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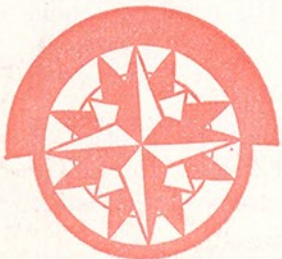
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NO SACKCLOTH

beyond the king's gate

By TED STEPHENS

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MORDECAI, IN HIS SORROW OVER AHASUERUS' DECREE to destroy the Jews, came "before the king's gate." He stopped there, "for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth" (Esther 4:2).

Sackcloth was a symbol of sorrow, and in ancient days was worn in times of trouble, grief, death, and national calamities. But no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed inside the king's gate. That would have been an interruption of the tranquility of the king's courts and a threat to the happiness of the royal family.

In heaven, where God is king, no sorrow is allowed either. But there is a difference. Ahasuerus simply closed the gate against those who were in trouble, whereas God removes the trouble itself. Far from denying entrance into His presence, He invites the troubled one to come, and says, "I will give you rest." His Word promises, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." He is greater than our sorrow.

Job observed that "man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." Peter speaks of "afflictions [that] are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." Trouble is the universal experience of the human race; one does not escape them whether he lives for God or not. But the Christian has comfort through Jesus Christ. He has consolation in the hope that beyond the gates of the eternal city of Christ our King, there will be no more troubles and sorrows such as he has in this life.

Our heavenly King will not allow His royal household to be disturbed even by the memory of earth's sorrows. "The former troubles are forgotten. . . . The former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."

God has ordained that heaven should be a place of eternal peace. "But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a



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rejoicing and her people a joy, . . . and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying" (Isaiah 65:19).

"There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." No one will suffer in heaven. There will be no hospitals or funeral homes inside the gates of that city.

Sin brought the curse in Eden, and mankind has had troubles and sorrows ever since. God placed a curse on Adam, that he must earn his bread by the sweat of his face; he must contend with thorns and thistles, and labor in sorrow all of his life. And to Eve God said, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow."

Today we see the literal multiplication of sorrows in the curse of crime, war, fears, poverty, sickness, and many other evils. Spiritual sackcloth is the most universal garment of mankind. But Revelation 22:3 tells us that inside the gates of the King, "there shall be no more curse."


Christians must walk the valley of the shadow of death just as other men. But we do not go alone, for Jesus is with us all the way. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

This "trail of tears" reaches only to the King's gate. There we shall forever lay aside the sackcloth of "our earthly house of this tabernacle." This mortal shall put on immortality. Paul longed for this change, saying, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now . . . and not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:22, 23).

Someday we shall indeed lay aside this robe of flesh with its limitations, to put on the robe of immortality, never to know again the sorrows of mortal life. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

While we were conducting a revival at Marshall, Mo., a friend suggested we visit the Southern Missouri District campgrounds on the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks. "You have never seen anything like it," she promised. "Just as soon as you enter the campgrounds you forget all your troubles. It is so peaceful there."

We arranged to go, and on the way I remarked skeptically, "Now just as soon as we enter the gate of the campgrounds, our troubles will vanish." To my surprise, this seemed true. For we found the place so peaceful and beautiful that my burdens literally grew lighter for a little while.

God arranges for such times of temporary respite from the cares of this life for all of His children. Then, like David, we know the experience of restoration and refreshing. "He restoreth my soul." But it will only be when we enter the King's gate that the burdens will lift forever, for we shall then be forever with the Lord, in His divine presence, beholding His eternal glory. The sackcloth will be forever exchanged for royal garments of praise and righteousness, symbols of eternal peace and joy. 

I SAW IT THE OTHER DAY IN DARRELL—the faith of my father. My four-year-old son awoke in the night burning with fever. His tonsils were swollen and it pained him to say, "Momma pray. Momma pray!"

We began to call upon the Lord, and instantly all the pain was gone. Immediately his fever left and he fell asleep in my arms. The faith that my father had taught me was now also in my son!

I remember so well the night before my father was sent overseas when it was I who was four years old. He and mother knelt together by our beds and dedicated their children to the Lord.

Both of my parents gave their hearts to the Lord before I was born. Five children were born into our family who knew only parents who loved the Lord with all their hearts.

Somewhere in those early years I made this faith personal. I asked Jesus Christ to come into my own heart. The joy was too wonderful to explain. I raised my hands toward heaven and there were tears and praises for *my* wonderful Saviour!

At the age of nine I shared another inheritance my parents knew before me. God wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues.

My father went into full-time ministry when I was 10 years old. How fortunate I am to be a minister's daughter. Others may consider it a disadvantage, but to me being a member of a minister's home is a wonderful opportunity to learn to share with others their deepest experiences of grief, disappointment—and happiness. It has also helped me to recognize humanity's spiritual need.

As far back as I can remember Daddy taught us to trust the Lord for healing. And that is just what we did. Time and again God visited our home and performed miracles of healing. Not always instantly—our faith was tried at times—but God never failed.

In fact, Daddy trusted the Lord completely for all our needs. Those were the happiest years of my life. It was this faith that brought me through adolescent years. I'm sure I disappointed both my earthly and Heavenly Father many times, but my inheritance was never taken from me.

Sometimes other people recognized the faith that was part of my life. About 50 percent of the students in the high school I attended were Roman Catholic. One day I attempted to witness to one of their priests. At the end of our conversation he told me, "Stick to your faith—don't you ever change!"

When I stood with my husband before an altar to recite my wedding vows, it was a special privilege to have my father stand with us to unite us in holy matrimony. As we drove away that sunny afternoon there

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Adding the Right Flavor

Father's Day brings a lot of satisfaction to the Christian dad. Being human, he appreciates the special attention he receives on this particular day.

He realizes, however, that he has not been nearly as fine a father as the children suppose, and it occurs to him that his wife has given them a rather flattering image of their dad. He breathes a prayer of thanksgiving for a good wife. His heart is touched by all the affection. He decides that with the help of the Lord he will be a better father and a better husband in the year ahead.

Dropping into his favorite chair, he opens his old Bible and finds a clipping from *The King's Business* (part of a column by Paul Bayles). It was something he thought worth saving. He reads it again:

"Wives always give the most in marriage. They will gladly give up freedoms that men can legitimately keep, if their husbands will walk with strong, firm steps.

"Through pregnancy, they temporarily give up their attractiveness and lose their self-confidence.

"Once they were employed and felt needed by their employers. Their work was appreciated and praised. Their creative abilities were given expression. Now they are wives and mothers. We agree that this is the most noble calling of all. However, unless the Christian husband understands that appreciation and recognition are just as important to her as to himself, and that he is now the only one likely to give it, the wife will have little sense of achievement in her daily work."

The article went on to say that a survey conducted among Christian men married for four years or more found that only 25 percent could think of any act of courtesy or chivalry that survived from their courtship into marriage!

Has he been taking his marriage for granted? He turns to one of his Father's Day gifts—a copy of Phillips Modern English New Testament—and reads 1 Peter 3:7: "Similarly, you husbands should try to understand the wives you live with, honoring them as physically weaker yet equally heirs with you of the grace of eternal life. If you don't do this, you will find it impossible to pray properly." He remembers various times when he threw up a wall of silence between him and his wife. He was peeved. Something upset him, and he took it out on her. He was mean and he was not able to pray properly until he got over his ill temper.

Then he turns to Colossians 3:19: "Husbands, be sure you give your wives much love and sympathy; don't let bitterness or resentment spoil your marriage." He decides these words are meant for him. He realizes his bitterness or resentment can spoil the entire home. His moods affect all the others. When he goes about singing or whistling, the whole household seems chipper and lighthearted. And when he barks and growls, a shadow hangs like a cloud over the place.

A sense of guilt stabs his heart. He has been self-centered. He has not tried very hard to understand his wife, nor to look at the home situation from the family's viewpoint. "Dear Lord," he prays, "help me to do better. Fill me with Your love. Make me a good father and a thoughtful husband. And next time I'm tempted to be upset, remind me of my responsibility to the family. Help me to add the right flavor—the Christian flavor—to the atmosphere." —R.C.C.

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MIRACLE in GERMANY



IT WAS THE EVENING OF APRIL 29, 1960, in Remscheid, Germany, when the motorcycle on which I was riding was struck from the rear by a speeding car operated by a drunken driver. I was catapulted head first against an iron railing and sustained crushing head injuries.

I had been joyfully on my way home to visit my parents after being away at school for several weeks. When they heard of the accident they committed me, their only child, to God's care. The peace of God settled over them, for they knew that whatever the outcome, He doeth all things well.

What happened the next two weeks was told me later by my parents, for I was unconscious or semiconscious during that time. The doctor's examination revealed a skull fracture extending from ear to ear, up over the back of my head. The right side of my skull was so deeply crushed that a man's hand could have been placed in the depression. My left side was paralyzed.

My sufferings were so intense that my father said at times I howled like an animal. After five days, epileptic seizures began which increased until they occurred every ten minutes, day and night.

During the few conscious moments, I evidenced the mentality of a child. Because the visual and speech centers of my brain were affected, I saw double and spoke backwards.

Many prayed for me; for my father is an evangelist well known in Germany, and word of the accident spread rapidly.

After ten days I was transferred to a larger hospital specializing in brain injuries. My injuries were so severe they could not understand why I was still living.

Now God began to answer the prayers of His children. While my father kept anguished vigil at my bedside, he heard me pray and praise the Lord between the times of pain. Twice he said I exclaimed rapturously, "O Jesus, how beautifully you are looking at me." Another time, during a rational moment, I looked into my father's face and said, "I am not going to die."

Doctors scheduled an operation to try to reshape my skull, although they were not sure of the outcome. Then providentially, one of the doctors suggested a delay of three days. The head surgeon agreed, but said there would be no medical benefit in waiting.

It was during this three-day waiting period that the Lord Himself reshaped the skull into its normal contour, making the operation unnecessary.

I also gave evidence that my injured brain was healed. Full intelligence returned; my paralyzed left side became mobile; my vision and speech became normal.

The astounded doctors could offer no explanation, but the Christian nurse said, "Undoubtedly it is a great miracle in answer to prayer."

Reluctant to concede total healing, the doctors warned that the epileptic seizures would continue, and that it would be at least a year before I could return to school. "You will never be able to work at your occupation," they said. But it was five years in May 1965 since I had an epileptic attack.

After only five months' convalescence I returned to school and completed my course in business and trade management. I then worked as an office manager. Today at age 21 I am in perfect mental and physical health.

Feeling the call of the Lord, I determined to improve my knowledge of the English language. The Lord led me to America where I am now living with relatives in Chicago. Nothing would make me happier than to have the Lord open the doors for me to fulfill my call into foreign service.

When I consider His great mercy to me, I can only say,
*"Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all."*



"JESUS FIXED MY LEG"

MATTHEW DEVERS CUT HIS HEEL when he was a year old. The wound healed nicely, but in the process there was a drawing that caused his leg to turn in at the knee.

For the next two years he would occasionally stumble and fall for no apparent reason.

One Sunday morning our pastor asked those who needed healing to come to the altar. Matthew's grandmother took him for prayer. *After the service his leg was perfectly straight.*

Matthew said, "Jesus fixed my leg, and it doesn't hurt anymore." Thank God for His healing power.—Mrs. Reba Devers, Chickasaw Courts, Blytheville, Ark.

(Endorsed by A. J. Frank, Jr., pastor of First Assembly of God, Blytheville, Ark.)



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AFTERMATH OF A TORNADO

National Guardsmen search for victims.

By **MARK DENYES** ■ Pastor, Fridley Assembly of God ■ Minneapolis, Minnesota

MAY 6, 1965

We shall never forget this day. About six this evening the Twin Cities were warned by radio of tornadoes in the south part of the area. The tornadoes moved northward until, by seven, Fridley was the target. As pastor of Fridley Assembly of God, I followed closely the newscasters running account of the terror as it unfolded.

Just after seven, Melody Manor, Fridley Terrace Trailer Court, and Woodcrest School were hit hard. Fridley Assembly of God is located on the edge of Melody Manor and just a couple of blocks from the school and trailer court.

It was midnight before the "all clear" sounded. By that time many were dead, hundreds injured. We live 10 miles from Fridley. Since most telephones were out of service, we could only hope and pray for the safety of the members of our congregation.

MAY 7, 1965

As soon as the rush hour traffic is cleared this morning, I head for Fridley to check on our people. Armed National Guardsmen are everywhere. The area is sealed off, but I am given a pass and permitted to enter. . . .

The destruction is beyond expression. Houses are simply gone . . . chewed up like match sticks. Cars, camping trailers, huge house trailers, are twisted beyond recognition. And in the midst of this chaos we have 10 to 15 church families.

I notice the school where we started our church two years ago is destroyed. People stand around looking at the wreckage of their homes, dazed and numb. Fridley Shopping Center is in ruins. The Covenant Church is damaged. The new firehall and police station is gutted. The roof is gone from the cafe where the WMC's were

to have their spring banquet—tonight, May 7. Down another street the Methodist church is severely damaged.

As I begin checking our flock, I find the mercy of God revealed. Although some of their homes are in the middle of the devastated area, none of them is damaged severely. And best of all, they are all safe.

Two families are to be checked in the trailer court. Neither are members of our church, but one family has been to the services, and the other has relatives in the church.

A police officer checks my pass and lets me walk in.

Fridley Shopping Center lies in ruins.



The trailer court has 250 to 300 trailers in it, and only about 30 are left undamaged. Big trailers are upside down. The first family's trailer was not damaged by the storm, but the wind picked up another trailer and hurled it into their bedroom! No one was home at the time. The trailer of the second family is upside down, with another piled against it. Both are ruined. . . .

