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# The Man Who Was Ready to Die

By Lon Woodrum

**O**UT OF AN EVIL-SMELLING DUNGEON CAME A MAN'S last message to the world, a message that will be heard as long as time lasts:

*"I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. . . . Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord . . . shall give me at that day"* (2 Timothy 4:6).

What made this man so sure that a crown awaited his arrival in another world? Something must have happened to him. There must be a reason for this final word from one who was about to fall under an executioner's blade.

Wouldn't his case history be interesting! It so happens that we can backtrack this man's trail and learn from his own pen the reasons for his victorious approach to his life's grim exit. His testimony has been shining neon-bright for centuries.

1.

*"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"* (Romans 1:16).

There was a time when this man who now anticipates a triumphant entry into the eternal world was not such a dedicated person. He referred to himself as the "chief of sinners," openly admitting he had "persecuted the church of God and wasted it" (Galatians 1:13). His self-condemning words appall us: "Many of the saints did I shut up in prison . . . and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceeding mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities" (Acts 26:10, 11).

Then this wolf of the Sanhedrin, while ripping and tearing the flock of Christ, was struck down on the highway by a light from heaven and he became a Christian believer. Joining with the Church cost him privation, imprisonment, affliction, and finally his life; but what his voice has meant to the Christian Church is beyond measuring.

His words have been repeated by a million tongues—"I am not ashamed. . . ." This gospel of Christ which he had so deeply loathed, now brought him no embarrassment. He went through the world crying its wonders. He took it to Antioch, Salamis, Paphos, Attalia, Perga, Iconium, Ephesus, Corinth, Rome.

2.

*"I know whom I have believed"* (2 Timothy 1:12).

Paul's faith was not based on guesswork. His was no theological system accepted with "blind trust." He knew something; rather, he knew *Someone*. And in knowing the Lord of Glory he attained the pinnacle of human knowledge.

No doubt Paul would have been quick to admit there were many things he did not know; but of one thing he was so sure that his voice of certainty made nations listen to his testimony. Paul knew God, and nothing makes a man more effective as a gospel preacher than constant, conscious communion with his Creator and Redeemer. It is one thing to say, "I believe," but another to say, "I know." Paul's faith had thrust him into an acute awareness of Christ, an out-of-this-world knowledge of God.

3.

*"By the grace of God I am what I am"* (1 Corinthians 15:10).

There was this other thing about Paul: with all his wonderful experience in the Lord he took no credit whatsoever for his own goodness or accomplishments. He said God's grace had made him what he was, even as a potter makes a vessel out of clay.

Redemption is a gift. A man cannot save himself, not ever. Man is lying flat on his face, struck down by sin, dying with it, incapable of lifting himself up or finding a remedy. But Christ in mercy stoops down from heaven, puts His arms under this hopeless creature, and lifts him to God. This was Paul's message. "By grace are you saved!" he kept saying. And he added, "Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Paul knew that no man has a right to brag about his goodness. Everything a believer has that's good was given him. "We are *his* workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works."

4.

*"I am crucified with Christ"* (Galatians 2:20).

Crucifixion was a dreadful thing. Roman crosses everywhere made people cringe. The cross was a criminal's fate. It represented fearful suffering and shame. It was a terrible way to die.

Nevertheless, Paul must join Christ in this death. He

too must taste the agony of the cross. He must enter into the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. The apostle was not content to come into the kingdom at Zion; he must come in at Golgotha. The cross was Christ's; but there was also a cross for Paul, and he must take it up, even as Jesus had commanded (Matthew 16:24).

5.

*"I count all things but loss for...the knowledge of Jesus Christ"* (Philippians 3:8).

Here he was, an Hebrew of the Hebrews, tossing everything away in favor of Christ. His armor of self-righteousness had been shattered at the Cross. What a price tag he placed on the things he once thought precious! "Garbage," he called them. What a sell-out to the Highest. How poor this made him—yet how rich! As he told the Corinthians, he had nothing, yet he possessed all things.

6.

*"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God"* (Philippians 3:14).

His status was not that of the nominal believer. He could not stand still. He was *stretching*. He had a goal to reach. "I follow after," he said, and that word *follow* has the thought of a hound tracking down game. Paul was in the race for "keeps." He meant to be a winner. And he was. Even as he rounded the track on the home stretch, and saw the Judge looking down on him, he cried, "I have finished my course."

7.

*"I have fought a good fight"* (2 Timothy 4:6).

Note the qualifying adjective. All kinds of fights are fought by all sorts of men. Some fights are bad. Paul had fought a *good* one. The dauntless warrior was marching up from the battlefield, approaching the Commander who had sent him forth; and the Commander was smiling.

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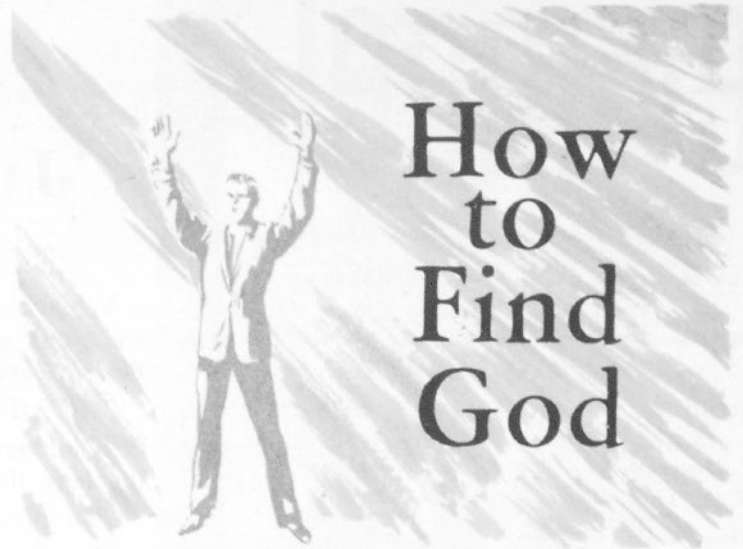
*"I have kept the faith"* (2 Timothy 4:6).

Paul had lost many things. He had lost his position with the Sanhedrin. He had lost a chance to build a home, raise a family, make a fortune. But one thing he had kept—the *faith*. Though sometimes hungry, cold, and sick he had kept the faith. Though shipwrecked, imprisoned, lonely in a desert place or on the streets of strange cities, he had kept the faith. In perils of the sea, in the clutches of false brethren, among friends or foes, he had kept the faith. He held fast to the one thing that no power on earth could take from him—his integrity before God.

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This was the man who was ready to die. This was the testimony of the man who talked not of gloom but of glory when the executioners were coming for him. Usually the picture of a man being executed is a gruesome thing, a sad sight, but not this picture. It is a glorious scene. Really Paul was not going out to die; he was a man going Home.

He had lived for this moment and now he revelled in the future he had anticipated. "Henceforth," he said, "there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord Himself shall give me." *May our end be like his!* ◀◀◀



LONG AGO THIS MESSAGE CAME TO MANKIND THROUGH a prophet of the Lord: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3).

The great, good and blessed God is to very many like an undiscovered and unexplored continent. Many have never left the shores of themselves to find Him. Many have never left the shores of their kindred and home ties in order to reach out after God; that is to say, they are more at home with their relatives and friends than they are with God. Many spend long hours with relatives and friends who never spend even half an hour with God. They do not habitually retire to be alone with God.

Some have left in search of Him, and have seen only His shores; that is, they retire to be alone with God, but do not stay long enough to really touch Him in spirit. Others have gone some ways inland (that is, this land of God Himself) and in prayer they have caught a glimpse of God which some never had.

There are others who have gone right in, walked through the valleys, climbed the hills and mountains, braved the Satanic oppositions—in fact, this last class have *gone on* in the inward and deeper search after God.

And what is the vessel that takes us from ourselves and our own shores to the great continent of God Himself? It is *prayer*, for it is in this devotional attitude of the soul that God is found and known more deeply.

Prayer sails the soul away—right away from itself and its own and its earthly ties—to God. In prayer the great continent of God Himself is discovered and known. There will be oppositions and difficulties, storms to pass through, and waves to overcome, but the true spirit of prayer will pass through the storms and ride the waves. There will be nights of darkness, when no sun appears, but the prayer of faith will hold on its way. Yes, God is found and known more and more by the soul that prays to Him.

It is in prayer that God makes known to us those deep and "hidden things" of Himself which otherwise we could not know. Prayer prepares us to receive this deeper knowledge of God, and is itself the means by which God communicates His "hidden things" to the spirit of man.

—By Arthur Petrie

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# 'Just Loving Jesus'

While walking past the church one day a lady saw a little girl come out, all by herself. It was not Sunday, so the lady asked, "Was there a service in the church today?"

"No," the child replied, "I was just praying."

Thinking the girl might have some problem that required her help, the lady then asked, "What were you praying for, dear?"

The girl answered, "Nothing; I was just loving Jesus."

How happy the Lord would be if adults would spend more time "just loving Jesus." This is the highest occupation a man or woman can find. We occupy ourselves with many duties which we think the Lord expects of us, and no doubt He does; but we get so busy we neglect the most important activity which is "just loving Jesus."

When Christ was asked, "Which is the first commandment of all?" He answered, "*Thou shalt love the Lord*"; and He cited the four parts of our beings with which we should love Him.

*With all thy heart.* Half-hearted devotion will not do. Israel tried this; they worshiped Him with their lips but divided their love between God and idols. The results were disastrous. We need to pray with the Psalmist, "Unite my heart to fear Thy name." May all our love and loyalty be given to God. Let our hearts burn with a holy zeal for His kingdom that will consume all there is of us.

*With all thy soul.* We are willing to display our emotions in other situations; why should we restrain ourselves when we enter the house of God? We laugh, we cry, we grow excited in other places because this is the normal and healthy thing to do. It is by giving full expression to our feelings that we reveal our true selves to our friends and loved ones. Why should we not give full expression of our feelings toward God? He wants us to love Him with all our soul. Religion without emotion is as abominable to Him as an altar without fire.

*With all thy mind.* It is possible to worship emotionally and intelligently at the same time. Faith is not opposed to reason, though it may be superior to it. God expects us to develop the minds He gave us, and to use them for every good purpose. He only asks that we give first place in all our thinking and reasoning to Him, so that He may bless and sanctify our mental life.

*With all thy strength.* There is work to be done for God, and it requires bodily energy. Let us use our physical strength to serve His cause, rather than for selfish purposes. If we love Him we will serve Him, but let us never get so engrossed in His service that we love the work more than we love Him. It is not our works, but the affection and worship that motivates our works, that satisfies the heart of Him who thirsts for our love.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment" (Mark 12:30). Although it is put in the form of a command, it really is a privilege. For love never asks, "How much must I do?" It asks, "How much can I do?" We love Him because He first loved us; and no matter how great our love may be, it is small in comparison with His great love. As the apostle said, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). How can we help but love Him when He loved us so!

—R.C.C.

When his armorbearer refused to kill him, Saul took a sword and fell upon it. Thus the story of the mighty king of Israel ends with suicide! It could have been so different. For Saul was a popular man, favored with many admirable qualities; but time after time he "played the fool." Actually his downfall was not sudden, but gradual. Such is the case with many a wasted life. . . .

By RUTH COPELAND



# 'I Have Played the Fool!'

ON THE GREAT STAGE OF LIFE, ALL OF US ARE ACTORS. We cannot choose the length of the part we play, nor can we always choose the scenes, settings, or even the rest of the cast. But we can choose the kind of player we will be, and what shall be the end of our story.

One of the most tragic roles in Bible history was played by Saul, the first king of Israel. Endowed with exceptional abilities, privileges, and friends, he foolishly allowed them all to slip through his fingers and so acted as one devoid of the common powers of understanding. Near the end of his life he cried out in anguish and remorse, "I have played the fool" (1 Samuel 26:21).

Saul could have played a better part. He was a handsome person with a magnetic personality. By nature he was shy, but generous, and even brave. Few have been so lavishly endowed as he was.

As king, he had the authority and influence by which he might have molded the nation for God and righteousness. What an opportunity!

Saul was a spiritually blessed man too. The Spirit of God came upon him at times and gloriously anointed him to prophesy with the prophets. Such a wealth of blessing and high privilege as came to King Saul called for humility and a dedication to responsibility. But Saul's heart became lifted up in foolish pride and self-esteem. In a succession of unwise actions he committed himself to a course that led progressively downward until he had squandered every blessing and opportunity for exalted service.

Saul started his role as "fool" by disobeying the Word of God presumptuously and repeatedly. Pride and impatience took the place of the humility and obedience which had characterized the beginning of his reign. And because he rejected the Word of the Lord, "The Lord hath rejected thee from being king," said the prophet Samuel.

We all have times when we must choose whether or not we will obey the Word of God. Such crucial decisions separate wise men from fools. He who deliberately disobeys God's Word "plays the fool," whether it is apparent to him at once or not. The path to destruction is littered with the wreckage of lives who choose to go against the known will of God.

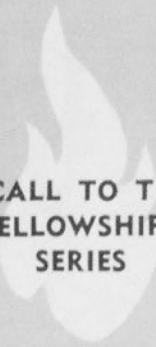
What a friend Saul had in Samuel, the man God had chosen to anoint him king. Faithfully Samuel counseled Saul, and he cried to the Lord all night when he knew Saul had sinned. Yet Saul had little appreciation for either his advice or his prayers—until later.

Continuing on his downward course, Saul turned against others who had helped him. Young David, by the power of the Lord of hosts, had slain the giant Goliath and so paved the way for one of Saul's outstanding military victories. Summoned to the palace when Saul was depressed and tormented, David played beautiful music that soothed the jaded nerves of his king, and restored him to peace of mind and heart. Yet in fits of jealous rage, King Saul twice hurled a javelin at the young musician, who narrowly escaped. Afterward, Saul pursued David relentlessly in an effort to take his life.

What a pitiful picture this king of Israel presents—leaving the affairs of state to seek the life of one young man whom he imagines to be his enemy. It was at the climax of this chase that Saul, in a moment of insight, admitted, "I have played the fool. I have erred exceedingly." *The tragedy is that, having recognized his error, the king did not repent.*

Rare indeed is the man who has not been blessed with some faithful friend or loved one who seeks God's best for him. There is no better friend than the one who pleads that we obey God, and who prays with a genuine burden for our welfare when we sin. Yet how often

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POINT 4—STRIVING FOR  
MATURITY IN CHRIST

# SPIRITUAL ATTAINMENT

—By Arthur H. Graves

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SOME SCRIPTURES ARE SO FAMILIAR AND STATE THE truth so basically and well, that we come to think of them almost as epigrams—complete in themselves apart from their setting or context. But although many passages will lend themselves to this treatment, a very rewarding way to study the Bible is to review the context and setting of familiar verses. This will not detract from the enjoyment or value of any favorite verse or passage, but will rather add to its blessing by taking us back to the incident or situation which called it forth in the first place.

Such is the case with the third chapter of Philipians which contains the statement of Paul's desire expressed in the words, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead" (Philippians 3:10, 11). He then locates his present progress toward that goal, "I count not myself to have apprehended," and outlines his program for reaching it, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Following this he admonishes his readers, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded."

What are those things which are behind, which he is forgetting? Leading up to this the apostle has been comparing himself with other men in human excellence and desirable qualities, both of heredity and attainment. He decides that he is outstanding in comparison with others as a well-born and zealous Israelite. But he has undergone a change. That set of values has been given up, to be replaced by a completely different set. Now he feels that what things had been gain to him have become losses. He is ready to count them losses—things to be rejected and disposed of. "I do count them but dung, that I may win Christ," he says.

Turning from the "glory side" of men, he does not aspire to the "glory side" of Christ. He is not thinking of ruling and reigning—he is not asking, "Remember me, when thou comest into thy kingdom." His new goal is to "attain unto the resurrection of the dead." This was what his Lord had attained. For this Paul was apprehended of Christ, and if Paul apprehends this he will be "perfect." And so he is greatly concerned with the process of reaching this goal.

