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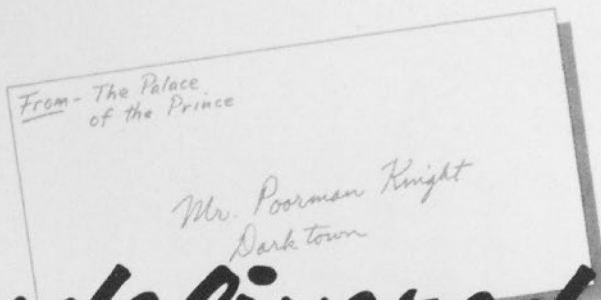
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The Undelivered Letter

A STORY OF BLIGHT AND BLESSING

AS TOLD BY
MISSIONARY EVANGELIST MORRIS PLOTS

"SORRY, MR. BLISS, NOT ANOTHER CENT! YOU HAVEN'T even been able to pay back our previous loans. The committee met just last week; we decided we have no alternative but to foreclose and to take up the collateral you have pledged in the past."

Old Farmer Bliss sat stunned in the chair across from his banker friend. He had felt some faint apprehension when he came into the office to ask for another loan, but now he was hearing words he never dreamed he would hear.

You see, it was this way. Year after year Farmer Bliss had toiled long and hard at the precarious business of farming, striving to make an honest living. His family had given him loyal cooperation. But every year it was the same sad story of defeat and loss. When the crop needed rains, the weather was always dry. At harvesttime, when dry weather was needed, the rains came making harvest impossible. If, as occasionally happened, the climatic conditions were just right, then the bugs came in armies devouring any possible profit. On those rare occasions when climate and insects all cooperated, it was just his luck to have the bottom fall out of the market for his products.

So, year after year, the poor hardworking farmer would trudge to his banker friend and tell his sad story: "Please, sir, if you can just increase our loan a bit more to tide us over, I am sure we can make it next year." In this way the farmer went deeper into debt each year. More and more of his property was put up as security against his mounting loans.

Alternating between despair and hope, he had toiled on. Now he was trembling as he left the banker's office and stumbled out to the street. The words, "Not another cent," were ringing in his ears. The awful realization swept over him, "I am bankrupt, a ruined man."

Slowly he made his way home. How would he tell his family? In terrible gloom he summoned them around him while he sat down at the old kitchen table. The children took chairs; Mrs. Bliss stood in the corner, looking on in bewildered apprehension. Sadly and with great pain he unfolded to them the family predicament. Gradually the realization dawned even on the little ones that soon they would be forced to leave the old home place they loved so well. They would have to go—they knew not where. The children cried. Mrs. Bliss dabbed her eyes with her apron. Hot tears of sorrow, disappointment, and frustration rolled down her cheeks. All was

lost. The Bliss family was hopelessly ruined. What a somber mood the bitter moment brought.

However, I must tell you of something that happened soon afterward, just before the final blow of eviction fell. Out of the mailbox one morning Mr. Bliss pulled a long white envelope. He could not quell the feeling that here was something very important. His fingers trembled as he opened it and began to read.

Important? It was indeed! He could hardly believe his eyes. It was a letter from a fabulously wealthy prince of whom everyone had heard. He was said to "own everything." Here is what the prince had written:

"Dear Mr. Bliss: I have heard of your sad predicament and I am going to help you. Enclosed you will find a check which will pay off your obligations, repair your barns and equipment, restock your flocks and herds. In fact, I intend that this check will put you back in business. Furthermore, please remember that when this money is used up there is more where this came from."

For a moment the farmer stood thunderstruck with astonishment. Then he dashed into the house and in a far different mood than before summoned his family together. There, around the selfsame kitchen table where a few days before he had broken the news of ruin, he now read to them the amazing letter from the beneficent prince. Holding the precious check high in his hands he shouted, "Look, it is no dream, it is not mere imagination, here is the check!" Thereupon the Bliss children began to dance about the kitchen table, while Mrs. Bliss stood in her familiar corner of the kitchen wiping her eyes—but this time the tears were caused by relief, joy, and blessedness. All of them were thinking, or saying, or singing, "In our darkest hour we have been delivered!"

Now let us be charitable to the old farmer; we cannot blame him for failing to read every word of the letter. After all, any one of us receiving such a letter as this would be in a state of mind approaching delirium. In the excitement at the mailbox Farmer Bliss overlooked a postscript which read: "With this letter to you I am enclosing another letter, addressed to Mr. Poorman Knight. He lives in Darktown. In the envelope intended for him is a check similar to yours. It will meet all of his obligations and deliver him in a dark and difficult hour. Please deliver the letter to him in person."

Farmer Bliss shook the long envelope vigorously. Out tumbled the envelope mentioned in the postscript. He

looked it over carefully. Yes, it was addressed to Mr. Poorman Knight, Darktown. As he held the letter in his hand he mused, "Strange that the prince would expect *me* to deliver this letter. Why, I don't even know this Poorman Knight. I have heard about him, though. And what I heard wasn't very complimentary. They tell me he is dirty, ignorant, repulsive... and besides, he lives a long way off. It seems to me the prince could have found someone who lives closer to deliver this letter. Well, I suppose I will have to take it to him—that is, when I can find the time. But I am much too busy now."

And indeed he soon became busier than ever, for his new-found prosperity revolutionized his life. So many long-deferred opportunities beckoned him. So many projects he had dreamed of were now within his grasp.

So, promising himself, "I will deliver that letter when I can find the time," he placed it carefully between the leaves of the big family Bible. This is the manner of some—using their Bibles for filing cabinets, stashing away sundry objects. Reaching up to a shelf, he placed the Bible on it in such a way that the undelivered letter stuck out slightly. Every time he came into the house he would see the Bible on the shelf and the protruding little line of white would stab his conscience. The only way he could get any peace would be to promise himself anew, "When I can find the time I must deliver that letter. But I am much too busy now."

Yes, he *was* a busy man. His farm was the very picture of prosperity. The fences were up, the barns and house were repainted, a lovely new weathervane atop his barn swung this way and that with the changing winds. Big fat cattle were in the feed lot. Up and down the country road his neighbors were agog. They could not figure it out. "Why, old Farmer Bliss was on the verge of ruin a while back—and now look at his farm! What has happened?" The people of the community shook their heads in amazement. They were unable to explain the phenomenon. But deep in the heart of every member of the Bliss family there was a beautiful secret; they had been saved by the fabulous prince!

Time hastened on. The days slipped into weeks, the weeks into months, the months into years. One day a neighbor stopped by for a chat as he made his way into town. The two old farmers hung over the fence and talked about all sorts of matters: crops, markets, prices, and so on. In the course of the conversation the neighbor said, "You know, Mr. Bliss, a terrible thing happened last night over in Darktown. A man starved to death."

"What's that?" cried Farmer Bliss incredulously. "The very idea that anyone should starve to death in times like these. Why, look at my barns and buildings. Look at my fat cattle. I've never seen such fine and comfortable times." On he went, bragging of his prosperity. And it was all true—he was a very prosperous man. At last he got around to asking the question, "What was the man's name?"

His neighbor thought for a moment, uncertain; then in a flash of memory replied, "His name was something like Poorman Knight. Yes, that's it."

When he heard the name, Farmer Bliss' face suddenly fell. Without so much as a decent good-bye he dashed into the house and rushed to the shelf where the family

Bible lay. Hastily he grabbed the book, blew off the dust, opened it, and took out the undelivered letter now yellowing with age. Yes, there was the name and address, plain as could be: "Mr. Poorman Knight, Darktown."

The awful realization was like a crushing blow. "Here in my hands is a letter from the fabulous prince, written to the man who died last night of starvation. In this letter is a check from the prince which would have solved all his problems and saved him from destruction. And I was the one charged with delivering it!"

Farmer Bliss turned pale. For a long time he sat with his head in his hands. When they called him for supper, he said he was not hungry. Clutching the yellowed envelope in his hands, he fell on his knees. Hot tears streamed down his cheeks as he cried, "Oh, Lord, forgive me!" But striking like a hammer in his mind and heart, growing till it filled all his consciousness, was a somber expression of the Word of God: "His blood will I require at thy hand."

By now you have realized that the story is a parable. Who is Farmer Bliss? He is you, I, everyone of us to whom the gospel of Christ has come. In our darkest hour, when all was lost, He sent us a message of hope. When we were mentally, physically, morally, spiritually bankrupt for all eternity, the Lord Jesus Christ rescued us. Just one touch of His grace restored my soul and yours, put us back in business, cancelled our debt of sin which we never could have paid. I owe everything to that fabulous Prince. So do you, if He has saved you. You could well join me in the chorus, "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe."

And who is the Poorman Knight living in the Darktown of our little parable?" Don't miss it, my friend. He is that man, woman, boy or girl who sits this very hour in some dark heathen land while you bask in the light of the Redeemer's favor. He is that one to whom the gospel of Christ has never yet come, not even once! And he is not one. He is a thousand times a million.

Yes, Poorman Knight awaits the letter of deliverance which lies in your Bible and mine. As long as there is one man, woman, boy or girl left in the world who has never yet received his invitation to Christ, we are yet blood-guilty. Let us with all haste deliver the letter of good news from our fabulous Prince lest on the great day of accounting we should hear the stern words, "His blood will I require at thy hand." ◀◀

RESPONSIBILITY

Missionary service is not optional. It is not something that a disciple of Christ may either accept or reject, depending on his likes or dislikes, or on his particular frame of mind at a given time. A Christian is by definition a missionary. Accepting Christ as Saviour and following Him as Lord cannot conceivably be complete without participation in His program for making disciples of all nations. To the extent that any of us are non-missionary or antimissionary, to that extent we are non-Christian or anti-Christian.

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World events, particularly armed clashes between nations, remind us that the coming of the Lord may be very near. The recent exchange of torpedoes and bombs between US and Communist forces in the Gulf of Tonkin made the free world wonder, for a few days, whether another great war was about to break out in the Pacific.

At the same time there was new bloodshed in the Congo causing the US to send planes and paratroopers. Many lives were lost last month in the Congo conflict, including at least one Methodist missionary.

Communists in Cuba are a constant threat to peace in the western hemisphere. Their infiltration in other Latin American lands led the Organization of American States (OAS) to meet recently and to impose sanctions on the Castro regime.

Meanwhile tension continues between Israel and its Arab neighbors. And armed clashes between Turks and Greeks on Cyprus have helped to focus world attention on the Mediterranean area. The Bible clearly indicates it is in this Middle East area that the decisive events of the end-time shall occur.

Like the disciples of our Lord Jesus, we are tempted to grow curious and to ask, "What will happen next? Is this the time of which the prophets spoke?" Our Lord would say to us, as He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times and occasions which the Father has fixed in His own authority; yet you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you are to be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the very ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, Montgomery's Centenary Translation).

This is not a time to worry. It is a time to trust in God and to know that He still controls the world situation. The schedule of world events is still fixed within His authority. We need not know His timetable; our responsibility is merely to be filled with the Spirit and to be His witnesses both at home and abroad.

Montgomery's translation draws special attention to Titus 2:11-14. It sets these four verses off as a poetic quotation and gives them the heading, "The Grace of God: A Hymn of Hope."

For God's grace has shined forth

Bringing salvation to all men

And schooling us to renounce impiety and evil passions,

And to live soberly, righteously, and godly

in this present age;

While we look for the blessed hope and epiphany

Of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

He gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity,

And to purify unto himself a people zealous of good works.

Here, then, is our calling. Renouncing impiety and evil passions, we are to be *sober*, remembering the urgency of our soul-winning mission. We are to be *righteous*, keeping our hearts free from the dark passions that poison men's hearts in times like these. We are to be *godly*, realizing that our future does not depend on international events but is bound up entirely in our Lord. Our eyes, ears, and hearts are not to be buried in the newspapers but engrossed in the Word and work of our Lord, "looking for that blessed hope." *His glorious appearing may come today!*

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Try the spirits

*The Bible tells us how we may distinguish
the spirit of Christ and the spirit of antichrist*

THE AGED APOSTLE JOHN WROTE OUT OF A LIFETIME OF Christian experience:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: for many false prophets are gone out into the world.

"Hereby know we the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is the spirit of antichrist" (1 John 4:1-3).

There are two opposing forces at work in the world, each seeking to control the lives of men. The Spirit of God has man's highest good as a basis for His activities and influence, while the spirit of antichrist comes to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Even as Christ was not immune to the temptations of Satan, so Christians today are exposed to the subtle suggestions of the devil, which are expressed by the spirit of antichrist abroad in the world.

While we do well not to dwell on the negative, we also do well to recognize the nature of the enemy of our souls, which is antichrist and in opposition to the spirit of truth.

The spirit of truth confesses Christ. It is not ashamed to witness for others concerning the things of God, and it lives by the principle that Jesus is Lord. The spirit of truth rejoices in the manifestations of the Spirit of God, and gives glory to God.

In contrast, the spirit of antichrist "confesses not" Jesus Christ. It is not only those who vehemently deny Jesus who are under the influence of the spirit of antichrist. It is those who *confess not*, those who fail to witness when opportunity is given, those whose lips are sealed by fear, timidity, or lack of love for Christ and the lost. Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh. . . ." (Mark 8:38).

The spirit of antichrist is subtle here, whitewashing the seriousness of failure to witness. To share the gospel is the basic duty of every Christian. To fail to share the gospel is to yield to the spirit of antichrist.

The spirit of antichrist is also manifested in a lack of respect for God's Word. Satan has been at the business of questioning and casting a reflection on the Word of

God since the days of Adam and Eve. "Yea, hath God said? . . . Ye shall not *surely* die." When he can get men to discount any part of God's Word he casts a doubt on the veracity of the whole. If one cannot believe all of God's Word, if part of it is disregarded, then what part is reliable? To move from the position that the Bible is God's Word and that it means what it says, is to move from the Rock onto the shifting sands of doubt.

If Satan cannot get us to doubt God's Word, he will try for a misinterpretation by pulling parts of it out of context. This strategy of wresting the Scriptures was also used with Jesus in the wilderness.

The spirit of antichrist is the spirit of rebellion. This was the sin which ruined King Saul. 'For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry" (1 Samuel 15:23).

Saul paid in full for the sin of rebellion against God. He lost out with God, lost his throne, and ended by taking his own life.

Satan sows the seeds of rebellion in the hearts of children, and parents must deal with this if they are to be spared the evil fruits of a rebellious life.

"The rebellious dwell in a dry land" (Psalm 68:6). There is no blessing in a rebellious life, yet some of God's people allow this attitude to develop in their hearts, promoting dissension and unrest. But the spirit of Christ is the spirit of love and submission. It is the spirit of unity. And it brings blessing. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment. . . . As the dew of Hermon . . . for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore" (Psalm 133).

The spirit of antichrist is the spirit of disobedience. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:1, 2).

