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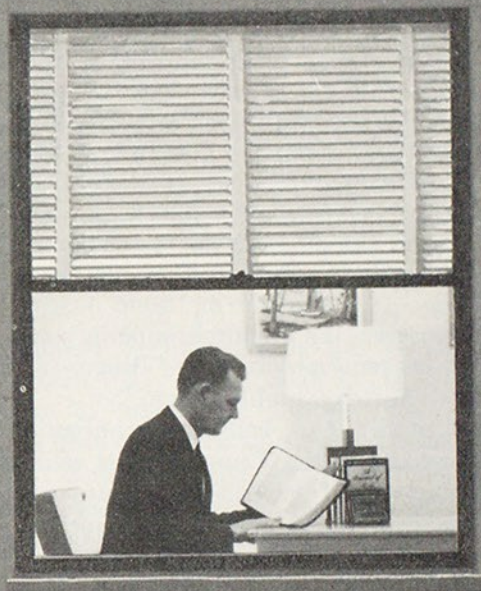
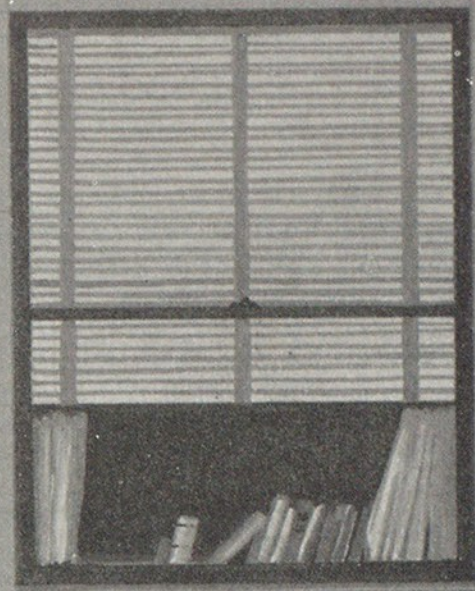
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The entrance of thy words giveth light

—Psalm 119:130



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GOD

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A VITAL PART OF THE CHRISTIAN'S SPIRITUAL EDUCATION should be to learn God's purposes and plans for His own house. Today there is a widespread evidence that this subject has been omitted in the average believer's curriculum. The apostle Paul, however, did not overlook the matter. He recognized its importance and wrote to Timothy "that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God" (1 Timothy 3:15).

Lest there be any misunderstanding, let me hasten to say that the King James translation is a bit misleading here. In speaking of "the house of God" (or, as Rotherham puts it, "a house of God"), Paul did not refer to a building made of wood or stone. A better translation would be, "a household of God." The apostle was exhorting Timothy about his duty toward an assembly of God's people.

When we speak of the house of God, therefore, we refer to any assembly of believers, whether they assemble in a temple or a tent, whether they meet in a beautiful edifice or a barn. It is the congregating of the Christians, the gathering of the godly, that makes any place a "house of God."

Our behavior in any given place is greatly influenced by our concept of the true nature and purpose of that place. For instance, a man's behavior in a saloon is not likely to be the same as his behavior in an art gallery, simply because in his mind the two places are altogether different in their nature and purpose.

How ignorant are some people about the true nature and purpose of the house of God! Some look upon it as a religious clubhouse; others as a musty mausoleum; still others consider it as merely a haven for the hopeless. The ultimate in tragic misconception seemed to be expressed by a church bulletin board that I saw one day. It brazenly proclaimed: "Bingo—in the Holy Ghost room—Thursday night, 8 p.m."

Some Jews had a misconception of the nature and purpose of the Temple. Jesus said to them, "My father's house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." Notice His words, "Ye have made it. . . ." It is the members of a church or assembly

who make it what it is. If the church is in a healthy and happy state, full of good fellowship, characterized by prayer, devotion, and spiritual freedom, it is because its members are manifesting these characteristics. If it be unhealthy, unfriendly, unfruitful and dead, it is because its members have made it so.

The divine formula for collective blessing has forever been established: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity . . . for *there* the Lord commanded the blessing" (Psalm 133:1, 3). God cannot bless a congregation in which there is disunity, bitterness, and ill will among the members. Strife produces sterility. Division brings death. The Word pointedly warns that "wherever jealousy and rivalry exist, there disorder reigns and every evil" (James 3:16, Moffatt). In other words, climate determines the product. Oranges cannot be grown in Alaska, nor the fruit of the Spirit in a carnal church.

Let us turn to the Scriptures to learn the true nature and purpose of the house of God, in order that we might behave ourselves aright.

A PLACE TO MEET GOD

In Old Testament times there was the Holy of Holies, called "the Sanctuary." Its unique function was to serve as a meeting place between God and man. "There will I meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat" (Exodus 25:22).

The house of God today should be a place where God meets man and where man meets God. This thought should be dominant in our concept. Not that God dwells in buildings made with hands, nor that He is confined to certain sacred places. That is strictly Old Testament teaching, and Jesus scattered it completely in His statement to the woman at the well of Sychar: "Ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. . . . The true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth" (John 4:21, 23). Thus Jesus swept away all ideas of the sacredness of places and buildings and showed that God is concerned most of all with holy people. What mighty manifestations we would see, what hours of heavenly visitation we would

realize, what victories would be wrought for soul and body, if only people went to church to *meet God!*

A SPIRITUAL FISHING BOAT

A boat is a base of operations for the fisherman, an instrument to facilitate reaching the fish. Jesus made wonderful use of Peter's boat when it was placed at His disposal, and without it the miracle of the full net probably would not have occurred.

One of God's major purposes for a church is to make of her a spiritual fishing vessel filled with busy workers who are constantly engaged in catching men for Christ. If our altars or nets are empty, how can we possibly declare ourselves akin to the Early Church, of whom it is written, "The Lord added to the church daily"?

If a fishing boat is to fulfill its function effectively, it must be kept off the beach. It is idleness that produces more empty nets than anything else. A church without zeal is a church without appeal! Jesus used His miracle power to fill Peter's net (Luke 5), but not until Peter had made the effort to "launch out into the deep." A true church is a *working* church, not an ivory tower for theological philosophers, nor a monastery for droopy dreamers.

A fisherman must always keep the water out of his boat if it is to remain useful. It is perfectly normal for the boat to be in the water, but when water gets in the boat there is trouble ahead. Likewise, when the Church is in the world, she is in her normal, God-appointed place; but if the world is allowed to enter the Church, she will sink.

A SPIRITUAL HOME

A home is the house in which one lives with his family. The church is the home of the household of faith; unhappy is the Christian who by reason of prejudice, censoriousness, or neglect fails to avail himself of its inestimable benefits.

The human family is but a miniature and reflection of the greater family of God, and the rules that make for a happy home will also create a happy church, if applied. Here should be found love and affection, consideration and forbearance, and forgiveness and understanding. Each member of the household of faith must have a sympathetic understanding of the others' problems—such an adjustment is the secret of happiness in both home and church. When the Christian poet sang, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," he was not indulging in poetic imagery but accurately stating a principle by which Christians ought to live.

If we are often moved to deplore the countless broken homes across the nation, how much greater should be our sorrow over the far too numerous broken churches! What transformation of atmosphere would occur in many churches if every member would begin assiduously to apply and observe the simple rules of unity! It is impossible for us to enjoy true fellowship with our brethren if we engage in feuds with them. Every Christian carries either Saul's spear or David's harp, so to speak, in his relationships with others. The first is injurious, offensive, and destructive; the second is gentle, harmonious, and conciliatory. Every church can be a happy spiritual home if all the family will live by the law

of love, for "love" worketh no ill to his neighbor."

A ONE-ROOM SCHOOL

Jesus invites us, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me"; and to help us in this task "God hath set . . . in the church . . . teachers." This learning is a lifetime task which does not require either buildings or classrooms; nevertheless, it is at church and Sunday school that we acquire the greater part of our spiritual education.

A receptive mind is the basic requisite in obtaining any kind of knowledge. Without teachability no benefit can be derived, however gifted the instructor may be. The measure of help derived from any sermon or spiritual message is largely determined by the attitude of the listener! Obviously, then, if we are to get the utmost benefit out of every service in the house of God, we must cultivate an open mind, a right spirit, and "receive with meekness the engrafted word."

In a sense, the church is like the little one-room school, of nostalgic memory to so many Americans. For in the average service there are people present in various stages of spiritual growth and development, so the minister is almost literally teaching "eight classes in one room." He must skilfully mix the "milk" and "meat" in order to feed both the weak and the strong, the babe and the mature. This is no easy task; and if congregations would realize the pastor's problem, it would eliminate much unkind and undeserved criticism. The tendency of the immature is to complain that the message is too lofty or too deep, and that the preacher is "feeding giraffes, not sheep." The spiritually mature often find fault with the messages as "too elementary" and having "no depth." Both groups ought to realize that all classes of people are present and must be fed.

A HOUSE OF PRAYER

Above all, if we sincerely seek to make our church conform to the will of God, we must remind ourselves constantly of its one supreme purpose: "*My house shall be a house of prayer.*" It is shocking to find how little real praying is done in many churches today. The altar service for Christians that once characterized our services is a practice neglected in many places and nonexistent in others. The responsibility for this can only be laid at the feet of our leaders, for the training of God's people is in their hands.

The brutal fact is that Christians as a rule do very little real praying at home; so if there is to be a worthwhile measure of praying, it will have to be done at church. If seasons of prayer are not emphasized or practiced in church, then people will have nothing resembling a "prayer life." We take time in church for much singing, lengthy announcements, special music, and ample preaching. We indulge in noisy and extended visiting after each meeting. Strange indeed that the most important feature in God's plan for His Church is casually ignored or callously neglected! But the Word is forever settled in heaven, "My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer!"

Next time you go to church, think of it as a place to meet God, a spiritual fishing boat, a spiritual home, a one-room school, a house of prayer. If you will do this, you will know "how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God." ◀◀

Strange Statistics

Statistics from Washington, D. C., constitute a strange commentary on our times. Church membership in the U.S. has reached a new record. But so has crime.

The latest information as recorded in the 1965 Year Book of American Churches (published by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.) shows that 120,965,234 persons are members of religious bodies. This is an increase of more than three million in a year. Church members represent approximately 64 percent of the nation's total population, a greater percentage than was recorded for any previous year in American history.

At the same time, the FBI reports that serious crimes increased 13 percent across the nation in 1964. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the total number of serious crimes increased from 1,900,000 in 1963 to 2,151,000 in 1964. The number of murders increased 9 percent; forcible rape 19 percent; aggravated assault 18 percent; robbery 12 percent; burglary 12 percent; larceny 13 percent; auto theft 16 percent.

Looking at American society today is something like looking at a field of grain. The pessimist says, "Look at all the weeds among the wheat." The optimist says, "Look at all the wheat among the weeds." The pessimist looks at the alarming increase in crime; the optimist at the remarkable increase in church membership; while the realist looks at both and observes that some of the same people who are counted as church members are also counted as criminals. For church membership is one thing and holy living is another. A large portion of the people who claim church membership make no claim to be born-again Christians.

But the Lord Jesus warned there would be weeds among the wheat. In fact, in the parable of Matthew 13:24-30 He said the righteous and the wicked would be mingled so closely together that it would be difficult and dangerous to separate them.

According to the parable, an enemy came to the newly planted field while the owner slept, and sowed weeds among the wheat. When the mingled crop sprang up, some of the servants were furious. "Let's get rid of those weeds," they said. But the owner replied, "No, let's wait awhile. If we pull up the weeds we may pull up the wheat too. Let both grow together until harvest; then we shall be able to separate them without losing any of the good grain."

We might be tempted with discouragement and impatience today. For it is evident that while the general public is becoming more religious it is not becoming more righteous. On the contrary, there is a watering down of the message of holy living preached by Christ and His apostles. Many churches are not going by the Book. They are saying that a new day demands a new morality. They are saying that sin is relative; that old standards are out of date. Toleration is the new gospel, and social concern is the new mission of the churches.

The situation is indeed deplorable, but the outlook is not entirely dark. There is a genuine work of the Holy Spirit going on throughout the land. Many sinners are being saved. God is stretching forth His hand to heal. Christians of many denominations are receiving the Pentecostal Baptism. If the Lord is patient with the weeds, we should not worry about them. While the enemy of men's souls is working hard to sow the seeds of sin, let us work just as hard to sow the good seed of God's Word. In due time the harvest will come. On that day the Lord will separate the good from the bad. And the harvest of holiness will be in proportion to our sowing of the Word. —R.C.C.

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AREQUIPA!

By E. LESLIE THOMAS



CENTURIES AGO AN ARMY OF SPANIARDS WAS MARCHING through South America invading and colonizing. They came to a fertile valley where some of them wished to settle. Others wanted to go on. Finally, after some dispute, the commanding general spoke one word, *Arequipa!* "Remain here if you wish," the word suggested, "we are going on!"

Some did remain, and the city they founded was named Arequipa.

Kindred communities are still with us in the form of "Arequipa Christians." An Arequipa Christian is one who has come to a standstill. Whether self-satisfied or indifferent, he has ceased to go on in God. He has little in common with St. Paul who wrote: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark..."

Not only are Arequipa Christians at a standstill—they also are content to remain so. They have found the fertile valleys of orthodox religion, comfortable profession, and respectable confession of Christ. In the Scriptures, being a Christian did not commend itself to them. It was a life that meant trial, persecution, difficulty, and reproach. They discounted the fact it was also a life of glory, joy, and power!

The emphasis of many Arequipa Christians is on insurance rather than investment. It is sad to meet those who have taken the salvation Christ has purchased and have settled down in comfortable security instead of going on in God's will. This is a good way to get fat around the heart, so to speak, and that can be very dangerous.

Christ was hated because He disturbed self-complacency by revealing sin. When the Spirit uses His sword, the Word of God, He cuts to the bone. No consideration here for feelings but concern only for the truth. It is the love of God that puts the sword to every manifes-

tation of the self-life because ultimately it would rob us of eternal glory.

The Holy Spirit would disturb our complacency through the ministry of the pulpit. What is this thing called "preaching"? It is the Spirit of God using His sword, the Word of God, through human vessels. Notice that is not the sword of men, but of the Spirit. It is not a question of men using God's Word to illustrate, substantiate, and reinforce their own views, although this often is done. The fact is that face to face with the Word of God we have no right to a contrary opinion at all. It is rather a question of the minister being so controlled by the Holy Spirit that he becomes His instrument in wielding this fearful, flashing sword of divine truth according to His knowledge of what is needed. This is a challenge to the entire ministry of the church, to be so controlled by the Holy Spirit that He can operate through our instrumentality. "For we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us."

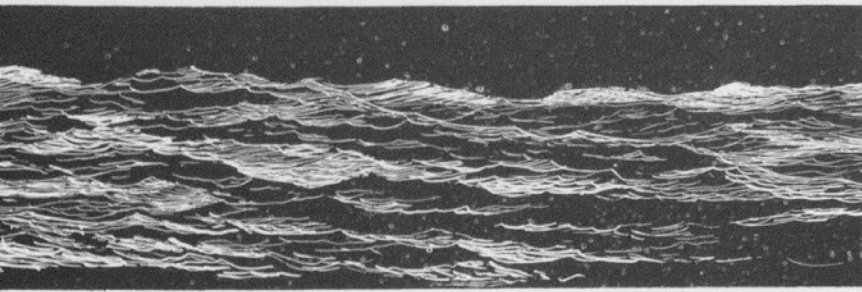
We must be "going-on" Christians before we can know this ministry of the Spirit in our lives. But how can this be if we have dropped anchor in some quiet bay, rocking ourselves to sleep in a contented, armchair sort of religion? We may be contented, but is God? There are millions of marching feet among the heathen; millions of empty hands reaching out; millions of hungry, aching hearts crying out to be satisfied—and are we content to settle down in some fertile valley we have found? Undisturbed by the spiritual tragedy of the world, are we happy in our own measure of spiritual repose?

