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When God Designs a Cloud

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EARLY IN MY CHRISTIAN LIFE A VALUABLE TRUTH WAS taught me which has been an anchor to my soul through many years. It is the truth that nothing happens to the child of God by "chance." Nothing can come into our lives unless it first passes the throne of God and receives His permission. God is greatly concerned over the little things as well as the great things which come into our lives, for in all of our experiences we are being spiritually molded and matured for eternity. Therefore God must pass His approval upon those things which we endure, for we are His, purchased by the blood of His Son, and we are not our own.

Some time ago an illness confined me to a hospital where my physical strength ebbed to a low point. It meant the cessation of many activities for a season, and held the prospects of a long convalescence. One morning a nurse awakened me early and helped me to a sitting position. Upon looking out of the window I noted that the sun had just come over the horizon and the warm rays were hitting me full in the face. At that moment God spoke to me and said, "I create each rising of the sun, and I also make the clouds, and I have designed this cloud just for you." Instantly my eyes flooded with tears and I wept aloud. I could not speak to tell the nurse what I had heard, but could only lie down again to weep before Him. As I continued to worship God it was made clear to my heart that God must love me very much. The fact that He would make anything for me—even a cloud—was a token of His love, for this was part of the molding process for my life.

Some people design clouds for themselves, and wonder why life seems so hard. Their ego must be vindicated; their temper explodes and they cannot hold their tongue; or a situation comes up where they just have to have their own way. Such circumstances cause life to be filled with tensions and pressures with which God has nothing to do.

But God is a Master at designing clouds. He placed the Bow of the Covenant in the clouds for Noah and

his family to see. He designed the pillar of cloud which led the children of Israel through the wilderness. Sinai's clouds were designed to show His awesome glory and majesty to His chosen people. He designed the cloud the size of a man's hand in answer to Elijah's prayer, and as a token that the famine in Canaan was past.

It was a cloud that received the Lord Jesus from the sight of men at the Mount of Ascension, and it was out of a bright cloud that the voice of God spoke on the Mount of Transfiguration. Clouds have been connected in the Word of God with His glory, His judgments, His revelations, and His dealings with individuals. Even the return of the Lord from glory will be with clouds. "For behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him."

Look carefully upon the clouds God designed for some of His choice saints. Abraham and his beautiful wife had left Ur of the Chaldees in response to the call of God. They prospered in material things, enjoyed health and strength, and in their old age God blessed their home with a little boy who brought sheer delight to them. And then one day God designed a cloud for Abraham. "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering." None of us can voice the feelings of Abraham's heart in the days which followed. Yet the designing was from God, for the story of Abraham and Isaac came down through the centuries as a portrait of God giving His only Son on the cross.

Joseph was dearly loved by his father and was busy on an errand for him when a cloud, which was to last for many years, came across his life. He was sold into slavery. He served a taskmaster in a strange land. Far from home, he endured the rigors of prison life. Only after many years, when his brothers stood before him and the full story could be understood, did Joseph say, "Ye meant it for evil, but God meant it for good."

Surely God had a hand upon Daniel and the Hebrew children as they endured the hatred of their masters in Babylon, for God later placed their portraits in His hall of fame (Hebrews 11) and the world can now see what men are like when, by faith, they "stop the mouths of lions and quench the violence of fire."

Has God designed a cloud for you? Our problem is that we do not always recognize the clouds of God. We are creatures who like to have things going our way all the time. We easily fret because we do not understand. But the truth is we would not enjoy the sun if it shone brightly every day without change. We need the rain also.

When Florence Chadwick was swimming the English Channel she reached a time after many hours when she was bone-weary, near exhaustion, and chilled through from the numbing cold of the water. With a feeling of defeat she lifted her arm for a boat to take her out. Suddenly her father called to her from a nearby boat and said, "Florence, look up! Look up!" As she raised her head she saw looming before her the white cliffs of Dover; and, taking new courage, she plodded on until she felt the beach beneath her feet.

"Look up! for your redemption draweth nigh." This is the answer to the weary experiences of this life. Take the clouds in stride, remembering that your heavenly Father has a purpose in every one of them. ◀◀◀

IT IS THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PRAY WITH POWER! God's house is *the house of prayer* (Mark 11:17), and from it there should flow a constant stream of victorious, conquering prayer. Prayer is the Church's prime resource in the face of every trying situation (Acts 12:5). Prayer moves the arm that moves the world! As Montgomery wrote: "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees!"

For this reason the enemy does all in his power to make prayer ineffectual and tasteless. He works on the believer, seeking to fill his mind with the sense of his unworthiness to approach a holy God. If this fails, then the enemy seeks to make prayer tedious and laborious. He will suggest that you are not only too unworthy, too tired, but also too unbelieving—hence, you will never get an answer to prayer!

In an unusual portion of God's Word, Mark 11:22-26, the great and absolutely essential elements of the prayer of power are carefully listed. Note, first of all, that the prayer of power is *filled with overwhelming desire*. The Lord Jesus said: "What things soever ye desire..." Here is the fatal flaw in so many prayers—shallow, weak desire. And this weakness is due to the fact that the heart of the believer is not permitted to be burdened by the Holy Spirit for the great and eternal issues with which God and His kingdom are concerned. Hence, prayer is limited to the little surface matters which concern our personal comforts and needs.

See what the Bible says about "travail" in Isaiah 66:8; Galatians 4:19; 1 Thessalonians 2:9. Examine such passages as Jacob's wrestle with the angel of the Lord; Hannah's desperate prayer for a child; the Saviour's prayer in the garden; or the burden of prayer which Paul and Epaphras shared in a Roman prison (Colossians 4:12). Contrast such passion with our shameful indifference. The indifferent, oh-well-I-didn't-need-it-anyhow spirit will get nowhere; but prayer that flows from a heart gripped by a mighty desire born of God's Word and God's Spirit cannot fail.

In the same verse 24, note that the prayer of power

is *filled with tremendous confidence*. "Believe that ye receive them..." In verse 22, the Lord Jesus literally says: "Have the faith of God." That is, have the faith which God gives (Romans 12:3; Ephesians 2:8; 1 Corinthians 12:9)! God creates within us the very capacity to confidently trust Him which He requires!

"For verily I say unto you," said the Saviour, "that whosoever shall say unto this mountain [the Mount of Olives on which He stood, no doubt], Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass: he shall have whatsoever he saith."

The power of the Christian is not limited to the casting of the Mount of Olives into the sea; it covers all "those things which he saith." It is not conceivable that anyone should pray for that particular mountain to be removed in such a fashion; the mountain speaks of the *size* of the obstacle and the apparent impossibility of such a request being granted. The secret of answered prayer, then, is faith to believe. This does not mean pretended faith, uncertain faith, but gripping, unbounded faith.

The third and climaxing element in the prayer of power is this: *It is filled with the Spirit of Christ*. "And when ye stand praying, forgive..." Prayer cannot be the great power God wants it to be in your life and in the church if you do not forgive as you are forgiven.

Consider carefully Joseph's great example of forgiveness recorded in Genesis 45:1-15. It was filled with mercy for his undeserving brothers: they were wicked and cruel, but he forgave them anyway. It was filled with grace—"So it was not you that sent me hither, but God!" Joseph evidently believed in the principle in 1 Peter 4:8, for love compels us to *cover* the sins of others—not to expose, or to shame, but to cover with forgiveness. It was *full* forgiveness: "He kissed all his brethren."

This is the prayer of power: prayer born in spiritual desire; prayer filled with God-given faith; prayer overflowing with Christlike forgiveness! ◀◀

The PRAYER of POWER

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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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A Life of Power

As soon as we are baptized with the Holy Spirit, a great spiritual battle begins. The enemy tempts us to feel satisfied and to stop praying. He knows that if he can keep us from walking in the Spirit, the experience of being baptized with the Spirit will be nullified; for God's purpose in filling us with His Spirit is to endue our lives with spiritual power, which is a day-by-day process. We are like an electric cord; we are only conductors and have no power when separated from the Source.

As Hudson Taylor said: "It is one thing for us to have had the Spirit given fully to us, and quite another for us to have surrendered ourselves to the Spirit. What is wanted is not that we should get more of the Spirit, but that the Spirit should get more of us. This is where our weakness comes in. We mind the things of the Spirit in some measure, instead of minding them continually and altogether."

The command in Ephesians, "Be filled with the Spirit," sets the standard for New Testament believers. This Greek verb speaks of a continuing action. The literal translation, according to Rotherham, is, "Be getting filled with the Spirit." Weymouth renders it, "Drink deeply of God's Spirit." Phillips has it, "Let the Spirit stimulate your souls." When the Holy Spirit possesses our spirit we have a joyful spirit, a buoyant spirit, a zealous and aggressive spirit that makes us effective servants of Christ.

When the battle grows fierce God will strengthen us with all might by His Spirit in the inner man, and flood our souls with the love of Christ until we are "filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:13-20). What a privilege it is to be temples of the Holy Ghost. We are hosts and hostesses to Deity! And the Spirit of God has not come merely to visit and to give us a few brief moments of ecstasy; He has come to abide in us forever. If we are wise we will unlock every door of our being and give Him access to the entire temple. We will let Him explore every chamber of our hearts and minds. We will hold nothing back but let Him permeate every area of our lives with His pulsating, purifying Presence.

If we are tempted with some trait of the flesh, the Spirit will help us to overcome. "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16). If we are tempted to feel guilty and condemned, in spite of the fact that we are honestly endeavoring to please the Lord, we can turn a deaf ear to the accusations of Satan and trust in God's Word which positively affirms that there is "no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1). Thank God for the indwelling Spirit who can overcome every weakness of our old human nature and cause us to bear all the delightful fruit of the divine nature.

What a pity when God's people only taste the Spirit instead of drinking deeply. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Life. He comes to give us the mighty life in Christ that was purchased for us at Calvary. He wants to give us abounding life, exhilarating life, victorious life. Let us not be content merely with receiving the Baptism. Let us keep drinking of the Spirit; keep being filled with the Spirit; keep doing exploits for God through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

—R.C.C.

OBSERVING THE SIGNS

At some intersections the pedestrians are greeted with traffic signs, "Wait" and "Walk."

If we were as careful to wait when God says "wait" and walk when He says "walk" as we are to observe street signs, there would be fewer spiritual casualties. We ignore God's "do's" and "don'ts" at our own peril.

—*The Alliance Witness*

MAKE EVERY HOUR COUNT!

Christian, whatever Christ has redeemed you from, whether from rotten viciousness or just rotting selfishness, try to remember that you have lost too much time and energy already!

Too much of life's sunshine has been thrown away on trifles. Let the wastage of your yesterdays move you to make high use of today and tomorrow. Make every hour count for God. Make every day contribute something to the winning of others to Jesus Christ. Do double duty! Do not be dawdling! Be doing!

"The end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4:7). Things will perish—all properties, plants, pomps, pageantries. The Kingdom will endure—righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Remember that and live up to your courageous best every day. Then when the end comes it will not find you lounging in a shameful softness. It will find you living with all-out devotion.

—PAUL S. REES

THE MESSAGE OF THE DIAL

Our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again. The short hand is the hand of discipline; the long hand, the hand of mercy. Slowly and surely the hand of discipline must pass, and God speaks at each stroke. But over and over passes the hand of mercy, showering down twelve-fold of blessing for each stroke of discipline and trial. And both hands are fastened to one secure pivot—the great, unchanging heart of a God of love.

—*Southern Churchman*

ETERNITY IS NOW

Nothing you can do will take you out of eternity! You are there now. Time is but a part of eternity. Eternity is always now. The day you drew your first breath you started on your march throughout eternity.

Contrary to the sign on the mountainside, "Where Will You Spend Eternity?" Eternity is not entirely future. You cannot spend eternity. You can spend one minute, one hour, one year, but eternity is limitless. It reaches before the beginning and continues beyond the end. Eternity belongs to God.

"In him was life" (John 1:4). Before the worlds were framed He lived. The spark of life was with Him. Flesh and bones belong to time. The spirit, breath, "pneuma," belongs to the infinite.



Life is that intangible something that cannot be defined. Here today, gone tomorrow; fleeting yet continuing; never definable, never discovered, never found—yet very real!

Life is a part of eternity. Possessed by a body, yet elusive as the evening breeze—life belongs to the infinite. God and life is eternity. You are in eternity now.

What a solemn warning to the unsaved. What a glorious thought for the Christian!

—HOLLIS A. BURGE

A PSYCHIATRIST'S EXPERIENCE

Some interesting comments have been made by Dr. C. G. Jung, who for more than forty years has studied the human mind and emotions. He denied flatly that atheism is the wave of the future and made what might be called a prescription for middle-aged neurotics in a sick world.

"Among all my patients in the second half of life," Dr. Jung said, "every one of them fell ill because he had lost what the living religions of every age had given their followers, and none of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook."

—GEORGE E. FAILING, in *The Wesleyan Methodist*

My Camel

I loaded my camel rich and high,
And marched him up the needle's eye.
He was laden with riches manifold,
With bales of silks and with sacks of gold,
With precious stones and jewels rare,
With vessels lovely beyond compare.
I urged my camel with angry din,
I pressed my camel to enter in,
But far too large with his loading high,
He could not pass through the needle's eye.

I rode the camel a night and a day
And sought to enter some other way;
But though I followed a wearisome round,
Only the needle way I found.
I groaned, for I did not have enough,
So I took from the camel the bulkier stuff;
And with gold and gems I would fain get by—
Still the camel stuck at the needle's eye.
Then I left the camel alone outside,
And all by myself the entrance tried;
But with all my pockets stuffed—alas,
The needle still would not let me pass.

So at length I threw all my wealth away,
And sank upon lowly knees to pray:
I begged the Lord to forgive my sin,
And to let a poor traveller enter in.
Then lo! the marvelous needle's eye,
Grew to an entrance wide and high.
And proud and glad, in a beggar's dress,
I passed through the portal of happiness.
But where the camel decided to go,
I did not care and I do not know.

—A. R. Wells



THREE MARKS OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

By HOWARD S. BUSH, Assistant General Superintendent, Assemblies of God

THE TRINITY OF CHRISTIAN VIRTUES SPECIFIED IN I CORINTHIANS 13:13 finds repetition in Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. The Williams Translation of 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3 is particularly eloquent:

"We always thank God for you all as we continually mention you in our prayers, for we can never for a moment before our God forget your *energizing faith*, your *toiling love*, and your *enduring hope* in our Lord Jesus Christ."