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (2 Samuel 15:22).

Disobedience to God's Word and to His revealed plan for us as individuals takes many forms, but the root of the trouble is in giving heed to the spirit of antichrist instead of obeying the spirit of Christ. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his

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POINT 9—TALK OFTEN
CONCERNING THE
WORK OF GOD

The Great Conversation

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CONVERSATION IS EXPLOSIVE! IT IS THE CONVICTION OF many that there needs to be a *great conversation* all across the fellowship at every level concerning the things of God. It has always been true that when revival fires burn people are occupied in discussion about what God is doing and what is taking place. Discussion helps spread the flame!

The prophet Malachi said, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one with another; and the Lord heard it..." (Malachi 3:16). Long before, the Psalmist had urged, "...talk ye of all his wondrous works" (Psalm 105:2). When commanded to speak no more in the name of Jesus the apostles responded to the Sanhedrin, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

This same kind of preoccupation with talking about the work of God is needed today. And the conversation needs to be broad: with God, with one another, and with the world.

WITH GOD

God began the great conversation as soon as man had sinned—a conversation for redemption! He spoke directly to Adam and Eve and promised a Saviour. He then pursued the conversation, reiterating and enlarging upon the promise and seeking to lead man in the ways of righteousness. God promised further communication "from above the mercy seat" and said, "There I will meet with thee and commune with thee" (Exodus 25:22). Through the prophet Isaiah He cried, "Assemble yourselves and come. . . . Who hath declared this from the ancient time? . . . have not I the Lord?" (Isaiah 45:20, 21). And He pressed the conversation through all the prophets. In Malachi it took the form of a dialogue between God and man, with God quoting and supplying the answers man had given.

Then God continued the conversation and showed Himself through Jesus, and this in an intimate and personal way—"God, who . . . spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. . ." (Hebrews 1:1, 2). "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son . . . he hath declared him" (John 1:18). Jesus related Himself to the needs of men and spoke to them in a language they could understand. He ate with them, walked with them, talked with them, and shared God's thoughts with them. He said, "Come . . . learn of me . . ."

(Matthew 11:28, 29). He taught men how to talk with the Father; and even said another "Helper" would come who would encourage and guide this conversation.

It now remains for us to participate actively and ardently in this great conversation for redemption which God began. God has a message for every age. It is His Word. This we need to receive and to relay. It has been said: "Every generation of Christians must get their bearings—where they are and what the Scriptures say to them."

WITH ONE ANOTHER

But the great conversation must go on between the saints as well. ". . . They spake often one to another." This characterized the early days of the 20th century outpouring of the Spirit.

I well recall segments of this conversation I heard as a lad in a minister's home. One segment particularly lives in my memory. A ministers' gathering was being held in our home church. A number of ministers had come together in our dining room late after service for a "snack." Conversation turned to the things of God and continued into the early morning hours. I had been sleeping but was awakened by the sound of praise and Pentecostal manifestation. I lay there and pondered what I heard until the group finally dispersed. This was reality! This was God in conversation with those "who feared His name" as they talked together. We need to see more of this kind of communication today!

Topics of conversation reflect our concerns, our interests, our desires, and our hopes. We talk about the things we enjoy! "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). And "...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34).

When we discuss the things of God, we *clarify* our own thoughts for ourselves; we *fix* truth in our hearts; we *check* our concepts against those of others; we *learn* from others; we *stimulate* and *stir up* the "righteous mind" of one another. When we converse together we can experience the "burning of heart" the disciples knew on the road to Emmaus. For it was as Jesus "talked with" them and "opened" the Scriptures to them that they had this great experience.

To the church, discussion can be like the turbine of a mighty power plant turning the big armature which
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Light-for-the-Lost in Bombay, India

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THE LAYMEN AND PASTORS OF CHURCHES IN AND ABOUT El Dorado, Arkansas, conducted a Light-for-the-Lost banquet meeting at First Assembly of God on August 19, 1963, for the express purpose of providing gospel literature for a major evangelistic effort in the city of Bombay, India. During the course of the evening \$1,000 was pledged in "faith promises" by the men and churches to be received during the course of the next 12 months!

Bombay is a city teeming with more than four million people. It is virtually untouched with the gospel.

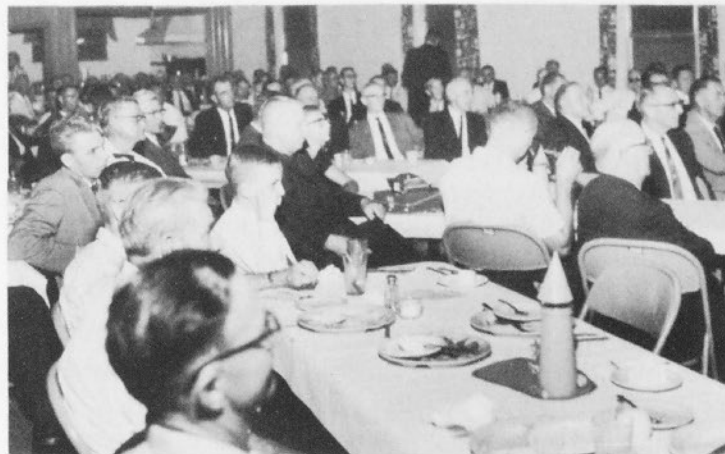
Because of the great population of Bombay and the limited number of workers available, it was decided to concentrate on one section of the city at a time rather than spread the initial contact across the entire city.

On the strength of the "faith-promise" pledges of \$1,000 the Light-for-the-Lost Division advanced the funds for the plans that were being made in Bombay. More than 250,000 tracts and leaflets were printed for distribution.

Students from the Junnar Bible School came to Bombay (at their own expense) and worked at the task of



Wesley Hurst, speaker at El Dorado banquet, challenges the men to be missionary-minded.



Men attending the Light-for-the-Lost banquet in El Dorado, Ark., listen intently to the missionary challenge.

saturation this section of Bombay with the 250,000 tracts on a "door-to-door" basis. They also distributed handbills advertising the coming revival effort.

The community center hall seating 1,500 was rented. Missionary James Anderson was called to be the evangelist. The revival effort was uniquely blessed of God and the results of the united effort were far beyond expectation for a non-Christian community such as this. Among the converts were college students, factory workers, a lawyer, and many other people representing all walks of life.

At the present time Bible school students are busy doing extensive visitation and follow-up work on the many contacts made during the revival meetings. A church has been established by the renting of a hall which is already too small to accommodate the number of converts and others attending. The church is paying its own expenses. During their last meeting in this rented hall, the building was overflowing and many were standing outside.

The great move of God in this section of Bombay has given the workers much courage and has inspired them to make the same type of endeavor in several other sections of the city. A search is on for a hall which can be rented and of course they are waiting for additional help from Light-for-the-Lost to provide the literature needed for the initial contact and follow-up.

Any person desiring to participate in extending this move of God in Bombay through supplying the evangelistic literature needed, may send a contribution to Light-for-the-Lost, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, 65802, and designate it for Bombay, India.



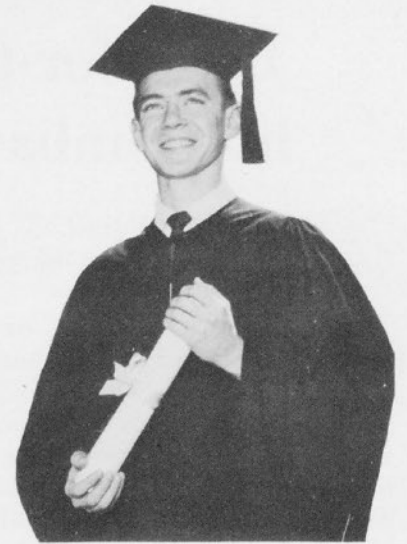
Light-for-the-Lost literature team in Bombay, India, is ready to distribute 250,000 tracts.



Light-for-the-Lost literature is distributed by Bible school students in Bombay in a "door-to-door" canvass.

What Makes College So Important?

By T. F. Zimmerman, Jr.



THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR SPENT IN EXCESS OF 20 billion dollars on education. American colleges and universities are hosting a record of approximately four million students. Today more young people than ever are recognizing the importance of a college education.

IMPORTANCE OF COLLEGE EDUCATION

Written throughout the Word of God is the exhortation for the Christian to develop himself. The parable of the talents very dynamically brings the issue of "increasing" into focus. Christ demands us to use and multiply those capacities which He has given us. Paul forcefully addresses young Timothy—"Study to show thyself approved." Paul knew what it meant to study—he was an eminent scholar of his day and he knew the value of training and discipline in the work of promoting and establishing the church.

A scripture of paramount importance to a young person is Luke 2:52. This verse is all we have to bridge the account of Christ's life from the age of 12 in the temple to the time He began His public ministry in His early thirties. We read first that Christ *increased*. The original language tells us that this increase was not one of just growing up, but a development by active discipline and desire. Christ as a youth applied Himself to the task of developing Himself and becoming a more effective servant in His Father's Kingdom.

He increased in four basic areas of life. He increased in wisdom—*mental and intellectual development*. He increased in stature—*Christ developed physically*. He grew in favor with God—*Jesus matured spiritually*. He grew in favor with man—*He became more effective socially*.

A Christian young person wanting to identify and align his life with the life of Christ must consider the implications of "becoming Christlike" as set forth so vividly by this descriptive and commanding verse. In our contemporary society the college gives a very valuable and essential method by which we too can actively *increase* in these basic areas.

God, as He chooses to work through us, limits Himself to our effectiveness. We must develop ourselves to the maximum limits of effectiveness and present our

lives to Him as a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

IMPORTANCE OF ASSEMBLIES OF GOD COLLEGES

To develop spiritually is of supreme importance to the Christian young person. Without spiritual growth and stability all other development is vanity. The vast wisdom of Solomon speaks very clearly to this point. *All of the intellectual advancement and achievement of time, if condensed within the framework of one mind, would be useless unless that mind had dynamically encountered the Source and Creator of all knowledge!*

The only reason an Assemblies of God college can claim unique existence is to provide for, and vigorously stimulate, spiritual growth and commitment. It is for the same reason each reader needs to consider the importance of an Assemblies of God college for himself or his children. There are many colleges offering varying programs of physical, intellectual and social development, but *only* our church colleges attempt full-scale programs to make a dynamic full gospel impact in the lives of their students.

Recent studies and observations of our youth indicate a lamentable lack of Biblical knowledge. A primary objective of all Assemblies of God colleges is to provide a sound foundation of Biblical teaching and training. Most young people can benefit greatly by intensive study and application of *the Word*.

An asset offered by our educational institutions is the fellowship afforded Christian young people. These campuses provide an extremely rare social setting which is highly valued by those who have attended. It is a place where an exchange of ideas can take place, many new friends are made and Christian fun can be enjoyed.

Often overlooked is the low student-to-faculty ratio in most of our colleges. This means more time and attention is afforded each student by the members of the faculty, with greater opportunity for informal conversation and meetings with a teacher than is characteristic of most larger institutions of learning.

A further reason for attending an Assemblies of God college is that our colleges are better equipped to train leaders for our churches. Each college emphasizes the equipping of every student with training for leadership in the local church.

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Many more important reasons could be enumerated, but one more must be mentioned. Our Assemblies of God colleges provide a good atmosphere and environment in which young people uncertain of their life vocation objectives can find themselves. In the balanced development of spiritual and general life many young people gain new insights and greater understanding of themselves, and go on to other vocations tremendously impressed with the value of their time spent in one of our church colleges.

WAYS TO FINANCE A COLLEGE EDUCATION

Lack of money is not a good reason for missing a college education. In the total picture of life a young person cannot afford *not* to go! The old saying, "Where there's a will, there's a way," never has been more valid than when applied to this matter of getting an education. If you want it badly enough to *work* for it—it's yours!

Working part-time during the school year and full-time during the summer months is a sure way, even if you must pay the total cost of your education yourself. Surveys in universities and colleges across the country reveal that a vast majority of students hold part-time jobs and pay a major part of their own bills.

There are many loan plans to assist you if you choose to finance all or part of your college cost. The federal government provides large amounts of money each year for student loans. You do not have to start paying off these loans until one year after you leave school and then you have up to 10 years to make the complete payment. You should not plan on being able to use these low-interest loans to finance your complete program, but usually you can count on from \$200 to \$300 per semester. In addition, there are an increasing number of privately-supported loan plans being established for college assistance.

There are a number of scholarships available to students who meet the necessary qualifications. An ever-growing number of churches have established scholarships to encourage their young people to attend an Assemblies of God college. Check with your pastor or church board to see if your church has such a program. If your church does not have a scholarship program, encourage your pastor and board to write to any of the Assemblies of God colleges for information on establishing an assistance plan to help their youth.

Whether God leads you into a church-related vocation or not, you owe it to the Lord to be the most effective Christian you possibly can be. That is why college is important. ◀◀



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Matthew 18:23-25 puzzles me. Since a debt forgiven is considered paid, how could God revive a debt against one whom He had forgiven?

The parable teaches that we should forgive each other. The one servant who had been forgiven much, cruelly demanded from a fellow servant the small sum due him. The lesson is that we have been forgiven much, and we ought therefore to forgive our fellow servants who might trespass against us. If we do not forgive, we will bring upon ourselves the judgment of the Lord. "If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:15).

If we are to obey Mark 11:24 ("What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them") ought not those who are sick to believe and rise from their beds after prayer?

If there is faith for immediate deliverance, let the sick one "rise and walk." But God works in different ways, and we need to be sensitive to His plan. Let us remember that Paul left Trophimus at Miletum sick (2 Timothy 4:20). It is better to pray and believe "the Lord shall raise them up," and then, unless a miracle of instant healing takes place, to remember that even when Jesus was on earth, He healed some gradually (John 4:52).

When people speak in "other tongues" do they sometimes speak in heavenly languages? What did the apostle mean when he wrote, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels" (1 Corinthians 13:1)?

I do not know what heavenly languages are, for I have not yet been in heaven. My personal opinion is that the apostle, when he mentioned "the tongues of men and of angels," had no thought of men on earth speaking with the tongues of angels. I think he used this expression merely to emphasize that, no matter how eloquently a person might speak, even in "other tongues," unless it is done in a spirit of love it is like "sounding brass."

The apostle used a similar manner of emphasis when writing to the Galatians, saying, "Though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel. . . ." I do not think any of us believes that angels are preaching to men (Galatians 1:8).

In my opinion a distinct line is drawn between angels and mankind. Jesus "took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham" (Hebrews 2:16). Angels desire to look into the mystery of the plan of redemption (1 Peter 1:12) but cannot. They are outside this sphere.

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.



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I'M GLAD I WENT TO BIBLE COLLEGE

By Ann Williams

I SHALL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL TO MY PARENTS FOR making it possible for me to attend Bible college, even though I never became a preacher.