There is indeed a peace of God for the Christian, but it is not incompatible with the restless ferment of the prophetic spirit that confronts us with the outermost reaches of human need. If we are strangers to the passion of Christ, it might be asked if we have found the way at all. It is written, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." If a man has Christ's Spirit, he will share His burden for the world.

Christ speaks of His yoke and commands us to take it upon ourselves. True, it is "easy" and His burden is "light" because obedience to God's will makes it so. But a yoke there is, the yoke with which Christ Himself is yoked, the burden of the lost. To have the Spirit is to have His yoke. To "fill up that which is behind of the sufferings of Christ" is to be truly in the apostolic succession. Neither ring nor mitre nor bishop's staff is a substitute for this.

We are facing a spiritual Dunkirk. A mighty host outside of Christ is in extreme danger, their backs to the sea, crowded by the enemy. God would have us weigh anchor and go to their rescue. Will we say goodbye to our own little Arequipa haven, and put to sea?

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." What means more to you, your personal security or the evacuation of a multitude? <<<



ACCEPTING THE INEVITABLE

By ROBERT FAIRNIE

IT SEEMED ALMOST INCREDIBLE. A FEW DAYS BEFORE, THE family had gone on vacation—and now here we were standing outside the hospital ward. The doctor was telling us the little boy was dying from that incurable blood disease, leukemia. I knew our God was able to deliver, and the young father and I agreed we should obey the Scriptures and anoint and pray for the boy.

We approached the doctor and were pleased to learn he was a believer and had attended Pentecostal meetings in Rome during his military service. He was willing to join us in prayer for his little patient.

The fight for the child's life went on all night, and in the morning we were summoned to the hospital. Life was ebbing away, and as I stood watching I wondered how the dear parents, not very old in the faith, would react to this great loss. As I turned to the young mother to comfort her, she said to me, "Something has happened; a great peace has come into my heart." We all had the witness now that soon the child would be with Jesus, and within a few hours he was gone.

The parents have been sustained by God and the prayers of His people; their example in accepting the inevitable has been an inspiration to us all.

There are many today who are suffering from self-inflicted frustration and all that it brings because they have refused to accept the inevitable in their lives. As in Paul's voyage to Rome, there are "certain islands" that we "must be cast upon" in the will of God, and victory will come if we face the fact courageously.

The popular slogan, "Don't worry—it may never happen," will only irritate us—rather than help—when we

are facing what might well be the biggest trial of our faith. What I would rather know is, how shall I face it? How shall I act? What will be the outcome? Is it in the will of God? What a challenge these questions bring us, but we must face them or enter a life of frustration and fear, spreading the spirit of defeat wherever we go.

Much harm is done to the cause of Christ today by many who go about always lamenting there is no trial like theirs. They have never had the same chance as others; their homelife makes it impossible to serve Christ; yet some of the greatest servants of Christ have come from the most difficult homes. (Reading the life of Mary Slessor would stop that lament forever.)

But let us look to our great Example. No one could be more hampered by circumstances than Jesus was. It is believed Mary was bereaved of Joseph and Jesus had to work to maintain the family. In later years He was despised and rejected. He had no certain dwelling place, and in His hour of greatest need all forsook Him; yet there was no word of complaint. He accepted the inevitable as the will of God and set His face as a flint towards it. He endured the cross and despised the shame for the joy that was set before Him. There can be no ultimate defeat when one's life is in God's hands.

Paul accepted the fact that in spite of shipwreck "not a hair would be hurt" (Acts 27:34). So knowing the outcome, he acted accordingly. He began to testify of the faithfulness of God. There is nothing better to instill courage and create faith than speaking of the goodness of God. Do we still believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"? One of the greatest dangers of the Christian life is losing interest in what is familiar. The promises of God still work.

There were some who would have fled from the trial and were even caught in the act of deserting the ship (Acts 27:30). But where could they flee to? The condition of safety was "abiding in the ship."

"Be still and know that I am God." The sunless day and starless night do not mean that He has left us.

But what do we do in the meantime to guard against the temptation to run away and be engulfed in doubt and fear? Paul was concerned about their health and set the example by acting as if the trial did not exist. He gave thanks in the presence of them all and began to eat. Then they were filled with cheer and they also took some meat! What confidence that grace inspired; now they could judge the situation better. And see what meat has been provided us for such a time as the present: "I will never leave thee. . . ." "I will guide thee with mine eye. . . ." "But my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Many other exceeding great and precious promises might be added.

Some years ago, while I was preaching in a very remote spot, a brother who had helped us much in the gospel became very ill and had to be taken by ambulance to the distant city. It seemed the journey was twice as long as it really was, but before we had reached the hospital God spoke to us: "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the

flame kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43:2). It was the biggest trial of that brother's faith, but God brought him through and this "strong meat" strengthened him for what lay ahead.

It may be argued that although they were commanded to abide in the ship, it broke up; but God is more concerned with men than with ships. Don't make too much of circumstances surrounding your life, for circumstances can be like featherbeds—all right as long as you are

on top of them, but suffocating if they get on you. The glorious fact remains that God brought them safe to land to receive kindness, warmth, honor, and best of all to see the power of God in action (Acts 28).

So let us face the inevitable knowing that "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

—Redemption Tidings

She Blazed Her Own Trail to Christ

No. 2 in the series, "God's Grace in the Lives of College Students"

SHARON WILSON, A STUDENT AT BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE, had never seen anyone accept Christ by an act of faith before she gave her own heart to the Lord. Nor had she seen anyone baptized by immersion before she personally followed the Lord's command. And she had never witnessed a baptism in the Holy Spirit before her own on October 1, 1964. These are all real and definite experiences to her now, and she is deeply thankful to God for His providential guidance in her life.

The basic influence which caused Sharon to become a Christian (while a junior at the University of Puget Sound and a student nurse) was the Nurses Christian Fellowship, a branch of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. While she participated in a small Bible study group of the NCF, she earnestly sought the answer to the question, "Who is this Man, Jesus Christ?" She eventually found the answer in a personal experience of salvation.

Continued Bible reading and study were a great help to her. Although she had been baptized as an infant, she now felt she should be baptized by immersion. Her pastor had never baptized anyone by immersion, but because of her strong conviction he consented. Since they did not have a baptistry in her church, her pastor baptized her in a Christian church. A Baptist pastor present for her baptism signed her certificate as a witness.

Before Sharon was converted she had joined the army and committed herself to five years of military service. Her basic orientation was at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. While at her second station in Fort Devens, Mass., she attended a large missionary convention in December, 1961, at which time she felt God would have her become involved in missions.

Shortly after this experience she asked to be sent to Korea so she might see foreign missions and leprosy work. Even before her conversion she had a great interest in the work being done among lepers. In Korea she saw the work of several missions and also became acquainted with Assemblies of God missionaries. She greatly appreciated the Christian Servicemen's Home managed by "Mom and Pop" Mincey, Assemblies of God missionaries.

After her discharge from the Army in January, 1964, Sharon went to work in a 700-patient leprosarium. She was the only nurse who couldn't speak Korean, but God blessed her there and she saw gratifying results.

During this time Sharon worked in a deaf camp with



Sharon Wilson shows President C. C. Burnett a pair of tiny shoes she brought back from Korea.

an Assemblies of God girl. She helped to teach, directed the handcraft, and was Bible camp nurse.

The teaching concerning the baptism in the Holy Spirit was utterly new to Sharon. She read the Scriptures, especially Acts, over and over to learn if the experience was Biblical. After much thought, prayer, and Bible study she became convinced that the baptism in the Spirit was a gift from God to her—in spite of a background of teaching against it.

During June, 1964, President C. C. Burnett of Bethany Bible College visited Korea. At this time Sharon was invited to a dinner which had been arranged so Brother Burnett might meet with the missionaries. During this gathering Sharon talked with President Burnett about her future college plans. As a result of this providential meeting she decided to enroll in Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California.

While Sharon does not know where God may lead her in the future, she is content to be preparing herself to be a more effective worker for Christ. She is majoring in Bible, assured that He who has directed her to Bethany will guide her on in His own good time.

Be Fair to Your Child

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WITH KAREN." The young mother's complaint was familiar. "Honestly, if I have told her once, I have told her a hundred times not to touch that. She just won't listen to me!"

Karen is only five years old! When she is 10 or 15 will she automatically behave better? Probably not. The problem seems to be in the "hundred times" she was told *without enforcement*.

Are you being fair with your child when you warn, threaten, and repeat without obtaining a response of obedience on his part? Let's look at what is happening. Probably you are becoming a screaming, harping, nagging mother, while your child is learning quickly to discount what you have to say. Still untrained—both of you!

Granted, some children are harder to train than others. Parents of difficult children need much prayer that God will give them patience and wisdom. Not all children can be treated the same, but it is still the parents' duty to keep trying until the child learns ready obedience. No child, not even the most difficult, should be considered a "lost cause." We brought our children into the world, and there is where our responsibility begins. It does not end until they begin a life of their own away from home. What a wonderful, yet frightening responsibility this is. What a big, big job, and all young parents are such novices! Oh, if only we could have the wisdom our parents gained through their years of training us!

The term "child-raising" is a magnificent understatement! We raise *animals*. But we must direct, guide, influence, discipline, protect, and love our children. Each day's inevitable problems must be handled in the best way possible lest we guide our children in the wrong way. We wonder, will they think less of us for what we do today? Will they grow up to admire us or to fear us? Will they love us or resent us? So much of the answer rests with us mothers. But if we have a close fellowship with God, what a difference it makes. We have in Him a helper. He calms, comforts, reassures, and gives us wisdom.

Children are wonderful gifts from God, and He considered it important to also give us guidelines for their upbringing. I think He felt it particularly necessary to mention correction because it seems many parents are hesitant to administer punishment to their children. There is something about the necessity for it that makes parents feel it is they who have failed. When I have had to punish one of my three small children quite severely, I have felt this sense of failure, and in tears I have turned to God seeking wisdom.

We need to remember that He who gave us these children approves and expects us to take disciplinary measures when needed. (See Proverbs 23:13; 19:18; 29:15; 13:24; Hebrews 12:11; Revelation 3:19.) Of course, we, like our Heavenly Father, need always to let our children know we love them and that the discipline reflects our concern.

The child who has been often threatened but seldom punished grows up with a distorted idea of what to expect of life. The undisciplined child is not sure his

By DONNA C. MEIER



parents really care. Many times he is crying inside, "Please help me! Stop me if you love me! Punish me! Just show me you know I'm alive."

When he goes out into the world, such a child may not expect everything to go his way. He may understand there will be annoying threats and warnings from persons who would oppose his ideas. This he had now and then, even at home, but in the end he usually got his way. But no one would ever actually punish him for anything—that would be cruel! (This his doting parents taught him.)

His first few weeks would probably go something like this: He would make a few friends, soon take advantage of them, and promptly lose them. He would find a part-time job if he could, then lose it within a week because his boss expected him to do what the job required. He would quit just as the boss was considering firing him. (You see, it was not fair to demand such things to be done and actually expect that he do them.) The next alternative would be just to "pick up" a few things here and there and write a couple of worthless checks—just enough to get by on, of course. (After all, he had been given a bad deal by that employer; and if the law did catch up with him, he would just try a sad little story. This had worked successfully at home. And surely they would give him another chance.)

Then would come his most important encounter—with God! He knows that the Bible says all unbelievers will be lost, but since God is our Father He surely must be as pliable as an earthly father. Surely God would not actually send him to hell. He would get another chance. Fathers only threaten. They don't actually punish!

Perhaps this picture is exaggerated. Nevertheless, I don't want to take chances with my children. The Bible repeats the urgency of having our children in control.

In Proverbs 22:15 we read of the rod of correction. The rods of correction at our house take various forms to suit the occasion—a wooden paddle sometimes, a corner to stand in, a bar of soap for bad words, a pleasure withheld.

One day I had promised my daughter a spanking for some disobedience. As I held the paddle, she began to cry. I asked, "What's the matter? I haven't touched you yet."

She said, "I feel like I have already been spanked."

I said, "Well, I don't feel like I have spanked you yet." I had made a promise and I had to keep it.

When a child knows there will be punishment if he deliberately disobeys or ignores what he has been told

to do, he will make it a practice to pay attention. Obedience will become a habit with him, and you will have less problems as he grows older.

When your child knows you will do as you say, when you promise either punishment or reward, you will be able to say to him, "Pick up your toys, Johnny," knowing the room will soon be cleared. You will be able to say with success, "Hang up your coat," or, "Eat your vegetables if you want dessert," or, "Don't go out of the yard." As you assign other duties as they grow older you continue to have a satisfying response.

You will sometimes want to give little rewards for jobs done well and done in a good spirit. Children who sense your love and fairness toward them will not grow up to hate and resent you. (Keep your promise of surprises, treats, or other *pleasant* things too.) They will learn to trust, respect, and love you as you administer correction in the right spirit. And they will transfer this respect for authority to their teachers and others in authority over them outside the home. It will not be so hard for them to submit to God if they have learned obedience at home. They will be better leaders in their own rights as they grow to maturity under your loving guidance.

Although it is sometimes easier to do things ourselves than to train our children to take responsibility, we owe discipline and training to our children. As Christian parents we are only fair to them when we train them to take places of responsibility in their world. It is a world that desperately needs disciplined hands and hearts to show it the way to God. ◀◀◀



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

I heard of a man who read the Bible through six times in one year. I have tried but cannot do it. Can you tell me how one can do this?

Some can read much more rapidly than others. The important thing is not how much of the Bible a person can read in a certain length of time, but how much he receives from what he reads.

Who were the "sons of God" in Job 1:6?

They were probably angels. The same expression is used in Job 38:6, 7, where the "sons of God" shouted for joy when God laid the foundation of the earth. These were certainly angels, for people were not yet created.

Did Jesus have to suffer the torments of hell to complete the atonement?

Some have believed Jesus had to suffer the torments of the damned to atone completely for our sins. If this were true, and since we believe in eternal torment, would He not have to suffer the torments of hell forever to fully take the sinners' damnation?

On the cross our Lord Jesus "was made sin for us, . . . that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). When He said, "It is finished," the veil of the temple was rent, indicating that the "way into the holiest" was then made manifest (John 19:30; Matthew 27:51). All we really need to know is that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," and, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (1 Timothy 1:15; Acts 16:31).

In having the golden cherubim made to cover the ark of the covenant, was not God creating idolatry? (Exodus 25:18-27)

We believe the ark of the covenant was a type of our Lord Jesus. It was made of wood indicating His humanity. The wood covered with gold set forth His deity. He was the divinely human Saviour. His qualities were set forth in the Ten Commandments enclosed in the ark, revealing He had the law of God in His heart. The pot of manna represented Him as the Bread of Life. The almond branch which budded and bore fruit set forth His resurrection.

The cherubim of gold, part of the lid of the ark, represented the living cherubim who stood to vindicate the holiness of the ark. Living cherubim kept man from the tree of life after the Fall (Genesis 3:24). Figures of cherubim also were embroidered into the veil that separated the holy from the most holy place, where the ark was, symbolically saying, "The unholy shall not pass beyond this veil" (Exodus 26:31). In no place were the cherubim worshipped.

