair play, a spirit which should cause all America to want to see our youth get at least some good with the bad, something spiritual with the secular.

Political leaders who sit on their hands saying it is the home's responsibility, church leaders who smugly intimate they will care for their parishioners and send missionaries abroad, parents who are indifferent, and the moral corruption of the American public—all of these combine with the Supreme Court to say, "Fair play is good—but don't give our children a break!" ◀◀◀

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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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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Meeting in Memphis

The General Council scheduled to meet in Memphis, Tennessee, less than a month from now is expected to be one of the largest in forty-nine years of Assemblies of God history. Many who have never attended a General Council will be able to attend this convention, due to its central location, and we believe they will find it to be a week of great blessing for themselves as well as others.

Ellis Auditorium, in which the international gathering will meet, can accommodate 6,800 persons. We are informed that over three million dollars have been expended during the past two years to modernize, enlarge, and air condition this mammoth structure so that today it is the finest building of its kind in all Dixie.

Not only the pastors and members of the eight Assemblies in Memphis but all of the hotels, motels, and business people of the city are ready to extend typical Southern hospitality to every Council delegate and visitor. It is hoped that every Assemblies of God church will be represented at this important convention. Each church that is duly affiliated with the General Council is entitled to one lay delegate, in addition to its pastor (if he is an ordained minister of the Assemblies). In cases where the pastor has not yet been ordained but holds license as an Assemblies of God minister he may be appointed in place of the lay delegate.

The Council theme, "Upon All Flesh" (Acts 2:17), will be keynoted by the General Superintendent in the opening address on Wednesday night, August 21. In the days that follow there will be a full program of prayer meetings, devotional services, and evangelistic rallies in addition to two business sessions daily (10 A.M. and 2 P.M.) except Sunday.

A. A. Wilson will have charge of the 8 A.M. hour of prayer. Speakers at the 9 A.M. devotional services will include Wesley Morton, Tom Johnstone, Raymond Hudson, and R. D. E. Smith. Night speakers will include T. F. Zimmerman, Frederick H. Huber, C. C. Burnett, Calvin Melton, Paul E. Lowenberg, and Lowell Ashbrook. The ministry of these outstanding preachers, coupled with the ministry of musicians from all parts of the fellowship, promises to provide a rich spiritual feast.

Special features on the weekend will include an origination of *Revivaltime* on the huge platform of Ellis Auditorium following the Friday night service. On Saturday morning there will be separate breakfast sessions for the men and the women. On Saturday night the finalists in the National C. A. Quiz Tournament will compete for the grand championship in the "Learning Luke" contest.

Delegates who do not visit one of the local Assemblies on Sunday morning will gather at Ellis Auditorium at 9:45 A.M. for a Memorial and Worship Service. Communion will be served by the General Presbyters and the sermon will be delivered by G. Raymond Carlson. The Sunday afternoon speaker will be Morris Plotts. This will be a colorful missionary rally with many missionaries appearing in foreign garb.

It is important that all parts of the fellowship be represented at this biennial General Council. Officers will be elected and decisions made which will affect the future course of the entire Assemblies of God body, including every local church. It is also very important that all who participate in the Council shall be anointed by the Holy Spirit and led by Him.

Pray that these meetings, which are scheduled to end Tuesday noon, August 27, may accomplish all that God wants them to accomplish in the conversion of sinners, the edifying of saints, and the advancement of His Kingdom.

—R.C.C.

SHUTTING OUT THE LIGHT

When Christians spend a greater part of their social hours and their hours of leisure with other Christians only, it is impossible for them to be the light of the world. Their light is being hidden under the bushel of Christian fellowship. Friendship is probably second only to prayer in its importance in soul winning. To offer one's friendship sincerely is an almost certain way to gain an opportunity to speak an effective word for the Lord.

—ELIZABETH STRACHAN, in *Christian Herald*

PLANNED POVERTY

As a youth, John Wesley began working for \$150 a year. He gave \$10 to the Lord. His salary was doubled the second year, but Wesley continued to live on \$140 and gave \$160 to Christian work. During his third year Wesley received \$600. He kept \$140 and gave \$460 to the Lord. That was planned poverty.

Robert Atherton, who was raised in luxury, gave five million dollars to the work of the Lord. He did not do it without sacrificial living. He had received a letter from a missionary in China which said: "Were I in England again, I would gladly live in one room, make the floor my bed, a box my chair, another my table, rather than that the heathen should perish for lack of a knowledge of Christ." Atherton followed these suggestions almost to the letter for the rest of his life.

—*Missionary Broadcaster*

FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST

If we are to have fellowship with Jesus Christ in His present work, we must spend much time in prayer. We must give ourselves to earnest, persistent, sleepless, overcoming prayer, for this at present is the principal occupation of the risen Lord.

I want to have fellowship with Him, and to that end I have asked the Father, whatever He makes me, to make me an intercessor, to make me above all a man who spends much time in prayer.

—R. A. TORREY

THE REAL UNITY

Emperor Charles V once tried to make several clocks tick in perfect unison. After many days of failure he gave up, for even though the clocks would seem to be ticking in unison for a time, they soon were making an irregular and discordant noise. Admitting the impossibility of continued harmony, the emperor expressed an opinion that neither could several men be forced to think or act alike.

That is so. Just because the clocks would not tick together did not mean one of them was any less a clock than the others, nor that any one of them was an incorrect keeper of time. They did the same job in their individual way. That is frequently the way with men. True unison is *not so much in method as in effect!*



Just because your fellow man does not always agree in thought or action with you—does not tick like you—does not mean that he is any less Christian than you are, or that he is inferior to you in the work of the Lord. Just as each clock told correct time by its own rhythm of ticking, so must all of us get our work done in our individual way.

—*Church of God Evangel*

PRAYER WINGS

Prayer is a privilege offered to all Christians to communicate with the Lord. Someone has said, "Prayer changes things." Usually we are the things it changes.

Pray for our nation. Lawlessness is on the upswing. It even reaches into the church and the Lord's work. But in spite of the disloyalty and cheap self-seeking and various degrees of pressure on all sides, the Lord has left us a way to ascend above it all and draw near to Him by supplication and prayer. He helps us rise through the Spirit above the beggarly elements of the world.

The best the world has to offer seems cheap when one is in the Spirit, close to the Lord. The only way to find that place is in prayer.

—J. K. GRESSETT, in *Grand Canyon State Echoes*

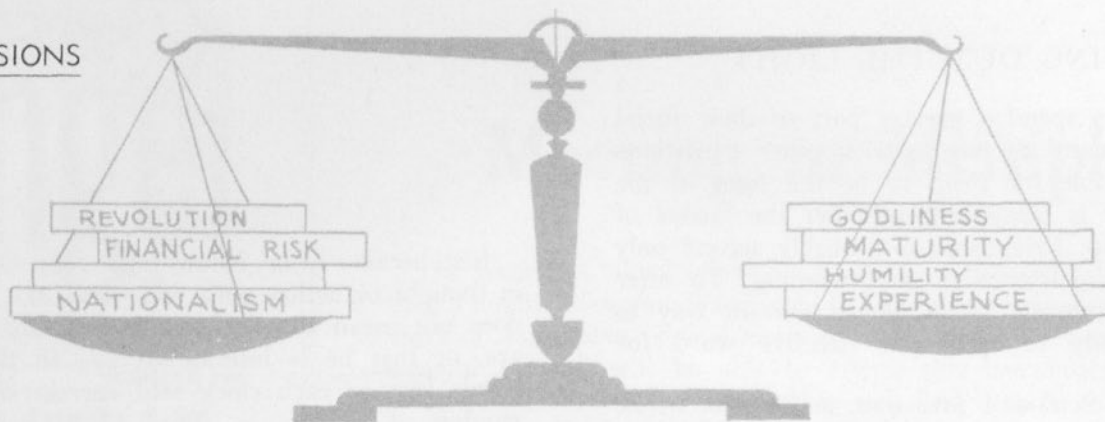
What Does It Mean?

What does it mean—this act of sacrificing?
To yield with generous hand, but heart reluctant?
Is it to give at cost to self alone?
To give with smiling face, but inward groan?
To dwell upon the price the gift has cost us?
To count each pang, the heartache, and the tears?
And from much inner waywardness and conflict
To carry scars of suffering down the years?

Nay! It is something nobler, grander, higher,
When every thought of sacrifice is lost—
Lost in the sweet entralling joy of giving,
That wants no recognition of the cost.
Then are reached mountain-tops of sacrificing,
To give yet counting it as naught but gain,
The privilege of being in Love's service
Completely deadening all thoughts of pain.

Lord of the Cross! O sacrifice incarnate!
Would that Thy children on these heights could move;
Would that our gifts to Thee were less of duty
And more the sacrifices born of love.
Then would we know the glory of our calling,
And while we gave would only seem to take;
Life would be rich with new and sacred meaning
If we surrendered only for Love's sake.

—*Oriental Missionary Standard*



J. P. Hogan

WHAT MAKES A MODERN MISSIONARY?

BY J. PHILIP HOGAN

Executive Director of Foreign Missions

MISSIONARIES OF A GENERATION AGO FACED MANY situations which no longer exist on the mission field. Physical privation is an example. Missionaries today live in better surroundings than their predecessors. Assemblies of God missionaries do not have the best, but neither do they have the worst.

Modern conveniences, better transportation—in some cases even air conditioning and central heating—make the physical aspects of missionary life more tolerable than in the past. Science has pulled the fangs from most killer diseases, making many areas as healthy as the United States. The Women's Missionary Council stocks missionaries' homes with all kinds of useful materials. Christ's Ambassadors enable our missionaries to be the best transported in the Protestant world.

The physical struggle is *not* the most important struggle in foreign ministry today. Any missionary who bases his appeal entirely on physical sacrifice has missed the point, and perhaps never has come to grips with the real issues of such service. Great sacrifices still are involved in missionary ministry but today they are less spectacular, though none the less vital.

If Christianity could begin again its mission in the world, this time with a clean slate free of encumbrances, institutions, inherited ideas, and the whole clutter of human effort, missionary recruitment would be easier. However, we are the heirs of nearly two thousand irrevocable years of Christian expansion—two thousand years filled with glory and misery, with honor and shame. We cannot wipe the slate clean; we must begin where we are.

FACING SERIOUS PROBLEMS

At present there are a number of deep problems concerning the place of Christianity in today's world. They are problems which must be reckoned with, and for which missionary recruits must be seriously oriented. One of these is that Christianity—a religion born in the East—has its main sphere of power and influence in the West. There are many historical reasons for this. Not the least is that a remarkable missionary, a Roman citizen by the name of Paul, had great missionary activity in Europe.

Another reason is seen in the pathway of an expanding Christianity where Islam was, and still remains,

a mighty and unconquered foe. The religion of Mohammed turned the flank of Christian faith from the East toward the West, so that Christianity must now be spread from the West.

Our dilemma is a deep one. How can we offer the gospel from a Western base, and yet not offend the patriotism of many people who have been ill treated at the hands of the West? How can we send men and money to Asia and Africa, and yet not suggest in any way that the Asiatics and Africans are belittled by this provision? How can we live as Christians in the East, and not be considered as belonging only to the West?

This is a factor missionaries must be prepared to cope with. To do so they must be students of history. They must be men with keen insight, extremely sensitive to the feelings of others. They must be patient and diplomatic because discerning nationals will test every inch of their spiritual armor.

Another problem to be met is the vast revolutionary tides which have swept the world in the last fifty years. These have had enormous side effects from which the church abroad has not escaped. In addition, while political and economic upheaval have come to many lands, the church has begun also to emerge in these lands and to assert itself through national leadership. Often this assertiveness has serious overtones of anti-Westernism. Political imperialism is dead and religious imperialism is passing also.

RENOUNCING THEIR POSITION

For this reason missionaries must be willing to renounce a privileged position, and adjust to becoming equal with, or to being led by, nationals.

Our Lord said, "He that would be greatest among you, let him be the servant of all." This verse was never more fitting than it is on current mission fields. Today, more than ever, the brand of men who are successful missionaries must be lowly, sacrificial, and humble in spirit.

Another problem is the increased financial risk involved in transporting missionaries to the field. There is no place in the world today where living is inexpensive. Everything that the missionary enterprise requires is more costly than ever. Government permits, transportation, education for children overseas are often more expensive than previously. Yes, missions is expensive. If missionaries are appointed and then fail during their

first term, serious financial loss is involved. Because of this risk we must take every possible step in recruiting missionaries to insure they will succeed.

To maintain our present number of missionary personnel, about forty new workers must be appointed every year. Because of increased demands on missionaries today, the foreign missions board, which makes each missionary appointment, is examining missionary candidates very carefully. It knows that in processing potential appointees it must give God the chance at every stage to reveal whether or not candidates are fitted for missionary service.

What does the board expect of a missionary candidate? It places much emphasis on *maturity*—Christian maturity which includes among other things diplomacy, patience, humility, restraint in conversation, adaptability to extreme sacrifice when necessary, and above all, deep spirituality. If missionaries do not possess these qualities, the enemy who always seeks to disrupt the work of God can use their immature attitudes to gain a foothold and bring division and difficulties to the national church. If young people are inflexible in their attitudes, and are not willing to forego American ideas of how the work of God should be done, they can make mistakes

in their first few months overseas that will hinder the growth of the church for many years.