Of course, after I had spent three months at Bible school some of the folk in my home church thought I should be able to preach by now. They must have been greatly disappointed when they heard me! I tried to preach, I have filled various pulpits in an effort to preach, but I did not develop into a lady preacher. However, I did not backslide over the matter either!

Actually far too much is expected of Bible school students—too much, too soon! There are those who are certain in their minds that all who attend a Bible college, upon the completion of their studies, should enter the "full-time" ministry. They must remember that only as God moves in an individual life, and as a person yields to Him, is he led into ministerial work. Bible schools are not "preacher-factories"!

Others think: "Unless you have a call to Bible school, it is a waste of time and money to go." Even now, people sometimes ask what good I received from going to Bible school. If they have the time to listen I tell them.

In Bible school I gained a better understanding of the Bible. I agree with the principal of a certain Bible institute who said: "Since God left us such a wonderful Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, why should we not give some time of undistracted attention to the learning of what God has to teach us?"

In Bible school I was set apart from the hustle and bustle of today's world. It was a pause in my life that helped to establish my faith, my thoughts, and all my ways. With the public schools banning all semblances of religious worship, our young people are in need of Bible training more than ever before.

In Bible school my life became richer and fuller. I gained a multitude of Christian friends. I learned to understand and appreciate God, His Son, His Spirit, and His Word better than I ever could have had I stayed home.

Should God lead one into the active ministry or to the mission field, fine. Otherwise is it not the graduates'

responsibility to go home and apply their knowledge to their daily life and become conscientious, industrious laymen and laywomen in the church?

Let me share with you my experience in this respect. I graduated happily and anticipated GREAT things. Another girl and I had decided home missions was to be our field. We had opposition from many people—our parents, our home churches. "There is work to be done in your own church," they argued.

But we worked for five months after graduation and then packed our clothes in my friend's venerable Dodge. Singing and praying, we started out. Our presbyter had suggested several cities which had no full gospel work. Each city we came to on our list, we would pull over to the curb and pray, "God, if this is where You want us, please witness to our spirits." Then we would cruise around town in the old, oil-thirsty Dodge, spying out the land. Each city was the same. No witness to our spirit.

Finally we arrived in the presbyter's city. He suggested two struggling churches that desperately needed help.

Reaching one of the places that afternoon, we called the pastor and drove to the parsonage. We introduced ourselves to the pastor and his wife, and explained that we hoped we could help them in their work. They looked as though they were afraid to trust their hearing! They began to praise and give thanks to God. Then came the assurance of the Holy Ghost to our hearts that this was the will of God.

Eventually we found employment. Life was not easy, and the work was not glamorous. We did not get rich, but neither did we lack any good thing. We organized a C.A. group, taught Sunday school classes, and were busily engaged in the work of the Lord. Certainly this was not what we had in mind as home missions work when we left school, but we did know He had directed our paths.

That was ten years ago. I no longer live in the city to which God directed us, but my friend does. Neither of us is in "full-time" ministry as the majority think of the term, but we have been busily and happily engaged in working for Jesus. We have served as C.A. leaders, VBS directors, Sunday school superintendents, teachers, etc.

Now both of us are raising families, and we feel we are still engaged in home missions work! Since my husband is gone much of the time and I am not able to be as active in church as before, I have discovered an avenue of service in Christian journalism. This has been a most rewarding outlet spiritually.

But best of all, the persuasion with which I left home and went to Bible school, regarding Jesus Christ and the enormous debt I owed Him, still remains. The most important factor in any life is submission to the will of God. We may find the backside of the vineyard less showy, but if our consecration is complete, our work can be just as rewarding—just as important!

*"Only to be what He wants me to be,
Every moment of every day,
Yielded completely to Jesus alone,
Every step of this pilgrim way.
Just to be clay in the Potter's hands,
Willing to do what His Word commands,
Only to be what He wants me to be,
Every moment of every day."*

STUDY TO BE QUIET

Strong emotion has its place in religion as in all life, but the mood in which we find God most real to us is more often one of quietness.

Only in quiet waters are objects mirrored without distortion, and only in a quiet mind is there a clear perception of truth.

The Bible says, "Be still, and know that I am God." Those who have not learned to be still miss life's profoundest lessons. —*The War Cry*

BOATLIKE CHRISTIANS

A certain missionary compared the way Christians act to three kinds of boats—"the rowboat, the sailboat, and the motorboat." The first represents the Christians who want to do things for the Lord, but slowly; the second, those who act according to the winds that blow; and the third, those Christians filled with the Holy Ghost who obey their Master as effectively as possible and without delay. —*Selected*

BRIDGING FAILURES

An entomologist one day observed an ant carrying a long straw. The ant came to a crack in a rock which looked like a canyon to the tiny creature.

The ant made several unsuccessful attempts to carry the straw across the crack. Finally the insect went to one end of the straw and pushed it until it reached the other side of the crack. Then the ant went over the crack on the straw and pulled the straw after him.

A valuable lesson may be learned from the incident. A burden faithfully borne may someday become a bridge to carry us safely over a dark chasm of failure, reversal, or trouble.

—WALTER B. KNIGHT, in *Gospel Herald*

THE CURE FOR VANDALISM

Vandalism is a problem in all our cities. Young people from well-to-do homes take as much delight in destroying other people's property as those from underprivileged homes. The urge to violence and destruction seems to seethe in the very blood and erupts without warning.

The term "vandalism" is derived from a turbulent Gothic tribe called the Vandals. They overran sections of the Roman Empire plundering, raiding, and striking terror wherever they went. Finally they sacked Rome in 455 A.D. However, the influence of Christianity restrained them. They received a thin coating of religion which tamed their wild spirits and preserved the basic values of Roman civilization.

Today religion is still the best cure for vandalism. Young people who receive the living Christ into their hearts will not be part of the problem, but part of the answer. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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Shown above are the members of the Wind Ensemble and Male Chorus as they left for New York, May 30, on the first leg of their summer European tour. Evangel College President J. Robert Ashcroft (back row, right), who did not go on the tour, prayed God's blessing on the departing students.

Evangel Students Tour Europe

Springfield, Mo.—An estimated 30,000 to 40,000 people heard the Evangel College Wind Ensemble and Male Chorus during its concert tour of Europe this summer. Largest audience was at the Pentecostal World Conference, Helsinki, where 10,000 delegates and visitors were present. An additional 2,000 people attended concerts by the ensemble and chorus at the New York World's Fair after the students returned from Europe.

Two concerts were also given for American servicemen in Germany, and the ensemble and chorus recorded for the Armed Forces Radio in Europe.

The tour was planned to give Evangel students contact with Christians in other parts of the world, to provide

Tour members conversed outside the Pentecostal Assembly in Rouen, France, where a concert was held.



a living example of Christian American young people, and to broaden the world ministry of Evangel College.

A Dutch pastor reports the ensemble and chorus were a great blessing. Many people came who normally would not come to a Pentecostal church, and were wonderfully saved.

Directing the 45-member ensemble and chorus was Jesse Peterson, head of the Evangel College music department. Planning of the seven-week itinerary was spearheaded by J. R. Ashcroft, president of Evangel College, and Grant Wacker, director of development for the college and tour manager.

Major cities in which concerts were given included Glasgow, Scotland; Manchester, Birmingham, and London, England; Amsterdam and The Hague, Holland; Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; Copenhagen, Denmark; Frankfurt, Germany; Brussels, Belgium; Rouen, France; and Geneva and Lausanne, Switzerland.

Tour members stayed in the homes of the European Pentecostal people in most cities, and were impressed by their friendliness. In one city in Scotland 600 townspeople gathered for farewells when the student musicians left on their chartered bus.

Among the most stirring experiences, Jesse Peterson says, was the communion service at the Pentecostal World Conference, where services were translated into as many as five languages.

"I think all of us, also, were particularly impressed with a service in Scotland which they called 'breaking of bread.' There was a special feeling of worship and close communion with God," Mr. Peterson adds.

Grant Wacker reports, "European Pentecostals are spirited in their worship and sing with feeling. In England especially they sing many of the same songs we have in our churches in America, and of course they

also have their own church songs. One of the favorite choruses in England is entitled, 'I Get So Thrilled with Jesus.'"

The ensemble and chorus were in Stockholm at the same time Nikita Khrushchev paid his state visit there. Uniformed police stood together by twos every 200 feet on each side of the street for a number of miles. When the students left for Helsinki they sailed right beside Khrushchev's personal ship, the Bashkiria, and saw Russian sailors on board under the sign of the hammer and sickle.

"Pentecostal people in Europe are very much opposed to Communism. In Finland it was noticeable that the people kept quiet about politics. They are against Communism, but Soviet Russia is just across their border," Mr. Wacker comments.

Among the Americans who came to the concerts in Europe were four Evangel College Alumni. Two of them, Ben Collin and Leonard Spong, are U. S. Army personnel. Mildred Spong and JoAnn Ruff are Army wives.

At the concert in Manchester, England, some teen-age gang members came, but they behaved in an orderly manner. The rival gangs are the Mods and the Rockers.

A highlight of the Norwegian tour was a visit to a recording session of the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra as guests of Karsten Ekorness, soloist for the state-owned Norwegian broadcasting company. Harry Kvebfek, principal trumpet player of the Oslo Philharmonic, was guest soloist at the second concert of the Evangel College ensemble and chorus in Norway.

After the concert Karsten Ekorness's choir entertained the Evangel musicians at a Norwegian dinner. The Norwegian choir members dressed in national costumes and provided Norwegian folk music.

The comments of two English Pentecostal ministers are typical of the reaction to the concert tour. Douglas Gray, director of the London Crusader Choir, writes, "Speaking for Britain, I can assure you this visit was greatly appreciated. Reports everywhere speak most highly of your ministry and of fellowship mutually enjoyed."

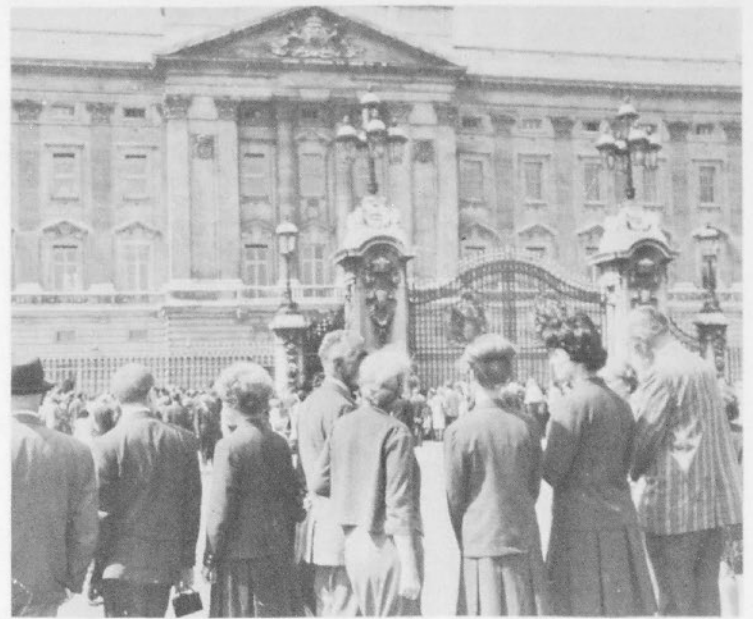
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Evangel College group gave a concert in Spurgeon's Tabernacle (at left) in London, England.

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The chairman of the advisory committee of the Pentecostal World Conference, Donald Gee, says, "How much we enjoyed the ministry of the wind ensemble, and I believe God was glorified by it being made a blessing to many others wherever you traveled." <<<<



The group visited many historic places—Buckingham Palace...

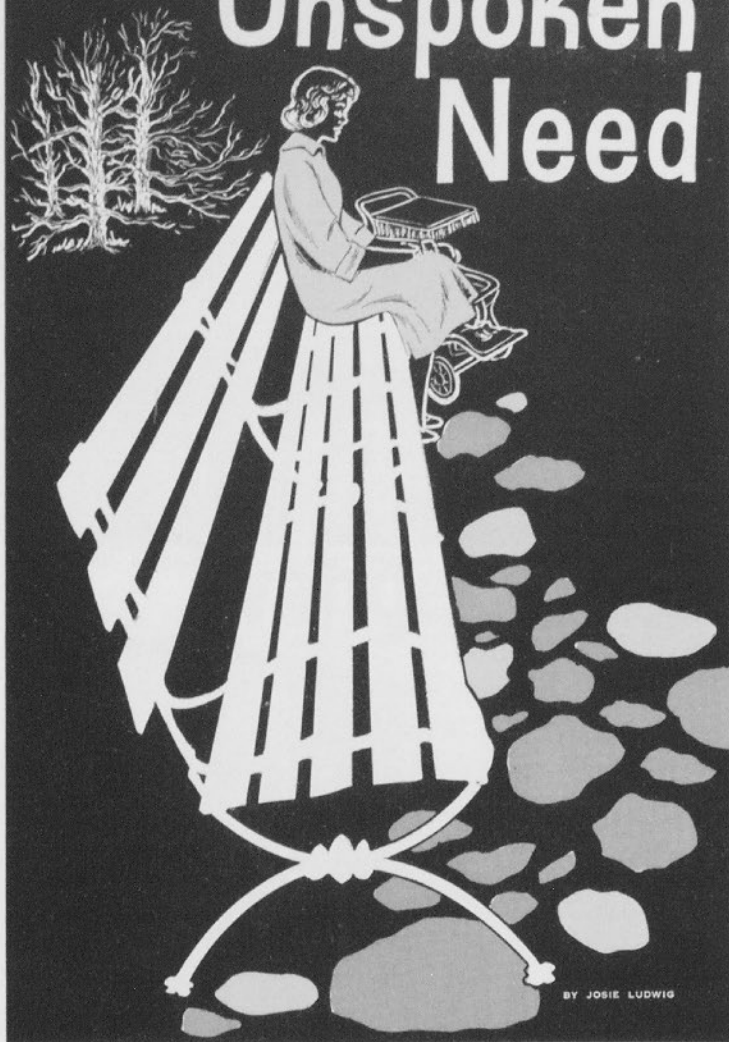


...Coventry Cathedral (old and new sections), England...

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The Great Unspoken Need



BY ELVA J. HOOVER

EDDIE TIPTON FOUGHT BACK THE TEARS THAT WOULD not stop as he looked at the clergyman standing by his bed in a Monett, Mo., hospital. The question forced itself from the lips. "How much can a man take?"

It was an understandable question. For six months the Tipton family had been victimized by one disaster after another. Their home and all their belongings burned in Biloxi, Miss. They moved to California, and soon afterward their baby daughter died of meningitis. The Tiptons decided to take their two small sons and return to their original home in West Virginia. Then their car was stolen. They obtained another and started on the trip. Near Monett, Mo., their car was involved in an accident, injuring Tipton and his wife.