ENERGIZING FAITH

Have you ever prayed for faith? Have you asked God to help you trust Him more completely and serve Him more energetically? All Christians have—but not everyone has learned the secret of energizing faith.

Too many times we think God is going to drop faith into our souls like a bolt of lightning so that in a moment of time we will be able to believe Him for anything. Mentally we have faith—we tell God we do believe—but faith is more than just a mental assent. "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead" (James 2:19, 20).

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). For faith to be alive it must be energized by actively believing, seeking, working.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). First, you must believe that God loves you and cares for you. Secondly, you must place complete confidence in God as you diligently seek His face, knowing that He is a rewarder of all sincere souls. Since it is impossible to please God without faith you must develop your faith.

Following the miracle of the fig tree withering and dying Jesus said, "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:22-24)

This is a positive command: "Have faith in God." A command requires action. Energy is "power expended or ready to be expended." Therefore to develop your

faith and watch God perform miracles you must do the three things mentioned by Jesus in this Scriptural lesson: talk, reject doubt, and expect results.

Hungry, Jesus had looked the tree over for figs and found none. To give us an example of faith, in His keen disappointment at not finding figs He said, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever" (Mark 11:14). It was not the searching of the tree for food that brought death, but the statement of Christ. He could easily have walked away without saying anything, and the tree would have continued to live, but by talking to the tree in faith he killed it. By speaking He imparted His faith, power, and supremacy over nature.

Energy is also required to put doubts out of your mind and heart. You must reject doubt by a positive action. Once I was requested to visit a lady in the hospital who was sick. Her husband had given me the room number so I proceeded to visit briefly with her before offering prayer to encourage her faith in God. Before praying, however, the nurse came in very excited to tell me the patient had a serious contagious disease and I should not be in there at all.

I remarked to the nurse that since I was already in the room I would like to complete my visit and pray with her, but while driving home later that evening I was tempted to think I might take the dreaded disease. Those doubts were only conquered by rebuking the devil and forcibly putting them out of my mind, together with thanksgiving for the power of Christ that gives immunity over disease.

Faith expects results. "Expect usually implies a high degree of certainty and also involves the idea of making preparation, of envisioning, or the like." The way you act after you talk and reject doubt is important. Faith makes preparation for receiving the answer to prayer.

In 2 Kings 4:1-8, the widow of one of the sons of the prophets told her need to Elisha. He requested that she borrow empty vessels, as many as she could, and use what she had. After her boys had adequately prepared the vessels she energized her faith by pouring the oil until every vessel was full. The debts were paid and funds to live on were left over from the sale of the oil only because she talked, rejected her doubts, and confidently expected results.

TOILING LOVE

Love is motivated by the Holy Spirit by placing a burden on our hearts to follow the example of Christ
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My Search for the Holy Spirit

By JOHN C. HUFFER

UPON FINDING JESUS AS MY Saviour I was challenged to live for Him. I had a hunger to go on and follow the Captain of my salvation. Soon I was a youth minister in the Church of Christ, and then a minister of a congregation.

All this time I had a desire to be a true disciple, practicing all the gospel. The Church of Christ taught me to follow the Bible pattern in certain areas. In searching the Scriptures I found that the pattern for believers in the New Testament was to have the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Upon receiving this light, I began to search for this Baptism. I asked other ministers in the Church of Christ about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and they told me this experience was only for the New Testament times and that all these things have passed away. Yet, I wanted to follow the New Testament pattern with the power of the Holy Ghost I saw in the sacred pages.

I searched the Bible and found no scripture which indicated the Baptism was not for today. After finding that nowhere in the New Testament was the baptism in the Holy Spirit forbidden for today, I began to search to see if I could receive. At this time my search became intensive, and after months of study I found the following from the scriptures:

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is promised to all believers (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; and John 1:33).

2. The gift of the Holy Spirit as promised in Acts 2:38 is the same as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. For the household of Cornelius received the "gift of the Holy Ghost," recorded in Acts 10:45. Here the same phraseology is used—"gift of the Holy Ghost"—as in Acts 2:38. When Cornelius and his household received,

they could be heard speaking with tongues (Acts 10:46). Later, in recounting the happenings, Peter remembered the word of the Lord; how that He said "John indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 11:16). Therefore, the gift of the Holy Ghost is the same as the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Also in Acts 11:16 Peter connected Cornelius' experience with the promise of John the Baptist (Matthew 3:11).

3. In Acts 1:5 the disciples were promised the baptism with the Holy Ghost. In Acts 2:4 the Bible says they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. Here the terms "baptized" and "filled" are used to mean the same experience. In Ephesians 5:18 we are all commanded to be filled with the Spirit.

After learning this, I wanted the Baptism! I followed all the examples to receive the Holy Ghost found in the New Testament, except having hands laid on me. I saw in Acts 9:17 that it was Ananias, a certain disciple from Damascus, who laid hands on Saul to receive the Holy Spirit.

I learned of a Christian Church preacher living three hundred miles away who had received the Baptism. I drove to meet with him, not knowing there were Spirit-filled Assemblies of God brethren right in the town where I lived (Lincoln, Illinois) who would have helped me.

I talked with the Christian Church preacher, and he took me to Brother Marvin Doolin, the Assemblies of God minister in Olney, Illinois, to lay hands on me. He taught me about receiving the Holy Spirit, and then laid his hands on me, and prayed for me, but I was not ready to receive. I drove back to Lincoln, now determined to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

My friend and fellow minister of the gospel, James Ellison, was anxious to find out what I had learned on my trip. I told him and we studied and prayed together for the next week. Then on Sunday night at 12 o'clock my phone rang and James said he had to talk with me.

He came over to my house and told how he had been dreaming, and then was awakened to find a beautiful light in his bedroom. He tried to reach out and touch the light, but he could not move. He said there came a sound of a rushing wind in the room and a cloud-like form. He tried to speak to his wife to awaken her, he said, and when he tried to speak, he made strange utterances.

We started to pray about the happening, and there in the middle of the night we found a new liberty in prayer, pouring our hearts out to the Lord. At 1:30 in the morning we called the Assemblies of God pastor, Earl E. Cornelison in Lincoln, but learned he was out of town. We talked to Sister Cornelison, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, and asked her if she believed in the baptism of the Holy Ghost. She said that she had received the Baptism and we asked her for help.

The next evening James and I met with Mrs. Cornelison to learn more about the Holy Spirit. She explained that James had received the Baptism and that I too could receive it at any time. We prayed that night and Tuesday evening. Then on Wednesday night I went to the Assemblies of God church to pray at the altar. All

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John C. Huffer

od's gift to you

The wages of sin is death,
the Bible says, but the gift of God
is eternal life through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

A NEWSPAPER REPORTER INTERVIEWED teen-agers on several vital questions. On the subject of religion, one young lady said, "I would like to believe but I can't, as there just is no logic in religion."

This may explain why so few people are accepting the gospel in spite of all the preaching that is being done. If you are one who cannot see any logic in Christianity, let me point out some natural considerations which show that even scientists have to believe in that which they cannot see.

Let us begin with electricity. Here we have an invisible power. We see the effects of this power in our lights, motors, heat, refrigeration, etc., but as for the power itself we cannot see it.

The same is true of gravitation. We see the effects of this natural law when we drop something but the power itself we cannot see.

There are other powers in this world and they were put here for our benefit as long as we obey the laws regarding them. If we become careless

by *H. S. Plain*

regarding the law of electricity it will kill us. The same is true regarding gravitation, fire, water, etc. They are good friends but bad enemies.

Now all these powers were placed here by God for our good; but there is another power which was not placed here by Him and which is foreign to His Kingdom. This power is sin.

Like the other powers mentioned, it also is invisible, but its effects are very evident. We do not see sin; we see *acts* of sin.

Since this is a foreign, obnoxious thing doing so much damage, and no good whatsoever, it must be eliminated. This was God's problem. He decided the best way to nullify it was to let it "spend" itself.

The ultimate purpose of sin is to bring death. This purpose is being accomplished very successfully, as we know; it is bringing death to our ma-

terial body but we call this the *first* death. There is a greater death than this, a spiritual death, and we call it the *second* death.

The first death separates the soul from the body, but not the soul from its relation to God; whereas the second death separates the soul from God and this separation lasts forever.

So in order to let this power of sin "spend" itself, to the last degree, God sent His own Son into the world and He went to the cross of Calvary for this very purpose. For three hours, we are told, there was thick darkness upon the earth while Jesus was hanging on the Cross, because God had withdrawn Himself while sin was "spending" itself on Him. It was successful in separating Jesus from His Father, but in this case the separation was not eternal, because He had something which we call Eternal Life which caused Him to be reunited with His Father and to rise again from the grave. But sin had done all it was capable of doing; it had "spent" itself.

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Now where do you and I fit into the picture? If anyone will accept Eternal Life he may have it as a free gift, as a result of that which Jesus suffered on the cross that day.

This is a gift offered to us without any strings attached, and with the gift comes a bonus. This bonus consists of the forgiveness of all our acts of sin in the past. This in itself removes a terrible burden. So we have everything to gain and nothing to lose by accepting God's gift.

Now while sin is very much in evidence in the world it is possible for those of us who have accepted this wonderful gift to live a better life here upon this earth by means of another power which God supplies. This is the power of the Holy Spirit.

Once we have accepted the gift of freedom from the second death, all we have to do is to ask God for an infilling of the Holy Spirit and we have His promise that we shall receive. Then, even though we are still surrounded by the power of sin, we have a greater power within us to overcome this outward power.

So the acts of sin which we may have committed in the past are forgiven, the fear of death has been removed, and we have wonderful help to live in the present.

No logic? Can you think of anything more logical than this? The proof of the reality of this invisible spiritual power is that it works. Just try it.

Since there is no denying the fact of the power of sin, you may be wondering, "Where did this power originate?"

The only information regarding this comes from the Bible. There we are told of Satan, a rebellious angel who rose up and projected his will to the extent that it went contrary to the will of God. Disobedience to the known will of God constitutes sin, and is always the same whether it happened ages ago or is happening today.

Satan succeeded in getting Adam and Eve to be disobedient to God's will and thus the whole human race has inherited this tendency. True religion consists of forsaking one's sins, accepting God's gift of eternal life

A Time to



Remember the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes?

BLESSING COMES THROUGH SHARING. The lad with his lunch found this to be true the day Jesus fed the hungry multitude. He had only five barley loaves and two small fish, but five thousand were blessed as he gave all that he had to Christ. Those assembled that day witnessed the miracle of *growing by giving*.

Just such a principle is at the heart of the SHARE Sunday school enlargement campaign. As the members of the Sunday school share what the Lord has given them, reaching out to men in need, breaking to them the Bread of Life, there will be an increase.

Outreach must be motivated by compassion, by a recognition of the need to reach those in spiritual deserts. Any Sunday school that fulfills its mission will be involved in this enlargement by sharing. The SHARE Campaign only points up what should be a normal Christian activity.

The SHARE Campaign is prepared especially for October which is Enlargement Month. However, this package campaign is undated and can be used during any four-week period.

Materials for implementing the SHARE campaign center around the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, using the motif of the basket, bread, and fish.

Early in August each church will receive a SHARE Planner giving ideas and outlining materials available for the campaign. The Planner contains an order blank for early ordering of materials.

A special outreach issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* will be available for distribution through the community. This undated issue will be a valuable visitation tool for any time of the year.

It is interesting to note the very methodical way Christ had the disciples prepare for the miracle of the loaves and fishes. People were divided into groups of a hundred or fifty. The disciples were assigned specific tasks in the distribution.

If we are to see a miracle of growth in the Sunday school, we may first be called upon to do some footwork. It was after the disciples had prepared for the miracle that Christ blessed and broke the bread to the multitude.

May the Lord give us a compassion for those in our communities who are hungry for the Bread of Life. May we say, "Lord, all that I have is Thine." As we yield our loaves and fishes to Him and do the needed preparation, all across our land we can know the miracle of *growing by giving*.

through faith in Jesus Christ, and serving Him. It consists of the true worship of God because of what He is, what He has done, and what He is doing for us.

The study of God's dealing with this subject as found in the Bible is one of the most interesting subjects in the world, inasmuch as it is the

only learning which does not cease with death. All other subjects last for only the few short years we are here upon this earth. This is forever.

Read the Bible with an open mind; as our Lord said while here upon the earth, if we are willing to do what we are told to do, we will certainly know what is required of us. ◀◀

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

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bible Quiz

C. A. Teams Qualify for National Quiz Tournament

As we go to press, regional contests in the "Learning Luke" competition among Assemblies of God youth have been completed in five of the eight sections of the country. The C.A.'s of Rose Bud, Ark., winners in their state, went on to win the regional contest for the Gulf States.

In the Great Lakes area the regional winner was a youth team from First Assembly in Lima, Ohio. Other regional winners were: Neighborhood Church in Bellevue, Wash., Northwest Region; Bouldercrest Assembly in Atlanta, Ga., Southeast Region; and First Assembly in Plainview, Tex., South Central Region.

All questions in the quiz are based on the Gospel of Luke. The eight regional winners will participate in the National Quiz Tournament to be held at Memphis, Tenn., August 23 and 24 during the General Council. The finals will be conducted on the platform of Ellis Auditorium on Youth Night.

Israel Celebrates Its Independence With Youth Bible Contest

On April 29, 1963, Israel celebrated its Independence Day with a World Youth Bible Contest. Questions in the quiz were based on the Scriptures pertaining to the "return to Zion" in view of the fact it is now 2,500 years since the Babylonian exiles began to return to Judea, according to *The Israel Digest*.

Contest winner was a youth from Jaffa and his schoolmate was second. Third and fourth places were won by a teen-ager from Canada and a Jewish boy from the U.S.

Israel

New Oil Strike Reported

A new oil strike made near Ashkelon in the southern part of Israel is believed by some experts to be Israel's most significant oil discovery to date. The strike, made March 22 in

a section of dolomite rock, may make the country self-sufficient in petroleum.

This was the first time oil has been struck in Israel elsewhere than in a sand layer. The rich oil reservoirs in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Iran are all in dolomite or porous limestone.

Some \$35 million has been spent in oil prospecting in Israel so far, including 124 oil drillings.

World Harpists Association Formed in Jerusalem

An International Association of Harpists was formed in Jerusalem at the Second International Harp Competition. The French composer, Darius Hilhaud, is president.