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.

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Pastor Cho Yonggi



Miracle Church

By M. L. KETCHAM • Field Secretary for the Far East

DECEMBER 18, 1964, WAS A HISTORIC day in Korea. This was dedication day for the enlarged Central Assembly of God in Seoul, the capital city. This church takes its place as one of the largest church buildings in Korea—a country of great and magnificent churches. It also becomes by far the largest Pentecostal church in Asia and

one of the great Pentecostal churches of the world. There is a registered adult membership of 3,000. The main auditorium, with balcony, comfortably seats 2,500.

Central Assembly is a “miracle church.” To begin with, it is built on a miracle lot. Located in the heart of this burgeoning city of Seoul, the lot

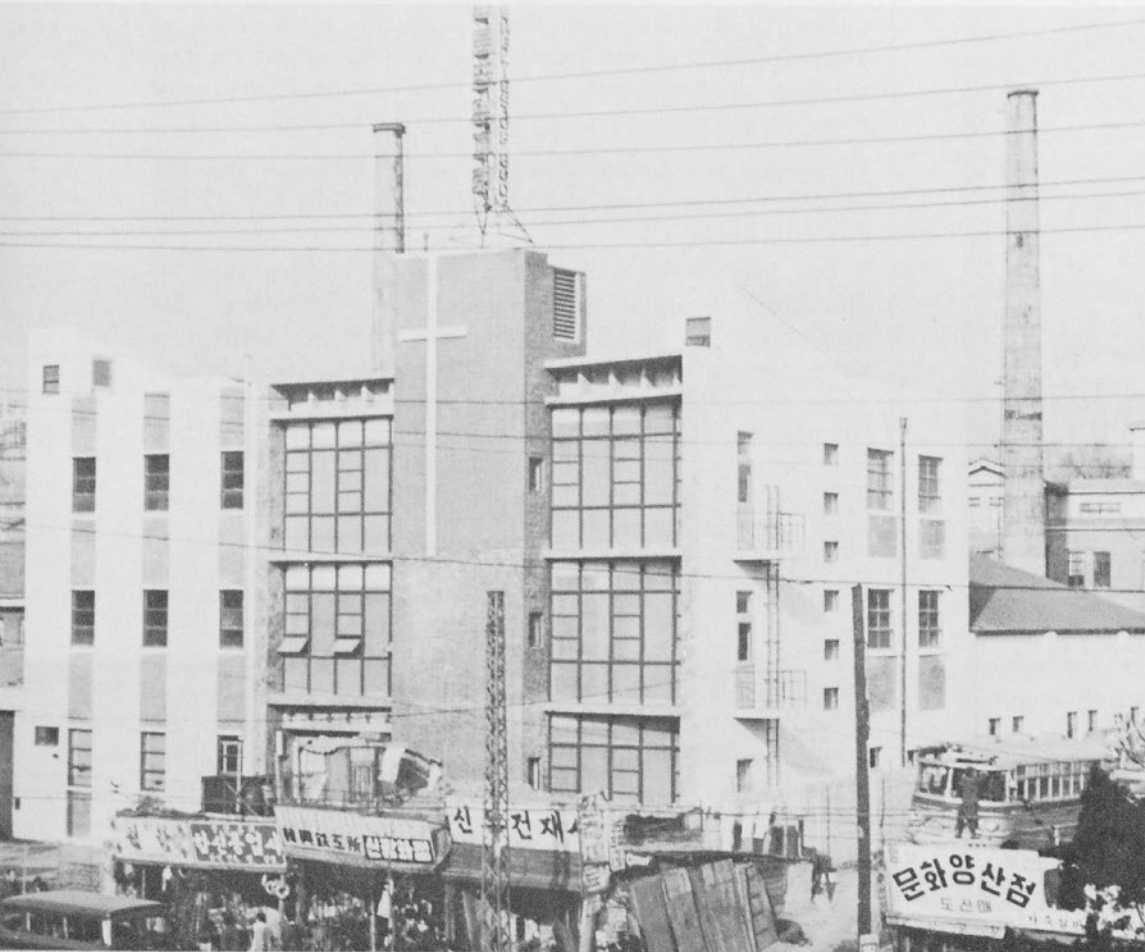
was hopelessly encumbered with legal snarls and overrun with squatters. But God disentangled the problems and made it available. The church and property on today’s market are worth over \$100,000.

The congregation itself represents a miracle. Only four years ago a tent was pitched on a vacant property adjoining our “miracle lot.” The people of Seoul literally flocked to the tent campaign. Thousands were saved, hundreds were healed, and many were filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was born almost literally in a day.

The building, too, is a miracle. As people were saved in the tent campaign, they built a simple auditorium on the miracle lot. This was soon overcrowded and a beautifully designed four-story section with a balcony seating 700 was added to the front. Funds came from America and from the congregation itself. Now, with the building complete, the existing debt is negligible.

God also miraculously raised up a national pastor for this church. Cho Yonggi was a young Buddhist dying with tuberculosis in the city of Pusan. God healed him and led him to our Bible school. God infused him with faith, led him through a chain of pioneer efforts, and developed him into one of the outstanding pastors of

With 3,000 members, Seoul Revival Center is one of the world’s largest Pentecostal churches.



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this generation. When the congregation was ready, Brother Cho was matured and ready also. His spirituality, intuition, and ability, coupled with magnificent organizational leadership and deep devotion to the worldwide Assemblies of God program, make him indeed a "miracle pastor."

Credit certainly needs to be given to those who were part of God's miraculous provision. John Hurston is

the missionary who supervised the church work in Seoul. Arthur Ahlberg, late missionary to the Far East, erected the original building. Sam Todd raised funds for, and conducted, the initial revival meetings. Cho Yonggi is the capable pastor and Sister Chey (a graduate of our Korean Bible School) gave tremendous prayer support to the church.

The whole country is stirred through

the outreach of this central church. Other churches are regularly brought into being through its influence. The building is already overcrowded. The congregation is talking about securing an option on the adjoining property where the tent was originally pitched.

In a country of grinding poverty, riven by the scars of battle, a revival movement has started that can shake the Orient and challenge the world.

Sharpening the Ax

By N. LAWRENCE OLSON • Missionary to Brazil

IN DECEMBER, 1964, 34 STUDENTS graduated from the *Instituto Biblico Pentecostal* in Rio de Janeiro. About 1,000 people were present to see this first class graduate from the three-year school. Pastor Alcebiades Pereira Vasconcelos, of Belem, Para, was the baccalaureate speaker. Jose Francisco Roman, an ex-convict converted to Christ in the penitentiary, was class speaker. All who were present sensed the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Of the 25,000 Pentecostal people in the Rio de Janeiro area, many are hungry for an opportunity for systematic study of the Word, but family responsibilities prevent them attending a regular day school. This evening school is their answer. It was opened in March, 1962, occupying one floor of a four-story building.

The school has a yearly attendance

of almost 70 students. The average age of these students is about 28. Most of the graduates are already actively engaged in some form of Christian service and some are already pastors.

Five national teachers now assist the missionary director and his wife. The curriculum follows a special plan devised for evening Bible schools by Louise Walker, coordinator for Latin American Bible schools.

The appreciation of the students for *Instituto Biblico* is well expressed by one of the graduates who wrote the following in the school paper: "A common proverb says: 'Time spent in sharpening the ax is time well spent.' How true! Now that I have finished the course I see how much I have gained through the systematic study of the holy Word." ◀



School Director N. Lawrence Olson (left) awards diploma to one of 34 graduates.

The 1964 student body of Rio's Pentecostal Biblical Institute will provide needed workers for the 5,000 Assemblies of God churches and preaching points in Brazil.



return of the prodigal

By J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY MAY HAVE reached alarming proportions today but the problem is not new. Nineteen hundred years ago the Saviour gave the case history of a boy who left home and got into trouble. No doubt such stories were fairly common, even in His day.

This story of "the prodigal son" is adequate to illustrate the true nature of juvenile delinquents. It shows that the fundamental reason for running away is a young person's desire for independence.

This particular young man came to his father and said, "Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." He wanted to be economically independent. His desire was understandable, but independence was a dangerous thing in this case.

Notice what happened. Soon after he procured the money, he left for a far country. No sooner had he obtained his economic independence than he wanted social independence also! Young people haven't changed in two thousand years. They still say: "I don't like all this talk about religion and prayer. Why should I always have to go to church? I want to get away from this restraint." Whether they realize it or not, the greatest asset young people can have is a mother and a

father who know how to pray and how to give their children sound spiritual advice.

This boy's independence led him to the brink of disaster. Sin always destroys. It breaks down every virtue. It weakens every good resolve. When this young man arrived at his destination, he began to indulge in every kind of sinful pleasure. It wasn't long until he was reduced to poverty. He lost the independence he had been so anxious to obtain and became a slave to a stranger to have a place to stay and something to eat. He found that Satan is a cruel taskmaster. He found that once a person gives himself over to sin, there is no depth of misery and shame to which he cannot fall.

If you have rebelled against your circumstances or have grown careless regarding spiritual things, I would urge you to return to God without delay. Kneel down today and pray, saying, "Lord, have mercy on me, for Christ's sake, and forgive my negligence." Consecrate your life anew to God. It is better to be faithful Christian, even if you have very few of this world's goods, than to have everything this world can offer and yet be without Christ. It pays to serve the Lord.

This young fellow had sowed his

"wild oats" and now he had to reap the bitter harvest. His money was gone. His friends were gone. His character was gone. He was beginning to learn that "the way of the transgressor is hard." God is a loving Father, and He does not willingly afflict His children. He showers His goodness upon us in an effort to win our allegiance; but if we persistently transgress His laws and harden our hearts against Him, He permits a measure of trouble to come upon us in order to bring us to our senses.

Happily this young man "came to himself" before it was too late. In his desperation he realized that his troubles began the day he decided to run away from home. He said to himself, "My father's hired servants are much better off than I am! They have plenty to eat, but here I am perishing with hunger."

He was so famished that he envied even the swine—he wished he could fill his stomach with the husks the pigs were eating. But he couldn't do so for food was rationed due to the famine and no one gave to him. How true it is that the smallest and weakest child of God has more than any sinner on earth. The Christian has more to enjoy than all the world can offer.

The poor prodigal said to himself, "It would be better to be a servant of my father than to be a servant of this stranger. I won't stay here any longer. I'll arise and go back to my father." So saying, he started back toward the old homestead. The young man's salvation began the very moment he made that decision.

Did his father have to be coaxed to receive him back? Certainly not! The Bible says that "when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him."

It must have been a heart-moving

scene. I can imagine the father looking down the road. Evidently he watched every day, waiting and hoping for the return of his boy.

One day when he looked down the road he called to his wife—"Is that our boy coming this way?" She shook her head. No, it couldn't be their son, for when he left home he was erect, fine-looking, and dressed in new clothes. This man that was coming was tattered, dirty, and haggard with the marks of hunger and sin! Surely it wasn't their boy! And yet as he came closer they saw the resemblance. The man with the tattered clothes and stooped shoulders was indeed their long-lost son! With tears of joy the aged father ran down the road to greet him. He threw his arms around the boy's neck, and kissed him.

That kiss was a symbol of forgiveness. It meant that all the ugly past was forgotten. The prodigal did not have to confess in sordid detail the shameful story of how he had squandered his share of the family wealth and dragged the family name in the mud. No doubt the father already knew about that. One look into the father's face—one kiss on the son's neck—and the past was obliterated. That is the way our Heavenly Father receives each wayward son or daughter who returns to Him in humility and contrition today!

If you are not a Christian, let me assure you that when you come to God in the name of Christ, you will not need to spend much time begging for divine pardon. The Father in heaven already will have bent over you to place His kiss of forgiveness upon your soul before you even have the words of repentance out of your mouth. He will tell you through His Word that all your sins are blotted out, never to be remembered against you anymore forever. That is spiritual redemption.

But that wasn't all. The father not only kissed him; he also clothed his

son with the best robe he had. That speaks of moral redemption. Wherever Christianity goes, it produces a high standard of morality. Notice, however, that spiritual redemption came before moral redemption. God's plan is to change us inwardly, then outwardly. First we must be "born again" by the Spirit of God; then we must live right afterwards.

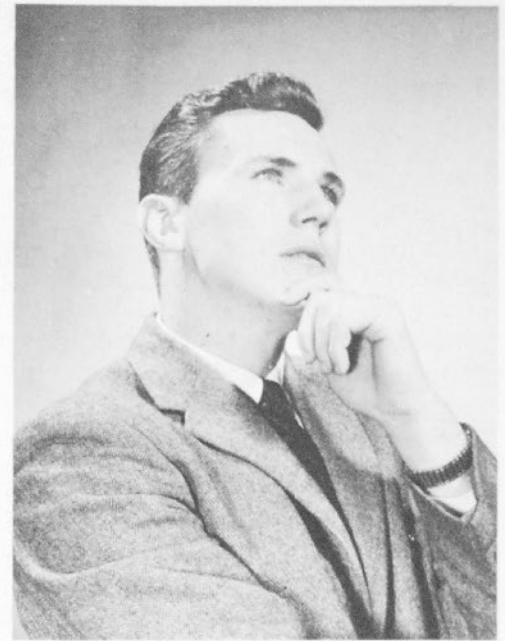
The most the boy had hoped for was a servant's job. "I am no more worthy to be called thy son," he confessed. But the father did not ask his boy to atone for his sin by years of servitude. Our Heavenly Father is not like that. Oh, how marvelous is His grace. His mercy and love exceed our sin and our guilt. Instantly, fully, freely our God forgives the repentant sinner and restores him to favor.

"Put a ring on his hand," said the father. The ring was a symbol of family relationship. He had forfeited that relationship—possibly had even pawned his former ring to buy wine—but now he who had sold himself into slavery was restored to the dignity and privileges of sonship. No sinner has sunk so deep into the mire of sin that our Heavenly Father cannot restore him to the path of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"And shoes on his feet." He who had worn out his shoes on the paths of sin was given new shoes with which to walk the way of holiness. Only God can change a man's habits.

"And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it." What a joyous, bounteous restoration! The young man had become economically bankrupt, but his father was providing for all his material needs and doing it so generously! Sinner, if you will come to God you will receive financial restoration, physical restoration, as well as every other blessing. New life, new character, new friends, new health, new wealth—the Lord will make everything new.

There is redemption for all. If you need to be redeemed, simply follow the same steps that brought the prodigal home to the arms of his father. First, he saw his need. Second, he felt unfit and unworthy to return. But in spite of his unworthiness, he decided to return to his father and ask for mercy. If you will come to God, He will restore, rehabilitate, and redeem your life because His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, gave His life's blood for your sake. ◀◀



WISHING WON'T MAKE IT SO!

"I wish I could know that my family will be provided for when I'm gone." This is a typical remark, but futile. Wishing won't change anything. Death is real, and the provision you make must be just as real.

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Isaac, the Peacemaker

Sunday School Lesson for April 4, 1965

GENESIS 26:12-25; ROMANS 12:17, 18

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP



ISAAC HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE "ORDINARY SON OF A GREAT FATHER," and the "ordinary father of a great son." His life was quiet and uneventful.

But should we really call him ordinary? Isaac, under pressure, revealed qualities of character which do not occur *ordinarily* in persons who are subjected to similar circumstances!