The multiplied griefs of this little family aroused the sympathies of the people in and around Monett. Help poured in, with individuals and organizations pooling funds and facilities to help the Tiptons.

Most of us respond without hesitation to the dramatic

needs that circumstances bring our way. We draw upon reserves we were hardly aware we had to meet life's big emergencies. But what of the ordinary human needs—the needs which gnaw at the soul beneath the veneer with which most of us cover our true feelings?

The need for love, for appreciation, for recognition, for acceptance is a need we seldom express directly, yet it is an integral part of human nature. These are the great unspoken needs, and too often the words and actions that could meet them so easily are also left unspoken and undone. Or if the need is finally expressed, it may be tragically too late to meet it.

Recently a man in Springfield, Mo., committed suicide, leaving a note saying he could no longer endure his loneliness! This in a city of nearly 100,000 people.

A German immigrant woman who was cook in a residence club for business women also committed suicide out of sheer loneliness. The note she left said, "Here live many young ladies. They laugh and joke—but not with me. I find America hard, cold."

One of the girls who lived at the club and discovered the body determined she would be more friendly with people she met. Later, with her husband, she moved into a large apartment house. She discovered that some of the residents had lived there for 20 years without speaking to each other.

In the park nearby she sat down near another young mother one morning. "How old is your baby?" she asked. The other woman burst into tears. When she could speak, she said, "I have lived here two weeks and you are the first person who has spoken to me."

The Welcome Wagon does an official welcoming job in many cities, but it can never duplicate the warmth of a friendly greeting from the person next door.

What can the ordinary Christian housewife do to meet the great unspoken needs of humanity. Certainly we must begin where we are, with our own families. Too often we have a greater concern for others than for those of our own household. We must admit that familiarity has dulled our sensitivity to the wants of those under our own roof, making us unaware of their need for that which we can supply better than anyone else.

Only a mother can bestow her special brand of approval and appreciation for which her child silently pleads but will not ask. He needs your approval, the look of understanding, the smile that shares his secrets, the word that encourages him to keep trying, the expression of appreciation and acceptance that says, "I love you."

We are quick with our criticisms and our endless instructions, while the flashes of appreciation and love too often go unexpressed.

After his hectic day's work, your smile and pleasant greeting have unique power to lift your husband's spirits. Yet he will never directly ask you for it. Unfortunately, some husbands have become so accustomed to doing without a pleasant greeting that they have forgotten they ever needed it.

No one has ever found a way to measure the effect of the smile of approval and the word of honest encouragement. But we may be sure that many good books have been completed, many college degrees obtained, and many inventions perfected because one human being supplied the approval and encouragement needed by another at a crucial time.

When the people of Monett and surrounding communities rallied to the need of the Tipton family they made a special effort. This was a one-time thing. But the great unspoken human need for acceptance and love is a day-by-day thing, and if we are to do our part in meeting it in those we contact, we must draw constantly from a source of supply beyond ourselves.

It would be an unbearable strain on our own natures to pretend to love, to feign appreciation, to force words of encouragement from a discouraged heart. But there is a source of supply. When our own hearts are at peace with the Master, His love and grace flow through us to meet the great unspoken needs of others.

Someone has listed the ingredients of happiness as "the capacity to feel deeply, to enjoy simply, to think freely, to risk life, and *to be needed.*"

If you are one of the lonely who feels the great unspoken need for human love and acceptance, begin by finding where you are needed. Somewhere, someone needs *you*, and what you alone can give. It may be a letter, a

visit, or a telephone call by which you can lift the spirits of another.

Give something of yourself and, as you give, forget the gift. As you pour out, refuse to measure the gift in time or money or inconvenience, and you will find the happiness you bring to another mirrored in your own soul.

The dramatic opportunities to help a family in trouble, to rescue another from drowning, or to meet another of the big emergencies of life are few and far between. But the opportunities for meeting the great unspoken needs for love and acceptance are all around us.

Begin with the people you meet today, giving a smile and a word of encouragement or appreciation. By showing genuine interest you will begin to break down the walls that most people build about themselves in defense against the hurts of life. In so doing you will take the first step toward building a bridge of communication that will help you meet their deepest need of all—the need of a Saviour. ◀◀



A GODLY HOME

BY MRS. W. E. HAWKINS



IT USED TO BE THAT ON THE WALLS of almost every Christian home there hung a motto. You remember, don't you, that one, "God Bless Our Home," that hung over many a mantel? Or maybe it was the one in the dining room that read, "Christ is the Head of this house, the Unseen Guest at every meal, the Silent Listener to every conversation."

Well, the Lord God has a motto for His home, too. Here it is in Revelation 21:27, "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth."

Sometimes we wonder where the oldtime revivals have gone. Too often we blame their absence almost or altogether on the preachers, but the reason lies back of the preacher. It is to be found in the homes where the doors have been opened and the world allowed to come in.

Not that you opened it wide at first. No, you just *cracked* it open, as Satan whispered in your ear that everybody else is doing it and that after all there is not any real harm. It sounded plausible, and for the sake of the children you did not want to be peculiar and old-fashioned. And so, little by little, you have opened the door wider and wider and all of a sudden you realize that the joy of the Lord which once

was so vital to you has gone.

Perhaps you did not invite the world in; you really did not want it in your home. But again Satan whispered, "If you do not allow the things of the world in your home, you will lose your children. They will go elsewhere for their fun."

How well he knows that when you drop the bars and the world moves in, the spiritual temperature falls, the Bible loses its interest, and the family altar is no more. And, instead of the Bible on the table, there is the ques-

tionable magazine. Instead of the prayer meeting, there is the picture show. And instead of saving your children, you have lost them.

What is the motto of your home, the one that, though perhaps unseen, yet stands as a sentinel at the doorway to challenge all that enters?

In our Father's house it is this: "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth."

Don't you think we might well use it as a pattern for our own?

—The Home Builders League

MUSEMENTS FOR MINORS

BY DICK CHAMPION

CODE MESSAGE

Why shouldn't a Christian steal? The answer is given in the following code message. Can you work it?

CODE

All vowels (A, E, I, O, U, Y) remain the same. Consonants are changed according to the following code:

B=Z; C=X; D=W; F=V; G=T; H=S; J=R; K=P; L=N; M=Q.

MESSAGE

NEG SIQ GSAG HGONE HGEAN LO QOJE: ZUG JAGSEJ
NEG SIQ NAZOUJ, DOJPILT DIGS SIH SALWH GSE GSILT
DSIXS IH TOOW, GSAG SE QAY SAFE GO TIFE GO SIQ
GSAG LEEWEGS.

(To check your answer, look up Ephesians 4:28.)



In the lobby of the Montana State Prison, "Pops," an inmate, is surrounded by choir members witnessing to him.



The choir members, with Cyril McLellan, choir director, Stanley Michael, choir leader, Clayton Grandstaff, Paul R. Markstrom, and George Johnson, prepare for the service.

Revivaltime Choir and Prison Division

By **STANLEY MICHAEL**, Revivaltime Field Representative, and

"I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING to make it possible for us to participate in this prison service. It has been the highlight of our tour."

A *Revivaltime* choir member made this remark to National Prison Chap-

lain Paul R. Markstrom at the conclusion of the gospel service at the Montana State Prison, Sunday, June 7. It was typical of the feelings expressed by the other choir members. Arrangements for this service had be-

gun nearly a year before with the help of Pastor Ellwood Grissom, of the Deer Lodge Assembly of God, and Stanley Michael, field representative for *Revivaltime*.

About 180 prisoners voluntarily came to the service, and in addition a number of Deer Lodge citizens also attended. As the choir, directed by Cyril McLellan, sang under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, a mantle of conviction fell over the congregation of prisoners.

In response to the altar call, 37 men stood and came down to the front of the chapel to accept Christ. This was not an easy step for them to take, in the presence of all the other prisoners, but they came. Conviction was there! The men wanted salvation. They wanted what they saw in the lives of the choir members.

While the men in the choir were dealing personally with the prisoners that came forward, the guards took the rest of the men back to their cells. Though they had not responded to the altar call, they evidently were un-

Left to right: Stanley Michael, Revivaltime field representative; Paul R. Markstrom, Chaplain of the Prison Division; Pastor Ellwood Grissom, Deer Lodge Assembly of God; Earl Goodwin, Montana district superintendent; Cyril McLellan, choir director; Charlie Cook, tour bus driver; and Chaplain John Rex, attend the service at the Montana State Prison.





Michael, choir tour manager, and Chaplains Earl-
are for the service inside the Moberly prison.



The Prodigals, the Medium Security Prison choir in Moberly, Mo., sing "My Desire" during the chapel service when the Revivaltime choir ministered at the prison.

ion Collaborate in Prison Evangelism

tive, and **PAUL R. MARKSTROM**, Prison Division Chaplain

der heavy conviction; their heads were bowed in deep thought. It was a service which no participant will forget.

Inmates Testify

Chaplain Paul R. Markstrom of the Prison Division spent the following two days at the institution interviewing inmates who had sought God for salvation during the choir's visit. Two of the new converts gave remarkable testimonies.

"You people had something I wanted," said inmate "N." When asked how he felt after he had given his life to God, he said: "I have a comfortable feeling on the inside, kind of a light feeling." Mr. "N" has a keen desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

In speaking of his experience that afternoon, inmate "W" said: "I saw a radiance in the choir; I could see God's Spirit in them. I cannot remember walking back to the cell house from the chapel. I said to myself,

'Why, this prison doesn't even seem like a prison any more.'

Choir Members Testify

In speaking of the chapel service at the Montana State Prison, *Revival-*

time soloist Denise Powers said: "I can think of no other experience that has sobered me to the task of the ministry as did this prison service. Where else could one find a more
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Chaplain Paul R. Markstrom helps an inmate study Bible courses supplied free by the Prison Division of the Assemblies of God.





The *Prodigals* prepare their weekly radio service, "Prisoners at Prayer," which is carried by 30 commercial stations in several states.

Chaplain Paul R. Markstrom of the Assemblies of God Prison Division prays with a prison inmate at Moberly Medium Security Prison.



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lost and dying people; where else could one feel a greater accomplishment of God's purpose? My life was enriched in Christ as I witnessed the power of His love transforming these lives."

Nancy Hobson, *Revivaltime* pianist, gave this reflection: "As I watched these sin-hardened men step forward and accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, I gained a new appreciation of my own salvation. Oh, the love of God! A love that draws the vilest sinner and, by the miracle of regeneration, makes him a new creation. This love is ever calling, ever reaching out to the lost. Through tear-filled eyes I watched, yes, I actually saw the transformation take place. That moment I made an even deeper consecration of my life to the ministry. There can never be a more satisfying achievement in life than leading the lost to Christ."

Chaplain Markstrom states that a large number of inmates regularly hear the *Revivaltime* radio broadcast service. Many inmates have found the Lord and others have been strengthened spiritually as a result.

A prisoner in Florida wrote to *Revivaltime*, "Since I sent my prayer request I have been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost." From Ohio a prisoner wrote, "My buddy and I listen to *Revivaltime* every Sunday night and enjoy your services ever so much . . . I have been saved while serving time and my buddy has been reclaimed."

In the past 10 years over 100,000 Bible correspondence courses have been supplied free of charge (by the Prison Division of the Assemblies of God) to prisons in every state. Presently there are some 5,000 inmates engaged in these Bible correspondence courses. Daily letters of gratitude reach the Prison Division stating how the Bible studies have helped the inmates find Christ as their personal Saviour. The following is a sample: "I am taking your Bible correspondence course during my stay here at prison. It has helped me to find the Lord as my Saviour and established me in living a Christian life. I am thankful that you do have these inspirational courses."

A chaplain writes the Prison Division: "This letter to you is simply a word of appreciation for the excellent Bible study courses that you provide our men in the Arizona State Prison. I give thanks to God our Father for the work of the Prison Division. These courses are just one more way of reaching men for our Lord and leading them to receiving the Holy Spirit."

The ministries of the Radio Department and the Prison Division need your support in prayer and finance to continue their effective work for God.

Send your designated offerings for *Radio to Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.

Send your offerings for prison evangelism and prisoners' correspondence courses to Prison Division, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Nehemiah, the Burdened Builder

Sunday School Lesson for September 13, 1964

NEHEMIAH 1:4-11; 2:17, 18; JUDE 20, 21

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

In 536 B.C., under the leadership of Zerubbabel, 50,000 Jews returned to Jerusalem from Babylon and rebuilt the temple which had been destroyed. Then about 80 years later, another group returned under the leadership of Ezra the scribe whose chief work was to teach the people and bring about a revival of holiness. Thirteen years later, Nehemiah came to complete the restoration of Jerusalem by rebuilding the walls of the city.

NEHEMIAH THE BURDENED

His Position (Nehemiah 1:1, 11). "I was in Shushan the palace," "for I was the king's cupbearer." Nehemiah's position was one of great privilege and honor. He had access to the king's quarters. It was his duty to taste all wine served to the king in order to safeguard the king against the possibility of poisoning. His life was one of comparative ease and luxury, lived in the splendor of a king's court. Yet he was a man of God!

His Sorrow (Nehemiah 1:2-4). Though living in comfort, Nehemiah was burdened about the welfare of God's people. Informed of the deplorable situation in Jerusalem, he "sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed." How concerned are we about the havoc and tragedy which sin is causing in the world today? Are we weeping over conditions in Christ-rejecting America?

HE HAS THE EQUIPMENT NOW



His Prayer (vv. 5-11). Tears alone would not help his people, but prayer would! In his prayer there was: (1) earnestness (v. 4), (2) knowledge of God (v. 5), (3) persistence (v. 6), (4) confession (vv. 6, 7), (5) faith in God's Word (vv. 8, 9), (6) consecration (v. 11). These characteristics of Nehemiah's prayer are also prerequisite to effectual prayer today.

His Petition (Nehemiah 2:1-8). After courageously hiding his burden for three months, Nehemiah could conceal his grief no longer. The king, observing his sadness, asked the reason for it. "Then," said Nehemiah, "I was very sore afraid." And no wonder! Sad-faced cupbearers had been known to lose their heads! Nevertheless, Nehemiah was willing to incur the wrath of the king and risk death in order to help his people! He told the king what he wanted to do, breathing a silent prayer as he did so, and God heard and inclined the heart of the king to grant his request.

NEHEMIAH THE BUILDER

In the remainder of our lesson text we have an account of Nehemiah's preparation for, and procedure in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. As Christians all of us are building for God. We shall profit in our own work by observing how Nehemiah went about his work and by following his example.

1. *He waited on God* (Nehemiah 2:11). Nehemiah was three days in Jerusalem before he ventured forth to survey his task. What was he doing all the while? Praying and seeking God's guidance, we may be sure! In undertaking any new work for God we always ought to begin with prayer.

