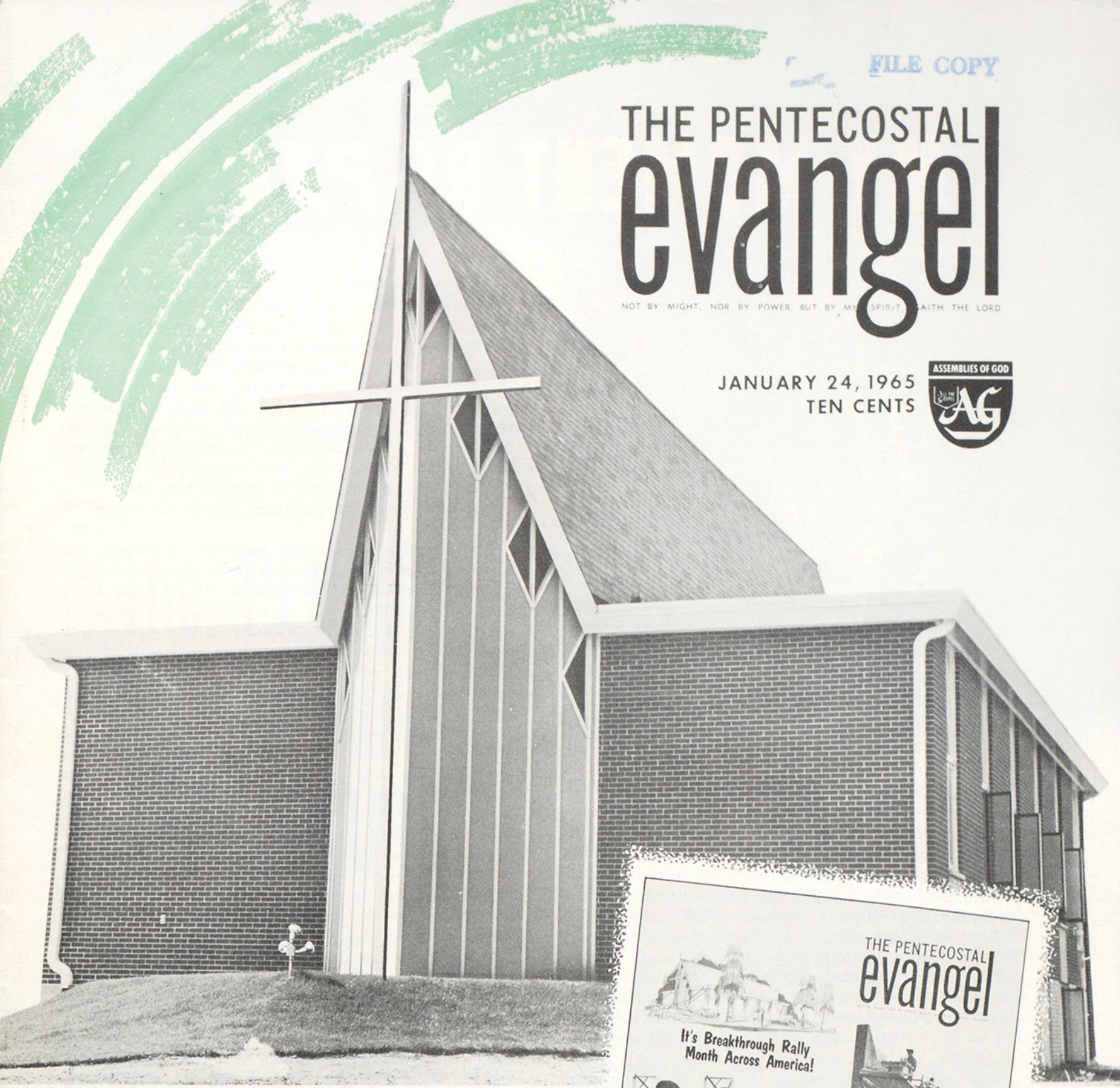


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MY MOMENT OF PANIC

I stood beside the entrance of hell . . .



BY GERI SWOPE
Brooks, Oregon

I SAW NO FLAMES, I HEARD NO CRIES OF THE TORTURED, I felt no pain. I stood in the darkness beside the entrance to hell, not as a spectator but as one of the doomed waiting to be thrust within its depths.

The oppression was stifling. In a terrifying moment of panic I realized, "I didn't make it to heaven!" Suddenly with great effort I cried out, "Oh, Lord, thank You for saving my soul." Only when I awakened, greatly shaken, did I know it to be a dream.

For this recent dream, I thank God. For any reminder that makes keener the reality and certainty of hell—its alarming magnetic power not only to the sinner but also to the Christian who may be caught unawares—I am grateful.

Even with the assistance of a vivid and terrifying dream, I know that the human mind in its greatest span of imagination could not possibly fathom the terrifying moment of panic that will come with this realization, "Jesus has come and I have been left behind!"

There have been many moments of panic down through the centuries. Floods, earthquakes, fires and disease have brought fear and distress to millions. But always three auxiliaries are standing by to tender their healing services. *Hope* for the future is a priceless gift in a time of tragedy and peril. *Help* from compassionate friends and loved ones has eased untold suffering during distress and panic. *Time* is a powerful, faithful healer lending itself to erase from the memory much suffering and heartache.

When the slashing winds of the Columbus Day storm with gusts reaching 100 miles per hour swept down upon our state of Oregon in 1962, thousands of us experienced panic. We watched huge trees crashing to the earth all about us. Many huddled in the early evening darkness watching their homes, garages, barns and cars being destroyed or swept away. But hope, ever faithful, was standing by to ease the tension and fear. "It can't last forever," Hope whispered. "Tomorrow the sun will shine." And it did shine, very brightly, the next day. Without hope in the time of tragedy, fear and despair would take possession producing mental breakdown or even suicide.

But hope has no ministry whatever to alleviate the suffering ones in hell. Without Christ there is no hope. Forever gone will be the faintest ray of hope for a better day, an hour, or even a moment without suffering. Hope for another opportunity to make peace with God will be replaced by one stabbing realization, "What I am suffering now, I shall suffer forever." "When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish; and the hope of unjust men perisheth" (Proverbs 11:7).

Much of the heartache in life is eased by the loving assistance of friends, neighbors and loved ones. After the Columbus Day hurricane volunteer firemen spent many weary days and nights pumping water for desperate farmers. Others pooled their food resources to feed the stranded. Touching acts of concern and compassion lessened the sting of grief and loss.

There will be no loving assistance from others in hell. Those who once loved and prayed for your soul will have been removed forever from your presence. "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed; so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence" (Luke 16:26). Your associates in hell who may have stood by your side many times in times of trouble, will now be incapable of ministering comfort. Their own hearts will be forever void of love and joy and compassion. Only railing accusations, cursings, and expressions of hatred will be heard.

Years have passed since the Columbus Day storm. I was certain then that the sensations I was experiencing and the destruction I viewed would be imprinted indelibly upon my mind. I still recall it with an occasional shudder, but the memory of it becomes fainter with the passing of time. In the passing of time there has been restoration of property, and healing of heart and mind.

Often we have said to a troubled friend, "Fifty years from now you'll never know the difference!" "Time will heal." But time will not be a healer to the tenants of hell, for time will no longer exist. "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for-

ever and ever . . . that there should be time no longer" (Revelation 10:5, 6).

For the sinner there is coming soon a "moment of panic." "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). That one moment of panic will change into an eternity of suffering—banished from the presence of God.

For the Blood-washed and overcoming child of God, there is coming soon a thrilling "moment of joy"! "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34). And suddenly that one moment of joy will be changed into an eternity of joy and peace in the presence of our Lord!

"Therefore be ye also ready," the Bible says, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44). ◀◀◀

hands and associate with. But the Person of poverty, we esteem Him not.

Look again at the descriptions of the pronouns. He was not only a person of poverty, but also a person of passion—of deep passionate suffering, grief, sorrow. He was wounded, afflicted, bruised. The most miserable words of human vocabulary are used to describe this Person. Herein is described a Person whose sufferings are so passionate that not only man, but God Himself, seems against Him; for "He was smitten of God and afflicted."

Victor Hugo in his classic *Les Miserables* does not pronounce such miseries as this Person endured. No other person that we have met either in actuality or on the pages of literature has endured suffering to match the passion of this Person. None has plunged so deep but that the eye of God pitied him, but of this Person it is written, "It pleased the Lord to bruise Him."

Strange descriptions meet us in the pronouns of this sacred page. Here is a person of poverty, of passion, but paradoxically He is also a person of *power*! He made His grave with the rich. He shall divide the portion with the great, and divide the spoil with the strong. What manner of man is this who begins in poverty, continues in passion, but climaxes in power! Spoil belongs to the conqueror. The spoil is divided with the strong. This is a biographical success story with the climactic closing. Some conquer in *spite* of their poverty and passion, but this person conquered *through* His poverty and through His passion. By dying He spoiled him that had the power of death. The victim becomes a victor. The lamb becomes a lion—His liabilities are changed to assets. His defeats are the instruments of His victory—for by deprivation, disgrace, distress, and finally death, He abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.


Who then is this Person of the pronouns, this strange mixture of mankind? If you do not already know, let Philip the deacon answer: "He began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus."

Substitute the word JESUS for these pronouns in Isaiah 53 and your picture is complete. Jesus had no form, nor comeliness; Jesus was despised and rejected of men. Jesus has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Jesus was wounded for our transgressions. Jesus was stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. It pleased the Lord to bruise Jesus. Jesus shall divide the spoil with the strong.

Complete, did I say? No! The picture is not yet complete; for there are other pronouns on the sacred pages that describe other persons, persons for whom He became poor that through His poverty they might become rich. Persons who were the objects of His sufferings. His passion was not for Himself, but He suffered for these persons of the pronouns. He was wounded for *our* transgressions; the chastisement of *our* peace was upon Him. All *we* like sheep have gone astray. The Lord laid upon Him the iniquity of *us* all. Who are these persons of the pronouns? Substitute your name, and mine; then you have the picture complete.

Thank God, this is the story of *our* personal redemption. Either we make it personal or His poverty, His passion, and power are all in vain. ◀◀◀

The PERSON of the PRONOUNS



BY BRACY I. GREER
Dallas, Texas

REPEATEDLY THE PRONOUNS HE, HIM, AND HIS, ARE used in Isaiah 53—not less than 30 times. What important person do these pronouns describe?

Indeed, the question was well put when the eunuch asked, "Of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of himself, or of some other man?" Let us investigate as to what type of person these pronouns describe.

First, he was a person of poverty—"A root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness . . . no beauty that we should desire Him . . . despised . . . a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief."

What could be so important about a person of this lowly description? This is not the kind of man the world is interested in. Bring out your athletic heroes, your financial wizards, your men of renown, or your scientific geniuses; men who do things, explorers of space. Men who win Nobel peace prizes, or Pulitzer journalism prizes—these are the men we want to read about, shake

Worth of a Soul

On November 22, 1964, there appeared in *The Pentecostal Evangel* a short article about Pet Haven, a burial ground in Los Angeles where more than 9,000 animals lie in individual graves. The article deplored the fact that while children roam the streets and fall into sin for lack of parental care and affection, pets are given lavish care. Pet lovers spend \$70 or \$80 for a plot in which to bury their dog or cat. Some will spend from \$127.50 upwards to provide the animal with a cement vault!

One *Evangel* reader said that when she read this article she just buried her head in her hands and whispered, "Dear Lord, how can it be?" For she is one of those servants of God with a missionary heart; she is burdened for people who live in great poverty where there is not enough money to give children a decent burial, let alone pet animals. She writes:

"A few months ago in Mexico I stood before a tiny casket and looked down into the wasted face of infant Conchita. The struggle to survive against cold, hunger, and disease had been too great.

"The small casket was made of lightweight, inexpensive styrofoam. How could there ever be enough pesos to provide a fine casket or cement vault! There were no satin pillows or silken linings to cradle this little body into its grave.

"Some kind hands in loving gesture arranged artificial paper flowers in the simple mission church. A single candle flickered in the breeze, destined to be snuffed out as quickly as life from the still body nearby.

"A blue panel car came to bear the casket to an unmarked resting-place. Oh, how I wept! Was it because I saw the tear-streaked face of the bereaved, unwed mother, not yet 16 years old? Was it because the attendant picked up the casket and tucked it under his arm like a loaf of bread?

"I was not seeing only the face of a Mexican baby; I was seeing the faces of little ones all over our world who are treated less kindly than animals! I was crying for every empty stomach and every shivering body that will not survive their hardships.

"So the dead are buried and life goes on. Only now and then are we jolted out of our comfortable nest. The churches draw their rich robes about themselves, while standing outside the beautiful stained-glass windows a child whimpers, 'I'm hungry!' A woman cries in darkness, 'I'm so cold, and my baby is sick!' A man wipes tears across a bearded face and pleads, 'Please—help me.'

"These are the lame, the halt, and the blind. These are the sick, the sin-laden, the needy ones Jesus came into the world to save."*

Christ knew the worth of a soul and that's why He died to save the lost. Do we? Are we His followers? Then, like George Matheson we ought to pray: "Send me to the hearts without a home, to the lives without a love, to the crowds without a compass, to the ranks without a refuge. Send me to the children whom none have blessed, to the famished whom none have fed, to the sick whom none have visited, to the demoniac whom none have calmed, to the fallen whom none have lifted, to the leper whom none have touched, to the bereaved whom none have comforted. Then shall I have the birthright of the first-born; then shall I have the blessing of the mighty God of Jacob!"

—R. C. C.

* From a letter by Dolores S. Douglas, National City, California

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God's Open Houses



By **LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN**
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HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NEW RESIDENCES DOT THE American landscape. The building boom is unprecedented in our history. And since the exploding population will necessitate the continual building of new homes, we can expect to see the familiar red arrow indicating an "open house" for some time to come.

At this moment, however, I am thinking of houses which are spiritual in nature. The Bible has considerable to say about this spiritual real estate. Every Christian is a builder of some sort and lives in some kind of house. What kind of building is yours?

NEW HOUSE

Many people prefer to live in *new* houses. Their house has nothing to do with the past, they say. No influence from the past has entered their dwelling. But really, no such house has ever been built. The past has helped to make the present. Our so-called new houses have borrowed many ideas from the past.

The Preacher of Ecclesiastes tells us, "There is no new thing under the sun." That's a sobering statement. Sometimes we think we have made new discoveries, but are they new?

I think "new" is largely a relative term. In a sense our new cars, new churches, and new houses are new. Yet these new products are dependent upon past knowledge and discovery. We speak of new woolen suits and new fur coats, but forget that some animal has worn them before!

Spiritually speaking, there are *new* houses. When we give our hearts to the Lord, we become "new creatures in Christ Jesus." If we daily and earnestly seek God, this newness and freshness will characterize our Christian lives.

OLD HOUSE

Many people still live in old houses. These are the

houses of yesterday, the houses of memories. Of course, old people dwell in old houses, but I have observed that some young people live in them too. All ages tend to meditate on experiences of the past. Now retrospection can be a healthy exercise. It is well to recall the blessings of yesterday and we should be grateful for them. Often we draw inspiration and instruction from the victories and achievements of the past.