1. *The Offense of Being Successful* (Genesis 26:1-6, 12-16). Because of a famine in Canaan, Isaac moved to Gerar in the land of the Philistines. There he was so blessed of the Lord he became the prosperous possessor of great flocks, herds, and servants. "And the Philistines envied him."

We forgive people for being negligent, slothful, and mean, but often we refuse to forgive them for being successful. If the spirit of Christ is in the ascendancy in our hearts, we rejoice in the success of others. (See 1 Corinthians 12:26; 13:4; Romans 12:15.)

2. *The Way to Spiritual Enlargement* (Genesis 26:17-24). Nor was King Abimelech happy about Isaac's prosperity. Fearing lest Isaac should become too powerful, he asked him to leave the country. Meekly Isaac complied. Twice he dug wells and each time relinquished them to the Philistines who claimed them. The third

time Isaac dug a well he was left alone and named the well, "Rehoboth," which means enlargement. After this he received a new revelation of God.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Isaac illustrated the Sermon on the Mount 1,800 years before it was preached. The Christian often gains most by yielding.

3. *Spiritual Well Digging*. Since water and wells are used in the Bible to symbolize spiritual life (Isaiah 12:3; John 7:37-39), we are not out of order to use the story of Isaac's well digging to typify the Christian's search for spiritual things.

a. Isaac had to dig for water. While sometimes blessings come from God unsought, spiritual blessings and results usually require definite cooperation on man's part. Many Christians try to receive blessing only by "radiation," that is, by benefiting from the overflow of blessing which comes from the life of another who has had to do the digging.

b. Isaac met opposition, and so do we. Sometimes as we seek God we are assailed by our own thoughts and cares clamoring for recognition. Again we are hindered by physical weakness or illness. At times unseen spiritual adversaries oppose. In spite of them all we may have continual answers to prayer and a continual provision of the Spirit for all our needs. (See Romans 8:26; 2 Corinthians 10:4). For three weeks Daniel kept praying. Then he discovered he had been heard the first day! (Daniel 10:2, 12)

c. Isaac found water in the time of trouble. Though opposed and oppressed by the Philistines, he was able to continue his well digging to find water. Christ has made it possible for us to be victorious over all circumstances. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

4. *The Way to Win Friends*. (Compare Genesis 26:16 with 26-31.) Solomon said, "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Abimelech, Isaac's former enemy, became desirous of his friendship. Why? "We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee." What a testimony, coming as it did from a former enemy and man of the world! But these words would never have been spoken nor the covenant of peace made if Isaac had done the "natural" thing and returned evil for evil when he was opposed!

5. *True Greatness*. In the beginning of the lesson we implied that Isaac was a rather ordinary man. Perhaps we should retract that statement. It is true that Isaac never became a conqueror of cities and armies, as did his illustrious descendant David; but he conquered something greater—his own spirit. For "he that ruleth his spirit," is greater "than he that taketh a city" (Proverbs 16:32).

DRIVING AWAY THE DOVE!



There is no right way to do a wrong thing!



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Assemblies Ranked First in Bible Schools

The Assemblies of God, now operating 74 Bible schools overseas, has maintained its top ranking among all denominations in such schools, according to statistics released in the 1965 *Yearbook of American Churches*. A total of 260 denominations reported statistics.

Membership in the Assemblies of God in the U.S. (8,452 churches) reached 555,992 in 1964, an increase from 543,000 in 1963. This places the fellowship in 24th position in church membership.

Other statistics released in the 1965 *Yearbook* rank our movement 6th in the number of foreign missionaries, 8th in the number of Sunday schools and Sunday school workers, and 10th in Sunday school enrollment.

Life Expectancy Almost Doubled in 120 Years

According to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company statistics, life expectancy for the average white American male born in 1960 is 37 years greater than if he had been born in 1840. The man born in 1840 could expect to live 38.7 years; while the one born in 1960 is expected to live to be 75.5 years.

Will man use those extra years to fulfill the purpose for which he was created—to bring glory to God?

Billions to Make Us Boast, or Blush?

Americans do things in big ways—as these “billion” statistics indicate: Last year Americans chewed six billion pieces of gum, ate two billion pounds of candy, took 16 billion aspirins, ate three billion quarts of ice cream, used three and a half billion hairpins, mailed three and a quarter billion Christmas cards, and drove 800 billion miles.

They also drank two billion gallons of beer and smoked 550 billion cigarettes—in spite of warnings of danger to health!

Indirect Aid to Parochial Schools?

Current proposals for Federal aid for education should not violate or circumvent this country's long-time tradition of separation of church and state, declared the National Advisory Council of Protestants and Other Americans United (POAU) at a recent meeting.

“Since these proposals do provide for grants of aid in the form of funds, equipment, and personnel for schools wholly owned and operated by churches, we suggest and recommend that such features of otherwise commendable legislation be deleted,” declared the statement adopted by the 150-member Council.

Present legislation before Congress would channel \$1.3 billion in Federal funds into elementary and secondary schools. The bill attempts to sidestep the explosive church-state issue by giving assistance directly to the student rather than to the school.

New Bible House Ready in 1966

A new Bible House in New York City will be occupied by the American Bible Society in 1966, the year of the Society's 150th anniversary. The 12-story building will make architectural history since it will be the first major building constructed in New York City of structural precast sections, without interior columns, to provide clear space without obstructions.

A major feature of the building will be a library of 100,000 volumes devoted to one Book—the Bible—in some 1,200 languages and dialects. This is the largest such library in the Western Hemisphere.

The first floor, the main public area, will be 11 feet high with continuous windows of clear glass on four sides to provide an uninterrupted view of the interior exhibits of Scriptures. Windows will be set back 10 feet to provide an arcade. Display cases will feature historical Bibles.

The library will be on the second floor. Remaining floors will serve as headquarters for the worldwide activities of the American Bible Society which now works in 131 countries.

The new Bible House (white building in foreground) will be ready for occupancy in New York next year. (Photo courtesy ABS.)



Cancer of the Spirit

By **DON MALLOWH**
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WHAT THE DREAD DISEASE OF CANCER IS TO THE body of man, covetousness is to his spirit. Both are subtle and treacherous. Each has a small beginning and then runs amuck in devastating corruption. The parallel presents a fascinating study.

Beginning with the tenth commandment, there are many stern Biblical warnings against covetousness. To the casual reader these admonitions seem unusually severe for such a minor offense. To covet is but to exercise an undisciplined or illicit desire, confining the entire transgression within the mind. If it could be confined to those limits, the matter would be minor indeed. As with cancer, however, it knows no boundaries. If you would fully grasp the insidious nature of covetousness, then summon all your knowledge of cancer and let it illustrate the dangers of this malignancy of spirit.

The body of man is an association of cells. For unknown reasons, some of those cells act erratically at times and run wild. This causes a parasitic growth that is often malignant and is known as cancer. Once it gets a small start it knows no limitations. Having a voracious appetite, it invades every tissue, organ, muscle, and limb.

When unrestrained desires get into the human spirit, they run rampant over all that is vital and precious. Such a malignancy of spirit cuts its swath and leaves desolation and destruction in its wake. Knowing the result of such uncontrolled desire fully justifies all the Biblical warnings against covetousness. The wise man, Solomon, fully understood the insidious nature of the disease when he wrote, "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase" (Ecclesiastes 5:10).

When a physician writes a medical paper, he often uses case studies to point up the nature of the particular disease upon which he is doing research. Many such case studies on the devastating disease of covetousness can be culled from the Word of God. Perhaps citing the highlights from them is a valid way of portraying the characteristics of this menace to man's entire being.

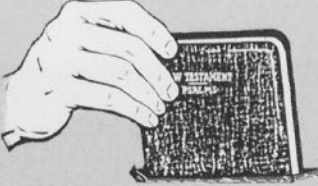
A classic example of illicit desire running rampant is the case of Ahab, the seventh king of Israel (1 Kings 21:1-20). From the bedroom of his summer palace near Samaria he could see a small but beautiful vineyard. At first he admired it. Then came the idea to add it to his many possessions. It was not that he really needed the property, nor the fruit it would produce. He just wanted to add it to the garden surrounding the palace. Assuming that money could buy anything, he located Naboth, the owner, and offered to buy it or even trade for more desirable land. To his great surprise, Naboth refused. It was a homestead and a sacred heritage in the family. He just wasn't interested in any deal that involved giving up the vineyard. Under ordinary circumstances that would have ended the matter. Not so with Ahab. Being rebuffed, he acted like a spoiled child being refused a toy.

The yearning to have that choice site continued to increase. There must be some way to get the property. Then his cruel, avaricious wife, Jezebel, stepped in to feed the obsession that was already controlling him. She reminded her husband that only one man, Naboth, stood between him and his strong desire. The result was that charges were trumped up against Naboth, and he was eventually stoned to death.

How illogical was this treacherous act when viewed dispassionately. Why would a king, who had all that heart could wish, stoop to murder over one little plot of ground? We could visualize a poor vineyard keeper being so envious of the wealth of a king that he might do something drastic. For a king to covet the possession of a poor man is unthinkable—particularly when it ends in murder.

This is covetousness at its sordid worst. A simple desire became an obsession and, like cancer, ran wild and ended in calculated murder and eventually in the death of the king himself. When Ahab allowed covetousness to remain in his heart, it proved to be the seed of his own destruction.

Another illustrious case history of the malignancy of covetousness is found in the life of Achan, a soldier



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH 28-APRIL 4

Sunday—Psalm 36	Thursday—Luke 20
Monday—Luke 17	Friday—Luke 21
Tuesday—Luke 18	Saturday—Psalm 37
Wednesday—Luke 19	Sunday—Psalm 38

in the Lord's army (Joshua 7:16-26). The stones that mark the grave of this foolish man are a monument to an illicit glance that played havoc with him, his family, an army, and an entire nation.

In the confession that Achan eventually made he briefly outlined the progressive steps of his transgression. He said, "I saw... I coveted... I took... I hid" (Joshua 7:21). One more could be posthumously credited to his lips, "I died." Then that confession would be a fitting epitaph for his tombstone. A wandering and wanton eye spied a wedge of gold and a Babylonish garment. That God had prohibited looting mattered little at that moment. He coveted that which belonged to others. Instead of turning his head from temptation, he gazed intently at the forbidden objects. Instead of quenching the inclination, he fed it. Then came the deliberate transgression and disobedience of the command of God. The eye, the heart, and the hand all cooperated in this sin. Secrecy follows in the wake of such sin. How often sin enters the eye-gate, develops in the heart, actuates the hand, and leads to secrecy and all the problems that stem from suppressed guilt.

An eagle once stole a piece of sacred flesh from an altar. Clinging to it was a smoldering coal that eventually burned up his nest and him. Achan took such a coal into his bosom and died as a result.

Gehazi, the servant of the prophet Elisha, is another example of one in whom the sin of covetousness was prevalent (2 Kings 5:20-27). When Elisha would not accept gifts from Naaman after the miracle of his healing, Gehazi saw a legitimate chance to get some money and clothes. Covetousness prompted him to obtain the items Naaman offered to his master. The leprosy that came upon him because of this act was in his heart long before it appeared on his body.

Many other case histories could be cited such as those of Laban, Balaam, Saul, and Judas. In each instance the similarity between covetousness and cancer is very evident.

Both cancer and covetousness start small, spread rapidly, and are treacherous. We are constantly bombarded with exhortations to be alert for the major danger signals of cancer. Medical science says it can be cured if discovered early. The time to eradicate the covetous spirit is in its infancy. It starts with an illicit desire or a lusting after that which does not belong to us. When discovered in that stage its progress and growth can be thwarted. An awareness that such a spirit ends in death makes us realize that this sin, although small, is serious indeed.

There is an antidote for this dread disease that plays such havoc. The Apostle Paul suggested it to the church of Galatia when he wrote, "But I say, walk and live in the Spirit—responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit; then you will not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16, Amplified New Testament).

The cure for covetousness lies in a daily walk in the Spirit. It requires more than being baptized with the Spirit. Of course, you cannot walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit until you have received that fullness. But what the Apostle refers to is a walk rather than an experience. The walk follows the experience and is a daily affair. If I walk in the Spirit today, I need not be concerned about covetousness today. It is when I am lax in spiritual matters that the desires of the flesh develop, grow, and eventually predominate.

The warnings against covetousness are many. The remedy has been provided. He who is destroyed by it has himself sown the seeds of his own destruction.

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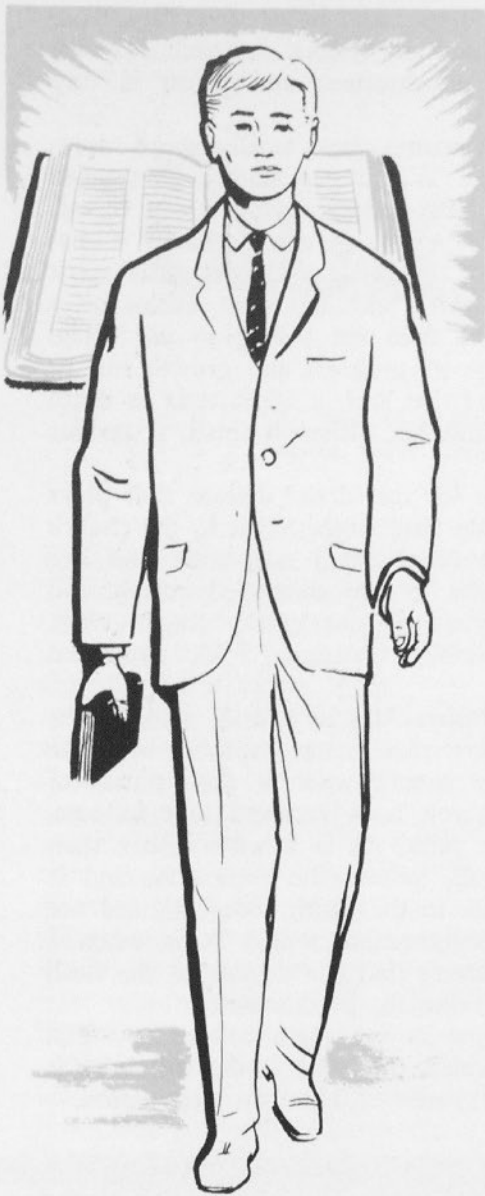
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REVIVALTIME

Inspires Pastor to Enlarge Church

REVIVALTIME'S PRAYER PARTNERS HAVE shared in the progress of the Assemblies of God church in Blanford, Ind. Pastor Herbert Neal asked the *Revivaltime* staff to join him and his wife in prayer as he accepted the responsibility of a basement church in Blanford which was several thousand dollars in debt. As the Neals willingly went to work God answered prayers. Bills were paid off, credit ratings were redeemed, and money began to come in for a new church.

Men of the church volunteered their labor and before long the congregation was worshiping in a new building. The interior of the structure features Philippine mahogany paneling and acoustical ceiling tile. It is furnished with oak pews, a baby grand piano, and an organ.

"Several times during the building program," wrote Pastor Neal, "I was tempted to give up. But Brother

Ward's fine messages renewed our courage."