This must come through "knowing Him," and must

include the power that brought Jesus to this goal, the sufferings which lay along the path to this goal, conformity even to death in pursuit of this goal—and Paul knows he has not reached it yet. He is aware of having reached the desired human goal, "If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more." But he is conscious of being short of the divine goal, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This prize will not result from what Paul has done for God—but from what God would do in Paul—"the resurrection of the dead."

Christian maturity will be the likeness to Christ—not the difference from others. And this likeness to Christ will include in Paul's experience those things in which Jesus pleased God, and will climax in Paul's being raised from the dead as Christ had been. God's final approval of His Son was expressed in the resurrection, and so will His approval of Paul be. "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him" (Romans 6: 5, 6).

This kind of attainment, which would climax in the resurrection, would be Christ's kind of attainment, which could not be compared with the accomplishment of other men. The apostle strives now for an attainment which involves nothing less than to be "found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."

"Attaining" unto the resurrection meant being already identified with Christ in so many things, that identification with Him in the resurrection would be the natural consummation to a progression long under way. Comparison with other men could enable Paul to say, "I might also have confidence in the flesh." But comparison with Christ made him "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." On the human level he might excel—on the divine level he must attain:

Paul's eye is on the final goal, and he feels that he must be reaching forth unto those things which are before. But he is always practical and realistic. On the way to perfection, he writes, "Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule." Walking—and reaching out—the way to "attain." ◀◀

# Rescued by Six Mysterious Men

ON FEBRUARY 2, 1959, WE WERE DRIVING IN NORTH Dakota when God made us aware of His constant concern for us.

Since we had made the trip before in winter, we had not expected any trouble. However, as we started up the steep incline out of the river bottom of the North Dakota Bad Lands toward the level terrain above, the road was slippery and our car kept losing speed. Suddenly the rear wheels began to spin so much the car slid around like a top. We found ourselves crosswise of the narrow gravel road. A quick survey revealed that our back wheels were but inches from what appeared to be a 200-foot drop-off.

The car we were driving had a broken emergency brake, and the automatic transmission's parking unit was torn out. The only possible way to hold the car was for Mr. Glass to keep his foot on the brake pedal.

It was dark now, and snowing, and we wondered what to do. But since we had always trusted the Lord for everything, we decided to have a family prayer meeting right there. Matthew 18:19 says: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

The prayer was little more than finished when a station wagon pulled up beside us. Out jumped six of the most athletic-looking men I have ever seen. They were built like a first-string line of football players.

The spokesman said: "Some of us will ride in the trunk for traction." With that they literally took hold of our car and put it in proper position to proceed up the hill. One went back to drive their station wagon, and the other five crawled into our trunk.

As we wound our way up the hill it occurred to us that perhaps the men were getting cold, as none of them had caps. But fearing that we might not get started again, we decided not to stop before we reached the top.

By now our car was traveling at 35 miles per hour, and as we reached the top of the hill the station wagon went whizzing by. My husband stopped the car and went back to the trunk. It was empty!

It seemed impossible for them to have gotten out of our car and into theirs, or to have gained the speed they had as they went by. We never saw their car again. To us, there is only one explanation—God had answered prayer and sent six husky *angels* to the rescue.

The more we think about it, the more we are convinced it was a marvelous deliverance and we are filled with gratitude for "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14).—Mrs. Lola Glass

(Pastor Jack L. Glass, *Assembly of God, Murdo, S. Dak.*, writes: "This story is true. It was told to me by my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Glass, who now reside in Baker, Mont.")



## Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*What is wrong with the "one name" doctrine of "Jesus only"?*

Briefly, the doctrine is wrong because it denies the existence of a personal Father or Holy Ghost separate or distinct from Jesus. It recognizes only one Person in the Godhead, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is manifested as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Read John 14:16, 26; 16:7; 2 Corinthians 13:14. These are but a few of the many passages of Scripture which set forth the distinction between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

*Who was the queen of heaven spoken of by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 44:17-25)? Mary had not yet been born.*

Cruden's Concordance says the queen of heaven was the moon. Altars were set up for moon worship on roofs of houses, on street corners, and in idol groves. Cakes were kneaded with honey and oil and offered to her. The worship of the queen of heaven has been traced back to the Babylonish mysteries, and the worship of Mary is but a revival of features of the same mysteries. Forms may be somewhat changed, but the principles continue the same.

*In what way did the Israelites drink of a spiritual Rock, or eat spiritual food in the wilderness? Did they not require material drink and food (1 Corinthians 10:3)?*

They ate material food which met their physical need, and they drank literal water. The supply is described as "spiritual" because it was supernaturally supplied, the result of divine miracle. Let us remember that the God of the supernatural is also the God of the natural. He can provide for us or withdraw the supply. May we therefore appreciate the food we eat, the water we drink, the employment we enjoy, and the many other blessings of life as gifts from God.

*Is it true that every person's name is in the book of life at birth? Are their names then removed when they reach the age of accountability unless they give their hearts to the Lord?*

All are born with a tendency toward evil. Therefore I would not say our names are in God's book of life at birth. But I believe little children who die are not lost since they have not knowingly sinned against God. "For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed where there is no law" (Romans 5:13). Our names are written in heaven's book of life when we are saved. See Luke 10:20; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 20:12; 21:27; 22:19. When one's name is blotted out of the book of life it is because his sins have separated him from God.

*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.*



A STORY FOR THE CHILDREN

By Jewell Ready

ZIP BATES SNUGGLED AS DEEPLY AS HE COULD INTO the two Army blankets he had brought in his pack, but he couldn't get comfortable. Nobody had told him the river bank would be embedded with sharp rocks, and that there would always be at least one jamming him in the back through a thin blanket. "Ow!" he yelped as he turned over, trying to find a more comfortable position.

"What's the matter?" Buddy Mears sounded teasing. "Are you too soft for this outdoor life?"

Zip sat up and pulled his knees under his chin. "Well, frankly, I'd just as soon be home in bed instead of out here getting mosquito bit and rock bruised—and wet besides. My blankets are wet!"

"It's just dew," Marty's sleepy voice came from the darkness on the other side of Buddy.

"Dew or not, it's wet." Zip was disgusted—so disgusted that he forgot the fun they had before dark fishing, and the fun after dark cooking hamburgers over an open fire and then talking until midnight. He was miserable, and he wished the fishing trip was over. "The next time you guys dream up something like this, bring somebody else with you."

Some sleepy mumbles were all that answered him, so Zip made further attempts to find a spot on the blanket where he could sleep, comfortable or not.

Zip meant every word. Maybe he was soft—maybe he was a sissy—but he just wasn't cut out for sleeping on river banks. So the following week, when Cliff asked to borrow his camping stuff, Zip gladly brought out his whole pack. "I'm just glad it's you going and not me," he told Cliff as he strapped the pack to his back.

He didn't see Cliff any more until Sunday morning. They were the first two in their Sunday school class. Cliff was sitting very still, and his face and arms were fiery red. Zip knew what was wrong. "You're burned like a lobster!" he grinned. "Miserable, wasn't it?"

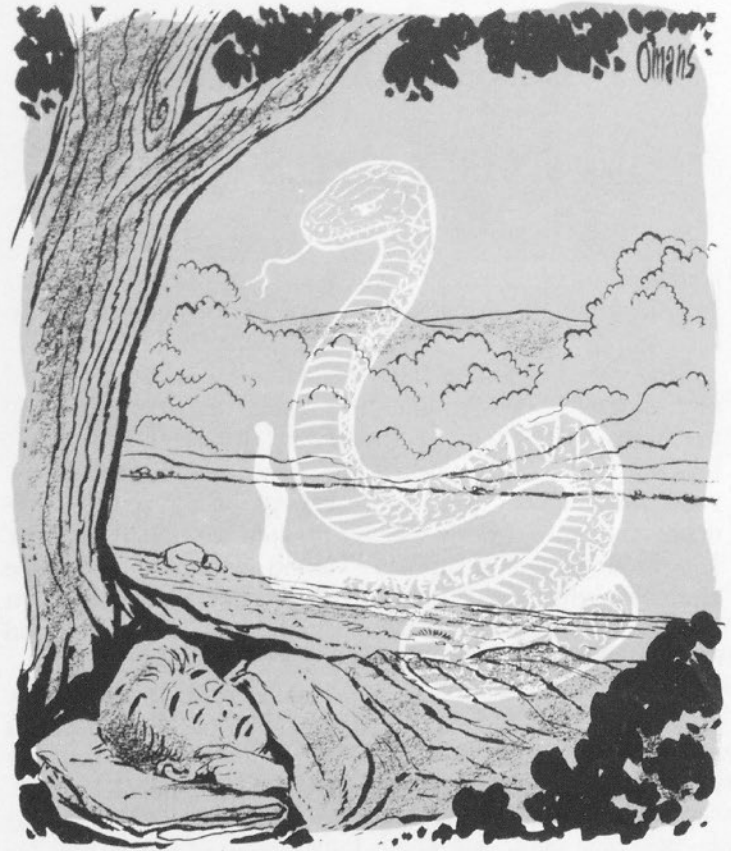
Cliff's blue eyes looked surprised. "I had the best time I ever had," he said. "I'll go any time I get the chance."

"Boy, you must be crazy about fishing," Zip whispered as the class was called to order, "or just plain crazy."

It was Missionary Sunday, and all the boys had brought their BGMC barrels to Sunday school. Zip held his tightly, rolling it between his hands, but not really thinking about it as he listened to the visiting missionary who taught the class today.

Zip could hardly believe his ears. The missionary told stories about the foreign country where he preached that made Zip's spine tingle. Wow, and he had thought the fishing trip was uncomfortable! *It's no life for sissies!* A few mosquito bites and all the other things were nothing compared to the stories the missionary told.

But the thing that Zip couldn't understand was that the man seemed so happy about the hardships he told



## It's No Life for Sissies!

about. When he finished and sat down, Zip just sat there and wondered why the missionary didn't feel sorry for himself.

The reason the missionary didn't mind being in the middle of all kinds of diseases and not having a clean house, a comfortable bed, plenty of food, and good water was that he just wanted to be there so badly that he would put up with anything. He was planning right now to go back. It was in a very small way like the fishing trip, Zip figured. You just had to want to do it more than anything. And he also figured that now he knew why there were no more missionaries than there were—not so many people were willing to give up all their comfort to preach to people in foreign lands.

Zip shook his BGMC barrel just a little. It wasn't nearly full, and he hadn't cared much whether it was or not. But now he took his billfold from his back pocket. It was a birthday present from his grandparents, and it still had the crisp dollar bill in it. It crackled with newness as Zip folded it so that it would fit in the barrel.

And Zip happily put his BGMC barrel in the missionary offering. Maybe someday, he thought, he would be called to the mission field. But if he weren't, the least he could do was help send the people who wanted more than anything else to preach God's Word to everybody—*everywhere!* ◀◀



# A Watchman's Warning

Sunday School Lesson for August 2, 1964

EZEKIEL 3:5-21; 2 TIMOTHY 4:1, 2

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

The prophet Ezekiel was called to serve as *pastor* to the captive Jews in Babylon. Our text describes his call and the preparation for fulfilling it.

**THE PROPHET FOREWARNED AND FOREARMED** (Ezekiel 3:1-11)

*The Sweetness of the Word* (vv. 1, 2). In chapter two, God informed Ezekiel that he was being sent to a rebellious people who would question his authority and the truth of his message. But God had purposed that they "shall know that there hath been a prophet among them." In preparation for this ministry, Ezekiel was instructed to eat the scroll upon which God's Word was written. He obeyed and found it sweet as honey. A number of lessons suggest themselves: (1) The Word of God is always sweet to those who love Him and put Him first. (2) Those who preach the Word to others first must live by the Word themselves. (3) Those who would exhort others to obey God's Word must do so themselves.

*The Rebelliousness of the Nation* (vv. 4-7). How humanly distasteful to have to preach to people when one knows they will not heed the message! Yet this is exactly what Ezekiel was called to do. If spiritual success can finally be measured by human statistics then Ezekiel was to be an outstanding failure! But what is success if it is not faithfulness to God?

*The Power of God* (vv. 8, 9). "I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads." God not only forewarns, but He forearms. Ezekiel was assured that God would give him the divine fortitude and courage to fulfill his ministry.

**THE PROPHET'S PREPARATION** (Ezekiel 3:14, 15)

*The Power of the Spirit*. "So the Spirit lifted me up." The Holy Spirit is very prominent in the Book of Ezekiel and in the prophet's experience. How the world today needs a message from God—but it can come only through Spirit-filled channels. Ezekiel was either literally transported or, more probably, lifted in vision to a position among his people who lived by the River Chebar.

*The Pain of the Prophet*. "And I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit." Was it indignation against the sins of the people that Ezekiel felt? Was it reluctance to preach an unpopular message to heedless people? Was it dread of failure? Or was it consciousness of human inability? Perhaps it was a little of all these things.

*The Hand of the Lord*. "But the hand of the Lord was strong upon me." Again and again we have this testimony throughout the book. God's hand upon Ezekiel overcame all reluctance, anger, fears. The hand of the Lord—representing His power, strong to uphold, defend, direct, encourage, and deliver—that hand we covet upon us today!

*The Purposeful Silence*. "I came to them...and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among

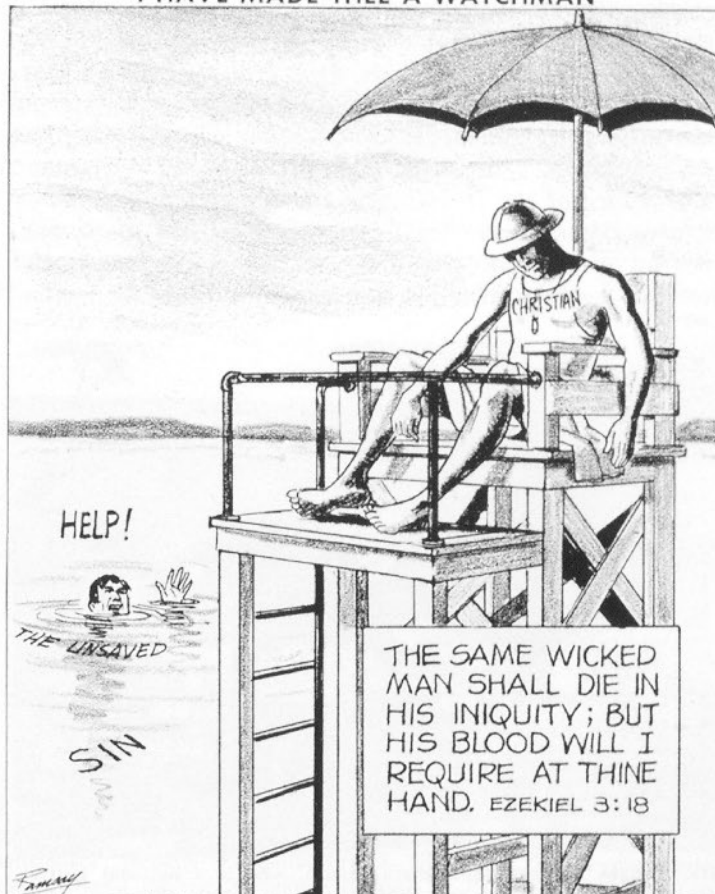
them seven days." Why this seven days of silent waiting?—(1) In order to see and feel the depths of Israel's need! No man is prepared to help his fellowman unless he has felt something of the suffering of humankind. Ezekiel must put himself in the place of those to whom he would minister. He must have compassion and understanding in order to rightly interpret God to the people. (2) In order to feel the weight of God's message! If we are to interpret the spiritual significance of events today, if we are to rightly relate the Word of God to these events, we must think deeply and carefully in the presence of God and His Word.

**THE PROPHET'S RESPONSIBILITY** (Ezekiel 3:17-21)

Ezekiel was addressed as "son of man." That is, he was just an ordinary human being. He must be conscious of his own frailties in order that he might be merciful and compassionate with sinning ones. (See Galatians 6:1.)

