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



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As a father loves his children, so have I loved thee;
I delight in being with thee, having thee with Me.
All My thoughts are kind toward thee, planning for thy good;
Earthly families are a shadow of My Fatherhood.



Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus. . . .

—Hebrews 6:19, 20

Our Hope—an Anchor of the Soul

By T. J. Jones

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IN HEBREWS 6:19, 20, HOPE IS LIKENED TO AN ANCHOR. What an anchor does to a ship, this hope does to our soul.

In Bible days the anchor was a massive stone embedded firmly in the ground near the water's edge to which a line from the vessel might be fastened so that the boat could draw itself to shore when unable to make its way in against wind and tide. Our anchor serves a similar purpose for us.

An anchor is a stay and security in the storm. What storms abound today—storms of temptation, storms of doubt, storms of fear, storms without and storms within—testings, howling winds, and raging tempests! This anchor defies all.

*"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word."*

This anchor stays us and stops us from drifting. People without this anchor make shipwreck of their souls.

Usually anchor lines go downward into the waters out of sight. But our anchor line soars upward and grips the invisible. You cannot see an anchor doing its work, but you can feel the pull.

Where is our anchor holding ground? It is "entered into that within the veil." Where is this? In Old Testament days it was beyond the veil that marked "the holiest of all" into which the high priest entered one day of the year, namely, "Yom Kippur."

In New Testament language, "within the veil" means heaven itself where our High Priest has gone (Hebrews 9:24). Our anchor enters the invisible world and fastens securely on the "beyond." Within the veil are the ark of the covenant, the bloodstained mercy seat, and the Great High Priest, Christ Himself. It holds us to our Crucified Saviour, our Resurrected Priest. We may shake and quake down here—all hell may lash against us in its fury—but our anchor holds. Our anchor grips the throne, the mercy seat, and our Priest.

Remember the story of the boy flying his kite. It had gone up and up. Someone passed and asked what he was doing.

"Flying my kite," he answered.

"How do you know? It's out of sight—maybe it's broken."

"Oh no, sir—I can feel the pull."

We know the just shall live by faith, but a good Pentecostal meeting helps one to "feel the pull." This hope as an anchor links us to God, heaven, and holy things. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him."

We are attached to Him. We are anchored in Him. An anchor will eventually bring a ship up to where it is. Jesus said: "Where I am, there ye may be also." Our hope as an anchor of the soul will bring us to Him.

This anchor is sure and steadfast. An anchor that is sure will not drag. A dragging anchor causes drift and danger. This anchor is sure, it will not fail! It is steadfast! Some anchors break and are not dependable. This one is steadfast, firm, and reliable.

*"We have an anchor that keeps the soul,
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Anchored firm and deep in the Saviour's love."*

John F. Hall, one of our fine Assemblies of God missionaries, was translating this verse of Scripture into the language of the people among whom he labored. His people, the Mossi in West Africa, are an inland people. They have no rivers, ships, or lakes, so they do not know what an anchor is. Brother Hall was at a loss to know how to translate this verse, but God helped him. The Mossi people, being skillful horsemen, were used to tethering their horses; so he translated it: "We have a picketing peg that cannot be rocked loose nor broken."

Do you have this hope as an anchor of the soul? Anchorless men and women are all around us. They are Christless, without hope, but our condition is different.

*"In times like these I have a Saviour,
In times like these I have an anchor;
I'm very sure, I'm very sure,
My anchor holds, and grips the Solid Rock."*

By EDITH MANCHESTER

IF ANY MAN WAS EVER IN AN APPARENTLY HOPELESS situation, surely that man was Jonah. Inside a great fish, in the depths of the Mediterranean Sea, even "to the bottoms of the mountains," as he expressed it (Jonah 2:6), Jonah seemed certain to die, but he prayed and God answered. His prayer for deliverance, recorded in Jonah 2, contains the basic essentials of "the prayer of faith." It was the kind of prayer that makes vital contact with God and receives its answer.

All of us have at times felt as hemmed in by our circumstances as Jonah was, even though our pressures are not the literal depths of the sea, nor our prison walls a fish's belly. Neither are our afflictions necessarily caused by running away from God's plan for us. God permits some things to come upon us in order to teach us, as He taught Jonah, the way to receive deliverance.

Jonah was confident, first of all, that God heard his prayer. He says this twice at the very beginning of his prayer. "I cried . . . unto the Lord, and he heard me; . . . I cried, and thou heardest my voice." So amazing did it seem to Jonah that God in His holy temple could hear the voice of a truant prophet inside a great fish in the depths of the sea that he mentions it a third time, "My prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple" (v. 7).

We must believe that God hears us when we pray. We should pray because we do believe He hears. Yet sometimes we pray as if we were not sure. We come to God repeatedly with the same request, as though we must din our petition in His ears before He will pay attention to us. We think of His majesty and holiness, and compare it with our own insignificance and imperfections, and wonder if He will really listen to us. Our natural minds put a dozen doubts in the way, in spite of all the assurances in the Bible that God does hear us when we pray.

In Psalm 65:2, David says, "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." The very basis of our approach to God is the fact that He does hear prayer, everyone's prayer. Therefore, let everyone come to Him.

"This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14, 15). This was Jonah's confidence: because he knew God heard, he believed God had answered. To leave off praying with our minds as troubled as they were before we started praying is evidence that either we do not believe God has heard or we do not believe He will answer.

One day after bathing my baby I laid him on a towel on the kitchen table. I turned away from him for a few moments and he fell to the floor, face down. I picked him up and was horrified to see that his nose was pushed back flat into his face. He looked weird, almost unhuman. Panic-stricken, I held him in my arms and paced the floor, desperately crying out, "Jesus! Jesus!" I could say no more. Suddenly I thought, "Why am I calling on the Lord unless I believe He hears me? And if I believe He hears me, why am I so frightened?" Im-

mediately my praying changed. I became calm and coherent. And as I watched my baby's face, I saw his flattened nose move and assume its normal shape. Praying in faith instead of praying in unbelief had made the difference.

But deliverance does not always come so soon. Even after we have prayed, there may come a testing period, and it is here that so many lose the deliverance they began to receive. Jonah's prayer contains a remarkable statement concerning this testing period: "They that regard lying vanities forsake their own mercy" (v. 8).

Answered prayer is a mercy from God, based upon His gracious kindness to us. How well Jonah realized this! He had been disobedient, rebellious, and selfish. He deserved death, not deliverance. Yet the Lord heard his cry. Let no one think that God is obligated to answer his prayers because of his own goodness, or because he has served God a long time. God answers prayer because of His love and grace and mercy. When He answers prayer for us, that answer becomes our "own

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Why Jonah's Prayer Was Answered



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Methuselah's Father

Have you ever wondered why Methuselah lived longer than any other man in Biblical history? Possibly it was because he honored his father. The Lord has promised long life to anyone who will honor his parents with obedience and respect (see Exodus 20:12).

And have you noticed what the Bible says about Methuselah's father? It says he walked with God. He was a father who deserved to be honored by his children. He made tracks his son could follow with safety. His footsteps led his children to a life of godliness, for Enoch walked with God.

This man's biography is contained in just four verses. The Bible says: "Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:21-24).

An interesting question may be asked. Did Enoch walk with God during the first 65 years of his life? The record does not tell us. It does say he became a father at that age, and it says he walked with God from that day forward. Possibly the birth of his boy marked a turning point in his spiritual life, as well it might in the case of any father. Having a son ought to make a difference. Knowing that the son is likely to be a carbon copy of his father ought to cause any man to examine himself and see whether he is living the kind of life he wants his boy to live.

If, at the age of 65, Enoch made a new consecration and determined that from this day forward he would be a godly man, this was no fleeting decision. It was a lasting consecration. It lasted for 300 years. During this time other sons and daughters were born, and we may imagine that with each addition to the family Enoch made a new dedication. For each new pair of eyes that followed him, and each new pair of ears that listened to him, gave him more reason than ever to walk circumspectly before the Lord.

Methuselah was blessed with a father whose godliness never wavered. From year to year he could look to Enoch for inspiration and guidance. Whether in childhood, adolescence, or adulthood, at every stage and in every new situation he could depend on his dad for the spiritual help he needed. It was well Enoch was spared for 300 years, for Methuselah was to live on for a long time without a father—for 669 years, in fact. Some of us are fortunate enough to have our fathers with us half our lives. Methuselah had his for about a third of his life. Others lose their fathers sooner than this. Whatever our experience may be, it is well for the father to remember that his opportunity to lead his son into the paths of righteousness will not last forever—and it is well for the son to remember the days when he can honor his dad are numbered. Death separates fathers and sons soon enough.

But Methuselah never attended the funeral of his father. In fact, there was no funeral. The Bible says Enoch walked with God and just disappeared. Evidently he was translated to heaven without tasting death. What an object lesson this must have been to Methuselah. The Lord showed him, through the life of his father, the kind of person who is prepared to enter those pearly gates and live forever in the eternal glory. A lesson like that cannot be forgotten.

—R.C.C.



PARENTAL PRIVILEGES



God does not expect fathers and mothers to train up their children without help from Him.

BY C. M. HIGGINS

PROBABLY THERE IS NO GREATER HEARTACHE THAN that which is felt by the father and mother of a rebellious child. But there is help from God and His Word for both the child and his parents.

The Bible promises, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). In Acts 16:31 we read, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Christian parents may claim these promises, staking not only the blessings of this life but the eternal salvation of their children upon them.

It may be that, as we pray, God will put His finger on some action or attitude in our own lives which is bringing the wrong response from our children. As parents all our actions and thoughts should be governed by moderation; God will give us grace and wisdom if we ask Him for it.

Some children need much reassurance that they are loved. Although you love your child, it may be difficult for you to show your love in terms he understands. He needs to feel sure of your love not only when he has been "good," but also when he fails. If you would lead your child to God, let him hear you commend him as well as correct him. Let him know that you trust him to God's keeping, and by your attitude show him that to serve the Lord is a joyous privilege.

Certain standards of conduct must prevail in the home, but these should not be set forth merely in an authoritarian manner. The child needs to be shown that it is for his own good and in his best interests to follow them. Parental firmness mingled with love brings a warm sense of security and belonging that can later transfer to God and the larger family—the Church.