Now that we know our people are safe, what of the church building? As I pull onto the parking lot I can readily see the building has not escaped the fury of the storm. The cross that rose high above the front of the building is gone. The building looks generally battered. Tin weatherproofing hangs down grotesquely; huge pieces of tar and rock from the roof clutter one side of the building. Six or eight giant oak trees are uprooted. The whole place looks as if it has been the scene of a great struggle. Was it any greater than the struggle that goes on in the hearts of men who fight against God? I think not.

Inside, the rain that followed the wind had done its work. The floor is covered with water. The Hammond organ and the piano sit on water-soaked carpet. The new paint job is ruined. The plastered ceiling is soaked and dripping all over.

During the storm some of the men had come and gathered up the hymnbooks and radio broadcasting equipment, so they are safe and dry. The men laid the pews over so they would not hold the water. What a strange sight this church is, with its pews that look as if they are kneeling! I hope men learn through this storm to kneel and surrender to Jesus Christ.

The building is damaged, but the souls that make up this church are all safe and sound, thank God. The church board had the foresight to carry insurance, thank God *again!* As we carry out the cleanup job ahead, we pray that from the ruin God will bring revival.


Sitting at my typewriter this evening, I think what a high and holy calling is a pastor's. It was worth every effort of this weary day to see the gratitude in the faces of our people as they would turn and see their pastor there. They looked the way I felt when early this morning my district superintendent, Brother Herman Rohde, called to offer aid if our church needed it.

Today a Christian radio station that has a verse for every day carried this one: "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . ." This world passes away, but no storm will touch our heavenly home.

MAY 9, 1965

We were able to have Sunday school and morning worship today. People had to get passes from the police or national guard to come, but 83 went to the trouble of doing that. With no electric power, we will have to cancel our evening service.

MAY 16, 1965

I'm writing from the church office. The building is still damp from the thunderstorm that followed the twisters. Directly across the street from my office window is a huge pile of burning trash—it has been burning for over a week. People's homes, clothes, furniture, toys, money, dreams, and hopes are going up in smoke. How truly the Bible declares, "The fashion of this world passeth away." 



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Is it possible, as some teach, that when we die we pass from our present life into a new life—that we are re-incarnated?

The Bible teaches, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). We do not pass from this life into some other form of earthly existence.

Please explain how the sins of the fathers are visited on the children (Exodus 20:5). Must I bear the guilt of the sins of my grandparents?

From Ezekiel 18:19, 20, we learn that children are not held responsible for the sins of their parents. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." But children do suffer as a result of the sins of their ancestors. For instance, a drunkard may pass his dishonor on to his family. His children may be deprived of the proper supply of their needs, or of schooling. They may also suffer a sense of inferiority. In different ways the sins of grandparents, and even great-grandparents, may affect their offspring.

A dear woman here goes from member to member prophesying, telling them what they should do. It is beginning to bother some. Is what she is doing right?

While we do not wish to grieve the Spirit by rejecting anything He might wish to do, we know He does not work contrary to the Word of God. Therefore, we are safe in following Paul's teaching concerning prophecy. Prophecy is public speaking, not for individual, personal guidance. "He that prophesieth speaketh unto men unto edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3). Those who prophesy are to have their speaking judged by others (1 Corinthians 14:29). This shows prophesying is to be exercised publicly, where others can hear and judge.

How can some families, even claiming the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts, continually make serious trouble in a church?

Among the believers at Corinth were those who enjoyed spiritual gifts from God, but who were undeveloped in Christian character (1 Corinthians 1:5, 6, 10; 3:1-3).

The exercise of spiritual gifts does not either denote or create Christian character. He who has been filled with the Spirit must walk in the Spirit to become Christ-like. Spiritual manifestations are wonderful, but character-building is of first importance. Paul's prayer for the believers was that "Christ might dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love . . . might be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19). Carnal Christians can be a detriment to the church rather than a blessing.

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.

revival sweeps Basutoland

MASERU, CAPITAL OF BASUTOLAND, was God's target for a Pentecostal outpouring early in 1965. Pastor Domela had invited us to come there for a meeting. Meanwhile he encouraged his people to expect the blessing of the Lord. Here, as in the other places, the revival was not a sudden thing. Rather, the Bible-based ministry of pastors and missionaries led the people toward a Pentecostal experience.

Harold Monyonyani, a national minister from Pretoria, accompanied me to Maseru and was a great blessing to the young people.

My interpreter was Brother Thipanyana, a fine young Christian schoolteacher from Kolo. He had not been filled with the Spirit but he was hungry. One day he had to go by bicycle to Kolo, a round trip of 64 miles over rocky mountainous roads. He left very early in the morning so he would be back in time for the

meeting. While he was interpreting for me that night, the Lord filled him with the Holy Spirit!

As the meeting progressed it seemed every service became more charged with the presence of the Lord than the one before. People had to come early to get inside the small church, and the crowd on the outside often was larger than on the inside. People began coming from afar, bringing their blankets so they could stay through the meetings.

Night after night the power of the Lord came upon the people. The church building was too small and crowded for any kind of altar call. We were unable to pray with the seekers individually. At the close of the message I would simply ask if they were ready to receive the Holy Spirit. They would respond with a resounding "Eh!" meaning *yes!*

At the beginning of the campaign

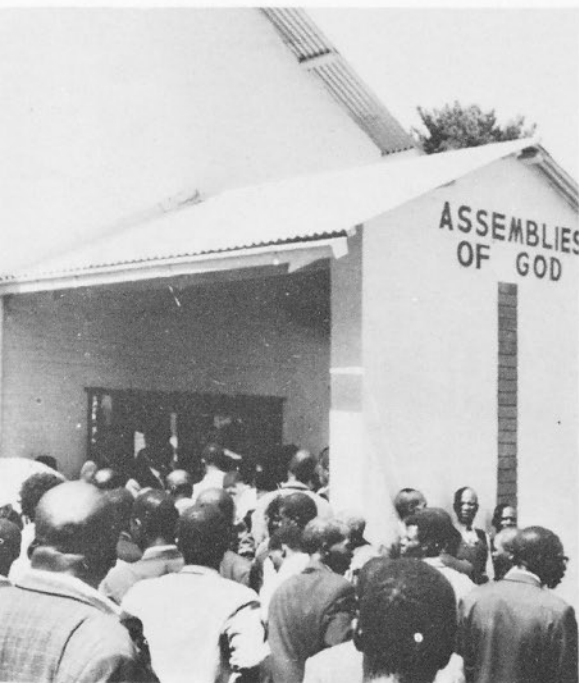
there were only four Spirit-filled believers in the assembly. At the close, 40 believers had been filled and over 27 persons had been saved.

The Lord, knowing in advance the outcome of this meeting, had led the missionaries to obtain a church site from the government. A building program has been in progress, and they will soon move into their new church. However, pews are needed.

Peggy Anderson and Hilda Olsen, resident missionaries at Rothe, had been preparing the people there for revival also. They gave Bible stories on the Holy Spirit from February to December in 1964, and the church was praying for revival. When we began a campaign there March 8, we found hungry believers ready to be filled. Some of the people walked as far as 10 miles to attend the services. The Holy Spirit fell upon us the first afternoon of the campaign at the

Missionary Coleman (left) saw many Basutos filled with the Spirit during Pentecostal outpouring at Rothe mission station, Basutoland, where Peggy Anderson and Hilda Olsen are stationed.





Opening of new church was time of rejoicing for Christians in Leribe.



Missionary Morris Williams preached; Mrs. Williams cut tape at dedication ceremony.



Overflow crowd sat in the shade and listened to service over loudspeakers.

Salem Assemblies of God church. We went next to the city of Leribe where Pastor Ishmael Moseme and his congregation recently dedicated Joy Chapel, Assemblies of God.

Misses Olsen and Anderson describe the dedication: "After worshipping in rented huts for several years the Basuto people of Hlotse, Leribe, are overjoyed at having their own building. (How well they remember the leaky roof of the last place; the dark, dingy room; and the windy blasts that came through the cracks of the hut.)

"The new, modern church is 20 by 40 feet, and is made of bricks which have been painted white. The church was erected at a cost of \$3,000. Two-thirds of this was given by faithful friends at home. The balance, plus the furniture, was supplied by the congregation. These are a brave, hard-working people who love the Lord sincerely.

"Dedication day was marked with great blessing from God. The door was fittingly opened by Macey Williams, wife of our beloved field fellowship chairman in South Africa. David Kast, of the Swiss Pentecostal Mission read the act of dedication, and Morris Williams preached the dedicatory sermon."

On Saturday night, as the believers stood to worship the Lord, the Holy Spirit fell. It was like latter rain upon thirsty soil. On this first night, 12 believers were filled with the Spirit. On Sunday eight more were filled.

During the services one of the missionaries told me that Basutoland had never had such an outpouring. Those who were being filled knew nothing about the moving of the Spirit, yet their response and reactions were identical to those we have witnessed in America.

A few weeks later I returned to Leribe at Pastor Moseme's invitation, and during a week of revival 13 were filled with the Spirit, some were saved, and a number healed.

A remarkable miracle of God's grace occurred when an old man went to the pastor's home for prayer. He was unsaved and for 14 years had suffered from a peculiar skin affliction. As Pastor Moseme prayed with him, he was both saved and healed.

Recently the missionaries conducted Bible studies in the village of Mangangeng and invited me to minister there. In three afternoon services, four were filled with the Spirit.

We are humbled indeed to see God's confirmation of His blessed Word. Pray that this revival may continue to South Africa and spread throughout the continent.



In Basuto tradition, church women prepared feast for guests at dedication.

Happy hosts were Pastor and Mrs. Ishmael Moseme, who call their church Joy Chapel.



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By CHARLES B. ANDERSON
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Bombay Harvest



BOMBAY IS A CITY built on an island. Its population is about five million. Industry is thriving, providing new jobs for thousands who pour into Bombay each month from all parts of India to find a new way of life.

These people leave behind them many of their old customs. One is the Hindu family system of living, in which married sons bring their wives home and all live together. This way of living puts a very strong guard over the religious life of each member of the family. The old father is absolute ruler of the entire household as long as he lives; but the old mother is particularly the guardian of the religious life of the family. She is usual-

ly very devout and insists that all the sons and daughters-in-law along with their children rigidly observe the Hindu customs and religious ceremonies. This seems to be the real strength of the Hindu religion.

When young people break loose from such ties and come to Bombay, they are eager to find something that will give them stability. Here is fertile soil in which to plant the seed of the gospel of Christ.

Literacy is increasing in India at a tremendous rate. Both adults and young people are learning to read, and read they will—whatever they can find. A whole new world is open to them through literature. Communism

is trying to fill that new world with godless literature. We cannot afford to see this happen without putting forth every effort to give them something better.

During the past few months, we have distributed more than 450,000 pieces of gospel literature. The results have been overwhelming.

In a concentrated effort of literature distribution just before coming home on furlough, with each piece of literature we gave a self-addressed card inviting inquiries about Christianity. More than 550 cards have been returned by interested seekers so far. Some write that they have accepted Christ through literature. Others ask for information about Christ. We are endeavoring to contact each person individually.

In the same areas where literature was distributed, we followed up with revival meetings. Missionary Kenneth Weigel, director of the Home Study Division of Southern Asia Bible Institute, Bangalore, India, was speaker for two of the campaigns. God's blessing was manifest in a wonderful way. As a result of the literature distribution, the meetings, and the other follow-up work two new churches have been established.

We have only scratched the surface in reaching Bombay's vast population. Coming off the press in the near future will be 600,000 more tracts. Workers are being trained to join those already in Bombay.

Pray that God will use us to bring Christ to many in the great city of Bombay.

Eager hands reach for gospel literature during concentrated distribution effort.



Pastor Joseph Jagdan is helping establish a new congregation in Bombay area.



I WAS A COMMUNIST

By JOSE RUIZ

as told to Rachel Peterson
Missionary to Dominican Republic

WHEN I WAS 16 YEARS OLD, the Dominican Republic was going through a time of political conflict. Thus it was only natural that I should become interested in politics. Some of the university students took great pains to help my friends and me understand Marxist doctrines. Occasionally we would accompany them at their work.

Soon I had entirely lost my belief in God. I came to look upon all truth as merely relative and taught this philosophy at home. My father was hesitant but accepted most of this ideology. My sister became an even more fanatical Communist than I was.

Late at night, after the indoctrination meetings, my friends and I would place placards at various places in the city or paint communistic slogans on walls and buildings. One night the police chased us. We ran as though we had been discovered in a holdup.

There was an evangelistic center near my home which was full nearly every night of the week. I enjoyed standing in the doorway and watching what was taking place. Then one night a Cuban evangelist named Loyola spoke in a particularly convincing manner.

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God," the evangelist read from the Bible.

But there isn't a God, my "enlightened" mind countered.

He continued, "There is a God to whom each of us must answer some day."

"Hmm," I thought, "if there is a God, then I am on dangerous territory."

The battle continued in my heart and mind until the next night. Then I made my decision and surrendered my life to Christ. The result was a completely fresh point of view.

I soon lost interest in my former friendships. "What has happened to you?" my friends asked.

"I became converted," was my reply. At first they thought I was joking. They started blaspheming God's name and making fun of me; but when they saw I was in earnest, they gave up. My decision did cost me a few friends, but I gained hundreds more. Above all I found the "friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Communism is a doctrine of lies, but now I have the Truth. Communism is a doctrine of hate, but God is love. I had followed a doctrine of fear, but "perfect love casteth out fear." How wonderful to know the One who gave Himself for me. I can do no less than give myself for Him.