It is wrong to think that all old things must be discarded. Jeremiah admonishes us to ask for the "old paths." And, of course, it's the old-time religion that this world needs. I hope the hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," will always be included in Assemblies of God songbooks, and pray that the noble exploits of the Pentecostal pioneers will never be forgotten. There are multitudes of old things that I want to keep and never lose.

But living in old houses presents some possible dangers. There can be too much retrospection. One can live so passionately in the past that the challenge of the present is ignored and neglected. Paul was not a captive of the past. He wrote, "Forgetting those things which are behind . . . I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14). You cannot subsist today on yesterday's blessings. Many of God's people are living too much in old houses. May all of us have up-to-date experiences with God.

DREAM HOUSE

Then there are those who live in *dream* houses. (Sometimes we label them air castles.) There's nothing wrong with dreaming. Joseph dreamed about the day when he would hold a prominent position. When Joel predicted the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he said that old men would dream dreams. The Church of Jesus Christ must have dreamers and visionaries—men and women with lofty ideals, sparkling plans, and God-inspired ambitions. We would be poor indeed if we didn't have those among

THE GREATEST PRESENT
WANT OF THE CHURCH

BY JESSE T. PECK

THE RECEPTION OF THE HOLY GHOST IS A BAPTISM of holiness. He is, by the way of eminence, the Holy Ghost, as the sanctifier of believers, as the great source and efficient agent of holiness in the church. He alone can give the light which reveals the necessity of purification. He alone can move the great deep of the heart to abhor sin and pant for holiness. He alone can excite that abandonment of self, that complete reliance upon Christ, which consecration implies.

His power can cleanse and renovate the soul; can fill it with "perfect love." It is the Church, the whole Church, that needs this purification. Its worldly tendencies mar its distinctive character. Its corruption cripples its energies. Its imperfections make it fearful, where the boldest courage is demanded. Inasmuch as the vision of the Church is obscure, the life of the Church feeble, the holiness of the Church deficient, and the power of the Church inadequate; and as the special gift of the Holy Ghost, promised in the Gospel, is alone a baptism of light, a baptism of life, a baptism of holiness, and a baptism of power, it follows conclusively that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the great present want of the Church.

—Selected

us who could "see" victories and achievements before they happen.

But we must do more than dream. We must respond to Christ's call to work. He said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). We need to get our heads out of the clouds and stop merely dreaming about golden opportunities. Let us get busy gathering the ripened grain. It's alright to live in a dream house, but let's make those dreams come true with practical service for God.

GLASS HOUSE

Jesus implied that some people live in glass houses. We think of the old saying, "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones." The reason is obvious. What right has a man whose own life is defective to censure others? Jesus said, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?... Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye..." (Matthew 7:3, 5).

The accusers of the woman caught in the act of adultery apparently lived in glass houses. They dragged this woman into the presence of Jesus with the reminder that the Law demanded she be stoned. Jesus retorted, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." (John 8:7). One by one her detractors

walked away. Why? Because their own moral structures were vulnerable to examination.

DESOLATE HOUSE

Jesus spoke of the desolate house. Certainly this is pictorial of the sinner's condition. His life is marked by waste, loneliness, emptiness, and desolation. After Solomon had given himself to the folly of sin, he confessed, "Behold, all is vanity [emptiness] and vexation of spirit" (Ecclesiastes 1:14).

Christ warned that a desolate house (life) is a likely habitation for demons (Matthew 12:43-45). He said that when an unclean spirit is cast out of a man, that spirit will seek another habitation. If the evicted evil spirit finds that his original "house" continues to be unoccupied, he will return with seven other wicked spirits to dwell there. You see, our lives must house some kind of tenant. There is only one wholesome answer to the desolate house, and that is to make Jesus the permanent tenant. Then, and only then, are we safe.

DIVIDED HOUSE

Jesus said if a house is *divided* against itself, "that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:25). This was Christ's answer to the scribes who had accused Him of casting out devils through the power of Satan. Jesus pointed out that the charge was ridiculous, because Satan would not "rise up against himself, and be divided..." (Mark 3:26).

A man with divided loyalties cannot succeed. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other" (Matthew 6:24). The man who tries to divide his affections will find that effort to be both impossible and futile. James writes of the uselessness of the divided life, in these words, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8).

The solution for dividedness is to live wholly for God. Christ will not brook any competition with others for your love and devotion. He will not be Lord at all unless He can be Lord of all.

FATHER'S HOUSE

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). This is the house which will be occupied by all who have "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14). The Father's house is that which we more commonly call heaven, and which many equate with the New Jerusalem. With all my heart I believe it is a literal place.

Many of us have special interest in heaven for we have loved ones which have preceded us there. Some glorious morning we shall see them in our Father's house. But the supreme joy of all will be to see our blessed Jesus. Oh, what rapture and transport that will mean! There will be no veil between—we shall see Him face to face. Hallelujah!

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1).



Editorial Staff Enlarged

The editorial staff of *The Pentecostal Evangel* has been greatly strengthened with the recent addition of two very accomplished journalists, Richard G. Champion and Mary J. Tregenza.

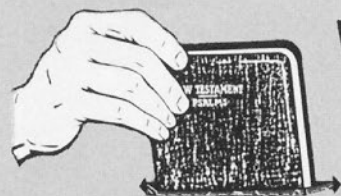
Brother Champion has been named Managing Editor of the *Evangel*. For the past seven years he was Editor of the *C. A. Herald*. He served as Editorial Assistant and Circulation Manager of the *Evangel* for two years (1955-57). Prior to that, he was assistant pastor in McComb, Ill., for two and one-half years.

A member of the faculty at Central Bible Institute, where he teaches Journalism, Brother Champion is married and has a nine-year-old son, Jeffrey, and a two-year-old daughter, Brooke. He has done outstanding work in the Christ's Ambassadors Department authoring several books, supervising the various youth publications, and spearheading the literature phase of a vigorous youth evangelism program. Under his editorship the *Herald* circulation increased from 17,000 to 28,000. Named to succeed him as Editor of the youth magazine is Glenroy Shedd, former member of the Public Relations staff at the Assemblies of God headquarters. A 1962 graduate of *Evangel* College, Brother Shedd was editor of the college newspaper for two years.

Sister Tregenza, who has joined *The Pentecostal Evangel* staff as Senior Editorial Assistant, is a gifted writer whose ministry already has been a blessing to *Evangel* readers. She is the wife of an Assemblies of God minister, Roy H. Tregenza, and mother of 14-year-old twins, Robert and Rebecca. The family moved to Springfield last fall when Brother Tregenza resigned the pastorate at Parsons, Kans., to reenter the evangelistic field.

Mrs. Tregenza's editorial experience includes over a year as Editorial Assistant on *The Pentecostal Testimony* (Toronto, Canada). She served as Literary Editor of the *Harvester*, an excellent book published in 1955 which deals with the history of the Assemblies of God in Kansas. For four years she was Editor of the New Zealand *Evangel* while her husband was pastoring in that country. Her writings have appeared in numerous magazines.

Leslie W. Smith, who for nine years served very effectively as Layout Editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, resigned this office in December to answer God's call into full-time evangelistic ministry. His family still resides in Springfield. Pastors wishing to contact either Brother Smith or Brother Tregenza for evangelistic campaigns may write to them in care of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.



Walking with the WORD

SCRIPTURE READING FOR JANUARY 24-31

Sunday—Psalms 11, 12	Thursday—Matthew 19
Monday—Matthew 16	Friday—Matthew 20
Tuesday—Matthew 17	Saturday—Psalms 13, 14
Wednesday—Matthew 18	Sunday—Psalms 15, 16



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

A year or two ago an article appeared in The Pentecostal Evangel on Psalm 23. In the article the writer stated, "We need mercy for we are sinners." Are we still sinners after we are forgiven?

I do not recall reading the article of which you write, but am sure the writer did not mean born-again believers knowingly and willfully violate the law and will of God. But we are not as yet perfect. It is because we fall short of perfection that we need the grace of the atonement and the intercession of Christ every day. And should we consciously fail, there is restoration as we confess our sins and trust in the saving grace of Christ. I believe the verse, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9), is addressed to believers.

Please explain, "Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss" (1 Thessalonians 5:26).

The oriental custom of greeting another was to kiss on either cheek. It is still the custom in many lands.

Was Jesus not rude when He said to His mother: "Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come?" (John 2:4).

Had Jesus meant this as a rebuke to His mother, I believe she would not have turned to the servants and said, " whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (v. 5).

I like the way it reads in the New English Bible: "He said, Your concern, mother, is not mine. My hour has not yet come." Is there not a lesson in this for us? Too often we become impatient to have things done which we think are necessary, when Jesus would have us commit them to the will of God.

Why does not the Assemblies of God practice circumcision if we are the children of Abraham by faith? Jesus and the apostles were circumcised.

Circumcision was never required of Gentile believers (1 Corinthians 7:19; Galatians 5:6; 6:15).

I hear people say, "I got a wonderful blessing." Do they refer to some kind of feeling, or to spiritual attainment? Is this something I should seek?

Usually when a person refers to a "wonderful blessing," he means that the presence of God was very real to him. The blessing may include a feeling of happiness, but it is not so much happy feelings we should seek after as the ability to live right and thus honor the Lord. We all like joyful emotions, but Christian character is developed by living for Jesus and fighting the good fight of faith when times of testing come, regardless of our feelings.

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, Springfield, Missouri, 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

1965 LOYALTY CAMPAIGN



The campaign theme will be introduced at Easter; the six succeeding Sundays will highlight principles of witnessing through loyalty. On Pentecost Sunday all will be urged to renew their dedication to God and to doing His work. The campaign theme, *Loyalty Is Witnessing*, is expressed in the following subthemes:

First Sunday—*Attending Sunday school and church*. Each member witnesses to his neighbor by being faithful in church attendance.

Second Sunday—*Inviting others to Sunday school and church*. Since this Sunday begins National Family Week, the appeal is for every family to bring another family.

Third Sunday—*Being an example to my family*. The power of family influence is highlighted by Mother's Day.

Fourth Sunday—*Having daily devotions*. The privilege and practice of personal, daily devotions, with stress on prayer, is accented.

LOYALTY IS WITNESSING

BY HARRIS JANSEN

Editor, "Sunday School Counselor"

"THOSE WHO FOLLOW CHRIST'S GOSPEL AND HIS TEACHING, who are humble, holy, and selfless, are doers of God's Word, not hearers only." This paraphrase from Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, written almost 600 years ago, particularizes the life that today's Christian must exhibit before others. With the conviction that the most telling witness of Christian faith is what a Christian does, the National Sunday School Department announces the 1965 Loyalty Campaign theme: **LOYALTY IS WITNESSING.**

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Loyalty Is Witnessing. How, you ask? True, witnessing is more often viewed as knocking on doors, inviting others to accept Christ as Saviour; or as speaking about Christ to the man who works next to you, and to the neighbor who drops in for a cup of coffee. But the silent witness of daily life expresses in an unequalled way how much Jesus really means to the Christian. Loyalty is witnessing, and the 1965 Loyalty Campaign purposes to involve each Sunday school member in *witnessing through loyalty*.

As in the past, the Loyalty Campaign will be launched on Easter Sunday and concluded on Pentecost Sunday.

Fifth Sunday—*Reading the Bible*. Special attention on reading the Bible follows up the devotional emphasis.

Sixth Sunday—*Living the Bible*. Each individual shows through his daily life whether he is governed by Bible principles.

Seventh Sunday—*Dedicating myself to God*. The emphasis on personal dedication and Pentecost are integrated on this closing Sunday.

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The basic planning tool for the campaign is the *Loyalty Planbook*. It gives guidance toward getting ready for the campaign and programming and displaying ideas for use throughout the campaign. A copy should reach all Assemblies of God churches during the month of February. In addition to the *Loyalty Planbook* there is a useful complement of especially designed supplies for this year's campaign. These may be ordered from the Gospel Publishing House and are all listed in the *Planbook*.

The 1965 Loyalty Campaign is not simply a device to swell the number on your attendance board, though your Sunday school attendance may increase throughout the campaign. It is an aid to teach how much a Christian life—even one life—really counts. ◀◀

CALL TO ADVANCE (1930-1934)

By Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Director Emeritus



GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT E. S. WILLIAMS, ADDRESSING an early General Council, called on all to advance in faith and with wisdom. "There are two dangers in our missionary work. One is that of over-presumption, and the other is over-conservatism."

"It would be very foolish," he continued, "to tell every person who thinks he has a call, 'All right, go, even to the ends of the earth'—and then leave him stranded. On the other hand, the missionary problem is not just a dollars-and-cents proposition, but a matter of faith. If we send out those who are not only consecrated but have demonstrated their gifts of ministry in soul winning and have characters above reproach, funds for their support will be available."

Council Prayer Band Started

Recognizing the importance of sustained and united prayer, the Missions Department launched a crusade to get 10,000 Assemblies of God members to pledge their cooperation in praying daily for the success and guidance of the missionary work. The project, known as the "Council Ten Thousand," took some time, but by 1933 the number who had signed pledge cards to pray daily for our missionary work had exceeded the ten thousand.

An illustration of the effectiveness of this united prayer came in June, 1930, when a serious financial crisis arose. Funds received at headquarters were far short of the current needs in our missionary work. The need was communicated to the Prayer Band, and a group of missionaries met with the Missionary Secretary in the

Springfield missionary rest home to pray for an increase of missionary giving. The next month, July 1930, giving increased far beyond anything received up to that time.

HIGHLIGHTS

Hundreds of names and places could be mentioned in recording the development of our work in the early thirties. A few samples have been selected to represent the story of growth, blessing—and suffering—on many fields.

The Gospel in Communist Countries

At the last great convention of the Assemblies of God in Russia, held in 1928, it was recorded that there were 500 Pentecostal Assemblies with some 75,000 believers baptized in the Holy Spirit. In the years 1928-1932 many more were added in spite of the fact that preachers were arrested, many of them exiled to the north, and meetings closed. The Bible was banned in Russia in 1929, but in 1933 it was estimated there were two million evangelicals in Russia—including the Pentecostal believers. In 1930 our missionary J. E. Voronaeff was arrested and sent into exile.

At the 1933 General Council in Philadelphia, a resolution was presented to the Council that the General Secretary should write a letter to President Roosevelt recommending that the United States should not recognize Russia unless the Russian government would concede the following: (1) religious liberty; (2) liberty of speech;

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One of several tribal Sunday schools which gathered at Tamale church in 1930's.



(3) freedom for Russians to emigrate without having to pay an exorbitant prize for passports; (4) freedom for the poor people to receive parcels of clothing without payment of excessive duty charges.

The resolution was not passed (largely because of an opinion from the floor that the letter, in all probability, would never reach the President himself). Instead it was suggested that "a petition should be sent to the throne of God and a day of fasting and prayer be set when prayer should be made especially for the tried saints of Russia."

From Rumania, Hungary, and Latvia reports came of the working of God's Spirit among the people. In Yugoslavia and Bulgaria also, far-sighted pioneers of the Assemblies of God had seen the need and, no doubt guided by God's Spirit, had planted seed which has continued to bear fruit even through the succeeding years of severe persecution.