Telling of the many apparently miraculous experiences which sustained the church, the pastor said:

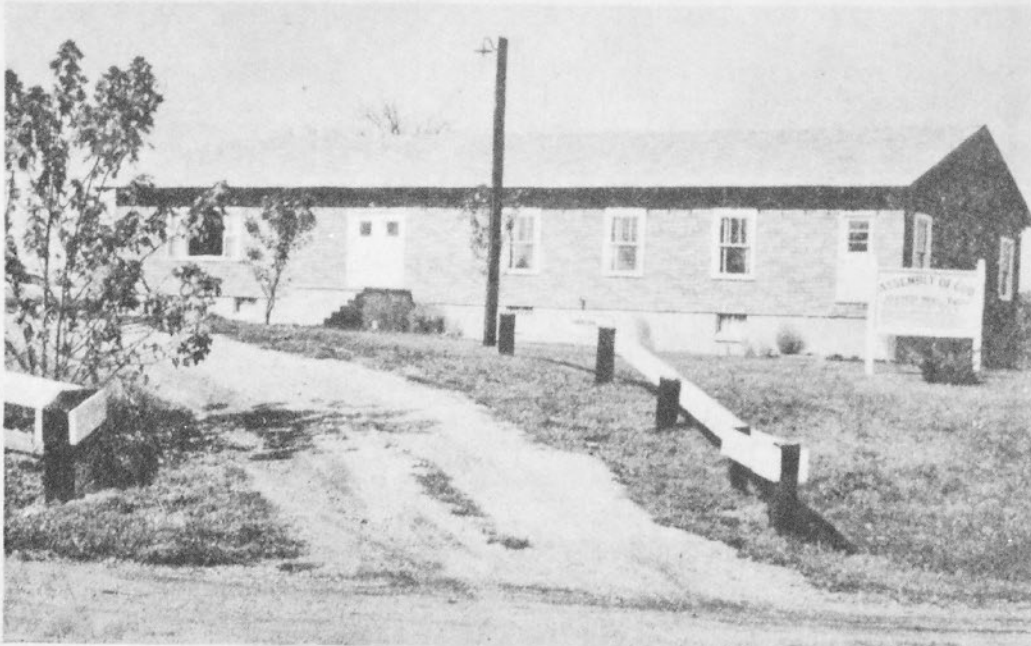
"One Monday evening we were downhearted at the prospect of having to put the seats from the old church in the lovely new sanctuary. The men met at the church and decided to borrow \$1,000 to purchase oak pews. It was a step of pure faith, but the very next week a man from Indianapolis visited our church and gave us a check for \$884."

Pastor Neal retired from the church in July, 1964. He expresses this note of gratitude: "The town which Robert Ripley (of *Believe It or Not* fame) once described as the only town with a population of more than 1,000 persons that had 28 taverns, but not one place of worship, now is the home of an Assemblies of God church."

The Wilmington Assembly of God, organized in response to a request from a *Revivaltime* listener, dedicated its new annex February 14. It consists of six classrooms, a nursery and kitchen. All rooms are separated by folding walls which when opened provide a large fellowship hall.

New Church in Wilmington, Ohio





Special services beginning Thursday night and continuing through the weekend will mark the dedication of the new Assembly of God Church, dedicated after a construction which had...

On Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Rev. Robert Hawkins of Portage, Ind., immediate past minister of the Blanford church, will conduct services, and Rev. Fred Wright of Terre Haute...

Located on State Road 71, the attractive new church will have former pastor Rev. Dora Beatt of Clinton as speaker Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The actual dedication...

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THE SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE OF *Revivaltime's* radio ministry often encourages and inspires hearts to decide for Christ and to start attending a local church. In most instances, these persons look for the church displaying the *Revivaltime* sign.

But what if there is no Assembly of God near them? The answer is: let one be started!

The preaching of Evangelist C. M. Ward so impressed a woman near Wilmington, Ohio, that she wrote to *Revivaltime* requesting information as to how an assembly might be established near her city. *Revivaltime* notified the area presbyter, C. W. Trenum, of the listener's request. Soon Felix O. Coyle, home missions chairman for that area, was holding services in the woman's home. In a few weeks the growing

congregation was able to rent a vacant church building.

Marie Moore became the pastor of the very small but determined congregation in December, 1958. Neighboring churches and district organizations soon rallied to the cause and a new church was built. An enlargement is now being planned to accommodate the growing congregation. Nearly all of the work on the new building was done by volunteers. Men from several nearby churches joined local men and women in building.

Sister Moore, commenting on the progress of the First Assembly of God in Wilmington, writes:

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FROM HOBO TO PASTOR

By **CLYDE F. WATSON**
Lubbock, Texas



SOMETIMES WHEN I STAND IN THE pulpit toiling with God over the souls of men and hear the lonesome wail of a freight in the distance, I remember with shame the promise I made to the Lord and took 14 years to fulfill.

My story begins in the plains town of Hereford, Tex. All was serene that afternoon of July 6, 1929. Although

the hot sun bathed the roofs and pavements, it was fairly cool in our jungle camp at the edge of town. Under the shelter of a culvert we had just completed our noon meal of stale bread, wieners, and coffee. It was a royal feast of four hoboes leisurely awaiting the next freight.

This was to be my first freight trip, for I preferred to hitchhike on the highways. It was cleaner. I wanted my pal to switch to the highways too, but Eddie argued that though the rails were dirtier, they were faster. We decided to prove the point once and for all by each taking his preferred way of travel and meeting in Flagstaff, Ariz. We parted with a handshake and a grin.

I hitched a ride to Clovis, New Mexico. At 9:30 that evening I was still there and gave up getting a ride on the highway. I hated the freights but I was out to win the race to Flagstaff even if I had to ride a freight car to do it. In spite of a strange sense of forboding, I moved down to the switchyards.

I barely made it there when I saw it coming. It was gaining momentum each moment. The soft whiteness of the full moon played like a great floodlight on the giant engine as she passed noisily by with smoke boiling from her stack. Briefcase on wrist, I grabbed the ladder on the front end of a car. My arms almost jerked off as my body slammed against the side of the coal car. I discovered later if I had chosen the second ladder, the speed would have whipped my body around the corner and my grip could not have held. It was my first call with the grim reaper. Another was coming up.

As we were rounding a curve I saw the door of an empty refrigerator

car open about six cars ahead. On reaching it I found the air warm and soothing to my cold body. Carefully, as I had been instructed, I put a stick in the door to indicate to a crewman that a hobo slept inside.

When I awoke hours later, I inched my way to the door and pushed it gently. It did not open. I shoved, but it was solid. Then I knew I was a prisoner. In all probability the door had worked itself open again and had been properly locked by a crewman. Instantly I remembered reading of dehydrated bodies of hoboes being found beside the tracks. Because of the thick, airtight walls it was impossible to hear my cry for help. I was in danger and I knew it.

Loneliness and darkness crowded in upon me, squeezing me as if I were in a vice. I struck a match, and in the brief moment of its burning I surveyed my prison. At each end was an ice compartment walled up for five feet and continuing to the roof with heavy steel netting. As the flame burned my fingers I saw a trap door in the ceiling. I decided this was my only way of escape.

After four hours of the most grueling, exhaustive work in my life, I loosed enough netting to crawl through to the opposite wall. Once when the train was braking it came to a stop. I cried for help with all my might. It seemed the noise bounced right back from the walls. I was almost voiceless and near to panic when the train moved forward again. I went back to the netting. Finally reaching the trap door I placed my shoulders to it and pushed upward with all my might. It moved an inch and hit solid steel. It was hopeless.

I felt like a small boy in a nightmare. I was lonely for my mother and



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friends. I was never so thirsty and hungry in my life. My tongue was dry and swollen. To me my prison was worse than a death house. They at least could eat and drink before they died.

About an hour later the train again slowed to a stop. I now found I could whistle louder than I could yell. I did not stop until we were in motion again. The desperation to live drove me on. I worked myself through to the other end of the boxcar. By taking several stops for rest I got through.

It too was locked!

Panic began to threaten when I thought of God and the words, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord?" My background was a maze of religious beliefs but without salvation. For the first time I cried out for mercy and salvation for my soul. I sought God with tears of repentance. Suddenly there was a joy and happiness flooding my soul. I made a covenant with God that if He would save me from my prison I would preach the Word and be a soul winner for Him. I was still praying and rejoicing in the Lord when the train came to a stop.

I felt a new strength come to me. As I whistled and shook the fence I heard the joyful sound of the door being unlocked! The voice that shouted at me was gruff and hard, but it sounded so good I felt like crying some more—this time for joy!

Three men stood bathed in the glow of the lantern, each one assuring me that it was a miracle they ever heard me. I had been in that refrigeration car approximately 33 hours. Needless to say, my buddy won the race to Flagstaff.

I wish I could begin my testimony of soul winning at my deliverance from that freight-car prison. The truth is, I cannot. My buddy was in a public gambling house when I found him and I did not get a good opportunity to testify at that time. The days which followed brought many experiences, arrest and sentence among them. On my release I took up wrestling. Gradually I began to associate with tougher elements still as I gambled and drank. And through it all the faithful Holy Spirit dealt with me many times even though I was growing steadily worse.

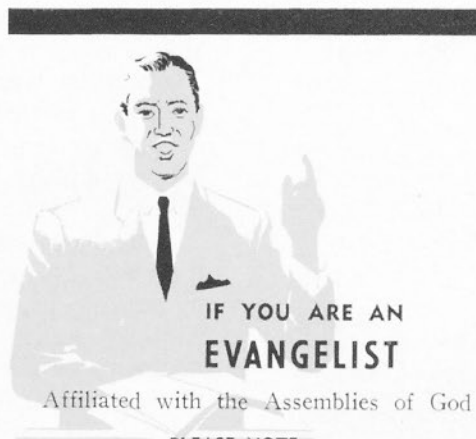
Finally the day came when I fell on my face before God in bedrock repentance, crying out for salvation. I was married to a patient, Spirit-

filled wife who prayed for me in spite of my persecution. Driven by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit I cried to God for mercy and forgiveness. I felt that awful load of sin slip from my soul and the happiest feeling of peace came over me. It was then I really began to keep my promise to God, that glorious day in August, 1943.

After preaching for several years I was ordained in April, 1955. God has been gracious to let me lead many to Him—sometimes more in personal soul winning than in the regular Sunday evening services of my church. I have served as pastor in eight churches in the West Texas district during the years of ministry God has given me. I wonder how many more souls I might have won for Him if I had not wasted those 14 years?

Yes, sometimes when I stand in my pulpit and hear the lonesome wail of a freight, I remember with shame this broken promise. In moments like these contrition and compassion flow together in a holy desire to turn men and women from the evils of procrastination and sin. This preacher stood once where the sinner now stands, and knows from experience the urgency and welcome in the invitation he gives.

"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). "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). ◀◀



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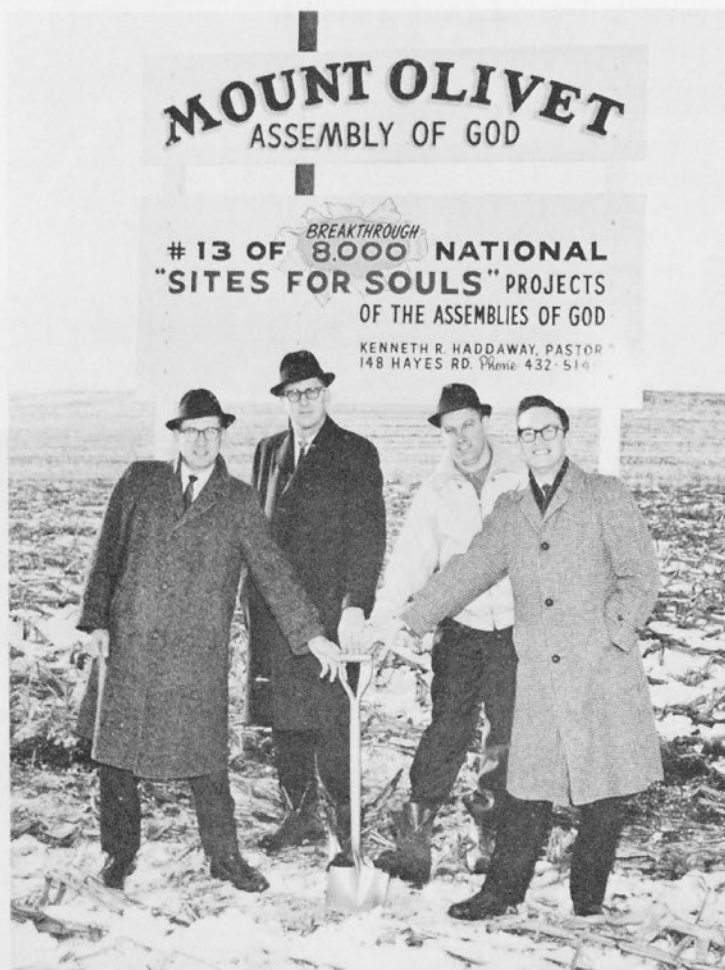
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SITES FOR SOULS CHURCH LAUNCHED IN MINNESOTA

"GREAT NEWS! THE FIRST ACTUAL WORK ON THE church was begun yesterday (January 7, 1965)," wrote Ken Haddaway, pastor of the new Mt. Olivet Assembly of God at Apple Valley, Minn. His letter continued, "Of course, we're thrilled, but we're especially grateful to you for your help. We had already raised \$6,000 in notes before *Sites for Souls Assistance*; but were still \$12,000 short of being able to build. It seemed we could raise no more. After we received *Sites for Souls* aid, another \$2,000 note came in completing our financial picture. Praise God."

The church actually began with the vision of four men who live in the area. God challenged them to build a new Assemblies of God church in this one-year-old Minneapolis suburb to welcome the 1,800 men, women, and children now preparing to move to it. These four men contacted the Minnesota District Council for their advice and received their consent.

On December 12, 1964, the new Mt. Olivet Assembly in Apple Valley, Minn., broke ground and erected the "Sites for Souls" sign. Attending the groundbreaking service were (left to right): Kenneth M. Freiheit, secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota District; Herman H. Rohde, superintendent; Richard Vanman, architect and contractor; and Kenneth R. Haddaway, pastor of the new church.



Knowing that the "storefront" methods of the past cannot apply to the new and expanding suburbs that encircle our larger cities today, the district applied to the National Home Missions Department for *Sites for Souls* help to obtain a building site that would be a sound investment. The district felt this was God's time for them to build because of the unique opportunity that prevails in Apple Valley.

The church property is located on the main thoroughfare of a new community project in South Minneapolis. One year ago it was all farming area. The church property embraces 6.4 acres and is costing \$1,800 per acre.

The city of Rosemount, four miles east of Apple Valley, has had to make room for 1,000 pupils from Apple Valley alone, with 5,000 to 6,000 to follow in five years. There are three other developers in the area who have already begun construction.

Burnsville Township is the fastest growing township in Minnesota with a current population of almost 9,000. The population of the combined communities is approximately 25,000 to 35,000 with a potential of twice that number by 1970.

In the past six months, one new Baptist church has been completed and three other churches are under construction in the Burnsville and Lebanon areas. One church purchased ground costing over \$21,000 for 3½ acres!

The Mt. Olivet Assembly of God in Lebanon Township is now under construction, thanks to *Sites for Souls*. The church was set in order in September, 1963, as a sovereign assembly with 26 members. They purchased a new parsonage in Apple Valley in which the pastor and his family live. Services presently are conducted in the basement of the parsonage.

Attendance has reached 75 and averaged 50 through the winter. The members embarked on a house-to-house witnessing program immediately following their soul-winning classes. Six "Witnesses for Christ" teams have made up to 60 calls on new homes in one month. In this same period, 10 people made decisions for Christ in their homes. In the past year the basement church was twice filled to capacity and the Lord has added three new families.