Winner of the harpists' competition was Lynne A. Turner of the U.S. She was awarded a grand concert harp donated by a Chicago firm. Twenty harpists from eleven countries took part in the contest, which was held at Jerusalem in memory of King David, greatest harpist in Jewish history.

200 U.S. Companies in Israel

The number of American firms operating in Israel today approaches 200. The list includes such well-known companies as Studebaker-Packard, Dun and Bradstreet, Fairbanks-Whitney, and Goitin Industries.

Seven years ago, the amount of American private investment in Israel was \$8 million a year. Last year it came to nearly \$40 million. In seven years trade between Israel and the U.S. doubled.

Israel's New Premier Vows Unchanged Religious Policy

Israel's new premier has pledged a continuation of the religious policies established by his predecessor, David Ben-Gurion. A policy of understanding and tolerance will be followed, says Premier Levi Eshkol. There is strong anti-Christian pressure from Orthodox groups who would like to crush all missionary activities in Israel but observers expect the new premier to take a liberal course. They recall it was his influence, when Min-

ister of Finances, that brought about government support of the Ness Amim Protestant village project in Galilee.

Arab Pupils in State Schools To Get Christian Training

Israel's Education Ministry says that Moslem and Christian religious education in state high schools serving Arab children will begin this fall. In the past, Jewish children have received some training in the Old Testament and Talmud in the state schools, but Arab students have not had access to knowledge of the Koran (the Moslem holy book) or the New Testament.

Russia

Radio Moscow Calls Baptism a "Health Menace"

One of the reasons life expectancy in Soviet Russia has increased from 32 years, in the time of the Czars, to 69 years as claimed at present, is that fewer people are baptized in water now. Such was the ridiculous statement made by an atheistic commentator on a recent broadcast by Moscow Radio.

He castigated baptism as a "health menace" and called it "a senseless and dangerous rite." He declared that "thousands" of babies die of pneumonia following christening ceremonies, and that "weak hearts" and "weak lungs" in adults have been traced to baptism in their early years.

The Bible says that people who deny the existence of God are fools, and the foolish statement of this radio commentator would seem to confirm the fact.

Miscellany

NAE Says Washington Seminar Will Be in January

The first Washington Seminar for ministers and lay leaders to be sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals will be January 21-24, 1964. Original plans called for it to be in June 1963 but it was postponed because many summer conferences and other activities conflicted with this date.

Purpose of the seminar is to acquaint evangelicals with federal activities at Washington, D.C., and to familiarize them with avenues for Christian service in government.

Commemorative Stamp Designed by Son of Negro Minister

A five-cent U.S. commemorative postage stamp showing a design symbolic of the breaking of the shackles of human slavery will be issued August 16. It will be placed on sale in Chicago, where a Century of Negro Progress Exposition will be held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the freeing of the slaves in 1863. Designed by George Olden, the son of a minister, it is the first stamp ever designed by an American Negro artist.

Prayer Room Requested for Eisenhower Center

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower wants a prayer room in the Eisenhower Center at Abilene, Kans., where men can meditate "to consider their future and the Creator."

"We need a time frequently when we think about something besides a dollar or a nickel or another cigarette," General Eisenhower told members of the Eisenhower Library Commission recently. He said this nation's founders believed in divine guidance and that all great governments of the world were built on a belief in a divine Creator.

TV Sets Outnumber Telephones

A report from the Census Bureau shows there are more American homes with television sets than with telephones. Forty-six million families own TV sets and only 42 million have telephones.

"Buddha Day" Adopted in Hawaii

A bill granting state recognition to April 8 as "Buddha Day" has been adopted by the legislature of the State of Hawaii. The bill specifically provides, however, that "Buddha Day" will not be a state holiday.

Another bill which recommended elimination of Christmas and Good Friday from the list of Hawaiian holidays died in committee. The proposal, made by Senator Kazuhisa Abe, was interpreted as a device for publicizing the Buddhists' campaign to secure official recognition of Buddha's birth date rather than as a serious effort to eliminate the Christian holidays.

There are about 100,000 Buddhists in Hawaii.



Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS

Does Paul's teaching concerning "burial with Christ" refer to water baptism or to a spiritual baptism (Romans 6:3, 4; Colossians 2:12)?

These verses refer to our identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Water baptism is the outward symbol. Having been baptized in water we should make this identification a living reality by keeping ourselves separate from all our former sins and being holy people.

Is it right for an evangelist who has been invited to speak in a church to visit among the people without the pastor's knowledge or consent?

A visiting evangelist is the pastor's guest. He ought not to visit the homes of the church members without the approval of the pastor. If members invite the evangelist, courtesy should cause them to invite the pastor also. An evangelist is expected to help a pastor and should never do anything that would undermine his influence. He might visit the home of an old acquaintance, but even in this it is well for him to let the pastor know what he is doing.

If I read correctly, Paul puts his approval on eating food sacrificed to idols (1 Corinthians 10:25-31). What do you think about this?

Paul stressed moral values. He felt that meat which had been offered to idols, if sold in the market, might be eaten (v. 25); and, if a person were invited out to dinner where such food was served, he would be free to eat it (v. 27). However, he recommended that if there were present those who had strong scruples against it, one should not eat—not because of one's own conscience, but to avoid offending the other person's conscience (vv. 28, 29). We do not live for ourselves alone. We must think of others. "Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God" (vv. 32, 33).

Did Jesus love John more than He loved the other disciples? If He was impartial, why is John called the disciple whom Jesus loved?

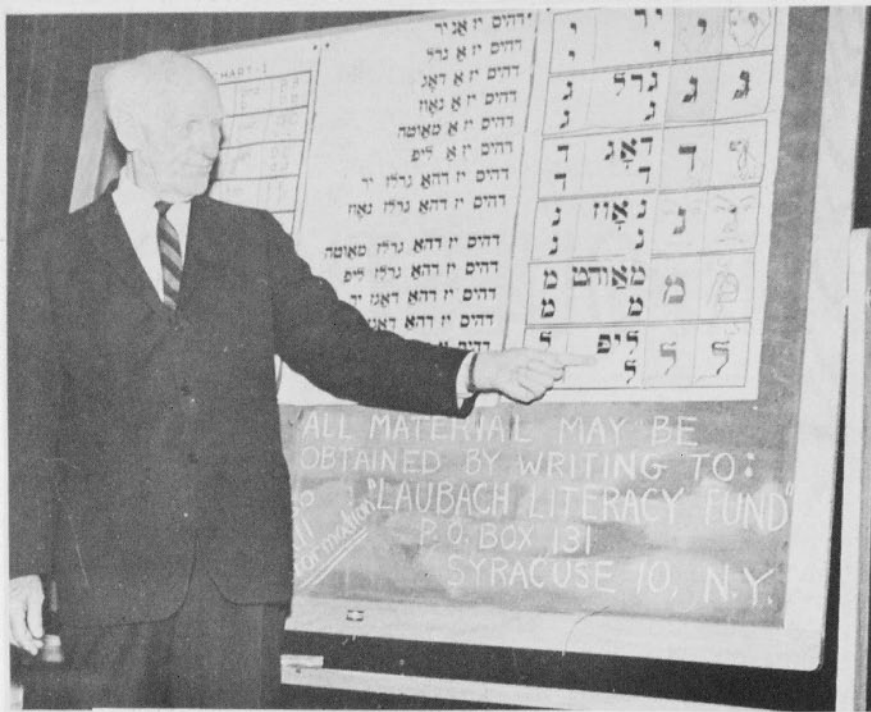
The Bible plainly says Jesus loved all His disciples (John 13:1) and it does not say He loved John more than the others. It was John himself who used the expression, "The disciple whom Jesus loved," and I think the reason he used the expression was not that he thought Jesus loved him better than others but merely that he wished to avoid using his own name. I think it was an indication of self-effacement rather than self-exaltation.

Did the Holy Ghost abide in the lives of people in Old Testament times as He now abides in believers? Does not the Bible say: "The Holy Ghost was not yet given"?

The Holy Spirit was present in creation. He strove with men before the Flood (Genesis 6:3); came upon persons in Old Testament times for special purposes; and is spoken of as "the Spirit of Christ" who prophesied through the prophets. He was WITH man before the Cross, but in this present dispensation the emphasis is on His IN-dwelling (John 14:17; Ephesians 2:22), and Christians are advised to "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). His particular ministry in relationship to believers and the church was not evident until the Day of Pentecost.

PLEASE NOTE: A booklet of questions and answers was prepared some time ago containing many of the problems most often mentioned in Brother Williams' mail. A limited number of these 36-page booklets are still available at 25 cents each, 5 for \$1.00, postpaid. Address your order to: The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Ask for the booklet, "Your Questions," written by E. S. Williams.

A Bigger and Better SCHOOL OF



Dr. Frank C. Laubach, renowned literacy expert, demonstrates a sample teaching chart.



Missionaries register on arrival at the 1963 School of Missions.



Foreign Missions Promotions Secretary, W. R. Hurst, leads panel discussion.

A FELLOWSHIP BANQUET ON JUNE 28 CONCLUDED THE fifth annual School of Missions in Springfield, Mo. It climaxed two weeks of intensive lectures and seminars dealing with many missionary subjects. It was also the occasion of consecrating newly appointed missionaries.

Foreign Missions Director Emeritus Noel Perkin served as Dean of the School, and Mrs. George Carmichael was registrar. Other Foreign Missions Department staff members served as teachers and assistants. Months of careful preparation produced what is believed to be the finest such conference to date.

The idea of a special study-gathering for Assemblies of God missionaries began in 1948. For the next ten years a biennial "missions seminar" was conducted for furlough missionaries and missionary candidates. In 1959 the gathering became an annual event called "School of Orientation." It has had its present form, called "School of Missions," since 1961.

This year 113 missionaries attended, some of them arriving from their fields only a few days before the sessions began. Fifty-five missionary candidates also were present as part of their preparation for overseas service. A particularly valuable feature of the school was the opportunity for missionaries from widely scattered fields to become acquainted with each other and with new appointees.

During the second week the missionaries were joined by about thirty District Missionary Secretaries, teachers of missions subjects in Bible schools, missionary evangelists, and special guests.

One of the most rewarding experiences for those who attended this year's School of Missions was the opportunity to hear Dr. Frank C. Laubach, world authority on teaching adults to read. Though now in his late seventies, Dr. Laubach evidenced the keen mind and dedicated spirit which have made him one of the world's most respected missionaries. His lectures covered the principles of the literacy methods he has developed, and provided opportunity for those in the class to practice teaching each other, sometimes with humorous results.

However, Dr. Laubach's greatest contribution to the gathering was his ability to communicate the intensity of his compassion for the world. Concerned as he is about the darkness of illiteracy, he is even more concerned about the darkness of sin. He sees literacy as a tool through which people can be brought to the Saviour. His strong belief in the power of prayer was repeatedly noticeable. Expressing appreciation for the spiritual emphasis of the Assemblies of God, he appealed to his listeners to join "The Fellowship of the Three Billion" by making it a point to pray each day for

MISSIONS

By JOHN GARLOCK, *Foreign Missions Editor*

the enormous mass of earth's population—mostly unreached.

Another guest lecturer who brought great benefit to this year's School of Missions was Dr. Donald A. McGavran, Missions Director of Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oreg. Dr. McGavran is a former missionary to India and author of widely read books on missionary church growth. Combining sound scholarship with Christian zeal, his lectures probed the problems being faced by evangelical missionaries everywhere.

Though many hours were spent in dealing with practical matters having to do with missionary work, the missionaries present expressed special thankfulness for the spiritual lift received from each other and from those who led the sessions. Even when dealing with the most mechanical matters, there was a deep sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

For example, one session appeared on the printed schedule as a "Deputational Workshop." It was a period dealing with a missionary's arrangements to visit churches in America while on furlough. The subject matter included how to plan an itinerary, how to receive offerings and issue receipts, the use of promotional materials in missionary services, and other similar matters of procedure. It was informal; it was a group of missionaries "talking shop."

But in comment after comment a deep sense of spiritual values began to shine through. These people were not

merely discussing the mechanics of missionary work, but were expressing the yearning to have a valuable spiritual ministry in the American churches which support them. Their faces shone with a vision, and they were eagerly seeking ways to communicate that vision effectively to others. Soon the entire group was enveloped by an intense spirit of comradeship. Here were individuals who, finding new depths in their own dedication, were lifted and encouraged by discovering the same depths in others.

For me it was a transcendent spiritual experience to be present. Before long I found myself standing with the rest in a spontaneous outflow of worship. I was in the front row, and could not resist the urge to turn and look into the faces of these worshipping missionaries. I saw people of all sizes and ages, bound together by great unity of purpose. The lined faces of time-worn veterans were there, some of whom will not reach the mission field again. The eager faces of new recruits were there, rosy with youth, soon to go overseas for the first time.