2. *He proceeded with caution*. "And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do." There are times when we need to keep God's secret to ourselves.

3. *He surveyed the situation and counted the cost* (Nehemiah 2:13-16). A wise physician first diagnoses his case. The army that expects to win a victory first plans its campaign. Christ told those who would build to first count the cost (Luke 14:28-30). So in building for God, we need to recognize we shall face difficulties. (See Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 2:11.)

4. *He recognized the need of help from others* (v. 17). Christians are not self-sufficient. We are members of the body of Christ, and each member has a function in that body and a work to do (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

5. *He recognized the enabling power of God and encouraged his fellowmen*. Surveying difficulties would be dismal business if there were no divine help. But difficulties are blasted into oblivion by Omnipotence! Nehemiah called the attention of the people not to their weaknesses, but to God's power! "Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me."

6. *He overcame ridicule and opposition* (Nehemiah 2:19, 20). Let the Sanballats and Tobiahs mock, and jeer, and oppose, but let us arise and build! "If God be for us, who can be against us?" "The God of heaven, he will prosper us!"

The inspiring story of the

'Miracle in the Mountains' Church

How a new church was born in the Alleghenys and grew into a congregation of over 200 in four short years.

By **D. V. Hurst**

Coordinator of Spiritual Life-Evangelism Commission

THE PICTURESQUE LITTLE MOUNTAIN TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE, Md., has a brand-new Assemblies of God church. Nestled in the Allegheny Mountains in the northeastern part of Maryland, Grantsville is about 30 miles east of Cumberland, the largest city in the area. It is located in an agricultural community. The new church has a potential ministry to 15,000 or 20,000 people within a 15-mile radius.

In the fall of 1959, Pastor James Tate and the congregation of Trinity Assembly of God of Midlothian, Md., were looking for a needy area in which to open a new work. Two interested women in nearby Grantsville wrote to Pastor Tate and one of his deacons, Everett Ark, asking that they come to Grantsville for this "branching out" project. Feeling this to be the leading of the Lord, the Midlothian church sponsored street meetings in Grantsville, with the C.A.'s participating.

The Midlothian church rented a second-floor hall and conducted Wednesday-night services in it all winter. God blessed and saved souls. In March they rented a ground-floor storefront and placed a sign in the window reading:



The VBS each summer has been instrumental in building the Sunday school attendance.



The new Assembly in Grantsville, Md., only four years old, has a thriving congregation of approximately 250.

Grantsville Assembly of God Church—Everyone Welcome. An overhead apartment served as pastor's quarters. Deacon Ark carried much of the burden for this new effort, along with Midlothian's pastor and congregation.

Pastor Tate invited Bill Ferguson, a graduating student at Eastern Bible Institute, to pastor the new church. Brother Ferguson moved his family (the Fergusons have two children—Barbara 10 and Jeffrey 8) into the apartment, which the Midlothian congregation had re-decorated, and the mother church agreed to pay the pastor's rent to help the new congregation get on its feet. The new church adopted the name of *Maranatha Assembly of God (Our Lord Cometh)*.

Brother Ark had started an afternoon Sunday school in Grantsville. It was changed to Sunday mornings after the new pastor arrived and attendance fluctuated between 30 and 40 through the summer.

In September Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Graban came to conduct a tent crusade. Busloads came from the Midlothian church to swell the attendance. During the first two weeks there were numerous converts but they were all from distant points. In the next two weeks, nearly 100 came to the Lord, including local people; and between 15 and 20 received the Holy Spirit. Many testified of God's having healed them.

For two successive weeks the Sunday school broke its record with 72 and 109 respectively, in this work which was barely four months old! Because of cold weather, it was necessary to use a portable furnace in the tent the final two weeks.

During the last week, the landowners (Harley McKenzies) were gloriously saved. They agreed to sell the land where the tent was located to the Grantsville congregation for erecting a church. The evangelist raised \$2,000 in pledges for the building fund.

Two weeks after the revival, the congregation broke ground and got its building program under way. Pastor Ferguson and the small group worked hard through that long, cold winter. The only outside labor they hired was for excavating and block and brick laying. The Midlothian church did not forget her "baby" that winter but sent several men daily to help finish the building.

The new 40-by-72 brick church has a sanctuary seating 225, vestibule, pastor's study, Sunday school office, nursery, and cloakroom on the main floor. The basement has three assembly rooms and 13 classrooms.

On Easter Sunday, 1961, the little congregation moved into the new edifice with an attendance of 96. The church called Evangelist Graban back for another campaign in conjunction with the dedication of the building. Several families were saved and were added to the church. Again the Sunday school record was broken on two successive Sundays with attendance reaching 132 and 173 respectively. This meeting "jelled" the congregation and the attendance stayed over 100 from then on. The Fergusons continued a rigorous visitation schedule and God blessed by saving, healing, and baptizing people in His Spirit.

There were three more revival campaigns the next year and each effort netted souls for the kingdom. The church enjoyed a steady growth. By the spring of 1962 the Sunday school was averaging around 175. During the summer, the church's VBS enrolled over 200 youngsters. The Sunday morning VBS commencement brought a new record attendance of 260.

The new church invited the Grabans to return for a third campaign, which was likewise blessed of God. People from several denominations also received the Baptism. More families were added to the congregation. The church broke its Sunday school record on two successive Sundays with 324 and 327 respectively attending.

The evangelist again raised money (\$750 in pledges, to be paid within four weeks) to complete the basement Sunday school facilities, including tile for the floor, doors for the rooms, and paint, thus making it possible for the church to complete the basement that winter.

During this time, the church purchased two buses and adopted certain routes. The buses picked up people for every service. Ninety per cent of the people they brought to Sunday school stayed for morning worship! The average Sunday night attendance held over 100 with mid-week attendance slightly less.

In February of 1963, the church began construction of a 27-by-54 two-story addition. This time, with volunteer



William K. Ferguson
Pastor

Paul J. Graban
Evangelist

Everett Ark
Midlothian Deacon

labor for most of the work, they hired workers for the brick masonry only. By June they had completed the main floor of the addition and they used the new prayer room for a revival with Larry Clevenger. God blessed this effort.

Once again, Grantsville called the Grabans for a late summer tent meeting. They pitched Brother Graban's 60-by-90 tent adjacent to the church on a lot which the church had an option to buy for \$1,200. The land was owned by an Amish farmer, Simon Tice. God led this good man to donate the land to the church.

During this six-week tent campaign, 10 more were filled with the Spirit. No count was made of souls saved and reclaimed, but the revival was of inestimable value to the church. Again, Brother Graban received pledges to reduce the mortgage. After a church fellowship banquet he raised a total of \$1,600.

Brother Ferguson is still pastor at Grantsville but Pastor Tate has since moved to Staten Island, N. Y., and Rufus Richendrfer is now pastor of the mother church at Midlothian. He has cooperated with and helped the new congregation at Grantsville. The Midlothian church's donations, including a used furnace, have totaled over \$2,000 besides the hundreds of man-hours of labor.

In April of this year, Grantsville dedicated the latest addition to its building. The church invited Brother Tate for a week of meetings in conjunction with the dedication.

There are four other churches in the town and the vicinity is predominantly Mennonite, Amish, Brethren and Lutheran. Until five years ago the region was considered too conservative and too hard to be penetrated by the Pentecostal testimony but subsequent events have shown that nothing is too hard for God. Presently, the church conducts 25 Sunday school classes with ample space for 10 more to be added. Deacon Ark still teaches the Men's Bible Class.

The building has been appraised at about \$70,000, but the actual investment is less than \$30,000, with the mortgage now under \$16,000. The building is situated on a beautiful tract of over an acre on the north edge of town. The church celebrated its fourth anniversary on June 21, 1964.

From week to week there are souls finding Christ as Saviour, Healer, Baptizer, and Great Deliverer. A spirit of expectation prevails upon the congregation, wondering what God will do next. The Sunday school averaged 243 during July of this year. Visitors always find a cordial, heartfelt welcome. Furthermore, the church looks beyond its own walls to the worldwide harvest fields. This new church's budget for home and foreign missions is already in excess of \$100 per month!



Pastor William Ferguson stands in front of the "Storefront" church which first housed the new Grantsville congregation.

The Great Conversation

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in turn lines up the electrical charges that ultimately light homes and energize industry. There is a revival force generated by spiritual conversation. Revival power can flow when saints engage in spiritual discussion about the need for revival and the ways to revival.

The problem we have faced may well have been summarized by a friend who said, "I hear more talk about triviality than about reality."

There is a great need today for broad discussion and an enlightened, earnest seeking of the knowledge of God (Ephesians 3) and the blessing of revival. Sunday school classes, prayer meetings, impromptu conversational groups—large and small—can meet this need. The interaction of believers communicating with one another in the Spirit and fellowshiping in the Word can be the base for a great move of God.

Let this be the rule: the things of God will be the *first topic* for discussion when we come together. Then they will not be overlooked and the Scriptural rule of priority will be obeyed—"Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . ."—in *all things*, even our conversation.

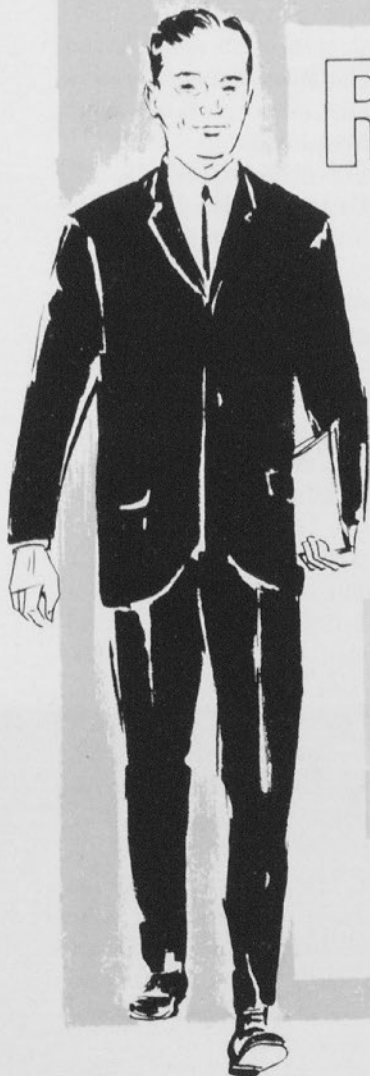
There is a level of communication in the Spirit and in the knowledge of God not known elsewhere. It is achieved many times without advance notice. Suddenly one is aware that understandings far above the natural

have passed between persons and the Holy Spirit has been present in that discussion. This kind of conversation is going on now. I have participated in it and heard tell of it in committees and in groups spontaneously brought together by common need and desire in the work of God. Many are praying that this kind of conversation will be enlarged. I believe it will!

There is a ministry the church must perform to itself. Christ's gifts to the Church (Ephesians 4) were for this purpose. Apostles, prophets, evangelists and pastor-teachers were given "for the perfecting of the saints." Also we are told to be "speaking to [ourselves] in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. . . ." And all of this is for "edifying" or building up the body of Christ. This is the great conversation within the Church at its ultimate!

WITH THE WORLD

But the end of the great conversation is beyond the church. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). To the believers at Corinth Paul was able to say, "We have done this." He wrote, "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity . . . we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward" (2 Corinthians 1:12). While he spoke more broadly of "conduct," yet conduct includes oral conversation. And in a sense conversation not only includes what is said but everything that is



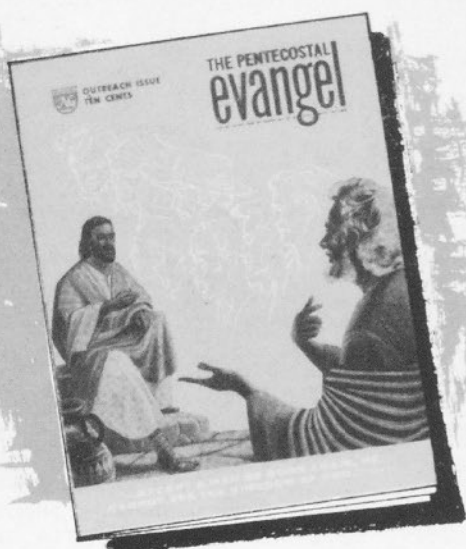
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The great conversation with the world must be in a language the world understands. Cliches and platitudes will not penetrate worldly minds. There is little value in writing something no one will read, or in saying something to which no one will listen. Someone said to me the other day, "Many churches do not have prospects for salvation." I wonder if it is true. Why?

A scriptural pattern for contact is given in Mark 16, "These signs shall follow them that believe..." "Signs" inspire questions. Questions call for answers! Conversation is born! Enlightenment and understanding follow! It was true on the day of Pentecost and it is true today! The pattern was: signs... inquiry... preaching... conversions. Thus, the newborn church immediately came into dialogue with the world. The fire of Pentecost was self-announcing and opened the door to conversation with the world!

A people who are in intimate conversation with God and whose hearts "burn" in conversation with one another, who enjoy the manifestation of the divine presence in their midst, will not find it difficult to be in conversation with the world about its needs. They will not stop trying, and they will not be working alone.

"Let's talk about Jesus... more and more." ◀◀

TRY THE SPIRITS

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servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16).

The spirit of antichrist may be disguised as an angel of light, and is not always seen in his true nature at a single glance. If he came to us snarling and growling we would flee for our lives, but it is the subtlety of his approach that misleads. This is why John said, "Try the spirits..."

These are the last days before the return of our Lord, and the spirit of antichrist is abroad in the land. He recognizes no existing rights of ownership on the part of God's redeemed, but would "seduce, if it were possible, even the elect" (Mark 13:22).

Jesus said, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come... Be ye also ready... Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (Matthew 24:42, 44, 46).

Thank God, the child of God is not helpless against the subtle suggestions of the spirit of antichrist. We are not to entertain them, but to try them, and oppose them. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:7, 8). "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19).

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind... For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:7, 12). ◀◀

done! Of all that have ever followed Jesus, the apostle Paul presents an example of a kind of "conversation" with the world that most nearly fulfills Jesus' command.

It is easy for the church to become so concerned about itself and so involved in ministering to itself that it loses contact with the world. It is easy to withdraw into an "ivory tower." But one of the great lessons of the Scripture is that we minister to ourselves as we minister to others. He that would "save" his life must "lose" it. Being used of God in meeting another's need brings blessing and "life" in return.

If ever the true love of Christ needed to be exposed to the world through those who know Him, it is now. The great conversation with the world must be intensified. Full penetration of the darkness by the "light" must be achieved. Every means conceivable must be employed to establish contact. Time is running out! Elton Trueblood said, "When we get a new vision of the church as a



African teen-agers with portable radios are a common sight in cities.



Radio brings the world—and the gospel—into Nigerian homes.