He was addressed as a "watchman"—a term very familiar in his day. Stationed in a tower on the walls of the city, his duty was to warn the inhabitants at the first sign of approaching enemies and blow a trumpet as a signal. In like manner, Ezekiel was to watch and warn. And it is our solemn responsibility as Christians to inform the lost of their danger. If they give heed, we experience the great joy of soul winning. If they do not, we at least have fulfilled our responsibility and delivered our souls.

"I HAVE MADE THEE A WATCHMAN"





# Mrs. M. L. Hodges Visits South American and West Indian WMC's

By ANN AHLF



Mrs. M. L. Hodges

LOIDA DE HODGES, AS SHE WAS TITLED BY THOSE WHO met her on tour, left the United States in mid-October 1963 to accompany her husband, Melvin L. Hodges, on a trip to South America and the West Indies. Brother Hodges is field secretary for the Assemblies of God in Latin America. The chosen itinerary took them to 17 countries where they contacted the missionaries and national pastors in annual conventions, seminars, and field fellowship meetings. Mrs. Hodges participated in WMC activities throughout the eight months' tour.

In *Uruguay*, where the organized WMC work is less than two years old, 17 of the 18 churches have strong WMC groups. The 18th congregation is preparing to organize very soon, according to Missionary Ruby Wilkie, national WMC president.

Because of the vast territory involved, Uruguay is divided into two districts. WMC and Missionettes rallies are alternated between the north and south six times a year. An annual calendar gives each group certain responsibilities for the meetings. One group serves as hostess, others plan programs and displays of handwork and posters.

A paper, "La Voz del C.M.F. y M. of Uruguay" (*The Voice of the WMC and Missionettes of Uruguay*) features reports from local groups, household hints, outlines for weekly Bible studies and testimonies. The Missionettes section includes stories from other countries,

suggestions for social affairs, and rules of etiquette.

Activities of the Uruguayan women are varied but all is done with enthusiasm "As unto Christ." The servile tasks so important to Bible schools and conferences have been joyfully performed. Thousands of tracts have been distributed. Meetings are held in homes as well as institutions in an effort to get the gospel to all people. Families have been won to Christ through the women's ministry to the needy.

One day a WMC group went to a home for the aged to sing and distribute cookies. All went well until in one ward an unfriendly overseer came bustling into the room with her hand raised for silence. "Throw these Evangelicals out!" she screamed. As one body the WMC's gathered around the leader to protect her if need be. A man came to lead the objector away. The service continued. Ruby Wilkie says, "This incident shows that WMC's are united in love and labor to see Uruguay evangelized for Jesus."

At the annual conference of the Union of the Assemblies of God in Buenos Aires, *Argentina*, Mrs. Hodges addressed 150 WMC's. Besides an inspirational message she gave reports of the WMC work in other Latin American countries.

Senora Aida Ortiz is the national president of the five-year-old organization in Argentina. Dorothy Sorenson serves as vice-president and advisor. Through their united efforts WMC work is experiencing rapid development.

Early in 1963 the *Bolivian* WMC's held their first spiritual retreat. The theme for the meetings was John 3:30—"He must increase, but I must decrease."

Morning sessions included devotions, private and congregational, with classes in personal evangelism, hygiene, and child care followed by periods of open discussion. The main feature of the afternoon was a class, "How to Live a Christian Life." Missionaries Myrtle Hale and Artie Johnston were special speakers.



Mrs. Hodges watches an Aymara Indian, who is a national pastor's wife, weave a shawl for the WMC work in LaPaz, Bolivia.

A highlight of the itinerary in this lowlands area was a tea where Mrs. Hodges presented a visualized lesson, "Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give." The women prepared a special delicacy, *salteños*, in her honor.

In LaPaz, in the Bolivian highlands, Pearl Estep, national WMC secretary, and other missionaries, Flora Shafer and Betty Grams, planned a similar meeting in the Evangelistic Center. Mrs. Hodges gave a visual presentation to 40 WMC members.

In *British Guiana*, Mrs. Hodges was guest of honor at an identical kind of meeting.

The triennial national congress of the WMC's was in session in Trujillo, *Peru*. Mrs. Hodges spoke on a variety of subjects concerning women in their homes and churches. She conducted open forums following each meeting. Peru's well-organized work progresses under the direction of the national president, Missionary Ruth Erickson, and the national vice-president, Manuela de Munoz.

In *Paraguay*, Ercilia Bargarín, national WMC president, is concentrating her efforts on the development of local groups and is seeing good results. Missionary Bertha Stawinski has been influential in the early progress of the organization. Mrs. Hodges met the WMC women in the central church of the city of Asuncion.

An entire morning of the annual camp meeting in *Chile* was given to the WMC's. Mrs. Hodges directed the national women in the presentation of a visual demonstration of the Scriptures. Because of the illness of Alicia de Navarro, national president, Maria de Soto, national vice-president, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Cyle Davis and Mrs. David Scott, missionaries, are active in national leadership.

The CADSA (fellowship of the Assemblies of God in the Southern zone of South America) held its regular triennial council in Buenos Aires, *Argentina*. There Mrs. Hodges presided over the women's meetings. She heard reports from WMC groups of all the seven countries of the fellowship (Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, and Uruguay). There were open discussions about leadership and study materials.

On the return trip Mr. and Mrs. Hodges visited churches and ministers in the West Indies.

While they were in *Dominican Republic* for the ministers' institute and the WMC conference, threat of a transportation strike cut the council short, so the women's meeting was canceled.

In Port au Prince, *Haiti*, Mrs. Hodges spoke to the



Mrs. Hodges speaks to the local WMC officers at Port au Prince, Haiti. Arleta Turnbull is interpreting.



Aida Ortiz (right), WMC president in Argentina, displays WMC handicraft. Standing with her are missionaries Hazel Warner and Dorothy Bjur, and Bonnie Wilkerson, visitor from Florida.



Missionary Ruby Wilkie (center), national president of the Uruguayan WMC, and two national WMC's show clothing made by the women.

officers of local WMC groups. Here for the first time in the tour she spoke with the aid of an interpreter. Arleta Turnbull translated her English to French, the national language of the island. Throughout all of South America Mrs. Hodges spoke directly to her congregations. Her former experience of three terms of missionary service in Central America has given her a fluency in the Spanish language.

"Spirit-baptized members of the Women's Missionary Council are very much the same everywhere," says Mrs. Hodges. "They find great joy in being able to 'Minister as unto Christ'." ◀◀◀



Missionary Jeanette Fairbanks stands with local WMC presidents who gathered for the conference in Port au Prince.



Junior Missionettes from Calvary Temple Assembly, Harvey, Ill., with their sponsors, Mrs. June Stirn and Mrs. Genevieve Osika. Pastor Wm. J. Sawyers reports that besides lively times of devotions and Bible memorization, the girls have prepared bandages for a leper colony, sent packages to orphanages and American Indian boys and girls, and collected old greeting cards to be used as awards by missionaries.



Missionettes from Bethel Assembly, Huntington, W. Va., wearing the blue skirts and white blouses they made. Other projects include Easter baskets, a quilt, scrapbooks, and play blocks for the church nursery. The girls are working on the Stairway to the Stars Achievement Program. Sponsor is Mrs. Gene Wilson.



Mrs. Katie Sue Edwards sponsors these Missionettes from Poyen, Ark. The girls are eager to work for the Lord and through their efforts have paid for light fixtures in the church's educational building.



Here is Cheryl Duncan, first Missionette STAR at her local church in Lomita, Calif., with the Junior and Senior Missionettes. Cheryl, who is 11 years of age, received a Missionette bracelet and white Bible with her name on it from her church. In the back row, left, is Mrs. Florence Beck, WMC District President. At the right is Cheryl's sponsor, Mrs. Maurine Simpson. Co-sponsors are also shown as is Mrs. Barbara Hedges, sectional sponsor.



Here are the Missionettes from Gilmer, Texas. Sponsor of the Juniors, left group, is Mrs. Bill Adkinson. Mrs. Betsey Adkinson is shown at the right with her Seniors. Five Juniors were saved last year and three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.



This picture was taken at the time three Missionettes of the Hillyard Assembly, Spokane, Wash., were honored for completing the Susanna step of the Missionette Achievement Program. The girls were given Missionette pins for having finished the first step on the *Stairway to the Stars*. The girls thus honored were Cheryl Herrington, Vickie Harmon, and Connie Messer. Mrs. H. G. Cruger, front row, right, is the sponsor, and Mrs. Norma Harmon, back row, second from right, the cosponsor. Mrs. R. R. Nichols, pastor's wife, is in the back row at the right.

# Republic of Congo—

## Land of Change and Challenge

REPUBLIC OF CONGO, FORMERLY BELGIAN CONGO, SITS astride the Equator in the heart of Africa. Congo's 905,000-square-mile area is virtually landlocked for it has only 25 miles of coastline on the Atlantic Ocean.

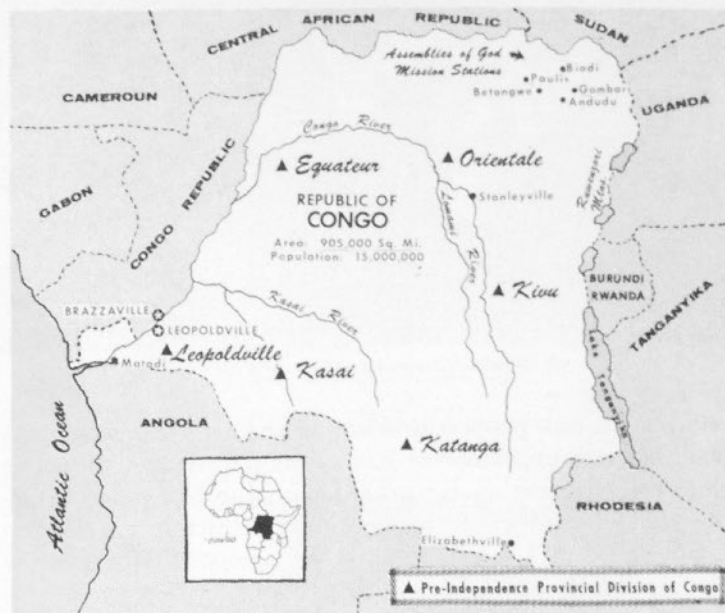
Congo is a land of equatorial rain forests, grasslands, mountains, and tremendous hydroelectric potential. One of the country's chief geographical features is the Congo River which crosses the Equator twice on its 2,800-mile journey to the ocean. In volume the Congo River ranks second only to South America's Amazon.

Leopoldville, Congo's rapidly growing capital, has a population of 400,000. The city lies on the Congo next to a bulge in the river known as Stanley Pool. Directly across the river is Brazzaville, capital of the former French Congo.

Some of the world's greatest mineral deposits are found in Congo. It leads the world in the production of industrial diamonds, supplies 90 per cent of the world's radium, and 60 per cent of its cobalt.

The early history of the country is veiled in tradition and folklore. The first European contact was made by Diego Cam, a Portuguese explorer, in 1482. Records of his journey are carved on rocks 90 miles up the Congo River. Nothing was realized from this exploration because the discovery of the Western Hemisphere a few years later drew the world's attention away from Africa.

In 1877 Henry M. Stanley, a British explorer, entered Africa from the east and became the first white man to descend the Congo River to its mouth. Reports of his discoveries failed to impress his own countrymen, but aroused the interest of King Leopold II of Belgium who financed Stanley's return expedition and in 1885 claimed Congo as his private empire. The country was formally ceded to Belgium in 1908 and was administered by the



Minister of Colonies until June 30, 1960, when Congo was granted independence.

Congo's population is approaching 15,000,000. Most of its inhabitants are of Bantu stock, divided into approximately 200 tribes, each speaking its own dialect. Swahili and Lingala are the most widely used native languages. French is the official language.

The majority of the Congolese are Animists who hold to the tribal religions of their forefathers and are bound by superstition, fear, and witchcraft. The Roman Catholic Church claims 3,000,000 adherents. Islam also is extending its influence throughout the land.

For 50 years Congo attracted more Protestant missionaries than any other African country. Before independence there were 45 different societies and a total of 2,100 missionaries. The Protestant community was reckoned at 2,000,000. The chaos which followed independence cut the missionary staff in half.

Congo is one of our oldest mission fields in Africa. Intrepid Pentecostal pioneers entered the country in 1921. Since then more than 40 Assemblies of God missionaries have served there.

A national church body, the Assemblies of God of Congo, was organized in 1956. J. W. Nilsen was the first superintendent and Herbert L. Griffin was chairman of the field fellowship. Both of these men are now retired from active service.

Hope for a quiet transition from colonialism to independence in 1960 lasted less than one week. Long-repressed violence erupted and Congo suddenly changed from a land of peace to one of war. White inhabitants fled the country by the thousands. All of the 15 Assemblies of God missionaries were evacuated.

Concerning the evacuation E. L. Phillips, our field secretary for Africa, reported: "Our missionary staff in Congo had long labored to establish indigenous churches. Then came independence. Frenzied mobs burned other churches and missionaries' homes; hospitals and clinics were destroyed in senseless violence. But in the midst of this destruction Assemblies of God churches, schools, and clinics stood undamaged and untouched. We believe

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Natives loading their baggage and food on a Congo river boat.



A typical village church in the Congo.



Examination day in the Bible school in Andudu.

one reason our properties escaped the fury of extremists was that our missionaries had developed truly indigenous churches, thoroughly integrated with the Congolese. During the political crisis our national ministers carried on a full schedule of services and evangelistic efforts while also guarding our mission properties."

Visiting Congo in April, 1963, was a heartwarming experience for Brother Phillips. "I was delighted," he said, "to find the various programs of the field moving forward under national leadership. The Bible school had as many students as before. The offices of the national church were creditably filled by Congolese who grew in Christian stature as they carried increased responsibilities. In spite of the almost complete economic collapse of the country they were supporting their own work. Best of all, there was a spirit of revival."

Our first national workers in Congo received their training from missionaries with whom they served. The Bible school opened at Gombari in 1932 by J. W. Nilsen was in 1946 relocated at Andudu in new brick buildings. The school is a national project with little foreign subsidy for the support of students. Melvin Jorgenson is director of the school.

The Assemblies of God currently operates 38 primary schools with a total enrollment of 1,500. This educational program is a fruitful field for child evangelism. Bible lessons are taught each day, with correlated hand-work and Scripture memorization. The teachers are Congolese.

Since suitable literature became available the Sunday school attendance has more than doubled; current enrollment is 4,000. Annual enlargement campaigns result in many conversions.

Leprosy is one of the scourges of Congo. The needs of the afflicted have not gone unheeded by the Assemblies of God. Motivated by the compassion of Christ and the desperate condition of the lepers, Mrs. Grace Lindholm first began treating them in connection with her evangelistic ministry. Later, with government assistance, a receiving home for lepers was erected at Andudu. A clinic was also opened in Betongwe. Mrs. Lindholm has retired from the field but the dispensary work continues. Bethesda Leprosy was opened at Bodi in 1954 by Mrs. Edith Cochrane, an associate missionary nurse.

"Our medical work has proved a wonderful means of reaching these needy folk with the gospel," writes Mrs. Cochrane. "We minister to their spiritual as well as physical needs. We require each patient to attend gospel services and memorize Scripture. During 1963 there were 350 decisions for Christ."

Literature is an important evangelizing agency in a country whose people are rapidly becoming literate. Opportunities in literature preparation, production, and distribution are limited only by funds and personnel.

For many years tracts and Bible school notes were printed on a mimeograph. Now the printshop is equipped with two Multilith presses provided by Speed-the-Light. Sunday school materials and other gospel literature are produced. A building in Paulis was purchased in 1962 which provides facilities for the printing plant and bookstore.