Missionary Ralph Williams, founder of El Salvador Bible School in 1931.

Early Developments in Italy

In 1931 a missionary visiting in Italy wrote, "In Rome I visited a great congregation of Pentecostals packed like sardines into an ill-ventilated cellar like a catacomb, excavated under a building. Seven were baptized in the Spirit that night in my presence. One of the converts was an engineer who built the *campanile* of the Catholic Church of St. Lorenzo." In 1933, a report stated there were 400 members of this assembly and added, "There is hardly a Christian worker who has not seen the inside of a jail or been before a judge for the gospel's sake." Today, through the cooperation of the Missions Department and the assemblies throughout the U.S.A., there is a fine, well-equipped church building housing the assembly in Rome.

First Station Established in Gold Coast

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shirer made a preliminary survey of the Gold Coast (now Ghana) in 1931. In 1932, they opened the country's first Assemblies of God Mission in Yendi. Shortly afterward in that same year a station was opened in Tamale by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock, who had spent a term in Liberia ten years before. Since little financial help was available from headquarters, it

is almost a miracle that these pioneer missionaries were able to erect the good buildings they did.

First Bible School Started in El Salvador

In El Salvador in 1931, a short-term Bible school was started by Ralph Williams in Santa Ana. He wrote, "There are 20 students in attendance. The believers send in corn, rice, beans, and coffee. We have improvised desks from empty packing cases, and classes have begun as planned." The school was steadily developed until today there is a building of which we can justly be proud—giving good housing, with adequate equipment and teachers for a four-year course. Actually, because of growth, new buildings are now being planned and this school has become a strong factor in the outstanding development of the work in El Salvador."

Death on the Tibetan Border

On June 25, 1932, William E. Simpson, son of the pioneer missionary W. W. Simpson, was murdered by bandits as he traveled to meet some new missionaries for whom he had long appealed. A short time previously he had written the Missions Department appealing for men to join him in this needy area. At that time he had actually served for 14 years without a furlough. In his letter he said, "There is one matter that is very much on my heart, both in prayer and thought, and that is my belief that we should be moving forward and occupying that portion of Tibet that is open to the gospel." Although many Chinese were won to Christ by W. E. Simpson, the first Tibetan was not actually known to have accepted Christ through his ministry until 1930. This man came from a totally Tibetan district and had been his language teacher.

First Life Laid Down in the Congo

On June 14, 1930, Fred C. Leader, while ministering in the Congo, became our first missionary to lay down his life for the cause of the gospel in that country. Since that time five others have passed directly from the Congo into the presence of the Lord—including J. W. Tucker, who was martyred November 24, 1964. ◀◀◀

Congo grave of Agnes Hammarberg is a reminder of Assemblies of God missionaries who have laid down their lives in that country. They are: Fred Leader, 1930; Mary J. Walker, 1938; Ernest Lindholm, 1940; Agnes Hammarberg, 1944; Verna L. Pennington, 1946; J. W. Tucker, 1964.



God's Covenant with Noah

Sunday School Lesson for January 31, 1965

GENESIS 8:1-11; 9:12-17

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" (Hebrews 11:7).

How gloriously Noah was rewarded for his very real faith in God! He first proved his faith by believing God's Word in regard to coming judgment. He also proved his faith by his actions—he built an ark to prepare for judgment which was still 120 years away! Worldly people around him laughed and jeered as they would today; but when the flood came they were destroyed, while Noah and his family were gloriously saved!

Our world faces impending judgment. We believe in the eternal reward of the righteous and the eternal punishment of those who reject God. Are we living and acting as if we actually believed these things? May Noah's faith and its reward inspire us to be true to our testimony and to our generation!

1. A NEW BEGINNING

Noah and his family stepped out upon a renewed earth. Every sinful creature had been destroyed. Once more man's environment was free from all things which would incline him to evil.

"And God remembered Noah." How wondrously God rewards faith and cares for His own! The only thing God forgets concerning His children is their sins. Of His people He says, "They shall not be forgotten of me."

Observe Noah's attitude, in verses 6-18. As he waited for the waters to recede he exhibited faith, hope, and patience. He was very alert to God's movements. He fully expected God to deliver him from the ark. Meanwhile, he patiently waited God's time and did what he could about the matter.

2. A NEW ACT OF WORSHIP (Genesis 8:20-22)

Noah's first act was to build an altar and offer sacrificial worship to God. By this act he expressed his gratitude to God for deliverance; he testified to his need of sacrifice in approaching God; and he consecrated his life wholly to God as typified by the burnt offering. "And the Lord smelled a sweet savour." This signifies His pleasure in Noah's worship.

3. A NEW COVENANT

a. ITS PURPOSE. After accepting the sacrifice, God gave Noah the assurance that there never again would be a universal flood. (1) This covenant was made at the time when man naturally would be troubled and wanting to know if there would be a repetition of what had been experienced. (2) It declared God's mercy in relation to the past, His power in relation to the present, His faithfulness in relation to the future, and His grace in relation to man.

b. ITS CHARACTERISTICS. Consider the characteristics of the covenant as illustrated in its sign, the rainbow.



(1) *Its universality.* As the rainbow spanned the heavens, appearing everywhere in the universe, so God's saving covenant was for all men.

(2) *Its beauty.* There is nothing more exquisite than the rainbow. And nothing is more glorious than the grace of God as revealed in His covenants with men.

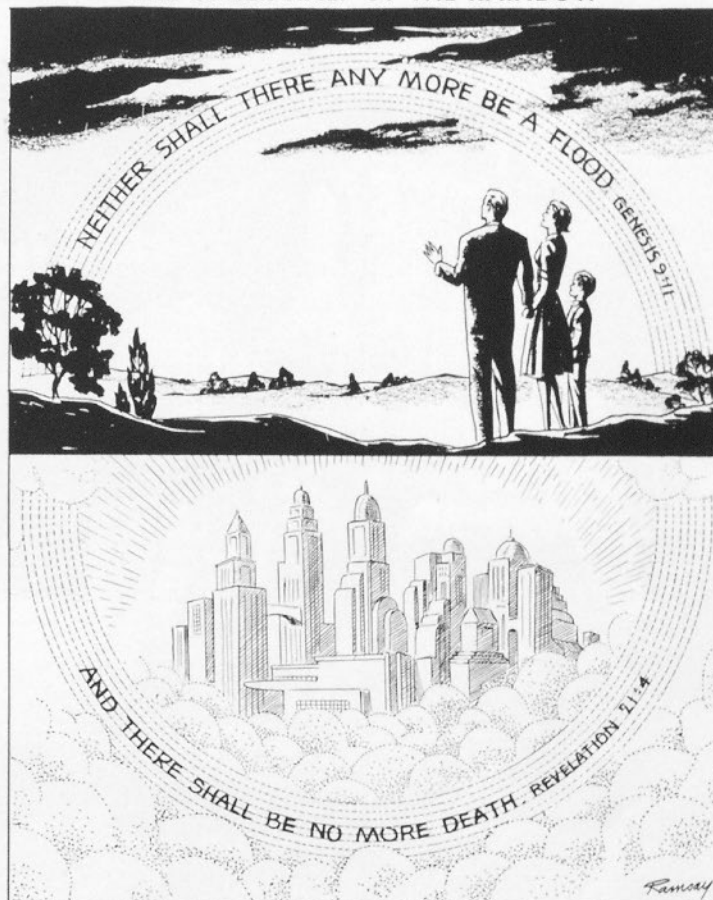
(3) *Its permanence.* We do not always see the rainbow because the clouds sometimes hide the sun. But if we got above the clouds we should find the rainbow there, for there is never a rain without a rainbow. Even so, every trial has its rainbow of divinely intended blessing. *It is not our sight of the rainbow that maintains the benefits of God's covenant, but God's sight of it!* Thus God says, "The bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it."

*"Though clouds may come and go
And storms may sweep my sky,
This blood-sealed friendship changes not:
The cross is ever nigh.*

*"My love is oftentimes low;
My joy still ebbs and flows;
But peace with Him remains the same,
No change Jehovah knows.*

*"I change, He changes not;
The Christ can never die;
His love, not mine, the resting place;
His truth, not mine, the tie."*

THE OTHER HALF OF THE RAINBOW



Robert W. Cummings,
for many years a missionary
to Southern Asia, reports on . . .

a
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to

WEST PAKISTAN

Ancient art of snake charming still persists.



Robert Cummings conducts class at Abbottabad.

Mrs. Cummings poses with Pakistani friends.



MY WIFE AND I RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A MOST REWARDING missionary assignment in West Pakistan. About two years ago a small group of indigenous Pentecostal churches joined the worldwide fellowship of the Assemblies of God and organized themselves into the Assemblies of God of West Pakistan. These assemblies are the outgrowth of a powerful Pentecostal revival which visited that section during the first years of our missionary ministry in 1922-26. At the request of this indigenous group the Foreign Missions Department has undertaken a program of teaching and training the present and future leaders through helping to establish a training center where these brethren may gather together for classes in Bible, doctrine, and training for the ministry.

The head of this group is Julian Sinclair, the president of a large Presbyterian college in Lahore. He has been a friend of ours for a long time; in fact, he sought and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the same meetings as my wife and I did. He and his associates

asked the Missions Department to send Mrs. Cummings and me out for the spring and summer of 1964 to hold a series of Bible study classes and ministers institutes in the main centers where the various churches are located.

We arrived in Lahore, capital of West Pakistan, toward the end of March and almost immediately had the privilege of ministering to the national assemblies in the big annual Easter Convention. It was a joy to preach again in Urdu, but quite difficult at first because it had been 20 years since I had used Urdu as my habitual medium of preaching. You ought to have heard the national orchestra, the singing, and the fiery testimonies! God gave us a grand time.

The Easter Convention was followed by a number of weeks of institutes and Bible study sessions in local congregations with emphasis on New Testament standards for pastors, teachers, evangelists, deacons, and other church leaders. In several places the assemblies had no adequate meeting place and other denominational churches graciously put their facilities at our disposal. Lahore, Karachi, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, and Abbottabad—all very important centers in West Pakistan—were the scenes of these meetings.

Abbottabad was chosen by Brother Sinclair and the other leaders as the training center. It was wonderful how God provided the building.

Brother and Sister Strachan, missionaries of the Assemblies of God of Great Britain, were our hosts during

our stay there. The pastors and other leaders of the national churches were invited to come together. We studied the Book of Hebrews and the doctrine of the Church which is His Body. We were aware that our whole program had been arranged of God and that His grace and blessing were especially upon this training center. Our Father is at work building an indigenous church in West Pakistan. It was a high honor to have a small part.

I must not forget to describe one of the highlights of our meetings in Lahore. One evening in May when the intense heat of the day was waning, the congregation of Central Assembly went out to dedicate land which had recently been purchased for the first church building of the national Assemblies of God. In answer to their prayers God provided funds for about four acres of very desirable land in the suburbs. Together with Brother Sinclair and Pastor Sohan Lal, I had the privilege of taking part in the service. It was a never-to-be-forgotten time. We knew God had planned it all and felt He had great things ahead for the Central Assembly in Lahore as well as for all the assemblies in West Pakistan.

The national brethren asked me to convey their thanks to the U.S.A. Assemblies of God for the help already given through financial gifts and prayers. They are especially grateful to the Foreign Missions Department and those churches and individuals who made possible the Bible study classes, ministers institutes, and the training center sessions this year. ◀◀◀

By Paul Pugh
Missionary to Brazil

Blessings in Brazil

FOR SEVERAL YEARS THE NATIONAL BRETHREN HAVE felt impressed with the need for an all-out revival effort in the state of Rio Grande do Sul in southern Brazil. Here in Porto Alegre, the capital city, it has been difficult to plan a revival campaign because the churches are already full for every service. But we have begun praying for funds to build a tabernacle that will seat one thousand people.

God is answering prayer. As an act of faith five lots have been purchased in a good section of the city. We have just had the ground-breaking ceremony when many Christians gathered from our churches in the area. There were seven busloads of people plus those who came by local transportation, and we all marched in a procession from an appointed bus stop eight blocks from the property. An orchestra and local preacher led the procession which extended for three blocks.

Even before the erection of the tabernacle, revival is here. Brother and Sister Cass of California are with us for a series of meetings. God is moving in a very precious way; souls are being saved and sick bodies healed.

During the month of July prayer meetings were held every night in all the local churches. Twenty received the baptism in the Spirit. There was also a special move among the young people and children.

In this evangelistic effort, Instituto Biblico Union (our Bible school) plays an important part. The school is almost three years old. Most of the third-year students are already serving as pastors or assistant pastors, but the national superintendent for southern Brazil said he plans to locate *every* student in the ministry when this term is ended. Some will be pastors, others will assist a pastor or teach in Sunday school and vacation Bible schools.

At present the majority of the students are men. It has been almost impossible for girls or women to attend as our present building is located in a disreputable section of the city. But we are rejoicing in prospects for the future when we will have a much better location for the school. We are planning to erect a simple frame building on two of the fine recently purchased lots and move into it at the beginning of the next term. ◀◀◀

OFFERINGS FOR ANY OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY PROJECTS MENTIONED IN THIS MAGAZINE SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

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CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

THE CALCULATED RISK

RECENT EVENTS IN CONGO HAVE called fresh attention to the viewpoint of the Foreign Missions Department with respect to maintaining missionaries in so-called dangerous areas.

Probably most mission fields today are unstable in one way or another. In recent months almost everything that happens abroad is beamed in some way on the United States. This means that an American passport may itself set up incendiary forces of opposition. Whatever else may have been in the background, J. W. Tucker died primarily because he was an American.

Our missionaries, in the strictest sense, are volunteers. They know they are not required by the Foreign Missions Department to stay in any area in jeopardy of their lives. Their exact whereabouts is known to American consular agents in every country. The United States Government has faithfully sought to warn American citizens living abroad of any developing situation which might endanger their lives and property. If there is a lingering crisis, the Foreign Missions Department makes sure there are adequate emergency funds, including provision for travel.

But finally, everything is left up to the volition of the individual missionaries and their families. We tell them we will stand behind them whatever their decision is, but they must seek and find the will of God for themselves in any given situation.

Were we to avoid all areas where there is political convulsion, we would have to bring home most of our missionaries.

Our commission is very clear—occupy until He comes. None of us would suggest that missionary work abroad is going to get easier or safer. But we are assured that if we engage in the eternal business of church planting, our efforts will be accompanied by the presence of our Lord Himself.



Groundbreaking for new training school marks important step in Far East missions.

SOMETHING TOOK PLACE RECENTLY that marked a milestone in the history of missions for the Assemblies of God in the Far East. Adjoining the campus of Bethel Bible Institute in Manila, Philippines, the sod was turned for erection of the first permanent building of the *Far East Advanced School of Theology*.

FEAST, as it is known, began this year as the *first* postgraduate school established by the Assemblies on a mission field. The need for such a school has long been felt by both missionaries and national leaders. In the Far East alone we have 18 Bible schools, most of them offering three years of training for pastors, evangelists, and workers to meet the demands of the fast-growing national churches. In the Philippines, more than 500

graduates from such schools are now in ministry.