A survey revealed the average father spends only seven minutes a day with his children. A parent cannot suddenly become a buddy to a 16-year-old who had no communication with the parent when he was four, or eight, or 12. I still take some of the shorter hikes with my teen-age son when he takes his dog and rifle to the woods. Often I would rather read, but I know I can read after he stops asking me to go with him. If you have not had the fun and companionship with your child that makes for easy communication, it is important that you begin now to establish a closer relationship. It may take a while, but the reward is worth the effort.

It is natural for our children to become less dependent upon us as they grow older. We must learn to "let them go," giving them as much freedom as they can or will handle in a responsible manner. Even the eagle stirs up her nest so that it will be too uncomfortable for the growing birds. She "fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, and beareth them on her wings" (Deuteronomy 32:11). As parents,

we must encourage our children to "try their wings," while we stand by to guide when needed. Only God can give us the wisdom we need during this intermediate period of transfer from parental control to self-control.

Children sense, without fully comprehending, their parents' relationship with each other. The Bible says, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church" (Ephesians 5:22, 23). If a woman seeks to dominate her husband, the children will certainly be aware of this, and may rebel.

Ephesians 5:28 exhorts husbands "to love their wives as their own bodies." This unselfish love, exhibited and practiced in Christian homes, can be a great factor in bringing the children into the kingdom of God. The children would be the first to sense the blessings of this happy family life as ordained by God.

In homes where one of the parents is not a believer, it is vitally important that the Christian parent claim God's promises for the family. First Corinthians 7:14 promises that the children are "holy" because of the believing parent. Claim this promise if your child is wayward; then live so that your transformed life will be a light for him to follow out of the darkness.

It is important to take children to Sunday school and church, but you must not depend upon these weekly appointments to take the place of home training. This is neither fair to the child nor to the church, and may result in bitter disappointment.

A Christian doctor told me, "I took my four children to church, and faithfully worked in the church myself, even teaching the high-school class. Today not one of my children attend the services."

"Did you read the Bible to them and pray with them at home?" I asked.

"No," was the sad reply. "I thought they would be taught in the church schools. Now I find they have no interest at all. They are too old for me to influence now; they won't listen."

I encouraged him, on the basis of James 4:2 and Isaiah 44:33, to pray definitely for their salvation, and to remind God of His promises. Two of the children accepted Christ within six months after this conversation, later a third was saved. I am out of touch with this family now, but I am confident that if the parents kept praying the fourth child also has come to Christ.

As life becomes more complex it is increasingly difficult for us to guide our offspring in the right course. As Christian parents we have the privilege of praying daily for wisdom, knowledge, understanding and divine guidance. Their eternal future is at stake, but we have a God who is able to save our children as we commit them to Him in faith. ◀◀◀



Matthew Ezeigbo, Nigeria Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, visits in the office of General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman in Springfield, Mo., during the recent 50th Anniversary Convention. Superintendent Ezeigbo has been with the Assemblies of God since it began work in Nigeria 25 years ago.

Half-Jubilee in Nigeria

BY REX JACKSON, MISSIONARY TO NIGERIA

WHILE THE AMERICAN ASSEMBLIES OF GOD FELLOWSHIP celebrates its jubilee this year, the Nigerian Assemblies of God is celebrating its half-jubilee. Twenty-five years ago the first Assemblies of God resident missionaries, Brother and Sister E. L. Phillips, arrived in Nigeria (Brother Phillips is now field secretary for Africa). Since that time the Lord has made Nigeria one of the largest Assemblies of God mission fields in the world.

Reports at the 25th anniversary council held in March reveal that there are now 502 churches and 423 pastors. Average Sunday school attendance for 1963 was 34,568—an increase of 5,306 over the previous year.

At this convention all four officers were reelected. These four men, two other nationals, and one missionary form the field executive committee.

Fourteen men—the largest number ever to be ordained at one council—received ministerial papers. Eight of these men were the first to be ordained from their respective tribes. This is evidence that the gospel is still spreading into new areas.

Last year 56 new churches were opened, some of them in areas where there had been no Assemblies of God work at all.

There is still much land to be possessed, however. A recent census shows Nigeria's population is now over 55 million. New missionaries are urgently needed to take the place of some who have had to leave to enter new areas that are now opening to the Assemblies of God. Pray with us that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into this field. ◀◀◀

Fourteen pastors who were ordained in March represent a wide variety of Nigerian tribes.

Six national ministers, together with Missionary Rex Jackson, make up the executive committee of the Nigeria field.





Pastor James E. Hamill

How to Make Missions Work

By JAMES E. HAMILL

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THE STORY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH MAY BE summed up in the words, "They went everywhere preaching and teaching." This is world missions. This is the scriptural pattern for the spread of Christianity.

If our people know and understand the eternal purpose of the Church they can be inspired and encouraged in the task of world evangelization. We must therefore provide them with information and inspiration. There are many ways this can be accomplished.

(1) *A missions committee*, serving in an advisory capacity, can promote missions throughout the local church. It studies various missionary needs and projects and reports findings and recommendations to the church or board. It assists in promoting and sponsoring the annual missionary convention and constantly keeps missions before each department of the church throughout the year.

(2) *The annual world missions convention* is one of the most effective ways of promoting missions. All missions-oriented churches use it in some form or other.

(3) *The Sunday school* is a fertile field for missions education. One Sunday each month missionary programs, skits, brief talks on missions, missionary letters and reports may be presented in the various Sunday school classes and departments.

(One church, for its monthly Sunday school missionary offering, uses a colored envelope on which is printed the reminder, "This is Missionary Day; all your Sunday school offering today goes to missions...")

Nothing is more important to the future than that our children and young people be taught the eternal purpose of the church in spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. Include missions in Sunday school workers conferences, Men's Fellowship meetings, Women's Missionary Council gatherings, and all departmental meetings of the church.

(4) *The church bulletin* may carry stories about a missionary or a missions project supported by the church. Most people want to be identified with some missionary in his work abroad and want to be informed as to his progress.

(5) *Regular prayer* creates interest in missions. (One church selects each week a missionary or missions project which the congregation supports, and publicly requests prayer for that need. The members are also encouraged

to remember the request daily in private prayer during that week.)

(6) *The church bulletin board* helps in the promotion of missions. Post missionary letters, maps, photographs, or news items. Materials which provide missions exposure are always beneficial to the over-all program.

(7) *Missions displays* give a better understanding of world outreach. A "world missions fair" can dramatically display projects of the church by the use of booths, lights, signs, curios, costumes, etc.

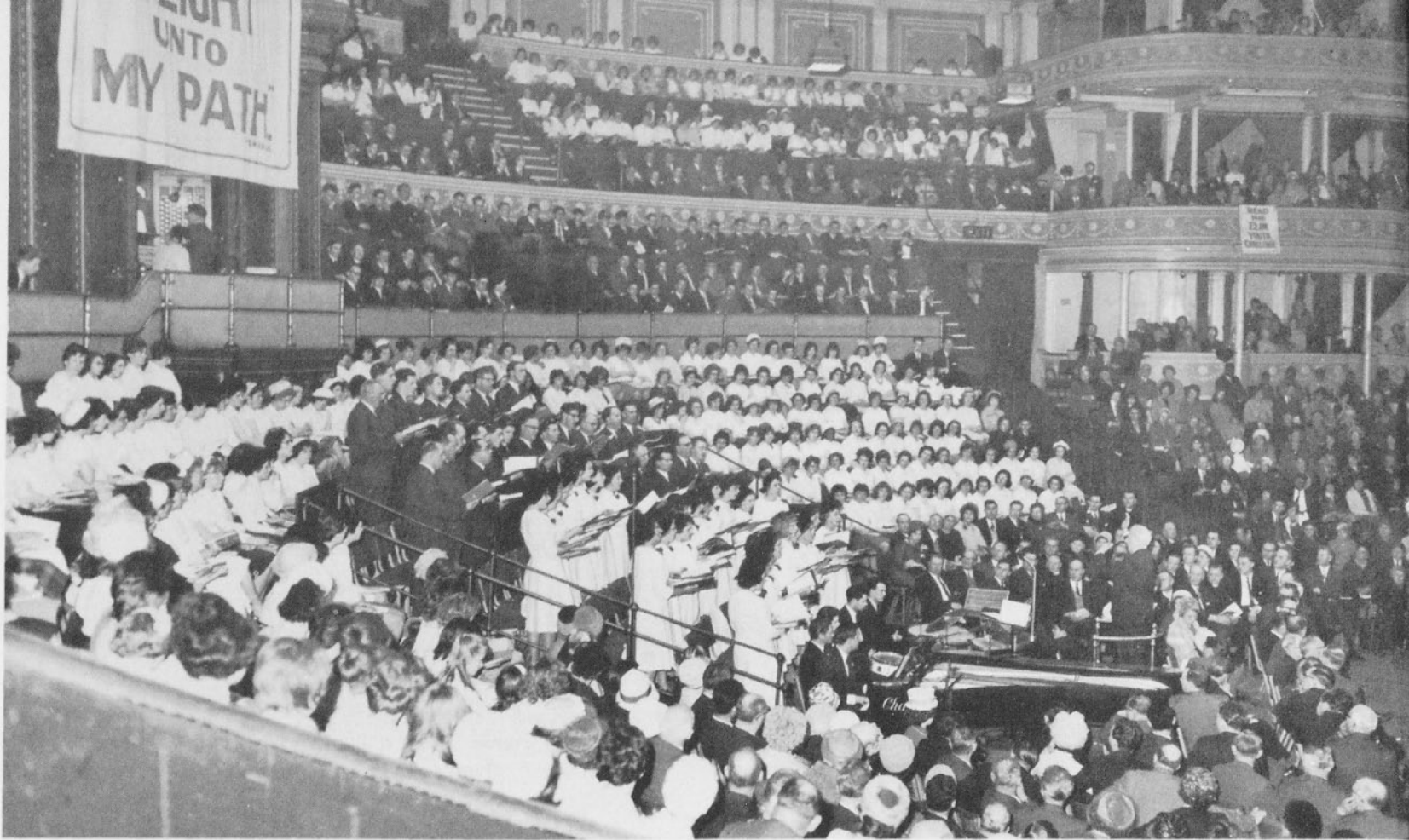
(8) *Missionary goals in giving* often contribute to the enthusiasm of a congregation in making its commitments. Raise the goal each year to encourage increase in individual giving. Keep the people informed as to the amount given the previous year, the present goal, and the gifts up to date for the current year.