Jose Ruiz



CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

CRISIS BECOMES OPPORTUNITY

THE FURTHER COMMITMENT of American armed forces around the world results in more and more opportunity for Christian servicemen to make contact with our missionaries and national churches. Here is part of a letter received from an Assemblies of God Chaplain accompanying his unit which had just gone to help quell a communist revolution.

"On the first Sunday I was here, I met a missionary who told me the strongest Protestant group in this country is the Assemblies of God. One day while I was coming by Jeep through a little village, it began to rain. I happened to see a chapel with a sign 'Asamblea de Dios.' The door was open, so I had my sergeant stop, and we went in to find a service in progress. As I spoke to the people I found the same warm response and fellowship I find among Pentecostals everywhere. I have been privileged to visit and encourage believers during times of crisis not only in World War II but since in Spain, Korea, and Viet Nam. And now I find myself in another mission field."

The Foreign Missions Department maintains an active interest in servicemen's ministry abroad. We have an appointed missionary in Korea who with his wife maintains a hospitality home which has reached the lives of hundreds of servicemen. In Europe we maintain two families who give full time to servicemen's ministry. In addition, we keep in contact with military men around the world whose movements bring them into cities or countries where we have mission stations.

The way the world looks, there is likely to be more—not less—involvement in international affairs on the part of the United States. This means there will be an increasing opportunity not only for missionaries and national brethren to minister to the military, but also for chaplains and other service personnel to be a blessing and aid missionary forces abroad.



JOSEPH PROVIDES FOR HIS FAMILY

Sunday School Lesson for June 27, 1965

GENESIS 47:1-12

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

OUR PREVIOUS LESSON showed the reconciliation of Joseph with his brothers. As soon as they had a time of fellowship, Joseph commissioned his brothers to return in haste to Canaan to bring their father to Egypt. (Read Genesis 45:9-12 carefully.)

Jacob's Incredulity (Genesis 45:25-28). Said the brothers when they got home, "Joseph is yet alive!" The old man could hardly believe it. But when he saw the wagons come rolling in with all the gifts Joseph had sent, his spirit revived and he knew it was so! Notice that the Word says, "The spirit of *Jacob* . . . revived: and *Israel* said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive." In other words, it was the old "Jacob nature" which tended toward unbelief and doubt; but it was "Israel" the "new man" who made the declaration of faith!

Our Jesus is alive today! His Word is true! Yet there are times when the human nature in us causes us to question, doubt, and stagger. Then when God in His gracious condescension sends some "wagon" in—an an-

swered prayer, a portion of the Word quickened to our hearts, or some other evidence of His grace—our drooping spirits revive and our faith is renewed.

Joseph and Jacob Reunited (Genesis 46:28-34). "And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father . . . and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while." This loving reunion after all that had happened is one of the most beautiful scenes in the Bible.

Joseph's Family Before Pharaoh (Genesis 47:1-10). In introducing his family to Pharaoh, Joseph again displayed his true greatness and godliness. (1) He had made wise and intelligent plans to care for his family. (2) Instead of letting false pride cause him to feel ashamed of his family and superior to them, he proved his real love and respect in every detail of his interview with Pharaoh in their presence. With so little love and honor shown to parents and the aged today, this scene is doubly inspiring!

Pharaoh also showed real graciousness and character, for he readily agreed to grant Jacob's family a portion of the land they desired where they could carry on their occupation as shepherds and cattlemen. It is evident he had great respect for the aged patriarch.

Jacob in turn "blessed Pharaoh." Though Pharaoh was a mighty monarch to whom Jacob was indebted for his kindness, Jacob was also able to do something for Pharaoh. He could invoke the blessing of God upon him, thus acting in accordance with God's promise, "As a prince hast thou power with God and with men" (Genesis 32:28).

Joseph's Portrayal of the Overcoming Life. He came through with flying colors in three great tests:

(1) The test of *adversity*. Joseph was hated, betrayed, falsely accused, imprisoned, forgotten by those he had befriended and helped; yet in all this "the hand of the Lord was upon him." He kept sweet in his spirit, diligent in his work, and devoted to God.

(2) The test of *morality*. The subtlety and strength of this temptation must not be overlooked. He was a lonely man and a wicked, seductive woman who finds him most attractive; yet he retains his purity and integrity. The secret? A life lived in the consciousness of God's presence. "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" To run was the only sensible thing to do, and Joseph did it? Had he hesitated, he would have failed.

(3) The test of *prosperity*. Honor, fame, and security have a subtle power which cause many to fail who might not fail in adversity. But Joseph knew how to abound as well as how to be abased! Through all this success he retained his simplicity, humility, and thoughtfulness of others. He set himself to serve rather than to be served.

Joseph, a Type of Christ. (1) In his relationship to his father. He was his father's beloved son. He in turn loved deeply and faithfully served his father. (2) In his relationship to his brethren. He was sent to them on an errand of goodwill by his father; envied by them, hated and rejected by them, and sold by them for money. (3) In his humiliation. He became a servant and a slave; was sorely tempted yet sinned not; was in the dungeon through no fault of his own; won the admiration of Gentiles. (4) In his marriage to a Gentile bride while rejected by his brethren. (5) In his ultimate exaltation.

BOTH PROVISIONS NEEDED



EUROPE - A STRATEGIC MISSION FIELD

A FIELD REPORT BY CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL

ONE OF THE MOST STARTLING discoveries of the religious world in the 20th century is that Europe, a complex continent of nearly 500 million souls and once the cradle of Christian culture, is today a major mission field.

Christianity once flourished on this continent. It wit-

Gospel tent campaigns attract wide attention in Germany.



nessed the labors of the apostles. Much of the history of the early Christian church was enacted in Greece and Italy. The Protestant Reformation in the 16th century brought an era of Christian growth, but that movement was not essentially missionary in character.

Two centuries later Europe sparked the modern missionary movement which sent William Carey to India, David Livingstone to Africa, and Robert Morrison to China. However, Europe's Christian heritage does not rule out her present need of the gospel. Rationalistic teaching and a neglect of evangelism have resulted in a religious decline and a spiritual vacuum. "No place is as dark as where the light has gone out" best describes Europe's plight today.

Europe includes countries with various shades of spiritual need, from Protestant Scandinavia to Roman Catholic Italy and Spain, or Greek Orthodox Greece. Millions have broken completely with state churches and make no profession of religious faith. Less than one-fifth of all Europeans are Protestants. Where church membership automatically begins in infancy, the member-

ship is usually large. But the number of born-again believers is tragically small.

AMERICAN ASSISTANCE

Stirred into action by the dire need of Pentecostal believers in Europe following World War II, a number of Assemblies of God ministers from the U.S. were assigned to relief and rehabilitation programs. When that need no longer existed, American representatives offered to assist in spiritual ministry.

It has never been our policy to send large numbers of workers to Europe to engage in evangelism or to pastor churches. Rather, our ministers go as fraternal workers to take their places beside their European brethren and help as needed.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Europe will not be evangelized until Europeans are prepared for the task. The cooperation which exists today between the American Assemblies of God and European Pentecostals is especially significant in the training of young people for Christian service.

Emmanuel Bible Institute in Andrimont, Belgium, is training workers for French-speaking Europe. A tre-

Left: Resident Field Secretary for Europe Charles Greenaway (left) confers with Missionary Kenneth Ware at Paris printing press. Right: French-speaking students attend Emmanuel Bible Institute in Andrimont, Belgium.





Left: Annual gathering of American servicemen at Berchtesgaden is highlight of fellowship. Right: Gospels in Italian are distributed at Rome during Hal Herman campaign.

mendous harvest field awaits the school's graduates. In France there are 36,000 cities which do not have one Protestant church.

The Bible school in Erzhausen, Germany, continues its fine training program for German youth. The 34 students who graduated in 1964 now fill responsible positions as pastors and Sunday school workers.

From Rome's splendid Bible school, dedicated in 1961, with accommodations for 100 students, will go trained workers to meet the need of Italy's existing churches as well as new ones yet to be opened.

LITERATURE

We have also been able to help our European brethren in the field of literature. Because Europeans are the most literate people in the world, the printed page is a highly effective method of reaching them with the gospel. Literature evangelism has become the spearhead of advance in Italy where leaders set as their goal, "Gospel literature in every home in Italy." The need now is for adequate buildings to house congregations that have come into being through the influence of literature.

Our Speed-the-Light presses in Italy, Germany, and France print a wide variety of books, tracts, and Sunday school materials designed to win the unsaved and strengthen the churches' program of evangelism.

It is reported that 200 million people in Europe have never handled a copy of the Scriptures. This challenges Pentecostals to make an all-out effort to put God's Word into the hands of the masses.

A striking reminder that "the night cometh when no man can work" comes from eastern Europe. "Once we had the freedom to distribute literature, but we failed to make the most of our opportunity; overnight we lost our freedom."

Today somewhat greater freedom is reported in parts of Poland, Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia. National workers are active in each of these countries.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It has been our privilege to help promote Sunday school programs in Europe. As workers are prepared and inspired through teacher training courses, they go out to start new Sunday schools, which in turn lead to establishing new churches. There was formerly a serious lack of Sunday school literature, but quarterlies and visual aids now are available in various languages.

SERVICEMEN'S WORK

The challenge of Europe continues to live in the hearts of Assemblies of God servicemen who served there immediately following World War II. They blessed and encouraged the Pentecostal believers by their fervent witness and financial assistance.

Large numbers of servicemen are still stationed in Europe. A servicemen's representative has been appointed to maintain contact with our men at the various bases. Through his interest men are encouraged in their stand and testimony for Christ. In March of each year a Servicemen's Retreat is held at Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps.

AN EXPANDING WITNESS

It is the deep feeling of Pentecostal leaders that Europe is ripe for a spiritual harvest. The number of Pentecostal congregations in Italy has tripled within the past 10 years. Today there are 643 churches with a total of 100,000 adherents. Thriving churches, growing Sunday schools, and fervent evangelism characterize the work. Citywide crusades have reached thousands for Christ.

From Holland also comes a report of spiritual awakening. Thousands seek a spiritual home, but there are not enough pastors or church buildings to meet the need.

Revival has reached a number of gypsy tribes in Europe. Thousands of these nomadic people have accepted Christ and large numbers have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Many are following the Lord today as the result of one tract which told of Christ's power to heal.

For many years the growth of the assembly in Barcelona, Spain's second-largest city, was hampered because the small rented hall was located on the outskirts of the city. Today there stands a downtown evangelistic center in Barcelona. The dedication of this house of worship in June, 1964, marked the beginning of a new era for the Assemblies of God in Spain.

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Several new couples were recently appointed to Europe to help in various areas of ministry. There is a new awareness in the American Assemblies of God of Europe's spiritual need and a desire that Europe again might become a base for blessing to the world. To that end we continue to work with our European brethren.

Barcelona congregation grows steadily, has now planted two other congregations.



HE KNOWS ALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE!" So said an envious colleague of another's spectacular ascent to the pinnacle of success.

"It's not what you know but whom you know that counts!" This is a principle on which many aspiring citizens operate.

Whom do *you* know?

A juvenile brawl was erupting in Seattle businessman Hilding Halvorsen's yard. Neighborhood boys were pressing one of that "My dad can whip your dad" kind of quarrels. Halvorsen, noted perhaps even more for his work as gospel soloist and songleader than for his business prowess, paused beside an open window to witness the wrangle as one boy belligerently bellowed, "My dad knows the mayor!"

The boast produced the desired effect momentarily. Then a rival piped up, "That's nothing. My dad knows the governor!"

Up to this point Halvorsen's son had remained completely quiet. The father wondered whether his boy would try to match the pretentious claims. Whom did he know personally who could compare with a mayor or a governor?

Then suddenly his own boy spoke. "My dad knows God!" he exclaimed reverently.

The Christian businessman hastily fell to his knees to thank the Lord that such a claim could be made truthfully about him. "My dad knows God!" still echoes in his memory. (Coincidentally, when I related this incident on an Oregon radio station, Halvorsen and his son heard the broadcast as they were motoring through the area. A few weeks later I received a letter from Halvorsen advising that both he and his son continue to rejoice in an acquaintance with the Almighty!)

Do *you* know God?

Philosophy prescribes, "Know yourself." One of the seven sages of ancient Greece rocketed to lasting fame by coining that advice. "Know the boss," has become standard procedure for political aspirants. But the gospel exhorts, "Know your God."

While the world parrots the cliché, "It isn't what you know but whom you know," the Bible promises, "The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits" (Daniel 11:32). The stripling David knew nothing of military strategy, but he knew God. As a consequence he was able to topple Goliath. Martin Luther was personally acquainted with none of earth's celebrities, but his acquaintance with God enabled that German monk to inaugurate the Reformation.

But how can a man gain acquaintance with Almighty God?

Some seek to discover God by intellectual effort. Others seek to find Him as if He were lost. Croesus, the world's richest man in the sixth century before Christ, inquired of Thales, renowned as the world's wisest sage, "What is God?"

"Give me a day to deliberate," Thales requested. The next day he appeared and pleaded, "I need more time. Give me another day." Croesus concurred.

Thales repeated the same request day after day. The more he studied the question the harder it became to frame an adequate answer. After several weeks he conceded to Croesus, "I am not able to tell you what God is." Thales' failure furnished but another proof that the

MY DAD KNOWS GOD

By RAYMOND L. COX

Scripture's rhetorical question, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" must be answered always in the negative.

Certainly the only avenue of acquaintance with the Almighty is through His Son, Jesus Christ. He Himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). "Neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him" (Matthew 11:27).