We realize that before long some of the more able and experienced workers will be called on to assume larger responsibilities. There is a great need for leaders to establish vernacular Bible schools and to develop such special activities as gospel literature and radio. Suitable advanced training must be offered to prepare men for administration in these areas. This is the function of FEAST.

The student potential for such a training program is here. FEAST looks forward to seeing workers from a dozen or more countries in the Far East find in these two years additional advanced training that will fit them for key positions in Pentecostal ministry. The present student body is

BY R. STANLEY BERG

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Investing for Souls

FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS ARE MADE in the light of potential returns, and spiritual investments should be made the same way. The wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit is God's investment in the Body of Christ, made possible through the contract sealed with Jesus' blood.

In the parable of the ten pounds (Luke 19), Jesus instructed His dis-

ciples in the fundamentals of spiritual investments. They were made responsible to invest the spiritual riches given them, and to watch for opportunity to increase the returns.

The truly Pentecostal church invests money, prayer, and even members in the task of spreading the gospel. As in the Early Church, each believer today is responsible to witness at home

Their Motto:

"ZEAL with WISDOM"

By **Derrick Hillary**, Missionary to the Philippines

made up of pastors or teachers of excellent spiritual and academic qualifications. Able to choose from more than 80 universities and colleges, they have elected instead to come to FEAST and share its humble beginnings because they prize their Pentecostal heritage. They are most enthusiastic in appreciation of the training they are now receiving. One of the students who pastors a fine assembly declares that by putting into practice things he has been learning in FEAST, he has had real increase in numbers and interest in his weekly Bible studies, and real growth in Sunday school also.

Students and staff of Bethel Bible Institute gathered to witness the groundbreaking. Harold Kohly, president of FEAST, and I, who will serve as dean, brought messages. Kenneth

and abroad, as far as he can go. Then from the point of his extremity he is expected to send another.

Missions conventions at Glad Tidings Tabernacle are times when blessings are evaluated in the light of willingness to respond to the Master's parting orders to "Occupy [or *trade*] till I come." We are thrilled as new challenges are presented at each convention. A satisfaction that we have pleased our Lord is worth more than banners, awards, or other recognition. We count every convention a "shareholders meeting," a time of reckoning, an opportunity to evaluate our efforts as a church in the light of the Great Commission.

The pledge system of missionary support has been blessed of the Lord in our assembly for many years. On

McComber, chairman of the Field Fellowship, and Rudy Esperanza, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God in the Philippines, assisted in the sod turning.

The first wing of the new administration building is now rising. When completed the building will house FEAST students and offer classroom and office facilities. We are looking forward to the day when there will be sufficient funds donated to make this possible.

The school motto, "Zeal with Wisdom," indicates the ideal. Mere scholastic ability is not in itself the aim. The fire and zeal of Pentecost are essential, but wisdom and knowledge are necessary to direct the fire and zeal into a spiritual program of worthwhile ministry. The national congre-

gations in the Far East have a tremendous challenge before them. It is to be our joy to help fit the leadership of the future for these responsibilities.

Some thousands of dollars are yet needed to complete the administration building. Those wishing to invest in the training of these fine young men and women for key positions in the administration of the Pentecostal work in the Far East may send their offerings in care of the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, designated: "F.E.A.S.T., for building." ◀◀

the missionary Sunday of the convention we distribute pledge cards for the new year, asking each person to pledge as the Lord directs. Seldom do we mention missionary giving after the convention. Missionary offering envelopes are always in the racks so that pledges may be paid in the regular services. Once the motivation for giving has been established through the missions convention, it is normal for our people to want to give regularly. We believe every church would profit by establishing the missions convention as an annual event. The renewed challenge which comes as a result of the "shareholders meeting" brings greater investments for souls. This in turn means greater spiritual returns for the local church and on the mission field. ◀◀

Foundation is laid.



Administration building rises.

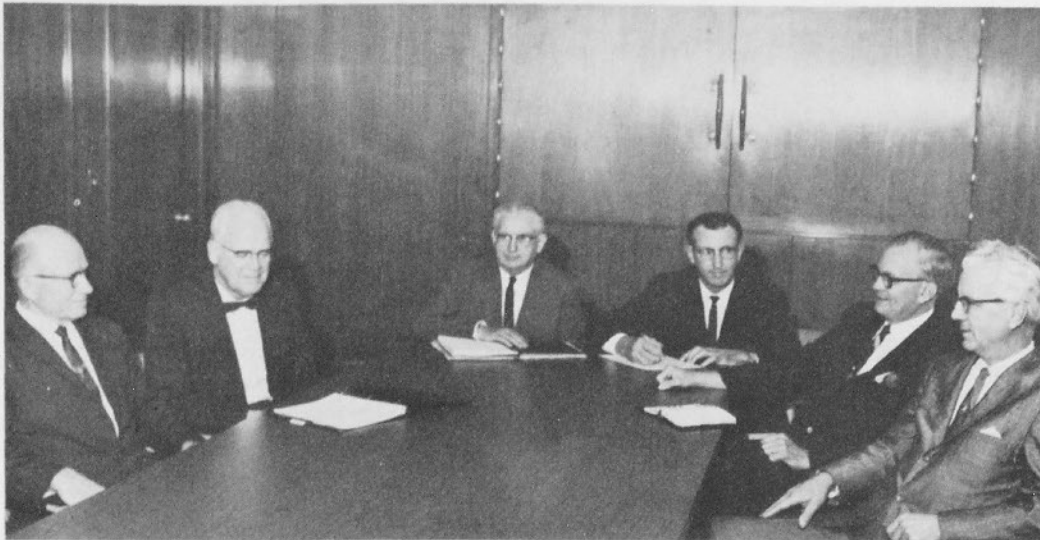


PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST (MATTHEW 9:38).



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The National Sites for Souls Committee, composed of (left to right) M. B. Netzel, C. W. H. Scott, Gayle F. Lewis, chairman, R. L. Brandt, T. F. Zimmerman and Bartlett Peterson, meets periodically to consider applications for "Sites for Souls" allocations.

15 through 24. By 1970 there will be nearly eight million more individuals in this age bracket than there are now. These will be young adults pressing onto the market for jobs, pushing up enrollment in colleges and universities, and adding to the number of marriages. New houses, new schools, new factories will go up for their benefit. How about churches?

The 10 largest states (California, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Texas, Michigan, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Florida) contain over one-half the total population of the U.S. The Assemblies of God has 3,198 churches in these states which is considerably less than half of its 8,409 churches in the nation. The reason for this imbalance is that these states contain large cities in which our churches are not numerous.

The 10 largest cities in the U.S. (New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Detroit, Baltimore, Houston, Cleveland, Washington, St. Louis) contain 10 per cent of the nation's people. The Assemblies of God has only 198 churches in these 10 cities which is far less than 10 per cent of its 8,409 churches.

Nearly one-half the U. S. population lives in that portion of the country which is east of a line drawn from Cleveland, Ohio, to Tampa, Florida. The Assemblies of God has about 1,400 churches in this area. This means that less than 18 per cent of its churches are ministering to nearly 50 per cent of the American people.

Assemblies of God churches are not distributed equitably on the basis of population. They are particularly scarce along the upper eastern seaboard. The changing population pattern will increase the imbalance more and more.

Church leaders see ripened harvest fields for missionary work right here in the U.S. One is the inner city where millions of "very poor, very rich, or slightly odd" people are being left without a clear gospel witness. Another is the fashionable suburbs where young families are raising millions of children. The increase in the number of very young, and the number of very old, constitutes two other mission fields.

In the past 60 minutes, the population has increased by 300 souls. How many of them will the church reach with the gospel of Christ?

POPULATION PUSH: OUR OPPORTUNITY!

BY. R. C. CUNNINGHAM

POPULATION EXPANSION IN THE U.S. IS greater than at any time in history. Church leaders are studying the statistical maps to find where the growth is greatest. They are asking, "Is church growth keeping pace with the changing residential patterns of American life?"

More American women are having children today than formerly. They are marrying at an earlier age and bearing children earlier. As a result the population is zooming at the rate of 7,200 new Americans per day.

The annual population increase is over 1.8 per cent. This is double the rate of increase 25 years ago. If the present rate of increase continues the nation's population will pass 200 million by 1968, and by 1970 there will be between 205 and 210 million Americans.

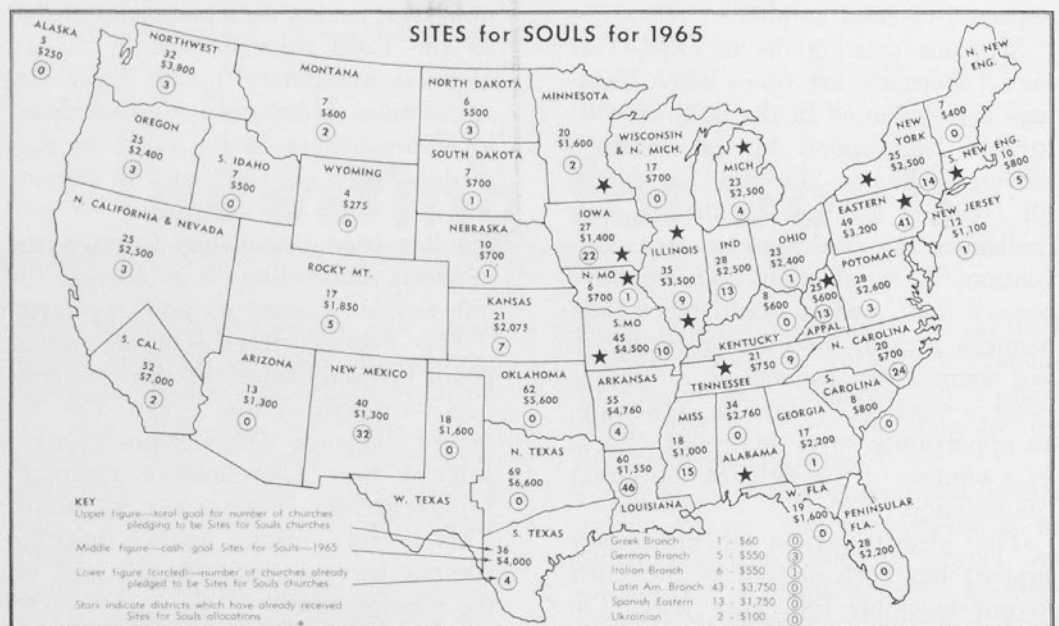
But while the population is skyrocketing in some parts of the country it is dwindling in others. The population shift is toward industrial areas. Rural population declines as country people, particularly young people, move to the cities. But the suburbs are having the greatest population explosion. Suburbs are expanding four times as fast as the population within the limits of the big cities.

Americans are increasingly a mobile people. While young people move from farms into towns and cities, many rural people are moving from one farm to another or from one village to another, while city dwellers also are moving from one neighborhood to another. The government says that each year 19 per cent of the urban people move to a different house, while the shift in rural population involves 15 to 22 per cent of the people each year.

The nature of the population of the cities is changing. As the editors of *Fortune* point out in their book, *The Exploding Metropolis*,

the city more and more is becoming "a place of extremes." The middle class has moved from the city to the suburbs "leaving the metropolis to the very poor, or the very rich, or the slightly odd." Ambitious young couples rarely make their homes in the city. "The once dominant white Protestant majority has long since dispersed, and among the Catholics and Jews who have been the heart of the city's middle class the younger people are leaving as fast as possible," the book says.

The population itself is tending to become somewhat younger. In this decade, the biggest increase is occurring in the age group of



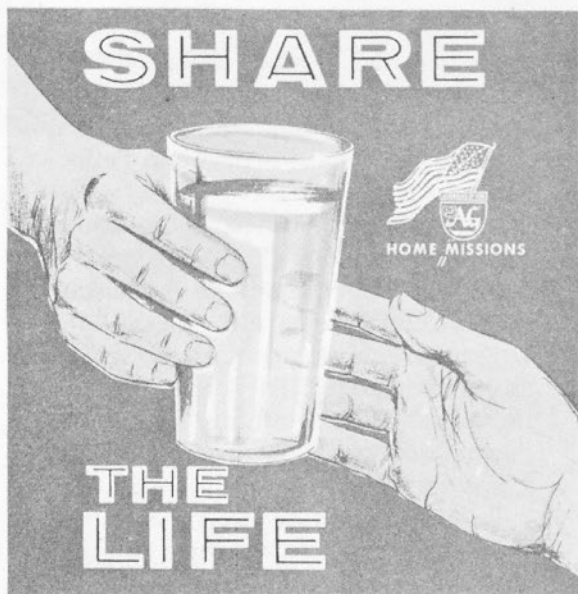
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'SHARE THE LIFE' CAMPAIGN



AS WE GIVE, WE GAIN 1965 H.M. RALLY GOALS SET

BY R. L. BRANDT

"SHARE THE LIFE" IS THE THEME FOR OUR 1965 HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS. THE great God-given burden of our movement for this hour is for a resurgence of spiritual life. Certainly Home Missions has a vital role to play in this connection, for spiritual life by its very nature must be shared or it will languish and die. But if it is shared it has its own way of reproducing itself in limitless fashion.

To implement the theme, five major objectives have been set for the 1965 rallies:

1. To spell out the relationship between spiritual life and Home Missions.
2. To stimulate a strong spiritual life emphasis in all Assemblies of God churches.
3. To marshal our forces in a concerted *Share the Life* thrust.
4. To obtain the cooperation of all in supporting *Sites for Souls*.
5. To inspire individuals, churches and sections to open new churches.

Each *Breakthrough* Rally will be built around these objectives, and it is anticipated that thousands of Assemblies of God constituents attending the rallies not only will find new spiritual life for themselves but also will discover ways and means whereby they can *share this life* with others who as yet do not have it.

SITES FOR SOULS SEEKS STRATEGIC CHURCH LOCATIONS

THE CHURCH THAT CANNOT BE FOUND WILL not be attended. Most churches can be found, but some much more easily than others.

Responsible people recognize the importance of well-located sites. But recognizing this does not solve the problems related to obtaining such sites. In fact, it may accentuate the problem for, the more strategic the site, the higher the cost.

Nevertheless, as a fellowship we are on the way toward solving the problem. We well know that no individual, no local church, no section, no district, nor even the National Home Missions Department in itself can provide the means necessary to meet this challenging need. But we also know that by all of these working together in behalf of the *Sites for Souls* program we can get this task accomplished.

The victories of the past hint at the possibilities of the future. Already a total of nearly \$100,000 has been allocated for excellent sites across the country, and several attractive new churches have been completed or are in the process of being completed on those sites.

At one time during 1964 we had on hand applications for *Sites for Souls* allocations totaling over \$60,000. There is no question about the need. And the potential for supplying this is tremendous. Only \$1 per Assemblies of God member per year would yield over half a million dollars annually.

Our concern is that every member and friend and every church will support *Sites for Souls* in 1965. The response will determine whether or not the pioneer church will be located where it can be found.