Transistorized Outreach

By REX JACKSON, Missionary to Nigeria

NIGERIA IS THE EIGHTH LARGEST nation in the world today and by far the largest in all Africa. New census figures put its population at just over 55 million. Egypt, the next largest country in Africa, has less than half as many people.

Although Nigeria is divided into many language groups—over 250 by official count, not considering lesser dialects—there is a unifying influence. And that is English, which is the official language of modern Nigeria.

For the past 20 years education has

been emphasized so strongly that the present generation is almost entirely educated, at least to some degree. Half the budget of the Eastern Nigerian government goes toward education, which means the coming generation will be even better educated.

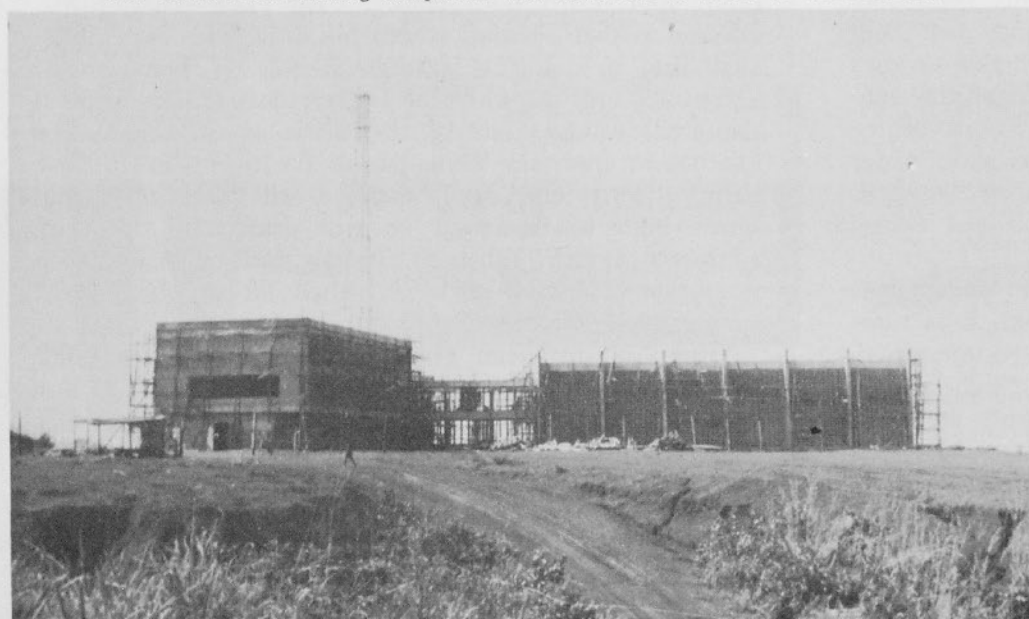
This large young English-speaking generation is being led far astray by American movies and pornographic literature. As a result, crime and immorality have risen rapidly in the past few years, and juvenile delinquency has become a serious problem.

Our Nigerian church has a total regular attendance of almost 40,000 but we have not begun to reach the other 54,960,000 people—and we can never reach them just one at a time.

Since Nigeria became independent, new hope has been given us with the start of a commercial radio station in Enugu. This together with the development of cheap, battery-operated transistor radios has opened to us an effectual door. It is not enough for us to use prepared American programs; African people are intensely nationalistic these days, and their radios are tuned to national broadcasts. We can make the best use of radio only by having our own national program.

Our Nigerian church at its last council voted to start a radio program, but as yet it will be unable to carry alone the \$55 cost of each broadcast. We are appealing to interested friends, WMC and CA groups, Sunday school classes, and churches in the U.S. to help by pledging even small monthly amounts toward reaching the millions of Nigeria. Such offerings should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802—designated: *Nigeria Field Account for Radio Work.*

New station now nearing completion will broadcast to much of West Africa.



Japanese Evangelism in South America

By PANSY BLOSSOM and RUTH COUCHMAN
Missionaries to Argentina

IT WAS FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 1; the setting was Buenos Aires. When we returned from the Bible school we found a young man with a large suitcase standing in front of our house. Hatao Egami, missionary from Japan, had arrived to begin a brief ministry among his own people in this great metropolis before returning to his permanent work in Brazil.

A room was provided for him at the Bible school. Soon he was in touch with Jose Kiyon, a Japanese convert to Christianity in World War II days. Kiyon has a dry cleaning establishment and is Sunday school superintendent at the Assemblies of God Evangelistic Center in Buenos Aires.

Before long these two men were busy making contacts and finding open doors among local Japanese. In the ensuing weeks Hatao Egami held numerous house meetings by himself, and over the weekends he and Jose made a fine team. Mr. Egami has now returned to Brazil but he left behind a nucleus of some 10 converts and several groups of interested Japanese scattered over this very large city. He assured us that the harvest is ripe among his people.

Hatao Egami has a striking testimony. More than 300 years ago one of his ancestors, converted to Christianity by the Jesuit priest, Francis Xavier, was martyred for his new-found faith. But "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." Three centuries later that sacrifice still bore fruit.

A direct descendant of the martyr,

Hatao attended a Christian Sunday school as a boy. He became student body president of his high school which had an enrollment of 3,000. He was active in sports and received six offers from professional baseball teams that promised a lucrative career. But one day at the age of 17 Hatao heard a voice speaking to him which said, "You must go to Brazil." He knew very little about this far-away land.

Eventually Hatao entered our Assemblies of God Bible school in Tokyo. After graduation he located in one of Japan's populous cities and began to work for the Lord. Five years passed, and Hatao had become a successful pastor. Now God seemed to impress upon his soul that the time was ripe for him to go to Brazil. "But God," he said, "I must hear Your voice once again." For five months he sought the Lord in prayer.

Late one night, en route to Tokyo by train to attend a ministers' meeting, he was awakened from sleep by a voice, "I have chosen you to go and bring forth fruit." He arose and looked around, but the passengers were sleeping. This must be the voice of God!



Japanese evangelist Hatao Egami (right) cooperates with Christian businessman Jose Kiyon and missionary Verne Warner (center).

Now Hatao was assured that God would prosper his journey and give him a spiritual harvest in faraway Brazil.

One by one the doors began to open. In January of 1962 he and his wife, also a former Bible school student, arrived in South America with two small children.

Today Hatao Egami has some 10 preaching stations in Brazil, six of which are separated by hundreds of miles. He carries a burden not only for the half-million Japanese of Brazil but also for the large numbers of Japanese in neighboring republics.

His recent missionary journey lasted about three months. He visited and held services among Japanese colonies in Paraguay and northern Argentina, as well as in the Buenos Aires area.

This dynamic young missionary, a product of missions effort in his own country, deserves prayer as he labors in a strange land to make Christ known to others. Remember Hatao Egami. ◀◀◀

Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires has sizeable Japanese population—target of Hatao Egami's ministry.



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Memo to a Sunday School

By HAROLD E. CROSBY
Eastern District Sunday School Director

SO YOU ARE A SUNDAY SCHOOL! THAT means you are one of the most important organizations of the 20th century.

You are, without a doubt, the most important department in your church. May I begin this memo with a question? Just what is the purpose of your existence, and how are you achieving that purpose? My concern in addressing you is to help you compile a report that you will not be ashamed to give to the Master some day.

The Church is engaged in a midnight battle—a battle which is a fearful struggle between the forces of darkness and the children of light. In more practical terms, the actual battle is pitched through prayer, preaching the gospel, testimony and personal witness, missionary work, visitation, teaching, etc. The phases of the battle are many and varied, and you, the Sunday school, will fill a vital role in conquering the enemy.

What kind of a Sunday School are you? More precisely, are you progressive—reaching the city, defeating sin, winning souls, building the church—or are you sitting motionless with the same handful of people every Sunday, making no impact on your city for God?

It is not the number of Sunday schools that forms the real strength of the Assemblies of God, but Sunday schools of the right stamp. Many scarcely rise above the line of being identified as a Sunday school. They wear a name. Charity supposes them

to be on the right side of the line, but it is not free from doubts. Tried by their own low standard they pass for a Sunday school, but they have little of the shining luster which merits the genuine seal of God's approval. Disorder and inefficiency plague their efforts to win souls and they barely manage to "hold their own."

If you would make the mark as a Sunday school you must burn brightly with a sincerity that does not flicker in the socket; you must possess a self-discipline that will be concerned with the trifles as well as with the great issues; and you must adhere with a deep dedication to a standard of conduct that will serve to guide you in all that you do. This we call the National Sunday School Standard.

What is the National Sunday School Standard? And what is its purpose? It is simply a guide for efficiency and orderliness, a compass to help you reach certain goals. Man is the most inefficient and wasteful of all creatures. From the federal government down through industry and business into the home and church, wayward man has left a trail of waste that is staggering. He wastes his money, his time, his talents, his natural resources, and, worst of all, his efforts at winning the lost through the Sunday school. If it takes a pastor, an administrative staff of several workers, a dozen or more teachers, and a hundred or more pupils to win a single soul in a whole year you do not need an expert to tell you that somewhere there is inefficiency and disorder. True, the wheels go around, but you do not seem to arrive—like the athlete who takes his exercises on a bicycle

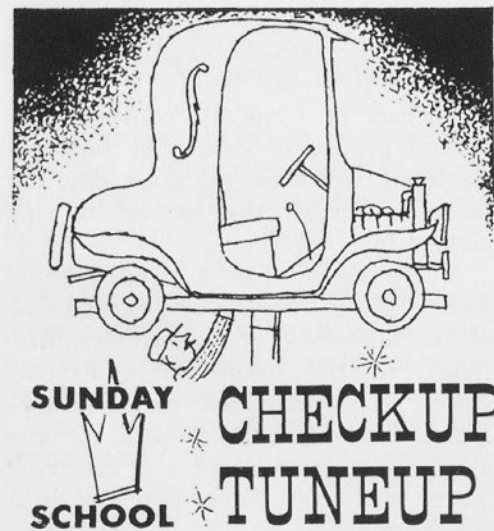
propped up in the gym. There is a world of difference between motion and progress.

You ask, "What is efficiency and orderliness?" Marion Lawrence, in his book *My Message to Sunday School Workers*, defines it with a reference to W. W. Woodbridge. Mr. Woodbridge wrote a little book and dedicated it to the Rotary Clubs of the world. He defines orderliness and efficiency in the very title of the book—*That Something*. He told of a discouraged, tired-out man who, on a wet, nasty day, was hungry and begging on the street. He stopped a stranger at the corner and asked him for something to eat. The man said to him, "Well, suppose you were fed—what then?" The beggar replied, "I'd try to get a job somewhere."

"You'd try?" asked the man. "Yes, try," replied the beggar, "although there is little chance. Nobody wants me now. I'd try, sir, but I do not care for that now. It's food I want. I'm hungry. Can you help me?"

"No," responded the man with a tone of pity in his voice. "I cannot help you. Nobody can." "But you could feed me," said the beggar, with some petulance.

"It is not food you need," was the response. "What, then?" the beggar asked. "That something," was the reply. Then he continued by saying, "Man, go find 'that something' and



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when you've found it come to me." "Come to you for what?" said the beggar. "To thank me," was his answer, and he went away.

The man had left his card with the beggar. That conversation set the beggar to thinking why it was he had failed, and the outcome was that he found "that something" and made a man of himself.

If there is anything a Sunday school must do it is to check on itself at least once a year, making certain it has "that something," or it will surely drift into a state bordering that of the beggar. You will be given the opportunity for serious reflection on Sunday, September 27, when every Assemblies of God Sunday school will take the National Standard as its measuring tool and check up on itself.

Remember, the little things determine the character of the work you do for God. Be very careful not to dismiss some of the features as unimportant. Certainly stewardship and evangelism are important for they are the very heart of Christianity! Then there is the curriculum. It is the weapon with which we fight the enemy, as well as the building blocks of character and personal integrity. And what of your workers? Are they properly trained, and do you hold them accountable for performance? No captain would ever think of sending an untrained soldier into battle.

Have you measured your outreach recently? There is considerably more potential for reaching and winning souls through a child than most workers will admit, and you dare not neglect the children.

The operational details of the weekly sessions will require close scrutiny. Check your grouping, your spirit of loyalty and worship, and your records. If you have done a good job your efficiency and orderliness will be revealed in a healthy growth. When you have finished your checkup you will have discovered your weaknesses and your strengths, and you will be in a strategic position to launch an all-out attack on the enemy.

Finally, put this knowledge to use. Change your weaknesses into strengths. Build your Sunday school according to the National Standard and you will build your church for God. You can make your school the best Sunday school in town, and you will have a good report for the Master in that day.



C.A.'s Are Campaigning



BY DICK CHAMPION

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS ARE OVER AND the election campaigns are in full swing. Each party presents its candidate as the hope of the country—and it doesn't take long to get an argument started about who is the better man.

But while others are extolling the virtues of their candidates, Christ's Ambassadors will be using the political atmosphere as an opportunity for all-out witnessing for Christ.

Here's what's happening. The National C. A. Department has made available 200,000 red, white, and blue campaign-type buttons featuring the letters, "A.S.K." C.A.'s will be wearing these during the *Truth for Youth* Fall Crusade (September 13-20) and also through the fall elections.

The buttons are used as a "come-on" to arouse curiosity. When a person asks what the button stands for, the C.A. will have the opportunity to give him a colorful card entitled "Since You Asked. . . ." This pocket-size card has a four-color illustration on one side and a brief, to-the-point gospel message on the other.*

The author is chairman of youth evangelism for the National Christ's Ambassadors Department and also serves as editor of youth publications.

This method of witnessing has several advantages over normal tract distribution:

1. It capitalizes on a national situation, using it as an opportunity for a gospel witness.

2. The person asks for the information. He is placed in the position of requesting a tract, not of having something forced on him.

3. The gospel message on the tract is brief enough that a person will probably read it on the spot. This will open the way for an immediate personal witness to follow up the reading of the tract. Thus this approach will help C.A.'s be more than tract distributors; it will also involve them in a direct gospel witness.

A complete packet of helps for the *Truth for Youth* Fall Crusade was mailed to each church early in August. If your pastor or Christ's Ambassadors president did not receive this material, have him write to the National C. A. Department, Springfield, Missouri, 65802, for a free packet. (This free offer is good only as long as the supply of packets holds out.)

If you are personally interested in seeing the attractive tract card and in getting a sample of the "A.S.K." button, write to the National C. A. Department and request samples. Samples of other youth-appealing tracts used in *Truth for Youth*—"Chicken," "Trapped," "The Last News," and the "Eternal Life Assurance Plan"—will also be sent free on request.

Assemblies of God young people are doing a tremendous job of reaching their generation with the gospel message. These 100,000 young people have distributed 7,386,405 tracts in the past 19 months in the *Truth for Youth* emphasis.

Pray for our youth as they take advantage of the political atmosphere this fall to put forth another gospel witness.