The John Friesens directed the printing program until their transfer to Tanganyika in 1961. With no printer available after independence, Gail Winters and Lillian Hogan learned to operate the presses and bookstore when they returned to the field in 1962. The ladies will carry this taxing schedule of activity until the arrival of Herbert S. Griffin and his wife. Herbert, son of the Herbert L. Griffins, spent his childhood in Congo so is familiar with the Bangala language and also has some experience as a printer.

The Assemblies of God of Congo includes 51 national workers who supervise 51 organized churches and 163 other preaching points. Thirteen Bible women also are in active ministry. Congolese workers are making concerted efforts to evangelize every village in the area allotted to the Assemblies of God. No foreign funds are used for this purpose. The support for pioneer workers is provided by funds contributed by established churches and channeled through the district treasury. John Alubaki is superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Congo.

Intensive evangelistic campaigns are held each year. In the Bodi area 300 persons made decisions for Christ. When the Lorne Fox Evangelistic Party conducted four weeks of meetings in the spring of 1963 there were more than 1,000 recorded conversions in the city of Paulis. "We continue hearing testimonies of people who were saved and healed during those meetings," writes Miss Winters.

About 20,000 Pygmies inhabit the Ituri forest in north-east Congo where our work is located. Numbers of these timid, nomadic people have been converted, filled with the Spirit, and now are members of our churches.

And so the Church of the living Christ continues to be built in Congo through the combined efforts of missionaries and Congolese ministers. Congo is a land of change and challenge. Doors are open for evangelistic advance. Religious liberty prevails. We "must work... while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."  
—Christine Carmichael

## "I Have Played the Fool"

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are these faithful friends or loved ones, who seek the highest and best for us, ignored even as Samuel was. What a fool is the man who wounds those who beckon him toward heaven!

Finally, Saul's friend Samuel died and Saul had no other intercessor, no other prophet. While he thus groped in spiritual darkness a great military crisis was building up as the Philistines were threatening Israel again.

The man who had "played the fool" was old. He trembled in fear. He could no longer turn to Samuel or to Samuel's God. He began to reap the bitter harvest of his foolish choices. In darkness and despair he sought out one of the witches he had once banished, hoping for some word of wisdom from another world. In the frightening darkness of the seance room he stammered out his dilemma, "God is departed from me, and answereth me no more..." In reply he received only a message of impending doom, and then stumbled out to his defeat on Mount Gilboa.

Wounded by archers and fearful of capture, he inflicted the death blow with his own hand. As his life ebbed away in the dust of Gilboa, the friendless, godless king might well have repeated, "I have played the fool!"

Let us be thankful that we still may choose the good and right way. We do not have to play the fool. The end of this life is meant to be a transition into the sphere of eternal reward and rest, not a time of fruitless anguish for wasted years! This much is ours to choose, and we are choosing every day. ◀◀

### BROKEN BLADES

In the days when swords were implements of war, it was considered an act of deepest contempt for an opponent to seize the enemy's sword and to deliberately bend and snap the blade with his hands.

The Bible is the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6: 17). And there are those who oppose this Word of Truth and flaunt their disobedience in His face by willfully and wantonly breaking His commandments. To do so is to show rankest disregard for God, and to heap insult upon His mercy and goodness.

The Christian shrinks in horror at such madness. But ever let us be alert to heed His Word, lest through the careless work of our hands we too shall be guilty of insulting Him with a *broken blade!*

—F. HELEN JARVIS

### BEFORE THE HEART GETS HARD

A woman living in poverty unexpectedly received a legacy of \$5,000. As it was her practice to give one-tenth of all her income to God she at once put \$500 into her tithe box and it promptly was used in the Lord's work.

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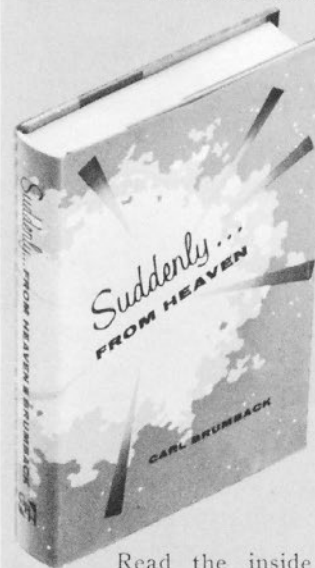
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# BIBLE WEEK in

BY JOHN WEIDMAN, MISSIONARY TO WEST AFRICA

DURING A SPECIAL MOVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THE Upper Volta Bible School, Director Sidabe Zabre and Missionary Herbert Butler felt burdened for the people of Ouagadougou, capital of Upper Volta. After prayer and planning sessions in which local pastors of the area participated, it was decided to hold a *Semaine de la Bible* (Bible Week). This would give the local churches a greater opportunity for evangelism and would give the Bible school students an opportunity of going from house to house to witness and distribute gospel literature.

Light-for-the-Lost provided funds to help subsidize the literature needs. The Assemblies of God press turned out 25,000 tract cards especially for the campaign while the bookstore supplied tracts, Gospels, and Bibles. Students and workers diligently studied personal evangelism verses and prayed. Radio Upper Volta carried an interview with Brother Zabre who explained to the city the meaning of Bible Week and the origin and power of the gospel.

Sunday morning both literature and students were dedicated. Field Chairman Raymond Zents, National Church Superintendent Lebende Miningou, myself, local pastors, and the Bible school staff participated in this great opening day. We knew that God was with us in this effort!

Leaving early in the morning the workers went out two by two, like the disciples. They were to reassemble

at 5 p.m. near a market center for a street meeting.

Most homes were open to them. Especially amazing was the Moslems' desire to obtain Arabic Bibles. All these were sold in half a day. Everywhere, workers had opportunities to witness and to talk about Jesus. A score of them had received the Baptism during the school year and were really burning with Pentecostal fire.

One morning just before Brother Butler left to take a group to their posts a man came into the printshop yard. He said he had received a piece of literature and had then attended the nearby market meeting. After thinking all night about what he had heard, he had come to the printshop to accept the Lord. He surrendered to Christ, then he asked us to pray that he would get a job. A few days later we learned that our prayer was answered and he did find work.

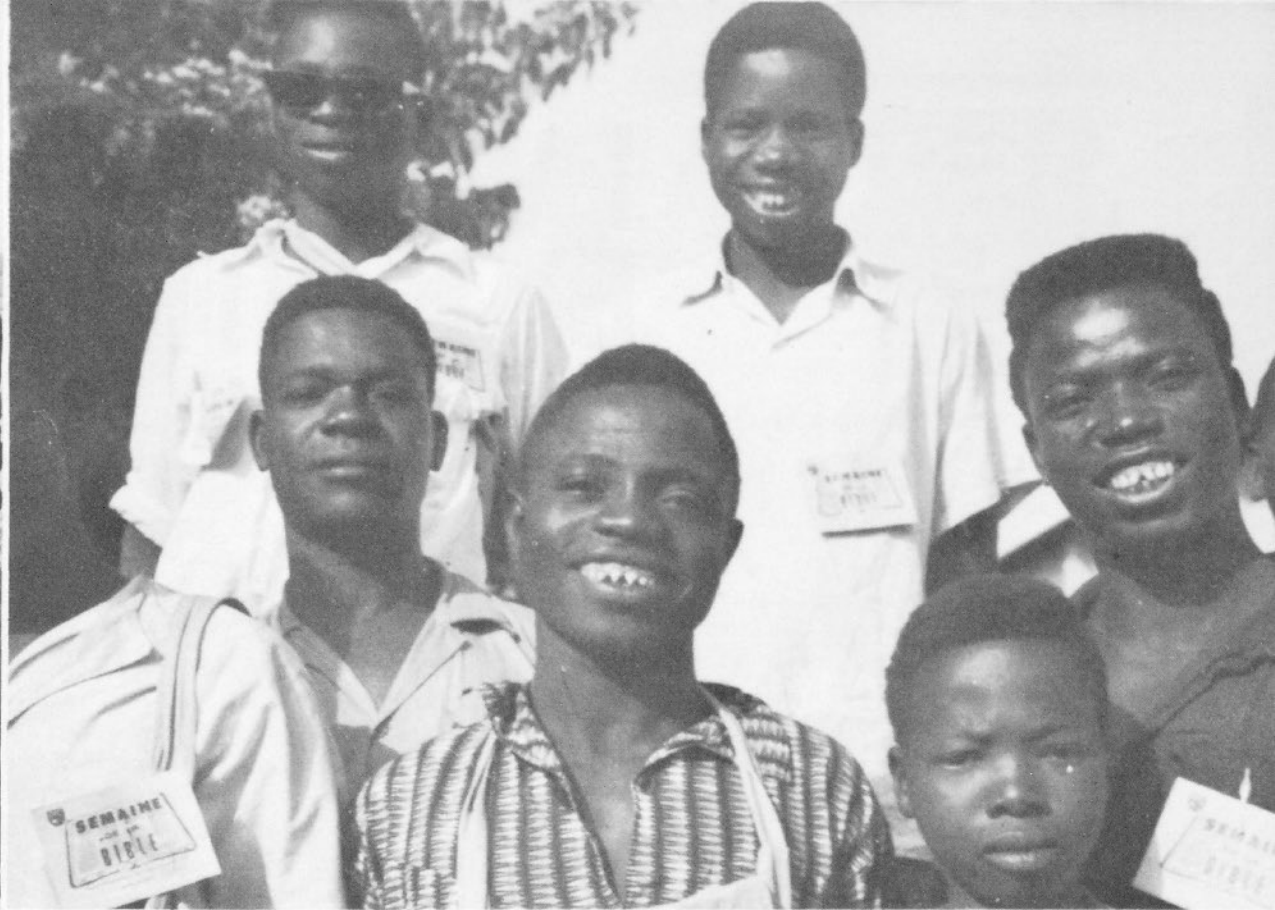
During the week, more than 100 people accepted the Lord. We sold 3,700 Gospels and 334 Bibles and New Testaments. Also we distributed approximately 35,000 assorted tracts and pamphlets. Virtually every family living in the city was given opportunity to secure a portion of God's Word.

But this is not the end. The Holy Spirit will continue to woo hearts to Christ. Will you pray with us that God will keep faithful those who came to Him during Bible week and that He will save many more? The harvest is white now! ◀◀





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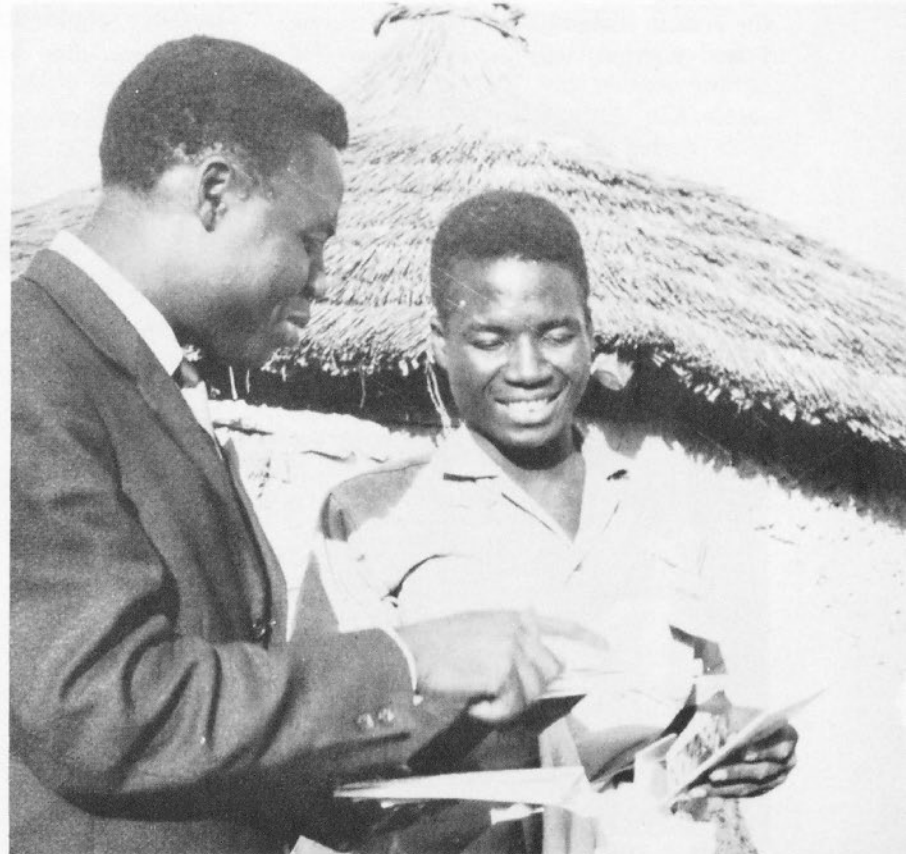


during special week in which Bible school students witnessed.

# n UPPER VOLTA



Mixed group listens to open-air preaching.



Pastor Zabre coaches personal worker.

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# I WAS AN EYE WITNESS

BY CHARLES ANDERSON, MISSIONARY TO INDIA

NATIONALS MAY TRAVEL FREELY throughout the four northern states of India known as Assam. But because of the situation with China and because of frequent tribal wars in Assam, foreigners are not often allowed to enter the area.

I had heard thrilling reports of revival in Assam and wanted to see for myself what the Lord was doing there. After much prayer I decided I must go. God helped me to obtain a special entrance permit.

I took the plane from Calcutta to Silchar, Assam. This two-hour trip would have stretched into several days of tedious land travel since one railroad and only a few motor roads enter Assam.

When I arrived at Silchar there was no one to meet me. I later learned that Solomon Wasker, supervisor of the Assam Assemblies of God to whom I had written, was on a tour of the

Lushai Hills and had not received my letter.

Disappointed but determined, I boarded a bus and started for the town of Lackipur, away back in the hills. Part of the time I could look straight down for hundreds of feet on one side of the bus and straight up sheer mountain cliffs for hundreds of feet on the other side. After eating much dust and ferrying across two rivers I finally reached my destination. I knew no one and no one knew that I was coming. I didn't know a word of the language and they knew no English. I had nowhere to stay and nothing to eat. What could I do?

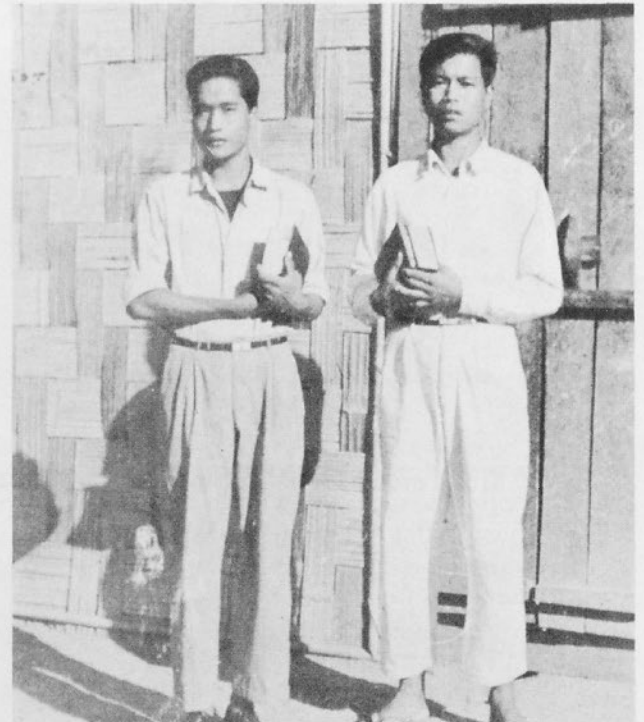
I prayed and started walking. Finally I came to a house which I learned later was sometimes used as a hotel for government officials. The caretaker could speak a little Hindi and I was able to make him under-

stand that I needed a place to stay. He agreed to put me up for a few days.

A policeman came who could speak a little English and a little Hindi. By using both these languages and a lot of hand gestures I made him understand that I would like to meet any Christians who might be in that town. He very kindly helped me to find the house of Dr. Tunga—a Christian who could speak English.