THE SKOKIE CHURCH

(Cover Story)

A CHURCH WHICH BEGAN APPROXIMATELY two years ago with only three couples, now averages 50 in attendance and meets in a beautiful, newly erected building. It is located at 9779 Gross Point Road in Skokie, Illinois.

The congregation was able to purchase the land through the help of several churches and pastors of the Chicago area together with the Illinois District Council including its WMC and C. A. departments. The National Home Missions Department also helped, through *Sites for Souls*. Personal loans from members and friends enabled the congregation to make full payment for the building site.

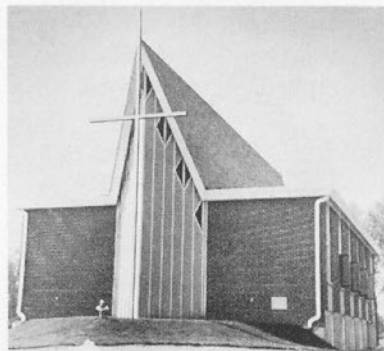
The nucleus congregation met for the first time on November 4, 1962, at the Lincolnwood Grade School in Evanston, Illinois. Nine months later to the day it broke ground, and by June 7, 1964, was able to move into the new building. The property including land,

church, and furnishings is appraised at \$120,000.

The church was dedicated on September 6, 1964. Robert L. Brandt, national Home Missions secretary, was dedicatory speaker, and E. M. Clark, Illinois District superintendent, was evening speaker. A capacity crowd of 300 attended the dedication.

Sam De Vries of Elmhurst, Ill., was the general contractor. Architect Robert C. Swanson's plans make structural elements a part of both interior and exterior design. Recurring architectural motifs of triangle and diamond shapes distinguish the new edifice.

Wallace Pearson is pastor and Anthony Dyba is associate pastor. Located near Northwestern University, the new Assembly offers a church home to many Assemblies of God students.



E. M. Clark, the evening speaker on dedication day, is seen in the pulpit at the new Skokie, Illinois, Assembly. A capacity crowd of 300 was present.



The Power of Working Together

BY D. V. HURST

Coordinator of Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission

MANY TRIBUTARIES MAKE A BIG RIVER! The efforts of many converging together are multiplied in power and potential. It is this principle that is finding new force in the Assemblies of God today. It is the Biblical principle—"workers together" and with God.

We believe the coordinated efforts of all departments of the church can provide great impetus for reaching the lost, starting and building many new churches. This applies especially to related departments providing services and helps to the local church.

The Assemblies of God now has strong departmental concepts—Christ's Ambassadors, Men's Fellowship, Women's Missionary Council, Sunday School, Home Missions, Radio, Publications, and others. Each of these departments has engaged in a concerted effort to build strength into itself, and to broaden its offering of services to the local churches and districts to the fullest potential. Each has come to a maturity heretofore not known in our fellowship.

Now it is time for the strength of each to flow together as never before in a great forward-looking evangelistic and church extension drive. This is already taking place and the Holy Spirit is leading directly in this "coming together."

The potential is great—both in manpower and finance. Just think:

The men of the fellowship in personal soul-winning invasions can "tar-

get in" on a *Breakthrough* area and establish a beachhead. The men of an entire section can do this—not just once but again and again. Pilot projects in this are now going on. Know-how is being gathered. A refinement of purposes, approach, and materials is taking place.

The youth of the fellowship—including our Bible colleges—are even now leading out in a similar thrust. At select seasons of the year they have demonstrated their willingness to respond to a "battle commitment"—type of challenge. Their aim—complete literature saturations of entire towns and cities. What a foundation for *Breakthrough* churches!

The ladies of the fellowship can also take part. Besides the traditional helps they have given, they can become involved in direct evangelism thrusts both in transporting, housing and feeding participating young people, and in engaging in evangelism themselves.

The volunteers—men, women (especially businesswomen), and young people—can be enlisted to assist on either a short-term or permanent basis in *Breakthrough* projects. This volunteer concept offers a resource of almost inestimable proportions. It can and must be developed!

The Sunday schools of the fellowship have long felt the burden of branch schools. Much impetus for new churches has come from this area. And there are still additional resources here ready to be tapped in this forward move.

The Radio Department reaches out in "an invasion." The possibilities here are far greater than have been realized. The advance release of *Revivaltime* in a target area is an excellent approach.

The Home Missions Department with its force of district and sectional

leaders is seeking to challenge our fellowship and to guide us in the most effective establishment of new churches. With its *Sites for Souls* drive it has opened a new and "effectual" door.

Our publications department stands ready to provide the literature needed, carefully designed and at the lowest possible cost. We have the means—the writers, the layout people, the artists and the presses. The right kind of literature for "saturation" or "sow down" drives can be made available. Plans are under way for a thrust that will secure funds to design and provide this type of literature without cost to key areas that cannot pay for it. Known as *Evangelism Literature for America—E.L.A.*—it offers great promise.

And there are other possibilities. A fellowship dedicated to reaching people with the gospel will find them and develop them!

Where there is vision there will be necessary finance! People involved personally will see the need and respond to it as well as challenge others to respond. God has given great resources of man power, heart power, spirit power and finance power to our fellowship. They can and must be challenged and channeled to their greatest potential now. The power of the entire church "working together" must be tapped. ◀◀

WHAT PLACE HAVE I GIVEN GOD?

As my crowded years sweep on apace,
Am I giving to God the second place?
Hurrying to work, do I fail to pray,
And seek His guidance at dawn of day?
Have worldly companions made more dim
My sense of His presence, my love for Him?
Have I let my cares and worries increase,
Till they crowd from my life His blessed
peace?
Pardon me, Father of infinite grace,
If I have given Thee second place.

—Selected

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

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HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
1445 Boonville Avenue
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The new El Salvador congregation is shown inside the rented chapel in San Antonio, Tex. The H. C. Balls appear at the extreme left standing with Sunday school teachers and church officials.



MORE THAN MONEY

BY R. L. BRANDT
National Secretary of Home Missions

MONEY IS NOT THE SECRET TO SUCCESS in missions. The real secret is in the hearts of God's children. This is exactly what Jesus meant when He said, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me [not money] ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

De Vern Fromke has related a story from George W. Truett's experience which illustrates my point. Dr. Truett was raising money for a church building. The amount needed was \$6,500. After what he calls the slowest and most reluctant, most Christ-shaming effort to raise money he ever witnessed, they stopped at \$3,000.

After a long pause, Dr. Truett said, "What do you expect of me? I am your guest. I do not happen to have the other \$3,500." Then there arose a little woman back in the audience, plainly clad. "There was a surprising pathos in her voice," says Dr. Truett, "as she looked past me to the young man at the desk who was taking the names—her husband—and said: 'Charley, I have wondered if you would be willing for us to give our little cottage, just out of debt. We were offered \$3,500 in cash for it yesterday. When we remember, Charley, that Christ gave His life for us, I wonder if we ought not to give this little house to Him.'

"The fine fellow responded in the same spirit with a sob in his voice, saying: 'Jennie, dear, I was thinking of the same thing!' Then looking up at me with his face covered with tears, he said, 'We'll give \$3,500!'

"There followed a scene begging all description. Silence reigned for a minute, and then men sobbed aloud.

"Gentle women and men standing around the walls, who a dozen minutes before had shut their lips with scorn and contempt for a church halting and defeated, sobbed aloud, and almost in a moment provided the \$3,500."

Home Missions requires more than money. It requires vital, individual relationship to Christ. ◀◀

Former Foreign Missionaries Pioneer in San Antonio

BY H. C. BALL

UPON BEING RETIRED FROM ACTIVE service after almost 50 years in the ministry, Mrs. Ball and I felt sure the Lord still had a task for us to do for Him. We felt definitely led of the Lord to go to San Antonio, Tex., and felt we would be shown there just what we were to do.

After a residence of over a year in the city, helping in the different Spanish churches and missions, we were impressed to consider a section of the city where several previous attempts to establish a mission had resulted in failure. The people in this section were given to drink, dope and sensualism to a terrific degree.

After months of house-to-house visitation we found a small three-room house for rent and began services in it. Twice Mrs. Ball and I were the only ones in attendance; but for the rest of the time the group continued to grow until attendance has reached 36. This is about as far as we can grow in our rented quarters.

This little congregation started a building fund almost two years ago. In spite of their extreme poverty, it has grown in what seems to us a miraculous way. Yet, we barely have enough to purchase the land, much less to build.

The Home Missions Department has kindly granted missionary credit to anyone desiring to help us build a chapel. We surely do appreciate this consideration. This church will likely be our final effort for the Lord before we are promoted into His presence.

Offerings should be sent to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802 and clearly marked: *For El Salvador Church Building Fund, San Antonio, Texas.*



Beginner boys and girls use a table made from the footboard of a bed for their Sunday school classwork.



Mrs. Ruthanne Garlock, promotions supervisor for the National Sunday School Department, discusses the BGMC trophies with Mrs. Rhoda Hartman, BGMC director at Stone Church.



CATHY: We have missionaries so we can learn about Jesus...all of us.



JEFFREY: Jesus loves other boys and girls the same as He loves us.

BOYS & GIRLS FOR

PARTICIPANTS IN THE BOYS AND Girls Missionary Crusade at Stone Church in Chicago, Illinois, are enthusiastic about the opportunities provided by this unique program. Pastor Ernest C. Sumrall feels that BGMC should be a part of every church's missions program, and that BGMC Day should be a red-letter day on every church calendar.

The BGMC program provides a visible means of making missions a part of daily living. The little wooden barrels in which the children collect their offerings throughout the month are constant reminders of their responsibility to missions.

Once a month on BGMC Sunday they give their offerings in Sunday school and have an opportunity to

learn about missionaries and their needs. At an early age they become conscious of the wide scope of the ministry of the church.

To discover just how the BGMC program influences the lives of boys and girls who participate in it, the National Sunday School Department sent a staff member to Stone Church to interview some of these children. Those chosen for the interview were Kathy Dangle and Jeffrey Dykstra, both five-year-olds; two eight-year-olds, Colleen Roe and Steve Ephraim; and Cheryl Hartman and Earl Wetter, both ten-year-olds.

The fact that BGMC provides an excellent means of missions education was evident in the interview. All of the children had an understanding of

what a missionary is and why we have them. More than half the boys and girls expressed a desire to become missionaries when they grow up.

The primary and junior children stated that they receive a regular allowance, part of which is given to BGMC. When asked what the funds are used for a typical reply was, "They buy literature and give it to the children."

When asked about other ways we can help missionaries, Colleen replied, "Well, if you had an old doll or some toy you could send it to the foreign field. You could send a boy's toy for a little boy or a girl's toy for a little girl and they would be very happy."

Both the juniors mentioned that we should pray for missionaries. Earl

Shown with the BGMC trophies won by Stone Church in 1959 and 1962 are Anthony Polino, superintendent of the Junior Department; Mrs. Alice Krisan, superintendent of the Primary Department; Mrs. Rhoda Hartman and Pastor Ernest C. Sumrall.

Kathy and Jeffrey listen intently as Cheryl tells how she and Earl save money from their allowance to put in their BGMC barrels.





COLLEEN: I want to be a missionary because I would like to preach to others.



STEVE: The boys and girls where missionaries go have a different color of skin.

MISSIONS

stated that he prays for missionaries "at night, when I go to bed."

Learning about other countries is also an important part of the BGMC program. Most of the children told of countries they had heard stories about in Sunday school. Earl said of the people in South Africa, where he would like to go as a missionary, "The people are poor over there and there aren't as many jobs."

Cheryl, who prefers to go to Europe as a missionary, reported, "in the jungles it's sort of dangerous because of all the snakes and wild animals. . . . If I went in the jungle I'd rather go in a car with windows in it, so nothing could get in."

The children agreed that being a missionary could sometimes be dan-

CHERYL: Our BGMC money helps to buy literature and tracts.



gerous, but that by becoming a missionary you "would learn about people and the Lord would bless you for it." They felt it would "be hard to go to a country where the people don't speak English, but it would be fun to learn to know a different language."

Regular giving has become an important part of these children's lives. They keep their BGMC barrels in a conspicuous place and put money in them each week.

For the yearly BGMC emphasis (the first Sunday of each February) they ask their parents to help by giving a special offering in the morning service. Thus the parents are made aware of this important arm of missions which makes it possible for missionaries all over the world to receive funds for the translating and printing of gospel literature. ◀◀

EARL: A mission field is where missionaries go and preach to natives.



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BGMC DAY
FEBRUARY 7



JUST CAMPING OVERNIGHT

The soldiers were driving in their tent stakes after a long day's march. The hammering was broken by the penetration of an officer's voice, "Don't drive your stakes too deep, we're moving on in the morning!"

Too many of us are inclined to drive our stakes deeply in the things which pertain to sense and time. Remember, we're moving on in the morning!

—Selected

OUR NEED IS OUR CLAIM

A ragged boy approached the Barnardo Orphan Home in London, England, and asked admission. "But, my boy," said Dr. Barnardo, "I do not know you. Who are you? What do you have to recommend you?"

The lad pointed to his ragged clothes and replied: "Sir, I thought these would be all I needed to 'recommend' me." It was all Dr. Barnardo needed. He quickly put his arms about the lad and took him inside.

It is also true of the sinner: his need is his greatest claim on the Saviour. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6) and "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

—Nigerian Evangel

TAKE TIME FOR GREASING

In western Kansas the harvest season is the high point of the year. Towns are nearly deserted for the ingathering of the wheat. Out in the hot fields the huge combines move back and forth in the business of reaping.

But this pressure is never so great that the harvester forgets to lubricate the combine. From three to five times a day everything stops while the crew gets out the grease guns. If one greasing of the combine is neglected there will be trouble. Bearings burn out, chains snap, and repair bills mount. No time is really lost in the busy harvest by taking time for these jobs.

The Lord has likened His followers to workers in the harvest. A parallel lies in the necessity for regular prayer, worship, and Bible reading right in the midst of the spiritual harvest. To miss is to risk breakdown and loss. Such time out is never wasted.

—Messenger of Peace

PRAISE IS UNSELFISH

Praise is our highest exercise. In prayer, we often approach God for more or less selfish reasons; in praise, we adore Him for what He is in Himself.

However tired or weary you may be, see to it that the morning hour of devotion begins with the keynote of thanksgiving and adoration. It is marvellous how this quickens the pulse of the soul and reacts upon every moment that follows.

—Selected

PRAYER IS COMMUNION

One of the most common mistakes about prayer is that we think of it as a telegram, or a long-distance telephone call, or a letter by mail, as if He with whom we would communicate is far away.

Prayer is none of these things. We need only to open a door, and we are in His presence. Prayer is more than an outpouring of words. It is communion with God.

—MICHAEL HORBAN

WE NEED HIM EVERY HOUR

A letter I received on church notepaper bore the caption, "Christ is the solution for every crisis!" This is true—but what if there is no crisis? Is Christ then unnecessary?

Is there not an element of danger in advocating religion as a problem-solver? When Jesus called himself the Bread of Life, did He not offer Himself to all men, problem or no problem, as the very condition of their manhood?

—PETER PARSON

GIVING IS LIVING

Some Christians want to escape the unceasing cry of "Give! Give!" But is giving not the very purpose of our existence?