I looked into the faces and caught glimpses of the vast and varied experiences they have known. Some showed evidence of their past sicknesses, overwork, persecution. Here a touch of jaundice could be traced, there the aftermath of fever. Several had the leathery look of years spent in the tropics. But as I stood and looked from face to face, it was not the differences of appearance that impressed me, but rather the sameness. These people were from all over the world, but their faces carried an identical glow. It bespoke the deep power of purposeful yieldedness to God. And I felt that all Assemblies of God people could be proud and glad to be part of such a team. ◀◀

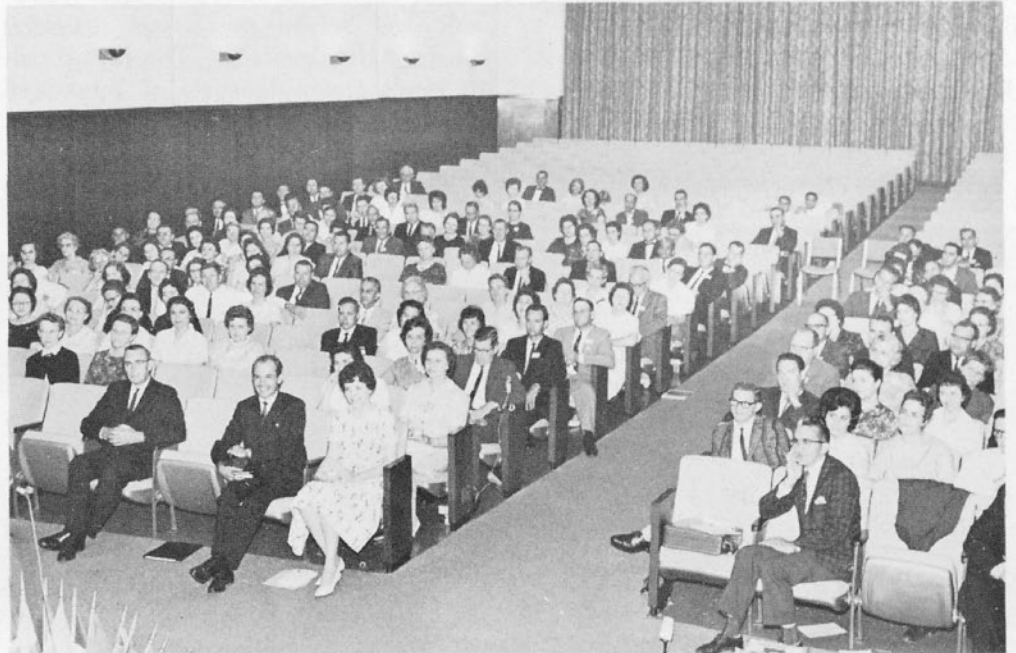
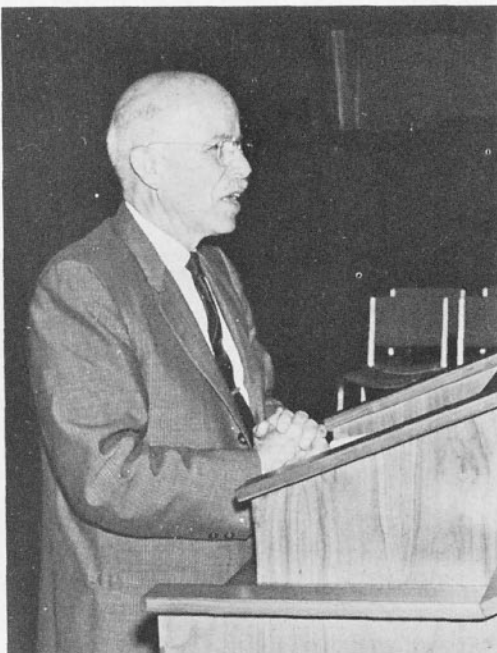
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Foreign-Branch Ministry Yields Encouraging Results

by Ruth Lyon

APPROXIMATELY 600 CHURCHES OF the six Assemblies of God foreign-language branches are endeavoring to reach as many as possible of the 14,306,000 foreign-speaking people in the United States and Puerto Rico. Operating as separate branches under the Home Missions Department, they are: German, Greek, Italian, Spanish Eastern, Latin American and Ukrainian. These branches are able to contact people who otherwise would be unreached by our Assemblies of God churches. Some of the branches have a worldwide literature ministry.

From the three branches that reported we have received the following statistics for 1962: 1,500 people saved, 800 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 100 baptized in water.

The Latin American Branch which has led the nation for several years in the number of new churches opened, started 19 in 1962. The German Branch opened one.

Here are reports from several of the branches:

UKRAINIAN BRANCH

Thirty-five Ukrainian people who

otherwise might not have been reached were saved through the ministry of churches in the Ukrainian Branch in 1962. Approximately 40 were baptized in water and 25 were filled with the Holy Spirit. The branch has 18 churches and 25 licensed or ordained ministers. Joseph Matolina is district superintendent.

The Ukrainian official organ, *Evanhelski Palomnyk* (Pilgrim Evangel), a 20-page bimonthly periodical, is in its twenty-third year of publication and has 2,000 subscribers. The price is \$3 for one year. This paper contains sermons from Ukrainian brethren and others, reports from the churches, and news from missionaries whom the branch supports. (Free sample copies on request by writing to: Ukrainian Branch of the Assemblies of God, 9 East Seventh Street, New York 3, N. Y.)

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade has helped the branch to send its magazine overseas. The branch also sends tracts, Gospels of John, and Bibles in the Ukrainian language to all parts of the world.

The thirty-fourth Ukrainian Branch

Council convened on the camp grounds at Lanesville, N. Y., in the beautiful Catskill Mountains July 18-20. The 1963 camp meeting was also held at Lanesville July 14-28. The Youth Camp is conducted for one week in the English language. The two branch fellowship meetings during last year were crowned with the blessings of the Lord.

LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH

The Latin American Branch has approximately 20,000 members in its 386 churches. The branch reported 1,299 souls saved, 755 filled with the Holy Spirit, and 19 new churches opened in 1962. It has 508 licensed or ordained ministers. Plans for 1963 include the opening of 12 new churches. Jose Giron is superintendent of the branch.

The official organ *La Luz Apostolica* (Apostolic Light) is published monthly. It is one of the oldest Pentecostal periodicals, having been published continuously since 1916. About 5,000 copies are distributed among 13 countries including the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Philippine Islands, Uruguay, Dominican Republic, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Spain, Guatemala, and El Salvador. The subscription price is \$1 per year and orders should be addressed to: *La Luz Apostolica*, Concilio de Distrito Latino Americano, 1519 Los Tomases Drive N. W., Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Other Spanish literature is published by the Spanish Division of the Foreign Missions Department at Springfield, Mo., including *Poder* (Power), an excellent monthly magazine. A subscription to *Poder* is \$1.25 for one year; \$2.25 for two years.

The Central Conference camp meeting was conducted at Chama, N. Mex., July 1-8 and the Pacific Conference camp meeting at Santa Cruz, Calif., July 24-28. The Texas Con-



Joseph J. Matolina, Supt. of Ukrainian Branch



Jose Giron, Supt. of Latin American Branch



C. W. Loenser, Supt. of German Branch



Part of a camp meeting congregation of the Ukrainian Branch at Lanesville, N. Y.

ference Convention was held in Detroit, Mich., at the Spanish Assembly of God June 21-22.

GERMAN BRANCH

The German Branch reported the starting of a new church in Philadelphia and a new quarterly youth paper, *The C. A. Challenge*, in 1962. The branch has 21 churches and 34 licensed or ordained ministers. Forty-two people were saved, 37 baptized in water and 12 filled with the Holy Spirit in 1962. A camp meeting was conducted for children, and one for youth, besides the regular camp meeting.

The branch has a monthly publication, *Licht and Leben* (Light and Life), and a Sunday school quarterly in German. About 1,400 copies of *Licht and Leben* are distributed in the United States, Canada, South America, Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Two thousand copies of the German quarterly are printed. All orders should be addressed to the German Branch Publishing House, 2226 West 91st St., Cleveland 2, Ohio. Subscription price of the magazine is \$1.50 per year; the quarterly is 25c per copy. The lessons correspond with those published by the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

The German Branch WMC's provided a complete set of dishes for the Teen Challenge Center in Chicago. Among the U. S. foreign-language branches the German churches were first in World Missions offerings with contributions amounting to \$25,109.

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Reports were not received from the Greek, Italian, and Spanish Eastern Branches.

The Italian Branch has assisted the brethren in Italy with the production of gospel literature there. Sunday school quarterlies printed in Italy are available from the Italian Assemblies of God in the U.S.A., Sunday School Department, 310 S. 22nd St., Bellwood, Ill.

The Spanish Eastern Branch has 92 churches (including Puerto Rico) under its supervision. It operates three Bible schools, including one in Puerto Rico. Two other Bible schools are operated by the Latin American Branch. These five Spanish-speaking Bible schools last year graduated about 250 students, many of whom are now ministering to their own Spanish-speaking people including some in foreign countries as well as U.S.A.

It All Started with

A PAIR OF SHOES

"IF YOU CAN USE THESE SHOES YOU are welcome to them," read a sign placed beside a pair of ladies' shoes on a small table in the Assemblies of God Administration building at Springfield, Mo. All day workers passed by the shoes and read the sign but no one accepted the offer. Several employees of the Spanish Literature Department noted this and remarked, "If no one can use them, let's take them for the Cuban refugees in Miami."

The owner of the shoes was about to take them home again at the end of the day when someone asked if she could send them to the refugees. And so it all started. Mrs. Glauca Lopez and Mabel Henderson consulted with their department supervisor, John Jackson, concerning putting on a drive for used clothing. Permission was granted and plans were made.

The idea caught fire as large containers with appropriate signs appeared in each of the cloak rooms and daily announcements over the P.A. system reminded workers that since it was spring it was time to look over their wardrobes and bring in discarded clothing. Each day, workers took the day's "haul" to the Spanish Literature Department to be sorted and packed.

At the same time the University Heights Baptist Church in Springfield put on a drive for used clothing among their members. Their pastor, Dr. C. E. Lunn, contacted government of-



David Hale (left) and Vester Jones of the Spanish Literature Department helped load the big truck.

officials and obtained shipping privileges by way of the U.S. Air Force free of charge. "Campbell 66" Trucking Company then offered to take the cartons to the USAF base without charge. A delegation from the Baptist church brought their cartons of clothing to the Gospel Publishing House one evening and worked with some of the Spanish Literature employees weighing and measuring all of the cartons. The shipment totaled 3,000 pounds.

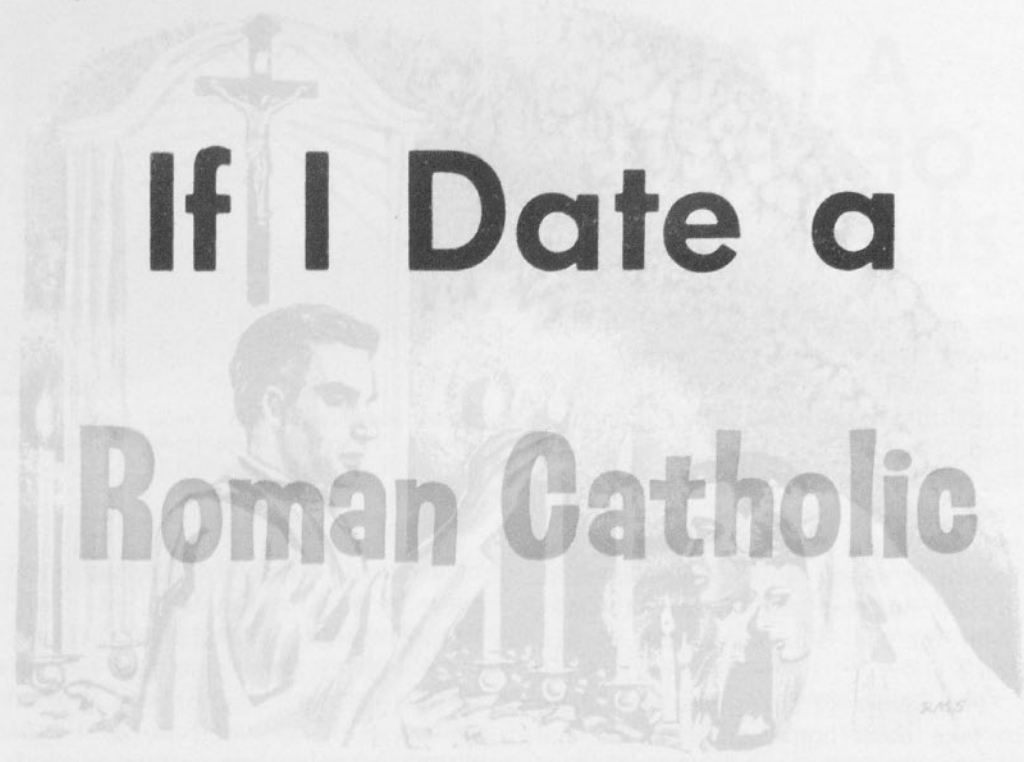
On behalf of the Cuban refugees in Miami the Spanish Literature Department wishes to thank all who contributed to this effort, including WMC groups in nearby churches.

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A letter received from Kathleen Belknap, director of the Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami, said: "We are most grateful for the wonderful shipment of clothing. We know this involved much hard work. New people continue to attend and seek the Lord in our services. It is wonderful the way God is supplying us with clothing to meet the needs of these unfortunate people." ◀◀



Workers from the University Heights Baptist Church and the Spanish Literature Department of the Assemblies of God packed and weighed the boxes of clothing for Cuban refugees.



If I Date a

Roman Catholic

By JOSEPH ZACHELLO, D.D.

DURING MY YEARS AS A ROMAN CATHOLIC priest I had the opportunity of instructing several Protestants in the Roman Catholic doctrine before uniting them in holy matrimony with a Roman Catholic.

I was not surprised to see Protestants sacrifice six or more nights to come to listen to a priest who was trying to explain dogmas they could not and did not care to accept. I knew very well they did not come to learn about a new religion, but rather

to be congenial and help the Roman Catholic person solve several problems created by the Roman Church.

The Protestant well knew that to allow a priest to perform a wedding ceremony would serve to prevent remarks, by Roman Catholic inlaws, that the couple was living in sin. The Protestant relatives would also recognize the validity of such a union because a priest, like a minister, is an agent of the state for this particular purpose.

Though I, as a Roman priest, could understand the acceptance of a Protestant coming to instructions and even having a Roman Catholic ceremony for the mixed marriage, I must confess it wasn't at all clear to me how a Protestant could sincerely believe his or her faith to be true and yet sign pledges with a church whose teachings, including marriage, are completely opposed, and which claims there is no salvation outside the Roman Catholic Church. The Roman Church claims: "The eternal salvation of any out of the true [Roman Catholic] Church of Christ is not even to be hoped for." "Protestantism is not another and diversified form of the one true Christian religion in which it is possible to please God equally as in the [Roman] Catholic Church." (Syllabus of Pope Pius IX, Nos. 17, 19)

Before marrying a Roman Catholic, think not only of yourself but also of your unborn children, since the church will regard you as a permanent and actual danger to their faith.

All such couples (mixed religions) must sign, in the presence of a priest, a pre-nuptial agreement that says: "...I promise on my word and honor... that all children of either sex born of our marriage shall be baptized and educated in the Catholic Church even though the [Catholic] party should be taken away by death."

No parent has the legal right to forever give away a child's spiritual future. Parents are obligated, however, to make provisions for the child's religious education until he or she reaches legal age at which time it is the child's right to decide what faith to follow. It seems therefore that the pre-nuptial contract is not valid because parents have no legal authority to make a lifetime provision for the religion of their children. The Church of Rome says, "Once a Roman Catholic, always a Roman Catholic," and she brands those who would dare leave her as heretics. Can children respect a parent who places them in such a position?