Dr. Tunga took me to see the new church he attended. It was a large building made of bamboo—well suited to the community. Dr. Tunga told me they had about 170 faithful members.

"What denomination do you belong to?" I asked. He looked at me as if, to use the Indian expression, "My head had gone for a walk!" "Why we belong to the Assemblies of God, of course!" he said.



This is a typical village congregation in Assam. It needs a simple church building but lacks funds to construct it.... The two young evangelists shown at the right have walked many miles to establish village churches.

I ministered there for several days and nights. Such hunger for the Word I have never seen! Before I could get up in the mornings the people were at my door ready for Bible study and prayer. They would go home to eat and be back again at one-thirty for more Bible teaching and prayer. The evening meetings at the church began at six o'clock and lasted until late at night. I have no way of knowing how many were saved and filled with the Spirit, but great numbers came when the altar call was given.

I visited several villages around that area and found thriving groups of believers—fruits of the ministry of two young men from the Lackipur church who had gone out on their own to preach in these villages.

Assamese houses and churches are simple bamboo structures. Because of the extremely heavy rainfall, good roofs are necessary. This revival has resulted in the need for a number of church buildings but it costs about \$250 to put a roof on one. Because of their extreme poverty the people cannot pay this price. They are more than willing to take money out on a loan basis and pay it back in small monthly payments so that it can continue to help build churches.

If you would like to contribute to putting a roof on a church in Assam, send your offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802. Designation: Southern Asia Account for Assam Church Buildings. ◀◀



## CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### QUALITY AS WELL AS QUANTITY

THE LATE DR. A. W. TOZER ONCE SAID, "Within the last 20 years evangelical missionary activity has been stepped up tremendously, but there is in the whole thing one dangerous weakness. That weakness is the naive assumption that we have only to reach the last tribe with our brand of Christianity and the world will have been evangelized."

The first obligation of the Church is not to spread the gospel, but to be spiritually worthy to spread it. In short, the responsibility of the 20th-century New Testament Church is two-fold: it must be a *witnessing* church, and it must be a *pure* church.

Theoretically the incorruptible seed of the Word of God should produce the same quality of life no matter what the character of the sower has been. However, in actual practice this is not the case. The same message—preached by men of varying degrees of godliness—will produce kinds of Christianity varying in purity and power. A church will always reproduce itself "after its kind." Carelessness, worldly mindedness, heresy, carnality—all of these can flourish on other shores just as easily as in America. Not the naked Word only, but the *character of the witness*, may determine the quality of the convert.

I am grateful to the Lord for the sincerity, the consecration, and the scholarship evident among the young people presenting themselves for missionary service today. In our annual School of Missions recently I counseled with 70 candidates, and I am encouraged by their quality.

Nothing is more important than that we should pray the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust forth laborers into the harvest. May they ever be laborers of quality! The spiritual background their home churches give these missionaries is as much a part of missionary work as the dollars they give. ◀◀

# RAISED FROM THE DEAD

By EDITH COCHRANE  
Associate Missionary to Congo

KILI YUDI WAS BUSY WORKING IN his rice garden when suddenly he heard the sound of wailing and the thudding of feet. As he looked up he saw his nephew running towards him. "What's wrong?" he shouted.

"Nasindani has died; come quickly," was the reply.

Nasindani was Yudi's sister-in-law.

He rose slowly and asked, "What time did she die?"

"Just this hour," the youth answered.

Yudi was amazed at his own next words. "God is going to raise her up for His glory," he said.

"I don't know," the bewildered boy responded, "because she is truly dead."

"Don't be afraid; God is going to raise her up."

Together they left the garden, walking in the direction of the hut where they could already hear the "death wail." A large crowd had gathered. But Yudi gently told them to be quiet, and the wailing ceased.

He stooped down and entered the narrow doorway of the dimly lit hut, and laid his hands upon his dead sister-in-law. Quietly but with authority he said, "In the Name of Jesus... live!" Immediately she opened her eyes, but could not speak. Blood was seeping from her eyes and mouth.

Yudi lingered no longer, but turned and left for his home.

Later in the afternoon he returned. As he neared the hut he called out, "Nasindani, Nasindani."

Joyfully she replied, "I am here and I am alive." He found her lying on her bed—very weak, but gaining strength.

The following morning he returned and, sitting down beside her bed, he asked, "Who has given you life?"

With deep conviction she replied, "God." Slowly Yudi explained the way of salvation to her, and she was gloriously converted. As she prayed the sinner's prayer with Yudi, she felt the power of God surge through her body and all her weakness left her.

A year has passed and Nasindani is a staunch member of the church at Tora. It remains a thing of astonishment in the community that this woman who was dead is now alive. Many are saying that "the God of the *Protestantes*" is a great God.

Kili Yudi is now pastoring the church at Tomas some 50 miles away. He has only had three years of schooling, but the Lord has given him a great faith. Perhaps his ministry is another example of how the Lord takes the weak and foolish things of this world to confound the wise. ◀◀



Nearly half a million copies of the miniature Bible, *Revivaltime's* summer soul-winning crusade piece for 1962, have been distributed. Last year 100,000 copies were printed in Portuguese. Photo shows copies being given to workers for distribution in the Brazil crusade. It is expected that this year's piece will have an equally wide distribution everywhere.

## Revivaltime's Summer Soul-winning Drive

SUMMERTIME IS SOUL-WINNING TIME FOR REVIVALTIME. In crusades, choir tours, camp meetings, literature-distribution campaigns, and salvation-slanted weekly broadcasts, *Revivaltime* is going all out for souls.

The choir reports hundreds were saved in its tour in the western states and Canada during June. Thirty-seven were saved in one Montana prison service alone!

But Satan is a powerful adversary. Many churches cancel services during the vacation months. Many persons will patronize the places of pleasure and sin and never darken the doors of the churches which are open. Throughout the summer months Satan will be working overtime to rob the kingdom of God of every possible soul he can.

*Revivaltime*, with your support in prayers and offerings, is putting forth every effort possible to reach souls with the gospel. By radio its message of Truth will reach into cars parked on sunny beaches. Its beam of hope will find its way into the stench-filled rooms where souls are held in the crushing grip of drunkenness. It will reach the lonely vacationer far from home and friends. It will bring comfort to the migrant worker and to the student on a distant summer job.

But there are as many problems as there are people. We cannot possibly reach all the people to help them. So we want to enlist your help in the *summer soul-winning campaign*.

The Lord of the harvest still lays down the challenge: "Go ye into all the world. . . ." Tomorrow the situation may be different. Your opportunities to work for God

may be over. Today you are called to witness. You need go only a short distance to find persons without Christ. Nearly everyone has at least one member of his family yet unsaved, and who needs a personal witness.

Millions of persons will be traveling this summer. Many new introductions will be made. Without question someone will ask you, "Where do you go to church?" "Do you have any interest in spiritual things?" "Do you really believe in this idea called Christianity?"

What will your answer be? Will you tell them about Jesus? Will you tell them about the love and sacrifice of the Master? Remember, as you take that well-deserved vacation, the Bible commands that all of us who love Christ should be about our Father's business. Today is the golden opportunity to reach friends with the gospel. Jesus may come this summer!

To facilitate your efforts to witness for Christ, *Revivaltime* each summer offers a miniature book or tract that can be a valuable tool in personal evangelism. Different in appearance each year, it always has two outstanding features. First, it contains eye-catching, attention-keeping illustrations; and second, it presents a simple, direct explanation of God's plan of salvation.

Literature provides a powerful and effective medium of communication. In 1963 *Revivaltime*, with the help of thousands of personal witnesses, distributed almost a half million pieces of literature offering counsel and gospel light to the lost and discouraged all around the world.

Last summer alone nearly 300,000 copies of the miniature newspaper, *Suddenly You Are Dead*, were distrib-

uted. Nearly 300,000 persons, who might never have heard the Word of God any other way, were challenged by the Truth!

Literature *does* reach souls. From Hutchinson, Kansas, comes this joyful testimony: "Rejoice with me! I have just won my first soul to Jesus with the booklet, *My Personal Worker's Guide*."

*If Thou Believest* brought this response from a Pensacola, Fla., housewife: "I recently wrote to you asking prayer for my husband's soul. He had an awful drinking habit. Thanks to your booklet, *If Thou Believest*, God has begun to work in his heart. He went to church this week for the first time in nine months. He is a changed person!"

Wherever it is used, *Revivaltime* literature has proved to be unusually effective. After reading one of C. M. Ward's challenging books, a Clarkston College student, Potsdam, N. Y., wrote:

"I was a doubter and a scoffer. I sinned in the basest manner. But after reading *Mankind's Dilemma* I saw the glorious light of Jesus and I felt the wondrous presence of God in my heart."

There is no limit to the possibilities of literature distribution. An Enola, Pa., youth wrote to us asking for copies of the miniature Bible offered during the summer of 1962. He was so impressed with the tract that he was giving one to every customer on his paper route. Thank God for determined soul winners!

You too can be a worker in the Master's harvest field. It does not take sales ability or education to tell others of Christ—only determination and a compassion for those who are lost around you. Many shy and backward persons testify that with *Revivaltime* literature it is simple and exciting to witness for Jesus. A tract in your hand can give you a purpose to approach a sinner. You will be amazed at the way the Holy Spirit will help you to present Christ to others.

For the most part, readers are curious. Place some tracts on your desk at work. Locate them in well-traveled areas of your city. Place them in each letter you write. Then just watch for results!

To help you in your personal witnessing this summer,

C. M. Ward has prepared a challenging new miniature book entitled *Kings of the East*.

Designed to catch the eye and grip the heart of the unsaved, *Kings of the East* is a graphic, terrifying glimpse of the surging struggle of the Eastern and Western powers for world supremacy—the appalling emergence of the Eastern powers and the decline of the Western world. Historically accurate, graphically informative, it describes dramatically in art and word the struggles of the Early Church and the prophetic happenings that threaten the Western world today.

What solution is there to the chaotic condition of the modern world? What hope is there of peace and security? *Kings of the East* points straight to Christ as the only Answer—the only Hope. You will find this book to be an invaluable tool in your personal evangelism. Leave one in the hand of a friend and it will add untold blessing and meaning to your personal words of testimony.

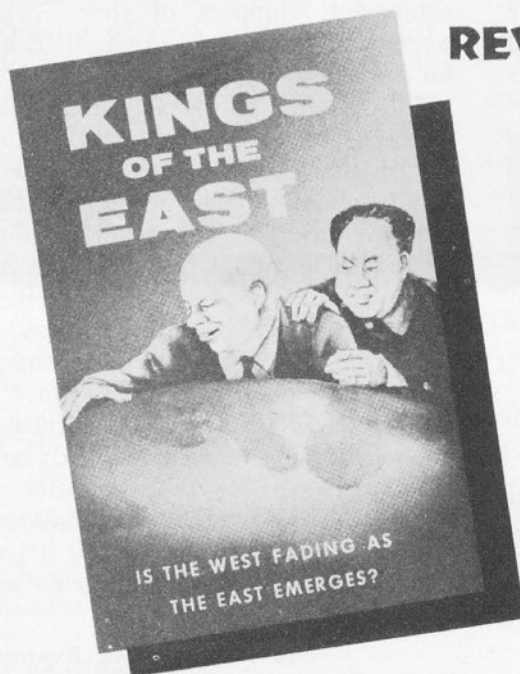
Be a soul winner! Be a witness for Christ! Join with *Revivaltime* in a united effort to win souls. *Revivaltime's* annual summer crusade for souls and its regular weekly broadcast services, with the help of your dedicated witnessing, praying, and giving, will reach thousands with the gospel this summer. More than ever this year we are counting on you to help us through tract distribution and personal witnessing to win souls.

Purpose in your heart to witness to as many as possible, and determine to win many souls for the Lord this summer. Share God's blessings with those around you, and this will be the richest, and most rewarding summer of your life!

Many churches will find this tract to be a most effective means to evangelize entire cities. Contact your pastor about engaging in a church-sponsored soul-winning campaign and use this tract as your gospel action piece.

Three FREE copies of *Kings of the East* may be obtained by writing directly to the Radio Department, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801. Request your copies, and with your letter perhaps you can include an offering for the support of this great broadcasting ministry. Offerings are especially needed at this time of year.

Pray with us that this summer crusade will be owned and blessed of God far beyond our past experiences.



## REVIVALTIME'S SUMMER SOUL-WINNING CRUSADE GAINING MOMENTUM

*Kings of the East*, C. M. Ward's new and exciting book on prophecy and salvation, has received wide acclaim. Eye-catching, and with a message to the hearts of the unsaved, this unique, miniature book gives a spine-tingling glimpse of the Eastern powers' growing fight for world supremacy and the decline of the Western world's influence. Graphic in its revelations, shocking in its message, *Kings of the East* is sure to challenge the hearts of the unsaved and stir Christians to greater determination and dedication to soul-winning.

*Revivaltime* solicits your help to reach the lost. *Kings of the East* is easy for you to use. It will fit your hand and many can be kept in your pocket. It will be an invaluable tool to aid your ministry to the lost this summer.

Three FREE copies to pass out to your friends may be obtained simply by filling in and returning the coupon below.

Please send three FREE copies of *Kings of the East*, C. M. Ward's new miniature book on salvation and prophecy. Enclosed is my special sacrificial offering of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the worldwide soul-winning ministry of *Revivaltime*.

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# Evangelizing the American GYPSIES



JOSIE LUDWIG

By **HAROLD D. CHAMPLIN**

*Redwood City, California*

Coordinator for the Gypsy Ministry  
in America

AT LAST THE TWO MILLION AMERICAN gypsies are getting their chance to hear the full gospel. The Home Missions Department has accepted the challenge to promote the gypsy work as an expansion of its ministry to the foreign-speaking people in the United States.

How has this breakthrough for the American gypsy come about? Here is the story.

Members of a large tribe of gypsies, perhaps the largest in America, were converted in Grand Island, Nebr., in December 1954. Now after 10 years of being misunderstood by the public as a whole and with no teacher but the Holy Spirit and no book but the Bible, they have emerged, like Moses of old, from the "back side of the desert" strong in the Lord.

Fred Mason, one of these converts, is one of our gypsy workers. He and his brothers have a great desire to reach many other gypsies with the gospel. Brother Mason's own grand-

mother is over 100 years old and has never lived in a house!

The spiritual welfare of the gypsies has long been on the hearts of a few people here in the United States as well as in France. Two years ago, Clement Le Cossec, director of the gypsy work in France and several other countries, came to America for the purpose of encouraging and promoting a program of evangelism, fellowship, and organizational interest for these people.

Brother Le Cossec contacted several leaders of large gypsy groups in America. They expressed their desire for a church and said they have planned toward this for several years. Now it is the privilege of the Assemblies of God to be able to assist the Christian gypsies in their great task of evangelizing their own people.

One of the greatest revivals in the world today, involving a total of 6,000 people, is found among the gypsies of France. And this in turn has won for them the respect and cooperation of their government and civic leaders.

Of the two million gypsies in the U.S., quite a number are permanently located. Thousands more of them still travel from place to place as their

forefathers did. Their trade is still the same. The only change is in their mode of travel. The gypsies have not lost their identity. They have only changed to a new covering for their mysterious practices to retain their legendary lives. They still enjoy the strange practices that originated with them thousands of years ago. The average person may not know the gypsies and certainly cannot reach them with the gospel. But one of their own does understand their need and can lead them into the saving grace of Christ.

Brothers Le Cossec and Mason will be working among the gypsy people in America. Within the next two years, additional gypsy ministers from France will be joining them for the advancement of this ministry in America.

We are presenting a special appeal to our Assemblies of God pastors and churches to support this great evangelistic effort with your prayers and contributions. We have gypsy ministers who are qualified and ready to go to their people but who are handicapped due to lack of gospel tents and equipment. Support of this worthy cause will surely pay great dividends for the Kingdom.