The clouds give rain. What else are they for? The flowers give scent. The cows give milk, and the bees honey. The sun gives light and heat as the very reason for its existence.

The Church has been purchased by Christ, and established in the world, for the purpose of giving—of showing forth God's glory, and imparting to the dead world the blessings it has received. He who ceases to give ceases to live!

—Selected

SKILL RECOGNIZED

In a sudden burst of independence, a small boy asked to be allowed to make his own toast one morning. It came from the toaster as golden brown as if his mother had put it in. It was easy!

"Now for the butter," he said confidently. But the knife in his hand was awkward and unwieldy, and the butter was harder to manage than he had thought.

"Here, Mother, you butter the other slice," he said. As she deftly spread the butter over the bread he looked on with admiration. "It looks so easy when you do it," he said, recognizing skill in his mother's hands for the first time.

Even God's children get the "let-me-do-it-myself" urge, and in His infinite wisdom He lets us begin. But somewhere along the line things go wrong. As He comes in love to show us His way, we recognize, perhaps for the first time, the skillful work of our God in areas of life where we had taken His help for granted before.

There is no area of life in which His love cannot enrich us, and His skill increase our usefulness.

—ELVA J. HOOVER

GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES

By JOHN W. EVERETT

Pastor, Assemblies of God Church, Worthington, Minnesota

THE ULTIMATE PROOF OF CHRISTIAN FAITH IS NOT THAT it produces miracles, but that it gives meaning to life!

Life presents problems that reason cannot solve, problems that can only be faced successfully by applying the principle of faith. In Romans 8, Paul pictures the writhing of a sin-cursed creation that "groans and travails in pain together until now." But above the groans of creation and men, the ear of faith catches the sound of harmony: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

This great promise of good from "all things" is not a blanket coverage for everyone without conditions. It is to "them that love God . . . to them who are the called according to his purpose." Without God, the puzzle of life simply will not fit together. And God working *generally* in the world is quite a different thing from His working *specifically* in your life. God's great plan for the ages will eventually be consummated, but only a personal faith in God will fit your life into that plan.

Most people can see good in the pleasant things of life—health, prosperity, happiness. But the faith of the man who believes that only these obvious blessings are for his good has a weak foundation. When the pleasant things elude him and the trials come, his world crashes around him.

By contrast, the born-again Christian has access to a faith that *all* circumstances and *all* experiences can contribute to his ultimate good. Grasping the truth "that all things work together for good to them that love God," he is patient in trial. His life is not a continual question mark; it has a design and purpose. Adversity does not conquer him; it is only a stepping stone to a deeper spiritual experience.

Paul's life exemplifies this great premise of faith, for he wrote it after multiple beatings, stonings, shipwrecks, and imprisonments. It was a testimony of personal faith in God's wisdom and love for His children.

In God's economy there is a purpose to all things, and the end result of all our experiences is the accomplishment of "His purpose." Each new discovery in the universe emphasizes this. Not one law has yet been discovered that is unrelated to the rest. There is no chance in creation. All things harmonize to carry out the purposes of God.

All of God's purposes are for our ultimate good, and they are creative, not destructive. It may take years, perhaps a lifetime, to understand why certain things are allowed to come into our lives. The life of Joseph is a classic example. He was sold into slavery by his

jealous brothers, falsely accused by his master's wife, forgotten by the pardoned butler whom he had befriended, and left to languish in prison for years. Yet, many years later, when "all things" worked together to bring him from prison to palace, Joseph could say to his brethren, "As for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Genesis 50:20).

We may never know in this life the purpose of certain trials. Only eternity will reveal the reason for some of them. But faith is forever optimistic: It is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). The promise of God stands sure!

Child of God, if you will embrace the promise of Romans 8:28 it will simplify your life. It will bring fulfillment in the place of frustration. It will bring trust instead of worry, and it will brighten all the future. You can walk the perilous road of life with confidence that the God who loves you makes no mistakes. ◀◀◀



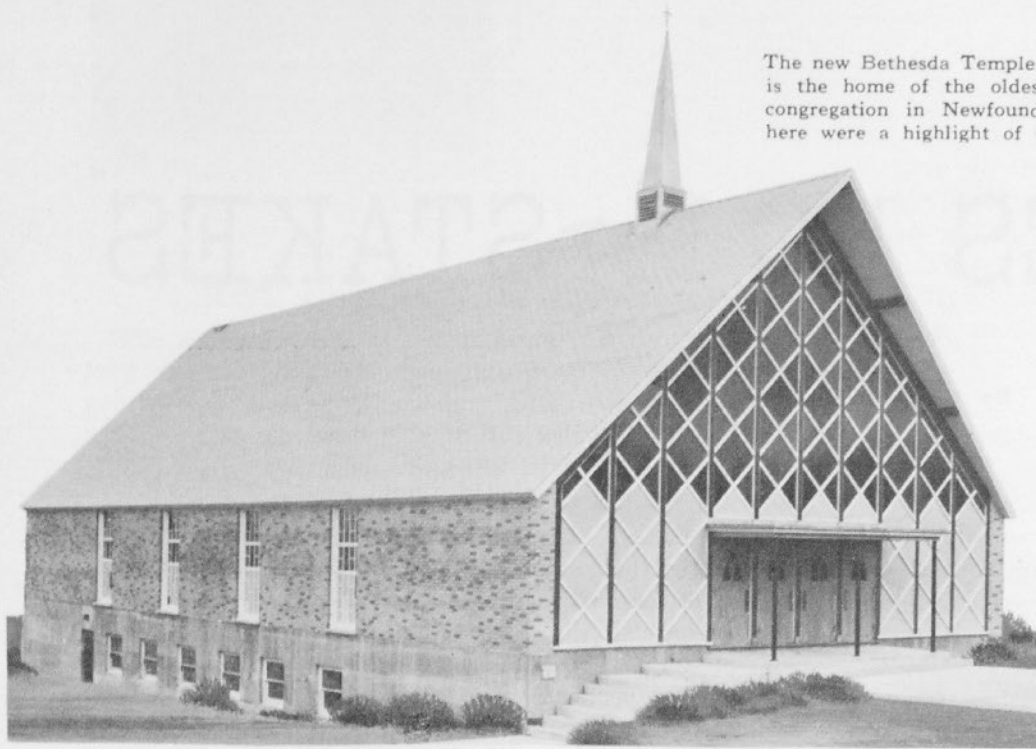
"Our Father's Hand"

In a factory building there are wheels and gearings,
There are cranks and pulleys, beltings tight or slack—
Some are whirling swiftly, some are turning slowly,
Some are thrusting forward, some are pulling back;
Some are smooth and silent, some are rough and noisy,
Pounding, rattling, clanking, moving with a jerk;

In a wild confusion in a seeming chaos,
Lifting, pushing, driving—but they do their work.
From the mightiest lever to the tiniest pinion,
All things move together for the purpose planned;
And behind the working is a mind controlling,
And a force directing, and a guiding hand.

So all things are working for the Lord's beloved;
Some things might be hurtful if alone they stood;
Some might seem to hinder; some might draw us backward;
But they work together, and they work for good,
All the thwarted longings, all the stern denials,
All the contradictions, hard to understand.
And the force that holds them, speeds them, and retards them,
Stops and starts and guides them, is our Father's hand.

—Annie Johnson Flint



The new Bethesda Temple in St. John's is the home of the oldest Pentecostal congregation in Newfoundland. Rallies here were a highlight of the tour.



BY STAN MICHAEL
Revivaltime Field Representative

REVIVALTIME REPRESENTATIVE TOURS

*"We'll crown Him, crown Him
Lord of all,*

*We'll crown Him, crown Him
Lord of all,*

*We'll crown Him, crown Him
Lord of all,*

*We'll crown our Saviour Lord
of all."*

THE WORDS OF THIS CHORUS, SUNG as only Spirit-filled Newfoundlanders can sing it, will ring in my heart for a long time. After singing the *Revivaltime* theme song, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name... and crown Him Lord of all," in the radio rallies they would continue singing over and over, "We'll crown Him Lord of all."

And how they *love* to sing! It would be difficult to find a group anywhere that can sing as lustily and meaningfully as they do in Newfoundland.

My eight-day tour of Newfoundland, November 8-15, 1964, was one of the most impressive *Revivaltime* tours I have had in my 10 years with the broadcast. On the invitation of Stanley Bursey, general superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland, and Roy King, secretary-treasurer and *Revivaltime* contact representative, I conducted nine *Re-*

vivaltime rallies and services on the island.

My first impressions upon arriving in the beautiful, picturesque city of Corner Brook on the west coast of Canada's newest province held true throughout the entire visit. The people are warmhearted and loving. They quickly found a way into my heart.

On my first Sunday in Newfoundland, I spoke at the morning service in Corner Brook East with Pastor R. W. Langdon, and at the evening service in Corner Brook West with Pastor Wallace Belbin. On Tuesday-through-Saturday nights area rallies were spaced in strategic areas across the island. Pastor Roy King accompanied me on the rally tour. Rallies were conducted in Deer Lake with Pastor A. C. Snow; in Springdale with Pastor C. F. Rowsell; in Botwood with Pastor F. G. Bursey; in Lewisporte with Pastor A. W. Rowe; and in St. John's with Pastor G. B. Harnum at Bethesda Temple.

In spite of cold weather the churches were packed. Crowds of 300 to 500 attended each night. At a highlight service held in the Central Pentecostal high school auditorium in Lewisporte every available space was taken and an estimated 750 persons could not get in. The local high school

choir and an area church orchestra participated in this rally. Some 20 churches were represented.

On our final Sunday morning, I preached at St. John's (Elim Tabernacle) with Pastor G. E. Noble. In the evening I was privileged to participate in the final service of a week-long prayer convention, an annual event of the Eastern District of Newfoundland. The services were held at Bethesda Temple with Pastor G. B. Harnum.

On the previous Sunday, Pastor Harnum and his lovely congregation had dedicated a beautiful new church auditorium which will accommodate 550. Bethesda Temple, founded in 1911, is the oldest Pentecostal church in Newfoundland.

The entire dedication service was aired by a local radio station. (The broadcast was heard on a ship off the northern coast of Labrador. When they got to St. John's harbor a few days later both captain and crew attended a service of the prayer convention.) Also present were 14 district pastors and their wives. The church was filled and many local visitors were there. This service was a wonderful climax to our visit to Newfoundland. God moved in a special way. Pastor

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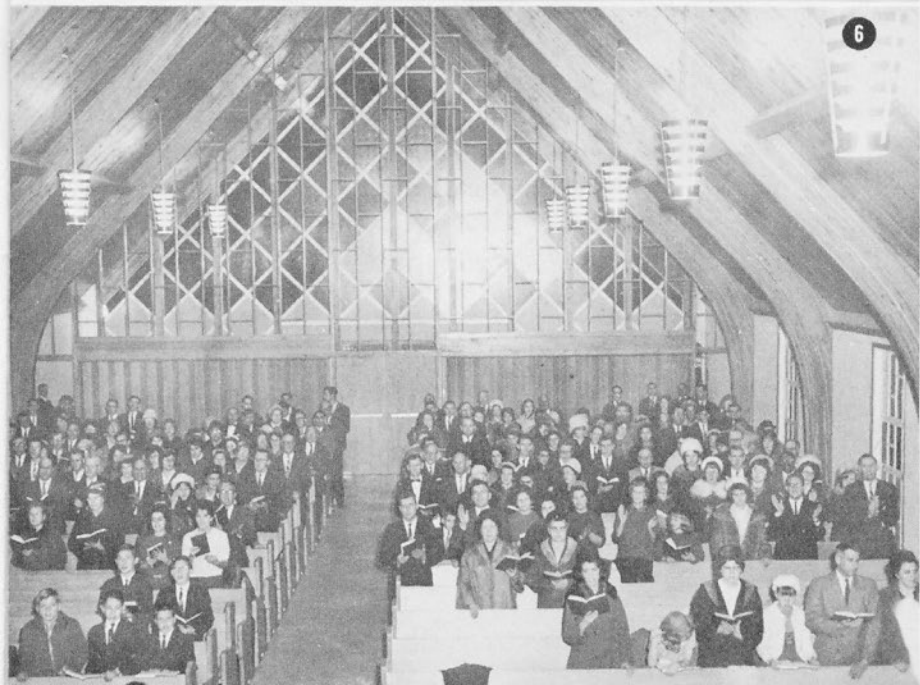
(1) Stan Michael presented evangelistic opportunities *Revivaltime* would give Newfoundland, in an eight-day tour of the island. (2) *Revivaltime* rally converged with a district prayer convention in progress at St. John's. Brother Michael and Roy King (behind pulpit), secretary-treasurer for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and *Revivaltime* contact representative there, were welcomed by pastors and wives. (3) The anointed singing of Newfoundland congregations was impressive. (4) Pastors and wives of 20 Pentecostal Assemblies in the Central District attended the rally at Lewisporte, Newfoundland. (5) A capacity crowd filled the Central Pentecostal high school auditorium for the Lewisporte rally. (6) The congregation at Bethesda Temple at St. John's was wholehearted in its response. G. B. Harnum (7) is pastor of this newly dedicated church. (8) F. G. Bursey (left), presbyter of the Central District and pastor of the Botwood Assembly, welcomed Stan Michael and Roy King to the Lewisporte rally.



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Harnum reports that during a two-week series of revival services following the convention 15 were saved.

The response of Newfoundlanders to the *Revivaltime* story was most heartening. The *Revivaltime* broadcast has been an effective evangelistic tool in the island. Since June 5, 1960, when the broadcast was first released, God has blessed its ministry there in an unusual fashion. Our number of releases has increased to four; and with the Corner Brook station adding an additional signal tower the broadcast is literally covering all of Newfoundland and most of Labrador. The response is shown in the fact that 486 listeners in Newfoundland have written to *Revivaltime* in the first ten months of 1964 for the first time.

We believe that as Newfoundland churches continue to air *Revivaltime* it will help them not only to reach new communities but also to evangelize the island's half-million population and strengthen the individual churches.

In 1935, only 1.3 per cent of the Newfoundland population were members of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland. Today it is approximately five per cent. The denomination's use of radio along with a strong educational system is responsible for a great deal of this growth. Day schools operated by churches are subsidized by the Newfoundland Government. The Pentecostal Assemblies now operate 53 elementary schools with 4,165 students enrolled.

In the hundreds of villages and communities dotting the coastline of the island, radio has become the major contact with the outside world and thus a most valuable tool of evangelism. *Revivaltime* is reaching a vast and valuable audience both here and in the 134 cities.

It is imperative that we maintain our present number of stations. The Newfoundland churches have been contributing toward the support of these releases but these gifts need to be supplemented. Perhaps you would like to share in sending *Revivaltime* to these wonderful Newfoundland people. Their hearts are open now to the gospel. And while the opportunity of radio remains open there, many souls may be saved. We solicit your prayers and support. Send an offering for the *Revivaltime* releases in Newfoundland today to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801.



EVANGELISM IN THE HOME

By J. F. Culpepper

"FOR I KNOW HIM [ABRAHAM], THAT he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment" (Genesis 18:19).