God is known through Christ. And the Almighty knows those who know Him. "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Timothy 2:19). "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him" (Nahum 1:7).

While God acknowledges the acquaintance of people who know Him through Christ, one of Scripture's most pathetic warnings reveals Jesus Christ disclaiming acquaintance with certain who profess connection with His name. "I never knew you" will be the profound announcement in that day (Matthew 7:23).

How could those unfortunate outcasts have been so mistaken?

Perhaps some merely knew about Him. I know about the President, but I have never met him. I know about George Washington, but nobody alive today is personally acquainted with the deceased general. In the same manner, many claim acquaintance with Christ as a historical personage. They know the story of His life. But they need also to know Him personally as an ever-living, ever-present Redeemer and Friend.

Clergyman Cochlan queried a woman, "Do you know Jesus Christ?"

She drew herself up proudly, replying, "Yes, sir. I do indeed. I remember that once I saw His picture."

That is a far cry from the spiritual communion that attends a believer's genuine acquaintance with God through Christ. A healthy Christian experience craves an ever-increasing fellowship. Paul aspired, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings" (Philippians 3:10). Augustine on occasion went so far as to express his desire to know God in this language, "Lord, hast Thou declared that no man shall see Thy face and live? Then let me die, that I may see Thee!"

People who know God through Christ can communicate with Him constantly. A converted savage testified to the missionary who had won him, "I open my Bible, and God talks with me. I close my Bible, and then I talk with God."

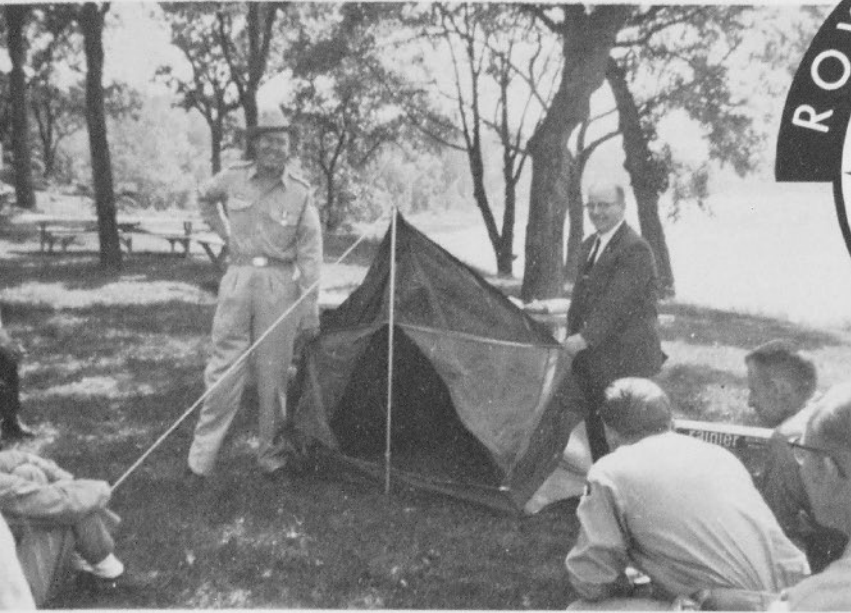
That native really knew God! An ocean and a culture removed, Hilding Halvorsen's son could say, "My dad knows God!"

Do you?



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Above: Leadership training means gaining experience in all phases of the Royal Rangers program. Minnesota leaders learn about setting up a tent. Below: Local churches, like First Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee, provide helps in understanding and assisting boys.



ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MEN, at national, district, and local levels are getting into step with a variety of training divisions with a single aim—to win boys to Jesus Christ and dedicated discipleship through the program of the Royal Rangers. One of these is a correspondence course in leadership training and the structure of the Royal Ranger program offered by the national office. According to National Commander Johnnie Barnes, over 2,200 men are currently enrolled.

The annual National Training Seminar for District Royal Ranger Commanders convened at the national headquarters March 9, 10 in conjunction with the Men's Fellowship Seminar. Scheduled during this event was a colorful area-wide Royal Ranger rally which was addressed by Howard Bush, executive director of the program, who wore the commander's uniform. Thomas F. Zimmerman was a platform guest as were members of the National Advisory Council of the Royal Rangers.

Open to the public, the rally featured a highly interesting march past of uniformed Royal Rangers from area churches. Many groups carried local patrol banners, and each saluted the national commander in passing. Later in the program a visual describing the structure of Pioneers (for boys 9-11 years), Trailblazers (for boys 12-14), and Air and Sea Rangers (for boys 15-17) was presented by representative Royal Rangers.



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SERVICE TO BOYS



FIRST "LEADER'S MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT" AWARDED

WILSON H. CHENAULT, North Tonawanda, N. Y., became the first Assemblies of God man in the nation to receive the "Leader's Medal of Achievement" upon completion of the Royal Rangers correspondence course in Leadership Training.

A member of the Assemblies of God Evangelistic Center at North Tonawanda, N. Y., where Homer C. Cooper is pastor, Brother Chenault has brought considerable skill and dedication into the local program. He was a former swimming instructor, line coach on the rifle range, and drill instructor while serving with the United States Marines. Marching in the Tulip Parade at Holland, N. Y., last year, his Royal Ranger patrol took first prize as the best drill group.

Wilson Chenault is plant patrolman for a large automobile plant, and his working hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. This means that after an overnight campout with as many as 28 boys he is forced to do without sleep for two days and a night. Brother Chenault says that if he ever questions giving up his command, he forgets about it immediately at the next outpost meeting as he looks "into the faces of the boys that God has entrusted to my care for just one hour and a half."

Second to qualify for the award was W. R. Canniff, Senior Commander of the Royal Rangers at Calvary Temple in Auburn, Wash., where James Nicholson is pastor. Brother Canniff's teaching experience at various Sunday school levels and a sincere love for boys provide a splendid background for his contribution to the Royal Rangers program and his "Leader's Medal of Achievement" award.



Wilson Chenault



W. R. Canniff

Several districts are conducting leadership training conferences. There were 94 men in attendance at the first annual Royal Ranger commanders conference in Northern California and Nevada District in February. Thirty new outposts have been chartered since this conference.

Lester Hughes, district commander for Minnesota, conducted an on-the-spot seminar for leaders at a beautiful outdoors site.

Leadership training at the sectional or area level is also a feature of the two-year-old Royal Ranger program initiated at headquarters by the national commander, Johnnie Barnes. A Royal Ranger leader is appointed sectional or area commander to coordinate the councils of local leaders who meet monthly for training, sharing of ideas, and fellowship.

Problems unique to local churches require local training groups. Often they meet one night a week, but on occasion several consecutive nights are scheduled to give special training.

The correspondence course in leadership training offered by the national office is divided into four sections. Each section requires intense application in both theory and practice in such areas as counseling, camping, organization, and award procedures to mention only a few. Upon completion of the entire course the "Leader's Medal of Achievement" is presented.

Far left: National Commander Johnnie Barnes (right) briefs district commanders before the Royal Rangers rally at the National Training Seminar in Springfield. Center: National leaders, including Executive Director Howard Bush (left) and General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman (second from left) participated in the rally. Below: Using various objects, Royal Rangers demonstrated the purposes and goals of the program.



Below: These men took part in the first annual Royal Rangers Commanders Conference in the Northern California-Nevada District last February.



The Ruin of a Respectable Family

By ELMER A. MARTENS

UNIMPORTANT FATHER'S DAY. Almost forgotten after the excitement of Mother's Day and Children's Day. Why give special prominence to Father's Day? Why *not*, when from experience and from Scripture it is clear that family destiny is determined by the father, the family head?

Take Lot's family as an example. Family destiny in this instance, as is true so often, hinged strikingly on the actions and attitudes of the father.

Lot's family came to ruin. Lot lost his possessions in Sodom through the judgment God brought on that place. He lost his two daughters and their families. His wife, left unnamed, turned into a pillar of salt. And Lot himself is left on the pages of history as a drunken man in a cave, in the company of two immoral daughters.

And yet Lot was a respectable man. He traveled with Abraham and shared religious convictions with this saint. He was a peaceable man ready to settle strife. Like Abraham he was a wealthy man. As to his spiritual condition, we must accept the New Testament verdict of him in 2 Peter 2:7, 8 that he was a just man, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. He is called a righteous man.

The picture we get of him is that of a respectable man. But respectability did not keep his family from ruin. We can trace certain factors in Lot's life which account for his family's ruin. Let these be instructive for all family heads.

FATHER COLORS THE FAMILY OUTLOOK

Lot was called on one day to make a decision. He needed to choose whether to settle in the grassy Jordan plain or locate in the hill country. This choice, like every choice, was set against the backdrop of certain considerations, a certain outlook, a scale of values. As in some movie cameras there are three lens from which to choose—the regular, the wide-angle, and the close-up—the framing in the view-finder and the resultant picture being affected according to the lens used—so also the outcome of Lot's decision was influenced by his frame of reference. Lot used the close-up lens. He chose by the standard of the selfish, the standard of the material. He saw the rich pasture lands and concluded he could become rich quickly. True, the nearby cities were exceedingly wicked, and Lot had four daughters. But markets for his beef were of greater importance at the moment than the morals of his daughters.

Contrast Abraham. He was using a different lens. He "looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Abraham lifted up his eyes to look beyond the plains. The basic outlook of these men influenced the place where they lived, the kind of family they raised, and the heritage they left that family. By what principles are your decisions made? Remember

that as family head you will give direction not only to your own life but to your family as well.

FATHER SETS THE FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom. He could not be accused of anything that might be directly labelled as wrong. Had you interviewed Lot, you would have heard him say he had no intention of ever living in that wicked city of Sodom.

But his tent door is open, facing Sodom. And into that tent door drifts the exciting aroma of a wicked Sodom. It lures the growing girls. Conversation at the meal is all about the gay events, the games, the beauty contests, the fine eating places in Sodom. Lot comes to speculating a little on Sodom's Board of Trade. The tone-color of Sodom is being absorbed by this family.

The tent is pitched toward Sodom. No, Lot has not surrendered all his religious convictions. Family devotions are held occasionally. The Sabbath is observed sometimes. But the door is left open to a Sunday morning vacation in the nearby mountains or sea resorts. The door is left open to movies and TV, questionable amusements, and any magazines. Families today are pitching toward Sodom and are absorbing, little by little, the spirit of the world.

And while Lot is pitching the tent toward Sodom and thus setting the family atmosphere, Abraham is at Hebron building an altar to the Lord. He too is setting the family atmosphere. His household knows the meaning of family worship. The scent of animal sacrifice is familiar. And when Abraham's servant journeys to find a bride for Isaac, he prays in far-off Mesopotamia to the God of heaven to send him good speed. The influence of a family altar has reached to a foreign land.

Are you as a family head building family altars or are you busy pitching your tent toward Sodom. If it is the latter, won't you break up camp?

It wasn't long before Lot had moved inside the city. Perhaps Abraham cautioned Lot on this move, but can you not hear the argument? Lot protests that he can be a real witness to those wicked people. He can help them think on godly things. He can win them to the Lord. But look at Lot's record. How many did he win? Abraham prayed that there be 10 righteous. But Lot had not won a single soul. Worse than that, he had not even kept his family. Abraham in one prayer of intercession out there in the plains of Mamre did more for that city than Lot had done in years.

God sought to jolt Lot into recognizing this danger. An enemy came and carried his family away captive. Abraham came to the rescue. Might not this be a good time to settle elsewhere? Yes, Lot is distressed concerning the wickedness of that place. His daughters are keeping late hours. But they are well-respected girls and

will be all right. What a commentary on Lot—at home in Sodom!

FATHER MAKES FAMILY FRIENDSHIPS

The story becomes sordid in chapter 19, for there the wickedness of the Sodomites is revealed. It is the story of the men of Sodom storming Lot's house in order to mistreat the guests shamefully. It is shocking moral perversity. Lot goes out to appease them. Listen to him: "I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly." He addresses the sinful crowd as brethren.

Lot had traded the friendship of Abraham for the friendship of the Sodomites. He would rather have the praise of worldly people than the fellowship of saints.

Off in the hill country Lot's Uncle Abraham had earned himself the title, "Friend of God." Abraham's circle of friends was quite different from Lot's.

And what is your circle of friends? Do you choose to entertain ungodly men in your homes rather than fellowship with Christians? Would you sooner take your family to the roller skating rink than to a Wednesday prayer meeting? Would you rather your children associated with the fashionable set than to have them attend the youth meeting? Are you in business partnerships with unbelievers and think nothing of it? If you as a father have traded the fellowship of saints—no matter how poor a lot of saints they may be—for the company of unbelievers, you have driven a bad bargain.

FATHER DIRECTS FAMILY TRAINING

Now it is late evening and the angels have warned Lot of the cities' overthrow. His immediate family must be notified at once. It is midnight as Lot comes to the home of his son-in-law. The light is still burning. Lot rushes in and explodes with the news: "The Lord will destroy Sodom. We must get out at once."

His son-in-law answers, speaking to his dance-weary wife, "What's wrong with the old man? He's gone crazy on religion."

Lot hurries to the second home and is greeted there with the caustic answer, "Since when do you know what the Lord is going to do?" He is thrown out the door. He is not wanted at this drinking party. Lot returns to his waiting wife alone.

Only he, his wife, and the two younger daughters leave Sodom. The Bible is bluntly plain in outlining the daughters' later infamy. Lot might take his daughters out of Sodom, but he could not take Sodom out of his

daughters. What training had these daughters had that they should act as they did? It is but a commentary on Lot's miserable failure as a father to train up his children in the way they should go. Lot and his wife put social and economic advancement before spiritual nurture. Doing homework and participating in school sports was more important than the midweek prayer service.