Please send to me at 846 A. Jefferson Ave., Redwood City, Calif., information concerning the whereabouts of any gypsy people, whether they are saved or not. Send me their names and addresses here in the States. We want to correspond with them and send them gospel literature, to open the door for ministry among them. Also, any information concerning available gospel tents, furniture, books and Bibles for this ministry will be appreciated. We welcome letters of testimonies and of special interest, with photographs or negatives, if possible, from our gypsy Christians and



Fred Mason



Harold D. Champlin



Clement Le Cossec

pastors. These will be used for tracts and the spreading of the gospel among their people. Gypsy groups who would like to have the Masons hold meetings in your area, please contact me at the above address.

In Brother Le Cossec's new book, available only from him (see address elsewhere on this page) he discusses the origin of the gypsies and relates

the story of the gypsy revival in France and other countries. When this book reaches the hands of our Christian friends, it will cause them to feel the burden of this work in a greater way.

Send *all* offerings for the *Gypsy Work*, clearly designated, to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802. Missionary credit will be given.

#### NEW BOOK ON AMERICAN GYPSIES AVAILABLE

*Revival Among the Gypsies* is a colorful, 32-page account of the Holy Spirit's moving among gypsies throughout the world.

Tracing the history of the Pentecostal revival which began 10 years ago in France, the booklet vividly describes the gypsies' manner of life and their joyful acceptance of the gospel. The author, Clement Le Cossec of Rennes, France, has spent many years ministering among the gypsies and has included in this booklet much information he has learned directly from them.

Colorful illustrations taken from gypsy life and a resume of the origin and history of these people are also included.

*Revival Among the Gypsies* may be obtained from John Le Cossec, % Mr. Peterson, Box 6022, Route 2, Issaquah, Washington. Price: 50c per copy. Please do not send orders for this book to Springfield. Order it from John Le Cossec at the above address.



The Center at 1027 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, was packed for the dedication.

## New Assemblies of God Jewish Center Dedicated

PRESBYTER R. STANLEY BERG OF THE New York City section was in charge of the dedication service for the new Assemblies of God Jewish Outreach Center on Tuesday evening, April 14.

Gertrude Clonce, director of the Center, Bernard Gair, president of the Hebrew Christian Alliance, Bruce Campbell, Allan B. Cohen, L. J. Kahn, Samuel Modell, and Mrs. Dorothy Stern, wife of a former Jewish rabbi, also participated in the service.

Offerings for Home Missions (including Indian, Alaska, Deaf, Blind, Foreign-Language, Prison, Teen Challenge, and Jewish ministries) should be mailed to

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District superintendent J. R. Flower brought the dedicatory message. Brother Berg led in the act of dedication and concluded with prayer.

Ladies of the Center served refreshments following the service, with Rose Garofola and Ann Zneunio in charge. Ruth Newman had the guest book.

For several months, Sister Clonce has been conducting Christian services especially adapted to Jews at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City. A short time ago she rented a building in Brooklyn at 1027 Church Avenue to serve as the Assemblies of God Jewish Outreach Center. The faithful Hebrew Christians working with Sister Clonce have been busy painting and furnishing it to make it presentable. The Center has already reached a number of Jews for Christ.



The show window of the Center is used to attract the interest of Jews and to give a gospel message.



Joseph R. Flower (left) and R. Stanley Berg are pictured with Gertrude Clonce, director of the Brooklyn Jewish Center.

# New Church Annex Dedicated at Alaska Fellowship Meeting

IN PETERSBURG, THE "SHRIMP CAPITAL of Alaska," a fellowship meeting was held April 14, 15 and a new addition to the Assemblies of God church building was dedicated. Pastor C. L. Strom reports that in addition to a large number of local members and friends several pastors and members of nearby assemblies attended. B. P. Wilson, supervisor of the Alaska assemblies, also was present.

This town of about 2,000 persons—mostly white, but with about 20 per cent Tlinget Indian population and also a few Filipino and Japanese—is a coastal town in southeastern Alaska at the mouth of the Stikine River. It was founded by Peter Buschmann in 1898 as a fish processing center. Industrious Scandinavian fishermen settled around the cannery and by 1910 the town incorporated.

Persons of Scandinavian descent are predominant today. The annual Spring Festival on May 17 is a carryover from the early-day observance of Norwegian Independence Day.

But fishing is not the only industry. Logging is important. Approximately a dozen logging camps operate in the 1,960,000-acre Petersburg forest district. The timber harvest this year is expected to total 100 million board feet.

The Petersburg area attracts many sportsmen for its fishing and big game hunting opportunities. The numerous outdoor activities provide many with an excuse for skipping Sunday school and church. In spite of this, the Petersburg Assembly of God has been able to win to the Lord a number who now attend the meetings faithfully and take an active part in the church.

During the fishing season each sum-

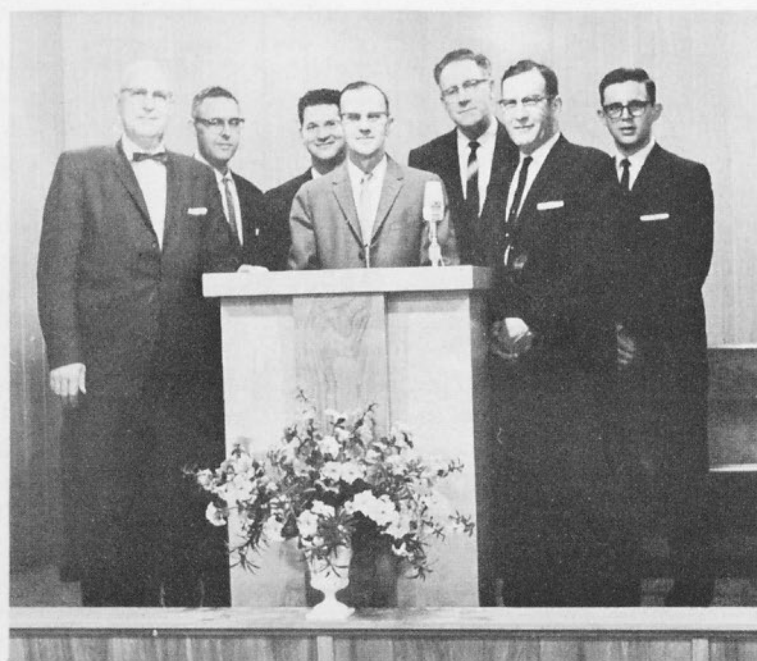


Pastor and Mrs. C. L. Strom  
Petersburg, Alaska

mer, several students from Assemblies of God Bible schools go to Alaska to work and they are a great help in the churches. Two years ago nine came to Petersburg; last year there were five.

Brother and Sister Strom have been pastors since 1961. Previous pastors were the Charles Hirschys, the Bill Whitfields, L. Haynes, Eddie Hughes, and David Schmidts. The Hirschys erected the first church building. While Brother and Sister Hughes were pastoring a Sunday school annex was added. Lorne Fox and other evangelists have been a blessing to the work in Petersburg through the years.

The latest addition to the church,



At left: exterior of church at Petersburg, Alaska, which recently was enlarged. At right: ministers present at dedication of the addition (Roy Davidson, Juneau; John Phillips, Sitka; Gilbert Meroney, Skagway; C. L. Strom, Petersburg; Alver Lofdahl, Ketchikan; B. P. Wilson, Fairbanks, supervisor of Assemblies of God in Alaska; Don Schorsch, Grafton, N. Dak.).



built by the Stroms, has almost doubled the size of the building. It also has provided two Sunday school rooms and another bedroom for the pastor's apartment which adjoins the church.

The past year has seen a 50 per cent increase in attendance. Several have been saved and four have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit including a Salvation Army captain. The church, with its newly acquired pews and carpeting, is a comfortable meeting place. Fortunately Petersburg was not affected by the recent earthquake.

Since this was the first fellowship meeting to be held in the area since 1948 it was greatly enjoyed by the ministers and members. Pastor Don Schorsch of Grafton, N. Dak., was in charge of the dedication service. (Mrs. Schorsch is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Strom.) Alver Lofdahl of Ketchikan preached the dedicatory message. The male quartet from Juneau provided special music. It will be possible to have fellowship meetings more frequently in the future, now that Petersburg is served by the regular ferry system in this section of Alaska. ←



Fishing boats in Petersburg harbor



Sunday school members at Petersburg

# PERSPECTIVE



## THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

BY R. L. BRANDT  
National Secretary of Home Missions

AMERICA'S GREATEST NEED IS NOT BETTER brains, more powerful weapons, or more educational programs. Though she were to gain these ends her problems would not be resolved.

Only one thing is the answer—the knowledge of God.

The prophet Hosea zeroed in on this when he wrote, "Hear the word of the Lord... for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and everyone that dwelleth therein shall languish... My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." (Hosea 4:1-3, 6).

One or both of two things has happened when there is a dearth of the knowledge of God in the land. Either the church has fallen asleep or she herself has lost the knowledge of God.

What is the remedy? For the sleeping there is but one answer: "Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God; I speak this to your shame" (1 Corinthians 15:34).

Also for lack or loss of the knowledge of God there is only one answer—that is, pursuit of this knowledge through the Word and sincere prayer "that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him... that ye may know..." (Ephesians 5:17, 18).

Only to the extent we know God can we communicate the knowledge of God to others. Therefore it is imperative in behalf both of our own souls and of the souls of lost Americans that we increase in the knowledge of God.

Home Missions (and all of missions, for that matter) rises or falls to the extent that the knowledge of God fills the hearts of God's people—and so does the land in which God's people dwell.



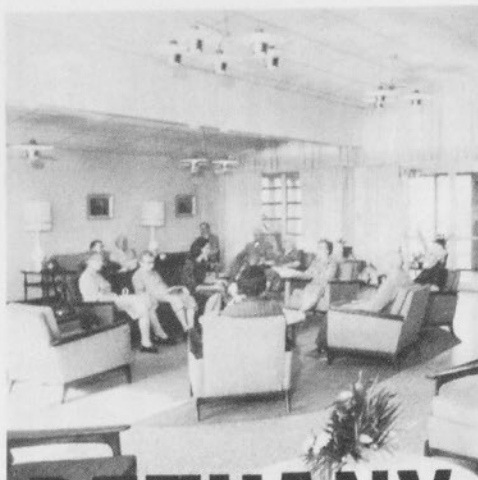
## LEADING THEIR DISTRICTS

### TOP CHURCHES IN SPEED-THE-LIGHT GIVING



January 1 to May 31, 1964

ALA—Temple A/G, Clanton	\$ 279.32	N NEW ENG—A/G, Concord, N. H.	96.66
APP—A/G, New Castle, Va.	18.62	N TEX—Cement City A/G, Dallas	106.09
ARIZ—1st A/G, Phoenix	50.00	N WEST—Calvary Temple, Seattle,	
ARK—Central A/G, Little Rock	300.00	Wash.	1,200.00
EAST—Pent. Lighthouse A/G,		OHIO—1st A/G, Akron	234.00
Windsor, Pa.	107.48	OKLA—1st A/G, Sand Springs	276.00
GA—Buena Vista Rd. A/G,		OREG—1st A/G, Eugene	636.85
Columbus	55.00	PEN FLA—Calvary Tab. A/G,	
ILL—Edwards St. A/G, Alton	634.60	Fort Pierce	238.00
IND—1st A/G, Bloomington	50.00	PO—Trinity A/G, Baltimore, Md.	170.00
IND—West Side Gospel Tab.,		RKY MTN—1st A/G, Grand Jct.,	
Indianapolis	50.00	Colo.	2,010.50
IND—1st A/G, Kokomo	50.00	S CAR—Southside A/G, Greenville	156.52
IND—Crisp A/G, Spencer	50.00	S DAK—Gospel Tab., Huron	223.87
IND—A/G, Washington	50.00	SO CALIF—Central A/G, Santa	
KANS—1st A/G, Hutchinson	421.70	Monica	480.00
KY—1st A/G, Raceland	76.00	SO IDAHO—1st A/G, Nampa	274.00
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## HEALING TESTIMONIES

# Pastor Tells of Young Accident Victim's Remarkable Recovery

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CINDY TANNER, daughter of Mrs. Myrene Tanner, was injured so severely in an automobile accident on August 30, 1963, that the doctor gave no hope of survival.

She had suffered severe lacerations and a serious brain concussion. When she was admitted to the Glenwood Hospital in West Monroe, La., she was in a coma, and remained in this condition for seven weeks.

The day following the accident her brain began to swell, and she was transferred to Shreveport, La., where she could be treated by a brain specialist. On her arrival he gave little hope for her recovery, and said she would be only a living vegetable if she did survive.

On September 11 she was transferred to St. Francis Hospital in Monroe. There the doctors kept a watch against infection, and awaited her possible awakening from the coma. During this time her body would draw to the left side and become so tense that the doctor warned those who were watching over her not to try to restrain her in any way as it would break her limbs.

Seven weeks from the day of the accident, Cindy awoke from the coma. She was completely helpless, but she would grin when we talked to her.

During all this time the church had been offering prayer in her behalf. On October 23 she was released from the hospital, still an invalid. Slowly she began to say a few words. Among the first things she said was a little chorus she had learned in Booster Band:

*"Wide, wide as the ocean,  
High as the heavens above,  
Deep, deep as the deepest sea,  
Is my Saviour's love."*

The day she was dismissed from the hospital, therapy treatments were begun, and on February 26, 1964, she took her first steps.

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Although Cindy still has a stiff left arm and wears a brace on the left leg from the knee down, it brings a shout to the hearts of the people of Pleasant Valley Assembly to see her walk to her class unaided every Sunday morning.

The doctors only shake their heads and marvel at the healing power of God. She has become a symbol of His power to all with whom she comes in contact.—by Jackie V. Nichols, Pastor, Pleasant Valley Assembly of God, Downs ville, La.

## Crushed Foot Healed—She Walked by Faith

AS I STARTED OUT THE DOOR ON April 5, 1963, I somehow turned my foot and every bone around my ankle was crushed. The pain and agony I suffered was very great. I wore a cast on it for eight weeks, but X rays showed it was not healing as it should.

I had to sit in a reclining chair with my foot propped up because it swelled so badly, and my foot and leg had spots all over them. Many people were praying for me, but I became discouraged as I did not improve.

In the fall of 1963, Evangelist Raymond Parker was leading a revival at our church. One morning he and another minister came out and prayed for me. He said, "God is in this place." I felt led to get out of the chair, and stood up and walked a short distance.

Complete healing did not come instantly for my foot and leg still swelled badly and spots came again. But I knew in my heart I had received the Lord's healing touch and by faith I began walking.

When the doctor X rayed my foot again he said: "I am quite happy about the way your foot is healing. At one time I thought those bones were never going back together!"

I give all the glory to God and thank Him for this healing.—Mrs. Vernon V. White, Hertford, N. C.

(Endorsed by former pastor, Albert G. Eller, now at Hickory, N. C.)

# Heart Healed by Touch of Unseen Hands

I AM NOW 76 YEARS OF AGE, BUT probably I would not be alive if God had not healed me in 1952.

For some seven months I had suffered with heart trouble, and was under a doctor's care. I worked in a large tool room at the Government Arsenal in Benecia, Calif.

At lunch time one day I became very ill while trying to eat. I was sitting alone. I started talking to the Lord: "Lord, You sent me to this job. I can't stay here; I can't eat, neither can I live unless You heal my heart."

No other human being was in that tool room; the door was locked; and yet I suddenly felt two unseen hands

laid on my forehead. At that moment the power of God shook me from head to foot. At first this frightened me, but soon I noticed the pain was all gone. I ate my lunch with relish, and there was no more heart trouble! Now, more than 11 years later, the doctor tells me my heart is still very good.—Elvin Adams, New Plymouth, Idaho.

(Endorsed by Pastor O. J. Scantlin, Highway Assembly of God, Fruitland, Idaho.)

## Eyes Are Healed

I must surely praise and thank the Lord for healing my eyes. I was unable to see as I should. My eyes watered constantly, and I suffered severe headaches. In the schoolroom, although I knew what I was writing, for months I was unable to see it.