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Vicky Offutt

1964 Scholarship Winners Chosen



Wm. Carl Hosch

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Mr. and Miss CA-USA titleholders for 1964 are Willam Carl Hosch, Jr., of Gulfport, Miss., and Vicky Offutt of Fayetteville, Ark. Along with the title, each of these young people receive a \$300 scholarship.

The August '64 issue of the Christ's Ambassadors *Herald* carries the list of winners and the Assemblies of God schools of their choice. Sponsored jointly by the Department of Education and the National C. A. Department, the contest is open to Assemblies of God high-school seniors across the nation. These departments, together with our Assemblies of God colleges, district C. A. presidents, and other interested individuals, provide funds for the scholarships.

Miss CA-USA, Vicky Offutt, was valedictorian and top student in her class of 291 in Fayetteville High School. Other scholastic honors include:

National Merit semifinalist, a three-year recipient of the Star award (for maintaining a 3.0 average or better), election to the National Honor Society in her junior year, and a first-prize winner in the local and regional science fair. Because of her participation in an honors program at the University of Arkansas where her father is a professor of agronomy, Vicky has already earned nine hours of college credit.

Miss CA-USA's interests include poetry—she has had some of her work published regionally and nationally—a variety of club memberships, and participation in a singing ensemble whose recent tour included Toronto, Canada; Washington, D. C.; and the World's Fair in New York.

A member of the Central Assembly of God in Fayetteville where James Cheshier is pastor, Vicky is an active Spirit-filled C.A. She participated in visitation programs, was a substitute

Sunday school teacher, accompanist in several departments, VBS worker, and member of the church choir.

Vicky Offutt has chosen to further her education at Evangel college, four-year liberal arts school of the denomination in Springfield, Mo.

As Mr. CA-USA, Carl Hosch received a \$300 scholarship to South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Florida, where he will train for the ministry. According to his pastor, Eugene Hassler, and the record of his church activities in the Gulfport (Mississippi) Assembly of God, his training began at home. He served as C. A. president, conducted services twice weekly in a Christian rest home, taught an intermediate Sunday school class, directed Sunday morning children's church, and participated in the visitation program of the assembly. He was also active in Youth for Christ circles.

Carl Hosch ranked fifth in Gulfport High School graduating class of 338, was a National Merit finalist, and held membership in the National Honor Society. He was sports editor of his high-school annual, a letterman on the track squad, and a member of the French and bowling clubs.

Details of the 1965 contest will appear in the January C. A. *Herald*.

10,000 COPIES OF THE EVANGEL PLACED IN LOCAL HOMES

NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.—One day last May Jannie Kilgore, the Missionette leader at the First Assembly of God in National City, came to the pastor, Harris E. Lindstrand, and suggested that the young people of the church would like to mail a tract to all the homes in the community as an evangelistic project.

After discussing the idea the pastor suggested that an *Evangel* be sent to each home. This idea was received with enthusiasm. It was decided that the Crusade Issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* would be a good issue to use. This issue was selected because of the great witness to the ministry of the Holy Spirit which was printed on every page of this *Evangel*. It was felt this would be received with great interest in the community because of the contemporary periodicals which have carried articles on recent outpourings of the Holy Spirit in denominational circles.

Within two weeks the Missionettes, Christ's Ambassadors, Women's Missionary Council, Tabitha, and Royal Ranger departments of the church raised enough money to purchase 10,000 *Evangels* by selling candy. A brochure announcing National City's Christian school which is sponsored by the Assembly, and an attractive invitation to the church, were included in each *Evangel*.

During a Sunday morning service the *Evangels* were prayerfully dedicated by the congregation and mailed the following week.

Within a few days a letter was received from a Mrs. G. T. She said: "Reading the *Evangel* has affected me deeply. I am

amazed and so deeply stirred that I am both restless and happy. I want to know more about the working of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, and God bless those who made it possible for me to have this *Evangel* and its wonderful message."



First Assembly of God in National City, Calif., dedicated 10,000 Crusade Issues of the *Evangel*. Pictured from left to right are: M. E. Williams, Carl T. Chunn, B. H. Smart, Pastor H. E. Lindstrand, C. Lee Dawson, and Herbert S. Kruse.

How Will Your Epitaph Read?

By D. AUSTIN TANNER

SOME EPITAPHS ARE AMUSING. ONE chap, apparently free-handed in picking up tabs for food, continues the tradition into the grave:

"This one is on me, too."

Then there is the epigram by a wife who had the last word:

*"Stranger, call this not
A place of gloom;
To me it is a pleasant spot—
My husband's tomb."*

Of course, not all gravestone poetry is humorous. John Keats, an English poet, considered himself a failure, and wrote this pungent self-epitaph:

*Here lies one whose name
was writ on water.*

And we must not forget the Vermont woman who existed entirely for self. She did little wrong, but—

*She lived—what more can be said?
She died—and all we know she's
dead.*

How do you like this one?

*For him life was to
grab, growl, and fret.
Now in Hell, his ill-gotten gain
is left to others for them to
fight over and get.*

Sin writes an epitaph that can be summed up in two words—pride and unbelief.

Pride prompted Lucifer, Son of the Morning, to desire to elevate himself to equality with God. But God expelled him from the heavens to become prince of the underworld.

Unbelief deceived Eve and persuaded Adam to sin. God turned them out of their garden paradise and cursed nature.

Sin grew and matured into varying shades of color and degrees of deception until it became barely recognizable.

You have seen the man driven by a merciless craving to grab. How he growls and frets! Society brands him uncouth. It regards him with little respect.

Then there is the "good Joe" who practices the Golden Rule. He goes to church, gives to charity, and thinks his good works will buy him a ticket into heaven.

Unbelief incurs guilt both on the "good Joe" and on the selfish grabber. Both are sinners, for the Bible says, "Without *faith* it is impossible to please him [God]" (Hebrews 11:6).

Pride says to be a Christian is "chicken" or "sissy."

God sends no one to hell. *Pride* and *unbelief* do. Christ said, "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God" (John 3:18). Solomon wrote centuries before, "Pride goeth before destruction..." (Proverbs 16:18).

Whether we rate society's reproach or command men's respect, we all are guilty sinners before God. Compare these verses from God's Word:

*The fearful, and unbelieving . . .
shall have their part in the lake
which burneth with fire and brim-
stone.*

—Revelation 21:8

*I have fought a good fight;
I have finished my course;
I have kept the faith;
Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness.*

—2 Timothy 4:7, 8

God grants *us* the privilege of choice. We *must* choose. *Now* is the time to make this decision.

One grieving widower reflects his wife's choice:

Lord, she's thine!

This man made the right decision, too:

*Under this sod,
Under these trees,
Lies the body of Jonathan Pease;
He is not here,
Only his pod;
He has shelled out
And gone to God!*

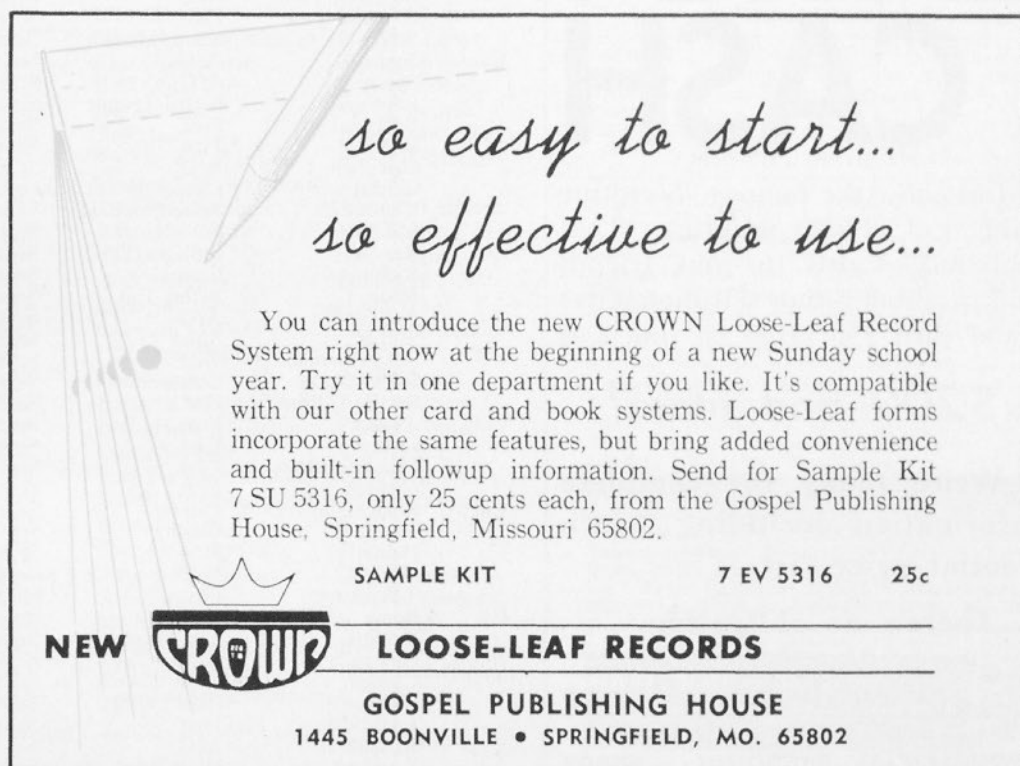
How would you like this for your epitaph?

*For him life was
faith, hope, and charity;
Now in heaven,
his living example is left to others
For them to remember his godly
sincerity.*

Your decision for or against Christ will make the difference between heaven and hell. Sin is a moment of gratification, and an eternity of remorse. Righteousness is satisfaction now, and joy forever.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

How will *your* epitaph read?



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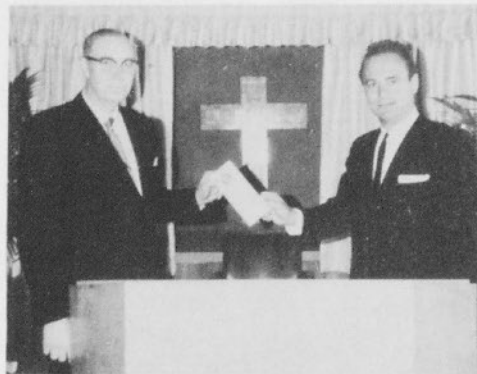


FULTON, N. Y.—A three-week tent crusade with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla., has just been concluded by the Assembly of God here. Dozens of souls found Christ as Saviour and many sick folk were healed. Notable miracles were witnessed in cases of deafness, crossed eyes, and varicose veins. It was one of the best tent meetings ever held here. The Sunday school record was broken, and more local people were reached than in any other revival in the past 10 years.

—Daniel Raught, Pastor

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SAN FERNANDO, CALIF.—Revival Center, a full-gospel church of San Fernando, has merged with the First Assembly of God of this city. For 11 years prior to the merger, the Revival Center was under the leadership of Pastor Jake Longanecker who has entered the evangelistic field. Brother Longanecker, 447 Macneil St., San Fernando, was ordained at the Southern California District Council in March. O. R. Ball, pastor of First Assembly, reports that both congregations voted 100 per cent for the merger.



Jake Longanecker presents deed to O. R. Ball, pastor of the merged congregations of the Revival Center and First Assembly in San Fernando, Calif.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

17TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, Oct. 27-29, at Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Mo. For information write: T. F. Zimmerman, PFNA Convention Coordinator, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING—Sept. 20 at Assembly of God, Megargel, Ala.—by M. D. Hyatt, pastor.

HOMECOMING—Sept. 5, 6 at First Assembly of God, Atmore, Ala. C. A. Rally Saturday night. Former pastors speaking on Sunday.—Paul R. Jech, pastor.

DEDICATION SERVICES—Sept. 16-20 at Central Assembly, El Sobrante, Calif., (formerly of Richmond, Calif.). Dedication at 2:30 p.m. on the 20th. Revival with Evangelist Gary Archer, Sept. 22-25.—by Russell E. Griffin, pastor.

BIBLE CONFERENCE FOR LAYMEN TO BE HELD ON EVANGEL CAMPUS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A Laymen's Bible Conference and the 10th annual meeting of the Council of Evangel College will convene on the Evangel College campus, Springfield, Oct. 21-23. Meeting simultaneously with the Laymen's Bible Conference and Council will be the Evangel College Women's Auxiliary and Associates.

All Assemblies of God ministers and laymen are invited to attend the Bible conference and Council meeting.

Speakers will include Kermit Bradford, Kenneth Schmidt, Guy Braselton, and others. There will be a special report on the summer European tour of the Evangel College wind ensemble and male chorus.

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EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Tucson	Central	Sept. 15—	Jimmy & Carol Snow	Jack Broch
Ark.	Blytheville	First	Sept. 15-27	Ed Eaton	A. J. Frank, Jr.
	DeQueen	* First	Sept. 6-11	Mrs. A. G. Caloway	A. Gerald Caloway
	Hamburg	A/G	Sept. 14-20	A. G. Caloway	James A. Doan
	Mountain Pine	A/G	Sept. 6-20	Royce & Mrs. Lowe	William B. Clark
	N. Little Rock	First	Sept. 9-27	Musical Vander Ploegs	Phinis Lewis
	Searcy	Searcy Mission	Sept. 1—	Ervin & Mrs. Asiatico	Tommy Carpenter
Calif.	Arvin	A/G	Sept. 8-21	Sara E. Sharp	Ben Sapp
	Avenal	A/G	Sept. 6-20	Raymond & Sue Schaeffer	Ken George
	Bakersfield	Bethel Temple	Sept. 15-27	Bobby Black	Harry Hodge
	Baldwin Park	First	Sept. 13-27	Alfred Allen	Charles Holt
	Blythe	First	Sept. 13-27	Lynn-Dell L. Lummer	E. R. Douglas
	Campbell	A/G	Sept. 8-20	Gary Archer	Herbert Johnson
	Cardiff	Chapel By The Sea	Sept. 13-27	Duane & Violet Parrish	Dalton Webber
	Chowchilla	Robertson Blvd.	Sept. 13—	Dorothy Foster	J. L. Jeffrey
	Ivanhoe	Full Gospel	Sept. 20-27	Doug Payne	D. Jackson
	Reedley	** FullGos. Tab.	Sept. 6-11	Victor Etienne	Paul C. Long
	Richmond	Central	Sept. 13-21	Gary Archer	Russell Griffin
	Rodeo	Bethel Tab.	Sept. 7-13	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	Bill Younger
	Rohnerville	A/G	Sept. 15-27	Sam Klein	Joe Murray
	Salinas	Alisal	Sept. 13-27	Marvin Schmidt	J. D. Wright
	San Fernando	First	Sept. 8-20	John H. Bostrom	O. R. Ball
	San Francisco	Community	Sept. 15-27	Billy D. Young	Jack W. Wien
	San Luis Obispo	First	Sept. 13-18	Loretta Kaupangers	E. L. Kopper
Colo.	Aurora	First	Sept. 15-27	Wesley F. Morton	James L. Boulware
	Denver	First	Sept. 6-20	Neville & Beulah Carlson	V. J. Crews
	Grand Junction	First	Sept. 15-20	Dave F. Tonn	Ken Schmidt
	Greeley	First	Sept. 2-13	Musical Lebsacks	Harold Maley
Conn.	Manchester	** Calvary	Sept. 7—	Gene Burgess	Ken Gustafson
	Stamford	* Calvary	Sept. 13-18	Dave & Pat Johnson	Harrison Tilley
Fla.	Haines	* First	Sept. 8-13	Musical Wellards	Gerald Jordan
	Ocala	First	Sept. 9-20	L. M. Addison	Ernest Corbin
	Tallahassee	First	Sept. 8-20	I. D. Rayborn	K. L. Claycomb
Ga.	Rome	First	Sept. 6-20	Peter Deleon	Claude Collins
	Valdosta	East Magnolia	Sept. 8-20	Dave Collins	Jimmy White
Ill.	Chicago	Calvary Tab.	Sept. 15-27	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	Richard W. Bishop
	Chicago	Stone Church	Sept. 13-27	Bob Willis	Ernest C. Sumrall
	Decatur	Glad Tidings	Sept. 16-27	John & Faith Stallings	J. H. Crouch
	Litchfield	First	Sept. 6-20	Cox-Brown Team	W. W. Gillespie
	Renault	A/G	Sept. 8-20	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Jerry Carmack
	Rockford	West Side	Sept. 6-20	Bob & Paughnee Bornert	Oda Jones