He failed in marriage education, too. Abraham took great pains to see that his son married a godly woman. Apparently Lot wasn't at all perturbed to see his daughters on dates with the Sodomites. It spoke well for their popularity index to see them with the wealthier set.

Of Abraham God could say, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment" (Genesis 18:19). Lot, in turn, looked more to his business than to his family.

It was a respectable family, this family of Lot's. Lot himself was successful, but in the end a victim of his success. He was prosperous and prominent, but as a father he was a failure. It is true he himself was saved as a brand from the burning. But what a salvation! Gone was his property in Sodom. Gone, his position. Gone was half his family. Gone was his wife. Gone was his own dignity. He was not a criminal, yet he left behind him a trail of crimes, mostly against his own family. He was a respectable man, but he came to ruin.

What direction is your family taking? Think of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his descendants. Then think of Lot and his family. Think of the influence you hold over generations yet unborn. For the sake of yourself, but more for the sake of those sheltering behind you, will you not come clean for the Lord, keep your sights on that eternal city, live in the place of communion with God, command your children in the way of the Lord, and seek for the title, "Friend of God"? Lest, failing here, yours should be a respectable family—but in ruins.

—Christian Leader

THANKS, DAD!

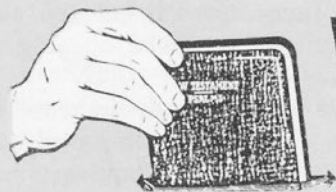
ONE MORNING as he started to work, a surprised father found a note from his teen-age son on the steering wheel of his car. The note began, "Dear Dad, thank you for making me eat liver even when I didn't want to eat it."

The man smiled, remembering how the boy had been so sure he could not eat liver, and how he had wondered if it was worth it to insist. But as he read on, he was glad he had been firm.

"I have learned a rich lesson through this that will stay with me as long as I live—that a person never knows what he can do until he has to do it. In a few years I will be on my own, and it is things like this that I will take with me. . . . It is the quitter who loses; the winner grits his teeth, tucks in his chin, and says, 'Praise the Lord, with His help I'm going through'—and goes ahead.

"Like I said before, Dad, thanks."

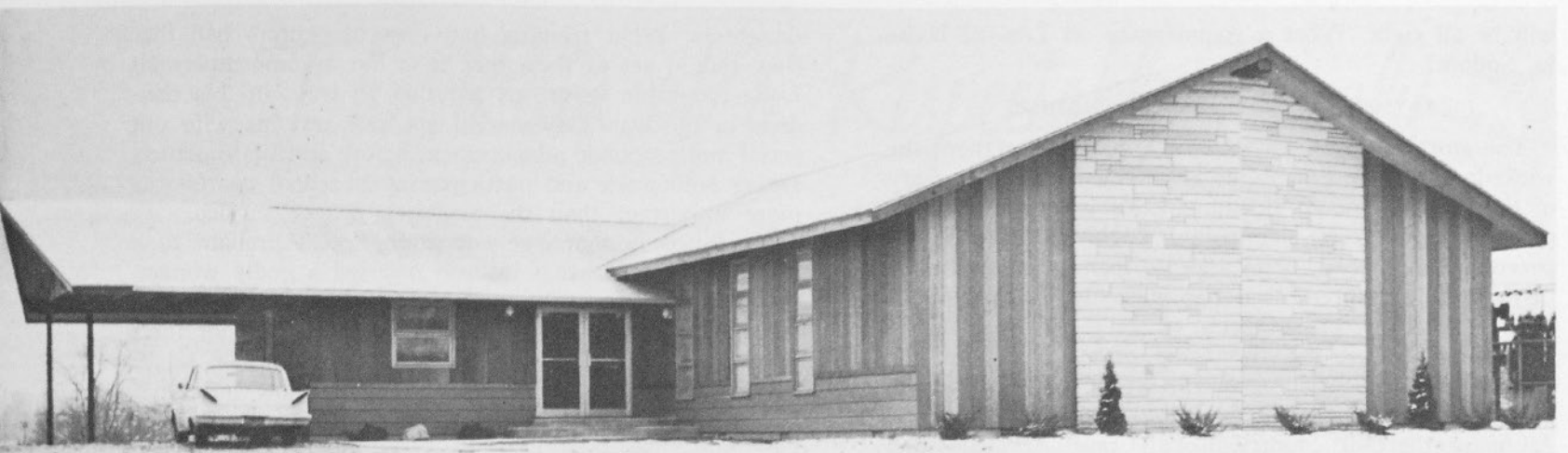
The man drove to work that morning with a happy heart, realizing that by loving firmness he had taught his son more than he intended.



Walking with the WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE 20-JUNE 27

Sunday—Psalm 72	Thursday—Romans 7
Monday—Romans 4	Friday—Romans 8
Tuesday—Romans 5	Saturday—Psalm 73
Wednesday—Romans 6	Sunday—Psalms 74, 75



A Second ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHED IN RICHMOND

By ROBERT ROSE

BEGINNING TWO YEARS ago with 17 people in the first service, Evangel Assembly, Richmond, Ind., has enjoyed God's blessings. Sunday school attendance now averages 58.

There was only one Assemblies of God church in this city of 44,000 people when the Lord burdened us with the need.

With the permission of the Indiana District, we spent four months traveling throughout the state showing the filmed story, "Cincinnati Breakthrough." As the people caught a vision of what could be done, they began to pledge for the work in Richmond. Two churches, First Assembly in Lafayette and First Assembly in Terre Haute, responded with gifts and pledges of over \$500 each. Glad Tidings in Muncie contributed over \$1,700 to the new work!

With these funds, Evangel Assembly was able to make a good down payment on strategically located property in the southeast section of the city. The church is next to one of the large subdivisions and newly built \$500,000 apartment buildings. It is the only church of any denomination in this immediate area.

After we had made the down payment, the man from whom the property was purchased (owner and operator of the largest shopping center in the city) took a note from the church for the remaining balance with no

payment due for one year. He then released the title deed and abstract, thus permitting the church to negotiate a 15-year bank loan of \$15,000 for the building.

Church members donated over 1,600 hours of labor. One man from the church took two weeks of his summer vacation and worked; another gave a week. One man, laid off temporarily from a local factory, donated several weeks' work. A carpenter in the church worked full time for a minimal wage. The entire installation of the furnace was donated. We were able to purchase nearly all materials at cost.

We purchased pews worth \$2,300 for \$489 from the First Baptist Church in Richmond. A Methodist minister's wife, who recently received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, sold a practically new \$1,500 Wurlitzer organ to the church for \$250.

The building includes an auditorium seating approximately 175, foyer, pas-

tor's study, nursery, two classrooms upstairs, partial basement with five classrooms (one of which is a large assembly room), and a carport next to the off-street parking lot.

Bedford stone, redwood, and walnut paneling are the main decorative materials. Inside, Bedford stone is featured in a planter in the foyer and for the altar which is capped with matching carpet. A professional interior decorator donated the time to plan color and materials and installed an imitation marble slab with a vinyl material which covers most of the wall behind the platform. Two professional appraisals set the value of the building at \$42,760, but the total indebtedness on land and building is \$20,500.

William Van Winkle, Indiana district superintendent, was speaker at our open house service on December 13, 1964. Many of the townspeople attended. After Brother Van Winkle's message, Mayor Cordell cut the ribbon, signifying the official opening of the church.

We have had a steady increase in attendance. Five have been saved and four have received the Baptism since we have been in the new building. We anticipate that the future of the church will be equally blessed of God as the energies and efforts used to erect the building are now blended and directed to build the eternal and spiritual kingdom of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose



AS WE WERE PREPARING to come to Alaska, the question of expenses was heavy upon my mind. Transportation was expensive, and the cost of initial supplies greater than I had anticipated.

When we arrived, we found the cost of food, gasoline, fuel, and electricity almost unbelievable. I wondered, "Is Alaska missions work too expensive?"

After a few weeks we were settled—30 miles from the nearest store—and began to learn what it means to be a missionary. The long summer days were filled with the sound of hammers and saws. Trees were cut and land was cleared. A small room was added to our trailer, and soon we were able to use the shell of what will one day be a lovely church.

Then winter moved in with bitter cold, driving the mercury to 65 below zero. But in spite of the weather the Spirit of God began to move. At the end of our first six months as missionaries I no longer asked whether missions work costs too much, for I began to see how much it pays. Souls were saved. During the first week in December, one of the new converts was filled with the Spirit and began to speak with a new tongue, as the Spirit gave utterance. The fol-

DOES IT COST TOO MUCH?

By **DARRELL REDFEARN** ■ Clear, Alaska



lowing week another received the Spirit. A revival spirit was in the air.

With the coming of the new year, three more were saved, and they are walking with the Lord. Doors that were closed began to open as God moved on the hearts of men. The work grew, and God continued to bless.

At last the long winter nights became shorter, and the sun pushed the darkness back a little more each day. Spring was in the air. The deep snow was melting. The fuel bill became a little smaller. The heavy financial expense of the coldest winter in over 40 years is now history, but the spiritual work goes on.

From over 40 Assemblies of God mission stations and churches scat-

tered over 500,000 square miles of ice, snow, rolling hills and high mountains, along large rivers and small lakes, the gospel of Jesus Christ and His saving grace is preached week after week. The men and women who bring the Word of God to the lost of Alaska are not thinking of how much missions work costs, either financially or physically, or even in isolated loneliness at times. They are thinking of how much it pays in eternal dividends.

As you pray for missionaries anywhere in the world, ask God to keep the vision of lost souls ever fresh, both in your heart and in theirs. Then no physical hardship or financial pressure can tempt any of us to think that missions work costs too much.

New Church Started in Lyndon, Kansas

IN THE SUMMER OF 1964, we erected a tent and began full-gospel meetings in Lyndon, Kans., Osage county seat. During the first week of the meetings a family of 10, on their way to purchase liquor, stopped at the tent and were converted.

The youngest child of this family was a deaf mute from birth and had a very serious hernia. The child was healed in answer to prayer and now both speaks and hears.

About 30 persons were saved during the first four weeks of the meeting. Within 90 days we had completed a 60 x 60-foot church building with living quarters. A grant and a loan from the National Home Missions Department made this building possible.

Some 65 persons have been saved, and most of those who attend the services are Spirit-filled. We thank God for His faithfulness during this time.

A newly constructed dam has made

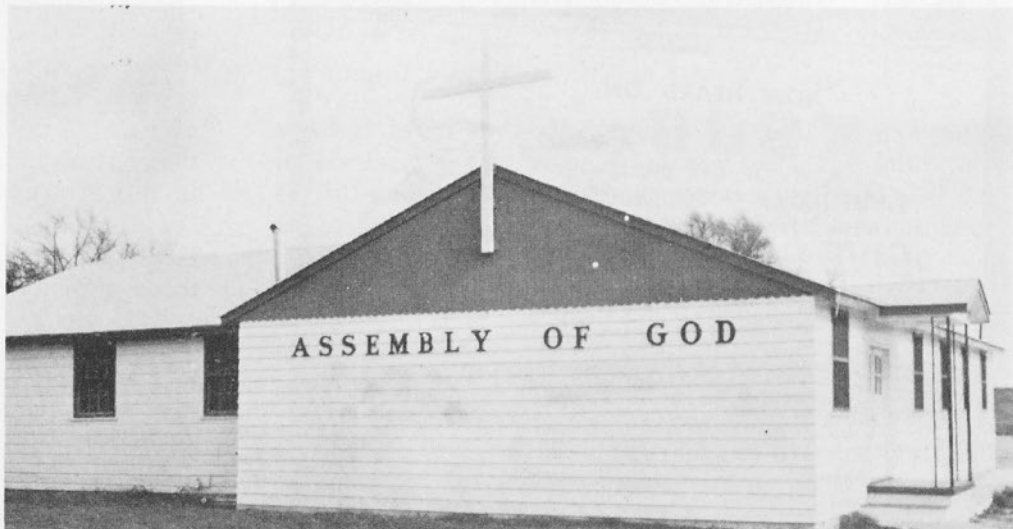
Lyndon a resort area, so this assembly is in a strategic location for ministry to many.

The Howard Rices assisted us for several months in the work here.

When we resigned recently, they succeeded us as pastors of the church. We feel led to go on to a new field and start another church.

—Max Manning

This new church in Lyndon, established last year, already has reached an attendance of 65 in Sunday school.



Many Christian workers, like the British missionaries of the interdenominational "Regions Beyond" Missionary Union listen to Revivaltime and are blessed by it.

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Dear Rev. Ward and members of Revival Time Broadcast.
We are blessed by your messages and songs which we hear every Sunday morning at 7:30 A.M. here in the interior of Borneo. Tho we read Christian periodicals and of course read and study God's Word, somehow it always thrills our hearts to fellowship together (for so we do even tho separated by oceans and land) with you during these broadcasts.
May the Lord bless you as you carry forth the Word of Life over the air waves.
Many listen to these broadcasts here in Borneo and all Indonesia.
Yours as labourers
Rev. Elmer R. Warrentin

MINISTERS and MISSIONARIES find encouragement in REVIVALTIME

By RON ROWDEN

EXHAUSTED FROM HIS EFFORTS to minister to the uneducated, heathen, diseased people of India, a missionary hurries back to his mission to dial his radio eagerly, hopefully.

Driving to the hospital to visit a dying member of his congregation, a pastor glances at his watch and hurriedly turns on his car radio, a gleam of happiness lighting the troubled darkness of his eyes.

Behind the bamboo curtain, a national minister and his family, seeking refuge from the constant pressures of communism and paganism, huddle around their small radio, their faces a reflection of joyous anticipation.