The completed church will be a 76- by 36-foot, two-story, walk-out building. It will be of masonry construction with laminated arches and a prestressed concrete floor system. The church will seat about 300, and the basement will provide nine Sunday school rooms.

From all appearances this new church has a great future for extending the Kingdom in its area. <<<

IT WAS A COLD, CRISP NIGHT. THE WIND ECHOED THE silence of the people gathered on the reservation. There was sadness among those Arizona Indians. One of their friends had died.

The flames of two bonfires snapped at the wind. A man moved from one small group to another. In his hands he held a shovel filled with glowing coals. He moved on to the next group of people and left some of the coals to warm them. Between two bonfires was a one-room hovel with a makeshift porch tacked on one side.

According to the tribal custom, friends and relatives came to spend two days and nights with the dead man (or to remain until the grave was ready). A missionary, regarded as one of them, remained with his people. In one part of the ritual the Indians eulogized their dead. They spoke quietly and simply, each adding his own story about the deceased. Out of the 300 people gathered, only a few were permitted to speak.

Although the dead man had not been a Christian, the missionary was asked to say a few words. I wondered what he would say. The missionary paid his respects and offered sympathy to them for the loss of their friend and relative. Then he talked about the best Friend one could have, and how our friends could give sympathy but this Friend could give comfort, forgiveness, and peace of heart.

In discussing the wake later the missionary said he wished he had had Gospels to give them while they were sitting there.

"Do you think they would read them?" I asked.

"By tomorrow night they would have had the Book read through and they would have been ready to listen to me with better understanding when I spoke to them



The Bible at an Indian Wake

again. There are two or three wakes a month. I could use 200 or more Gospels each time."

Such an incredible opportunity to distribute the Word brought action. We ordered a large supply of Gospels and Testaments.

Reading matter is scarce. When they finish reading one Gospel, they trade with someone for another. If adults are unable to read, the children read aloud to them. When they have read the Gospels, the missionary gives them a New Testament. Only when these have been read are they given a whole Bible.

God's Word will change lives when it is given a chance. One former medicine man told us how he used to be dark in his heart, but since he had been given a Bible at the wake new life had come to him. "The white man I used to hate; but now, if the white man loves God, he is my brother."

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A Gypsy Testifies

God Healed Me

By GEORGE FRIER

ALL MY LIFE I WAS TROUBLED WITH A SERIOUS INCURABLE ailment that the doctors described as growths in the kidneys. Since I had this as a child, they offered no help for me; they said even surgery could not correct my trouble.

These growths continued to enlarge. In 1944 I was stationed at the Second Air Force Base and was hospitalized in the Veterans Hospital in Grand Island, Nebr., for three and one-half months. There the doctors told me that the growths were as large as my thumbs. Since surgery could not help my condition, I was given a medical discharge.

In spite of my suffering I went back to my gypsy occupation of sanitation work which took me into many states. In 1957 when I arrived at Deer River, Minn., the sickness took me to the limit of my endurance. My wife was very much concerned and burdened for my condition. We were camped near my brothers-in-law, the Mason brothers, who were preaching among the gypsies that Christ is our Healer. She asked them to come and pray for me.

They gathered in our trailer and offered the prayer of faith. During this time of prayer a most wonderful feeling of God's presence came over me and I knew I had been healed. I have been working ever since without pain or trouble in my kidneys.

In 1961 I went back to the Veterans Hospital in Grand Island for a checkup and a survey of my former condition. Based upon thorough examination and X rays, the doctors' report was that the growths were gone! I have these records on file showing the seriousness of my former condition. I praise God I am free from pain. I thank the Lord for His mercy and His salvation to me and to my family. ◀◀

New Horizons for ARIZONA INDIANS

By J. K. GRESSETT
Arizona District Superintendent



Regional Indian Bible School for the Indians of the Southwest. New Mexico, California, Utah, and Nevada all have Indian churches and the superintendents of these districts were contacted. They have acknowledged a need for such a school and have expressed willingness to participate in a regional program. The school will be sponsored and promoted by the National Home Missions Department and will be administered by a regional board of directors along with the Arizona District.

We wish to express appreciation for all assistance given toward any part of the Indian work in Arizona. This added phase of work was more than our small district could handle alone, since Indian congregations comprise 25 per cent of Arizona's churches.

Speed-the-Light has been a great boost to a number of our home missionaries in providing vehicles for them. The National Home Missions Department has helped us over some rough places.

Any church or friend desiring to participate in promoting the school or the Indian work of the district may contact the National Home Missions Department or the Arizona District. There are many urgent needs and all financial or other assistance will help us to continue and expand our Indian ministry.

It is reported that over half of the American Indians have seldom or never heard the gospel! ◀◀

AS WE SURVEY OUR INDIAN WORK IN Arizona, we wish to share the encouraging report with the many districts, churches, Women's Missionary Councils and Men's Fellowship groups, and individuals who have had a part in our progress through the years.

At present we have 28 all-Indian churches and 84 missionaries working in Arizona. Most of the churches are thriving and some have regular congregations of over 200. Each week workers visit 10 outstations or preaching points for services in hogans or community houses. Large groups attend these meetings.

With land grants and sufficient finance we could have six or eight more good Indian churches in a matter of months. The majority of our Indian churches have parsonages or living quarters adjoining the buildings.

Last summer six Indian camp meetings conducted in various parts of the district drew good crowds of saved

and unsaved with as many as 600 in attendance at one service. The Lord is visiting the American Indians with revival. Numbers have been saved and filled with the Spirit.

For several years Mrs. Alta Washburn has been pastor of the All Tribes Indian Assembly in Phoenix and has operated the All Tribes Indian Bible School in connection with this work. Several students have been graduated from the school and are doing profitable work in their own churches.

Many friends have assisted Sister Washburn in this worthy work over the years. However, due to illness she is no longer able to carry on the school as a part of the church work. She has appealed to the Home Missions Department to insure its continued operation.

Gayle F. Lewis, executive director of home missions, met with the executive committee of the Arizona District and has recommended an All Tribes

Echoes from TEEN CHALLENGE in San Francisco

WHERE DOES TOLERATION LEAD? THE San Francisco Bay area is one of the most open-minded communities in the world. The individual is applauded for his self-expression and his independence of cultural mores.

Homosexuality is not even rated as a sickness, let alone a sin. "Kicks" from lightweight drugs are part of daily living for thousands of Bay area youth. San Francisco is one of the most sinful areas in the United States as a result of this "toleration."

In recent days marijuana users have been reported to be more "out in the open" and militant in defense of their

habit. According to one local paper, "San Francisco is rapidly becoming the 'pot haven' of the West." Recent front-page headlines of the *San Francisco Chronicle* read: "San Francisco Dope Parade, 'The Far-Out Protest' ... 'It's Easy in San Francisco' ... 'Big Marijuana Kick' ... 'Bolder Use of Marijuana.'"

Drug advocates are parading through Union Square with signs reading, "Marijuana Is Wholesome," "Justice for Marijuana," "Our Only Hope Is Dope."

In spite of the ignorant claim of "pot users," marijuana-smoking leads to definite addiction, usually the last step before heroin. The *only* hope is Jesus!

San Francisco, with one of the highest family breakdown rates in the world, is now seeing a sharp increase in narcotics addiction and venereal dis-

ease among its youth. The typical male addict steals thousands of dollars worth of merchandise annually to support his habit. A girl addict usually becomes a prostitute.

But the work of redemption goes on! We are witnessing Holy Ghost conviction grip the hearts of many drug addicts and sex perverts. We need your prayers for our new evangelistic program. In San Francisco we are maintaining an unprecedented drive against homosexuality. In Oakland we have launched a new drive against drug addiction. Ex-addicts in this area are introducing our workers to many bound by heroin.

Pray for those who are "hooked" and living in complete lawlessness and rebellion against God. "How shall they escape if they neglect so great salvation?"

—Donald Abbott, Director



God Changed My Plans

By **LLOYD COUCH**
Rockford, Illinois

THERE WAS A SHORT, TROUBLED PERIOD in my life when every circumstance seemed to point in the opposite direction of the way I felt the Holy Spirit was asking me to take.

It happened during my first semester of veterinary studies when I began to attend the First Assembly of God in Columbia, Mo. Conviction gripped my soul in those services, and one day I hastened to the altar and did not stop seeking until God filled me with the Holy Spirit. I had never experienced such wonderful joy.

But my joy was short-lived! It was in those moments that I felt the Lord was asking me to give up my veterinary studies to become a minister. I'm afraid I rebelled at first. I was not willing to give up the promise of a good profession.

Although I had grown up in an Assemblies of God home and accepted Christ as Saviour at 13, I had allowed myself to become spiritually cold at college. While feeding my mind I had neglected my soul.

For two reasons my studies were especially important to me. After completing two years of preliminary college preparation and passing my exams for the School of Veterinary Medicine, I had been approved for specialized training. The annual limit for this course was 30 trainees and there were others who had been rejected.

In the second place, I did not want to disappoint the livestock men in my home county who were sufficiently interested in me to plan to finance my schooling.

Suddenly all of these legitimate goals seemed out of bounds in relation to God's priority on my life. I continued to seek the Lord but there seemed to be a stone wall between God and me. After some struggle I finally answered His call. When I was telling my pastor of my decision the blessings of God flowed over me and joy again filled my heart!

But shortly after I left the School

of Veterinary Medicine to preach the gospel I was drafted into military service. During my service in Germany I tried to preach but I felt the need of more Bible training. In one Pentecostal service there I met the young lady who was to become my wife.

After completing my time in the service I entered Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo. While studying the school catalog I noticed a sign language course and felt strongly impressed to include it in my curriculum. I had no previous interest in the deaf.

Before completing my studies at CBI two important events transpired. I spent several summers working in St. Louis, and while there ministered to a deaf group in a local Assembly.

Also I returned to Germany to marry the girl to whom I was engaged. Entering CBI as a special student, she too enrolled in the sign language course.

As we sought God's will for our ministry I was burdened for the deaf people in St. Louis who had asked me to be their pastor. A year and a half of part-time ministry among them followed. Then for three and one-half years it was possible for me to devote my full time to this work. Besides my immediate congregation, doors were opened for me to arrange chapel services at Goodwill Industries and to interpret for the deaf who attended. My wife and I also conducted services for the deaf in Fulton, Sikeston, and Puxico, Mo., and in Alton and Granite City, Illinois.

A few months ago, after five years ministry in the St. Louis area, we moved to Rockford, Ill., to minister to the Assembly of God for the deaf. We are looking forward to establishing other churches for the deaf in northern Illinois.

It is a privilege to have a part in communicating the claims of Christ across the sound barrier of deafness. I am thankful God changed my plans for my life's work! ◀◀

PERSPECTIVE

IS IT POSSIBLE?

BY **R. L. BRANDT**
National Secretary of Home Missions

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE DAY WILL come when other countries will send missionaries to the United States? A hasty glance at history provides the answer. One example speaks loudly to the point.

The Moravians of Europe were fired with a zeal for evangelical missions, and their zeal sent them around the world with the gospel. They left their footprints in the sands of every continent and established missions wherever they went. But while they were so zealously concerned for far-away places, they failed to refuel the spiritual fires in their homeland. Gradually the fires died and the foundations crumbled, with the result that today almost all of Europe is a mission field, and we are sending missionaries there.

Could this repeat itself in the United States where there is a church on almost every corner? The answer is obvious. Therefore, we should look well to the foundations of our world outreach, lest while we concern ourselves with souls beyond our borders we overlook those within our gates.

For 35 years the Assemblies of God averaged 200 new churches each year. Little wonder then that we have been able to send missionaries to the ends of the earth. However, our pace is gradually slowing. The number of new churches added each year no longer reaches 200, despite the fact that we are numerically stronger than ever before.

An accurate test of our spirituality is our evangelistic outreach at home and abroad. The torch of spiritual life can be passed on only by those who possess it. When the opening of new churches slows in the homeland, our foreign outreach must inevitably diminish. We dare not let this happen.

And it will not happen if we begin anew to concern ourselves with the mission field at home.

We, as individual Christians, will determine today whether or not other lands will send missionaries to our land tomorrow.



Homefront Highlights

DEAF MINISTRY

Washington, D. C.

Lottie Riekehof, sign language instructor at Central Bible Institute, recently attended a meeting of the National Registry of In-



Lottie Riekehof

terpreters for the Deaf. The workshop was conducted at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington, D. C.

Subjects on the agenda included the training of interpreters, implementation of a training program, examination and certification of interpreters, and development of a code of ethics.

ALASKA MINISTRY

Fort Yukon

Robert Humphrey, missionary at Fort Yukon, reports that extremely cold weather has created problems this winter. Temperatures registered from 64 to 70 degrees below zero during most of December. He burned between 11 and 12 cords of wood in one month.

In these extreme temperatures propane gas will not burn.

Even oil-burning is affected. Brother Humphrey, for the first time, saw oil frozen in a drum. People who heat with oil have been adding five gallons of gasoline per drum to keep the fuel from freezing.

Missionaries are kept so busy hauling wood and water, just to survive in these low temperatures, that they have little time for missionary work. Brother Humphrey said they had difficulty heating the church building. Nevertheless God richly blessed the service. Attendance was as good at 60 below as at more normal temperatures of around zero. The people benefited spiritually. At one service

Miss Riekehof was one of 30 selected by the government agency to participate in the workshop. This group and others first met in June, 1964, at Ball State Teachers College in Muncie, Ind., when the National Registry of Interpreters was established.

These were the first meetings ever conducted for the development of standards of performance in the important skills of interpreting and translating for the deaf. A grant from the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration has made possible these historic conferences.

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Thomas and Barbara Goulder are the parents of Michael Thomas, born February 1. Brother Goulder is serving as Assemblies of God chaplain at Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C.

Lebanon, Indiana

Several of the hearing members of the Lebanon Assembly of God, having learned the sign language from Mary Jane Stroud, local minister to the deaf, are now helping interpret the hearing services in Lebanon.

the Humphreys' own daughter received the Baptism.

Kaktovik (Barter Island)

The Arvin Glandons, who completed another term of the Far North Bible School at the mission on Barter Island January 9, wrote: "The curtain of night is slowly lifting from this Arctic Northland. Each day brings a little more daylight. With the temperature hovering around 45 degrees below zero it was impossible to heat the church or living quarters adequately. However, the faithful Christians came and sat in the cold building for two hours of Bible school while Brother Glandon taught. They were dressed in fur parkas and flight pants. The nail heads on the floor glistened with frost."

The Mel Cooleys, pastors at Kaktovik, are happy because another door of ministry recently opened to them. Before going to Barter Island Brother Cooley had a great desire to witness to nearly 100 white men stationed at the Dew Line site near the village. One afternoon when he went to the site to inquire about purchas-

ing fuel, the Episcopalian chaplain asked him to come and minister in the Protestant service on Sunday.

After ministering in sermon and song the following Sunday, the Cooleys were invited to stay for the meal. Again during the dinner hour they were requested to sing.

In the same week a group of army men came to the village presenting still another opportunity to witness.

North Pole

The Ralph Millers had to cancel their services on two Sundays in December due to the 50-to-60-below-zero temperatures. At North Pole it is too hazardous for people to be out in the cold and ice fog in such temperatures. Most of their people must drive at least six miles to the services.

Valdez

The C. C. Personeses, interim pastors in Valdez, wrote that according to reports the December weather was the coldest in 40 years, with terrific winds for six weeks.

Stebbins

Lawrence Burton, missionary at Stebbins, reported that on February 2, the villagers received a radio message to evacuate to high ground because a tidal wave might result from the earthquake in the Aleutian Islands.