PROVING THEIR CALL

For general missionary service, the missions board requires two years experience in successful pastoral ministry in the United States, endorsed by the district from which the candidate comes, as well as by the people of the church where he has served. There is no proving ground quite as penetrating as the pastorate of a local church.

All the problems of spiritual ministry, personal devotion, public relations, and community consciousness are there. All that will be met on the mission field is present in embryo in most pastorates. The normal age of missionary candidates is the later twenties. The candidate should be young enough to master a foreign language successfully, yet old enough to have learned some vital lessons.

The margin between success or failure in ministry on many mission fields is narrower now than formerly. Therefore, qualifications for missionary appointment are higher now than ever before. By prayer, patience, and dedicated thinking our missions board is able to enlist better workers to do a better job. ◀◀

A Priest Finds Pentecost

BY RACHEL PETERSON

Missionary to
Dominican Republic



Pedro Lorca

THE PHONE RANG. OUR PASTOR'S WIFE WAS IN A PRECIPITANT in the capital. A Catholic priest was desperately eager to talk with a pastor; but her husband was at a Fellowship meeting out of town.

Einar, my husband, had broken his right arm the previous day and was unable to drive. Missionary Wayne Turnbull was out taking care of mundane things like buying groceries. What could be done? The priest was nervous and in a hurry.

But in a few minutes Wayne providentially called his wife to ask if she had remembered some other need during his absence. Seldom was she more urgent. "Oh, Wayne, please go by the church on your way home. And hurry! A Catholic priest is waiting there to talk to you!"

Before an hour passed, we joined the Turnbulls in this history-making interview. Never before had a priest defected in this country. Imagine our surprise when we saw how young he was. Only twenty-four, he had been ordained two years earlier by special permission of the Pope. He looked more like a teen-ager, and we were surprised also to learn he was a Cuban—from our adopted country.

Pedro Lorca confided he was disturbed by the corruption in his church. The previous Sunday, when he preached on the parable of the laborers in the vineyard,

God had spoken to his own heart about whether he was in the right place.

Though he had only been in this country a month, he had a strong feeling that he should leave the church. But what a difficult decision! He hardly ate for two days. Then he decided to visit the archbishop and tender his resignation. When the taxi slowed down and stopped for traffic in front of our evangelistic center he said, "Let me out here."

"But Father," the driver remonstrated, "this is an evangelical (Protestant) church!"

"I don't care. I'm getting out here."

Suddenly he found himself in the parsonage talking to an amazed pastor's wife. It is hard to tell whose heart was beating faster.

After Pedro unburdened himself to us, we questioned him to test his sincerity. We asked if he would like us to pray with him. He was most eager. As we prayed, some tears trickled down his rosy cheeks. Then he embraced his missionary friends and said he felt so moved while they prayed.

Brother Turnbull took him back to his quarters, and the next morning we met him again to bring him with his luggage out to our Bible school. So far the church has not molested him, but he does not venture out in public often. Here at school he listens and learns, while teaching grammar and spelling. His reorientation is progressing.

Early this morning, nearly two months after his conversion, he followed his Lord in water baptism. The students and few others went to a secluded pool. Such joy when he was immersed! The old life was forever behind him.

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Editor's Note:

As originally written, this article ended with the words, "Pray that Pedro will receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He is hungry for all God has for him." But before we could print it, the news came that Pedro had the experience, and a glorious one.



Mrs. Anthony Giordano gives gospel literature to young people who were saved during the Montevideo campaign. The announcer, who made spot announcements on the radio to advertise the meeting, is reading Scriptures given him by Christians from the Evangelistic Center.

Report from Rio and Montevideo

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

...and of God's blessing upon them

By **HAL HERMAN**

THE FIRST CITY OF THIS STORY IS MONTEVIDEO, THE beautiful but spiritually-needy capital of Uruguay.

Missionaries there watched the waving red banners of atheism, listened while communist leaders preached their doctrines on public squares, and saw Red demonstrations and parades through the city. Now they match communist enthusiasm with a growing testimony for Jesus Christ. A monument to Montivideo Christians' faith and effort is the Evangelistic Center which was dedicated last October.

"We never cease to praise God and ask Him to bless all the people in America who gave sacrificially to help us purchase this theater, and turn it into a soul-winning center," said Missionary Anthony Giordano, director of the Center.

"We've worked and prayed for years to have a place where we could call this city to God," he added. "Today the Center is a reality. Our hearts thrill every time we

open the doors. Always there are visitors in the meetings."

Last year when I went to Montevideo for an evangelistic campaign, a sports arena had to be rented for the meetings. Afterwards there was no suitable place to take the converts and new friends. This year, when I returned for another campaign, everything was wonderfully different. We held the meetings in the Evangelistic Center, which is located on a busy, well-known street.

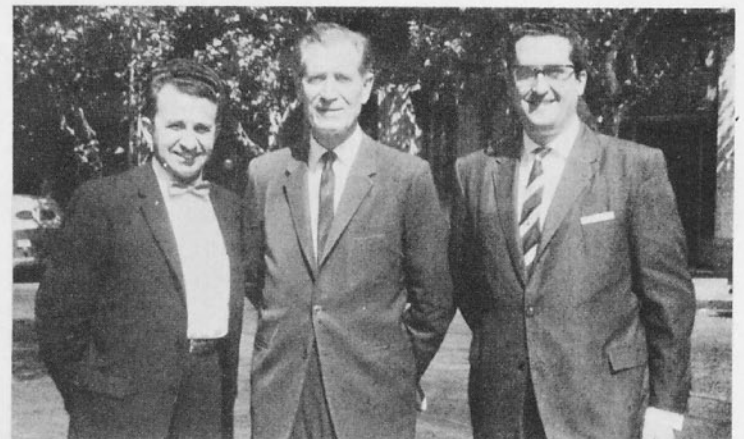
Brother Giordano did an excellent job of converting the former theater to serve the purposes of God. In the lobby are large prayer rooms, book rooms, and display areas for Christian literature. The building has every facility needed for aggressive evangelism.

The Lord blessed the evangelistic campaign and filled the building with people. Many visitors attended, some hearing the gospel for the first time. Night after night there was good response to the altar calls.

New families were saved, and are now attending church regularly. The platform was overcrowded as people pressed forward to testify of salvation, or tell how they received miracles of healing from the Lord. Others brought friends who accepted Christ.

USE LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST LITERATURE

Large advertising posters covered the city and dozens of spot announcements were broadcast over the radio. The young people distributed thousands of handbills, Spanish-language Gospels, and Christian literature provided by *Light for the Lost*, the Men's Fellowship evangelistic outreach.



Missionary Anthony Giordano (left) and national pastor Jose Manuel de Leon (right) stand with Evangelist Hal Herman.

Working with Brother Giordano is Pastor de Leon, a converted priest, who is an outstanding and Spirit-anointed preacher.

There was a transportation strike, a bank strike, and a postal workers' strike during the campaign, and we feared attendance would be affected seriously. We prayed. The buses began running again the very next day, and continued to run until the final night of the campaign. Then the strike again halted all buses for two weeks.

"But," Brother Giordano reports, "the people continued to come to the follow-up meetings somehow, even without buses. I can't imagine how they all got there, but they were hungry for God."

The second city which God blessed recently is Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where one of the largest Assemblies of God churches in the world is located. The pastor of this church, Paulo Macalao, is a living example of the marvelous power of gospel truth to transform a man's life and make him a blessing to his city and nation.

When still a young man, Paulo began to study the Bible and to consider seriously the teachings of Jesus Christ. While reading the Bible one day, young Paulo experienced life's greatest miracle—he was converted to Christ. Later he was filled with the Holy Spirit and dedicated himself to minister the gospel. Brother Paulo was ordained in 1930, and is today an outstanding Assemblies of God pastor.

His great church, with its steel-reinforced concrete construction, and ninety-foot tower, is called the Madureira Assembly of God. It seats about 2,500 people. It is a veritable cathedral but one in which there is a rich anointing upon the gospel preaching and great liberty in the Spirit.

The people love their pastor and also their church with its vast, high-domed ceiling and tall, stained-glass windows. They fill the main floor and both the first and second balconies. They overflow into the many side balconies called galleries. They are zealous to win souls.

CONGREGATION DOES SOCIAL WORK

There is a large, well-trained band, several choirs, and a stalwart male chorus. Since the church is located in the heart of the working people's area, the congregation has united to help train its youth in many practical things. Classes are offered in typing, bookkeeping, homemaking, domestic arts, and sewing. The congregation also does much social work in the area.



Evangelist Hal Herman (left) plans Rio campaign with Pastor Macalao (center), and Missionary Lawrence Olson.

Recently I went to Rio to conduct an evangelistic campaign for Pastor Macalao. I was introduced to him by Missionary Lawrence Olson, whose son-in-law, Herb Petterson, was my interpreter for the campaign.

Each night during our meetings the people gathered early at the church and knelt for prayer. Many times they filled the main floor of the auditorium for this prayer meeting. As faith rose, God answered prayers, and filled the entire church with people. Pastor Macalao and I joined the congregation in praising God for all the grace, deliverance, and blessing He granted night after night.

People came to the platform to testify how God had saved or healed them of various afflictions. Some told of visions or other personal experiences with the Lord.

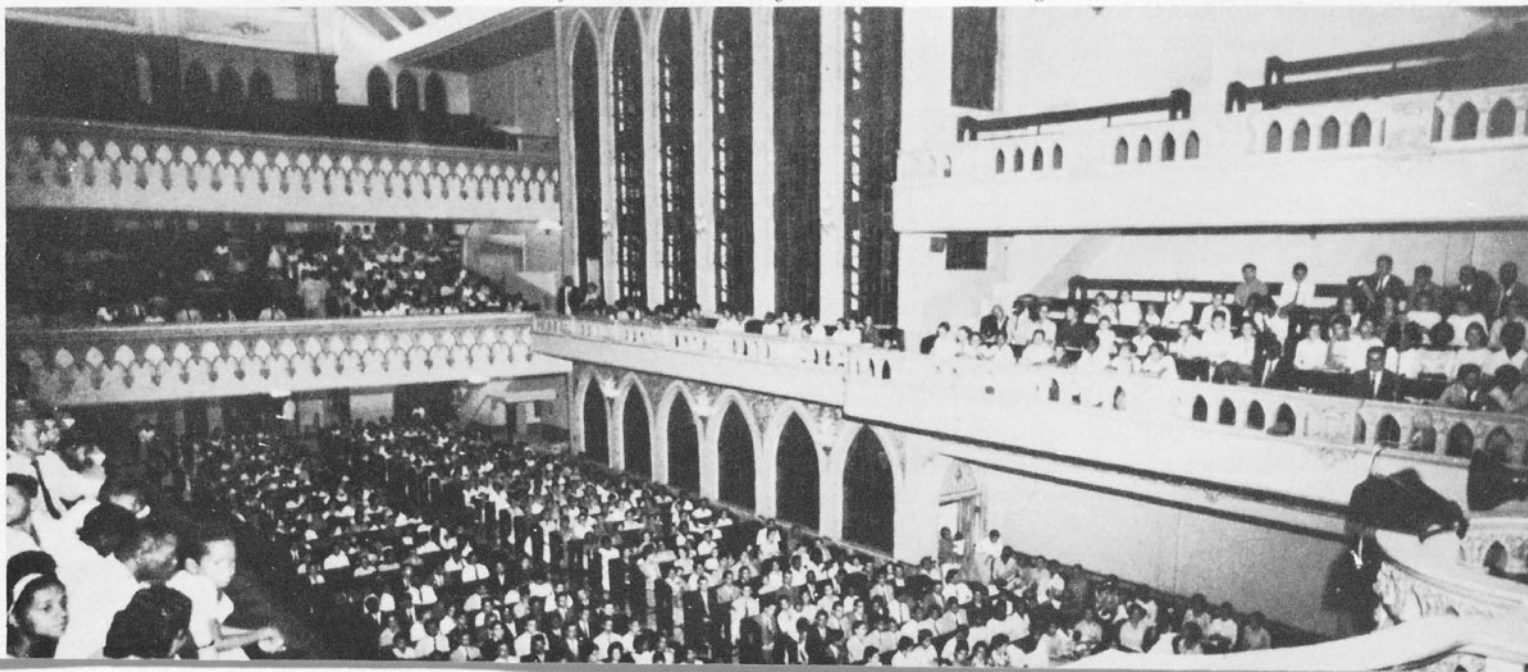
Today Paulo Macalao, who passed up a brilliant army career to become an Assemblies of God minister, has a congregation of more than 6,500 in Rio. This church is "mother" to twenty-five other congregations it has sponsored. The blessing of its influence and that of its pastor extends through all Brazil. ◀◀

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8½ Million Souls Are Calling

By PAUL W. KINNEY

"SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND IS THE last frontier of Pentecost," remarked David Hastie, after preaching at two recent district councils in this area.

Though it is the birthplace of great past revivals, today it is the neediest part of our country. It is a mission field in a very real sense.

However, there is a spirit of excitement and expectancy among pioneer pastors in Southern New England. God is accomplishing great victories through men and women of vision and dedication who are now laboring there.