In the dawn of creation God instituted the home. This sacred institution should be a place of peace and happiness, but often it is not. Homes are being broken every day, and many that continue are not pleasing to God. Why is this? The answer is simple. There is very little room or time in most homes for evangelism.

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Too many homes are so preoccupied with sports and pleasures that there is little or no room left to discuss with the family the importance of living daily by the Word of God. In many church homes there is no time for His Word, no time for family prayers. We are so busy pushing our children out into the societies of the world that give no place to home evangelism.

Many children choose the ways of the world because there is a lack of Christian influence in the home. There is no training given, no holy example

set. If we are to evangelize our homes we must surround the children with a Christian environment. Every word, look and act should be carefully weighed.


Many parents have courage enough to go out and work, to push their own rating up a notch to make friends and get ahead; but in the home they are too cowardly to get on their knees with their children and have family worship.

God said He knew Abraham—that he would command his children after him. How well does the Lord know you as a parent? Can He depend on you? God could trust Abraham to evangelize his household, not in tones of wrath, but by the power of a consistent and godly life. Many children have never heard their father and mother pray in the home, and yet the home is where living begins. It is the first and most influential school a child knows. The first three years of a child's life form his behavior pattern. That is why evangelism in the home is so needful. Let us realize now, before it is too late, that the winning of our children to Christ is the greatest work in the world.

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Evangelism in the home is a solemn duty.

God says: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk to them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6,7).



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Whether we want to accept it or not, we are responsible to our children. We may be able to push some things off on our neighbors, friends, the church, but we are responsible to evangelize our children. Some parents have compromised with worldliness until their children do not actually know what way is right. These parents cannot stand for their sons and daughters to be left out, so they push them out into a world of pleasure and sin; then they blame the church for their children being lost. Joshua realized that evangelism in the home was a

must. He said: "... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

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The future of our youth is at stake.

The youth of our day are facing a world crisis. Civilization is at the turning point; it must either get better or completely die. Youth are facing a world that is morally rotten, socially diseased, politically corrupt, and spiritually anaemic.

As parents we have weakened in morals and principles. We have fast become like other nations that fell. We

have sown the wind and we shall reap the whirlwind. If we are going to save our children and give them a bright future we must have an old-fashioned home revival.

Like home, like church. Today, if we want fire in our churches it must be kindled in our homes. The Gentile revival had its beginning in the home of Cornelius (Acts 10), and spread throughout the Gentile world. So let us begin evangelism in the home, and revival will spread throughout the churches.

—Elim Evangel

We Camped with the Christian Gypsies

BY EVELYN
M. FORD

WE MADE OUR HOME IN A QUIANT FRENCH VILLAGE while my husband was stationed with the U. S. Armed Forces in France. There we had a close-up view of groups of nomadic Gypsies whose homes were horse-drawn caravans. In groups of 10 or more they wandered from place to place, staying only a day or two at each location.

For a livelihood, the men wove baskets and the women and children peddled them with various other notions from house to house. Cleanliness seemed to be unimportant. Fighting and rowdiness, shameless begging and stealing, were characteristics of these transient people. Frequent encounters convinced us that any association with them was dangerous.

Little did we realize the strange experience that was just ahead for us.

An American evangelist was holding evangelistic services in the city of Lyons, and we planned to attend. Arriving late in the evening we were confronted with the news that the services we anticipated had concluded two days earlier, but that other services were continuing under the direction of "French Gypsy workers." There were 35 pastors in the group; all had taken Bible study courses and dedicated their lives to Christ.

Curiosity outweighed apprehension so we drove to the large field outside the city of Lyons where the meetings were being held. After very cordial greetings we were welcomed to stay for the remaining meetings and also share camp with the Christian Gypsies!

What a strange and unusual procession we must have presented as we drove to their camping site. Our American station wagon was the only car in the line of horse-drawn caravans. I was not without misgivings. Had the Lord really changed their lives? Was it possible that Christ could remove the inborn nature of stealing and rowdiness? Should we have declined the invitation and camped by ourselves? Was it a good thing to be seen mingling with people so frowned upon by society? These were the questions that filled my mind as we drove along.

Evening shadows were beginning to veil the sky as

we reached a deserted field nestled among the trees with a pond nearby. Darkness had settled by the time we parked our car and prepared to settle for the night. After bidding good-night to the pastors and their families we climbed inside our station wagon, careful to lock doors and windows.

Although I felt very tired, several hours of apprehension passed before I dropped off to sleep. To these people all Americans were rich and shared the heritage of a land where poverty and hunger were unknown. What a temptation it would be, I thought, for them to rob us of our possessions and even harm us. But finally I dropped off to sleep.

When I awoke with suddenness some time later, I anticipated the worst. At the far end of the field I could see a bonfire. Gypsies were seated around it. Quietly I opened the car window. The sounds that met my ears were not sounds of violence or drunkenness. They were singing, in French, "There is wonderful power in the Blood." Though uneducated and shunned by society, they had indeed experienced the transforming power of the blood of Jesus Christ!

During the days that followed we had occasion to see how wondrously this salvation had accomplished what the laws of society had failed to do. Even their outward appearance was different. Their faces were scrubbed; their hair was combed; their clothes were washed and pressed.

In the evangelistic services the message of salvation was presented with the great anointing of the Holy Spirit. Prayer was offered for the sick and many received God's healing touch.

The Gypsies included us in a bond of unity known only by brothers and sisters in Christ. Nationalities were forgotten, social barriers set aside, and we were made deeply conscious of the blessings of God's great plan of redemption offered to all who will come to Him.

Our experiences of camping and worshiping with the Christian Gypsies of France was one of the most inspiring experiences of our lives. ◀◀◀

FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

Honduras

Half Year Successful

According to reports received from 38 of our 50 churches, 743 professed salvation in Honduras in the first half of 1964. An additional 351 have returned to the Lord, while 219 have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. In the same period, 43 were baptized in water and added to the respective membership rolls.

—Harold Mintle

Colombia

Interest Great

The thing that strikes me most in our first months in Colombia is the great need for workers. New people are coming in to our churches all the time, and there are opportunities to open new works, but we do not have enough seasoned workers. In fact a number of churches are without pastors.

One of our Bible school students is working in two towns about four hours' drive from Bogota. It is amazing to see how much interest these people have. There is a good nucleus of converts, and we feel that soon a church will be established. They are preparing a group for water baptism now. In three weeks they expect to take two busloads of Christians from Bogota to hold a big open-air service in their marketplace. This is something quite new for Colombia, and we are thrilled with the opportunity. The mayor of one of the towns warned us last Sunday that there may be a few fanatics who would cause trouble if we held an open-air service, but our workers calmly told him it made no difference.

We can see a tremendous desire on the part of many Chris-

tians here in Bogota to study more of God's Word and better prepare themselves to serve Him. We have just finished a night Bible school course in South Assembly covering three subjects. About 30 people finished the term. We are holding the same course in the North Church.

Many new converts here are so enthusiastic that it stirs our own hearts. They are anxious to study more and to work in the outstations. Pray that God will help us to help them.

—Floyd Woodworth

Bolivia

Trip Eventful

Recently our family made a 2,000-mile trip visiting 12 different churches in 10 days. My husband was conducting a superintendent's field analysis tour and in the afternoon at each church I held a WMC conference based on a translation of "Now Is the Hour" materials sent out from Springfield. Several of the services were held in Aymara Indian churches in the mountains. One night we had heavy snow on the ground.

Two services were held with Guarani groups in the jungle area near Santa Cruz. These people have recently migrated from Paraguay via Argentina to Bolivia and are accepting the Lord in whole family or community groups. They are open, bright, and cheerful about their faith and love of the Lord.

—Betty Grams

South India

Boys Consecrate Lives

Like the rains of the tropical monsoon, the Holy Spirit visited the boys in the Junnar Orphanage and Marathi Bible School. We had been praying for this visitation of



Prasad Pathak (left) tells Missionary Jim Anderson of his call to preach the gospel.

the Spirit so the boys would feel the responsibility of preaching the gospel and winning lost souls among their people.

It all began in one of our Sunday morning services. As I called for consecration, the entire congregation stood in dedication, with hands raised and tears streaming down their cheeks.

More than 25 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and some of these felt a definite call to preach the gospel. Among this number was a boy in the orphanage named Prasad Pathak. Prasad was brought to the orphanage when he was a small boy, having been picked up from the side of the road by a traveling tribesman. It has been a joy to watch him grow spiritually.

On the fourth day of the move of the Spirit, Prasad came to me with a burden on his heart for his people. Through tear-dimmed eyes he looked up and said, "Broth-

er Anderson, when I finish my schooling here may I enroll in the Bible school to learn the Word of God?"

We have a number of boys like Prasad who have consecrated their lives to the Lord. May God continue to call these boys to go forth and raise up a strong indigenous church in India.

—Jim Anderson

God Gives the Increase

When the first Assemblies of God missionaries landed in South India, the spiritual soil looked barren as they stood ready to sow the seeds of life. Through the years these missionaries have continued to plant the Word of God, and God has faithfully given the increase. Now in South India we have 12,335 believers, 146 churches, with a Sunday school enrollment of 9,209. We have 165 national workers carrying the burden with the missionaries. We have 4 Bible Training Institutes, in 4 different languages, from which a stream of young people come to join our forces. We have one large industrial school, 3 primary schools, and one orphanage.

One sows, another waters, but "God gives the increase."

—Lorell Anderson

School Expands

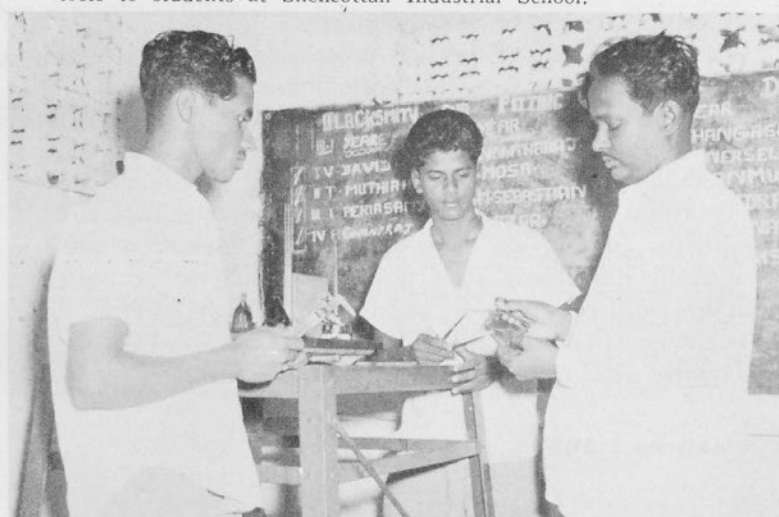
We have recently had to make extensive repairs in our industrial school as termites had done considerable damage. We have also been working on a large well and storage tank which we hope to start using in a few months.

Auto Mechanics has been added to the school curriculum. We are trying to bring our equipment up to government standards so we can continue to train students for life—and for God.

Guarani Indians attend open-air service in jungle area of Bolivia. Whole family or community groups are accepting the Lord.



Auto Mechanics Instructor Sundararaj (right) demonstrates precision tools to students at Shencottah Industrial School.



At present 85 are attending the school. We have done extensive evangelistic work throughout this state which covers an area of 50,000 square miles. The industrial school students also carry on 12 Sunday schools. —Doris Edwards

Argentina

Toldos Reached

Near Viamonte in the large Province of Buenos Aires is an Indian tribe whose ancestors were the "Toldos." For generations these people have remained aloof, not blending into 20th century life. Many of them are given up to vices.

Jose Moreno felt led of the Lord to visit these isolated Indians who were ignorant of the gospel. The Lord gave him a love for them, and consequently an entrance into their hearts. Almost immediately miracles took place, lives were transformed, and the "baddest Indian" of them all was converted. He was completely dominated by the forces of Satan and habitually consumed 10 quarts of wine a day (according to his own testimony). Christ set him free. Revival spread throughout the whole settlement. Over 100 have been baptized in water and many have received the infilling of the Spirit.

To consolidate the work, property was purchased on which to build a large brick church. The men themselves will make the brick and construct the building.

One of the converts has already felt the call of God to go further south, toward Patagonia, and carry the message to other groups of the same tribe.

—Louie Stokes

Samoa

Opposition a Blessing

Five Samoan national workers went into a village, Vailoa Palauli, on the island of Savai'i, to hold evangelistic meetings in an effort to establish a new church. They received much opposition from the formal local church whose pastor called them "false prophets." This only stirred up interest and on the last night of services, they reported that 450 gathered inside and out of the house in which they met. Among those saved was a chief who has offered land for the building of a church.

—Claude Rediger

Korea

Lepers Can Listen

We recently purchased two radios so that hospital patients and lepers could listen to our "Full Gospel Hour" broadcasts. The first of these has been placed in the Third Korean Army Hospital in Pusan. We have scheduled revival meetings in the large Pusan Leprosarium and at that time will look for an-



Benjamin LaFon family



Finis E. Bradshaw family



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones



Mr. and Mrs. David Peck



Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hagar



Walter Erola family



Donald R. Corbin family

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries who have recently returned to the United States are: **Joy Adams** (South Africa), Mr. and Mrs. **Russell Schirman** (British Honduras), the **Delmer Guynes** family (Malaysia), **Louise Davis** (Liberia) and the **Lawrence Larsons** (Fiji).

Leaving for their respective fields are the **Benjamin LaFons** (Honduras), Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Erola** (Philippines), Mr. and Mrs. **Vernon Hagar** (Liberia), Mr. and Mrs. **Harold Jones** (South Africa), and Mr. and

Mrs. **David Peck** (Upper Volta). The **Finis E. Bradshaws** have been appointed as missionaries to the Bahamas. They are leaving in the near future. **Donald R. Corbin** and his family (Senegal) are now in Switzerland where they will study French before going to their field.

Virginia Sasscer is transferring from Latin America to Belgium.

On October 22, 1964, a daughter, Katherine Rae, was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ray Trask**, Burma.

other responsible Christian leader to whom we may entrust the second transistor set.

—Louis P. Richards

Indonesia

School Combats Need

Java Central Bible Institute began in August of 1962 with nine students. The blessing of the Lord was very real to students and faculty alike during that first year.

Through the ministry of Brother and Sister Stanley McPherson, two students were filled with the Holy Spirit and all enjoyed times of refreshing from the Lord.

This past year the enrollment was augmented by 23 new students. Of these, 17 have now completed their first year's studies.

The need for trained national workers is very acute in Indonesia at this time. We thank God

for JCBI and the opportunity to train dedicated young people to carry on the work of God in this densely populated country.

At this time the school is being moved from Jogjakarta to larger grounds in Malang that will accommodate more students and also make room for our literature department. Pray that the Lord will supply our financial needs for this project.

—Foster Wood



Converts stand for Christ at the Third Korean Army Hospital in Pusan. Chaplain Yoo Chang Sik (right) is in charge of radio supplied for benefit of hospital patients.



Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



SMOKE RUN, PA.—The power of God was manifested at the Pilgrim Pentecostal Church here during a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew G. Basell of Lansing, Mich. There were 33 who came forward for salvation and a number were healed. One man was healed of kidney stones and another of arthritis.