The Burtons moved out into the 15-below-zero weather to a high bluff in back of the village. According to the radio, they had only 30 minutes to move before the tidal wave would strike. After about two hours, they received the news the wave did not materialize even though the quake was equal to the Good Friday earthquake of last year.

The Burtons and their people rejoiced in the Lord for His kindness. They said it would be hard to realize what great damage a tidal wave could do since it would move the sea ice with it.

Fairbanks

B. P. Wilson, superintendent of the Alaska Assemblies, reports that the Gospel Evangelaires, Bonnie Greene and Marialice Smith, have done a commendable work for the Lord in the state. They have ministered in evangelistic meetings over most of the state and in the youth camp at

Wasilla. They have been a blessing through their ministry in music and in the Word. Brother Wilson says: "We have appreciated so much those who have been willing to come to this field and minister, giving the best of themselves to the work of God."

PRISON MINISTRY

Lebanon, Ohio

A prisoner from the Lebanon Correction Institution writes: "I would like to thank you for the time and money you have spent on these (Bible) courses. I enjoy working on them and feeding on the Word of God. I used to think I didn't need God, church, or anything connected with it; but since I have had time to think, I know I need them all."



Edgar Meissner

Lansing, Kansas

Edgar Meissner was appointed Protestant chaplain of the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing on January 15. This appointment was made jointly by the state, the institution, and the Prison Division of the Assemblies of God.

Before his appointment, Brother Meissner was pastor of the Assemblies of God church in Verdun, Ill. Previously he served as chaplain of a state prison in Tennessee.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE MINISTRY

Miami, Florida

Gabriel Caride, pastor of the Evangelical Refugee Center Chapel, is carrying on the work of the Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami in the absence of its director, Kathleen Belknap. He is assisted by Mrs. Caride, Ilene Gans, and others.

Miss Belknap had major surgery in her hip in December and is now convalescing in Springfield, Mo.

Los Angeles, California

Billy Wooford, director of the Chinese Mission in Los Angeles, reports his Sunday school average attendance for 1964 was 69.

TEEN CHALLENGE MINISTRY

Depew, New York

Jack L. Steves, pastor at Depew, reports that a Teen Challenge rally at Riverside Assembly of God was greatly blessed of the Lord. Attendance for the three-night meeting, directed by the pastor, with Bob Rhoden and three former dope addicts making up the team, totaled about 1,200. The last two nights there was standing room only.

Offerings above expenses went to Teen Challenge in New York. They totaled \$640.

On the second night a well-known gang in the Buffalo area known as "The Road Vultures" came into the meeting. The leader acknowledged his need of salvation.

Tentative spring plans include a three-night meeting in the Kleinhans Music Hall with Dave Wilkerson as speaker. The hall seats about 3,000.

San Francisco, California

Teen Challenge Center in San Francisco, a four-story building, was dedicated November 9, 1964. Steve Asmuth, chairman of the Teen Challenge Executive Committee, directed the service.

Donald Abbott, director of the center, gave a current report of the ministry of the Teen Challenge workers and some of the staff presented a musical program. Floyd Thomas, pastor of San Francisco's Glad Tidings Temple, gave the dedicatory address and Joseph Gerhart, superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District, offered the dedicatory prayer. Other district presbyters were guests.

Los Angeles, California

In conjunction with the *Voice of Youth* program, Teen Challenge will conduct a youth rally the first Saturday night of each month at Angelus Temple. The first rally on January 2 drew over 1,500 young people.

Brooklyn, New York

Leonard Ravenhill, noted author and revival preacher, has been ap-

pointed editor of the new Teen Challenge magazine, *The Cross and the Switchblade*. The Teen Challenge Committee has long desired to publish a dynamic magazine presenting this unique ministry and offering a challenge to others in this field.

Dr. Ravenhill lives in Brooklyn at the Teen Challenge staff headquarters. The first issue of *The Cross and the Switchblade* was released February 1 and mailed to thousands of Teen Challenge friends and supporters.

Brother Ravenhill is an accomplished editor and author. *Day-spring* magazine, edited by him, enjoys a worldwide circulation. He has written several books including *Why Revival Tarries*, *Meat for Men*, *Revival Praying*, and *Treasury of Prayer*.

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

Indian Wells, Arizona

Dorothy Terry, missionary at White Cove, had an accident on the freeway while she was visiting her home in California. Her car was a total loss but she was not injured. Through a \$1,000 gift from *Speed-the-Light* and generous gifts from North Torrance, Newhall, and Victorville assemblies, she took a new Chevrolet Carryall back to the reservation.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Paul Evans, missionary at Albuquerque, writes that the Indian Assembly there is "bursting at the seams." With 100 in Sunday school, a class of 28 adults has to crowd into a 10 by 10 room. Other classrooms are just as crowded. Approximately 27,000 Navaho and other Indians live in and around the Albuquerque area and many have not heard the full gospel. Numbers of unsaved contacted by the Evanses seem hungry for the truth.

Phoenix, Arizona

The Lonnie Thomases have built a new Indian church on the Salt River reservation near Phoenix. It was dedicated January 1. Virgil Sampson conducted a revival there recently.

Blanding, Utah

During December, 1964, the new Blanding Indian Assembly reached an all-time high with nearly 100 in Sunday school.



Sixteen people received certificates for the teacher training course, taught by Olline Dingman, at the Casa Blanca Indian Church in Arizona. (Two were not present for the picture.)

Chandler and Stanfield, Arizona

The J. O. Browns of Chandler, Ariz., pastors of the Casa Blanca Indian Assembly, report they broke their record in January with attendance reaching 150 and averaging 94. During January, Olline Dingman, recently returned to the Indian field, conducted the first teacher training course for the assembly. Sixteen received certificates. The people were so enthusiastic that the missionaries requested Sister Dingman to teach another course.

Sister Dingman also conducted teacher training courses for the Charles Greathouses, pastors of the San Tan Indian Mission, and the A. M. Cranstons, pastors at Stanfield, Ariz., during February. These courses are very beneficial for the Indian churches since many qualified Sunday school teachers and other workers are urgently needed in areas where Sunday schools are growing rapidly.

Sisseton, South Dakota

Lonnie Johnson, missionary to the Sioux Indians, reports that 13 were saved in December in a revival (Frank Holmes, evangelist). Nightly attendance was encouraging in spite of zero temperatures.

Sanders, Arizona

Six were saved in December in the comparatively new work in the Burnt Water area near Sanders where the Charles Kumleys minister.

Bylas, Arizona

Raymond Fox, missionary at Bylas, reports that a large number sought God in the most encouraging revival he has seen there. Jess Smith, an Apache Indian from San Carlos, preached to the people in their native tongue (it is hard for the older people to understand the gospel unless it is

preached in the Apache language).

One woman converted in this meeting had been near death just a few weeks before. Only the hand of the Lord brought her through. Not only did the Lord heal her, but He also convicted her of her sins and saved her from a life of drunkenness.

Cibecue, Arizona

A group of young people from First Assembly, Canoga Park, Calif., visited the Roy Nelsons and their Indian congregation at Cibecue in December and proved a blessing with their special singing and preaching. The young people also did visitation work from camp to camp in spite of heavy snows and mud.

Long Valley, South Dakota

Gerald G. Larson, missionary at Norris and Wanblee, is now superintendent of schools for Washabaugh County.

Red Rock, Oklahoma

Interest is growing in the Red Rock Indian Assembly where the Dwayne Suits minister. In December, three were saved, two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and several were refilled.

Tucson, Arizona

The Virgil Zeiglers, missionaries in Tucson, report a blessed revival in December with the Ted Millers. Several were saved and the believers were spiritually uplifted.

Holbrook, Arizona

Eugene Herd, missionary at Holbrook, reports a very profitable revival in January with the Claude Utleys of Joplin, Mo. Brother Utley was formerly the superintendent of the Kansas District of the Assemblies of God. Several were saved, some were reclaimed, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit in the meeting.

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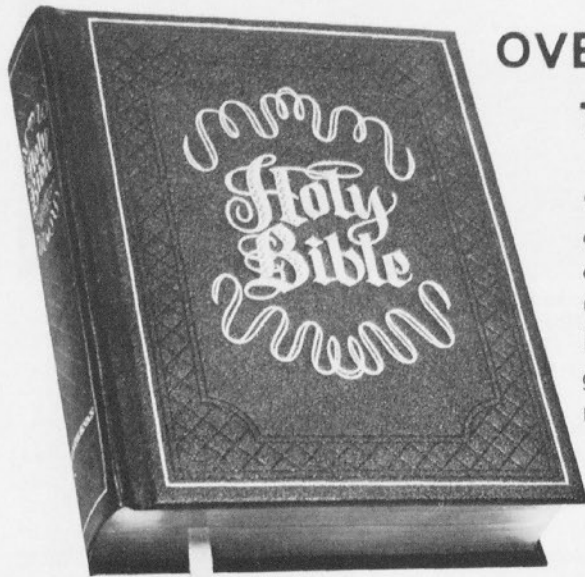
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NAE CONVENTION SLATED FOR MINNEAPOLIS

The 23rd annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals meets April 27-29 in the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn., according to Dr. Arthur M. Climenhaga, executive director.

Under the theme, "The Evangelical Imperative: A World in Crisis—The Church Involved," the convention features rallies, inspirational sessions, workshops, business meetings, and fellowship.

Guest speakers for evening rallies are Dr. Richard Halverson, Dr. Myron Augsburger, and NAE President Dr. Jared Gerig. Day speakers include John Haggai, Dr. Wilford Lown, Dr. Ralph Keiper, Nathan Bailey, and Dr. Joseph Hemphill.

Since the Assemblies of God is a member of NAE, each local church is entitled to send to the business sessions one ministerial and one lay delegate for each 500 members or fraction thereof. Credential forms for such representatives are available from the National Association of Evangelicals, Box 28, Wheaton, Ill. 60188.

General convention sessions are open to the public.

CONGREGATION BUYS CHURCH PROPERTY FROM ITS PASTOR

LAWTON, OKLA.—Members of Bethel Assembly of God in Lawton have purchased the property



The new home of First Assembly of God in Akron, Ohio, is on a seven-acre tract in one of the finest sections of the city.

AKRON FIRST ASSEMBLY PLANS DEDICATION REVIVAL

The First Assembly of God, Akron, Ohio, plans to dedicate its new church building with special services April 21-26.

The church's seven-acre site at 1175 Market Street is in one of Akron's finest sections. Bought for \$70,000 in 1960 the property has appreciated until it now carries a valuation as large as the build-

ing (which cost slightly in excess of \$300,000 furnished).

First Assembly was established in 1917 under the leadership of the late C. A. McKinney. Forty-eight members signed the charter roll. The church now has 300 voting members.

Five former pastors will participate in the special services

planned at dedication time, with the dedication itself set for Monday night, April 26. J. O. Savell, former assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, will be dedicatory speaker.

G. G. Benson has pastored First Assembly for eight years. He is assisted by Frank Kelley.

on which their church is located.

The church has been on privately owned property at 12th and D Streets for 21 years. T. K. Davis founded the church on his own property in May 1944. After his death in 1947 his son, Claud H. Davis, assumed the pastorate and he purchased the property from his mother.

Periodically through the years Pastor Davis has offered the church to the people, but in those growing years the people and the

church board declined to buy; but on November 22, 1964, following another offer from the pastor, the church board voted to purchase the property. Robert E. Goggin, district superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Oklahoma, presided at this session by request.

The church membership voted unanimously that Brother Davis remain as pastor. Assisting him are James M. Eubank, associate pastor, and Wendell Shaw and Don Middleton, assistant pastors.

In addition to Bethel Assembly there are three other Assemblies of God churches in Lawton.

TEMPORARY SANCTUARY TO BE DEDICATED TODAY

MILLVILLE, N. J.—First Assembly of God here has moved to a new site of almost five acres on which there is a lovely parsonage. Inasmuch as the congregation has not yet been able to sell its old church, it has built a brick educational unit and is using the future all-purpose room as a temporary sanctuary.

This temporary sanctuary will be dedicated on Sunday, March 28. Guest speaker will be Chas. W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendent from Springfield, Mo. District Superintendent Fred Eide and other guests of honor will officiate at the dedication service at 3 p.m.

Evangelist Paul Coxe will conduct a dedicatory crusade March 26 through April 4.

—Gerritt W. Kenyon, Minister

EASTERN DISTRICT C.A.'S PLAN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

The Christ's Ambassadors of the Eastern District (Pennsylvania and Delaware) will conduct their tenth annual C. A. convention at the Jaffa Mosque, Altoona, Pa., April 15, 16.

Evangelist Jack West, former pastor of Calvary Temple, Springfield, Mo., will be guest speaker. Guest musicians will include Lee Robbins, former *Revivaltime* solo-

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR	
Ala.	Atmore	Bratt	Apr. 6	Donald & Mrs. Lunsford	T. E. Barnes	
	Mobile	Crichton	Apr. 4-18	Woodrow Oxner	Clarence Cope	
	Pritchard	A/G	Apr. 7-18	H. Syvelle Phillips	James Kofahl	
Ariz.	Yuma	First	Mar. 28-Apr. 11	E. C. & Mrs. Briggs	O. W. Killingsworth	
	Bearden	Hopeville	Mar. 28-Apr. 9	Billy W. A. McLean	H. L. Buckley	
Ark.	Clarksville	First	Mar. 28-Apr. 11	A. G. Calaway	Raymond Kendrick	
	Fayetteville	First	Mar. 30—	Carl L. Tillery	Wayne Danner	
	Fort Smith	Calvary	Apr. 4-18	Jack Martz	Milton Brown	
	Hamburg	A/G	Apr. 6	Jimmy & Lenete Merritt	James Doan	
	N. Little Rock	Bethel	Apr. 6-18	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Earl Maxwell	
	Calif.	Anaheim	*Central	Apr. 4-9	Christian Hild	Thomas G. Sutton
		Baywood Park	A/G	Apr. 6-16	The Tanner Team	Ronald A. Snider
		Dos Palos	First	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Charles & Mrs. Shipley	Walter W. Moody
		Hawthorne	A/G	Mar. 28	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	J. A. Ireland
		Hayward	S. Hayward	Apr. 4-9	Charles Senechal	Victor Johnson
Livermore		Calvary Temple	Mar. 31-Apr. 11	Raymond Miller	Bill Williams	
Modesto		*Central	Apr. 11-16	Charles Senechal	Donald Bogue	
Napa		First	Apr. 4-18	Ward & Mary Popejoy	Ralph Gaither	
Newark		A/G	Apr. 4-18	Mark A. Hinman	Andrew Rahner	
Oxnard		A/G	Apr. 4-18	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	Wesley Goodwin	
San Jose	San Jose	Calvary Temple	Mar. 28-Apr. 11	E. T. Quanabush	T. Kermit Jeffrey	
	San Jose	Cambrian Park	Apr. 6-18	Ted & Hazel Silva	Noble Ballew	
	Ukiah	A/G	Apr. 6-18	R. S. Peterson	W. Cornish Jones	
Colo.	Denver	S. Denver	Mar. 28-Apr. 11	Doyle H. Thompson	Harvey Jackson	
	Englewood	A/G	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Neville & Mrs. Carlson	D. Paul Perry	
	Ft. Collins	First	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	James & Mrs. Pepper	James C. Musgrove	
Conn.	Yuma	A/G	Apr. 4	Bob Wilson	Merle Headding	
	Stamford	*Gos. Tab.	Mar. 30-Apr. 4	Paul Hild	Joseph Johnson	
	Stamford	*Gos. Tab.	Apr. 6-11	Paul Hild	Joseph Johnson	
Del.	Wilmington	First	Apr. 4-11	Harry J. Steil	Jacob Heinrich	
	Bartow	A/G	Apr. 6-18	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	D. N. Asbury, Jr.	
Fla.	Miami	Evangel Temp.	Apr. 4-18	Jack West	M. L. Davidson	
	Naples	First	Mar. 24-Apr. 4	Don & Sharon Parker	W. K. Richwine	
	Niceville	First	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Victor Etienne	George E. Skipper	

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ist; Ken Carter, of the U. S. Air Force "Singing Sergeants"; the Evangel College choir; and the Eastern District youth chorale.