Joshua 13:1 says, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Our entire Assemblies of God fellowship, pastors and people, have a definite responsibility to obey God in possessing Southern New England with Book of Acts Christianity.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
HAS FEWER ASSEMBLIES
THAN FOREIGN LANDS

To paraphrase the Macedonian call which Paul heard, the 8,500,000 souls of Southern New England are calling to preachers with a compassionate love for souls, "Come over and reach thousands yet unreached." The need for missionary evangelism here is equal to that in many foreign fields. Statistics on the comparative strength are startling:

Southern New England has over 8,500,000 population but only 68 Assemblies of God churches with a total of slightly more than 4,000 members. Peru, with a population of 10,857,000, has 152 organized Assemblies and 184 outstations.

Brazil, with a population of 68 million (eight times that of Southern New England), has 2,050 organized Assemblies (plus 1,550 outstations) and 702,750 members. To equal the strength of Brazil proportionately, we need a total of 256 Assemblies and 87,844 members in Southern New England.

Massachusetts, with a population over 5,100,000, has only 42 Assemblies; whereas Cuba, with 6,743,000 population, has 40 organized Assemblies and 292 outstations according to the last available report.

Connecticut, with a population over 2,500,000, has only 26 Assemblies; whereas El Salvador, with a population of 2,600,000, has 240 organized churches and 780 outstations.

Rhode Island, with a population of nearly one million, has no Assemblies; whereas Jamaica with a population of 1,600,000 has 52 organized Assemblies and 35 outstations. Hawaii, with only 600,000 population, has 21 organized Assemblies and seven outstations.

BALANCE IN WORLD MISSIONS IS IMPERATIVE

Gayle F. Lewis, executive director of Home Missions, says: "We are fast coming to the realization that strengthening the home stakes is not just an incidental matter but one of vital importance. The future usefulness of our movement actually depends upon it."

Records indicate it takes ten Assemblies to send out one foreign missionary. If we begin ten new Assemblies in Southern New England, in time they will be able to place a new foreign missionary on the field.

John Caylor says, "Missions travels

on a two-way street. America must be won to Christ if the world is to be evangelized." Another author states, "The church that is concerned only with itself and its own program will soon find that its lack of world vision is robbing it of the very blessing it seeks." At the precise moment a fire ceases to consume new materials, it begins to die!

Jesus reminds us in Mark 8:35 that "whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

COMPARES UNFAVORABLY WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

About 8,500,000 people are fitted compactly into the 14,480 square miles of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. These most densely populated states in the U.S. could be fitted into one-fifth of Missouri, and yet they have twice the population of Missouri.

There are 144 cities having over 10,000 population without Assemblies of God churches. Here are literally millions who *can* and *must* be won to Christ.

Texas has 959 Assemblies of God churches and 62,120 members in a state whose population is 9,597,677, only one million more in population than Southern New England which has only 68 Assemblies.

Compare Connecticut's 26 Assemblies scattered among 2,500,000 people with the following states: Arkansas with a population of 1,786,272 has 441 Assemblies; Oklahoma with 2,328,284 has 460 Assemblies; Kansas with 2,178,611 has 112 Assemblies; Oregon with 1,768,687 has 190 Assemblies; Washington and Idaho with a total population of 3,520,405 have 318 Assemblies; yet Connecticut and Rhode Island with nearly 3,500,000 have only 26 Assemblies.

CAN TWELVE CHURCHES SERVE TWO MILLION PEOPLE?

Following are the ten largest cities of Southern New England and the population of each, with the number of Assemblies of God churches in parentheses: Boston—697,197 (3); Providence—203,240 (0); Worcester—186,587 (1); Springfield—174,463 (1); Hartford—162,178 (1); Bridgeport—156,748 (2); New Haven—152,048 (1); Cambridge—107,716 (new A/G); Waterbury—107,130

(1); New Bedford—102,477 (1). Total 2,049,804 population and 12 churches.

In the above-named cities we need 192 more churches to meet the national Home Missions goal of one Assembly per 10,000 population.

What is your church doing? Suppose yours was the only Assembly in the world, and all Christ's commands and purposes hinged on the obedience and vision of your local congregation. How would the *Great Commission* be fulfilled?

Glenn West, Appalachian District Superintendent, said, "No church was meant to be a bottleneck in the plan of God. It was to become another springboard for the advance of the gospel. It was to be another beach-head from which new territory would be taken for the Master. No church can be true to the *Great Commission* and have a containment policy...."

What will you and your church do to evangelize Southern New England? We all must answer to God for our response to this tremendous challenge.



Walter and Pauline Hoving attended the dedication of the Teen Challenge Training Center. Mr. Hoving is president of Teen Challenge Council.

Major Weapon Added to Teen Challenge Arsenal

BY CLAIRE COX, REHRERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

A MAJOR WEAPON WAS ADDED TO TEEN Challenge's growing offensive against juvenile narcotics addiction with the dedication of a 200-acre rehabilitation farm on the rolling hills of South-eastern Pennsylvania at Rehrersburg.

During the weekend of May 4-5, hundreds of people visited this dairy farm to participate in dedication ceremonies, and to attend an open house.

From Chicago came W. Clement Stone, president of the Combined Insurance Company of America, whose generosity made construction of this rehabilitation home possible. He was accompanied by his wife Jessie. Mr. Stone delivered the dedicatory address, in which he said that the time to test one's faith is in a situation of great need.

"You can, in most cases, turn ad-

versity into the seeds of benefit," he said.

"In Teen Challenge," he said, "there exists an organization that tries to turn adversity into the seeds of benefit by helping young men and women overcome narcotics addiction." Mr. Stone said he was grateful for "the thrill of sharing time, money, effort and thought" with Teen Challenge.

Also in the party which drove from New York on May 5 were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoving, among the earliest and most enthusiastic supporters of Teen Challenge. Mr. Hoving, chairman of Tiffany's, delivered the opening prayer.

Ira Stanphill, a leading hymn writer and gospel singer, brought his choir from the First Assembly of God in nearby Lancaster to sing at the serv-



W. Clement Stone delivered the dedicatory address at the Training Center.



Howard Bush, assistant general superintendent, read the Scriptures at the dedication.

ices, which were held in a tent. It was so crowded that many worshipers had to stand. Brother Stanphill and his wife Gloria opened the musical program with a duet. Then, while he

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The new Teen Challenge Training Center was dedicated in May.



Chapel services are held regularly at the Training Center.

Assemblies Apaches ASSIST WYCLIFFE TRANSLATORS

By FAY EDGERTON and FAITH HILL
Wycliffe Translators



Johnson Ethelbah, his mother, and his wife (members of the Cedar Creek Apache Indian Assembly on the Fort Apache Reservation) help translators Faith Hill and Faye Edgerton.

EIGHT YEARS AGO WE LEFT NAVAJO-land after completing the Navajo New Testament and beginning work on the Apache Scriptures. As we look back we thank God who was sufficient for every need.

We thank Him for giving us the friendship and cooperation of the Assemblies of God missionaries on both the San Carlos and Fort Apache reservations, and for the help of Apache members in each of the churches.

Our first winter was spent in Globe, Arizona, where we met Mabel Martin from San Carlos who was living in Globe at that time. She graciously helped us in our beginning struggles with the language which, although similar to Navajo, was different enough to be difficult for us.

We were offered a room at an asbestos mine in Salt River Canyon

where Apache workmen were employed. There we met Oscar and Celena Perry. Oscar was working in the mine while Celena helped us.

She became our very dear friend. Celena and Oscar were genuinely converted, and joined the San Carlos Assembly. She helped with the first drafts of many of the New Testament books, faithfully putting her mind to the difficult work, even as household duties grew with her increasing family.

While living at the mine, we made frequent visits to the Fort Apache area. The Lord enabled us to get a little house trailer to use as a headquarters. Missionary Pearl Foster and the district superintendent gave permission to put it on Mission property at Cedar Creek. Sister Foster and her co-workers and the dear Apache Chris-

tians made us feel welcome.

It was there Johnson Ethelbah helped with the checking of John, James and First John before preliminary printing by the American Bible Society. He read also three selections from these books on tape; and these, with three read by Happy Moses of the Bylas Assembly, three by Celena Perry, and three by Britton Goode, were put on records by the American Bible Society. These were distributed with little machineless "Finger Fonos" to introduce Scripture in Apache. At Cedar Creek we were most graciously helped.

Twice the little trailer was moved; once to Cibecue where it was parked while holding Apache reading classes with Brother and Sister Bert Parker's people, and checking portions with them; and once to Canyon Day, where



Charley Bates, superintendent of the San Carlos Sunday school, leads the congregation each Sunday in reading the golden text in Apache... Apache Christians of the San Carlos Assembly assist the translators in their cabin. Left to right: Faith Hill, Lola Hunter (not an Assemblies of God member), Faye Edgerton, and Mrs. Mabel Martin... Faith Hill (right) talks with Mrs. Mull who also helped with the translation.

we worked with the Gilmans and their people. At the Whiteriver Assembly and Carrizo we held reading classes.

During those years we were made welcome at Bylas by the Roy Nelsons and later the Robert Oakes, as we went there from time to time to check Scripture portions with different members of the group.

When it seemed best for us to live at San Carlos, we already knew Brother and Sister Oliver Treece. We had held reading classes with their people, and the Treeces had been a source of encouragement from the beginning.



"Happy" Moses, an Apache member of the Assembly of God in Bylas, Ariz., plays an Apache recording of Scripture on a machineless "Finger Fono."

Celena Perry's mother gave permission to build a tiny one-room cabin in her yard.

Now we are reading through each of the books with Christian Apaches, asking the Holy Spirit to show where changes are needed to make the original meaning clear to the Apaches. It is a privilege to delve into the Word with Apache Christians; they are so



Celena Perry (left) and Faith Hill collaborate on the translation. Sister Perry worked on the translation more than anyone else, having helped the translators from the beginning. She helped with the first drafts of many of the New Testament books.

delighted as the Lord makes obscure passages clear to them.

Charlie Bates, Apache superintendent of the San Carlos Sunday school, reads the Golden Text in Apache each Sunday, leading the group in reading from a chart. Many of the letters used in spelling the Apache words are similar to English.

There are new symbols to be learned. Since the language is written phonetically, it is easier to learn to read than English. Some have made a good start already through the reading classes, and through learning to sing the hymns translated into Apache.

Even though many Apaches know English, the Wycliffe Bible Translators spent years translating the New Testament, and the American Bible Society goes to the expense of printing it, because the knowledge of many Apaches does not go far beyond everyday conversation. *Apache* is used almost entirely in the homes, and the people love to pray and to testify in their own language. To many, English is a foreign language, learned in school.

Strides are being made in education, but *Apache* is still the language of their hearts. One Apache woman was saved many years ago and understands English when it is preached, but she said, "It goes into my head in English, but it goes down into my heart in Apache."

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PERSPECTIVE



BLAST THE DAM

BY R. L. BRANDT
National Secretary of Home Missions

THERE IS LITTLE MOVEMENT OF THE water behind a dam. It is at a standstill until the tunnels are opened or the dam breaks.

A great dam is impeding our church extension progress. Backed up behind this dam is the ministry of the movement. Perhaps nearest to the dam are the older, more experienced men. And extending on backward is a whole ocean of the younger and less-experienced.

Beyond the dam is the vast valley of thirsting humanity. As it now stands, only a trickle from way upstream ever reaches the valley, for we have left our church extension work mostly to the "infants" of the movement.

What is this dam? It is the solid concrete of mistaken concepts and unscriptural traditions. What is keeping our older, experienced men from entering new-field ministry? Much indeed.

There is the tradition that pioneering new churches is for the beginner. In their minds their years of experience qualify them for something better. And mingled with this, there is often the subtle quest for temporal security. But all the while the multitudes languish in the parched valley.

Our churches and people have other concepts which clog the flow. Some people think sacrificing to bring a new work into existence is the business of only the pioneer. There is failure to realize that opening new churches is the business of every existing Christian and church. Along with this is an apparent unawareness that the laborer is worthy of his hire, or that, if he is going to get his hire, every Christian who is able must contribute thereto.

It is time to blast the dam and turn loose on the "valley" a mighty "river" of the movement's most able men. Let us blow out every obstruction, thinking more of the need in the "valley" than of the doubtful advantage behind the "dam." ◀◀

A Sad Day for America

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justices felt that voluntary, non-sectarian reading the Bible and offering prayer was Constitutional, but now they declare it all wrong. This is the spirit of Anti-Christ. It is a diabolical plan to drive God from public life in this nation.

This Anti-Christ spirit in education, government and high places was only a "trend" a quarter of a century ago, became a "step" a decade ago, and has now become a "gallop" on the road to destruction for the greatest nation the world has ever known.

America, the nation that has done more than any country in the history of the world to bring Christ to lost men, light to those in darkness, and freedom to those in bondage, is now threatened by godless forces that would blast its very foundation.

The First Amendment of the Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

I am not a lawyer and am not qualified to rule on points of law, but I ask you, how could this phrase, "prohibit the free exercise thereof," be construed to mean that prayer and the Bible are prohibited?

Prayer and Bible reading in the public schools are not an establishment of religion, but the recognition of God and His Word, the very foundation upon which this nation is built.

Justice Stewart in his dissent pointed out that the Court was trampling on the Constitutional guarantee that nothing shall be done to prohibit the free exercise of religion.