It's *Revivaltime* across the nation—and around the world!

For almost one-half hour, some 12 million persons

will hear God's plan of salvation for a lost and dying world. Many will hear the broadcast service for the first time and find Christ as their personal Saviour. But even more will be regular listeners who many times have found encouragement and hope in its message of Truth.

Ministers and missionaries especially find *Revivaltime* a fountain of blessing and revelation. A pastor in Rolla, Missouri, told us, "We just can't tell you the inspiration *Revivaltime* is to our entire family. It turns our hearts heavenward, and as we go to our own pulpit we still feel that worshipful inspiration. May God bless your program to others everywhere."

An Ontario, Oregon, pastor's wife wrote to tell us of her family's affection for the *Revivaltime* broadcast:

"*Revivaltime* is such a blessing to us. It is difficult to express the boost it gives us each Sunday.

"As a pastor's wife, I notice the drain on our experience as we continually give to those we minister to each Sunday. So we really 'drink in' all the good spiritual food we get each week as *Revivaltime* comes over our local station, KSRV. My husband has noticed that *Revivaltime* has made a distinct impression on many in this Mormon stronghold."

Many times the way seems rough for young ministers laboring in small churches. We were happy to receive this testimony from a pastor in Scottsbluff, Nebraska:

"We do so appreciate *Revivaltime* and listen to it



Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward was featured speaker for the closing service of the recent Jamestown, N. Dak., Union Evangelistic Crusade, sponsored by the South Central Association of Evangelicals. More than 800 persons attended the service in spite of inclement weather. The Jamestown Assembly of God recently renewed its contract to release Revivaltime.

every Sunday morning. In a small and struggling church the pastor often feels alone. We are so thankful for the fellowship of Brother Ward and the radio staff. We know that as *Revivaltime* is being aired many souls are being influenced for Christ. Our church support is small but please know it's all we can give. We are proud and privileged to be a part of *Revivaltime*. May His blessing be yours."

Hundreds of letters reach *Revivaltime* each year from missionaries thanking God for the gospel message that sustains them in their toils. From Palliyadi, South India, came this appreciative testimony:

"I came to this church 22 years ago, and being in a remote village, I had no chance to mingle among cultured people. Some six years ago I was presented a secondhand radio. I could not tune in on Sundays for I had services from morning until late in the evening. But one morning, providentially, I tuned in and got your broadcast.

"From the very first I was impressed with the spirit of Brother C. M. Ward. From his tone I could tell he is a man of deep conviction with an earnest desire to save souls. From that time on I never wanted to miss the service. Thank God for bringing me into a close fellowship with you."

Many who are now ministers made their decisions for Christ as a result of the broadcast services. This letter from Berbice, British Guiana, is from one such pastor:

"I write this letter on behalf of myself and my congregation to let you know how much your program, *Revivaltime*, means to us. Even before I was saved, *Revivaltime* had a special place in my heart. Every week I used to sit close to our radio and listen. It had an influence that only now I understand—the Holy Spirit was moving upon me through your ministry and that of your team.


"*Revivaltime* led me to an Assemblies of God church where American Evangelist Stanley McPherson was holding a revival crusade. I am now saved, filled with the Spirit and in the full-time ministry working for the Lord."

Each week, here at *Revivaltime*, we are thrilled by the manifestations of the Holy Spirit through our broadcast services. It is wonderful to realize that we are

National pastors gain inspiration and spiritual encouragement from *Revivaltime*.



successfully reaching, not only those countless thousands lost in sin, but also Christians who find *Revivaltime* an inspiration and blessing as they work for the Master.

We urge you to give your support to the vast outreach of *Revivaltime*. You are the only ones who can extend the power and influence of this radio ministry. We need your help as never before! Join with us in evangelizing the world. Send your letter and offering to *Revivaltime*, Box 70, Springfield, Mo. 65801. 

HEALED OF HEART TROUBLE

IN 1954 I HAD THREE HEART ATTACKS. A heart specialist diagnosed the trouble as a coronary condition. After two weeks of intense pain, during the third attack, I was instantly delivered as my wife prayed.

For nine years I worked at my trade of building renovation and dry-wall construction. This involved lifting heavy pieces of sheetrock and working with my arms and hands well above my head.

In June, 1963, I overworked and suffered an attack. Unable to breathe, I was taken to a hospital and put under oxygen. This time the diagnosis was angina.

Later I went back to work with the aid of a very competent helper. When he left in August, 1964, I again overworked. For six weeks I suffered. My hands became numb and my shoulder muscles tightened from poor circulation. I could lift my arms only with great pain.

On Sunday, November 22, I told of my condition during a testimony service at the Hastings Assembly of God. I was not hopeless, however. The Lord had met my needs through the years so I had no reason to think He had gone out of business.

At the close of the service Pastor Melvin Goble called a special prayer meeting. The Lord touched me, and I felt victory. The next few days I worked with some difficulty, but I persisted in praising God continually.

I am now working full-time again, putting new ceilings in old houses. God has met my need once again, proving His eternal faithfulness.—H. M. Stitt, Hastings, Mich.


(Brother Stitt's wife is an ordained Assemblies of God minister.)

Faith of My Father

(Continued from page three)

were tears in my father's eyes but a quiet assurance in his face. I was going from him with the faith that he had taught me burning in my heart. I thank God for a Christian companion who shares this inheritance with me.

We now have children of our own—Darrell, Darla, and Debra. It is our duty to pass the inheritance along to them. Already it is fortified by two generations of Christian faith—both parents and grandparents.

God grant that someday a 20th-century Paul will observe in each of our children what the first-century Paul observed in Timothy—"The unfeigned faith [of grandparent and parent] is in thee also." 

1965 REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS





"OUR CHALLENGE—PEOPLE . . . OUR COMMISSION—GO!" This was the theme of the 1965 regional Sunday school conventions conducted in eight cities across the U.S. during March and April. As a result of the emphasis on outreach and evangelism an upswing in Assemblies of God Sunday school enrollment is anticipated. Peak attendance at the eight conventions was estimated at 15,000; official registration totaled slightly over 6,000.

Photo 1: The Northeast convention met in the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. *Photo 2:* Hundreds registered for the Northwest convention held at Calvary Temple in Seattle, Washington. *Photo 3:* Bond Bowman, pastor of Brightmoor Tabernacle in Detroit, Michigan, spoke at the Great Lakes and Northeast conventions. *Photo 4:* T. E. Gannon, superintendent of the Iowa District, was a speaker in the North Central and Gulf conventions.

Photo 5: Headquarters personnel participated by conducting special programs in the afternoon united sessions. Photo shows a panel discussion conducted by Robert Myers, Harris Jansen, Edith Denton, and C. W. Denton, of the

National Sunday School Department; and by Ralph Harris, Church School Literature Editor. *Photo 6:* The dramatic visual, "Beyond the Door," was presented at most of the conventions. Here the pastor challenges the Sunday school workers to reach those who are beyond the door of the church. *Photo 7:* A number of exhibits displayed material of interest to the Sunday school delegates. *Photo 8:* Workshop sessions were highlights of each convention. Here Mrs. Amelia Bullock is seen teaching a workshop on visual aids at the Southeast convention in Panama City, Florida.

Photo 9: Chas. W. H. Scott, executive director of the National Sunday School Department, participated in a number of the conventions. *Photo 10:* Meredith Kerstetter, commissioner of public safety of Atlantic City, is shown presenting a key to the city to Harold Crosby, Northeast convention chairman. *Photo 11:* Mrs. Opal Reddin directed a workshop at the Gulf convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the subject, "Child Development to Age 11." *Photo 12:* A 100-voice children's choir directed by Miss Evelyn Kenyon sparked the Northeast convention program.



FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

South Africa

Worth the Walk

Bakenberg, 36 miles west of Potgietersrus, was the happy scene of two baptismal services in which 27 believers were immersed. It was worth enduring blistered feet from walking the last 10 miles over rough terrain to see the first 13 buried with Christ in baptism.

Amos Sekgoele, pastor of the Potgietersrus church, is pioneering a number of new villages in the surrounding region and is now busy erecting a house to serve as a temporary church and later as a parsonage.

—John Richards

Costa Rica

God Met the Need

San Jose, Costa Rica, is a city of 350,000 and the site of an interdenominational language school. Many missionaries to Latin America attend this school before they go to their respective fields. With the new interest in speaking in tongues, many of these missionaries come to the Assemblies of God church to hear about the Holy Spirit.

Some time ago I stood looking at our old building and I was ashamed of its inadequacies. When I went to God for help, He let me know He wanted a new building there. But as a woman I was reluctant to attempt such a project,

and I let God know it. Then He made me understand I wasn't doing this—He was. So from the first check for \$3,500 to the final contribution, it was His own miraculous work.

The Washington District sent us Gordon Weden to supervise the project. Men of the local church worked after their own work-day was finished in order to have a new church. Women helped by cooking meals. Churches and individuals in the United States contributed \$25,000. In November, 1964, we joyfully dedicated to God our beautiful new church.

—Gladys Pearson

West Pakistan

Asia Meetings

Reap Decisions

Recently my wife and I went to Lahore, West Pakistan, where I had been asked to teach at a ministers institute sponsored by the Pentecostal Assemblies of God of West Pakistan. We stayed at the home of Professor E. J. Sinclair, principal of Forman Christian College. The college has 1,300 students, mostly Muslims.

About 20 ministers attended the institute. All were hungry for the Word of God and prayed earnestly that God would save souls and fill many with the Holy Spirit.

The evening meetings held in connection with the institute were attended by as many as 150 peo-

ple although there was only room for 120 in the building. There were souls saved every night. Others were filled with the Spirit and testified publicly to this experience. In the last two meetings more than 40 Pakistanis sought Christ as their Saviour.

—V. G. Greisen

Nigeria

Bible Students Challenged

Evangelists M. C. Johnson and Lee Paino recently spent 28 busy days of ministry in Nigeria. They began with services in the Obudu Zone. Then they conducted evangelistic meetings in Enugu, Aba, and here at Umuahia.

Their last week with us was the first week of our new Bible school year. Evangelist Johnson ministered in the morning chapel services, and in the Old Umuahia Assembly at night, while Lee Paino conducted meetings at nearby Evangel High School. During the week nine people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Central Bible Institute of Nigeria recently began its 1965 school year with 138 students enrolled in five classes. Many of the students have attended before, but there were also new ones. We look forward to a wonderful year in the Lord. About 35 third-year students will be graduating in November.

—Ralph Cimino

Ecuador

Embajadores Working Hard

Assemblies of God activities are being stepped up in several ministries throughout Guayaquil.

The *Embajadores de Cristo* (Ambassadors for Christ) have just launched a two-months campaign to bring new people to the church. The first Sunday night 10 were at the altar seeking God for salvation.

In spite of the hot weather and vacation time when so many leave the city, attendance is increasing. It has even been necessary to make more benches to accommodate the Sunday night crowds. To assist the work of the young people, we are having one day of fasting each week and praying that God's Holy Spirit will come upon us. Last week four young people were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Ecuadoran Bible Institute is now in progress with 30 enrolled in the night classes and 10 in the day school. Five of this year's young men attended the Monday night Bible classes held at our home in 1963! Four of them are presently pastoring churches.

The radio station from which our daily 15-minute program is broadcast has increased its power by 5,000 watts. The Pentecostal message now has an even greater audience.

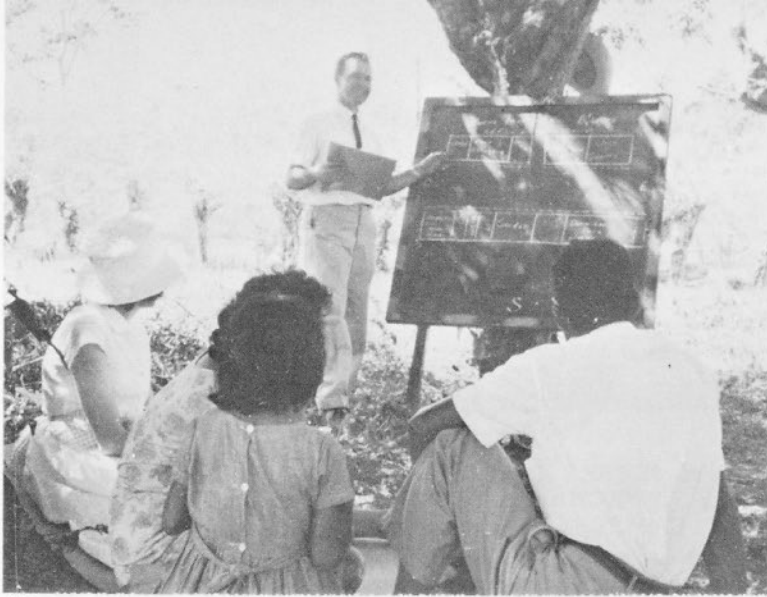
—Lowell Dowdy

This new church in San Jose, Costa Rica, will seat 550 people.



Missionary V. G. Greisen conducts a ministers institute in West Pakistan.





Missionary Ben LaFon explains floor plan of new Bible school building under construction at San Pedro Sula.

Honduras

Construction Initiated

Groundbreaking services were held February 13 for the projected *Instituto Biblico Hondureno*, at San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Superintendent Harold Mintle, director of the Institute, turned the first spade of earth.

Missionary Ben H. LaFon is in charge of construction. He expects to have the first two units completed by this fall.

Missionary David Williams, pastor and director of the Evangelistic Center in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, spearheaded construction of a new church for a growing congregation in nearby Comayaguela. The church was dedicated on March 8, 1965. National pastor Andres Osorio and his congregation now have an adequate base from which to reach the masses of people in their area.