(9) *Visiting missionaries* speaking to the church from time to time will do much to promote world missions. Such missionaries should present their burden and vision, tell something of their field and its people, and report what has been accomplished and what they hope to do on their return to the field.

(10) *The missions-minded pastor* is the key to a missions-minded church. If the pastor has a world vision and burden, it will affect his preaching: his people will catch the vision, sense the urgency of the task, and be willing to pay any price, go to any length, make any sacrifice necessary to fulfill the Great Commission. The same may be said of teachers, departmental leaders, board members, and other key members of the church. If leaders are enthusiastic for missions, the church will be.

As messengers of Christ we cannot be silent; we must be vocal. We cannot be stationary; we must be mobile. We cannot be hoarders of this truth; we must be heralds. This mission and message of the Church must become the "magnificent obsession" of the individual Christian and the predominant passion of the local church. ◀◀

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In Royal Albert Hall, London, England, a 500-voice choir under the direction of Dr. D. B. Gray sang for the great audience of 10,000.

C.M.WARD IN ROYAL



H. W. Greenway, the chairman for the Elim demonstration in the Royal Albert Hall, asked the audience in the balcony to sing its best.

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN RECENT years the Elim churches of Great Britain invited the *Revivaltime* speaker, C. M. Ward, to be their pulpit guest for their great Whitsuntide demonstrations last March 30. These planned demonstrations in the Royal Albert Hall, London, England, were inaugurated in 1926 under the leadership of Principal George Jeffery. Each year since that time the meetings have been held.

Two giant services—afternoon and evening—are planned well in advance each year for the Royal Albert Hall, seating 10,000 persons. All seats are reserved by tickets which are sold, so the large budget for acquiring the auditorium and its services is met in advance. No time is taken for raising money during the demonstrations. Every minute is carefully used to preach the gospel for a great annual Pentecostal impact.

A choir of 500 voices is organized for the occasion under the leadership of Dr. D. B. Gray. A father-and-son com-

bination on the mammoth organ and the concert grand piano have led the musicians for many successive years in these well-publicized demonstrations.

More than 200 responded to the salvation invitation after Brother Ward's messages this year. Capacity crowds attended each service and an arresting magnetism hovered over the services. In the afternoon, Brother Ward's subject was, "Halt!" At night he spoke on a prophetic theme, "The Marriage Supper."

During the night service Brother Ward was presented with an illuminated address suitable for framing. It expressed the sincere thanks of the organization for his ministry at the Royal Albert Hall on two occasions.

Accompanying C. M. Ward on this year's trip to Europe were Walter Hanson, Sacramento, Calif., realtor, who frequently travels overseas with him as soloist, song leader and director of the altar services, and Pastor J. A. Drysdale of the First Assembly of God, Mattoon, Ill.



The famous auditorium was filled both afternoon and evening for the Elim Whitsuntide demonstration.



More than 200 persons responded to the altar calls following Brother Ward's preaching.

ALBERT HALL

Other places were visited on this trip to Europe. At Brussels, Belgium, Charles Greenaway showed them the work being done there and the Bible School training program. In Frankfurt, Germany, they fellowshipped with Richard Fulmer and ministered to the American servicemen. In Paris over 1,000 persons attended a divine healing rally on Good Friday afternoon to hear C. M. Ward preach. On Easter Brother Ward ministered in Cardiff, Wales, and enjoyed fellowship with Pastor P. S. Brewster and Donald Gee. The return trip to the States was by way of Madrid and Lisbon.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman said the rule that governed his life was this: "Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it." This simple rule may help you find a safe path for your feet along life's road.

STATION CHANGES

The following stations have been added to the *Revivaltime* radio log:

- RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA (KREL)
Sunday, 5:30 p.m.
- CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (WAIT)
820 kc.—5000 watts
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- McPHERSON, KANSAS (KNEX)
1540 kc.—250 watts
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
- BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY (WKTC)
930 kc.—1000/500 watts
Sunday, 9:30 p.m.
- BOZEMAN, MONTANA (KBMN)
1230 kc.—1000/250 watts
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

TIME CHANGES

- KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (KCMO)
810 kc.—50,000 watts
Sunday, 10:25 p.m.
 - DEVILS LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA (KDLR)
1240 kc.—250 watts
Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
 - ASHTABULA, OHIO (WREO)
970 kc.—5000/1000 watts
Sunday, 12:30 p.m.
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W. J. Hilliard, president of the executive council of Elim Churches, presented C. M. Ward with an illuminated address as a token of thanks for twice ministering at the Whitsuntide demonstrations.



Habakkuk's Prayer for Revival

Sunday School Lesson for June 28, 1964

HABAKKUK 3:1-6, 16-19

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

Habakkuk's experience probably took place in 605 B.C., just a few years before the first Babylonian invasion of Judah. The Chaldean Empire had recently broken the power of Assyria and was threatening the kingdom of Judah. The problems which Habakkuk faced still trouble Christians today, and it is for our benefit that the story of the test and triumph of his faith is recorded.

FAITH STRUGGLING (Habakkuk 1:1-17)

Habakkuk's Questions (vv. 1-4). "O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear!... Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance?" Two problems perplexed the prophet: *The silence of God, and the sins of Judah.*

Why are certain prayers not answered? Why does God permit sin? These questions are still before us.

God's Answers (vv. 5-11). Hezekiah was wrong on both counts. God did hear his prayers, and God was dealing with Israel's sins. As a matter of fact, God pointed out that even then He was raising up the Chal-

deans to be executors of His judgments upon the nation's sins. And God still uses wicked men as unconscious instruments to further His own righteous and eternal purposes.

Habakkuk's Perplexity (vv. 12-17). God's explanation only deepened the prophet's dilemma. How *can* a holy God use wicked men to further His purposes? How *can* a just God allow wicked men to triumph over those who were less wicked than they? Men ought never to question God's methods lest they find themselves slandering His character! Even if God were to explain His ways, we still could not understand the explanations.

FAITH FINDING ITSELF (Habakkuk 2:1-20)

Habakkuk's Wise Decision. "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me." Even though he was puzzled, Habakkuk would not leave God out of his reckoning! Like David, he made the mistake of judging according to the appearance of things. But also like David, he had sense enough to realize he might find the needed illumination in the "sanctuary" of God's presence! (See Psalm 73.)

God's Revelation of Truth. "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith" (v. 4). In the first part of this verse God referred to the Chaldean king who represented his nation. Like Nebuchadnezzar who later would rule this same empire, the Chaldean was proud, defiant of God, presumptuous, and unrighteous. Therefore he must perish, just as all people or nations founded upon unrighteousness must perish. But, as the second part of the verse states, those who live by righteousness shall live forever. In view of this principle, God described for habakkuk's benefit the punishment which would come upon the Chaldeans for such specific sins as dishonest gain, covetousness, violence, drunkenness, and leading others into the sin of idolatry.

FAITH TRIUMPHANT (Habakkuk 3:1-19)

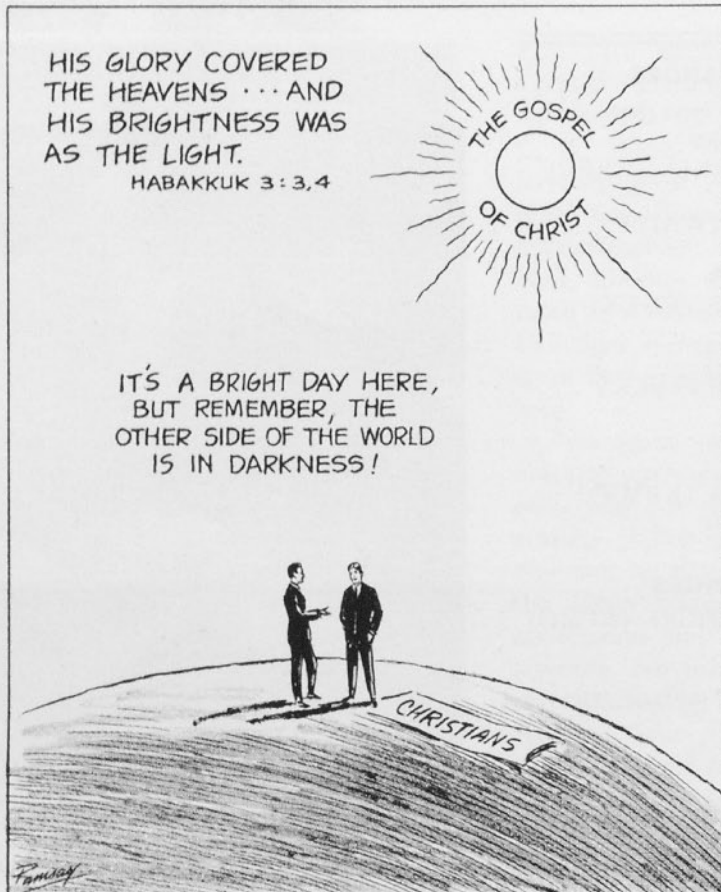
Habakkuk was assured that Israel's sins would soon be punished and that, in turn, the Chaldeans too would be judged. However, he also had been informed this judgment of Israel's enemy might be long delayed. Nevertheless Habakkuk's faith rose to the occasion. In poetic language he described the coming of Jehovah to judge His enemies and to redeem His people. While he waited for this great day he could, like Moses, endure "as seeing him who is invisible."

The message of Habakkuk closes with one of the most wonderful declarations of faith in the Bible: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places."

It is just this kind of faith which gives us the victory to overcome the world in 1964!

God never alters the robe of righteousness to fit the man, but the man to fit the robe.