The liberal and oft-times referred to as "left wing"

National Council of Churches approved the decision by saying that the responsibility of teaching religion was that of the church. Bible-believing Christians have never at any time suggested that prayers and Bible reading in the schools take the place of religious training and devotions in the church and the home.

The crux of this whole matter is not Bible reading and prayer in public schools, because after 150 years how many are there in this country who would come forward to say that such exercises had done harm to them religiously, mentally or physically? The crux of the thing is that this is a part of a diabolical plan conceived, designed, and engineered by the Devil and the forces of hell to drive God and His Christ from this nation.

It is the handwriting on the wall. It is the "crack" in the foundation of a nation built through faith in God. It is a finger pointing down the road to utter ruin. It is the fireman's siren telling us that there is a blaze of destruction in our building.

It is the sentinel's warning shot that an enemy is approaching. It is the red flag that warns us that dynamite is about to blast into oblivion our cherished faith in God.

What can we do? There are many things we can do. We, as Americans and as Christians, can stand up and be counted. Speak up and speak out against the outlawing of God in our nation.

We can and we must turn to God in earnest confession of our sins and prayer, for God has said in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The only hope for this nation is a return to God on the part of those who profess His Name. ◀◀◀



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"Khidmat"

By MOLLIE BAIRD



IN FAR-AWAY INDIA A VERY SMALL boy named Darwin marched nervously down the aisle of his church. He was excited and jumpy, but he held tightly to the front corners of his shirttail and his fingers fanned it up and down, up and down, as he hurried to the front of the church to take his place with six other little boys.

The boys had big letters pinned to their shirtfronts, covering most of their small chests, and when they all stood in a line the letters spelled "Khidmat." This is a Hindustani word meaning "Service." It was a special Sunday school program in which each class tried to begin new Sunday schools in other villages. Today was the last day, and the rewards would soon be given.

Darwin's church is very different from American churches. On the east porch sat the widows who lived in the mission. They looked into the church through the open door and windows, but they did not come inside. These women wore very brightly colored clothes.

Inside the church, the left side was reserved for other women who also wore brilliant colors.

Children and young girls sat on the floor. Each one folded her legs so that her knees touched her chin, to make more room for others.

The poor women from the villages filed in and they too sat on the floor. They were not dressed in beautiful clothes, but in dirty rags. Each held two or three tiny children in her lap.

On benches sat lady teachers with their babies, and guests from the city. They were nicely dressed, and the church was filled with the fragrance of their sandalwood perfume.

The right side of the church was reserved for boys. They filed in, line by line, according to their age. They were barefoot, and also sat on the floor with their legs folded.

Last of all came the men teachers and evangelists. They took their places in the back of the church, and now the church was completely filled.

This was the scene as Darwin marched forward. He had a part to recite in the program, and he felt as if he would laugh or cry at any moment. But the other boys stepped forward and gave their verses first, and when Darwin's turn came he felt very brave.

When the reports were given, the Sunday school was happy to learn that sixteen new classes had been started, some as far as ten miles away. Even the tiny Beginner boys and girls had gone with their teachers to tell village children about the story of Jesus.

When Darwin grew up he was sent off to war. The missionary did not see him for a long time. Many years later a tall man with a broad smile was working on a ferry. When he looked up and recognized the Missionary Lady, his happy face brought many memories to her mind. It was Darwin!

When he had gathered the tickets and finished his duties for a little while, the young man found the Lady Missionary and talked with her about the days when he was a little boy in her church, about the trouble in his country, and how the people were fighting among themselves.

Later Darwin told his missionary friend: "We must transfer our passengers to a barge. It has a flat bottom and does not need deep water. You see, the river is dry in spots, and we cannot go all the way on the ferry."

But as the big boat came near the sand bar in the river, Darwin said to her: "Do not get on the barge. I'll take you myself in a little boat we call *The Jolly Boat*. It will be much safer. There are many very dangerous crocodiles in this water."

The Lady Missionary knew this. The dark river water was certainly no place for a person to fall, and she was grateful to Darwin for offering to take her to shore. She watched him run down the stairway to the next deck, and thanked the Lord that he was still a true Christian.

The crowd of people on the boat was pushing toward the exits, impa-

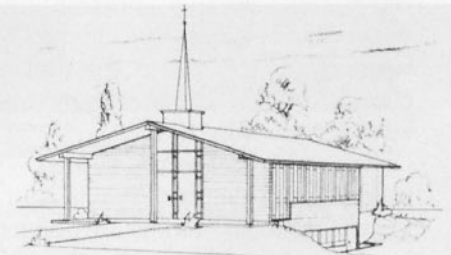
tient to be first to board the barges. Darwin was standing near a gate waiting for the *Missionary Lady*. The gangplanks were not down but when the people saw him they thought the gate was open. The crowd pushed toward him, and Darwin could not stop them. He lost his footing and fell backward into the dark river!

It was hours before the men found Darwin's body. The crocodiles had killed him.

The *Missionary Lady* was so sad, and she thought back again to the day when Darwin marched down the church aisle and proved his service to the Lord—or "khidmat," as his people called it. From his childhood Darwin had spent his life serving. First of all, he had served the Lord; he had served his country; he had served the people he transported every day on the ferry; and he had died serving the *Missionary Lady*. Yes, Darwin's life was "Khidmat!"



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By MRS. FREDERICK EIDE
New Jersey District WMC President

THE RELATIVELY NEW DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, SEPARATED from the New York-New Jersey district in 1954, boasts seventy-six active Women's Missionary Council groups in its ninety-seven churches, with systematic contributions amounting to more than \$24,000 in 1962.

The secret of strength no doubt lies in such activity as reported by the Point Pleasant WMC's. For the past year and a half this group has aimed at having at least one first-time visitor at each meeting. From one to six "first-nighters" have been recorded at every session. Some of these women and their families have been saved.

The same spirit reflected in this personal evangelism is at work in all five areas of WMC service. January is "Do It Yourself" month, when handmade articles of each lady's choosing fill the Home and Foreign Missions treasure chest. The February meeting is dedicated to the state convention project. "Nickels for District Convention" make up a fund to be used for adoption and building projects. For "Christmas in August," the whole church brings hundreds of toys to be sent to their adopted missionaries.

November features a food shower, when each lady brings four identical items, and boxes are filled for as many sectional Home Missions workers. Projects for benevolence institutions and the local church are included in the program.

This same strong group activity carries over into sectional and district endeavor. Three of the seven sections have special equipment for canning food in tins for foreign missionaries. The New Jersey District shares with the Southern New England District in furnishing a

cottage in Mission Village at Springfield, Missouri.

Five hundred dollars was provided for Bethany Retirement Home, Lakeland, Florida; a generous sum went to the General Headquarters cafeteria; and a regular tithing offering to the National WMC office. Home Missions fields, local churches, and educational institutions were remembered with gifts and equipment amounting to \$18,000. District projects have included organs, pianos,



Pastors' orchestra plays at the WMC Convention in New Jersey

carpeting, and communion service for new congregations. A stock of linens is kept for missionaries and pastors.

Annually the seven sections meet in convention, with the theme of the 1963 meeting at Evangel Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey, being "Togetherness." Mrs. J. R. Flower, Springfield, Missouri, was guest speaker. Pledges for Foreign Missions totaled \$1,000. Each WMC group honored its minister with a personal gift.

A pastor's orchestra was a feature of the evening service. One pastor testified: "I thank the Lord for an active Women's Missionary Council. Whether the need be for church or missionary, for the sick or unsaved, I know I can count on the women of the 'open heart.'"

Each summer for the past three years a seashore retreat was enjoyed. Approximately 95 WMC members enjoyed fellowship, spiritual instruction, and discussion of vital WMC subjects each year.

"LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER"

New Jersey Missionettes, lively offspring of WMC's, show a marked growth in interest, numbers, and project participation in the past year. Over thirty Assemblies of God churches have active groups of Missionettes and Junior Missionettes.

A highlight of this year's program was the Missionette "Baby Parade" at the WMC Convention. The "babies"



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Missionettes of Clifton, New Jersey, enter a "living doll" in the "Baby Parade." The costume is made of sewing notions.
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were dolls made of sewing notions, designated for the use of missionaries. The prize winner was a four-year-old "living doll" whose costume, made of 2,768 notions, netted \$136.

Besides pledges of \$84 made to Foreign Missions, the Missionettes participate in hospital visitation, visual aid materials for Foreign Missions, Sunday schools, and local church activities.

The goal for the year ahead is, "A Missionette auxiliary for every WMC group and all Missionette groups participating in the "Stairway to the Stars" achievement program. A pastor remarked recently: "The achievement program of the Missionettes is far more comprehensive than I ever thought. Our girls will be well trained in the Word of God and Christian living, if they follow through with it."

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant"

By MRS. FRANCES FIGUEROA
Latin American District WMC President

MRS. CHONITA HOWARD, DOUGLAS, ARIZONA, VETERAN district president of the Latin American District's Women's Missionary Council, has handed the torch of leadership to Mrs. Frances Figueroa of Ogalalla, Nebraska.

At the annual district council in Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Howard received a plaque for twenty-one years of exemplary service. She performed her duty with joy, sacrifice, and love. WMC's never will forget her labors for the lost and her fine Christian example.

The Latin American District is unique because its four conferences include twenty of the central and western states. The district president attends each of the four annual conference meetings, attempting to tour each state, and ministering at many fellowship gatherings.

Sacrifice characterizes the giving of the Latin American WMC's. A typical instance is supplying \$1,000 in desks for the Latin American Bible School, Ysleta Station, Texas, with individual students blessed by this assistance. As much as \$400 was received in a single offering to augment the monthly provision for district missionaries and needy pastors.

The Latin American WMC's also are willing to work. They often take time to paint and repair buildings on the campground. On one occasion, a group of women built a new platform in the tabernacle, plus furnishing lumber for extra benches.

A literature program is a favorite project among Latin American WMC's. Though most members have large

families, each somehow finds hours for personal evangelism through tract distribution.

An illustrious instance of this is a widowed mother of three, limited in physical ability by poliomyelitis. She does all her work with one hand, then haltingly walks up and down the street visiting families and gathering children who happily follow her to Sunday school.

What a challenge to the able-bodied! English and Spanish tracts are distributed for the sake of the young people who do not use their native tongue. The literature program is financed through personal offerings.

Mexican nationals who come to the United States for the vegetable harvest receive a special ministry. Many return home gloriously saved, and then preach to their own people.

Each conference holds an annual convention where no business is conducted. Emphasis is laid upon consecration—seeking God for new vision and service. This is the way Latin American WMC's continue to "pray and work, and give, and send the news to every land."

STAMPS FOR BOOKS

DURING THE PAST two years women from all over the country have sent canceled postage stamps to the National WMC Department for a special project. The result of their conservation of these otherwise useless "fragments" is that six of our foreign



Principal R. Carlson and school cook (former student) rejoice over books.

Bible schools have received \$100 grants for books for their libraries.

The first grant was made to the Eastern Nigeria Bible Institute. Missionary Irene Crane purchased the books while she was on furlough and took them to the field with her.

Writing later she said: "Students and staff alike were delighted with the splendid books containing inspiration and instruction. We are very grateful to every faithful WMC member who saved canceled stamps to make these books available to us. We pray God will use these books to deepen the spiritual lives of our students so they will have a clear message to deliver to their people."

Other grants for books have gone to libraries in the Philippines, Paraguay, Greece, Hawaii, and Formosa. Typical of the needs to be met as soon as funds are available is the Guatemala Bible School library with less than a dozen books on its shelves.

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Mrs. Chonita Howard



Mrs. Frances Figueroa





First Missionette Honor Star Crowned in Wisconsin

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

APRIL 28 WAS A GREAT DAY IN THE LIFE OF CHERYL Kuehl, fourteen-year-old Missionette of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Just thirteen months after she began working on the STAIRWAY TO THE STARS Achievement Program, Cheryl was crowned Wisconsin's first Honor Star.

She climbed the steps and was crowned by her co-sponsors, Mrs. Art Cote and Mrs. Dave Freeberg. Following a service in which all of the Missionettes gave a presentation of the work entailed in the Achievement Program, Cheryl was given an Amplified New Testament from the local WMC's. The cosponsors and the church presented her with the new Missionette award bracelet, complete with all the symbols.

Mrs. Dave Freeberg, one of Cheryl's sponsors, writes: "Cheryl did a fine job on all of her work including her themes and maps. She says the one thing which influenced her most while working on the program was reading the book, *In His Steps*. This book caused her to do a lot of thinking and to change her outlook on life."

Mrs. Freeberg continues: "We genuinely appreciate the STAIRWAY TO THE STARS program. We feel it was an answer to prayer for our local group of twenty-three girls. Twenty-one of them are working on the Achievement Program, and twelve have finished the Susanna step.

"My praise can't be great enough for the variety and spiritual emphasis included in this program. I feel it is vital for our Assemblies of God girls to know what they believe and why. Thanks for giving us this good program."

It takes real determination for any girl to become an Honor Star. Besides reading the entire Bible she must memorize Scriptures having to do with Assemblies of God beliefs. Six suggested books are to be read, projects completed, visitation work done, and oral and written work finished. Any girl completing this Achievement Program is well-grounded in God's Word as well as in the beliefs of the Assemblies of God.

Usually worthwhile things do not come easy. By human nature we are more appreciative of that for which we work. We send our sincere congratulations to Cheryl for her zeal and love for the Lord. Surely the things

which she has learned in Missionettes will prove beneficial in the years ahead.