The difference between a Bible-believing Protestant and a Roman Catholic is not a superficial one of ceremonies and customs, but concerns the very fundamental truth of Scripture. The basic doctrine of any religion is how to obtain salvation, and the Roman Catholic Church denies this teaching of the Holy Bible that says man is saved through faith in Christ

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PUZZLE FOR JUNIOR READERS

By Dick Champion

CREATED

In the puzzle at the left are listed seven things which our God has made. Can you solve the puzzle and find them? Here's how:

From the "start" position, move one letter at a time either up, down, or across. Do not move diagonally—only horizontally or vertically. A gray square indicates the end of a word.

To help you get started, the first word listed in the puzzle is DAY.

ANSWER:

To check your answers, look up Psalm 74:16, 17.

and not by good works. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not from yourselves, for it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). "And if out of grace, then not in virtue of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace" (Romans 11:6). (From Roman Catholic edition of the Bible)

Your children will have to believe you are accursed, damned, an anathema because you have accepted these Bible truths: so says Canon 12 of the Council of Trent. "If anyone says that justifying faith is nothing else but confidence in the divine mercy which remits sin for Christ's sake: or that the confidence alone is that whereby we are justified, let him be accursed." You will not be allowed to take an active part at your own child's wedding in the Roman Catholic Church if you are a Protestant. Your children maybe will not dare be present at your funeral because you cannot have a Roman Catholic service or burial. To them and all Roman Catholic relatives you are an outcast, accursed, damned, an anathema.

My advice to young Christian people, now that I, a former priest, also have accepted the only Saviour, is *never date a Roman Catholic and you will never marry a Roman Catholic.* If you still want to marry a Roman Catholic because you love him or her above all else, you can prevent a mixed marriage by helping the Catholic person find the true Saviour through studying and accepting the scriptural truths in the Holy Bible *before marriage.*

If, however, you have already married a Roman Catholic, and have signed that pre-nuptial document, it then becomes your sacred duty to amend by helping your Roman partner, and children, if any, to find and accept the true way of salvation. Scriptural teaching, by the grace of God, will bring them to Christ if proclaimed by a heart and lips made warm and eloquent by a living knowledge of Him who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

"Come boldly to the throne of grace" (Hebrews 4:16). "Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

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This "airatorium," which replaces the old-fashioned canvas tent, is maintained by air pressure.

"CLOUD CATHEDRAL" DRAWS CROWDS TO GOSPEL MEETINGS

A GIANT BALLOON CHURCH—LITERALLY A "CLOUD CATHEDRAL"—is often seen along the Trans-Canada Highway. Passersby, wondering if this multi-colored structure has just settled there, are amazed to discover that it is an "airatorium"—replacing the old-fashioned canvas tent. This balloon church seats 1,000. The 60-by-120-foot structure is kept up by low pressure air action.

The Vancouver Sun, referring to the Gerard-Chapman Team, owners of the tent, said: "Evangelists are jet-age modern with this 'cloud cathedral' made of nylon and vinyl plastic, which replaces traditional canvas tent... Visitors to the Gerard-Chapman services will scarcely be aware that they are in an 'airatorium.' Gentle air pressure is maintained by concealed blowers and a standby electric plant is ready to go in times of local power failure."

"The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation featured the tabernacle and our evangelism program in the B. C. regional news during the final campaign of last season," says Evangelist Bernice Gerard, "and the large daily newspaper gave us a lot of publicity."

Miss Gerard is chaplain at the University of British Columbia during seven months of the year. The remaining months are spent with her co-worker, Velma Chapman, in evangelism. For years they used an ordinary tent for their meetings. They then purchased this "airatorium" from Seattle Tent and Awning Company. Their experience with it is now spread over three seasons. In Bernice Gerard's own words, "We have used the 'cloud cathedral' for the past two years and find it infinitely better than the old-type canvas tent that we used in our nine years of evangelism in U. S. and Eastern Canada."



Crowd at Silver Lake, Wash., enjoyed a gospel meeting in the spacious "cloud cathedral," which seats 1,000. (Evangelist Bernice Gerard inset)



God's Invisible Army

Sunday School Lesson for August 11, 1963
2 Kings 6:13-23; Isaiah 41:10

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

A Wicked King Thwarted (2 Kings 6:8-12). Ben-hadad, King of Syria, quickly forgetting God's goodness to the commander of his army (2 Kings 5:1-14), waged war against Israel. His strategy failed. His forces returned baffled. Attributing the failure to treachery on the part of his own men, he said, "Which of us is for the king of Israel?" How often the rulers of the world leave God out of their calculations and are utterly ignorant of the real causes of military defeats! But those who war against God fight a losing battle, for it is He who determines the destinies of nations!

Ben-hadad was then told the startling truth, "Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth... the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber." God had, indeed, given Elisha a "word of knowledge" by the Spirit. And does not the church today need the operation of this gift of the Spirit in order to protect itself from the onslaughts of Satan and from deception by his emissaries? (See 1 Corinthians 12:1-8, 31.)

A Worried Servant Enlightened (vv. 13-16). Upon learning that Elisha was responsible for the defeat of

his forces, Ben-hadad sent a force out to capture him. The fact he sent "horses and chariots and a great host" showed the king feared Elisha and considered it a matter of extreme importance to capture him. Yet it seems not to have occurred to him that the prophet who had been given a revelation of all his previous plans would be aware of this plan too! Blind and foolish is the inconsistency of those who are bent on wickedness!

When Elisha's servant saw the approach of the Syrian hosts he became panic stricken and fled to his master, saying, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?" Evidently this successor to Gehazi had not yet learned to look beyond outward appearances and adverse circumstances to the unseen God who overshadows and cares for His own!

Elisha's conduct is in vivid contrast to that of his servant. Conscious as always of the unseen Presence, he calmly eyed his servant and replied, "Fear not." It is a vain and cruel thing to tell a man in peril to fear not without giving him solid reasons for fearlessness. But Elisha had good reasons! "They that be with us are more than they that be with them." Here is a principle we all need to live by. "If God be for us, who can be against us" (Romans 8:31)? "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

An Unseen Power Revealed (vv. 17, 18). What was the trouble with Elisha's servant? He had faulty vision! "And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." Elisha's servant was granted a vision of realities in the unseen realm of spiritual things, and saw with his eyes that which Elisha knew and lived by without having to see—that God has angelic hosts who protect His children against the wicked spirits employed by Satan.

This points out the great need of spiritual understanding today among believers in Christ. It was for this Paul prayed: "That God... may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know... what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe" (Ephesians 1:15-23).

For any Christian to ignore the reality of natural perils, adversities, and dangers would be foolish indeed. But to ignore the help that is always available in such times is not only foolish but tragic! The fact is that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7), and God's unseen hosts who protest and sustain His children far outnumber the wicked spirits in high places. But the vital question is—do we count on these glorious facts and live by them? To do so is to experience peace and the strength of His Presence in the time of stress and peril!

And what are the conditions for such spiritual illumination? When the great Louis Agassiz taught at Harvard, the senior students used to say to the freshmen: "Stay with the professor. Keep close to him, and he will show you something wonderful every minute." As we stay close to Christ, His Spirit will give us just the revelation we need for every situation of life!

BOTH SINNERS AND SAINTS NEED OPEN EYES



MARKS OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

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as found in Acts 10:38. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed; for God was with him." As the Son of God, Jesus loved to please the Father. To do so required complete obedience to the will of God.

Because God was with Him, He retained the anointing of the Spirit upon His life. Because He was anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power, He went about doing good. Because He energized His faith by expending power, He healed all that were oppressed. And because He did good and healed the sick, God was with Him. This is the unbroken circle of a perfect life. It is practicing the presence of God.

A life of love involves hardships, labor, toil and pain. In 2 Corinthians 6:3-13 (Williams Translation) Paul writes, "To keep my ministry from being found fault with, I am trying not to put a single hindrance in anybody's way. On the contrary, I am trying in everything to prove to people that I am a true servant of God: by my tremendous endurance in sorrows, distresses, difficulties; in floggings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, and hunger; through my personal purity, my knowledge, my patience, my kindness; through the Holy Spirit, my genuine love, my message of truth, and the power of God; with the weapons of right-doing in my right hand and my left; in honor or dishonor, in slander or praise; considered a deceiver and yet true, obscure and yet well-known, on the point of dying and yet I go on living, punished and yet not put to death, sad but always glad, poor but making many people rich, penniless but really possessing everything. O Corinthians, my tongue is telling you everything; my heart is stretched with love for you. You are not squeezed into a tiny corner in my heart, but you are in your own affections. To pay me back, I tell you, my children, you too must stretch your hearts with love for me."

Love is reciprocal. It must be expressed both to God and to man.

ENDURING HOPE

Dynamic Christianity demands a life of faith, hope, and love. To water down any of these three attributes is to lower God's standard of Christian character. In these prophetic times highlighted by the universal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, it is incumbent upon all Spirit-filled Christians to walk with God as Christ and the Early Christians did.

Thank God for that blessed hope, the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ from heaven. To be ready to meet Him at His return we need an enduring hope. By placing our trust and reliance in God, we resist all the destructive forces of doubt. We remain firm, steadfast, and constant in our hope.

Abraham's example of faith and hope is beautifully portrayed in Romans 4:18-22, Williams Translation. "Abraham, building on hope in spite of hopeless circumstances, had faith, and so he actually became the father of many nations, just as it had been told him, 'So numberless shall your descendants be.' Because he never weakened in faith, he calmly contemplated his own vital powers as worn out (for he was about one hundred years old) and the inability of Sarah to bear a child, and yet he never staggered in doubt at the promise of God but grew powerful in faith, because he gave the glory to God in full assurance that He was able to do what He had promised. Therefore, his faith was credited to him as right standing with God."

No wonder Paul wrote again in 1 Thessalonians 3:9-10, Williams Translation, "For how can I render God enough thanks for you, for all the joy I have on account of you in the presence of our God, as night and day I continue to pray with deepest earnestness and keenest eagerness that I may see your faces and round out to completeness what is lacking in your faith?"

He rejoiced over their "work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope." May we pray for each other with "deepest earnestness" and desire with "keenest eagerness" to "round out to completeness" what is lacking in our faith. ◀◀

MY SEARCH FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Continued from page seven)

the people were so concerned for me that I was embarrassed when I did not receive the Baptism. By Thursday I still had not received, but my seeking became more fervent. On Friday night I attended a revival meeting in Decatur, Illinois, where Brother Vinyard was the evangelist. Upon inquiry he told me to seek the Baptism as I never had before.

All day Saturday I felt like lying down to pray, and at about 5:30 in the evening I started to pray in earnest. I stood on Ephesians 5:18: "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." I prayed, "Lord, I do not want to be drunk with wine, or to be filled with any of the things of this life, but do not leave me empty; let me be full of the Holy Ghost."

Then it seemed that I was in a green pasture and

I was saying, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Then I stood up and drank in of the living waters, and began to speak in a language I never had learned. I spoke in tongues for over an hour. I called Brother Cornelison and could not speak in English over the phone. He knew what had happened.

On Sunday morning I preached on the baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in other tongues. On Monday I was informed that the congregation was looking for a new pastor. I was called before the board of elders of my home church and lost all support. I lost the church where I had been pastor for a year and a half, and all the backing of my home congregation, but I gained the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!

Pastor Cornelison took my family and myself into Faith Assembly of God, and now I am preaching revival meetings in Assemblies of God churches. Having reached the happy end of my personal search for the Holy Spirit, I am now witnessing other Christians receive this glorious Baptism. ◀◀

Sanctified by the Spirit



God's primary purpose in sending the Holy Spirit into any person's life is to make that person holy in thought, word and deed.

By JOHN W. LACKEY

DAVID PRAYED, "CREATE IN ME A clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). With these soul-searching words the penitent king expressed his desire that God would not only remove from him the condemnation of his sinful act, but also make his nature such that it would be pure and undefiled before men and God.

God Himself commanded that men should be pure and holy (Leviticus 19:2). In His "Sermon on the Mount" Jesus stressed holiness in thought and concept as well as action (Matthew

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6:1-4; 5:15; 16-18). He who would inherit the kingdom of heaven must be holy and pure.

Peter admonished those to whom he wrote to await in holiness of nature the revelation of Jesus Christ. As God is holy so those who are followers of Him should be holy (1 Peter 1:15, 16)—a reiteration of the Levitical commandment.

It was the expectation of the Early Church that all followers of the Master would be holy and cleansed individuals. On numerous occasions the believers were referred to as saints—*hagioi* (e.g., Matthew 27:42; Romans 8:27; 12:13; 15:25, 26; Hebrews 6:10; Jude 3; Revelation 8:3). This term is significant in that the writers of the New Testament use the words *hagios* for "holy" (e.g., Matthew 24:

15; Luke 1:72; Romans 1:2; Ephesians 5:27; 2 Peter 1:18), and *hagiadzo*, a verb form from the same basic stem, for the word most commonly translated as "sanctified" (John 10:36; 17:17, 19; Ephesians 5:26; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:2). It is thus evident from New Testament linguistic usage that the early believers were expected to be holy—sanctified.

For such a nature as this the believer was chosen. Paul expressed this to the believers at Ephesus when he stated that God "hath chosen us in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." (See also 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23; Colossians 1:22; 2 Timothy 2:19; 2 Corinthians 7:1). John likewise emphasized the desire that those who were believers should be holy and pure (see 1 John).

Jesus had proclaimed to His beloved disciples that the "Comforter"—the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit—was to be sent by the Father. To the saddened disciples He was to be a Comforter. To the world He would bring conviction of sin and testimony to the name of the Saviour. To the believer He was to provide the means by which a transformation would be effected which would transcend the limits of human ability.

The Day of Pentecost was a day of great excitement and of great spiritual significance. The Holy Spirit was given to the world in a new relationship. Great as the events of that day proved to be, the work of the Spirit was not to be confined to experiences of an ecstatic nature accompanied by utterances in an "unknown tongue" nor to the other charismatic manifestations of 1 Corinthians 12 to 14. The arrival of the Spirit signified the arrival of a new dynamic. Through the operation of the Spirit the conquest of the "natural man" was to be effected.

What man could not do through the Law he could now do through the Spirit. The failure of the Law had not been in its concepts, but "in that it was weak through the flesh" (Romans 8:3). By the operation of the Spirit victory was to be found where defeat had previously reigned; life was to be attained, death to be destroyed, purity to be developed where once iniquity abounded. It was the Spirit who was to make the saints—the *hagioi*—saints in nature as well as in

name. To possess the charismatic activity of the Spirit was insufficient. To possess a new nature was demanded.