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Ind.	Evansville	Calvary	Sept. 6—	George Hayes	Hansel Vibbert
	Lafayette	A/G	Sept. 1-13	J. B. Woolums	Charles Hackett
	Richmond	First	Sept. 15-27	J. B. Woolums	George Yarian
	Washington	A/G	Sept. 15—	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	R. L. Covington
Iowa	Bettendorf	Gos. Tab.	Sept. 8-20	Bob & Joan Brantley	O. H. Hamilton
	Garden City	A/G	Sept. 16-27	Musical Lebsacks	J. J. Krimmer
Kans.	Marrero	A/G	Sept. 13-25	Ansley Orfila	H. T. Greer
	Rayville	A/G	Sept. 6-20	Samuel Calk	Charles Bryant
Md.	Baltimore	Calvary	Sept. 15-27	Peiffer-Harden Team	R. V. McIntosh
	Baltimore	Middle River	Sept. 8-20	Giannattasio Team	Clyde Oliver
Mass.	Baltimore	Trinity	Sept. 9-20	Ralph A. Creider	Alex. Clattenburg
	Taunton	First Pent.	Sept. 16-27	Ernest & Mrs. Berquist	Richard Bergstrom
Mich.	Fennville	A/G	Sept. 15-27	John Higginbotham	Leon Barker
	Flint	Trinity Tab.	Sept. 15-27	Stan & Marilyn Morris	J. H. Burgess
	Ironwood	A/G	Sept. 8-20	Ray & Elaine Leonard	N. L. Shotwell
	Pontiac	First	Sept. 13-Oct. 11	Sunshine Party	Arnold Hashman
	Southfield	First	Sept. 15-27	Duane M. Wessman	Robert Clark
	Union City	A/G	Sept. 15-27	Ralph & Faith Leslie	D. R. Allen
Minn.	Brainerd	A/G Tab.	Sept. 15-27	Arthur & Anna Berg	Melford A. Olson
	Rochester	A/G	Sept. 15-20	Paul Hild	O. E. Carter
	St. Cloud	A/G	Sept. 8-20	Tanner Team	Martin E. Gerdes
	St. Paul	Jackson Street	Sept. 6-20	Homer & Margie Giles	Vera Eldridge
Mo.	Arnold	First	Sept. 9-20	G. A. Snavely	Kenneth Brown
	Baden	Evangelistic	Sept. 9—	John & Bonnie Eller	Vern Stoughton
	Fulton	First	Sept. 7-20	Robert Holland	Clyde Parsons
	Hannibal	First	Sept. 15—	Don & Dixie Cox	Glenn Renick
	Iberia	A/G	Sept. 7-20	Loyd Middleton	R. E. Middleton
	Kennett	Calvary	Sept. 8-18	Stanley MacPherson	Ray Roosa
	St. James	A/G	Sept. 13-27	Glenna Byard	T. B. Conway
	Valley Park	First	Sept. 17—	Bonnie Ryble Eller	John Eller
Mont.	Deer Lodge	A/G	Sept. 8-20	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Ellwood Grissom
	Poplar	A/G	Sept. 18-25	Charles Senechal	J. H. Syverson
Neb.	Riverton	A/G	Sept. 8-20	R. L. Courtney	E. L. Craver
	Bridgeton	Full Gos. Ch.	Sept. 15-27	Al & Marie Skymmer	Edward Cooper
N. J.	Elizabeth	* Evangel Ch.	Sept. 20-25	Dave & Pat Johnson	Frederick Huber
	Elizabeth	Trinity Pent.	Sept. 6-20	Hattie Hammond	E. A. Dawe
	Iselin	A/G	Sept. 15-27	Daniel Summa	Harry Schaumburg
	Clayton	A/G	Sept. 1-13	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	B. Dale Webb
N. Y.	Jamestown	Calvary	Sept. 8-27	L. K. Dodge	Stanley Cooke
	Hornell	Glad Tidings	Sept. 16-27	Kudra Evangelistic Team	J. E. Murray
	Salisbury	First	Sept. 8-20	Don & Sharon Parker	Jack Hensley
N. C.	Jamestown	A/G	Sept. 16-28	Ernie Eskelin	Leo Miller
N. Dak.	Byesville	A/G	Sept. 15-27	Daena Cargnel	Lawrence Shaw
	Geneva	A/G	Sept. 15-27	Frank J. DePolo	James W. Holtz
Ohio	Grafton	Midview	Sept. 8-20	Tommy Wilson	Evan Richards
	Johnsville	A/G	Sept. 15-27	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Terry Diehl
	Springfield	First	Sept. 7-13	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Arthur Parsons
	Tipp City	Bethel Tab.	Sept. 14-20	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Boyd McClellan
	Youngstown	Bethel Temple	Sept. 8-20	David & Mona Lewis	Charles Mooney
	Oklahoma City	Evangel	Sept. 6—	L. L. Ferguson	Floyd L. Poag
Okla.	Ponca City	A/G	Sept. 15-27	Roland D. Hastie	Leo Swicegood
	Albany	* Pentecostal	Sept. 13-18	Christian Hild	R. E. Book
Oreg.	Eugene	First	Sept. 13-27	Louis & Mari Neely	Murray McLees
	Portland	* St. Johns	Sept. 6-11	Christian Hild	Russell Emerson
	Scappoose	A/G	Sept. 15—	Lloyd Portin	Clifford Murray
	Danville	A/G	Sept. 15-27	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	H. Wm. Ponge
Pa.	Philadelphia	Highway Mission	Sept. 13—	Paul Olson Party	Howard Roberson
	Wilkes-Barre	** Irem Temple	Sept. 17-19	Paul Olson Party	Oliver Dalaba
S. Dak.	Gregory	A/G	Sept. 15-27	Ray Eskelin	W. H. Rudnik
	Aubrey	Bethel Tab.	Sept. 13—	Bob Huie	Raymond Grimes
Tex.	Brownfield	First	Sept. 14—	Tommy & Esther Lance	Elmer E. Mason
	Cleveland	First	Sept. 16-27	Tommy & Darlene Beard	L. A. Buck
	Dallas	Primera Iglesia	Sept. 18-Oct. 18	D. & Mrs. Bazan, Sr.	Antonio Enriquez
	Killeen	A/G	Sept. 6-13	Roland D. Hastie	R. J. Miller
	Lubbock	Faith	Sept. 7—	Al Davis	Sam Wagner
	Malakoff	First	Sept. 7-13	A. G. Caloway	Olin Cook
	Mesquite	First	Sept. 7-13	Quentin Edwards	Hulon Hood
	Rosenberg	First	Sept. 9-20	Coleman McDuff	David Berkheimer
	Waco	Calvary	Sept. 6—	J. Nathan Phillips	Bob Whitworth
	Salt Lake City	A/G	Sept. 6-12	Dave Tonn	Peter Pilot
Utah	Brodnax	** A/G	Sept. 14-27	Irving & Mary Howard	A. K. Michael
	Norfolk	Calvary	Sept. 6-20	Jack Martz	Frank C. Mays
	Oceana	First	Sept. 8-20	Curtis Sample	S. D. Beiler, Jr.
	Maple Valley	*** H. S. Auditorium	Sept. 8-13	Lowell & Andrea Wood	Glen Cole
Wash.	White Center	* A/G	Sept. 14-18	Lowell & Andrea Wood	Robert Tangen
	Tacoma	University Place	Sept. 9-20	Ernie Rogers	M. F. Funderburk
Wis.	Cornell	A/G	Sept. 1-13	Darryl & Kathy Olson	Dick Smith
	Madison	A/G	Sept. 16-20	Steve & Pat Rexroat	G. J. Mandigo
	Wausau	Christian	Sept. 15-27	R. S. Peterson	Charles Anderson
	Chapmanville	A/G	Sept. 11-20	Michael & Peggy Lord	B. E. Hicks
W. Va.	Clarksburg	Full Gos. Tab.	Sept. 6-13	Clark-Peterson Team	Russel W. Harvey
	Edmonton	Central Pent. Tab.	Sept. 9-13	Wallace S. Bragg	Robert W. Tatinger
Alba.	Woodstock	Calvary	Sept. 1-13	Arnold & Anita Segesman	L. Pinkston

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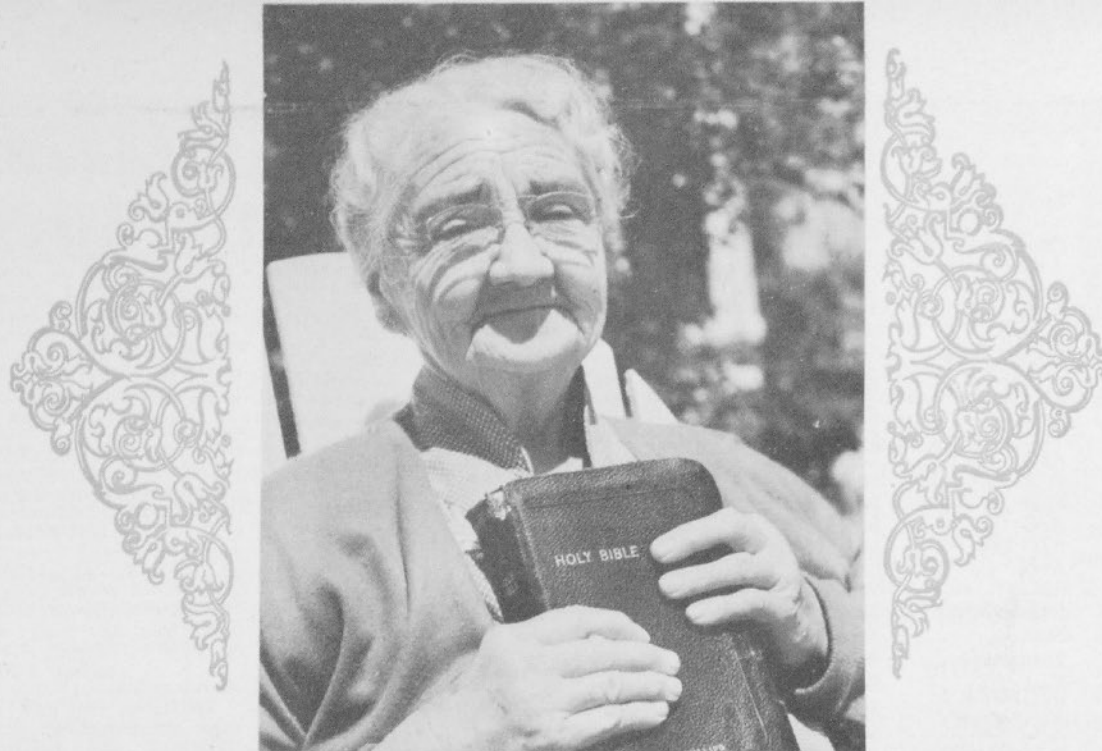
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The Answer to Loneliness

By MICHAEL P. HORBAN

LONELINESS IS A SAD AND WIDESPREAD MALADY. THE problem is all about us. It is a constant hazard which runs through all stages of life. The infant is lonely if he lacks tenderness and contact with the mother. The child is lonely if parents are too busy to listen to him or play with him. The juvenile is lonely if he is rejected by his fellows. The sick, often confined to bed, feel fierce loneliness as they lie looking up at the ceiling. Time goes by so slowly for them.

Folk moving into new communities feel loneliness. Everything and everyone is strange. The bereaved carry an empty place in their hearts. Partings leave us lonely and sad. The aged, worn and feeble, often sit alone. They feel restricted—left out of so many things—and life becomes drab and dull. And so one could go on talking about the shy, the handicapped, the divorced, the deaf, the blind, the unemployed.

The seriousness of this problem is evidenced by the fact that medical men see a strong connection between loneliness and three tragic things. First, loneliness drives some people to contemplate suicide. They feel it is better to be dead than lonely and forgotten. Then, in many instances loneliness drives people into mental illness and loss of reason. Thirdly, it drives many to drink. One leader of Alcoholics Anonymous says that alcoholics are the loneliest people in the world.

It's awful to be lonely. From the very beginning God said it was not good for man to be alone. We are not made for loneliness but for companionship and friend-

ship. And the Bible offers a threefold answer to loneliness.

First, there is the promise of divine companionship. Jesus said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Where there is faith the presence of the Lord is a very real thing. Many people have said, "I don't know what I would have done if the Lord had not been with me." Queen Wilhelmina in her memoirs, *Lonely but Not Alone*, tells of the power of Christ to meet this need. "Lonely" describes her faith as a committed Christian. She says, "The great loneliness of those days was my opportunity with God." No life is complete without the fellowship of God. Without it we are spiritual orphans.

Secondly, God has provided for us the fellowship of believers in the local congregations of our churches. Ours is not a solitary religion. There is a satisfying "togetherness" in this divine arrangement where we love one another, pray for one another, and bear one another's burdens. When we sing together, pray together, worship together our lives are enriched and strengthened.

Thirdly, God puts the duty of helping the lonely upon all Christians. According to James it is part of good religion "to visit the fatherless and widows in their distress." Hospitality is also a front-rank Christian grace. Love will express itself in a visit, a helping hand, a letter, a phone call, a gift.

We who serve God can do something about the distress of lonely hearts.

Blessed is the aloneness that results in togetherness with God