As parents, pastors, and sponsors cooperate and offer encouragement, many more girls will become Missionette Honor Stars, and be effective witnesses for the Lord.



Cheryl Kuehl, first Honor Star to be crowned in Wisconsin, wears her tiara which was presented at crowning service.



Left to right are sponsors Mrs. Dave Freeberg and Mrs. Art Cote, with Cheryl (center) and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kuehl. Notice names of achievement steps on stairway.

Preaching Christ in Colombia

COLOMBIA, THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE NEW WORLD NAMED for Christopher Columbus, was not discovered by him but by another Spanish explorer, Alonso de Ojeda, who accompanied him on his second voyage. The coastal Indians told Ojeda about a fabulous ruler called El Dorado, the "Gilded Man," whom they said had much gold. The story intensified the Conquistadores' desire for gold. In their diligent search for wealth, they conquered and possessed Colombia in the name of Spain.

After three hundred years of Spanish rule, Colombia won her freedom in the revolt of the Spanish-American Colonies. The great liberator, Simón Bolívar, established the Republic of Greater Colombia in 1819. Venezuela and Ecuador withdrew from this union in 1830, leaving Colombia to begin its own political growth.

Colombia is the only South American country with both Caribbean and Pacific coastlines. The tawny Magdalena River, the republic's main commercial waterway, is navigable for 800 miles. It empties into the Caribbean.

Extremes in altitude divide the country into three distinct geographical sections: the Andes mountains with peaks rising to 19,000 feet, the coastal jungles, and the Amazon lowlands. Colombia offers wide variations of climate, from humid Buenaventura to cool Bogotá.

The coffee bean is the cornerstone of Colombian economy, supplying 80 percent of the nation's export earnings. Colombia is also a land of vast unexplored forests and valuable deposits of petroleum, gold, silver, platinum, and emeralds. The world's finest emeralds come from the heart of ancient Muzo, an extinct volcano.

Commercial development of the country's resources was long retarded because transportation was limited to slow river steamers, but was accelerated in recent years by better transportation facilities. Colombia was the first South American country to use air transport on a commercial basis.

SPANISH INFLUENCE PERVADES

Nearly 15,000,000 people live within the bounds of Colombia. Fourteen of the republic's cities now have populations of more than 100,000. Bogotá, the capital, is a modern city situated at 8,600 feet. Its population has passed the 1,500,000 mark. This mile-and-a-half high city was settled by Spanish explorers in 1538 and is known as the "Athens of America." Bogotanos are justly proud of the cultural tradition of their city.

Spanish influence pervades the culture, language, and

religion of the people. "The Catholic Church has been more tenacious in its hold upon the national and civil life in Colombia than in any other Latin American country," according to J. Lloyd Meham. The government has decreed religious freedom, but has been slow to defend it. The numerous recorded cases of religious persecution against minority groups are evidence of its restrictions.

Since the first missionary efforts of the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1825, any advance in Protestant work has been hampered by persecutions. Since 1948, 67 evangelical churches have been destroyed, 117 Christian believers martyred for their faith, and 200 schools confiscated and closed. Some of these were closed as late as 1962. A few were reopened, but a large number of Protestants still are barred from attending worship services.

Assemblies of God work in Colombia is the outgrowth of the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wegner, who in 1932 settled in the city of Sogamoso where a church nucleus existed already. Property was secured for a church, mission house and school. Following the Wegners came the ministry of Howard Coffey, who then was appointed director of the work. Trella Hall was placed in charge of the day school. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nowowiejski and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Epler served in Colombia.

Through the years, the Sogamoso church extended its influence beyond its borders. Under the ministry of Octavio Moreno, a number of outstations were opened, and now Juan Tapia serves as pastor.

For several years the Assemblies of God work was centered in and around Sogamoso, with its extension work reaching toward the plains area. Another area was opened in 1955 through the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Bartel, who settled in Bogotá. They rented a residence and began conducting meetings in their home. On the

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A boy spreads coffee beans to dry in the sun. Coffee beans supply 80 per cent of Colombia's export earnings.



The Colombia missionary staff are (left to right): the Paul Cunninghams, the Verlin Stewarts, Melvin Hodges, Latin America field secretary, the Harry Bartels, and the David Womacks.

first anniversary of the new Assembly, 200 people were in attendance.

DAY SCHOOL SERVES 130

Suitable property was purchased, and the Bogotá congregation moved to its new location in April, 1957. The property consists of a large hall and Sunday school rooms, besides quarters for a day school now in its fourth year with some 130 children enrolled. The church auditorium recently was enlarged (under the direction of Octavio Moreno) to seat 800 people. Verlin E. Stewart serves presently as pastor of this growing congregation.

When this church, known as Templo Betel, became self-supporting, the Bartels began a new church in North Bogotá, which was later served by Pastor and Mrs. Norman C. Campbell. In addition to these two churches there are seven other preaching points in the capital.

In 1959, with the cooperation of several evangelical groups, a large building was rented in Bogotá for a revival campaign. The highest attendance was approximately 10,000. Hundreds of people made decisions for Christ, many of whom now are members of local congregations.

Miss Hilda Albarracin, together with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, opened the work in Cali. Besides the main congregation, four suburban Assemblies of God churches are being established. Currently, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cunningham supervise this work, and also help in evangelization of the large Cauca Valley which has several cities of 100,000 people. Brother Cunningham pilots a Speed-the-Light plane to reach the extensive plains area.

When Melvin L. Hodges, field secretary for Latin America and the West Indies, visited Colombia in 1958, the Assemblies of God was organized on a national basis. At that time Harry K. Bartel became superintendent, later followed by Verlin E. Stewart. Currently, Harry Bartel serves as superintendent; Paul Cunningham, assistant superintendent; Juan Tapia, secretary; David A. Womack, treasurer; and Octavio Moreno, executive presbyter.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Woodworth, who for twelve years served in Cuba, expect to go to Colombia for their next missionary term.

SIGNIFICANT GAINS REGISTERED

Significant gains have been made by the Assemblies of God of Colombia. After passing through a period of years known in the country as "The Violence," the

work shows very encouraging results. The number of believers has increased from some 200 to 3000 in the past seven years. Besides, thousands of others have been influenced by the message of the living Christ.

A Bible school started in 1943 to train workers was a joint effort with the Assemblies of God in Venezuela. Later the school was moved to Venezuela, leaving Colombia with no ministerial training program until 1960 when a Bible school program was launched in Bogotá with Norman Campbell as director. David A. Womack, current director, is assisted by other missionaries and Colombian teachers. Plans call for several regional Bible training programs of two months duration in four different sections of Colombia.

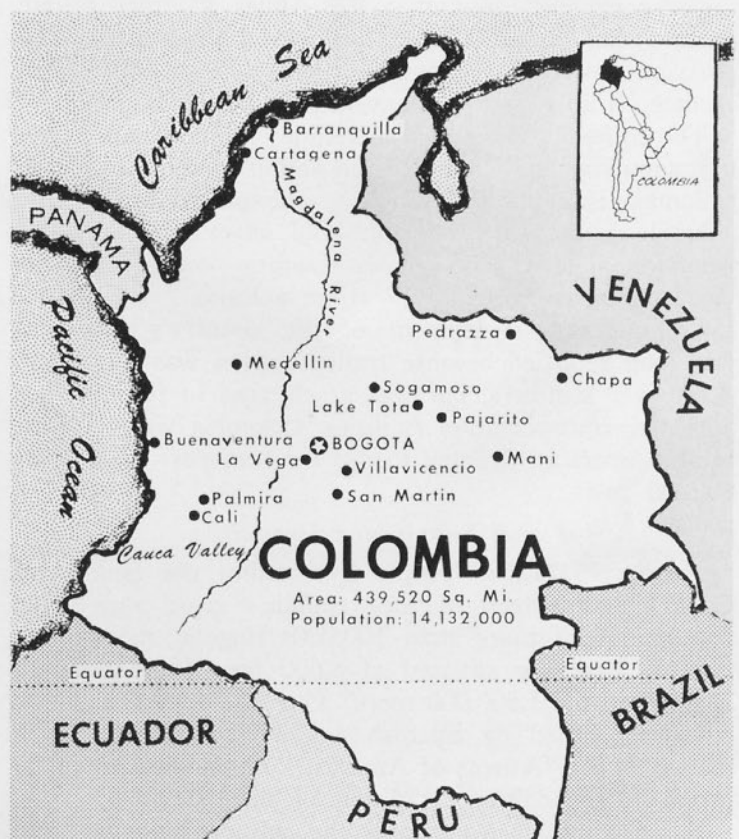
The door to Colombia was for many years only slightly ajar to evangelical missionaries. Colombian believers and missionaries alike were targets of severe persecutions. But, in spite of suffering and continued outbreaks of persecution, courageous believers continued their brave and faithful witness for Christ. "Persecution brought new vitality into our work," said one missionary. "There is more zeal, more growth, and more blessing than before."

Evangelical Christianity in Colombia sees the dawn of a new day. Now Colombia is rated as having one of the fastest growing evangelical populations in the world, with an increase of 500 percent in twelve years. It is difficult to estimate the many more who sympathize openly with evangelicals.

Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue conducted three evangelistic campaigns in Colombia during March, 1963. Templo Betel in Bogotá was packed each night. The Sogamoso and Cali churches had record crowds also. Large numbers accepted Christ and many testified to being healed. Our missionaries reported, "These revival meetings were an uplift to our work."

NOW IS GOD'S HOUR FOR COLOMBIA!

—Christine Carmichael



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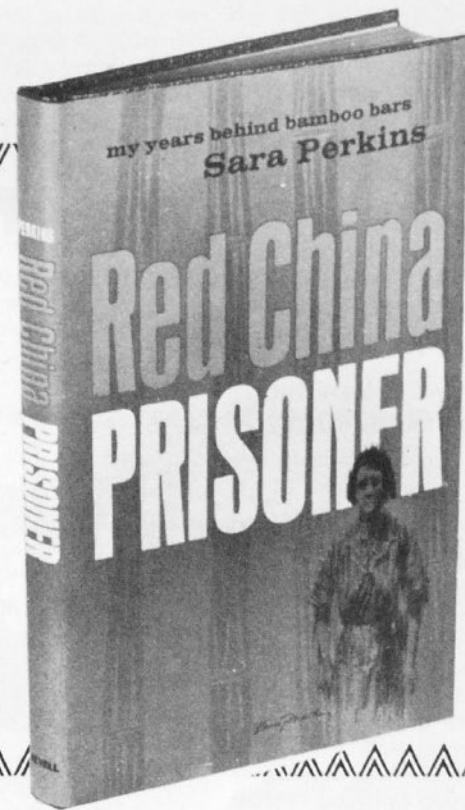
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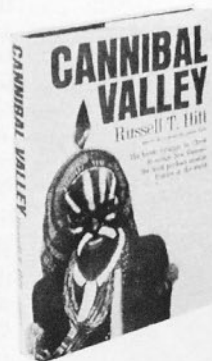
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FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Fiji

Church Growth Reported at Annual Conference

Six people were ordained, five licensed, and 19 graduated Christian Worker permits at Fiji's annual conference in Suva. This brings the total number of national ministers on the island to 80.

Over-all growth of the Fijian Assemblies was reported at the Council. Sunday school enrollment increased more than one thousand during the year; 153 were filled with the Holy Spirit; and active adult membership in island churches increased more than 200. The primary school at Nasinu has an enrollment of 655—an increase of about 100 over last year.—*Lawrence Larson*

Bible School Needed

The demand for better trained ministers is just as great in Fiji as in other countries. A greater percentage of children are attending Fiji's schools each year. More Fijians are being trained in col-



Fijian workers pose at the Annual Conference in Suva.

leges and universities in other countries. In 1962 the first Fijian girl to earn a B.A. degree came home from Australia to be treated almost as royalty. Several men have earned degrees overseas, and the government is now considering establishing a university in Fiji.

Recognizing the value of secular teaching, the Fijian Assemblies of

God has a primary school with a staff of fifteen teachers and an enrollment of more than six hundred students. The aim of this school is to teach the children the Word of God along with other subjects.

Now a Bible school is desperately needed to train nationals for the ministry. There are young men ready to enter Bible school. It is

better not to send them to other countries to be educated. Some do attend schools elsewhere, planning to return to Fiji to minister, but most of them never come back to the islands.

Many men have begun ministerial work of various kinds without adequate training. It has become necessary for the Assemblies of God of Fiji to issue credentials to about sixty of them, in recognition of their evident call, but these men need and deserve proper preparation for the highest calling a man can have in this life.

Although poor in material things, Fijian ministers are rich in love and response to God. They are doing their best in building churches and developing their many outstations.

Land on which to build a Bible school is available but a minimum of \$10,000 is needed to start building.

If you would like to assist in establishing a Bible school in Fiji, send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802. *Designation: Fiji Bible School.*

Malaya

Progress in Kuala Lumpur

God is blessing the Assemblies in Kuala Lumpur. Within the city there are two progressive churches, one English-speaking and the other Chinese-speaking. Presently the

two churches meet in the same building which is owned by the Chinese-speaking congregation. Average weekly Sunday school attendance for our English church is 180 and for the Chinese church, 129. The English-speaking youth meetings average approximately 85 while the Sunday adult worship

services average approximately 90 for the Chinese church. Our English church, Calvary Assembly, is working earnestly for an adequate building to meet Kuala Lumpur's ever-increasing challenge.