El Salvador

Literature Proves Popular

Light-for-the-Lost recently supplied us with funds for 20,000 copies of *Poder*, our Spanish edition of the *Evangel*. Fifty copies were given to each of our Women's Missionary Council groups on condition that they sell them and use the proceeds to buy and sell subsequent issues of the magazine. We have already doubled our order of magazines and soon will be selling 5,000 copies a month.

The distribution of *Poder* has also awakened interest in other literature.

This year we are dedicating ourselves increasingly to literature distribution. Pray with us that the Lord will provide open doors. The students of the Bible school are also catching the vision of a literature ministry and spend their weekends in house-to-house distribution.

—Arthur Lindvall

Liberia

God's Way Makes a Difference

Her face glowing with pride, the young mother pointed to the baby on her back and said, "This is two children I have living." And we knew she had special reason to be proud as she told us her story.

"My father was the country devil doctor. When I was but a small child, I would search for every opportunity to watch him perform his duties and offer his sacrifices. I soon knew how everything was done—the rite for a sick husband or for a new baby or for good crops. As I saw the young mothers bring their babies to my father for help, I thought how fortunate I was that he was my father. When I became old enough to have a family, it would be large; for he would help me.

"About a year after the dowry was paid, and I went to live with my husband, our first child was born. Immediately I took him to father. I wanted to get the blessings of the gods on him so he would grow to be a fine young man. But after a few months he died.

"We had another boy and again took him to my father. But before he was one year old he died too. I watched as my father performed rites for others, and they were still the same. The people were still coming to him, so surely my offering had not been enough. So when the next child was born, I took three chickens and went to my father for his blessing. Again the child died.

"This happened with five children. Then one man came to our town preaching the 'Jesus Way.' He stayed at our house until he could build himself a house. While he was there, he talked to my husband and me about serving God. He and his wife had two children

and had never been to the witch doctor—but their children were well and happy. I watched them, listened to the man, went to church, and later became a Christian because it seemed that was the only way to be happy in this life.

"I didn't even think of children when I gave my heart to God. But when I knew I was going to have another child, I said, 'Lord, if You want to give me the child, all right. But I will not go to the devil doctor again.' And He did—this is the child walking with me and now this is my new baby (three months now). God's way is best way."

—Ralph Hollandsworth

BOOKS NEEDED

The Far East Advanced School of Theology (FEAST) has been established in Manila to give training on the seminary level to promising young men and young women from all countries of the Far East. An adequate library is very essential. Any good theological books could be used. They should be sent by parcel post to P. O. Box 2483, Manila, Philippines, marked "used theological books."

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries returning to the United States are the **Billy Brays** (Malawi), the **David Womacks** (Colombia), the **Perry Dymonds** (Guatemala), Mr. and Mrs. **Raymond Zents** (Upper Volta), Mr. and Mrs. **Hubert Boese** (Upper Volta), **Blanche Marie Phillips** (India), **Margie Nickell** and **Betty Savage** (Liberia).

Returning to their respective fields are the **Glen Ford** family (Tanzania), the **Arthur Bauer** family (Peru), **Irene Crane** and **Helen Kopp** (Nigeria). (Helen Kopp formerly served in Ghana.)

New missionaries leaving for their appointed fields are the **Wesley Weekley** family (Philippines), the **David Stewart** family (India), the **Angelo Nesta** family (Italy), and **Ruby Peterson** (Nigeria). The **Paul Brannans** have transferred from Argentina to Colombia. The **Eugene Willis** family recently completed language study in Costa Rica and have gone to Ecuador.

Additions to the missionary

family are Noelle Joy, born February 21 to Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Vitello** (Italy) and Kimberlee Ann, born February 23 to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Cannon** (Peru).



Glenn Ford family



Arthur Bauer family



David Stewart family



Angelo Nesta family

Wesley Weekley family

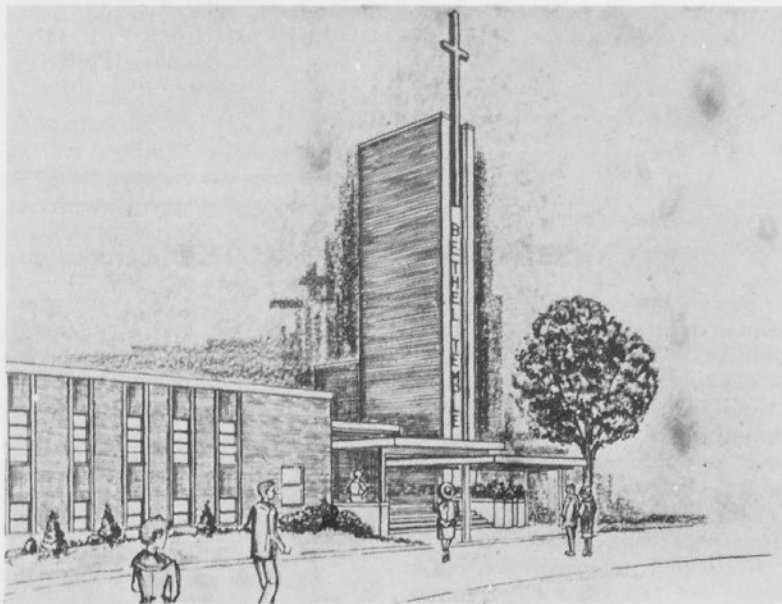
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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



BETHEL TEMPLE DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Bethel Temple here will dedicate its new church building in special services at 2:30 p.m. today (June 20). N. Cleo Tapp, Southern Missouri district superintendent, will be the guest speaker. The new church is located at 2115 Chambers Road.

—Delbert R. Bucher, pastor

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT PURCHASES CAMPGROUNDS

The New Jersey District of the Assemblies of God has purchased a 29-acre campgrounds. Located on Highway 24 at Schooley's Mountain (between Hackettstown and Long Valley), the new camp will be in operation this summer.

Features of the grounds include a chapel seating 200, a winterized building with accommodations for 60, a lovely dining hall seating 125, and other associated buildings.

Decision to purchase the grounds was made at a specially called district council on March 20.

Although no family camp will be held this year, the district has laid plans for a two-week teen camp and a one-week boys and girls camp.

Teen camp (for ages 13-19) will be held July 10-24. Charles Schaffer will be the evangelist for the first week; Darrell Mitchell for the second week.

Boys and girls camp will convene July 24-31 and is open to children

ages 9-12. Hilda Simokat, district Sunday school director, will be the evangelist.

—Al Bartholomew, district Christ's Ambassadors president

ATTENDANCE HIGH AT DISTRICT COUNCIL

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—The New Mexico District Council held its 26th annual meeting at Highland Assembly here April 5-7. General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman was guest speaker. Attendance was high. The presence of the Lord was very real and many were challenged to a greater work for the Lord.

Raymond Hudson was re-elected to begin his 11th year as district superintendent. D. B. Chaney was elected as general presbyter replacing H. M. Fulfer who asked not to be returned to office. Brother Fulfer served the district for 30 years as district superintendent, general presbyter, and in other capacities.

—D. B. Chaney, Sec.-Treas.

ASSEMBLIES TEACHERS CONVENE IN EUROPE

BAD SODEN, GERMANY—The biannual Christian teachers conference, sponsored by the Assemblies of God April 3, 4 at Hotel Weisses Haus, offered a time of fellowship, worship, and instruction for 30 teachers and military officers and their wives. Participants came from Belgium, France, England, and Germany.

Charles Rury, head of the business department at Kaiserslautern American High School, served as conference chairman. He was assisted by Betty Brenda of Frankfurt American Elementary School. Richard C. Fulmer, Assemblies of God servicemen's representative in Europe, served the conference in an advisory capacity.

Melvin Jorgenson, former missionary to the Congo now working

in Belgium, presented a challenging message on the conference theme, "Centered in Christ." Charles E. Greenaway, resident secretary for Europe, expressed the belief that one needs more love to teach than to do any other type of job. He pointed out that an abiding trust in Jesus Christ will help the teacher have this love.

A highlight of the conference was an informal panel discussion providing information on Assemblies of God work in Europe, on the military chapel program, and on attendance at a German university as a Christian.

Plans are now being made for the teachers conference to be held in the picturesque Odenwald part of Germany on October 9, 10. It is hoped that all Assemblies of God and other interested teachers in Europe will plan to attend. For information concerning this conference write to Richard C. Fulmer, Robert-Mayer Strasse 27, Frankfurt/M., Germany.

—Tim Berquist, reporter

SOUTH HAVEN, MICH.—Evangelist and Mrs. John Friend ministered at First Assembly here February 9-21. There were two saved and several refilled with the Holy Spirit. The evangelist emphasized the need of seeking the Lord in secret prayer.

After the campaign ended, the Spirit continued to move upon the people concerning prayer. In the next Sunday night service there was a real move of God and a spirit of praise. Two came back to the Lord, and four young people have been saved as a result of this response to seek God in prayer.

—Ross P. Simmons, Pastor

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TRACY, CALIF.—The manifestation of God's Spirit which began in the New Year's eve watch-night service at First Assembly here has continued in the regular church services. Special revival meetings began on February 16 with Evangelist Leonard Miller of Watsonville, Calif. Several people were saved, including husbands, sons, and daughters of church members. According to some this was one of the best meetings ever held here.

—Claude O. Wood, Pastor

Conferees came from England, Belgium, France, and Germany.





Bob Simpson, chairman of the Royal Rangers council in North Tonawanda, N. Y., presents a pin as Princess Dolly Printup is made an honorary member of the Rangers. Dolly looks forward to the day when an Assemblies of God church will be built on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation. Land has been donated for this purpose.

INDIAN PRINCESS PRESENTS FLAG TO ROYAL RANGERS

NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y.—A highlight of Royal Ranger Sunday at the Evangelistic Center here was the presentation of an American flag for which a brief time was flown over the nation's capitol in Washington, D. C. The presentation was made by a real Indian princess, Miss Dolly Printup from the Tuscarora Indian Reservation.

Color slides of Royal Ranger activities during the past year were shown during the Sunday school hour. These included the presentation of the charter, award night, full dress review, field trips, campouts, and parades.

All the Royal Rangers and their leaders were in uniform on this special occasion. The room was decorated with colorful Ranger posters. Appropriate remarks were made by Council Chairman Bob Simpson and by the pastor. It was an inspiring service and served to make many boys eager to become Royal Rangers.

—Homer C. Cooper, Pastor

ALTOONA, PA.—Pleasant Valley Full Gospel Church here recently had a successful revival with Evangelist Eddie Wilson of Dallas, Tex. The Sunday school record was broken during the revival with 377 present. Since these meetings ended, families are still attending the church as a result of the revival, and the record was again broken with an attendance of 428!

—R. C. Bright, Pastor

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—First Assembly here enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Tommy Barnett in a revival recently. More than 125 responded to the invitation for salvation. Many responding were young people. A number of families were included.

—V. E. Shores, Pastor

ST. PAUL, VA.—The St. Paul Assembly here has experienced a wonderful move of the Holy Spirit in a recent revival with Evangelist Alfred Allen of Byhalia, Miss. Twelve were saved and 14 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Sunday school attendance reached a peak of 181 the second Sunday of the meeting.

Recently a layman in the church donated a beautiful neon church sign in the shape of a cross.

—Jack. M. Carnley, Pastor

GREENSBURG, KANS.—The ministry of Evangelist I. D. Rayborn of Yates Center, Kans., stirred the hearts of the people night after night during the three-week revival at the Assembly of God here. Several were saved and a number reclaimed. Three received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—Charles Boshell, Pastor

LEASBURG, MO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Heady of Fredricktown, Mo., conducted a three-week meeting at the Assembly of God here recently. There were four saved, 12 reclaimed, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. The church as a whole was encouraged, and the spirit of revival still prevails.

—Louis E. Todd, Pastor

FORT SMITH, ARK.—Central Assembly here just concluded a successful revival with Evangelist Royce L. Lowe of Greenwood, Ark. Ten were saved and one filled with the Holy Spirit. The healing power of God was also witnessed. Sunday school attendance greatly increased, and each service was refreshing.

—Clyde Curry, Pastor

UTICA, N. Y.—First Assembly here has an outstanding revival. Evangelist William Caldwell was the instrument God used to bring blessings and uplift to this community.

Approximately 45 to 50 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. A Ukrainian pastor's wife and niece both received the Baptism—and the pastor closed his Sunday night service and came to the meeting here to see what was going on!

There were a number who re-

ceived definite healing. An 89-year-old lady was healed of arthritis. God touched a little girl who had crossed eyes, and she no longer needed her glasses. A woman with deafness in one ear was also healed.

Many people of various denominations have been stirred by this revival.

—William H. Douglas, Pastor

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Great victories have been experienced at Hilltop Heights Assembly here in the past few months. Last November seven gave their hearts to the Lord during a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. D. L. Nultemeier of Brooks, Ore. On February 7 there were 15 baptized in water.

Sunday, March 7, closed a revival with Evangelist Lela B. Haycook of Anoka, Minn., in which 14 received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Seven have been delivered from the tobacco habit in the last few months. The Sunday school has shown a marked growth, going from an average of 26 in 1963, to 60 at the present time.

—Mylo R. Rowcliffe, Pastor

PORUM, OKLA.—Eleven were saved and seven filled with the Holy Spirit during a recent revival at the Assembly of God here. Evangelist and Mrs. H. A. Strange, Gainesville, Texas, were a great blessing to the church.

—Marvin K. McElhannon, pastor

COMPTON, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a refreshing revival with Evangelist James Black of Whittier, Calif.