My mother was worried over my condition and took me to a doctor.

He had me to attend an eye clinic, and I was hospitalized for three and a half weeks, but got no relief.

One day Pastor Basso of Faith Assembly of God invited me to his church. I was prayed for, and the Lord healed me instantly. Now I am serving the Lord.—Burton Gajadar, Noitgedacht, British Guiana, South America.

(Endorsed by Pastor Lloyd Samuel Basso, Faith Assembly of God, Noitgedacht, Wakenaam, Essequibo River, British Guiana, S. A.)

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STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Waldron	*A/G	July 26-31	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Earl Teeter
Calif.	Arlington	Arlanza	July 26—	Joseph Epperson	Don Landers
	Bakersfield	*Bethel Temple	July 26-31	Christian Hild	Harry E. Hodge
	El Cajon	***Central	July 26-Aug. 1	Oran Duncan	R. L. Davis
	Oxnard	A/G	July 26-Aug. 9	E. T. & Mrs. Quanabush	Wesley Goodwin
	Plymouth	*Pent. A/G	July 28-Aug. 2	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	John W. Pettigrew
	Spring Valley	A/G	July 28-Aug. 2	Doug Payne	E. R. Briggs
Fla.	Tallahassee	Southside	July 31-Aug. 9	Michael & Peggy Lord	Alford Sands
Idaho	Lewiston	First	July 26—	Musical Rogers	Frank N. McAllister
Ill.	Rochelle	Hillcrest	Aug. 2-16	Royce & Mrs. Lowe	Noah McDermott
Iowa	Davenport	Grace	July 26-Aug. 2	K. E. Matschulat	M. D. Gilliam
	Decorah	A/G	July 28-Aug. 9	Bob & Joan Brantley	Clifford Tuton
Kans.	Independence	First	July 26—	Lolita Varner	C. W. Shumway
Mass.	Gardner	*A/G	Aug. 2-7	Dave & Pat Johnson	Perley Hersey
	Marlboro	**A/G	July 29-Aug. 2	Gene Burgess	George McCandlish
Mich.	Grand Rapids	Bethel	July 22-Aug. 2	S. A. Weddle	C. E. DeWitt
Mo.	St. Louis	*Riverview	Aug. 2-7	Gladys Voight	Clyde McCullough
	Strafford	Potter	July 26-Aug. 9	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Ridley Thomas
Minn.	Mora	A/G	July 29-Aug. 9	The Tanner Team	Norman Levang
N. J.	Atlantic City	Grace	Aug. 2-16	Shelvey Holland	Robert LeMon
N. Mex.	Albuquerque	First	Aug. 2-16	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	Kenneth Caughman
N. Y.	Auburn	First	July 27-Aug. 2	Nan & Gary Lentz	David Hansen
	Edwards	A/G	Aug. 2-16	H. B. Kelchner	Harold Beaudry
	Westfield	**A/G	Aug. 2-8	Robert Olson	Ernest Edwards
Ohio	South Lebanon	*Calvary	July 27-31	Dedelow-Friederici	Wayne Amburgy
Okla.	Marlow	A/G	July 27-Aug. 9	Al Davis	Clyde Ventris
Oreg.	Roseburg	***Fairgrounds	July 29-Aug. 2	Musical Rogers	Howard Flaherty
Pa.	Allentown	*Glad Tidings	July 27-31	Rebecca Beisel	Robert Harvey
	Lancaster	Glad Tid. Tem.	July 28-Aug. 2	Freddy Clark Team	H. L. Jones
	Mifflinburg	*A/G	July 27-31	Rose Marie Meringola	Richard Grimes
Tenn.	Dyer	First	July 27-Aug. 7	L. C. Miller	Wesley Payne
	Madison	First	Aug. 2—	Jimmy & Carol Snow	Jay Alford
Tex.	Anson	A/G	July 27-Aug. 9	Franklin & Mrs. Burns	C. J. Green
	Atlanta	First	July 28—	Max L. Manning	F. J. Woolf
	Electra	A/G	Aug. 2—	James H. Black	C. S. Stanton
	Kilgore	Highland Park	July 30—	Tommy & Esther Lance	J. W. Carlile
	Littlefield	A/G	July 19-Aug. 2	Ervin & Mrs. Asiatico	Don Mulliniks
	Orange	First	July 22-Aug. 2	John & David Stephens	C. J. Shields
	Tyler	Bascom	July 28-Aug. 9	Tommy Wilson	J. E. Parsons
Va.	Isle of Wight	Pine Grove	July 28-Aug. 9	David & Mona Lewis	J. W. Collins
Brazil	Porto Alegre	Assembly Tab.	July 26—	Charles H. Cass	Paul Pugh

\*Children's Crusade

\*\*Youth Revival

\*\*\*Union Campaign

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# Homefront Highlights

## AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

### Canyon Day, Arizona

On April 1 history was written on the Fort Apache reservation when white people were invited to take part in the Indian tribal election. The state and general elections are supervised by white people, and Leo Gilman, missionary at Canyon Day, has been the inspector for the Canyon Day precinct of the county; but the Indians formerly carried on their own tribal elections by themselves.

This year they changed their tribal election laws and set them up somewhat on the order of a regular election board. Not knowing how to proceed, they invited some non-Indians to help. Since the reservation has five original divisions, they invited five "judges" to help: the clerk of the school board, a part owner of a garage, a storekeeper who has an Indian trading post, and the Leo Gilmans. Four Indians were on each board. The counting of the ballots was open to the public.

### Blanding, Utah

Bill Long, pastor of the Monticello, Utah, Assembly, and Delman Rudnik, pastor at Durango, Colo., both of the San Juan Section, and some of their lay members have been of great help to the new Blanding Indian church. The men did repair work on the parsonage roof; and the women worked on the yard and did some painting in the parsonage.

During a recent revival with Juanita Tidwell, attendance at Blanding averaged around 50. Forty-three new people attended the services. Seven have evidenced they received a good experience of salvation. The missionaries also urgently need a good bus to bring the Indian people to church.

### Polacca, Arizona

The Sunday school attendance jumped from 22 to 60 in six weeks in Polacca. Three more have been saved. The Charley Greathouses are ministering here.

### Albuquerque, New Mexico

The L. E. Davises who have ministered for several years in Albuquerque have resigned and the Paul Evanses, formerly missionary-pastors at Whiteriver, Ariz., will be the new pastors.

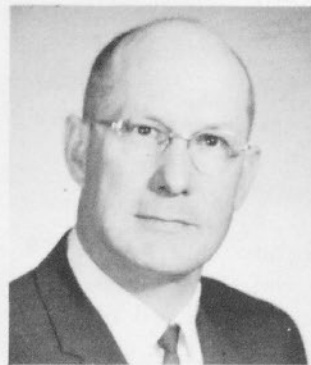
### Stanfield, Arizona

In the revival at Stanfield conducted for the A. M. Cranstons by Paul Pettit in April, six sought the Lord for salvation, one was refilled with the Holy Spirit, and five were baptized in water at the close of the meeting. Three more have received the Baptism since the meeting.

The Cranstons have a Friday Bible class in one Indian camp now. Many of the Papago people in this area are Catholics. The missionaries urgently need a bus to bring people to the services.

### Potlatch, Washington

Construction of the new church at Potlatch is progressing. The Everett McKinneys are pastors.



Mr. and Mrs. George L. Tucker were appointed by the Home Missions Department to work among the Kansas Indians.

### New Appointees

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Tucker of Parsons, Kans., recently have been appointed to American Indian ministry. They plan to work among the Kansas Indians. Brother Tucker is licensed with the Kansas District. The Tuckers have four children.

The Assemblies of God has had no missionaries among the Potawatomi and Kickapoo Indians of Kansas for some time. We would request prayer for the Tuckers in this new venture of faith.

### Auburn, California

The Luther Caytons, pastors at Auburn, report a good one-week revival with the J. E. Reddicks of Klamath Falls, Oreg. One was saved and four were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

### Couderay, Wisconsin

The Sunday school at Couderay recently broke its record with nearly 70 in attendance. Numbers of people in the area have expressed their desire to attend church, but they have no way since the church bus broke down. The John Gundersons make as many as three trips a service with their station wagon, but cannot cover most of the former bus route.

### Oneida, Wisconsin

Mildred Kimball, pastor at Oneida, writes that several were saved and six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in a recent five-week revival with Larry Bisonette, an Indian evangelist. The revival spirit continues since the meetings.

### Shonto, Arizona

Missionary Edith Jerry ministers in various areas around Shonto and interprets for the missionaries at Kayenta. On her way back from one of her trips, her car became stuck in the sand and she was unable to get home all night. She contracted pneumonia from this exposure and was very ill for

several weeks. Mrs. Jerry would appreciate prayer that her health may improve sufficiently so she may continue her missionary work.

### Bloomfield, New Mexico

Eight were filled with the Holy Spirit and two were saved recently at Bloomfield where the Richard Hoopingarners are ministering.

### Apache Junction, Arizona

Mrs. Esther Treece is busy in visitation work at the Phoenix Indian hospitals.

### San Carlos, Arizona

Brother and Sister F. William Olson are the new pastors at San Carlos. They formerly pastored the Mescalero, N. Mex., Indian assembly, but resigned to do evangelistic work for a time.

### Phoenix, Arizona

The Lonnie Thomases have resigned their positions in the All Tribes Bible School and the Phoenix Indian Mission to devote full time to the establishing and building of an Indian church for the Pima Indians on the Salt River reservation near Phoenix. This mission will be located where it can minister to three reservations: Salt River, Lehi, and Apache of Fort McDowell.

### Phoenix, Arizona

Several were saved and some were filled with the Spirit in a week's revival conducted by George Effman, a Klamath Indian, in the All Tribes Indian Assembly in Phoenix in May.

### Sisseton, South Dakota

The Vern McNallys have resigned as pastors of the Dakota Gospel Chapel in Sisseton.

### Ajo, Arizona

Missionary Pauline Mastries recently preached at a fellowship meeting at Ajo with 10 tribes of Indians represented in the gathering. The place was packed and there was a great move for God.



The pastors and some members of the Assemblies in Monticello, Utah, and Durango, Colo., recently spent a day helping the missionaries with the new Indian church in Blanding, Utah.

In a later revival in Ajo a number were saved, one was filled with the Spirit and four were baptized in water.

#### Casa Blanca, Arizona

The church and Sunday school attendance at Casa Blanca now averages in the 90's. During a revival with Virgil Sampson, a Pima Indian, souls were saved, backsliders were reclaimed, and three young couples gave their hearts to the Lord. More Indian men are attending services lately.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE MINISTRY

#### Los Angeles, California

Billy L. Wofford, who is an appointed missionary to the Chinese in the Los Angeles area, writes: "God is blessing us numerically in our Chinese work. Our Sunday school average this year is 66. We conducted a door-to-door visitation program in April which resulted in an addition of 13 children to the Sunday school. We baptized nine of our people in water recently. Pray for our building program."

#### San Francisco, California

Lula Baird, missionary to the Chinese in San Francisco, has enlarged her ministry by conducting services in a small garment factory where about 10 Chinese women are employed. Recently seven of the women indicated their desire to become Christians.

#### El Paso, Texas

Two of the graduates from the Latin American Bible Institute at El Paso have gone to Central America to minister. Several others are engaged in evangelistic or pastoral work. Following the school commencement, an evangelistic campaign conducted in El Templo Getsemani in El Paso resulted in the salvation of several souls. Two Methodist pastors (Spanish-speaking) and some members of their congregations who attended have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and are on fire for God.

#### Miami, Florida

Kathleen Belknap, director of the Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami, writes that the Southern California WMC's just sent by plane several tons of clothing and bedding, a most welcome gift. A group of refugees, who had just arrived from Cuba by small boat, volunteered their help to bring in the load.

### TEEN CHALLENGE MINISTRY

Teen Challenge teams are walking the streets again this summer in search of young addicts and delinquent youth they can win for

the Lord Jesus. Mass literature invasions are in progress. Some teams are entering new areas. Please pray for the great work of our Teen Challenge Centers in New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The Boston and San Francisco Centers began operations just recently. David C. Milley is director of the Boston Center.



David C. Milley, director Teen Challenge Center, Boston

#### New York, New York

Nicky Cruz, director of Spanish evangelism for the Teen Challenge Center in New York, has been concerned for the safety of his workers this summer during the street rallies in Spanish Harlem. God has been faithful and none has been harmed. With such high tension nearly anything can erupt on almost any street, Brother Cruz says. As many as 300 attend some street rallies. Up to 50 at one time have given their hearts to the Lord right on the street in some of these rallies.

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Nicky Cruz and his team of Teen Challenge staff members are rejoicing in the wonderful work of the Holy Spirit among all the Spanish-speaking peoples in New York. Groups of doctors, psychiatrists, probation officers and community leaders have been attending conferences in which team members have been participants. The testimonies of converted addicts continue to amaze everyone. More than a few doctors now want to take an active part in the Teen Challenge program. All converts are careful to give the glory to God for their deliverance and healing.

### DEAF AND BLIND MINISTRY

#### Springfield, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweeney, a blind couple from Janesville, Wis., visited Maxine Strobbridge, national representative for the Deaf and Blind Ministries, for two weeks during May. The Sweeneys operate a gospel tape library for the blind for the Home Missions Department, which is our newest facet of ministry to the blind. Their visit was in the interest of

expanding this ministry. They visited the Assemblies of God headquarters, the Home Missions Department and *The Pentecostal Evangel* office. Their intelligent Leader dog Skip was a great favorite with everyone.

Sighted persons in the Janesville and Beloit areas devote many hours to reading selected articles from *The Pentecostal Evangel*, while their voices are being recorded on master tapes. When a blind individual has heard a tape, he returns it to the Sweeneys for exchange or recutting.

#### Granite City, Illinois

Lloyd Couch, minister to the deaf in St. Louis, Mo., has been invited by Station KTVI, Channel 2, to present a short devotional program in sign language every two months throughout the year on the TV program called "Credo."

Mrs. Couch returned to New York June 23 after a visit with her folk in Germany. While overseas she visited a deaf school and church and learned as much as possible about the situation of the German deaf.

### ALASKA MINISTRY

#### Homer

The Gerald Lees, pastors at Homer, adopted a baby girl April 10. She was born March 30.

#### Haines

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Hirschy, who have been away from Alaska for a time, are now reappointed and will take the pastorate at Haines. Recently, Calvary Assembly of God, Lomita,

Calif., bought a 1,000-pound deep freeze and shipped it to Haines for the Hirschys.

The Hirschys had a good evangelistic ministry in North Pole, Valdez, Cordova, Chugiak, Anchorage, Homer, and Kodiak last summer.

#### Fairbanks

Attendance has reached 117 in Sunday school and even more in church at Fairbanks. The Oscar Butterfields and their congregation are building a new church this summer.

#### Delta Junction

The Claude Malcoms, pastors at Delta Junction, recently conducted a memorial service at Valdez for Duane Carriker and Bill Schmidt. They also ministered in the morning worship service at the Fort Greely Chapel on Sunday May 17. Two more servicemen have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Delta Junction.

#### Addison, Maine

Missionary Cecelia Piper former pastor at Wainwright, Alaska, plans to return to Alaska following her furlough in Maine to open a new work in Bettels. She plans to minister to other camps and towns in the surrounding area of Brooks Range, as well.

#### Seward

The Seward Assembly observed a youth week May 17-24 with a service each evening. On Saturday a hike and picnic closed with a faggot service. The Claude Malcoms of Delta Junction participated in the last service.



The Fred Sweeneys, a blind couple who operate a gospel tape library for the blind for the Home Missions Department, chat with Robert Cunningham, editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*.

# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST



Evangelist Quentin Edwards preaches through an interpreter in India.

## South India

### Revival in Rice Field

Evangelist Quentin Edwards held special meetings here in Punalur recently and the Lord worked in a wonderful way.