John the Baptist had proclaimed that there was one who would come after him who would baptize, not with water to repentance, but with the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11). The purifying effect of the Spirit was to remove the dross from the life of the believer.

Paul recognized that the power of the Spirit was operative in the life of the believer. When caught between his desire and his nature he knew it was by the power of the Spirit that his human, weak, inadequate nature could be empowered with holy dynamic from on high by the action of the Holy Spirit to become triumphant over human inadequacies (Romans 7; 8:2). It was by the law of the Spirit that he had power over sin. In himself he was inadequate, but through the Spirit he was victorious.

To the deviating Galatians who had exhibited their unstable nature by being led astray, Paul inquired, "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh" (Galatians 3:3)? It was inconceivable to this champion of the faith that the Galatians should think that spiritual maturity could be achieved by the operation of any other power than the Spirit. Holiness was to be accomplished by the activity of the Spirit.

Those who would have life and

peace find it in being spiritually minded. Those who would please God do so by being in the Spirit, not in the flesh. He who seeks life instead of death will mortify (put to death) the deeds of the body through the Spirit. He who would be accounted a son of God will be led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8).

In each instance the work of the Spirit is emphasized; not action necessarily of an ecstatic experience, but certainly action of a supernatural power. The third person of the Trinity performs the work which leads to a life of holiness—sanctification.

This life of holiness cannot be attained by adherence to the laws of the flesh, for the operation of the flesh is against that of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16, 17). But by the power of the Spirit believers are able to obey the truth of God (1 Peter 1:22) and produce lives of value and victory (Galatians 5:22, 23). Those traits of righteousness which believers are to possess were rightly called "the fruits of the Spirit," for it is by the continual operation of the Spirit that such desirable, and yet elusive, qualities can be attained.

Many of the specific problems of the Early Church have been relegated to the pages of history, but the struggle between darkness and light, wrong and right, the flesh and the Spirit, sin and holiness, are yet with us. We, like Paul, may find victory and purity if we "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." ←

Then Jesus Came!

By SYLVIA PAINE

JESUS WAS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED with people who had ruined their lives. Matthew was a money-grabbing tax-collector, despised by the Romans for whom he worked, and hated by his fellow countrymen for cheating them. But money did not ease his heartache for happiness. Then Jesus came along, and life for him began again.

Zacchaeus was a swindling tax-collector, too, one of the chief ones; despised by all, for no one ever loves a swindler. His pockets were full but his heart was empty—until Jesus came along the dusty road one day, and life for Zacchaeus too began again.

On the day that Jesus died there were two criminals crucified with Him, one on either side. They were not petty thieves but crime-hardened men. One of them had an aching heart. He was ending his days paying the penalty for his crooked life—and then he met Jesus. Admittedly he did not meet Him in the place or manner which he would have preferred, but nevertheless he met Him. He whispered to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come to your throne." And Jesus said to him, "I tell you this: today you shall be with me in Paradise."

Two underhanded businessmen and a hardened criminal, but Jesus loved them. He said, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Jesus came to meet your need. He died on the Cross, in your place, so that you might be forgiven. Your life may be ruined, but just as the sun rises fresh and glorious each morning so you can begin life again; but this time begin it with God.

—Redemption Tidings

"When we have sinned and come to God asking forgiveness He welcomes us with abundant pardon. The wonder of this forgiveness is that we do not deserve it. But God's love goes far beyond our deserving. God does demand that we make restitution for our sins so far as we are able. But if we had to repay the full amount of damage for our sins we would be in a hopeless condition."

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God's Grace in My Life

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY BY D. EUGENE KELLY

I WAS BROUGHT UP IN THE BELIEF THAT ONE CHURCH was right and all the others were wrong. It was my father's church and my mother's church. When I was a boy I felt sorry for people who did not believe as I did.

But when I grew up I refused to join that church. I was convinced that I ought to, but I just was not willing until a problem arose in my life. It was a problem common to young men in the armed services like me. I felt all alone. When I boarded a ship in February, 1945, and headed for the South Pacific I became worried about my future. I promised the Lord that if He would just take care of me during the war and bring me home safely, I would join the church and serve Him as best I could.

I MADE A PROMISE TO GOD

I believe that God heard that promise I made when faced with the problem of loneliness and fear of the unknown future, for He did just what I asked Him to do. I came home without a scratch. However, I forgot the vow I had made.

My wife and I had a talk about our religious beliefs before we married. I told her that although I did not believe as she did, this would not matter because I probably would never join a church anyhow.

After we had been married a few months I became restless and God reminded me of my promise. I tried to dismiss the feeling but it stayed with me. I went to church often, and lots of times I went by myself. People would talk to me about joining the church, but I told them I was not ready.

Finally one Saturday morning in March, 1947, I decided I could not put it off any longer. I offered myself for membership in the church where my parents were members. I was received with many tears of joy. I was baptized the next day in a nearby creek. The water was so cold it almost took my breath, but I suffered no ill effects.

I began to work in the church and in October, 1950, I was ordained a deacon. I was satisfied I was in the will of God and prayed that my wife might see the light and join my church. The thing I didn't know was that she had more light than I had. We had divided up the Sundays; she went to church with me half the time, and I went with her the other half.

I was stubbornly against the things she believed and the experiences she had with the Holy Spirit. I felt that if I didn't have all God had for me, He would give it to me because I was honest hearted.

D. Eugene Kelly, a layman, is a member of First Assembly in Birmingham, Ala., where he teaches a Sunday school class. Pastor S. F. McManus says Brother Kelly is actively participating in the opening of a new Assembly in Tarrant City, a suburb of Birmingham, this summer. The Birmingham First Assembly is sponsoring this effort as a "mother church."

As time passed we became more and more separated in our convictions until finally in August of 1960 after many hardships and the loss of two children through sickness we were at the end of our strength. Finally my wife said to me, "You are the head of the house, so I will let you have the responsibility of choosing where we shall go to church. I will join whatever church you choose."

I THOUGHT I HAD WON

I thought I had finally won but the Lord had other plans. We started to my church the next Sunday. I just could not bring myself to take her there when I knew it was breaking her heart, so I turned the car around and headed toward the First Assembly of God of Birmingham. She reminded me that if I went there, that was where we would place our membership. I said that was all right; I could go there with more satisfaction than she could go to my church.

After going there for a couple of Sundays I was so burdened I told her I just couldn't do it. She went to church without me on Wednesday night. The next day she said to me, "They asked me to tell you they were praying for you." I asked her if she told them they were tearing my home apart. She said she did not.

She called the pastor and asked him to come over and talk to us about church membership. He came over one night after supper. We sat down and talked, and soon he came to the point. He said, "How far apart are you in your beliefs?" This opened the door and we talked about four hours. I gave him my views, and he would calmly show me the Bible way. The one thing I could neither accept nor refute was the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I tried to explain it away, but I just could not.

MY DEFENSE WAS SHATTERED

He had prayer with us and gave me some books on the baptism of the Holy Spirit before leaving. I was not fully convinced that he was right, so I took the books and examined them. I found them to be backed by the Scriptures. My defense was shattered, so I began to pray for the Lord to give me full light on the subject. I also began to seek after this experience.

We decided to join the assembly and were joyously received in September, 1960. A revival began soon after this and the evangelist followed the custom of laying hands on people that they might receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit as Paul and others did in Bible times. I told him I wanted to receive this experience, so he told me to come prepared the next Sunday night and he would pray with me. When the invitation was given for seeking the Baptism, I was the first to accept.

Others came and knelt at the altar but I just shut myself in with God. I began to praise Him with all my

heart. The evangelist worked with the others for a short time and then came over to me. He asked me if I was ready and I told him I was. He laid his hands on my head and began to pray.

MY HEART WAS FLOODED WITH JOY

It seemed that those hands were two warm heaters on my head and the warmth from them flowed down into every fibre of my being. My tongue began to move in a fashion I had never known before. I realized that I had received the same experience those in the upper room had received on the Day of Pentecost, and my heart was flooded with joy.

On the Tuesday night immediately following this ex-

perience we had another wonderful meeting. A man and his wife were at the altar seeking the Baptism. Both the evangelist and our pastor had been praying with them, but the couple had not been filled. I went over and stood behind the man and prayed for the Lord to fill him, and when I put out my hand and touched him on the shoulder it seemed all heaven was poured out on us. He received the Baptism and I began to dance in the Spirit and speak with other tongues.

The Lord has been real to me ever since. I am still rejoicing in His love, and am supremely happy in His service. My desire is to see new churches opened where others may receive this wonderful Gift of the Holy Ghost.

MIRACLE IN A HAIL STORM

OUR COTTON CROP HAD BEEN WATERED and was tender, and the peach trees were loaded with fruit ready to harvest in about six weeks. As I stood at the window and saw a hailstorm coming, I knew that the cotton easily could be beaten into the soil, and the peach crop destroyed.

I thought of those faithful souls in Mexico who were praying for sheet iron roofs on their church buildings, and remembered what we had promised the Lord. I saw the fruit so much needed at our Magdiel Bible School (our Assemblies of God Bible school located at Matamoros, Mexico). Just the year before (1962) when the frost had struck the blooms, I had promised the peaches to the Lord if He would undertake. He did so by giving a *third* set of blooms, and we were able to send eighteen cases of canned fruit to the school. Now again this year we had dedicated the fruit!

So I talked to our Lord about rebuking the hail that now was coming down upon these crops. As I watched, I waited upon our dear Lord. The hail stopped. Garden crops all about us were a total loss, but God protected what was dedicated to Him. What a miracle we saw in that hail storm.—Mrs. Winnie Findley, Mission, Texas.

(This testimony of God's goodness to this faithful saint has been endorsed by Pastor N. L. Lestarjette, Assembly of God, Mission, Texas. He adds that when the 1962 harvest came, peaches were a rare commodity and brought attractive prices, but Mrs. Findley steadfastly refused to sell and kept her vow to give them to the Bible School.)



Bob Abbott

Winners Announced in Mr. and Miss CA-USA Scholarship Contest



Pat McDaris

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Patricia Kay McDaris, Taft, Calif., and Robert Murray Abbott, Jr., Alexandria, Minn., have been named Mr. and Miss CA-USA in the annual scholarship contest sponsored by the Assemblies of God Education and Christ's Ambassadors Departments.

Chosen from 177 applicants, each of the two winners will receive \$300 toward education expenses. Miss McDaris plans to enroll at Evangel College, four-year liberal arts school of the denomination in Springfield, Mo., to study music and mathematics. Abbott also will enter the college to pursue a premedical course.

Miss CA-USA graduated from Taft Union High School as second in a class of 200, while Mr. CA-USA was first academically among 240 graduates of Jefferson High School. Both students engaged in music activities, including band and choir. Miss McDaris received a scholarship to the 1962 Pacific Music Camp and Abbott received high ratings in district music contests.

Participating in a wide variety of school functions, Miss McDaris was a member of Science Club, Future Teachers of America, Latin Club, and Girls' Athletic Association. She served both as secretary of the student body and as coeditor of the school annual. A runner-up for Girls' State the honor student received recognition for a number of academic achievements, in addition to being a semifinalist in the National Merit scholarship competition.

A member of First Assembly of God in Taft, where Leonard Palmer is pastor, Miss CA-USA has been a Missionette and was pianist of the Sunday school, youth group, and choir. She is a soloist and belongs to several musical groups.

Mr. CA-USA was active in high school as an officer in Youth for Christ and in Mathematics Club. He also participated in debate and in the class play. In addition, the scholarship winner held offices in Key

Club, serving as the organization's representative to an international convention. A delegate to Boys' State, Abbott also attended a statewide Rotary-sponsored Young Men's Conference.

Abbott is a member of the Assembly of God in Alexandria, Minn., where his father is pastor. Besides holding various offices in his youth chapter, he was winner in the state C. A. (youth) talent contest with a saxophone solo. He also has taught a primary Sunday school class.

Christ's Ambassadors scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, Christian character, and participation in school and church activities. Money for the presentations comes from local Assemblies of God districts, the denomination's colleges and churches, and from other interested persons.

(For names of additional scholarship winners in the various districts, see the August issue of *C. A. Herald*.)

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MF-ers participating in New Jersey's program to raise funds for evangelical literature display their charts. Dr. Jere D. Melilli (center), Baton Rouge, La., was speaker for three fund-raising banquets. David Cook, district MF president (left), and Pastor E. V. Berquist, district MF director (right), were in charge.

Garden State MF Exceeds "Light-for-the-Lost" Goal

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD LAYMEN IN New Jersey exceeded a \$340 goal for a *Light-for-the-Lost* gospel literature project in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, by almost \$100. The drive was conducted in conjunction with three "Lads and Dads" banquets held in June.

Featured speaker for each banquet was Dr. Jere D. Melilli, Baton Rouge, La. More than 400 men and boys heard the Assemblies of God surgeon present the challenge of soul winning both at home and abroad.

The \$400 contributed by New Jersey men will provide 88,000 Gospel Portions for distribution in the capital city of Honduras. David Cook, a layman associated with the Standard Oil Company, is the Garden State Men's Fellowship president.

During May, 1963, a new record of \$3,326.89 for nation-wide giving to *Light-for-the-Lost* was established. It was led by the Southern California District with an offering of \$1,820. Based on past analysis, these funds will provide approximately 665,000 Gospel Portions, or a much larger quantity of evangelistic tracts. This printed matter should reach over three million people with the light of the gospel.

More than 40 foreign cities are scheduled for major literature crusades during 1963. Assemblies of God laymen will provide gospel literature for our missionaries and national workers in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan; Dakar, Senegal; Montevideo, Uruguay; and Mexico City, Mexico.



David P. Cook, MF president in New Jersey describes the 1963 district *Light-for-the-Lost* project in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Major Revisions Made in Men's Fellowship Soul-Winning Program

"AFTER GIVING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION to previous *Action Mandatory* campaigns, the MF Department decided to make some major revisions in this personal soul-winning effort," Burton W. Pierce, national MF secretary, has announced.

Although there was considerable success in prior *Action Mandatory* operations, two changes appeared necessary to give the effort added impetus. These include changing the commencing date from January 1 to November 1, and shortening the actual campaign from three months to one month.