The convention, expected to draw 4,000 youth, will be slanted toward the tenth anniversary of C. A. conventions in the district.
—Robert Clayton, D-CAP

EVANGEL BAND, CHOIR SLATE CONCERTS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Living Sound and Song for 1965, an original production by the Evangel College Department of Fine Arts, will be presented in six Midwestern cities this spring.

The dramatic musical program features the Concert Band and Concert Choir. Concert time is 8 p.m. Special displays about the college open at 6 p.m.

Cities where the program will be presented are: *Kansas City, Mo.*, Music Hall—April 8; *St. Louis, Mo.*, Kiel Auditorium—April 9; *Middletown, Ohio*, Middletown High School—April 10; *Detroit, Mich.*, Ford Auditorium—April 12; *Cleveland, Ohio*, Severance Hall—April 17; *Chicago, Ill.*, McCormick Place—April 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

35TH ANNUAL COUNCIL OF THE WEST TEXAS DISTRICT—Apr. 26-29 at First Assembly of God, Lubbock, Tex. Robert E. Goggin, guest speaker. District-wide C. A. Rally, Apr. 26 at 7:30 p.m. R. I. Stewart, host pastor; J. A. Thomas, district superintendent.—by Chas. J. Eastes, district secretary.

34TH ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION of the Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District, Apr. 26-28 at Calvary Assembly of God, Milwaukee, Wis. Kenneth Schmidt, guest speaker. John Wannenmacher, host pastor.—by Darwin H. Heuser, district superintendent.

WITH CHRIST

J. M. HEMBREE, 84, of Farris, Okla., was called into the presence of the Lord January 15. Licensed in 1927, he served as a pastor and helped to build the church at Farris. Surviving are nine children and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

HENRY E. BAUER, 79, of San Diego, Calif., went to be forever with Jesus December 20. A member of the Southern California District, he was ordained in 1931 and superannuated in 1949. Brother Bauer pastored the East San Diego Assembly of God for 17 years. Survivors include two sons and a daughter. One son, Arthur, is an Assemblies of God missionary to Peru, South America.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS (Continued from previous page)

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Hawaii	Honolulu	First	Apr. 4-18	Marvin Schmidt	Eldon Vincent
Ill.	Canton	First	Apr. 6-18	Don & Dixie Cox	James A. Snodgrass
	Mascoutah	Full Gospel	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	C. M. Smitley	Floyd W. Porter
	Peoria	Central	Mar. 31-Apr. 12	Ernie Eskelin	Fred Ball
Ind.	Bedford	First	Apr. 8-10	Lonnie Calloway	Charles E. Crank
	Elkhart	Calvary	Apr. 11	Bob Ludwig	Bob Bayless
	Gary	W. Gary	Mar. 28-Apr. 11	Jerry Stegall	John Neese
	Hammond	Hessville	Mar. 31	Colman McDuff	Charles R. Hembree
	Indianapolis	Ab. Life Mem.	Apr. 4-18	Quentin Edwards	Ted Vibbert
	Portage	First	Apr. 4-18	Duad Baldwin	Robert Hawkins
	Shelburn	Shiloh	Mar. 30-Apr. 4	Fred Numrick	W. A. Van Winkle
Iowa	Ottumwa	First Pent.	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Arthur & Anna Berg	S. E. Johnson
Kans.	Fredonia	A/G	Mar. 30-Apr. 4	Ray C. Eskelin	D. E. McDaniel
	Garden City	A/G	Apr. 4-18	I. D. Rayborn	J. J. Krimmer
	Kensington	A/G	Mar. 31-Apr. 11	Bob McCutchen	John A. Pugh
	Manhattan	A/G	Apr. 4-11	Norman & Evelyn Hays	George Flora
	Morland	A/G	Apr. 4-18	R. L. Courtney	Allen Musbach
Ky.	Louisville	Calvary	Apr. 6-18	Oren & Inez Paris	Roscoe Russell
	Nicholasville	A/G	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	J. E. Friend	Mary E. Hudson
Md.	Elkton	Glad Tidings	Apr. 4-18	Peiffer & Harden Team	C. W. Trenum, Jr.
	Landover	Columbia Pk.	Apr. 6-18	Stan & Mrs. Morris	F. J. Miller
	Lonaconing	First	Apr. 6-18	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Charles Fussell
Mich.	Ecorse	Metropolitan	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Jack Carrier
	Lansing	Mt. Hope	Apr. 1	Bob Ludwig	Carl Graves
	Lincoln Park	Bethel	Apr. 4-18	John & Mrs. Stallings	Seth Balmer
	Livonia	Bethel	Apr. 6-18	Ed Eaton	J. J. Traub
	Royal Oak	Calvary Temple	Apr. 6-18	Ralph E. Leslie	A. F. DiMusto
Mo.	Bonne Terre	A/G Tab.	Mar. 29-Apr. 11	Robert & Mrs. Holland	V. R. Ledbetter
	Bourbon	First	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Leroy W. Morgan	Bill Popejoy
	Florissant	A/G	Mar. 28—	R. C. Jones	Lester E. Shockley
	Gideon	Bethel	Mar. 29-Apr. 11	Maxine Willis	Virgle Weaks
	Lebanon	First	Mar. 23-Apr. 4	Harry Vibbert	Wesley E. Pollet
	St. Joseph	Wyatt Park	Apr. 6-18	Arnold & Anita Segesman	W. B. Friend
	Webb City	First	Apr. 5-18	Samuel V. Calk	Gorden Zercher
	Weaubleau	A/G	Apr. 4-16	Knott-Olson Team	Nadine Fozee
Mont.	Anaconda	A/G	Apr. 6-18	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	W. L. Roset
	Glendive	A/G	Mar. 30-Apr. 4	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Henry Larsen
	Great Falls	Central	Mar. 30-Apr. 4	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	J. Burdette Wiles
	Jordan	A/G	Mar. 30-Apr. 4	Roy & Arlene Brewer	A. E. Arney
	Lewistown	A/G	Apr. 6-11	Roy & Arlene Brewer	Thomas F. Johnston
Nebr.	Bassett	A/G	Apr. 4-18	Loyd Middleton	Wayne Hall
	Big Springs	A/G	Apr. 6-18	Ray C. Eskelin	Ivan Christoffersen
Nev.	Elko	First	Apr. 9	Musical Lindvalls	Maurice Caudill
	Lovelock	A/G	Apr. 7	Musical Lindvalls	E. Petznick-R. Enyart
	Winnemucca	A/G	Apr. 8	Musical Lindvalls	Clifford Lawrence
N. J.	East Brunswick	A/G	Apr. 1	Richard Vineyard	John Hamercheck, Jr.
	Newark	*Bethel	Apr. 11-16	Dave & Pat Johnson	Albert W. Eale
	Wyckoff	*A/G	Apr. 4-9	Dave & Pat Johnson	Alexander Wallace
N. Mex.	Clovis	First	Apr. 7	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Melvin Sasse
N. Y.	Hempstead	A/G	Mar. 31—	David & Mrs. Howe	Dan Cornelius
Ohio	Cincinnati	Deer Park Ch.	Apr. 6-18	J. B. Woolums	Earl E. Hart
	Columbus	Fairmoor	Mar. 28-Apr. 8	Bob Watters	Felix O. Coyle
	Greenville	First	Mar. 30-Apr. 10	Andrew G. & Mrs. Basell	Doyle Kincaid
	Wapakoneta	First	Apr. 9-18	Michael & Peggy Lord	Jerome Rhinehart
	Warren	First	Apr. 6-18	Duane M. Wessman	Harold Schmitt
	W. Carrollton	A/G	Apr. 7-18	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Richard Pasquale
Okla.	Lawton	Bethel	Apr. 4-18	Raymond & Sue Schaeffer	Claud H. Davis
	Midwest	First	Apr. 7-18	Wallace S. Bragg	Russell Hemdon
	Tecumseh	A/G	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Ray & Elaine Leonard	R. P. Rider
	Tulsa	Sheridan	Apr. 6-18	William Caldwell	Glenn Millard
Oreg.	Gladstone	A/G	Mar. 23-Apr. 4	Marlon Jannuzzi	Ben O. Taylor
Pa.	Alverda	A/G Tab.	Mar. 30—	Bill Kyler	Fred Zufall
	Indiana	First	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	David Dean	D. Leroy Whiteman
	Kantner	A/G	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Irving & Mrs. Howard	Charles Decker
	Mifflintown	A/G	Mar. 28-Apr. 11	P. E. Adams	H. A. Christopher
	Milesburg	A/G	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Walter Kronberg	Clifton E. Wilkins
	Perkasie	A/G	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	W. W. & Mrs. Martin	Larry Patton
	Turtle Creek	A/G	Mar. 28-Apr. 11	Curtis Sample	Howard Sproull
S. C.	Greenwood	First	Apr. 4-18	H. A. & Mrs. Strange	R. M. Couch
S. Dak.	Huron	***Gos. Tab.	Mar. 29-Apr. 4	D. L. Nultemeier	E. A. North
Tenn.	Memphis	Whitehaven	Mar. 31-Apr. 11	Gene Burgess	Bobby Bowen
	Trimble	First	Mar. 28-Apr. 4	Rick Howard	Gaylon Echols
Tex.	Burkburnett	A/G	Mar. 29-Apr. 11	E. Mathers-T. Pharr	Lonnie Finney
	Dallas	Evangel Temp.	Apr. 4-18	H. L. & Mrs. Carroll	Bracy I. Greer
	Dallas	Mt. Auburn	Apr. 4-18	M. R. & Mrs. Boatright	Lonnie R. Mullens
	Grand Prairie	East Side	Mar. 28—	Glenn Mangrum	Bob Skipper
	Houston	Braeswood	Mar. 28-Apr. 4	Carl E. Reynolds, Sr.	N. L. White
	Lockney	A/G	Apr. 4-16	Winferd Mack	J. D. Hobbs
	Pampa	Bethel	Apr. 4-18	Bob Wilson	W. F. Blakley
	San Angelo	Spanish	Apr. 4-18	D. Bazan, Sr.	Santos A. Becerra
	Tyler	Calvary	Apr. 6-18	Tommy Wilson	Curtis Carlin
	Victoria	A/G	Mar. 28—	Burnie Davis	D. L. Blackburn
	Waxahachie	Kaufman St.	Mar. 28-Apr. 11	Bruce Walker	Ted Stephens
	Wichita Falls	Southside	Apr. 4-18	James H. Black	Carl Alcorn
Va.	Leesburg	Full Gos.	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Daniel & Mrs. Summa	George Gowans
	Front Royal	A/G	Mar. 30	John Higginbotham	T. B. Pierce, Sr.
	Triangle	First	Mar. 30-Apr. 11	Gail Hixon	W. C. Blewitt
Wash.	Tacoma	S. Tacoma	Apr. 4-18	Milo Harmon	Dale Harmon
W. Va.	St. Albans	First	Apr. 6-18	Frank J. DePolo	Roy L. Mallory, Sr.
Wis.	Gillett	A/G	Apr. 4-11	Darryl & Kathy Olson	B. B. Lindsey
	Janesville	A/G	Apr. 7-18	Bob & Jeri Winford	O. W. Lemberg
	Cheyenne	First	Apr. 4	Ernest & Mrs. Berquist	Lloyd Christiansen
Wyo.	Brandon, Man.	Bethel Temp.	Apr. 4-18	W. L. Serdahl	E. E. Austin
Canada	Barbaos	Evangel Temp.	Mar. 28-Apr. 9	Paul Olson Party	Holmes Williams

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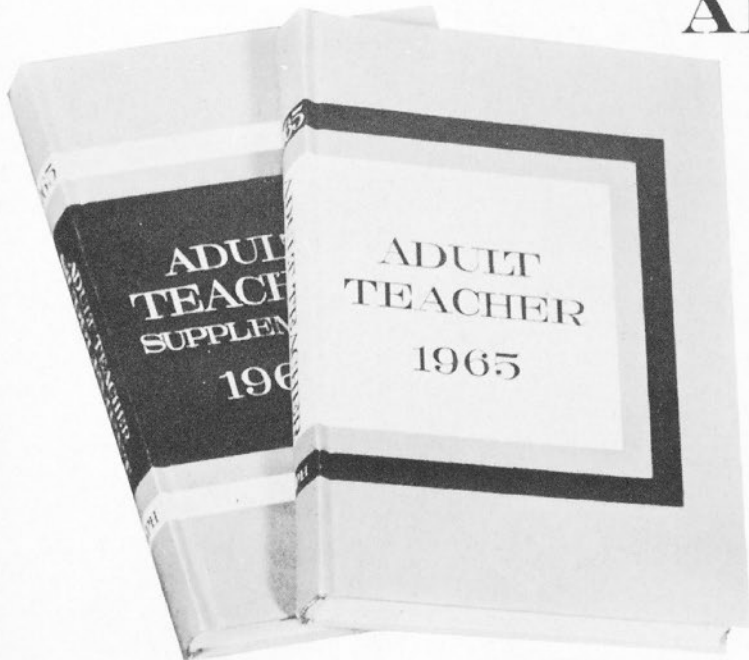
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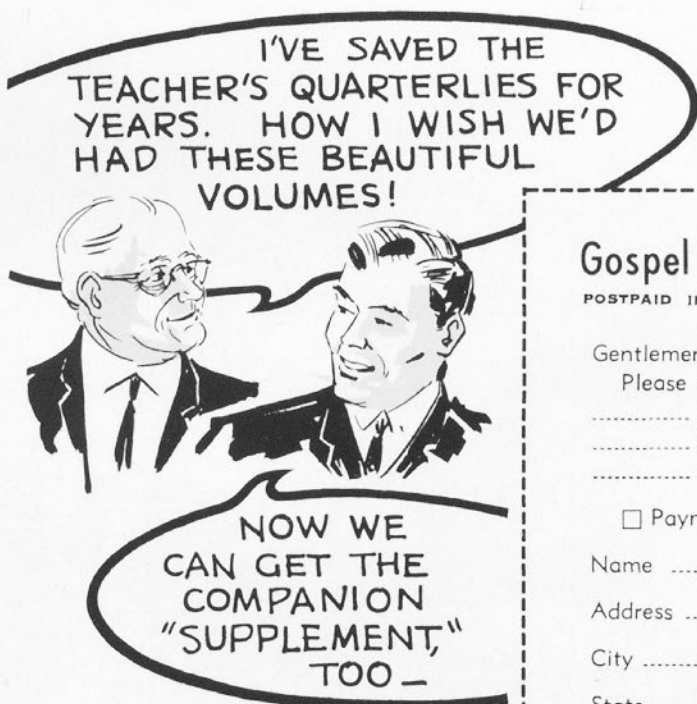
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