A SOBERING STATEMENT



NO TIME FOR COMMUNION WITH GOD

One of Satan's methods today is starting so many organizations that church members have no time for communion with God. The church is so busy that one cannot move without hearing the clink and the friction of her wheels. Whenever the church becomes so fussy about her work that she has no time for communion with God, the world looks on, smiles at her, helps her with her bazaars, and stays away from her prayer meetings. Oh, that God would turn us back to communion with Himself! Oh, that we might make time to sit at His feet!

—G. CAMPBELL MORGAN, in *The Life of the Christian*

"MEEKNESS OF WISDOM!"

In James 3:13 we read of the "meekness of wisdom." One way in which wisdom is expressed is by what we say. A Sunday school teacher asked a little boy, "Who are the meek?" The boy answered, "Those who give soft answers to rough questions."

A person who believes he knows the facts and has wisdom in his heart does not need to shout at those who contradict him. Wisdom may speak softly, and yet be persuasive.

Through the manner in which we speak, people will know whether we are wise or not. We do not need to be belligerent to prove a point. Facts and logic speak for themselves.

Charles Hodge said, "The doctrines of grace humble man without degrading him, and exalt him without inflating him."

—Selected

DO NOT QUARREL WITH OBSCURITY

The smallest cog is vitally important to the smooth running and efficient working of the machine. So even the most obscure person may make an imperishable contribution to the world's good, for obscurity does not mean uselessness.

In everyday life we discover that we owe an unpayable debt to a host of lowly people. We know the great, but we know little of those who made them great—the mothers who sacrificed for their children, the wives who remained in the background furthering the work of their husbands.

One of the interesting facts in the life of our Lord Jesus is that, with the exception of the last three years, it was a life in obscurity. His life was obscure even in the obscure village where he lived. He was only the village carpenter.

Let us not quarrel with our obscurity, nor make it an excuse for wasting life. Rather, let us regard the life of our Lord and resolve that, by His grace and power, our lives shall be neither stagnant nor useless but full of the joy of service!

—The Free Methodist



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Why do some churches quote the Apostles' Creed?

This is a statement of faith containing fundamentals of Christian doctrine. Of all the different creeds that were established in the early days of Christianity to meet different needs, the so-called Apostles' Creed is considered the oldest. Some claim it originated with the twelve apostles. It dates back at least as far as the third century.

What was the significance of the cloven tongues like as of fire which were visible on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:3)?

The cloven tongues were recognized by the Jews as a manifestation of God. Fire is emblematic of God and His holiness. God is spoken of as "a consuming fire" (Deuteronomy 4:24). Christ is coming in "flaming fire" to execute judgment against the rejectors (2 Thessalonians 1:8). Christ was to baptize "with the Holy Ghost and with fire" (Matthew 3:11). The Holy Ghost would bestow both power and cleansing. May we always remember that purity of heart and purpose must accompany spiritual manifestations.

John speaks of a new heaven and a new earth, in Revelation 21:1. Where will this new earth be and what will it be like?

Many believe that the destruction of the earth spoken of in 2 Peter 3:7, 10 will be a renovation of the earth rather than an annihilation. As the earth was destroyed by water (Genesis 1:2), it will be renovated by fire. It may dissolve into gases from the intense heat. The accounts in 2 Peter and in Revelation 20:11, where the earth and the heavens are said to flee away at the time of the final judgment, would indicate this. Then a new earth is promised. Only God knows in detail how this will be worked out.

Is it right to use the baptistry of a church that does not accept the Pentecostal doctrine? Is baptism so important that it cannot wait until other arrangements can be made to baptize?

Is it not a courtesy to us that a church which differs in some points of doctrine with us will permit us to use its baptistry? Water baptism is more important than some realize, and I think that in many places it is treated too lightly. Baptism seals a person's acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord. Were more baptized on profession of their faith without delay, there probably would be less backsliding. Converts would trust in their covenant with God rather than in how they feel. According to the New Testament, baptism should immediately follow profession of faith. "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). "He that believeth and is baptized..." (Mark 16:16).

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.



The new Assemblies of God church in Tooele, Utah, was dedicated March 2. This is one of the churches spearheaded by the National Home Missions Department in the Breakthrough-8000 program. Pastor and Mrs. Milton A. Newman are shown at the left.

Milestone in Utah

THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW BREAKTHROUGH CHURCH in Tooele, Utah, is another milestone for the Assemblies of God. This was one of three pilot projects spearheaded by the National Home Missions Department in the *Breakthrough-8000* program launched at the General Council in Portland, Oreg., in 1961. The others are located at Norwalk, Conn., and Kinston, N. C.

In the meantime the districts across America have

rallied to the program which calls for the opening of 8,000 new churches in the decade. Many *Breakthrough* projects are now in progress. An encouraging number of new churches have already been built or are in the process of construction.

The series of dedicatory services in Tooele began on Sunday, March 1, when R. G. Fulford, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District, ministered the Word

Tooele Assembly has a beautiful auditorium (shown below), a pastor's study, educational area in basement, and a three-bedroom parsonage.





The Tooele Assembly was filled for the dedication service.

both morning and evening. The dedication was on Monday. In spite of a bad snowstorm that evening, the building was filled and almost every Utah pastor was present. R. L. Brandt, national secretary of Home Missions, was guest speaker. Also present for this service was William W. Brandt, district secretary-treasurer.

Following an anointed message by Brother Brandt, District Superintendent Fulford dedicated the church auditorium and three-bedroom parsonage. Peter Pilot, Utah sectional presbyter, read the Scripture and led in prayer, after which Brother William W. Brandt read the history of the Tooele project and offered the dedicatory prayer.

With the new Tooele church there are now 18 Assemblies in the state of Utah. The Lord laid Tooele upon the heart of Milton A. Newman of Colorado Springs and he conducted rallies in various churches of the Rocky Mountain District to raise support. He found keen interest in the *Breakthrough* program throughout the district, especially among the young people.

"It is God's hour, I am sure, for an all-out national effort," he said. "My soul is thrilled with the challenge and venture of faith again."

Brother Newman and his wife moved to Tooele in September 1962 to open the new work. They conducted services in the Edgemont Community Center while the church was being erected.

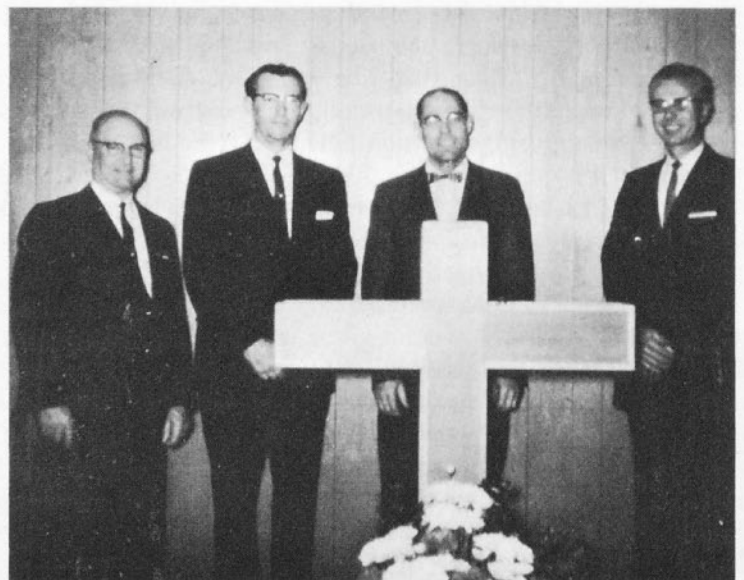
In the summer of 1963 attendance mounted as high as 70 in Sunday school and 81 in Sunday morning wor-

ship. District C. A. President Darrel D. Madsen took 12 young people to Tooele for a special visitation emphasis in August. The meetings and door-to-door campaign conducted by these dedicated C.A.'s had good results. Sunday school attendance rose to 93.

In October, when the first services were held in the new building, Sunday school attendance soared to 112. Several children and young people came to the altar for salvation. Many visited the church as a direct result of the C. A. canvass and literature distribution.

The Tooele church building, of masonry construction and occupying 5,100 square feet of space, contains a beautiful auditorium, an educational area in the basement, a pastor's study, and a three-bedroom parsonage.

Pastor Newman and the Tooele congregation anticipate continued growth. With God's help they believe it will become one of the strongest churches in the state of Utah. ◀◀



The men pictured here participated in the Tooele dedication. Left to right: R. G. Fulford, district superintendent; R. L. Brandt, national secretary of Home Missions; W. W. Brandt, district secretary-treasurer; and Pastor Milton A. Newman.

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Why Jonah's Prayer Was Answered

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mercy," a part of His mercy shown to us in particular.

Jonah considered as "lying vanities" all the circumstances and feelings which are contrary to the answer God has promised us. The only sure, solid, unchanging truth is the Word of God. If Satan can get us to observe lying vanities, we walk by sight instead of by faith, and thus forsake the ground upon which God's mercies are available to us.

There were plenty of lying vanities clamoring for Jonah's attention. Much of his prayer is devoted to a description of his seemingly hopeless situation. But he refused to regard these circumstances. Instead, he said, "Yet will I look again toward thy holy temple" (v. 4), into which he knew his prayer had come, and from which he unquestioningly expected deliverance to come.

I well remember when the Holy Spirit made the truths of Jonah 2:8 real to me. One spring we had had almost steady rain for six weeks, and because of this my husband was unable to work, so we had no income. There was nothing with which to buy groceries for the family. And yet, as each new rainy day came, I found myself triumphantly disregarding the weather and believing God to supply our needs. Somehow I seemed to have enough staple foods on hand to last through the rainy spell. And it was odd how often I opened the refrigerator to find, tucked away in a back corner, vegetables I could never recall having purchased. For a while I thought I had just become forgetful of my previous purchases. Then suddenly I realized that the Lord was actually multiplying our food supply, just as He had multiplied the widow's meal and oil in Elijah's day (1 Kings 17)! But He was showing His faithfulness and mercy toward us in such an unobtrusive way that I had not even recognized His miraculous hand!

Now this principle of faith, this fixing of our attention upon God's promises, regardless of what else takes place, is the key to receiving deliverance. Does it seem to you that your problems are insoluble? Don't try to figure out a solution. Just thank God that He "giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57). Not that He *will* give the victory at some future date when you can see everything working out, but that He gives it now! Thank Him in the midst of the darkness!