The meetings were conducted in an open rice field with a small platform at one end. The crowds—which numbered in the thousands the last couple of nights—sat on mats or on the ground. The greatest miracles were wrought in the hearts of those who came forward for salvation, but our living Christ brought healing to many bodies as well.

After a faith-building message, prayer was offered for those seated in the crowd who needed healing. Then they were asked to act upon their faith and come forward to testify of what God had done for them.

We cannot begin to tell of all those who were healed. Each night God's power was manifest. A man who previously could not lift his arm raised it above his head again and again. Another found a growth had disappeared and he was also healed of asthma. A little girl dropped her crutch and walked alone.

Christ surely came to walk in our midst, to save and to heal. We pray that those who have heard Him speak and have seen His power to deliver will truly follow Him.

—Mildred Ginn and Lydia Graner

### The Lame Walk

Among those attending a recent evangelistic campaign was a man who could not walk. His brother brought him in an oxcart.

After the general prayer for the

sick, the lame man ran to the front, grabbed the microphone, and began proclaiming again what Evangelist Quentin Edwards had been preaching about Jesus being the true God. The man was so excited that he did not even tell what had happened to him, and his brother had to come to the front and report that he had been healed.

Among the many others who were delivered was a man who for 30 years had been deaf in one ear. His hearing was restored. Another man was healed of a growth in his stomach which he had had for three years. Two doctors sat in the services and marveled at the power of God.

God also moved wonderfully during meetings which missionaries and national ministers conducted recently at the Industrial School in Shencottah. Students wept for their sins. Even up until the last day some who had been holding back began to cry and confess. On Sunday afternoon following the meetings, 17 were baptized in an old well about a mile from the school.

—Doris Edwards

## North India

### New Record Set

Twenty-one churches were built in India in 1963—probably more than in any one year in the history of Assemblies of God missions in the country.

Two new churches and a night Bible school have been opened in Calcutta. One of the churches and the Bible school are under the supervision of Missionary Mark Buntain; the second, a Bengali-

speaking church, is pastored by Brother D. Roychoudhury.

The past year has witnessed revival in Assam, a state in northern India which is closed to missionaries. Hundreds of people have been saved and nine new churches have been constructed. Congregations are springing up faster than churches can be built for them.

Bombay is the scene of a new evangelistic effort. Students from the Bible school, now on vacation, are concentrating on saturating the city with gospel literature. Two Assemblies have been established in Bombay.

—Elton Hill

### Rallies Well Attended

We now have more than 1,500 enrolled in the "Highlights in the Life of Christ" correspondence course. Recently we had two rallies in different sections of Calcutta and sent notices to those on our address list. Tears came to our eyes as we saw the good number assembled for these rallies. We rejoice that there were decisions for Christ.

—Mark Buntain

## Jamaica

### Treasure Beach Builds

The time is March 30, Easter Monday. The place is Treasure Beach, a remote fishing village on the south coast of Jamaica. The object of attention is a new building. The people are proud of this building for not only is it new, but it is also beautiful, with stained glass windows, tile floor, and attractively painted walls. The building is the Calvary Assembly of God. District Superintendent Cyril Huckerby is proudly dedi-

cating it for the glory of God.

With the exception of assistance received from one American contributor, the entire cost of constructing the church was borne by the people of Jamaica.

There are hundreds of villages throughout Jamaica similar to Treasure Beach—waiting for the full gospel, for the story of deliverance from fear and bondage, the message of hope and happiness.

—William Ihnsky

## Guatemala

### Privacy Made Portable

I would like to thank all those from West Texas who helped us get our camp trailer. Previously, when I went on preaching trips, I had to sleep in church buildings with no privacy to dress, bathe, or eat; but now I can have a clean bed, my own food, and a place to be alone.

It is not possible to take the trailer everywhere. Recently, for example, I spent five days on an island where conditions were deplorable. But we had good response in a teachers training course.

—Quentin Shortes

## El Salvador

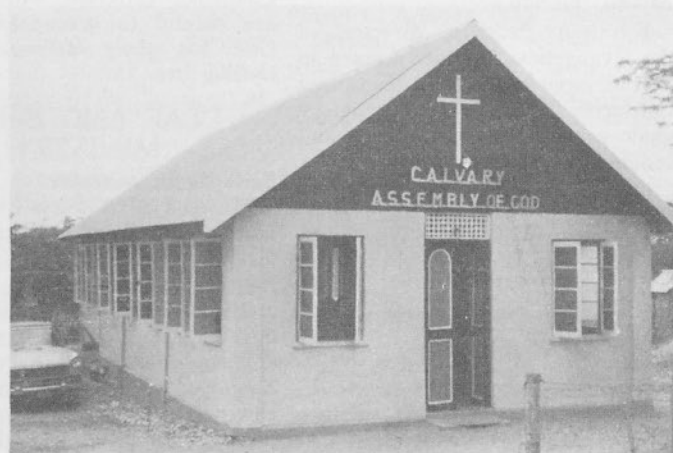
### Short Programs Start

I talked with several executives in San Salvador including the owner of the largest newspaper. From them I learned that many people do not think they have time to sit down for 15 minutes and listen to our radio program.

For this reason we have put a new idea into effect on our San Salvador outlet. We are broad-



Field Superintendent Cyril Huckerby presides at dedication in the New Treasure Beach Assembly in Jamaica.



casting three five-minute programs daily: one at 6:40 a.m., another at 1:30 p.m., and the last one at 4 p.m. Each program comes on fast, bombards hard for five minutes, and shuts off suddenly.

The station management seems convinced that these programs will have a larger audience than the longer broadcast ever had. Our regular 15-minute programs are continuing over the other outlets, however.

With this new idea we hope not only to captivate the interest of the person who is too busy to sit down and listen to the gospel for longer periods, but also to get the attention of the man who, because of fear and prejudice against Protestantism, would soon turn his radio off. —Paul Finkenbinder

### Bolivia

#### Crowds Multiply

At present we are in special meetings with Evangelist Eugenio Jimenez. Three thousand people attended the first night, 8,000 the second night, and 10,000 the third night. The Assembly here in Oruro is more than filled during regular services and we are trying to rent larger quarters until we are able to build a church.

—Mrs. T. O. Johnston

### South Africa

#### Cooperative Campaign Held

Many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during the tent campaign at Noordgesig. This is one of the many works pioneered by my mother, Mrs. Anna Scoble. The Lord's blessing was so manifest that people declared this was the best campaign yet among the Negroes of Johannesburg.

Missionaries Morris Williams, E. E. Shaffer, and Don Coleman as well as Evangelist Lorne Fox and party assisted in the campaign, together with South African pastor Louis Potgieter.

—John Richards

#### Dream Brings Action

A few nights ago I had a dream that stirred me to renewed action. A woman was sinking beneath the waters of a lake. With upraised hands she was crying for help. I intended to save her after I finished doing some other things which I felt must come first.

Suddenly in my dream I realized that I had forgotten all about the drowning woman and had left her to her fate without even attempting to save her.

It is not what we *intend* to do but what we *really* do that counts. Do they not say, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions"?

I have been spurred to action by this dream. In the townships, in the schools, on the farms, deep in the reserves we must hurry to save the youth of Africa. By lit-



The Charles Hinson family



The Homer Specter family



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Beggs and son

## Missionary News Notes

Missionaries recently arrived home for furlough are the **Robert Carlsons** (Nigeria), the **E. E. Shaffers** (South Africa), **Eva Davison** and **Ann Symonds** (Ghana), the **Kenneth Godbeys** (Nigeria), and the **Wesley Bjurs** (Chile).

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinson** are in language school in Costa Rica preparing for service in Guatemala. They were formerly stationed in Liberia. **Mr. and Mrs. Homer Specter**, who previously served in Haiti, are now ministering in Senegal.

Beginning their first term of missionary service are **Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Beggs** (West Texas). Their field is Tanganyika, East Africa.

Paula Renee arrived April 6 in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Klahr** (furlough from Japan)

erature, by youth rallies, by personal testimonies, over loudspeakers, by use of the screen we must reach young people wherever they are. This is our objective in 1964.

—Fred Burke

### Ghana

#### Visit Brings Blessings

During the recent visit of Assemblies of God executives M. B. Netzel and Howard S. Bush, the Sunday school attendance record at Evangel Assembly in Accra was broken. On Pentecost Sunday the attendance was 345. There were 454 present in the Sunday morning service as Brother Bush ministered concerning the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. That Sunday night after Brother Netzel had preached, 14 responded to the altar call and surrendered their lives to Christ. The week following these special services, three were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Robert Cobb

### 135 Nigeria

#### Students on the Move

Twenty-four students said, "Good-bye, pray for us," as we concluded another three-month term of Bible school. Obedience to the command of Paul, "Study to show thyself approved unto God," has been the expressed desire of each student. The Holy Spirit gave necessary guidance in the classroom, anointed the chapel services, and stirred each student to return to his people and "preach the Word." Five students received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We praise God for these victories.

—Gerald Falley

### Philippines

#### C.A.'s Baptized

Try to visualize an emerald green mountainside overlooking the calm Sulu Sea which reflects the azure sky overhead. A row of

lush coconut palms strung along the sandy beach gracefully sway in the ocean breeze. The tropical sun beats down on a group of Christians gathered along the shore. Listen! They are singing "O Happy Day!"

Five baptismal candidates are standing in the water. A Filipino pastor immerses them one by one. As they wade ashore, their faces radiate the joy in their hearts. Brothers and sisters in Christ happily extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

This is the scene you would have witnessed if you had attended the C. A. baptismal service.

Many villagers gathered in and around the Assemblies of God chapel in a coconut grove near the seashore for a service held recently. Sinners were impressed by the joy our Spirit-filled young people expressed. Capable national workers preached with unction and with a burden for the salvation of their people. Eight stepped forward to receive Christ.

—Warren Denton

### Taiwan

#### Kept in Earthquake

Our C. A. service was in progress in the third-story church hall in Tainan. I was teaching the C.A.'s the chorus, "He Cares for Me."

Suddenly there was a roar which rapidly developed into a deafening rattle. The building began to rock like a ship on rough seas. Crash after crash sounded. We were plunged into thick darkness. I was thrown off my feet. I thought the end had come and wondered about my children at home. Spontaneously everyone began to pray.

After the worst of the earthquake was over we were surprised that the building was still standing and we were all alive. It was

providential that not one of the young people had panicked and tried to run out, for this certainly would have resulted in calamity.

Using candlelight we continued the meeting although the tremors persisted for a long time. With grateful relief I later learned that my family was safe!

We were told that north of us there had been much destruction and loss of life. In some places the earth had opened in great yawning cracks.

Earthquakes such as this cause us to realize afresh that we are living in the last days. Jesus is coming soon! —Robert Bolton

### Korea

#### Radio Reaches Out

The Full Gospel Hour is now heard over three outlets: Pusan, Taegu, and Iri. Many encouraging letters are being received both from new converts and from backsliders who have returned to God.

This radio ministry complements our Bible correspondence course in which 541 students are now enrolled. Eighty-four have already been graduated. —Louis Richards

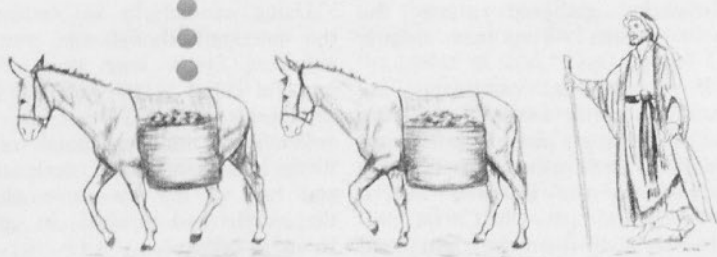
#### Students Stirred

Crowds attended the six days of special services conducted by missionaries John Hurston, Robert Armstrong and the Ralph Byrds at Eternal Life Schools in Chonju. Four to five services were held each day and many prayed all night. At least 150 young people were filled with the Holy Spirit.

During one tarrying service a fine young man asked me to pray with him. Afterwards, when he had already received a wonderful baptism, I discovered that he is a student at one of the largest seminaries in Seoul. We can have no doubt that God is moving in Korea. —Margaret Carlrow

# TWO MULES' BURDEN OF EARTH

BY OLIVE EVANS



AT FIRST NAAMAN HAD DESPISED THE WATERS OF THE land of Elisha and the person of the prophet, but after the miracle at Jordan (2 Kings 5) he was so in awe of Elisha that he made a very strange request. He desired from Elisha "two mules' burden of earth" on which to build an altar to the God of Israel.

This seems right, worthy, and devoted, until the human reasoning comes out. He said: "In this thing the Lord pardon thy servant, that when my master [the king of Syria] goeth into the house of Rimmon [an idol temple in Damascus] to worship there, and he leans on my hand . . . I bow myself in the house of Rimmon."

However, I shall not criticize the noble captain, for we cannot walk in the light until we receive it. And it is to be hoped that the two mules' burden of Samaritan earth was sufficient to give true worship to the living God of Israel! But in this divine record there is a similarity to modern worshipers that is startling and apparent!

Notice the great crowds of people that enter our churches on Sunday mornings and depart with their "two mules' burden of earth." Then, during the week, see a large majority of them entering the many, many "houses of Rimmon" that have been erected over this land and bowing down to their idol of pleasure.

Their reasoning is the same as the captain of old: "The Lord pardon thy servant in this thing. I still have the two mules' burden of earth on which to base my worship." Now, it is probable that the little captive maid continued to teach the household of Naaman in the way of the true God, but I wonder if those of today

have in their home a love slave of Jesus to enlighten them?

Once I was in the crowd that entered on Sunday and then departed with my tiny portion. During the week the house of Rimmon held an attraction I could not resist. But the time came when this no longer satisfied the inner part of me that goes deeper than human reasonings and emotions.

Truthfully, I can say that such a small amount of earth can become very, very dry! And it was not sufficient to "mine" out any precious jewels for there was not enough depth to hide any jewels in it. Neither will seed germinate and mature in that amount of earth so scarce of nutrients.

So I changed masters—I left the master of Rimmon and accepted the Master of Elisha! I changed territories—I left the "two mules' burden of earth" and went into a large land of faith and worship!

Although there are some who are content to worship on only "two mules' burden," the sincere worshiper soon learns there can be no boundaries, no limitation, no house of Rimmon. I do not belittle "temple" attendance and true pastors, but I do not believe that my pastor can do all my "mining" for me, and he *may* miss the very jewel I or a friend need. We both have access to the same diamond mine—the precious Word of God—and I too must dig!

One day—many, many years later—on that same Samaritan soil of which Naaman received a portion, two people met at Jacob's well. One, a Jewish stranger, expounded with authority an entirely new concept of worship. To the woman's questioning He kindly said: "Neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem . . . true worshipers shall worship the Father . . . for the Father seeketh such to worship him . . . in Spirit and in truth."

No limitation—no "two mules' burden of earth" here! True worship is based on the solid foundation of truth. It surges outward and upward by the Spirit as on the wings of the morning. True worship is not earthy nor ceremonial—it is of the spirit, and it sings and delights and soars and communes!

True worship is that response of the finite that answers the call of the infinite. It is the avenue of adoration to the living God. It is a shining, uplifted face; it is a bowed head; it is tears; it is a bended knee; it is a prostrate form! It is a heart crying out; it is a voice of petition; it is ecstasy; it is testimony! Whether the act is swift or hesitant, God recognizes it and responds!

But *divine revelation expands!*

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" later asked Paul. By this I am to understand that temples are no longer stationary, made of brick and stone and mortar—human bodies are now made into temples. Temples on feet—encompassing the *Shekinah!* Feet going down every path; feet going into "all the world"! Feet, carrying living temples to minister good news, constant worship, fervent adoration!

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!"

Oh, let us not be content to be limited to "two mules' burden of earth," but ask the God of Elisha for *all* the earth, and perpetuate holy worship *in Spirit and truth* from *all* people. ◀◀