We are experiencing a wonderful move of the Holy Spirit among the youth of Kuala Lumpur. They are extremely eager to help reach the city with the gospel.—*D. R. Guynes*

Costa Rica

Youth Begin Branch Schools

First Church, San Jose, Costa Rica, divided its young people into three groups and each group has undertaken to start a branch Sunday school. The long-range objective is to see these new Sunday schools become established churches.—*David Godwin*

Children Receive Pentecost

I just finished two weeks of special meetings in San Jose, where more than 30 adults and a number of children were filled with the Holy Spirit. Six children were

filled one night. Because they had been in prayer since three o'clock that afternoon, I dismissed the service.

No sooner had I straightened the chairs than they returned with a group of friends who also wanted to "receive the promise." How the children prayed for each other! They were not content to leave the church until all had received the Pentecostal experience. One girl about 12 prayed in tongues for several hours. Afterward a visitor to the church told us she was praying in the dialect of an Indian tribe he has contact with. She was praying for these Indian people to be saved. This man was convinced of the truth of the gospel through this experience.—*Beryl Green, Associate Missionary.*

Formosa

New Chapel Opens

A new chapel was opened recently in East Kaohsiung served by Pastor Yang, graduate of the Assemblies of God Bible school. The congregation is paying the rent on the property each month.—*Robert Bolton*



There are two progressive Assembly churches in the growing city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.



Senegalese youth choir sings in Dakar



The auditorium in Bogota, Colombia, is packed during the campaign with Gladys Pearson.

Senegal

Choir Organized for New Center

Dakar, Senegal, was only recently opened to the Assemblies of God. Even though the evangelistic center is not completed, Ruth Wakefield, daughter of Missionary David Wakefield, has organized an eighteen-voice choir. Choir members are working to raise money for a piano or folding organ. A junior choir also is established.

Colombia

Revival in Bogota

Evangelist Gladys Pearson conducted revival services recently in Bogota, Colombia. There was a mighty visitation of God's Spirit each night. Approximately thirty-six were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were saved and healed.—*Harry Bartel*.

Korea

Couple Saved from Suicide

A non-Christian couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hong, made a suicide pact. Discouraged by poverty and unemployment, they planned to leap to death together from the Yong-Do Bridge which spans the bay from Pusan to Yong-Do island.

But before they could accomplish this plan, a friend invited Mrs. Hong to the Assemblies of God mission, where she heard the message of God's love and mercy. Shortly afterward her husband also attended the mission and the Hongs were saved. Brother Hong is now a faithful deacon in the Central Assembly, Pusan.—*Lou Richards*

Ecuador

Eighty-five Baptized in Water

The first water baptismal service in this new Assemblies of God mission field was conducted in May. A total of 85 were immersed in water; and 51 have been filled with the Spirit. We are amazed at what God has done in just five months!—*Lowell Dowdy*.

Liberia

New Hope Town Celebrates Anniversary

New Hope Leper Colony in Liberia celebrated its sixteenth anniversary on Sunday, April 21. A congregation of 735 heard a challenging message by Missionary Betty Savage. Prayer reminder cards with a picture of "Ma" Steidel, who began the colony in

1947, were given to all who attended. An offering to help another leper colony, still in a pioneer state, was received, according to a report from missionaries stationed at New Hope Town.

India

Correspondence Course Has Enthusiastic Response

We have begun a Bible correspondence course, "Highlights in

the Life of Christ." It consists of thirteen lessons in English, Hindi, and Bengali. So much mail has come in for the Bengali course that it has become necessary to add a full-time worker to our staff. Two days last week more than 160 letters came in requesting this course. We are planning rallies in different sections of the city as a followup for those taking the "Highlights" course.—*Mark Buntain*

Missionary News Notes

A number of missionaries recently returned to their fields of labor: **Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barber** (Philippines), **the T. R. Schultzes** (Dahomey), **the William Lasleys** (Senegal), **Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Johnston** (Bolivia), and **Marcella Dorff** and **Margaret Brown** (Indonesia). **The Harry Leids** went to Indonesia for their first term of missionary service. **Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hundsdoerfers** are in Japan on special assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bergstrom and **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palmer** are on furlough from Peru. Other missionaries on furlough from Latin America are **the Clarence Ollson family** (Argentina), **the Loren Triplets** (Nicaragua), **Gladys Myrick** (El Salvador), **Bernice Albers** (Mexico), and **Mr. and Mrs. David Guenther** (British Guiana).

On furlough from Africa are **the Edgar Pettengers** (South Africa), and **Velma Hixenbaugh** (Liberia).

Returning from the Far East are **the Harry Petersens** (Japan), **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frijvold** (Japan), **the Leslie Bedells** (Korea), and **Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lanphear** (Hong Kong).

Mr. and Mrs. David Godwin

(El Salvador) have a daughter, Cindy Marie, born April 15 in San Jose, Costa Rica, where they are in language school.

Rosa Reineker's address is now Postfach 6, Erzhausen via Darmstadt, Germany.



The William Lasley family



Margaret Brown



Marcella Dorff



The Dale Barber family



The T. O. Johnston family



The T. R. Schultz family



The Harry Leid family



Gary W. Tomer

How Far Can a Mother's Prayers Reach?

BY C. M. WARD, REVIVALTIME SPEAKER

THIS IS THE STORY I WANT EVERY mother to hear. It is a testimony that will strengthen your faith for your son, for your daughter.

I have before me photostatic copies of army and medical records—so this is not hearsay. This is the record of Gary W. Tomer, who, with his wife and two sons, is now preparing for the ministry. He is studying for full-time church service here in our headquarters city of Springfield, Missouri.

Gary, a six-foot, two-inch 190-pound West Virginian, *did not want to serve God*. He had other ideas when he enlisted in the United States Army in September, 1957.

This story starts with his basic

I have been an ardent listener to Revivaltime for a long time, but I have never heard anything which inspired me like Gary's story.

I am a young mother and need to be saved. I had no idea prayers could reach so far. Please send me Gary's story. Pray for me.

—Mrs. P. G., Bahamas

training at Fort Benning, Georgia. *Little did Gary realize that within days he would have the fixed choice of choosing life with Christ as his Saviour or dying a sinner.* There would be no alternative. Mother's prayers and faith were more powerful than he thought.

During a night maneuver, November 12, 1957, his buddy—without his rifle on safety—stumbled against Gary and discharged a full shot of blank ammunition. Since the rifle was pressed against his ribs, *the full blast of flame and combustion penetrated Gary's side.*

Gary says: "I suddenly realized I was dying without knowing Christ as my Saviour." While a call was made for medics and an ambulance, Gary

settled the big question of his soul's salvation, *and then there came to him a deep-settled peace that has never left him.* He had the assurance God had intervened. He remembers as though it were yesterday that "the pain stopped. A moment before it had been torment, like someone running a hot iron all over my chest and stomach."

In the hospital there was no discernible blood pressure. The doctor related later that the only way he could tell Gary was alive was that Gary was conscious and talking to him calmly.

The liver had been damaged beyond repair. The veins were so impaired that blood could not flow through them. The diaphragm had received extensive injury. The common bile duct had been torn; the left lung and the gall bladder were hurt badly. Thirty-one pints of blood were administered within the first several hours.

Loved ones were called. *They were told officially that Gary had at the best only a few hours to live.* But a miracle happened. Gary did live, and Gary is living today, although he draws a full army pension as being discharged with a one-hundred-percent disability.

So, this is the testimony of a young man who keeps on living although by medical standards he is not supposed to be alive at all. For nine days the doctors at Fort Benning did not move Gary from the emergency ward. After the ninth day they moved him to a private room, *never expecting him to leave it alive.* One month later he was to walk in and out of the room without help of medics.

From November 12, 1957, until April 3, 1958, Gary was kept at the Fort Benning Hospital. He says: "Most of the time I could walk into the nurses' office and look at the bulletin board, seeing my name on the

critical list with the words, *'Not expected to live,'* next to my name."

Then orders came to transfer Gary to Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C. The examining doctor's remark was: "Soldier, if I did not see you standing here with my own eyes, I could not believe you are the same person these medical records indicate that you are." The next eight months were spent in laboratory tests.

Sometimes twenty-five to thirty doctors would sit around Gary in a circle and question him for the record's sake. On October 21, 1958, a combined medical-surgical conference recommended further exploratory surgery.

Gary says: "I was a very young Christian. I told them that I would pray about their decision. I had a strong conviction that I should trust God absolutely, and *my life that was given back to me was in His hands alone.*" We must remind you Gary was in the army and the opinion of competent surgeons could not be dismissed lightly. None of his outside friends were willing to express themselves differently. So, an operation was performed.

By May of the following year Gary wanted to get married, and permission was granted. Recent X rays had shown stones had begun to clog the bile duct. Gary says: "While on our honeymoon, we stopped at the Bedford, Pennsylvania, Assembly of God Church to attend worship on Sunday night. I asked the elders of the church to lay hands on me and pray for the

REVIVALTIME TO ORIGINATE AT GENERAL COUNCIL

On Friday, August 23, 10:30 p.m., the Revivaltime broadcast service will be taped at the General Council in Memphis, Tenn., for release on Sunday, August 25 on the ABC radio network. The service will be open to everyone.

stones to disappear. When I returned to Walter Reed and further X rays were taken, *the stones were no longer visible.* The bile ducts had been enlarged."

It wasn't long until things took a turn for the worse. Gary lost weight steadily. His body turned yellow with jaundice. *There had to be a further test to faith!*

The doctors were unanimous that still further surgery was mandatory. Again Gary replied that he would pray about it. He says: "I knew within my soul that the answer was 'no.' I had

I listened with real interest to your broadcast when you related the experience of the serviceman who had rejected God's call. He was injured while in training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

I was on the intern staff at the hospital at that time. It is certainly a miracle how God has restored that man's health. I would appreciate your sending me a copy of "How Far Can a Mother's Prayers Reach?"

I was on the intern staff at the hospital as a firm believer in divine healing. I believe Christians live far below their privilege in this regard. I listen to your program each Sunday evening over WIRE, Indianapolis, and enjoy it very much.

—Lloyd G. McArthur, M.D.

grown in the Lord. I had heard His call to the ministry. I knew more of the Word. *I was determined this time to live up to my convictions.*"

But Gary's physical condition grew worse. His color was as yellow as gold from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. It's not an easy condition in which to trust the Lord.

Doctors were patient but firm. There was only one way as far as they were concerned. Gary remembers that in earnest conversation with an important doctor he said: "Doctor, what would your opinion be of me as a man if I told you that I believed one thing with all my heart and then did something else?" Gary remembers that a quiet moment followed, and the doctor and he wept together.

Chaplains were called in. *Gary stuck to his decision—no further surgery.* A decision was reached to dismiss Gary from Walter Reed Hospital with a one-hundred-percent disability financial provision. On December 22, 1959, he was released. Doctors felt that his life was ebbing and *that in a few months he would be gone.* Gary's

wife continued to work with the signal office of the hospital.

HE COULD NOT RISE

By the morning of March 17, 1960, Gary had gone as far as he could. That morning he could not rise. His fever had risen to 105.6 degrees. His body racked with pain and blood was oozing from his side. There was nothing to do but to call an ambulance and go back to Walter Reed. *Surgeons were of the opinion Gary had waited too long for any further operation to be effective.*

They decided to place him in Ward 37. During the years at Walter Reed, Gary had seen many men wheeled into Ward 37. *It meant that nothing further could be done for you.*

Steps were taken within Ward 37 to make your last few days on earth as comfortable as possible. Gary admits he was frightened. His dad was God's means of encouragement to him in that moment. He said: "Son, the Lord will be by your side as faithfully in Ward 37 as in any other ward."

Gary's condition steadily grew worse. By March 28, eleven days later, he could not move his legs. Two days later, March 30, 1960, doctors desperately were trying to open Gary's side and attempt to drain the fistula.

Suddenly Gary was gone. The cardiogram later showed that Gary's heart stopped at a quarter-to-five and did not beat again until five o'clock. One who was present described Gary like this: "He looked as though someone had submerged him in water and then laid him down without drying his body."

One doctor hurried out into the hallway and found Gary's mother. When she asked them about her son, the

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Brother Ward, I have listened to your services for many years. I would treasure a copy, or copies, of your written account of Gary's healing, "How Far Can a Mother's Prayers Reach?". I nursed at Fort Benning, Georgia, for six years. I remember Gary as a patient there. I want every member of my family to read his great testimony.

You may secure a copy of "How Far Can a Mother's Prayers Reach?" by writing to Revivaltime, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri (65801). The book contains official affidavits describing the seriousness of Gary Tomer's condition. It is a testimony book you should have. When writing send your offering for the world-wide ministry of Revivaltime.



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Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

Can persons who are not filled with the love of God speak in tongues and prophesy?

Paul indicated that persons who were lacking in the love of God might speak in tongues and prophesy, but said that where this is so the manifestations are without value. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1, 2.

What did Jesus mean in Matthew 22:31, 32 when he said: "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living"? Were not Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob dead?

The bodies of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were dead. However, Jesus was pointing out that the spirits of these men were still alive. For proof he referred to the *present* tense of the words of Jehovah to Moses at the "burning bush" (Exodus 3:6).