We have considered two important factors in receiving deliverance—confidence that God hears and therefore answers prayer, and unwavering attention fixed upon the Word of God as the sure truth in the midst of adverse circumstances. Finally comes our expressed thanks because we know the answer is ours.

Jonah closed his prayer by saying, "I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving" (v. 9). He did not wait until he was out of the fish and safe on dry land again before offering a sacrifice of praise for deliverance. Have you ever offered a *sacrifice* of praise to God? Have you ever thanked Him for healing simply because you believed He answered, even when you still felt as miserable as before? When problems overwhelm you and discouragement grips your soul, do you present

your need at the Throne of Grace and then praise God for the answer, even though it seems you have to force the words of praise from your lips? Or do you wait to see how you will *feel* about the matter later? Perhaps you have failed to receive the deliverance which you know God has for you just because you have never seen the importance of the sacrifice of praise.

A Christian woman awakened one morning with a pain in her back. It continued and increased so that by evening she was exhausted from the suffering. Temporary relief came that evening as she was praying, but the next morning the pain was there again. This continued for several days. Finally she said aloud, "Devil, I have been prayed for and I believe God has healed me. I don't care if this pain never goes away. I still believe I am healed! Praise the Lord!" When she awakened the next morning the pain was gone, and it never returned. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

When you have prayed and know God has heard you, start praising Him for the answer. Unbelief will try to get you to keep on pleading, to consider circumstances. But faith will determine only to thank God for the answer.

Jonah found victory in his impossible situation through desperate prayer and trustful praise; and so may we, for we serve the same God. ◀◀

BLIGHTED HARVEST

The wheat grew slowly through the winter months, and under the warmth of early spring it had become a thing of beauty—promising an abundant harvest. Then an unseasonal blast of cold caught the immature heads of grain with their inner core still unformed and soft. Frozen, the crop was ruined.

Likewise some lives in God's spiritual fields begin to grow in grace, giving bright promise of a fruitful harvest, only to be spoiled by unpredicted stress or chilling winds of adversity. And though some appropriate sufficient grace to reactivate the Christian life, in others the blight remains.

The young wheat was powerless—the victim of natural law, of time and chance. But the child of God has a recourse under stress. "He restoreth my soul..." Let each of us watch, lest by lack of thought or of love we create some unseasonable chill and thus destroy the faith and confidence of immature Christians, blighting their chance of a harvest in the life to come!

—F. HELEN JARVIS

FAITH SPEAKS POSITIVELY

Pilate said three times over, "I find no fault in Him." Notice the negative. He tells us what he *did not* find in Christ.

Praise God, I can say more than that! I can speak positively, for in Him I see every lovely grace. In those thorns I see a crown of glory. In that cross of shame I see a throne of majesty. In that form on the cross I see the Lord of glory dying for me, and I exclaim, "My Lord and my God!"

—AUGUST VAN RYN, in *Messenger of Peace*

This story illustrates the fact that soul winning requires

Persistent Witnessing

BY CHARLES ALFRED HARRIS

JACK WIGGINS STOOD AT THE EDGE of the crowd listening to a gospel street service in Havelock, Canada. His unsteady steps as he wandered back and forth attracted little attention, for Jack was seldom sober.

Suddenly he lunged through the crowd and started to talk as he made his way into the ring of people conducting the service. He was quickly dragged back, and the meeting went on. Jack did not mean any harm; no one paid him much attention. He was known as the "town drunk."

Most people, even the Christians, had given Jack up—all except Mr. and Mrs. Saunders. "I just can't let the man go—no matter how long this goes on," said Mr. Saunders. With this in mind they were constantly inviting him to their house and telling him of God's power to save. They stressed the fact he could be saved from the power of strong drink and other habits.

They were continually inviting him to gospel services, and often he went with them. Jack would admit his need of God but seemed to feel his besetting sin of drinking was too big to cope with.

One day while visiting Mr. Saunders I said: "How do you feel about Jack? Do you really think he'll come to God?" Mr. Saunders was an old man who had served God for many years, and I can still see the gleam of faith in his eyes as he said: "We will witness *until* he does come. God will be faithful if we are faithful. I just can't give him up."

Somehow Jack managed to keep just enough of his senses to hold a job in the town bakery. But even there, it was the kindness of the baker and the fact they had known Jack for many years that made them keep him on.



But in spite of all such help Jack was getting worse. One day Mr. Saunders said to me: "I feel I have to really let Jack know that he can't trifle with God. For although he has not come to Christ, he *does* know the gospel."

The following Sunday night Jack came to church with Mr. and Mrs. Saunders. He was sober and listened intently to the message. When an altar call was given he made his way to the front and wept like a baby at the old bench that served as an altar. He came through to a glorious knowledge of sins forgiven and rejoiced in the assurance of eternal life.

Though I had preached that night I could take no credit for his conversion. He said to me later: "It was the persistent witness of my friends, the Saunders, that brought me to God. I came to church that night deter-

mined to give my heart to God—they had talked and prayed with me so often that I felt I just had to do it."

Of course the town constable said: "If Jack gets over Christmas, I'll believe there is something in his conversion." But Jack "got over" Christmas that year and many other years, too. The celebrations were all sober and good as he walked with his God! The Lord who had saved him was also keeping him!

A few months after coming to Christ, Jack asked me to pray that God would deliver him from the tobacco habit and heal his throat. Through excessive smoking over 40 years Jack had developed a "tobacco throat" and spoke with a rattle in his voice.

"Lord," I prayed, "as you have saved Jack from the habit of drink, so you can save him from the habit of smoking."

From that night on, Jack Wiggins never wanted to smoke and his throat was healed, although there was always a noticeable weakness in his voice. Perhaps this was to remind him of what God had done.

In this victory in Jack's life, again I could claim no reward. Once more I found that his faithful friends, the Saunders, had kept after him, witnessing of God's power to make a clean sweep of his life.

I am persuaded the revival the church prays for is within our grasp even now, if we will learn afresh the lesson—"ye are my witnesses." As the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Saunders shows, it is *persistent* witnessing that is needed. Of course, persistence alone cannot do the work, but the Holy Spirit can operate better when the Word of God is continually kept before a dying soul. ◀◀

A Deliverance Testimony

IN VIEW OF THE REPORTS THAT ARE presently being issued showing that smoking does cause lung cancer and other diseases, I feel that now is a good time to tell of my experience with smoking.

I stopped for two reasons. One was in self-defense. (I will take up the other reason later.) By self-defense I mean this old habit was damaging my health.

After smoking for about 40 years, I had come to the place where I was coughing all night and had the inevitable cuspidor beside my bed. I was coughing up a lot of phlegm, but I am convinced that I did not have tuberculosis. I had worked as a male nurse in a T.B. sanitarium many years ago, and when I annually had my lungs X rayed the report always came back negative.

I can add the fact that smoking also causes stomach trouble. I suffered a lot with what I once thought were stomach ulcers.

Smoking also causes loss of weight with resultant loss of body resistance. I found smoking does appease the appetite. I have flipped a coin many times to decide if I should buy cigarettes or a sandwich with my last dime. Cigarettes usually won.

There are some who say a pipe or cigar is not as harmful as a cigarette. Do not let them fool you. I smoked everything that would burn. I once bought a pipe that had a compartment for a filter. These filters were white, but would become brown after a few smokes. If I left that filter in the pipe all day it would be black. I once left this filter out altogether. As a result that pipe had a very bitter taste. In my workshop I ran a drill in the filter compartment and gave it several turns. When I pulled it out the flutes were filled with something that looked like powdered charcoal that was wet. My doctor told me this was tar and nicotine from the tobacco. Part of this, of course, was going into my system and causing the coughing and stomach trouble.

If you smoke, try this test with either cigarette, pipe, or cigar. Draw a mouthful of smoke. Then blow the smoke through a white handkerchief, and notice that the smoke has de-

How I Stopped Smoking

posited a brown spot on the handkerchief. That is nicotine.

During this period I was employed in a large factory and claimed to be a Christian. I went to church regularly, took part whenever I was asked, and paid tithes and offerings. However, I felt my testimony was ineffective since all my fellow workers knew I smoked. And this was my second reason for giving up smoking.

I tried several methods to stop. I once bought a large supply of pills designed to take away the desire for it. These pills left such a bitter taste in the mouth I threw them away and continued to smoke. As Mark Twain

once said: "I found the cure worse than the malady."

Smoking is a habit, and one that is very difficult to conquer. As one of my teachers said: "Habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it each day, and at the last we cannot break it!"

Finally I took my case to the Lord and put the old filthy habit on the altar. I even visited a well-known faith home and asked them to pray for my deliverance, but I still craved tobacco.

One day I was telling an old-time preacher about my struggle, and he said he had had the same trouble, but found he not only needed the Lord's help, but he also had to *suffer* a little. So that was the answer: be willing to suffer a little, even as our Saviour suffered for us on the cross.

Once again I went before the Lord—I was willing to suffer *a lot* to be rid of the terrible habit! Our Lord was faithful to His promise—in His love and mercy He took away the habit, and from that day I was delivered.

That was more than 15 years ago. At once the cough began to clear, my stomach began to improve, and I started to gain weight and strength. When I was smoking I weighed about 115 pounds. Today at 70 years of age I weigh 180 pounds and enjoy the best of health.

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).—*Alonso T. Dozier, Manchester, Tenn.*



MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS — DICK CHAMPION

Father's Day Puzzle



The Bible has a great deal to say about how children should treat their fathers.

Here are some Bible verses, but some words have been left out. Can you fill in the missing words? Each blank represents a missing letter of a word. If you have trouble, use the reference listed to look up the verse in the Bible.

1. "Honor thy _____ and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God _____ thee" (Exodus 20:12).

2. "My son, hear the _____ of thy father" (Proverbs 1:8).

3. "Whoso loveth _____ rejoiceth his father" (Proverbs 29:3).

4. "A _____ son maketh a glad _____" (Proverbs 10:1).