—Gilbert G. Hollen, Pastor

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JETMORE, KANS.—Evangelist and Mrs. Royce L. Lowe of Greenwood, Ark., conducted an outstanding revival at the Assembly of God here. The young people went out before each service and brought other young people and helped pray them through to salvation and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were five saved, one reclaimed, three filled with the Holy Spirit and two refilled. Revival zeal is still with the young people. They

have set aside a night each week (in addition to their C. A. meeting) to pray and sing and help the new converts and others they bring. The zeal and prayer life of the C.A.'s is helping the progress of the church.

—A. V. Schneider, Pastor

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Southside Faith Tabernacle here enjoyed revival services in November under the prophetic ministry of Evangelist B. R. Minton of Tallahassee, Fla. Several were saved, a number reclaimed and some received the Holy Ghost or were refilled. There were over 1,450 contacts made by the church members inviting folk to the services. Crowds were exceptionally good night after night, including numbers from other denominations. Many were made aware of the nearness of the Second Coming and there is a renewed interest in personal evangelism.

—John W. Newby, Pastor

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NEW BRITAIN, CONN.—Seven received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, including some from other denominations, last August during a revival with Evangelist Gene Burgess at the First Assembly of God here. A number of first-time visitors attended the services. Backsliders were reclaimed and there were several testimonies of healing also. The church felt this revival was "old-time Pentecost" in operation.

—Duard Baldwin, Pastor

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ELMIRA HEIGHTS, N. Y.—The Glad Tidings Assembly of God recently concluded a good revival meeting with Evangelist William Caldwell of Tulsa, Okla. Many came to the altar seeking salvation. A large number were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit and numbers were healed. The people still rejoice over blessings they received during these meetings.

—Eddie Lowmaster, Pastor

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GRAND BAY, ALA.—God's presence was evident at the Assembly of God here during Michael and Peggy Lord's "God Save America" crusade. Attendance was good and there were many visitors. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Leon Mayfield, Pastor

CHAPEL CORNERS, N. Y.—Faith Chapel Assembly of God here is ready to go forward anew after a successful Bible Victory Crusade with Evangelist Bill Kyler of Addison, N. Y. This pioneer church needed this four-week campaign of intensive, prayer-filled evangelism. Souls were saved and many folk of the community were reached for the first time.

—L. C. Robic, Pastor

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DALLAS, TEX.—The ministry of the A. R. Vanderploegs ("The Musical Vanns") was deeply appreciated at the Oak Cliff Assembly of God here. Thirty-five sought the Lord for salvation. People caught a new vision of the lost and were inspired to do personal evangelism. Many new people came to the meetings. The Sunday school was greatly helped by the revival.

—H. C. Noah, Pastor

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BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Both young and old were reached by the ministry of Evangelist Wayne Pzyer at the Niles Assembly of God here. Many were saved and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was full nearly every night for four weeks. Many teen-agers came to the meetings out of curiosity when they saw so many young people attending, and a number found Christ through

this curiosity. The "Decision for Destiny" broadcast has expanded by getting on another radio station in this area.

—Johnnie Smith, Pastor

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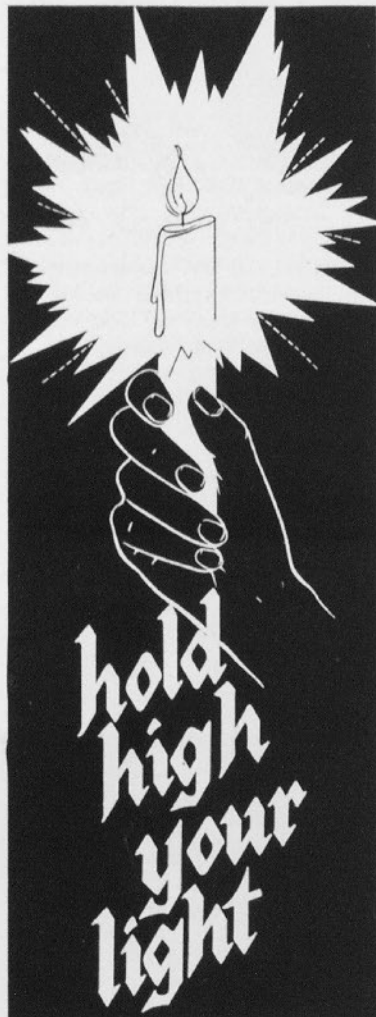
AMARILLO, TEX.—There were 31 saved or reclaimed and 13 filled with the Holy Spirit during a revival campaign with Evangelist Leslie C. Eldridge at the Fairview Assembly of God here. Some were delivered from the tobacco habit. The Sunday school attendance increased from 165 to 198 and the church reached a higher level of victorious living.

—A. L. Beggs, Pastor

GOVERNOR SAYS CHRIST HOLDS ANSWER TO YOUTH'S PROBLEMS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—"Unless we Americans begin to follow Christ and to love Him with every facet of our being, we can never meet the challenges of this age," Governor Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon states in an article in the latest issue of *Campus Ambassador*.

The feature entitled, "Living with Purpose," appears in the January-February issue of the bimonthly Assemblies of God magazine for college youth. The publication, edited by Russell Cox, is circulated in more than 40 states.



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NATIONAL WMC DAY
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PONTIAC, MICH.—Hundreds of visitors attended the First Assembly of God here during a recent revival with the Sunshine Party and Evangelist Bruce Thum. Many responded to the invitation to accept Christ. The old Sunday school record was broken with 1,011 present.—Arnold Q. Hashman, Pastor.

"In this day when all persons need peace in every area of life, the fact that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself still holds true," the governor asserts. "This is God's method of granting peace and allowing us to become ambassadors for Him."

Governor Hatfield supports his claims with personal experiences. While serving as dean of students at Willamette University in the early 1950's, he says, he realized his inadequacy to meet the problems of students with whom he counseled. Consequently he searched the Bible for the answers and realized God "could put life on a new level and make it continuously meaningful."

The Christian life is anything but a life of ease, the governor concludes. However, he emphasizes, "It is exciting, adventuresome, and worthwhile."

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**CHARLES M. BARNES
CITED AS PASTOR
OF THE YEAR**

ARLINGTON, TEX.—Pastor Charles M. Barnes of the Hillcrest Assembly of God in Arlington, Texas, was honored with the "Pastor of the Year" award in this city



C. M. Barnes

of many churches. He received the 1964 citation at the Thanksgiving meeting of the Kiwanis Club after being chosen for the honor by fellow members of the Arlington

Ministerial Association.

Because he has served here longer than any other local pastor, the 1964 "Pastor of the Year" is known as the city's "senior pastor" by his ministerial brethren.

Pastor Barnes' interest in civic affairs was observed in several local newspapers including the *Arlington Journal* on the occasion of the award. During his year as president of the local Ministerial Alliance he was instrumental in raising funds for establishing the Arlington Memorial Hospital.

The Hillcrest Assembly under Pastor Barnes' leadership has experienced a steady growth. During his ministry here he has also served the fellowship at sectional and district levels in areas of Sunday school and publicity.

We feel that this is not only a great honor to Brother Barnes but to the Assemblies of God as well.

—Fred R. Grass, Secretary
Hillcrest Assembly of God

TORRINGTON, WYO.

—Some 15 were saved, 12 filled with the Holy Spirit, and 12 baptized in water during a revival at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Lula Ware from Compton, Calif., and her co-worker, Bwana Pack.—Ernest R. Williams, Pastor.



**HIGHWAY TABERNACLE
MARKS ITS SEVENTIETH
ANNIVERSARY**

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Seventy years of Pentecostal ministry were commemorated at Highway Tabernacle here with special services November 15-22. The ministry of Edgar W. Bethany of Columbus, Ga., was wonderfully blessed of the Lord.

Founded in 1895, the church accepted the Pentecostal message in the very early years of the out-

pouring of the Holy Spirit. It is one of the oldest congregations in the Assemblies of God. Two of the former pastors were elected to serve the entire fellowship in the office of general superintendent; namely, E. S. Williams and the late Wesley Steelberg.

Frederick Reel was the founder and first pastor. Others were Flem Van Meter, Wallace Bragg, and the present pastor who has served the church for nine and a half years.

Friends are cordially invited to

visit this historic Assembly when in Philadelphia. The congregation has been worshipping in its new building at 18th and Spring Garden Streets since October, 1960.

—W. Howard Roberson, Pastor

WITH CHRIST

RUSSELL V. HAMER, 28, of Bellflower, Calif., was killed in a car accident November 28. Licensed by the Southern California District on March 10, 1964, Brother Hamer served as an evangelist. Surviving are his wife Gloria and three children.

FRANKLIN E. CONRAD, 87, of Sapulpa, Okla., went to be with the Lord November 17. During his 43 years of ministry, Brother Conrad served as a pastor and evangelist and was a presbyter 14 years. Ordained since 1921 and a member of the Oklahoma District, he pastored churches in Bixby, Fairfax, Barnsdall, Guthrie, Fairview, Wynoka, Collinsville, Pawhuska, Gracemont, Seymour, and Shawnee, Okla.; and Boyes Springs, Calif. He was superannuated in 1953. Surviving are his wife Luisa and five daughters.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	Whistler	Jan. 26-31	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	J. C. Burks
Ariz.	Parker	A/G	Jan. 31	F. E. Heady	D. D. Seaton
	Yuma	First	Jan. 31	Quentin Edwards	O. W. Killingsworth
	Brinkley	A/G	Jan. 31-Feb. 14	R. L. Courtney	Orvil L. Holden
Ark.	Little Rock	First	Jan. 24-31	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	Basil Edwards
	N. Little Rock	Bethel	Jan. 24-Feb. 5	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Earl Maxwell
	Russelville	First	Jan. 26-Feb. 7	Jack Martz	John W. Farrell
	Barstow	First	Jan. 26-Feb. 7	Neville & Beulah Carlson	Gary B. Nash
	Benicia	A/G	Jan. 24-Feb. 7	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Edward Park
Calif.	Holtville	First	Jan. 24-31	Tommy & Darlene Beard	W. D. Rice
	Norwalk	First	Jan. 27-Feb. 7	Joseph DeGrado	A. J. Sovern
	Oakdale	*Bethel	Jan. 31-Feb. 5	Charles Senechal	Gordon Swanson
	Tulare	First	Jan. 31-Feb. 7	Lindy Lummer	Paul J. Smith
	Denver	South Denver	Jan. 26-Feb. 7	Wesley F. Morton	H. J. Jackson
Fla.	Anburndale	First	Jan. 29-Feb. 7	Michael & Peggy Lord	Jack T. Stewart
Oakland Park		A/G	Jan. 20-31	Ralph & Faith Leslie	William C. Land
	Boise	Garden City	Jan. 26-Feb. 7	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Park W. Reed
Idaho	Belleville	West Side	Jan. 17	Ernest & Lolita Varner	Thomas D. Creek
	Edwardsville	A/G	Jan. 24	Neil Eskelin	J. M. Graham
	Sorrento	A/G	Jan. 31	Neil Eskelin	Paul Chamless
Ind.	Michigan City	A/G	Jan. 27	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	Stewart Robinson
Iowa	Fort Dodge	First	Jan. 17	David L. & Mrs. Howe	D. D. Underwood
La.	Bossier City	Hope	Jan. 31	Melvin McKnight	Frank Chandler
Md.	Prince Frederick	Full Gospel Tab.	Jan. 26-Feb. 7	Jim & Tammy Bakker	A. J. Fox
Mich.	Detroit	Christian Trin.	Jan. 26-Feb. 7	Duane M. Wessman	John J. Rettinger
Mo.	Joplin	First	Jan. 26	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	S. K. Biffle
Nebr.	Mitchell	A/G	Jan. 31	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Troy Allen
N. J.	Clifton	*Full Gospel Tab.	Jan. 24-29		Robert Erdies
Ohio	Byesville	A/G	Jan. 26-Feb. 7	Bob Winford	Lawrence Shaw
	Danville	Bethel	Jan. 29	Bob Ludwig	John Kroll
Oreg.	Portland	City Auditorium	Jan. 30	Lindy Lummer	
S. C.	Sumter	First	Jan. 27-Feb. 7	H. Syvelle Phillips	W. C. Richardson
Tex.	Dallas	Lovefield	Jan. 31-Feb. 13	Albert & Bev Calaway	W. E. Hand
	Galena Park	A/G	Jan. 27-Feb. 7	Burnie Davis	Carroll Holcomb
	Lubbock	College Ave.	Jan. 31-Feb. 7	Bob Huie & Children's Trio	M. C. McKnight
Wichita Falls	First	Jan. 27-Feb. 7	Louis & Mari Neely	S. E. Eldridge	

*Children's Revival

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TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

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GOVERNOR MARK HATFIELD OF OREGON RECENTLY RECEIVED a check by mail for two billion dollars. "If the check were good," he mused, "I could take care of the state's budget problems with little trouble."

However, he decided against trying to cash it, since he did not know anyone by the name of Charles Bullock, of Garden City, Utah, which was on the check. He guessed it was a prank. There probably is no such person. The governor knew it makes a lot of difference who signs a check, and whether he has the resources to back it up.

Some 40 years ago, a Negro minister in a southern church also had occasion to wonder about the genuineness of a gift. In this particular church it was standard procedure for the ushers to bring the offering to the front to be counted, so that the pastor might acknowledge the amount received to the congregation before the benediction.

After counting and recounting the collection, the minister announced, "This morning the offering was \$2.31. But if the bill put in by the white gentleman at the rear of the church is genuine, we have \$102.31."

Later, on being introduced to the "white gentleman" his doubts about the windfall vanished. The donor was Andrew Mellon, the multimillionaire philanthropist.

No doubt Governor Hatfield was wise in deciding the check he received was a hoax, or at least a mistake. It was too good to be true, so he did not cash it.

God has offered an infinitely more valuable gift to the world, the gift of salvation, yet to many people it seems too good to be true, and so they continue living in spiritual poverty.

If you are making that mistake, stop and consider God's resources. His wealth is incalculable. While men have temporary custody of a small part of it, God says, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine" (Haggai 2:8). "The land is mine" (Leviticus 25:23). "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).



Yet all the aggregate wealth of the earth (to which God holds ultimate title by reason of creation) cannot redeem one soul. He had to dip into His heavenly treasures to save us. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). By giving His life, Jesus purchased the gift of eternal life for us. Five times in Romans 5:15-18, reference is made to that gift of life—twice it is called "the free gift."

God never writes bad checks or passes bogus currency. His offer of full and free salvation to everyone that believes on Him is *bona fide*. He has the means with which to make good His promise. When Jesus says, "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out," all that He suffered on Calvary guarantees that invitation.

The scripture verses that promise redemption and regeneration are like checks, made out in our own names and signed by God Himself. Have you cashed yours? Are you enjoying the benefits of salvation, purchased for you at tremendous cost? God's promise is not too good to be true, but it is *too good to miss*. Visit the cross of Calvary today by faith. Present His Word as your check, at the Bank of Heaven, and receive forgiveness and blessing. ◀◀