Jesus is called the last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45). In what way does that relate Him to us?

By natural birth, we are descended from the first Adam and have been made partakers of fallen and condemned humanity. By the new spiritual birth, we are made children of God and partakers of the divine nature. Whereas the first Adam yielded to temptation and sinned, the last Adam resisted sin; and then, by giving Himself a ransom for us, set us free from sin.

What did Jesus mean when He said: "I am come to send fire on the earth: and what will I, if it be already kindled" (Luke 12:49)?

This verse should be read in connection with verses 51-53. The gospel of Christ may divide homes and set members of a household against each other. This is the price some must pay for obeying the truth. Christ came not to bring peace, but division for truth's sake. He came not to put out fires of persecution but to pour oil on those already kindled. To be faithful to God may divide us from loved ones who refuse to serve Him. The fire speaks of suffering for Christ.

If Jesus was "in the likeness of sinful flesh" (Romans 8:3), how could He be sinless?

The explanation is in the word *likeness*. Jesus as the "seed of Abraham" (Hebrews 2:16) had a human body, and as one writer has said: "He was subject to human infirmities and weaknesses, yet He knew no sin." He was the Lamb "without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:19).

How do you explain Paul's teaching concerning foods in Romans 14, especially verse 23: "He that doubteth is damned if he eat"?

The correct meaning of the term translated "damned" in this instance is *condemnation*, or qualms of conscience. It does not mean he who eats will go to hell. Jewish Christians continued to follow the Law which forbade the eating of certain foods. (See Leviticus 11.) Non-Jewish Christians did not observe these Mosaic regulations. Paul taught that each one should obey his own conscience in the matter, and if a man was in doubt he ought to refrain from certain foods rather than bring himself into self-condemnation. Paul himself believed that to eat or not to eat made little difference (Romans 14:14) since the kingdom of God is spiritual, based on faith, and not on meat and drink (v. 17).

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.

doctor said, "Mrs. Tomer, your son has just passed away." *That was not the answer that this mother knew was in her heart.*

Soon the Holy Spirit was praying through her. She knew her dependence was upon God, and how otherwise could she pray as she ought to pray in that desperate moment. The doctor hearing strange words pouring from her lips, thought the shock was more than she could bear and that she had become hysterical. He tried to give her medication, but she stood her ground.

In the meantime, the doctors gave up. They were calling for the litter to remove the body from the ward, when one of them noticed life returning. Gary had reached a low of 128 pounds, but in two weeks' time he was up and walking. He felt the Lord wanted him to leave the hospital and go home.

Doctors gave him the score. They told him that when they had placed him in Ward 37, *the salt in the blood dropped to 106*. The normal figure was 140 and that if it goes below, it is enough to kill a person. He added: "Gary, you have, or had, cirrhosis of the liver, a bleeding ulcer, varicose veins in the throat, and a bad heart. Only God is keeping you on earth." It was straight-from-the-shoulder talk. The doctors didn't mince words. They said, "You had better think about it!"

Gary did for several days. "But," he says, "when I saw a nurse head toward me with the biggest needle I ever saw in my life, I thought God is not a man that He should lie, and He has told me to trust. I have wavered. I have not trusted fully. I have been putting my trust in men."

DOCTOR WARNED HIM AGAIN

Gary thanked his doctors for all they had done for him and then told those in authority. He felt the Lord wanted him to leave. They felt it was in his best interest to warn him again that his heart might stop again at any moment. That was May 9, 1960. They loaded him with pills for every emergency and wished him the best of luck.

There was one further test. The first night at home it seemed that he had only come home to die. Gary awakened conscious that he was bleeding internally. Then it trickled from his mouth and oozed from his side. Satan whispered: "This is it. You will

never live to preach, you foolish, foolish boy! You should never have left the hospital. You are hearing voices. You need a psychiatrist."

Gary says: "I looked at my wife. I looked at my parents. None of them said a word. The decision was mine to make. Would I trust the Lord completely, or would I falter again?" He says, "We prayed five times. After the fifth time, I crawled back into bed although I was still bleeding. I determined that if I were going to die, I would die with my trust toward God."

A few days later Gary faced his medicine. Suddenly, it seemed to him that it was as though he had brought the hospital with him. While he was not actually in the ward, he was still acting as though he were there. "So," he says, "I proceeded to throw all my remaining medicine away." Then he adds, "From that moment I began to gain weight and in faith began to eat anything that was set before me."

That was May, 1960. Today, Gary Tomer is well and busy with his ministerial studies here at Springfield Missouri. He appears regularly for ex-

amination before the Veterans Administration. *They have certified in the Kansas City office that his heart is normal.*

He is the proud father of two sons, Bradley John, the younger, and Gary, Junior. He is maintaining a straight B-average in his ministerial studies although doctors warned him a heart stopped four minutes or longer can cause damage to the brain so that such a patient, if he were to survive as Gary did, may find it extremely difficult to learn. In fact, Gary's doctors advised his parents and wife privately that Gary might show symptoms of mental disturbance. *Gary learned God has the final word.*

Gary Tomer is a living miracle of the power of God to heal. Now a ministerial student at Central Bible Institute, there was the day when complications from a U. S. Army wound brought him to death. For fifteen minutes there was no record of his heartbeat. But a praying mother held on to God until her son was returned to her, healed by the power of God. ◀◀

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ANNOUNCEMENT

HOMECOMING AND DEDICATION of Suburban Hills Assembly of God, 3960 N. Hartford, Tulsa, Okla., July 28. Ted Owens, morning and evening speaker. Afternoon service at 2:30. Dinner served at noon.—by Dale D. Starling, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

STEPHEN A. DUNHAM, 86, of Harpers Ferry, W. Va., went to be with his Lord and Master April 5. He was in the Locust Grove Rest Home at the time of his death. Brother Dunham was a licensed minister and affiliated with the Potomac District.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Enterprise	First	July 30-Aug. 11	Woodrow Oxner	Howard P. Trawick
Ark.	Hope	First	July 29-Aug. 2	Bob & Jeri Winford	Bob Willhite
Calif.	Anderson	*A/G	Aug. 4-9	Charles Senechal	Eugene Lawrence
	Long Beach	Calvary Temple	July 28—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	L. L. Shipley
	Maynard	First	Aug. 4-18	Doug Payne	A. W. Erickson
	San Diego	East San Diego	July 28—	Musical Rogers	Joe Higgins
	Tehama	*Gull Gospel	July 30-Aug. 11	Virgil & Edythe Warens	Hilton Park
Fla.	Cocoa Beach	Palm Chapel	July 31-Aug. 4	Neil Eskelin	T. S. Shields
	Jacksonville	Calvary Temple	Aug. 7-11	Neil Eskelin	Harold Schmitt
	Lakeland	Midway	Aug. 4—	Don Parker	Louis Yeako
	Panama City	Callaway	July 28—	Bobby & Mrs. Jackson	J. D. Kelly
Ind.	Edinburg	A/G	July 28-Aug. 10	J. E. Friend	George Eagler
	Gary	Miller	July 30-Aug. 11	Charles E. Crank	Floyd Petrucci
	Kokomo	First	July 30-Aug. 4	Paul Hild & Family	Cecil Enochs
Iowa	Davenport	West Side	Aug. 4-18	Jim Chandonnet	Elton E. Bell
La.	Bossier City	First	July 30-Aug. 11	L. G. (Buddy) Creel	Charles Oswalt
Me.	Allagash	Pent. Ch.	July 21-Aug. 4	Arthur Bristol	R. Carr
Mass.	Abington	Glad Tidings	July 30-Aug. 4	Oren & Inez Paris	J. F. Lenentine
Mich.	Muskegon	Central	Aug. 4-18	Bob & Jeri Winford	Bernard Ridings
Mo.	Lexington	*First	July 29-Aug. 4	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	J. C. Bolin
	N. Kansas City	First	Aug. 4—	P. A. Samford	R. A. McClure
	Silex	A/G	Aug. 4-18	K. E. Matschulat	William Hill
N. J.	Baptistown	*A/G	July 28-Aug. 3	Dave & Pat Johnson	James Occhipinti
N. Y.	Dansville	A/G	July 30-Aug. 11	Charles Trombly	Rudolph W. Metzger
N. Dak.	Crosby	A/G	July 30-Aug. 4	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Leslie King
Ohio	Byesville	A/G	July 30-Aug. 11	Culpepper-Gourlas Tm.	Lawrence Shaw
	Loraine	Broadway	Aug. 4-11	Eddie Wilson	Keith Smith
Okla.	Wister	A/G	July 21-Aug. 4	Hazel Burns	Jack Covey
Pa.	Allentown	*Glad Tidings	July 29-Aug. 2	Mrs. Robert Beisel	Robert Harvey
	Huntingdon	**A/G Tab.	Aug. 4-18	Paul Olson Party	Edward B. Berkey
Tex.	Boyd	A/G	July 29-Aug. 11	Leo S. Gaston	T. B. Reid
	Seagoville	First	July 23—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	Beaulah Heath
Va.	Orange	***A/G	Aug. 4-11	Irving & Louise Howard	C. B. Glover
Canada	Pr. Geo., B. C.	****Pent. Tab.	Aug. 4-25	Gerard-Chapman Team	A. H. Townsend
	St. Johns, N. F.	Elim Tab.	Aug. 1-31	H. J. Snelgrove	Graham Noble
Germany	Stuttgart	**A/G	Aug. 4-16	Johnny Bartop	Paula Gassner

*Children's Revival **City-wide Tent Revival ***Youth Revival ****Air Tent Revival

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



Homefront Highlights

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

Phoenix, Arizona

Graduation exercises for the All Tribes Bible School at Phoenix were conducted May 3, with four graduating.

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The new Navajo tribal chairman has said he will permit the non-Christian Native American Church to continue use of peyote, a narcotic, in their worship. This declaration alarms Arizona and New Mexico missionaries, for the drug has evil influences upon the users and sometimes leads to their death.

Bloomfield, New Mexico

The first *Breakthrough* church in New Mexico was dedicated at Bloomfield, January 1. This mission has eighteen members in its Men's Fellowship. All of them were alcoholics prior to their conversion.

Gallup, New Mexico

The Caleb Smiths, missionaries in Gallup, are happy recipients of a new Speed-the-Light bus. The Smiths have the privilege of ministering to two groups of students at the Indian schools, totaling 60. One school is in town; the other is a day school on the reservation. The students in town are allowed to attend the mission services if the bus picks them up.

Indians named the bus, "Speedy Little Wheels." The vehicle was dedicated at a Christ's Ambassadors rally at the church. Already it has traveled 1,500 miles over muddy, rocky, rough and sandy

roads. As many as 25 Indian people crowd into this Falcon Econoline bus at one time.

Twenty people recently received certificates following a successful training course conducted here by Lawrence Green, Albuquerque.

Selfridge, North Dakota

George Waldrep, missionary at Selfridge, also conducts jail services at Fort Yates, N. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Walker, their daughter Charlene, and Mrs. Evelyn Lund are members of the jail squad. This is the headquarters jail for Standing Rock Indian Reservation. A few prisoners have made decisions for Christ. Brother Waldrep reports fine cooperation from jail officials. A tent revival is planned for Fort Yates this summer.

Keams Canyon, Arizona

Dorothy Terry is now in charge of the work at Polacca, and also ministers at her White Cone outstation.

Chandler, Arizona

The Casa Blanca congregation is building a new 36-by-70 foot building, and plans to pay for it.

Gresham, Wisconsin

Missionary Charles Slater reports completion of the interior of the church building at Gresham.

Reno, Nevada

The Wesley Ericksons, missionaries to Reno, and their congregation are rejoicing over the gift of a Speed-the-Light bus. The vehicle is a great blessing to their work already. There were 16 riding at one time.

Mobridge, North Dakota

Ground-breaking services for the new Indian church at Mobridge were held recently. The Leo Banksons have moved to Mobridge, and will take charge of this work after the new church is built.

Stanfield, Arizona

Lucille Farmer is now Mrs. E. Greathouse.

Lumberton, North Carolina

R. W. Buchanan, Lumberton missionary, reports a ten-day meeting with Raymond Hoggard of Windsor, N. C., as evangelist in which eight accepted the Lord, four were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were healed.

God is moving also in other Indian churches in the district. Brother Buchanan's church is conducting regular services in the Indian Prison Camp, the County Jail, and the Cancer Institute. The C.A.'s especially enjoy this ministry.

Tucson, Arizona

The new Tucson Indian Assembly was dedicated June 2 with District Superintendent J. K. Gressett officiating and Carl Holleman as the evening dedicatory speaker. L. G. Gilmore and Mrs. Winifred Conley were speakers during the day services. Virgil Zeigler is pastor.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE MINISTRY

Miami, Florida

Kathleen Belknap, director of the Assemblies of God Evangelical Refugee Center, Miami, was ill with hepatitis, and hospitalized for several weeks.

Cuban refugees who have found Christ at the Center are enthusiastic Christians and testify, "It was not so bad to lose everything when we have found 'this'." Numbers of them have helped Gabriel Caride, Sister Belknap's co-worker and pastor of the Center Chapel.

Recently, Brother Caride and Cuban helpers moved back the chapel partitions eight feet to make more room for the growing congregation. Out of extreme poverty, the Cubans bought \$200 worth of new folding chairs.