5. "A _____ son is the calamity of his father" (Proverbs 19:13).

6. "Whom the Lord _____ he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he _____" (Proverbs 3:12).

7. "The Lord our God be with us, as _____ was with our _____" (1 Kings 8:57).

ANSWERS:

1—father, giveth; 2—instruction; 3—wisdom; 4—wise, father; 5—foolish; 6—loveth, delighteth; 7—he, fathers.

In Defense of Do-gooders

By J. M. BRYAN

A PERSON COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN the company of the Master long without learning what He meant when He said, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life..." (Matthew 20:28).

Peter spent three years watching his Lord thus ministering, and when he preached to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius he stressed the fact that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, and with power: who went about *doing good*" (Acts 10:38). Later the same disciple declared that the Lord had left us an example that we "should follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Another of Jesus' immediate disciples stressed this matter of doing good and was very emphatic about it. Indeed, James goes so far as to tell us that pure religion is "to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction" as well as to "keep... unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

Perhaps in our emphasis on salvation by faith we have overlooked the many verses of Scripture that teach *good works*—not as meriting salvation, but as accompanying it.

A little girl gave the best possible sermonette from the word "good" in just two words, "go" and "do"! What "good" have you done this week, Christian?

As followers of our Lord we should seek to *be* a blessing and not only to *get* a blessing. Devotion to Jesus Christ comes first—then service to men for His sake. "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works" (Titus 3:8).

A man asked his pastor questions about heaven. The minister replied, "Do you see that cottage on the hill? Yonder lives a widow—sick, and hungry. Visit her and help her and you will find out a lot about heaven."

"I was sick, and ye visited me," Jesus said on one occasion (Matthew 25:36), referring to any of His children here on earth whom we may help. We are saved to serve! "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).


A converted cowboy gave his idea of what religion is in these words: "Lots of folks think that serving the Lord means shouting themselves hoarse praising His name. Here is how I look at that. I am working for Tom here. Now if I did nothing but sit around the house telling what a good fellow Tom is and singing songs to

him, I wouldn't suit him. But when I buckle on my straps and hustle among the hills and see that Tom's cattle are fed and watered and not stolen, then I am serving Tom as he wants. God wants service as well as praise."

Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10), and He taught that we should "go after that which is lost" until we find it (Luke 15:4). Are you seeking to bring the unsaved to Christ?

One lady told how God dealt with her along this line of witnessing for Him. As she sang, "It is well with my soul," the Lord said, "Yes, but how about the butcher? How about the baker?" Without leaving her home

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she began to work for the Lord very earnestly. She saw the baker first and asked him, "Are you saved?"

"What's that?" he asked in surprise.

In time she was able to win him for the Lord. In the next 19 years she distributed 5,000 Gospels of John and thousands of tracts from her doorsteps. "This ministry has deepened my love for Christ—given me a burden for lost souls and added power and warmth to my prayer life," was her testimony.

A wealthy deacon in a Vermont church was noted for his zeal and self-denying Christian life. When asked why he lived this way, he replied, "When I was saved I read my Bible and decided the Lord had called me into the vineyard not to eat grapes but to hoe."

The laziest man in town was converted, and there was much interest among his friends to see if this experience would make him diligent. They were disappointed when they overheard him praying, "O God, use me in Thy work—that is, in an advisory capacity."

Not so with Jim Elliott, one of the five young men martyred by the Auca Indians a few years ago. He wrote, "The Scripture says, 'He makes his ministers a flame of fire!' I wonder, am I ignitable? God deliver me from the dread asbestos of *other things*. Saturate me, O Lord, with the oil of Thy Spirit that I may be a flame! But the flame is transient—often short-lived! Canst thou bear this, my soul—a short life? In me there dwells the Spirit of the great Short-lived, whose zeal for God's house consumed Him. Make me Thy fuel, flame of God!"

At the centennial exhibit in Philadelphia, in Machinery Hall, a great Corliss engine was displayed. It turned eight miles of shafting and drove hundreds of other machines; yet it was almost noiseless in its operation. Elsewhere in the hall was a tiny toy engine on a shelf. It spouted steam, had swinging piston rods, and whirling wheels, but accomplished no useful work. What are you—a toy making a fine show, and somewhat noisy? Or a Christian under the control of the Holy Spirit, accomplishing the work of Christ on the earth through prayer, faith, and good deeds?

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, and with power; who went about doing good...."

READY

*Be ye therefore ready
also: for the Son of
man cometh at an hour
when ye think not.*

—Luke 12:40

BY WALLACE A. ELY

IT HAS BEEN SAID, "ALL THINGS change, but nothing is lost." Chemists tell us this is true. All things change, but people who are not ready for the changes often suffer loss. It is the wise person who prepares for the changes ahead.

The early settlers of our country could count on very few certainties, but they knew that each year winter would come with its cold. The wise among them accepted the fact that change would come. They gathered fuel and preserved food in anticipation of the change in seasons. Those who failed thus to prepare for the cold months suffered from their neglect.

Young people who neglect their education while it is available, live to regret their wasted opportunities as they assume family responsibilities. People who defy the laws of health find themselves unprepared for the trial of sickness when it comes. Those who disregard the laws of sound money management may get along for a while, but when prosperity changes to adversity it finds them unprepared. The self-sufficient person who feels no need for others and therefore neglects his friendships may one day suffer a change of circumstances which will tragically point up his need of friends he can trust.

Most often we have only a few hours, days or years to prepare for many of the changes we must meet. But God in mercy has given us a lifetime in which to prepare for the greatest of all changes. We take our first step in preparation for eternity with Him when by His grace we are changed from lost sinners to children

of God through Jesus Christ.

Many think they need not be in a hurry to make this change; but herein lies a snare, for who knows the length of his life? The remaining lifetime for any person now living may be only minutes, days, or months. To put off salvation from sin one hour, or one day, may prove to be one hour or one day too long.

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells the story of the 10 virgins. They had equal opportunity for preparation, yet only five were ready when their friend's wedding hour came. Jesus related this story to everyone of us when He said, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

It is a good thing to prepare for all of the possible changes that could come to us. Most of all, we should get ready and stay ready for the changes that will mean the most to us. And what is more important than being ready to meet God when this life is over? ◀◀

The Happy Vacationist

(A paraphrase of Psalm 1)

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor absenteth himself from the Lord's house in the summer, nor indulgeth in the pleasures of the wicked.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night, even while on vacation.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in every season. Even in hot weather his zeal for God's house shall not wither; and wheresoever he goeth he attendeth Sunday school and church, causing his soul to prosper.

The lukewarm are not so: but are careless about supporting the Lord's work in the summer. They depart for a vacation, forgetting to pay their tithes in advance; and when they return, behold, their money is all spent.

Therefore the work of God is not advanced in the summer months, nor sinners brought into the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the spiritual life of the careless shall perish.

*A Salute to Our Fathers
in the Pentecostal Faith—*

DREAMY OLD MEN

BY JAMES E. GRIGGS

Southern Missouri District Secretary-Treasurer

GOD SAID, "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT upon all flesh; . . . your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions" (Joel 2:28).

Dr. Ross Edwards, pastor of the Swope Park Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., said, "The kind of dreams you will have when you are old depends upon the kind of visions you have when you are young."

Too many times an old man is put in storage. He is relegated to the attic along with the old pictures, old clothes, old trunks, old furniture, and "junk" (stuff that is not good enough to use, but too good to throw away).

Attics are for "antiques" that are too young to be valuable, and too old to be serviceable. Shall we put our "fathers in the faith" in this category?

OLD MEN ARE VALUABLE

If you think old men are out-moded, always "in the way," you may be missing the greatest experience in your life. Many of the "modern" conveniences that make up our lives, and which we feel we could not do without, are the result of the work of "dreamy old men." Old men need not dream about the past. We may think old men are living in the past, but many of them dream about the future and help to shape it. There have been great men who did their greatest work after they passed retirement age. After all, who are we to say when a man is at his best? Especially is this true if that man is anointed with the Spirit of God.

OLD MEN ARE AN ASSET

Old men can contribute much to you personally and to your church. One of the things that kept the Bible free from error was the fact that God's message was passed from father to son down through the centuries. There is nothing like hearing a story at first hand. You may enjoy reading about

what God did 50 years ago, but I would rather listen as an "old-timer" tells me about what he saw, felt, and experienced.

OLD MEN SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE

Their advice is valuable. Many heartaches and pitfalls could be avoided if the younger men would take time to listen. It has been said that we live in a young man's world; but I know some old men who helped to make it.

As a church we lose something that cannot be replaced every time one of our "old saints" passes on. We had better listen to them while they are still here to tell us.

OLD MEN HAVE TIME TO SERVE

Try to find someone to help you. Try to find a man to do a job and one after another will say, "I don't have the time." Why not ask an old man? He has the time. It may take him longer but he is not in any hurry. Why should he be? Maybe you too would do a better job if you did not rush so much! There are some things an old man cannot do, but let him do what he can. He wants to serve; he has time to serve; so let him serve.

DON'T DESPISE DREAMY OLD MEN

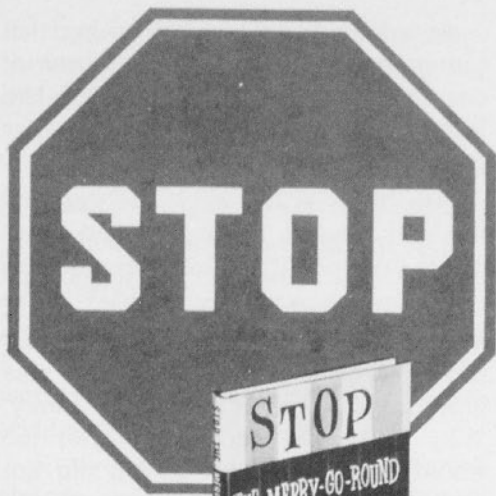
Many dreamy old men were once young men of vision. The Holy Spirit is poured out in both phases of life. Joel's prophecy was not to young men only. Many old men have lived rich, full lives for God to the very end. They can enrich your life; that is, if you don't put them in storage. ◀◀



STONE CHURCH IN CHICAGO HONORS PASTOR AND MRS. SUMRALL

Pastor and Mrs. Ernest C. Sumrall were honored recently on the occasion of their 25th anniversary as pastors of the Stone Church Assembly of God, 8408 South Justine St., Chicago, Ill. The congregation presented them with an extra one-month vacation with pay and a purse of money. The church board gave Brother Sumrall a watch.