By redating this emphasis from three of winter's coldest months to one in autumn, it is expected that much more interest can be encouraged in door-to-door evangelism, according to Brother Pierce. This period will follow also the Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, and will give men an opportunity to cooperate with the local school in follow-up work. Response from all parts of the nation indicate *Action Mandatory* is fulfilling a great need by enlisting men in soul-winning.

Action Mandatory materials are being prepared now and are expected to be in the mail to pastors and MF leaders by October 1. "Witnesses unto Me" is the 1963 theme.

Immediately following this program will be the annual Men's Day, Sunday, December 1, which will follow the theme "Mobilizing Men." Particular emphasis will be placed on missions, soul winning, the ministry of Christian men to boys, and the Church.



Troop 5 of Fort Worth section, poses after its charter banquet at Bethel Temple. Its sponsors from the church Men's Fellowship (left to right) are Ted Forrester, Travis Farrar, Pastor Charles R. Jones, and Bearl Mathews.

Royal Ranger Troop 5 Organized

BETHEL TEMPLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Fort Worth, Tex., has organized a ROYAL RANGER troop with twelve charter members. It is Troop 5 of the Fort Worth section.

The goals set for Troop 5 are to instruct, challenge, and inspire boys in areas of Bible doctrine, moral conduct, and basic beliefs of our church by continually presenting interesting activities which boys enjoy, and to satisfy boys' basic needs for physical activity. Proper emphasis will be placed on outdoor enthusiasm with activities like hiking, camping, nature study, and first aid.

Bethel Temple (Charles R. Jones, pastor) is wasting no time getting its program underway. Troop 5 will take a missionary bus trip this summer, and is working currently on a project to supply Braille literature for the Blind by collecting used postage stamps.

To maintain the interest of its members, the sponsors of this group have planned field trips, drills, and Bible study. Troop 5 is persuading other boys to join the program because of its varied activities.

"TEAM" WINS EPA AWARD

TEAM, OFFICIAL PERIODICAL OF THE Men's Fellowship Department, was named the top denominational publication by the Evangelical Press Association at its fifteenth annual convention in Chicago, May 13-15. It was the second successive year TEAM received this award.

The magazine recently increased its number of pages from 16 to 24. The additional eight pages will mean more helpful and inspiring articles to challenge men.

Under the leadership of Editor F. Wildon Colbaugh, TEAM has grown and expanded. For 11 months Brother Colbaugh maintained the quality of the MF periodical at a high level.

Due to his demanding duties as



F. Wildon Colbaugh, TEAM editor, receives the EPA plaque for the top denominational magazine for 1962 from Howard Bush, assistant general superintendent and executive director of the Men's Fellowship Department.

publicity director for the Assemblies of God Radio Department, Brother Colbaugh has resigned as editor. He will continue to hold a keen interest in MF as a special assignment author.

Burton W. Pierce, national MF secretary, has resumed editorship. Named to assist Brother Pierce as managing editor is Loren O. Beans.

Prior to joining the MF Department as program and promotions co-ordinator in February, 1963, Brother Beans served two and a half years in the publications division of the National Christ's Ambassadors Department. An army veteran of the Korean theater, and a graduate of Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., Mr. Beans is married and has two children.

Men's Fellowship Blesses Delphos' First Assembly

THE DELPHOS, OHIO, FIRST ASSEMBLY of God is blessed by its Men's Fellowship group, says Pastor Warren J. Campbell.

The Delphos MF was revitalized in an unusual way. A man, saved for a short time at a Wednesday night Bible study and prayer meeting, eagerly declared: "I'm sure planning to attend the men's retreat at the Ohio District camp this year." The new convert was anxious to go after learning how glorious the blessings of the Lord and the moving of the Holy Spirit were the year before.

The spirit of the 1961 retreat at Big Prairie camp spread among the men that night as they discussed God's outpouring. Pastor Campbell says, "Soon the men were actively recruiting for the camp. The men were applying for 'leaves of absence' and vacations to coincide with the scheduled 1962 retreat.

Two carloads attended camp that summer, and only eternity will reveal the results of the time spent at the retreat. An immediate result was that the men developed a deep concern for the responsibilities of the church afterwards. A marvelous spirit of intercession followed their return. A prayer time was begun on Sunday mornings. The men gathered at 8 o'clock and sought God until it was time to pick up their families for Sunday school.

This church experienced a new blessing because the men were praying. The men of First As-



Delphos' MF members Ronnie Krugh (left) and Tom Hiegel (right) tell the gospel story to John Bear in a typical visitation scene.

sembly are thrilled with the possibilities of *Light for the Lost*, the MF foreign missions program designed to supply literature for Assemblies of God missionaries and to assist in major evangelistic campaigns in key cities.

In addition, they are working toward the establishment of a *Royal Rangers* group in Delphos. Also, First Assembly's men divided into visitation teams and went from door to door leading men to Christ. Church repairs and maintenance work are other blessings the church received from its MF.

"As a pastor, I see the vitality the MF retreat gave our men. I'm for it 100 per cent, and enjoy it thoroughly," emphasizes Brother Campbell.

Royal Rangers Program Boosts Eastside Assembly

"I feel the Royal Ranger Outpost is boosting the entire church program," says George Nettell, outpost commander at Eastside Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri. Since the inception of the boys' program a little more than a year ago, the group has grown from a small number to an outpost of 40 members.

Eastside's group functioned on an unofficial basis for nearly eight months. Then Commander Nettell felt his group was ready to apply for official recognition from the national office. In a ceremony held Friday, April 12, Johnnie Barnes, national commander of the Royal Rangers, presented a charter to Eastside.

By April they had organized the Pioneers (ages 9-11) and Trailblazers (ages 12-14). Since then an Air Ranger outpost (ages 15-17) was added. Brother Nettell says, "The formation of the Air Rangers is very rewarding because it meets the needs of an age group which is so often lost to the kingdom of God.

At present all three outposts are studying the Bible. Not only has this study maintained the boys' interest, but it has caught on even with the men of the church. Fathers are sensing the enthusiasm of their sons, reports Brother Nettell.

Pastor Albert D. Pyle helped influence the growth of the outpost by giving his whole-hearted support. Fathers feel the spiritual growth of their sons is the most important benefit. Commander Nettell sums it up this way: "Eastside is thrilled with the Royal Ranger program and we encourage other Assemblies of God churches to establish outposts as soon as possible!"



NEW YORK CITY—This MF orchestra participated in a sectional rally at Howard Beach Assembly of God, March 19. These rallies highlight MF in the Empire State.

New York Firemen Featured at Rally

CITY FIREMEN WERE FEATURED AT the fourth annual Men's Fellowship rally of the New York section held Monday, March 19, at the Howard Beach Assembly of God.

Led by Jerry Dilena, many New York City firefighters testified of God's power to transform any man into a happy, blazing force for His Kingdom. The firemen provided music also, including a vocal quartet and an orchestra.

Guest speaker was Burton W. Pierce, national Men's Fellowship secretary. Brother Pierce challenged the men with the necessity of a rebirth of Pentecost—soul-winning Pentecost. After his message, the altars were lined in two minutes with men seeking a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Sectional rallies are becoming a highlight of MF in New York State. Lyman A. Jollay, New York district MF director, reports more

than 80 men were saved through evangelism of local Men's Fellowship groups in 1962.



TEMPE, ARIZ.—Johnnie Barnes national commander of the *ROYAL RANGERS*, presented the charter for First Assembly's outpost to Commander Earl Cummings, Friday, April 5. The Tempe Outpost became the fourth group in Arizona, but since then another has been chartered. The national office is averaging a new outpost each day, and now there are over 250 in the U.S.

GUIDELINES FOR LEADERS

Growth of Men's Fellowship chapters across the nation has made it necessary to provide local MF officers with materials for promoting group activities and directing monthly services. *Guidelines for Leaders*, a quarterly leadership manual, has been introduced to meet this need. This new how-to-do-it magazine is sent free to all chartered MF chapters regularly. If your group is not officially chartered, fill out the coupon below and send it to the MF Department to make sure your chapter receives *Guidelines* every quarter.

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ESTANCIA, N. MEX.—A successful four-week revival was recently concluded at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Edward Gray. Three were saved, four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many were drawn closer to the Lord.

—Darrell Redfearn, Pastor

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BLY, OREG.—May 10 marked the close of a revival at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Forrest Hill in which the church was richly blessed. Two people were instantly healed in answer to prayer, and one backslider was reclaimed during the meetings.

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WINTER HAVEN, FLA.—Nine received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in a two-week revival meeting at East Side Assembly with Evangelist Donald Parker which concluded June 9. God used Brother Parker's anointed ministry to bring a spirit of revival which still continues.

—William L. Spann, Pastor

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ADAMS, WIS.—The Assembly of God Tabernacle here recently concluded a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Ludwig. A number of visitors came to enjoy the music and messages by the evangelists. Brother Ludwig was the featured speaker at the annual spring C. A. banquet for the section. The young people were challenged by Brother Ludwig's message.

—John V. Ohlin, Pastor

SANTA ANA, EL SALVADOR, CENTRAL AMERICA — Annual conferences may be times for motions, recommendations, and necessary business but they can be times of spiritual blessing too. This year one thousand preachers, delegates, and laymen were drenched in a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, resulting in 44 persons receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit during a single day. The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue was enthusiastically received. In two weeks of meetings the largest Assemblies of God church in Santa Ana was crowded out each night. Sinners were moved to tears as they responded to the altar call.

—Waldo Nicodemus, Missionary

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WISNER, LA.—Sinners were saved and backsliders reclaimed in a recent campaign at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist and Mrs. Joey Laird. Their anointed preaching and singing blessed many hearts. A number testified to being healed by God's power. A revival spirit still prevails in the church.

—John G. Lewis, Pastor

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HARRISON, MICH.—God richly blessed the ministry of Evangelist Earl E. Fisher during a week of meetings at the Assembly of God here. A deep moving of the Spirit resulted from his holiness preaching. Family altars have been established and a general deepening of consecration prevails among the people.

—Donald L. Roberts, Pastor



Night scene during an evangelistic crusade and annual conference held in Templo Bethel, Santa Ana, in January with Evangelist Watson Argue. Fidel Amaya is the local pastor and Waldo Nicodemus, the missionary interpreter.

NAUGATUCK, CONN.—Evangelist Carrie Hunsberger from Ft. Wayne, Ind., recently conducted two weeks of outstanding meetings at the Full Gospel Tabernacle. A number of young people were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and others were saved. Several persons testified to healing for their bodies. Morning prayer meetings, started during the special services, now continue twice a week.

—Edwin Antin, Pastor

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WATERLOO, IOWA—Fifty-six came forward seeking salvation in a recent revival at First Assembly of God with the Lowell Lundstrom "Message for America" Gospel Team. In addition, 31 were baptized in water, 20 united with

the church, and a number received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The spirit of revival continues and sinners are being saved in the regular services.

—Russell L. Thompson, Pastor

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DES MOINES, IOWA—One hundred fifty-three registered for a kiddies' crusade at Southside Assembly of God conducted by The Knouse-Stovall Evangelistic Team. Twenty children accepted Christ as Saviour.

—Stanford F. Raleigh, Pastor

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FAIRVIEW, OKLA.—Midway Assembly of God recently experienced a moving of God's Spirit in a revival with the Allen Trio of Enid, Okla. Their inspirational



Part of record-breaking crowd of 217 at Holly Heights Assembly (Holly Hill, Fla.) during the Jay Alford campaign last March. Mayor Robert Carson is seated in the foreground between Pastor James T. Galligan (left) and the evangelist.

Mayor Helps Set Attendance Record in Jay Alford Meetings

HOLLY HILL, FLA.—At Holly Heights Assembly the Spirit of the Lord swept over the congregation night after night in a spring revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Jay Alford of Madison, Tenn. Singing and instrumental music furnished by the evangelistic party was a great asset to the services.

Holly Heights is a new church (less than three years old) but the congregation was so stirred that a new attendance record of 217 was set. The mayor, Robert Carson, was among the visitors. Mayor Carson paid tribute to the ministry and outreach of the

church in the city.

Holly Heights Assembly was started in a civic clubhouse in 1960. Last September the congregation dedicated its new auditorium seating 400, with District Superintendent J. D. Courtney officiating. Plans are underway for the early construction of the second unit including twelve Sunday school rooms. The goal of the church is to "Mother" another Assembly in the area in the very near future, completely underwriting the financial outlay and providing leadership and a nucleus for the new church.

—James T. Galligan, pastor

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

singing and preaching glorified Christ and inspired the young people of the church.

—*J. P. McCamey, Pastor*

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EVANSVILLE, IND.—One of the most outstanding revivals in the 18-year history of Calvary Temple recently concluded with the Sunshine Party of Indianapolis, Ind. Crowds of more than 1,000 came nightly for four and one-half weeks. At least 200 came forward to accept Christ as Saviour—among them a devout young Catholic lady who rolled herself down the aisle in a wheel chair.

—*Hansel Vibbert, Pastor*

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MANCHESTER, CONN.—Wonderful singing and preaching characterized a week of meetings concluded June 2 at Calvary Church here. Under the ministry of the Spencer Weddle family, several were saved and many visitors from other denominations attended the services. During the past year the church has realized an increase in Sunday school attendance.

—*Kenneth L. Gustafson, Pastor*

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TYRONE, PA.—Ten were saved, five baptized in the Holy Spirit, and three refilled with the Spirit in a revival at First Assembly of God with Evangelist Harold May, ending May 5. A real stirring among the youth of the church was evident. Also a husband and father of one of the families came to church for the second time and gave his heart to the Lord. He attends faithfully now.