Ileen Gans, Seattle, Washington, took over bookkeeping work of the Center. Her night-school Spanish is getting a real workout with Sister Belknap away.

The Center is in urgent need of financial help for its general expense, and for purchase of food and other items needed by refugees. Brother Caride's support is far from adequate, but he works tirelessly at the Center.

ALASKA MINISTRY

Wainwright

Ida Cecelia Piper, missionary at Wainwright, writes: "God has opened the door for a whole new field of ministry, from the Anaktuvuk Pass area in the Brooks Range, all the length of the Koyuk River, and touching many villages which have never had a mission station of any kind." Sister Piper flies her plane into some of these villages.

Petersburg

The Claude Malcoms are back in Alaska at Petersburg, supplying for the C. I. Stroms at present.



Two missionaries to the American Indians have received Speed-the-Light buses to assist them in their work. Photo at left shows Wesley Erickson and his Indian congregation at Reno, Nev. At right is Caleb Smith with some of his people in Gallup, N. Mex.



Clair Pifer, teacher of the intermediate "13" Sunday school class of the Medina, Ohio, Assembly of God, holds a check for \$55 which the class raised for Teen Challenge Center in New York.

Stevens Village

The Robert Lantzes, missionaries at Stevens Village, report a one-week revival with Mary Wiles of Virginia, when nine were filled with the Holy Spirit and several came back to the Lord. The Lantzes' daughter Elaine was one of those filled with the Spirit.

North Pole

Seven were saved and four filled with the Holy Spirit lately in North Pole where the Ralph Millers pastor. This has put new life into the whole congregation.

Wasilla

New additions to the Wasilla church—a steeple, walks, and a sign—are attractive, even from the air, according to Alaska Supervisor B. P. Wilson.

Fairbanks

A continuous revival spirit is evident in the Fairbanks Assembly, served by Pastor and Mrs. Oscar Butterfield. Hardly a service passes without someone coming to Christ. The church just finished

the workers training course on *Stewardship* and 27 received certificates. The North Pole church joined the Fairbanks congregation for this course.

Valdez

The Oscar Butterfields conducted several nights of special services for the Duane Carriker in Valdez during May, and 16 young people were either reclaimed or rededicated their lives. There has been a definite move of the Holy Spirit in all services since.

Seward

Robert Cousart, pastor at Seward, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the high school in Seward. Two from his own household were graduating, and a total of five from the church. On May 19 the church honored the graduates with a reception in the parsonage.

Ketchikan

The church building at Ketchikan is being redecored. Recently, three young couples were saved.

Two are Coast Guard members, and one a young native family. Two teen-agers were saved and one filled with the Holy Spirit. This church also has an active jail squad. The Alver Lofdahls are pastors.

TEEN CHALLENGE MINISTRY

Medina, Ohio

An Intermediate Sunday school class at Medina, Ohio, recently contributed \$55 for New York's Teen Challenge Center. The pastor, James L. Watkins, and the class teacher, Clair Pifer, are justly proud of the industrious and missionary-minded young people.

Springfield, Illinois

The Illinois WMC's contributed \$185 to Teen Challenge in Chicago for office files. This money was raised last year during the sectional conventions. The Center is still in need of two office desks, a divan, an occasional chair, occasional tables and lamps.

Los Angeles, California

Teen Challenge was launched in metropolitan Los Angeles June 17 with a "Summer Invasion" program. Bible school students from several Assemblies of God colleges are helping the Los Angeles staff. Don Hall is evangelism director.

In the past few months two teams from Southern California College at Costa Mesa and Latin American Bible Institute at La Puente, Calif., have had an active ministry among Los Angeles teenage gangs and drug addicts.

During Easter vacation over 50 students from Southern California College participated in "Operation Invasion." Some 10,000 "Chicken" tracts were placed in the hands of pleasure-seeking teen-agers.

Police officers said there were

fewer incidents among the youth this Easter than in former years, due largely to the influence of these power-packed tracts. Many of the teen-agers contacted made real decisions for Christ!

For the first time in the history of the Long Beach Nu-Pike, there is a chapel in the middle of the amusement park. It is open almost every night and weekend this summer. Local church youth groups join the Teen Challenge staff in conducting services and witnessing to teen-agers.

Nebraska

Nebraska WMC's recently sent Teen Challenge Center in Chicago the following: \$30 to help furnish a room, 20 sheets, 20 towels, and one blanket.

Rehobersburg, Pennsylvania

Due to the summer evangelistic Teen Challenge push in New York and Chicago, the Training Farm (sponsored by the New York Teen Challenge) is being deluged with requests to take in new converts who need help. Many come without proper clothing. Most of the youth need dental work after being so long on drugs. Once they have "kicked" the habit they have ravenous appetites. Prayer is requested that God will supply all the financial needs of this worthy work.

JEWISH MINISTRY

Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Louise Kaufmann, staff member of Shalom Center, Chicago, was hospitalized seven weeks with a heart attack. She is improving.

Mrs. Ruth Toczek, also a Shalom staff member, sustained a painful arm injury in a fall.

New York

Gertrude Clonce sponsored a Jewish Retreat in June at Hidden Valley.

Major Weapon Added

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played the guitar and sang, the forty-voice choir joined in a number of his hymns, including, "Mansion over the Hilltop" and "Room at the Cross."

The closing prayer was offered by Howard Bush of Springfield, Mo., assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Also present were Arthur Graybill, the farmer who sold the property to Teen Challenge and who serves as a staff member, Mrs. Graybill, Frank Reynolds, superintendent of the school, and his wife.

Dave Wilkerson, founder of Teen

Challenge, introduced some of the twenty-five boys who reside at the rehabilitation center. They gave testimonials concerning how they were saved from addiction and found a new life in Christ.

Brother Wilkerson, who travels extensively in his work, devotes as much time as possible to the Teen Challenge headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y., and the farm. Plans are underway for a new \$485,000 headquarters building in Brooklyn to care for teen-age addicts while they are breaking the narcotics habit.

In Pennsylvania, boys who never breathed country air and never saw cows or pigs, are doing some of the dairy and farming chores as well as

attending Bible classes and worship services. Their new home is a \$75,000 concrete block structure on a hill with a view of the surrounding countryside.

One of the chief purposes of this center is to rehabilitate young men who have served jail sentences for crimes committed in connection with their addiction. Brother Wilkerson hopes the farm eventually will be self-supporting through the eighty-head dairy herd and cash crops. Since Teen Challenge took over the property, it has made a good start toward this goal. "Dairy production already has increased by 20 percent," Brother Wilkerson said. "We regard that as a miracle." ◀◀



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Naaman Humbled and Healed

Sunday School Lesson for August 4, 1963

2 KINGS 5:1-3, 9-15; ISAIAH 55:7, 8

By J. BASHFORD BISHOP

A Pitiful Plight (v. 1). Naaman was a great man. He was commander in chief of the Syrian army. He was admired as a military hero whose achievements had saved his country—but, with all his honors and fine qualities, he was little better than a dead man, *for he was a leper!* Riches, position, and intellect do not make men immune to trouble. God is no respecter of persons. Naaman in all his splendor was no better off than thousands of beggars who suffered as he did. There is always a “but” in the life of the sinner. Happy is the man who can take his troubles to God.

A Positive Proclamation (vv. 2, 3). The little Jewish maid who had been captured by the Syrians and was serving in Naaman’s house was not afraid to declare her faith in the midst of a hostile environment. How many thousands of sufferers from sin and sickness have experienced God’s saving and healing power because of the faithful testimony of some humble Christian!

A Prophet’s Prescription (vv. 9, 10). When Elisha heard of Naaman’s desire for healing he said, “Let him come to me.” If Naaman really wanted healing it was his obligation to take the initiative; it was not for Elisha to force his services on Naaman. God will not bestow His blessings upon the indifferent and passive; but He delights to meet those who are definite, wholehearted, and believing in their asking. (See Mark 10:51; Luke 18:41; James 5:14.)

“So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot.” He probably thought he would greatly impress the man of God. To Naaman’s chagrin, Elisha did not even see him but sent a messenger with directions: “Go and wash in Jordan seven times . . . and thou shalt be clean.” The prescription was so simple that Naaman stumbled over it, just as we tend to stumble at the simplicity of the gospel and God’s promises.

A Petitioner’s Pride (vv. 11, 12). “But Naaman was wroth, and went away.” Why was he angry? Because the divinely appointed method would be humiliating. Pride, more than leprosy, was Naaman’s trouble! What would his friends think if he, chief of the Syrian army, were to do such a ridiculous thing as to duck seven times in a dirty river! God hates pride because it defeats His loving purposes! Human pride crucified the Lord of glory. How thankful we should be that God uses methods in dealing with us which are intended to rid us of pride lest it ruin us.

“I thought . . .,” said Naaman. At this point he betrayed himself. He had his own ideas about how God ought to deal with him. If he had relied on them, he would have remained leprous. We, too, may miss God in our lives because of self-opinionatedness.

A Precious Prize (vv. 13, 14). “If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?” Naaman’s servants showed him the folly of his

pride and anger. Similarly, the foolishness and inconsistency of our own attitudes—to which we are so often blind—are frequently very evident to others.

The reasoning of Naaman’s servants was unanswerable. Naaman’s desire for health overcame his desire to preserve his self-life. Obediently and humbly he dipped seven times in the Jordan and when he came up the seventh time he found himself healed of his leprosy! We are not unlike Naaman. We desire a more intimate walk with God, but we want to keep up appearances, to save ourselves from the humiliation involved in admitting our need, and from persistently and earnestly seeking the Lord. An inward struggle ensues. Those who, like Naaman, are willing to humble themselves and die to preconceived notions, pride, and self, receive what they desire from God. Those who spare themselves remain in spiritual poverty.

A Praiseful Potentate (v. 15). When Naaman reached the place where he was willing to “hate” his self-life (John 12:25) and to submit to the humbling process, he received not only the healing of his body but also the healing of his soul. He became a follower of Jehovah.

Many condemn Naaman for his pride but forget his ultimate humility. He will rise up in the judgment and condemn many who, knowing their spiritual need, were *not* willing to humbe themselves and obey God.

‘WASH AND BE CLEAN’



How High Is Heaven?

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OUR LIVES ARE SURROUNDED BY QUESTION MARKS. How high is heaven? What is electricity? How does God put life in an acorn, perfume in a rose, power in an atom?

Do you like watermelons? Can you explain how a 40-pound melon grows from a tiny brown seed in the ground? That sweet, juicy core, with its dozens of seeds to start the growing cycle all over again—who can explain this miracle?

When offered a slice of luscious melon do you say, "No, thanks; I can't understand how nature produces a melon, so I won't eat any"? No, you munch the melon, and enjoy it. You simply accept the fact that it was shaped, flavored, and painted by a great, wise Providence.

You don't understand the Bible? No use reading it, you say? None of us understands electricity; neverthe-

less we use it to light our homes and operate machines.

God is a mystery, you say? So is a drop of water. Scientists tell us that if the energy in a single drop of water were released, it would drive a train! Do not lie awake nights because you are baffled by the concept of a triune God, the eternal I AM, who always existed and will live forever and ever. You drink water, enjoy electric light, and love watermelons. Why not include God in your life?

"How do you know there is a God?" you ask. "Have you seen Him, heard Him, or felt Him?" Yes, and so can you. God promises, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Just love Him, and He will make Himself real to you.

You can't grasp the idea of God's omnipotence? You are not alone. The greatest scientists tremble at the power God locks within the atom. Our great physiologists, awed by the amazing complexity of the human body, exclaim with the Psalmist that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

Astronomers peer into space and find it sprinkled with stars as innumerable as the sands on the world's beaches. They say our nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is so distant that its light takes 4.3 years to reach us, traveling at 11 million miles per minute! They estimate that 1,300,000 worlds like ours could be packed inside the sun. Our heads swim, contemplating the giant red star Betelgeuse, whose diameter is 300 million miles! We gasp on learning that the distance to Andromeda is 2,300,000 light-years!

Besides being almighty, God is omnipresent. This also staggers the imagination. It means God inhabits the remotest corners of infinite space, far out beyond Andromeda. Yet, simultaneously, He is watching over us and our loved ones in England, Hong Kong, Africa, wherever they might be. How mysterious, yet how sweetly satisfying to learn that, although the heavens cannot contain God, yet He condescends to dwell in a contrite human heart!

God is also omniscient. He knows everything. Long before He hung the stars in the sky, He planned for you to be born, and planned for you to spend eternity with Him in heaven's palaces. He knows your life, your hopes and fears. He understands your bewilderment. He hears you asking, "How high is heaven? What is heaven like?"

The Israelites, starting under Moses for the Promised Land, found the desert dotted with question marks. White and round, like coriander seeds, this mysterious food from heaven tasted like wafers made with honey. Nobody ever did find a name for it. They simply called it "manna," which means, "What is it?"

"I am the living Manna," announced Jesus, and very appropriately, because the incarnate Son of God—Immanuel—stepped down from heaven's high throne to give living bread to a hungry, dying world.

How high is heaven? Too high for any man to reach alone. But Jesus bridges the chasm between heaven and earth, between a holy God and sinful men.

What is heaven like? Just invite Jesus into your heart. Then many question marks will melt away. And the bells of heaven will start ringing for you.

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