A number of ministers from throughout the area joined the congregation for the anniversary observance. Earl S. Henning, assistant to the pastor, was master of ceremonies for the evening and Miss Florence Heatter, another associate minister of the church, narrated a "This Is Your Life" presentation. Others on the program were District Superintendent and Mrs. E. M. Clark and former District Superintendent W. R. Williamson, also a former pastor of Stone Church. Telegrams and letters of congratulations from various sections of the country added interest to the program which was followed by informal fellowship and refreshments.



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Eastern District Sunday School Director Harold Crosby (left) receives the trophy for highest district giving on BGMC Day from Charles W. Denton, National Sunday School Secretary.

ANNUAL BGMC AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

BY FRANCES FOSTER, NATIONAL SUPERVISOR OF BGMC

THE WINNERS OF THE 1964 BOYS and Girls Missionary Crusade trophies have been announced. The trophies are given in several categories for highest giving on BGMC Day, February 2, 1964.

BGMC is a missionary program for Sunday school pupils through junior age. The boys and girls collect money in small wooden barrels and give it to help supply literature for missionaries in many lands. BGMC money is used for translating and printing gospel literature—tracts, Sunday school quarterlies and papers, magazines, and story papers—in different languages. This ministry stretches all around the world.

BGMC has as its theme, "The Word for the World," and this year's sub-theme is, "Jesus Loves Them Too." Each year for the past few years some particular part of the earth has been emphasized. This year's field was the Far East. The funds given this year on BGMC Day are being used in needy areas in the Orient. At present the Far East field secretary, May-

nard Ketcham, is cooperating with Far Eastern missionaries to discover the most strategic literature program.

Despite the fact that all the money received in February goes to the Far East, the other fields receive their regular budgeted amount of BGMC funds each quarter.

February 1964 offerings far surpassed the goal of \$32,000; they amounted to \$38,628.44 setting a new record. Your staff in the National office would like to thank each of you for your faithful giving through BGMC to see the work of literature distribution furthered throughout the world.

The award for highest giving of any church goes to Trinity Tabernacle, Baytown, Tex., which gave \$2,050.95.

The runner-up award for highest church giving goes to Fair Ridge Pentecostal Assembly, Shade Gap, Pa., which gave \$1,081.82. The divisional winners are:

Churches 601 and over: Highest giving, Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash., \$501.19. Honorable mention,



Charles W. Denton presents the runner-up trophy for highest district giving to District Sunday School Director W. O. Henin, South Texas District.

boro, Pa., \$780. Honorable mention, Grace Pentecostal, Johnstown, Pa., \$407.06.

Churches 126-200: Highest giving, Assembly of God, Rock Falls, Ill., \$341.40. Honorable mention, Oaklawn Assembly of God, Houston, Tex., \$229.97.

Churches 76-125: Highest giving, Freeway Forest Assembly of God, Houston, Tex., \$655. Honorable mention, First Assembly of God, League City, Tex., \$172.27.

Churches 75 and under: Assembly of God, Tioga, N. Dak., \$137.53. Honorable mention, Calvary Tabernacle, Camden, N. J., \$117.75.

The district awards were given on the basis of highest giving in the district for BGMC Day.

The highest district award goes to Eastern District which gave \$4,660.73.

The runner-up district award goes to South Texas which gave \$4,572.14.

There is one trophy not yet given. It is the year-end trophy to be awarded to the district with the highest total giving for the entire year.

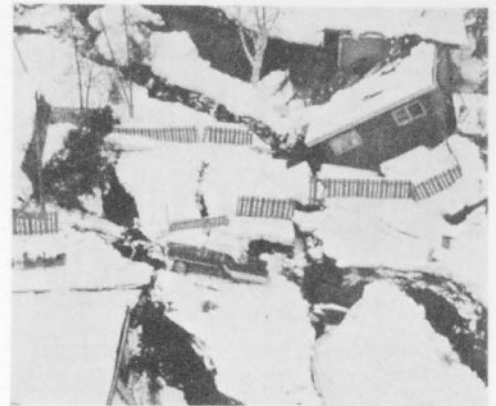
All offerings are important, the small ones as well as the large. Whether you received a trophy or not, your money is being used to spread the gospel among people in many nations, and your participation in BGMC is promoting the cause of World Missions. The young folk here at home, as they strengthen the missionaries by giving and praying, become missionaries themselves. ◀◀

Sheffield Assembly of God, Kansas City, Mo., \$228.21.

Churches 541-600: Highest giving, Pentecostal Tabernacle, Elmira, N. Y., \$1,000. Honorable mention, First Assembly of God, Pontiac, Mich., \$175.

Churches 301-450: Highest giving, First Assembly of God, Alexandria, Va., \$196.68. Honorable mention, Evangel Temple, Miami, Fla., \$127.45.

Churches 201-300: Highest giving, Calvary Assembly of God, Waynes-



Hope for the Best

— *but* —

Prepare for the Worst!

It isn't just a cliché—but very practical advice, as disaster victims will attest. When the worst happens, there isn't time to prepare. Preparation must be done before help is needed. The recent Alaskan earthquake pointed up this fact when it came at a time that the Assemblies of God Disaster Relief Fund was exhausted. This necessitated the transfer of funds from other Benevolence accounts.

This is an appeal to you—to help us avoid a similar dilemma. After a disaster occurs there isn't time to send out appeals for finances—life itself depends so many times on instant resources. We must prepare, and hope such funds will not be needed . . . but first prepare.

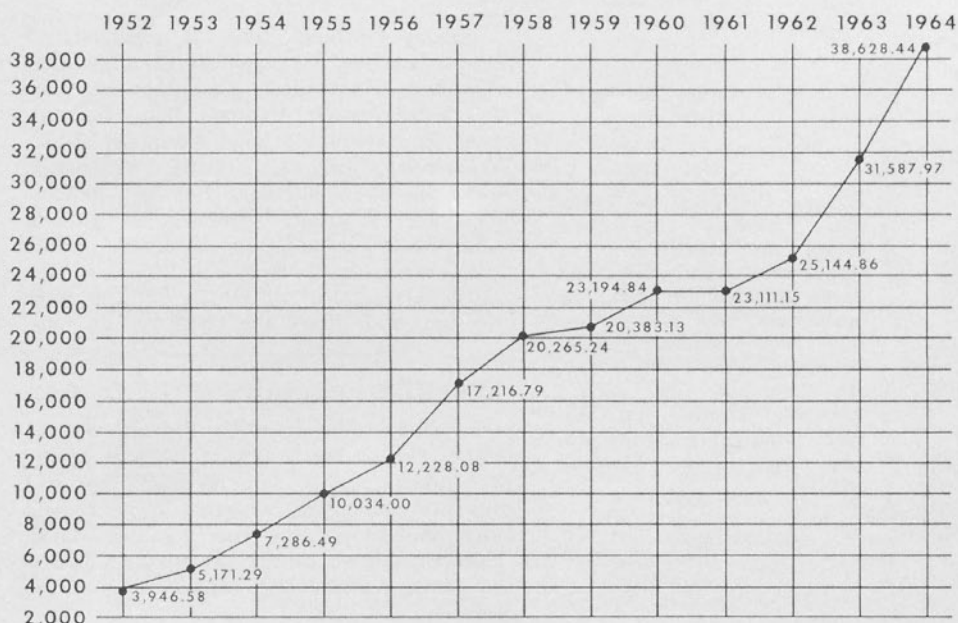
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BGMC DAY OFFERINGS CONTINUE TO CLIMB

ANNUAL REPORTS ON BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CRUSADE AT A GLANCE



(NOTE: The above totals do not represent total amounts given throughout the year, but only the amounts given on BGMC Day)



CAMPUS COLUMN

Hardy W. Steinberg

NATIONAL EDUCATION SECRETARY

NCBC RECEIVES GIFT FROM WMC'S

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—In a recent chapel service Mrs. D. H. Heuser, WMC president of the Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District, presented \$700 in cash and \$400 in pledges to President G. Raymond Carlson of North Central Bible College.

The monies, which were raised in a series of WMC rallies in the District, will be used for furniture in the men's dormitory.

EVANGEL STUDENTS SEE GOOD FRIDAY PARADE IN MEXICO

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Five Evangel College language students and two faculty members of the Languages Department took a 12-day field trip to Mexico in March. The faculty sponsors were John Mancini and Mrs. Alice Bowers, both assistant professors of modern languages.

During the trip the students saw a Good Friday "procession of silence" in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. In the "procession of silence," masked marchers represented humanity's guilt for the death of Jesus. The masked marchers wore white robes and pointed hoods. With them were robed priests carrying a realistic figure of the dead Christ and a statue of the Virgin Mary.

In sharp contrast to such ancient traditions as the "procession of silence" were the freeways of Mexico City, a modern city of four million population. In fact, the group became lost on the freeways when they arrived in Mexico City!

The travelers purchased an attractive picture magazine being sold on a Mexico City bus, and found it was printed in China in the Spanish language. The magazine painted a glowing picture of life in Communist China.

The students visited the Mexican pyramids, which are larger at the base than those of Egypt but not so high. "The Aztecs used to sacrifice large numbers of human beings on the flattened tops of the pyramids, particularly at the end of each 50 years, when their calendar ran out. They believed they had to do this to make the solar system start another 50-year cycle," Mrs. Bowers reported.

Also visited by the group were Taxco, the silversmiths' city; Cuernavaca, where the palace of Cortez stands; Guanajuato, location of one of the oldest universities in the hemisphere; and the palace of Chapultepec, which contains rooms that remain just as they were when the Emperor Maximilian and Empress Carlotta left them.

NBI STUDENTS RESPOND TO MISSIONS CHALLENGE

GREEN LANE, PA.—The annual missionary convention of Northeast Bible Institute was held on the campus during the second semester. Services were conducted morning and evening, with Anthony Giordano and Blanche Appleby alternating as speakers.