—*David Blattner, Pastor*

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ALBERT LEA, MINN.—The Tanner Team led a very successful two-week revival at the Assembly of God here. Several gave their lives to Christ, others were reclaimed and many were revived spiritually. A large number of visitors attended these services night after night. Also contributing to the fine results was the prayer chain from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

—*Eugene H. Whitcomb, Pastor*

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ELKHART, IND.—One of the most fruitful revivals in the eight-year history of Calvary Assembly of God has recently been concluded with Evangelist W. L. Thornton. Having just returned from two years in the Orient, he has a passion for souls which resulted in many conversions. During the day the pastor, evangelist, and several teams made "redemptive visits" to homes which resulted in a number of people being led to Christ. Immediately after the revival, two "New Life Classes" began with more than 30 enrolled in the four-week training course

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Sheffield	First	Aug. 6-18	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	H. E. Hicks
Ark.	Little Rock	Central	Aug. 4-18	Bob Watters	Bird H. Campbell
	Monette	A/G	Aug. 4-18	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	S. S. Dean
Calif.	Benicia	A/G	Aug. 11-18	Marvin Schmidt	Don Merrill
	Ripon	Tidings	Aug. 4—	Bob Griffin	Wayne Feezell
	W. Los Angeles	Faith Tab.	Aug. 4—	George Hayes	W. W. Brewer
Conn.	Bridgeport	*First	Aug. 11-16	Dave & Pat Johnson	John M. Reinhart
Fla.	Rock Bluff	A/G	Aug. 7-11	Michael & Peggy Lord	H. L. Edwards
Ill.	East Alton	Forrest Mission	Aug. 7-18	John & Bonnie Eller	Louis Estes
	Rockford	Haven	Aug. 6-18	Cox-Brown Team	Truman Turner
	Rock Island	Bethel	Aug. 6-18	E. G. Rasmussen	George Clark
Ind.	Columbus	First	Aug. 6-11	Paul Hild & Family	Wesley Holmes
	Crawfordsville	First	Aug. 6-18	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	John E. Smith
	Delphi	**A/G	Aug. 8-18	Paul W. Murray	Virgil Pittman
	Seymour	First	Aug. 11-23	J. E. Friend	Eugene Petroski
	South Bend	Calvary Temple	Aug. 8-11	Ernie Eskelin	Roy Wead
Ky.	Owenton	A/G	Aug. 11-25	E. C. Briggs Party	D. M. Price
Md.	Baltimore	*Eastern	Aug. 5-11	Rebecca Beisel	George Raduano
	Cumberland	Union Grove	Aug. 4-18	Al & Tommy Reid	Frank J. Fratto
Mich.	Saginaw	*First	Aug. 5-9	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Howard G. Skinner
Mo.	Canalou	A/G	Aug. 6-18	Leon Morrow	Roy G. Bennett
	Greenfield	First	Aug. 4-18	Samuel Calk	Joe Miller
	N. Kansas City	First	July 28-Aug. 11	P. A. Samford	R. A. McClure
	Potosi	A/G	Aug. 6-18	Glenna Byard	Norman Hale
N. Mex.	Clovis	First	Aug. 6—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	Melvin Sassee
N. C.	Kinston	Glad Tidings	Aug. 4-18	Linfield Crowder	Daniel Duncan
Ohio	Geneva	A/G	Aug. 4-18	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Roy Umstead
	Loveland	Branch Hill	Aug. 6-18	Paul D. VanWinkle	Tom Hughes
Okla.	Seminole	First	Aug. 7	James H. Black	Paul W. Savage
Oreg.	Lebanon	A/G	Aug. 4-25	L. H. Sheets	H. D. Robeson
Tenn.	Brighton	Simonton Ch.	Aug. 4-18	S. Clyde Bailey	G. G. Preslar
	Gallatin	*First	Aug. 4—	Dick & Nancy Messner	M. C. Bailey
Tex.	Brownfield	First	Aug. 11—	Bob Huie	E. E. Mason
	Jacksonville	Pierce's Chapel	July 28—	Charles W. Hyde	Comer Baker
Vt.	Bellows Falls	A/G Tab.	Aug. 6-11	Olshevski Musical Tm.	David S. Hannon
Va.	Bluefield	A/G	July 31-Aug. 11	Musical Vanderploegs	H. W. Boggs
Canada	Dartmouth, N. S.	Pentecostal	Aug. 7-25	Abraham Kudra	S. Irvine
	Montreal, Que.	Bethel	Aug. 11-25	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	David Minor

*Children's Revival

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

to be concluded with a water baptismal service. An integral part of the crusade was the "sharing time" at the close of each service. People waited in the presence of God and then shared with others what He had placed upon their hearts. The gifts of the Holy Spirit were in operation and this was a time of spiritual refreshing and healing for many.

—*James W. Jones, Pastor*

WITH CHRIST

JOE J. GRUBBS, 74, of Las Cruces, N. Mex., fell peacefully asleep in Jesus on June 18. Brother Grubbs was a Pentecostal pioneer who traveled from one revival to another in a covered wagon. He began his preaching ministry in 1909 and joined the Assemblies of God in 1916. He was one of the four presbyters when the Oklahoma District was organized. Besides pastoring a number of churches in Oklahoma he pastored in Texas and New Mexico during his many years in the ministry. Survivors include his

wife Nola and six children, three of whom are ministers of the gospel.

CALUS ANDERSON, 81, of Grants Pass, Oreg., went to be with Jesus May 4. Brother Anderson was a licensed minister since 1950 and served as pastor and evangelist in the Oregon District. Two of his pastorates were in Wimer and Sunny Valley, Oregon. He is survived by his wife Lorena.

MAY BLANEY, 74, of East St. Louis, Ill., passed away June 1. Sister Blaney was ordained with the Illinois District in 1938. She pastored in Roodhouse, Ill., and also Carlisle, Ky., for several years before transferring to the Eastern District. Survivors include three children.

OLOF OLSEN, 67, of Hankins, N. Y., passed away June 10. Ordained by the Eastern District in 1924, he later transferred to the New York District. Brother Olsen pastored churches in Nutley, Belleville, and Hackensack, N. J., as well as Norwich and Hankins,

N. Y. Survivors include his wife Louise and four children.

HAROLD R. PARISH, 65, of Trinidad, Calif., went to be with Jesus on June 5. He had served as pastor and evangelist since his ordination in 1937 with the Rocky Mountain District. Pastorates he had in that district were Delta, Colo., and Laramie, Wyo. Then he transferred to the Northern California-Nevada District where he pastored in Thorn and Weott, Calif. Brother Parish is survived by three children.

SILVANUS STANLEY WEBSTER, 72, of Roseville, Calif., went to be with his Heavenly Father May 30. A native of England, he began preaching in 1910 as a home missionary in Saskatchewan and British Columbia, Canada. He continued there until 1925 when he came to the United States. Brother Webster was ordained in 1942 with the Northern California-Nevada District and then pastored in Lakeport, Calif., for eighteen years. He is survived by his wife Lula and three children.

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The land of promise is beginning to "blossom as the rose" as the prophecies of the Scriptures foretold.

by Cyril G. Botley

THE PROMISE OF GOD TO REGATHER the Jews embraced the four corners of the earth. This return, however, has brought great problems to the re-established nation of Israel. Yet each year has seen an improvement in all aspects of life in the new state.

Today over a million acres of land are cultivated, and almost 340,000 acres are under irrigation. Israel's farmers produce three-quarters (by value) of the country's food and make an important contribution to exports. Except for cereals, grain, fodder and fats, for which available land and water are insufficient, they grow all local requirements. This is a remarkable achievement in view of the fact that for centuries Jews were divorced from the soil, and the bulk of the immigrants who man the farms had never held a spade before their arrival.

"A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and milk and honey," says the Bible. Much has been added, including date palms, bananas, the orange and other citrus fruits, for which the coastal plain, when irrigated, offers the world's most favorable combination of soil and sunshine. Deciduous fruit trees grow everywhere, but especially in the cool hills; bananas, avocados, guavas and mangoes grow in the hot Jordan Valley and the coastal plain. Besides the basic grains and vegetables, tobacco is grown and cotton, ground nuts and sugar beets have been successfully grown in recent years.

Many indigenous trees have been planted, including the Jerusalem pine, the tamarisk and the carob, which are largely used in afforestation. Eucalyptus trees have been planted throughout the country on an immense scale during the past century, and more recently pine forests in the mountains and acacia on the Negev dunelands.

Large scale afforestation projects cover an area of some 60,000 acres, of which over 50,000 have been planted since 1948. Avenues of trees have been set along many miles of roadside. In addition, there are about 200,000 acres of national forest and forest reserves.

All this has been accomplished in spite of the Arab economic boycott against Israel. Oil is now being produced at Heletz, near Ashkelon, making Israel independent of Arab oil supplies, blocked to Israel by Arab enmity. But what of Israel's future? Egypt is again threatening Israel. After Egypt's firing of her rockets, President Nasser followed up with a verbal broadcast in which he was belligerent. The Egyptian leader minced few words in stating that his weapons were for the future "holy war" for the liberation of Palestine. We who read our Bibles know that this war must come, but we also know that while Egypt, the missile-bearer, continues her threats, Israel will continue to blossom as the rose.

—Redemption Tidings

WRITERS CONFERENCE ON GENERAL COUNCIL PROGRAM

Two special events are being planned for the benefit of writers who attend the General Council at Memphis, Tenn.

On Wednesday afternoon there will be a Writers Conference featuring Betty Swinford, a well-known writer, and a number of editors of Assemblies of God periodicals. The Conference, lasting from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., August 21, will be in the Louis XVI Room of the Peabody Hotel.

In addition to a panel discussion and a skit there will be a question-and-answer period. The purpose of the Conference will be to acquaint writers with the kind of manuscripts needed by the Gospel Publishing House and to clarify editor-writer relationships.

The other event will be a Writers Banquet on Friday night, August 23, at one of the Memphis restaurants. If you are interested in the ministry of writing you will be blessed by what Betty Swinford, the banquet speaker, has to say.

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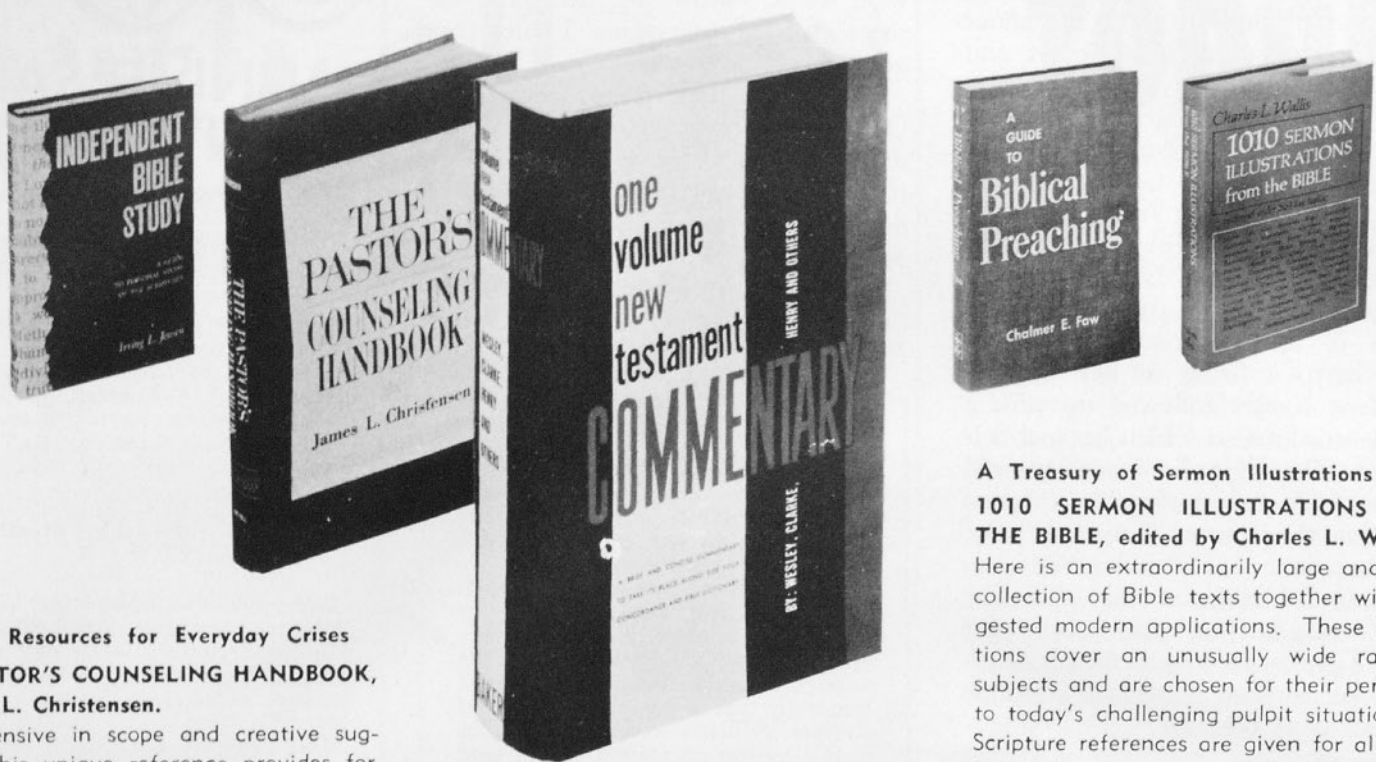
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REVIVALTIME MUST ERASE DEFICIT!

BY D. V. HURST
National Secretary of Radio

WHILE WE HAVE GREATLY INCREASED our radio coverage in the past year we have done so with little addition to our total costs. Many economies have been made, and non-airtime expenditures have been cut to the minimum. Yet, we went into midsummer with a deficit of nearly \$26,995. This deficit must be cleared immediately. *We must have substantial help from every church that can give it!*

An extra "erase the deficit" offering of \$25 from 1,000 churches would wipe this deficit out and give Revivaltime a one-week reserve to start the fall broadcasting schedule.

Never has radio offered such a broad opportunity as right now. A sharp increase in the number of radio sets and radio stations has made it possible to reach more people than ever. *Our movement must take advantage of these opportunities!*

At the same time, vicious forces are

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It is our responsibility to tell you the facts. *Revivaltime* was begun by General Council action, and we are dependent upon our fellowship for its support. Other religious broadcasts have been forced to curtail sharply their radio releases, but *Revivaltime*

has continued through the summer months.

All of our churches should share in *Revivaltime*. Actually only 24.5% of our churches have given an offering to this ministry thus far this year. Now is the time to rise up and be counted. Now—if ever—is the time to give.

We also must have *help from individual friends* of *Revivaltime* who believe in what it is doing. *Evangel* readers, you have read reports week after week of the effectiveness of *Revivaltime* and no doubt you are anxious to see it continue. A personal "erase the deficit" offering from you of \$5, \$10 or \$25 will be an answer to prayer for *Revivaltime*.

This is our case. We ask you to pray with us! Believe with us! This is a crisis time in *Revivaltime's* ministry. Under God we believe *Revivaltime* cannot retrench but must be an ever stronger evangelistic voice in these last days.

After you have prayed with us, please give as God directs. Help us erase the deficit! ◀◀

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