Just prior to the convention, Douglas Sellers, president of the campus missionary society, announced that the \$3,000 goal of the first semester had been reached. In addition to meeting the missionary budget and paying the expense of the convention, the students' missionary offerings will provide \$1,200 toward a water supply for a Bible school in South Africa.

The convention culminated with pledg-

ing for the new semester. Beginning in the morning service the huge arrow on the front wall of the chapel moved across the \$1,000 and \$2,000 marks and in the evening, when the final pledge was in, the arrow pointed to \$3,286.

A 1945 graduate of N.B.I., Brother Giordano received missionary appointment in 1950 and served first in Paraguay, then in Cuba, and more recently in Uruguay. One feature of his ministry in South America was a radio broadcast heard daily and twice on Sunday, which reached into several Latin American republics.

Miss Appleby, who now resides in Atlanta, Ga., is a veteran missionary of the Assemblies of God, having gone to South China in 1912. At the outbreak of World War II she was helping in a Bible school in the Philippines. After being imprisoned, released, and again imprisoned, she and her co-worker, Rena Baldwin, were almost starved by their captors before being rescued by American forces only minutes ahead of a scheduled massacre of the total prison population.

The missionary convention was a high point of the school year. In the main hall the seven prayer bands set up booths displaying articles from their parts of the world; and in the chapel seven flags represented the countries in which student offerings help support missionaries.

"EVANGELAIRES" ON TOUR

The "Evangelaires" Choir of North Central Bible Institute, Minneapolis, Minn., is engaging in a summer tour, beginning June 13. The singing of these young people may be heard at the following churches:

Sunday morning, June 21, Evangel Church, Elizabeth, N. J.; Sunday afternoon, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York, N. Y.; Sunday evening, El Bethel, Staten Island, N. Y.; Tuesday, June 23, Parkway Assembly, Revere, Mass.; Wednesday, June 24, Assembly of God, Brockton, Mass.; Thursday, June 25, Assembly of God, South Dennis, Mass.; Friday, June 26, Highway Mission Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Pa.; Saturday, June 27, First Assembly, Laurel, Md.

Sunday morning, June 28, Assembly of God, Manassas, Va.; Sunday evening, First Assembly, Alexandria, Va.; Monday, June 29, Bethel Temple, Canton, Ohio; Tuesday, June 30, Assembly of God, Ferndale, Mich.; Wednesday, July 1, Calvary Tabernacle, Chicago, Ill.; Thursday, July 2, Christian Assembly, Wausau, Wis.; Friday, July 3, Lake Geneva Bible Camp, Alexandria, Minn.

Lawrence B. Larsen, Chairman of the Music Department of North Central Bible College, will direct the choir on its tour.

MISSIONS PLEDGES TOTAL \$1,652

DETROIT, MICH.—The Livonia Assembly of God, a new work at Livonia, Mich., has taken another step of faith. We had our first missionary program April 26 and took pledges for the year totaling \$1,652. Even though we are a home missions church we have learned one cannot outgive the Lord.

James V. Shaffer recently took charge of this new church. In the past six weeks 10



Evangel College students display souvenirs after their return from Mexico City. In front are Jesse Bair and Karen MacKinney, both of Springfield, Mo. Behind are Mrs. Alice Bowers, Evangel College faculty; William Frazer, Columbus, Ind.; Sandra Wampler, Trafford, Pa.; Esther Mehagan, Springfield, Mo.; and John Mancini, faculty.

young people have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and three have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

—by Christine McGlocklin
Missionary Secretary

RECORD AMOUNT OF BUSINESS DONE AT INDIANA COUNCIL

MICHIGAN CITY, IND.—A number of important changes were made in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Indiana District Council at its 19th annual meeting held May 11-13 in Michigan City's beautiful new Faith Assembly.

In all, over 30 resolutions were passed. Never has the Indiana District handled so much business so quickly and in such a great measure of unity as was handled at this Council.

The body voted to put the District C. A. President on a full-time basis as of July, 1964.

Returned to office for two-year terms were William Van Winkle, Superintendent, and Gordon H. Matheny, Secretary.

Assistant Superintendent Stewart H. Robinson and Treasurer Leonard R. Nowell were reelected for one-year terms.

Every office was filled on the nominating ballot, so strong was the spiritual unity.

The attendance at all the services was

probably the greatest in the history of our District. The soul-stirring ministry of Paul Lowenburg, the new Superintendent of the Kansas District, challenged and thrilled our hearts. —By Gordon H. Matheny, Secretary

WITH CHRIST

MRS. EUNICE E. HAUSE, 81, of Winter Haven, Fla., was called into the presence of the Lord April 27. Ordained in 1922, she copastored with her husband, now deceased, in the Florida and Alabama Districts. In 1947 Sister Hause was superannuated.

AGUSTIN T. LOPEZ, 89, of Lynwood, Calif., went to meet his Master April 5. He was ordained in 1933 and worked in the Latin American Branch of the Assemblies of God. Pastorates he held were in Kersey, Colo., and Los Angeles, Calif. His survivors include his wife Mary, six daughters and two sons.

MRS. ERMA ERWIN BARR, 62, of Covington, Ky., fell asleep in Jesus April 28. Sister Barr was affiliated with the Kentucky District and was pastoring in Covington when she passed away. At the time of her ordination in 1943 she was affiliated with the Central District and pastored an assembly in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her husband Marc preceded her in death last year.

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Alaska	Anchorage	Fairview	June 23-28	Bob Ludwig	Gilbert Mort
Ark.	Beebe	First	June 21—	Carl L. Tillery	James Morris
	Fayetteville	A/G	June 21—	David O. Bunch	D. W. Danner
Calif.	Hampton	*First	June 28-July 3	Mrs. A. G. Caloway	G. A. Stubbs
	Fresno	*Highway City Ass.	June 21-26	Youngman-Howard Team	E. M. McKim
	Ft. Bragg	*A/G	June 22-28	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	George T. McQueen
La.	King City	First	June 16—	Lloyd Perera	James W. Buchanan
	La Puente	Glen Grove	June 21-26	Christian Hild	Milton Barfoot
	San Diego	First	June 21-July 5	Bob Watters	Emil Balliet
Fla.	Bonifay	Little Rock	June 21-July 5	J. H. Lee	O. B. Harris
	Carrabelle	First	June 23-28	Michael & Peggy Lord	V. A. Krouse
	Sebring	First	June 15-28	Don & Sharon Parker	John Paulk
Ga.	Macon	Houston Ave.	June 14-28	Maurice & Mrs. Lednick	Earl Crawford
Ill.	Chicago	Central	June 16-28	James T. Burkett	George Lee
	Mason City	A/G	June 22-28	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	K. Wallace
Ind.	Portland	*First	June 22-28	Marie Smith	J. Anthony Silva
	Rockville	First	June 21—	John E. Friend	Frank E. Swalls
	Whiting	A/G	June 16-28	J. E. Friend	Calvin Owens
Kans.	Topoka	First	June 24—	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	Charles Gibson
La.	Hornbeck	A/G	June 21-July 5	Samuel Calk	W. W. Bryant
Mo.	Edina	A/G	June 16-28	Loyd Middleton	E. E. Hembree
	Festus	*A/G	June 22-26	Dedelow-Friederici Team	T. D. Jennings
Mont.	Poplar Bluff	*A/G	June 22-28	Glady's Voight	Clifford C. Truitt
	Roundup	A/G	June 28-July 3	Charles Senechal	—
N. Y.	Staten Island	Faith	June 23-28	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	Fred Markant, Jr.
Ohio	Canton	*A/G	June 23-28	Paul Hild Family	Robert Graber
	Martins Ferry	Trinity	June 17-28	Andrew G. Basell Party	Alfred J. Jensen
Okla.	Edmond	**A/G	June 21-July 3	Victor Etienne	E. F. Pierce
Pa.	Amaranth	Buck Valley	June 23-July 5	John Higginbotham	J. Arthur Lemmert
	Williamsport	Faith Tab.	June 14-28	Musical Vander Ploegs	Robert Kulzer
Tex.	Aubrey	First	June 23—	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	R. Y. Grimes
	Port Arthur	Central	June 22—	Jack Pruitt	C. L. Musgrove
	Port Lavaca	First	June 28-July 5	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	Daniel Mosier
Va.	Trinidad	A/G	June 28-July 5	Fred H. Hadley	C. D. Tedford
	Waco	Oaklawn	June 23—	Tommy & Esther Lance	Floyd Smalley
	Hampton	**Bethel	June 22-July 5	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	H. S. Ryan
Wash.	Norfolk	Fairmount Park	June 23-July 5	David & Mrs. Lewis	Gordon Young
	Spokane	Ridgeview	June 23-28	Irene Abrahamson	Eldred Nelson
	Tacoma	*South Tacoma A/G	June 28-July 3	Lowell & Andrea Wood	Ross Chittim
Canada	Vancouver	Bethel	June 23-July 5	Tanner Team	Samuel McGill
	Glendon	Pentecostal	June 21—	Lolita Varner	M. S. Kutney
Uruguay	Montevideo	Templo Evang.	June 21-July 5	Charles H. Cass	Samuel Baluis

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A Father's Pledge

I accept my responsibility in the partnership of parenthood. I count it a joy to share in this wonderful relationship with the mother of our children. I will give her the honor due her position and all my love to support her in her task.

I will be sensitive to our children and their special needs. I will seek to uncover their hidden strengths and talents and to encourage their development. I will offer gentle guidance toward pathways of useful service.

As God gives me strength, I accept my duty to earn a living for my family, to provide shelter, clothing, food. But more than house or fabric or bread, to provide a home for the soul, a retreat from rush and conflict and hurt, a place warm with love, security, trust.

I will take time to live, to be a real member of the family, to spend with them those hours which show their importance to me. I will take time to be a true parent.

I will give spiritual leadership to my family, in regular worship periods and day-by-day teaching. I will be a true follower of Christ myself and lead my family to live for Him too. In word and deed I will endeavor always to be an example worth following.

I bow my heart to God in thanksgiving for His grace and in petition of His strength as I make this pledge.

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