—David O. Bunch, pastor

PARKIN, ARK.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed a five-week revival with Evangelist Arlis Thrasher and his co-worker, Dalvin Murrey. There were 62 saved, many of them teen-agers, and including seven young couples. Thirty-five received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and 42 were baptized in water. Attendance in C.A.'s increased to about 35 and Sunday school increased from an average of 109 to 171 during the meetings. The revival spirit continues in the church.

—Derwood Jumper, pastor



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Evangelist Barnett (left) counsels those seeking God. This service was held on the parking lot to accommodate the crowds.

TUCSON ASSEMBLIES MARK 31ST ANNIVERSARY

TUCSON, ARIZ.—The twelve Assemblies of God churches here cooperated in celebrating the 31st anniversary of the Assemblies in Tucson April 26-May 1, with services held at First Assembly. There were three services daily. Howard Carter was the morning speaker

and Tommy Barnett was the evangelist.

An estimated 60 or 70 came forward to accept Christ during the six-night meeting. The Friday night crowd was so large the service was held in the parking lot.

—Jack D. Brock, Host Pastor

SALEM, OHIO—The Musical Vanns ministered in a three-week meeting at First Assembly here recently. At least 60 responded to receive Christ and 15 were baptized in water.

This year is the 25th anniversary of First Assembly's affiliation with the General Council, and these meetings were an exciting part of the celebration. 100 were first-time visitors to the church.

—Paul C. Taylor, Pastor

HUDSON FALLS, N. Y.—The victory revival with Evangelist Paul Hild of Minneapolis, Minn., was a triumphant time at Gospel Lighthouse Assembly here. Eleven accepted Christ as Saviour. The opening rally had a larger crowd than any other crusade here in the last 19 years.

During the two weeks, 33 had a perfect attendance record. The church orchestra and youth choir ministered each night. The newspaper and radio gave coverage to the meetings.

—Robert A. Canterbury, Pastor

PORTAGE, IND.—Many reconsecrated their lives to the Lord in a two-week meeting with Evangelist Duard Baldwin of Springfield, Mo., at the Assembly of God here. A record attendance of 103 was established. (Previous record was 82.)

The congregation has plans to build a new church, and property has already been purchased.

—Robert Hawkins, pastor

BEAVER DAMS, N. Y.—The meeting with Evangelist Bob and Jeri Winford was a benefit to the Catlin Centre Assembly here. There were 16 saved. The youth crusade and children's program were outstanding and inspirational. The church is making plans to rebuild because of present growth.

—Harold L. Harding, Jr., Pastor

WANCHESE, N. C.—During a revival with Evangelists Jim and Tammy Bakker at the Assembly of God here about 100 young people and children came to the altar for salvation and seven were filled with the Holy Spirit. Attendance averaged between 300 and 400.

—G. R. Thomas, Pastor

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—During a meeting with Ottis Denton, pastor of the Assembly of God, Windsor, N. C., there were 21 saved or reclaimed and 13 filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. This was the best revival in the church according to some members. There were many first-time visitors.

—Hayden W. Jones, pastor

CLOVIS, N. MEX.—Glen and Faith Shinn held a successful revival crusade at First Assembly here in April. Several were saved or reclaimed and some filled with the Holy Spirit. Many received divine healing as prayer was offered during the services.

Morning as well as night services were held with outstanding attendance in both. Sunday school attendance increased during the crusade, and all departments of the church were strengthened.

—Melvin Sasse, pastor

TULSA, OKLA.—Evangelist John Human recently conducted a revival at the Carbondale Assembly here. There were 17 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church witnessed a great manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit.

—H. D. Pieratt, pastor

CYRIL, OKLA.—Months of intercessory prayer were rewarded during a four-week revival at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist John Bryant of Elk City, Okla. Forty-five came for salvation and 15 were filled with the Holy Spirit.

The moving of the Spirit was first witnessed among the children and teen-agers, then the adults. Fourteen were baptized in water at the close of the revival, and more are to be baptized in the near future. Sunday school attendance increased from 63 to 104.

—Earl L. Ostrom, pastor

BROOKINGS, OREG.—The congregation of the Assembly of God here was richly blessed by the ministry and music of Evangelist Dale Helle of Seattle, Wash., in April. A number were saved, including a lady in her 70's. Christians were helped to a deeper walk with the Lord.

—Richard Stewart, pastor

PUEBLO, COLO.—First Assembly here recently conducted one of its most successful revivals with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin. There were an estimated 40 conversions.

During the revival 356 visitors from 28 different churches of the city registered.

On the closing night the largest crowd in First Assembly's history viewed a missionary film made by Evangelist Eskelin. The last Sunday of the revival Sunday school attendance increased 100 over the previous week.

—E. W. Rethford, pastor

NORTHWEST YOUTH CHOIR NOW ON TOUR

The Northwest District Christ's Ambassadors Choir, composed of 70 young people from various churches, is on its second tour. Last year the choir traveled from Washington to attend the National C. A. Convention in Springfield, Mo.

The choir will be on tour through July 2, conducting services in

Washington, Idaho, Montana, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. The tour will end with a concert at the Northwest College of the Assemblies of God in Kirkland, Washington.

In each service the choir features musical numbers, with narration, emphasizing the soon return of

Christ. A trumpet trio and mixed quartet complete the program.

Chairman of the tour is Norman Gardner, district youth director. Pastor Rollin Carlson, Ellensburg, Wash., directs the choir.

Other ministers traveling with the choir include Al Baunsgard, Seattle; Glen Cole, Maple Valley; and Don Duncan, Tacoma.



ATLANTA, GA.—The Mableton Assembly enjoyed a profitable revival with Evangelist John Moore of Augusta, Ga. Souls were saved and hearts blessed by the preaching of the Word.

—M. G. Barfield, pastor

KELSO, WASH.—Souls were saved, backsliders returned to the Lord, several were filled with the Holy Ghost, and many were healed during a revival with Evangelist Thomas Ming Sr. of Tulare, Calif., at the Assembly of God here. The congregation is now in the process of building a new church.

—Thomas M. Ming Jr., pastor

SOUTH FORT SMITH, ARK.—Evangelist Audrey C. Booher of Dover, Ark., conducted an eight-day revival at the Assembly of God here. A number were saved or reclaimed, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Attendance was good throughout the meeting.

—Eddie Lune, pastor

ANACONDA, MONT.—Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick of Tulsa, Okla., held a two-week evangelistic crusade at the Assembly of God here. The meeting which closed on Easter Sunday attracted the largest crowds in the 35-year history of the church. Sunday school attendance broke all previous records.

—W. L. Roset, pastor

PITTSBURG, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here had a revival in March with Evangelist Wilford M. Frazier. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

—W. A. Younger, Pastor

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—Valley Gospel Tabernacle here has been blessed by the ministry of several evangelists during 1964.

Kenny and Lois Irwin held a two-week revival with over 800 visiting.

Average attendance was increased by the strong Bible preaching of M. C. Allen of Denton, Tex.

There were a number saved or reclaimed and at least 15 filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit during a meeting with Evangelist Harold Heady of Fredricktown, Mo., in April 1965. Night after night the people prayed for two or three hours.

The Sunday school is averaging 30 more this year than last. The pastor and his wife began a 39-day missionary tour of Ecuador and Brazil in April.

—Everett Smith, Pastor

SALEM, OREG.—The Keizer Assembly here benefited greatly from the ministry and music of

Evangelist Paul Clark and family. Eight came for salvation and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. There were over 200 visitors during the two-week meeting.

—K. C. Grant, Pastor

COTTONWOOD, ARIZ.—First Assembly here recently held a 10-day revival with the Parrish Trio of Oceanside, Calif. Some came to know the Lord during the meeting. Attendance was above average every night, and Sunday school attendance reached a record of 135. A spirit of revival still prevails in the church.

—Joe E. Dube, Pastor

CORRECTIONS—CAMP DATES

We regret that the dates of the following camps were not listed correctly in the May 16 *Evangel*. Following are correct dates.

MINNESOTA: Lake Geneva Bible Camp at Alexandria, Minn.—June 24-July 4.

NEW YORK: Lakeview Family Camp at Hamlin, N.Y.—July 3-18. Mountainview Family Camp at Sherburne, N.Y.—July 24-August 8.

WITH CHRIST

BEULAH (MATHENY) RUSSELL, 57, of Louisville, Ky., went to be with the Lord very suddenly



on May 5. For nearly 30 years she had served alongside her husband Roscoe. Together they were ordained in 1942 by the Central District and served as pastors at Covington, Hedrick, and Bloomington, Ind.; Granite City, Ill.; and the past 10 years at Calvary Assembly of God in Louisville.

At her funeral it was said of her, "Beside her immediate family who mourn because of her home-going, there is a multitude of her spiritual family whom she loved, prayed for, and nurtured in the ways of the Lord. Her influence in the church will live on in the lives of those she has led to God."

Sister Russell is survived by her husband Roscoe; two sons, Bill,

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who graduated this year at Central Bible Institute, and Jack, who graduated from high school this year; three brothers, and two sisters. A brother, Gordon Matheny, is secretary of the Indiana District Council.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

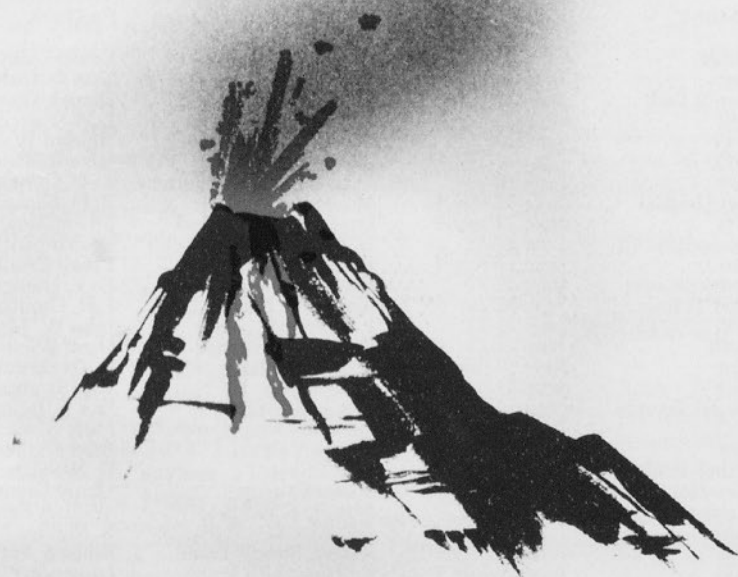
STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Ariton	Bethel	June 20-July 4	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Edwin Casey
Ark.	Dardanelle	First	June 20-July 4	Ed Eaton	Don D. Duval
	Pine Bluff	Forrest Park	June 27-July 2	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	Harold Thompson
	Russellville	First	June 20-July 4	Ernie Rogers	J. W. Farrell
	Wynne	*A/G	June 20-25	Mrs. A. G. Calaway	Howard Watkins
Calif.	Hawthorne	A/G	June 20-27	Guy London	James Ireland
	S. San Francisco	*First	June 22-27	Lynn & Becky Wickstrom	C. E. Curtright
	Taft	Taft Heights	June 22-July 4	William Caldwell	B. D. Bennett
Colo.	Meeker	A/G	June 22-July 4	Dave & Jan Olshovski	Edwin Medlin
Del.	Selbyville	*Evangelistic Ct.	June 21-27	D. Brosey-G. Buchwalter	Leonard Richendrfer
Ga.	Griffin	First	June 23-July 4	Keetah Jones	Ernest Pruitt
Ill.	Carlinville	**District Camp	June 25-27	Don & Dixie Cox	D. F. Hussey, director
	Decatur	*Glad Tidings	June 20-25	Norman & Evelyn Hays	J. H. Crouch
Ind.	Blanford	A/G	June 22-27	J. E. Friend	John W. Mann
	Elkhart	*Faith	June 21-25	Dedelow-Friederici	Oscar Beadle
Iowa	Belle Plaine	First	June 20-July 4	K. E. Matschulat	R. C. Renfer
	Marshalltown	First	June 23	Bob Ludwig	Paul Sandgrens
Kans.	Kansas City	Gospel Temple	June 13-27	Winferd Mack	Jack F. Burgess
	Oswatomic	A/G	June 22	Donald & Mrs. Lunsford	Larry Allbaugh
	Salina	*First	June 20	Gladys Voight	Fred Prather
Md.	Baltimore	Bethel Pent.	June 21-25	Alta Shiner	D. W. Hare
	Gaithersburg	***New Hope	June 22-July 4	Victor Etienne	Henry Evans
	Grantsville	Maranatha	June 21-27	Mrs. R. S. Beisel	William Ferguson
	Hyattsville	Faith	June 22-27	Jack Morris	B. M. Slye
	Point of Rocks	A/G	June 22	Knouse-Stovall Team	Kibbe & Angus
Mich.	Reed City	A/G	June 22-July 4	Ralph & Faith Leslie	Laurence Wilson
	Sebewaing	*A/G	June 21-25	Carl E. Gammel	Douglas Clair
Minn.	Aitkin	A/G	June 22-27	Arthur & Anna Berg	R. C. Schlupp
	St. Cloud	A/G	June 27	Bob Ludwig	Martin Gerdes
	Worthington	*A/G	June 21-25	Roy Blakeley	John W. Everett
Miss.	Louisville	Vernon	June 20-27	Michael & Peggy Lord	R. H. Broadhead
Mo.	Ewing	A/G	June 22-July 4	Goodwin Party	Francis Wilson
	Kansas City	Northeast	June 23-July 5	Ernie Eskelin	J. L. McIntosh
N. C.	Valdese	A/G	June 23-27	Don & Sharon Parker	J. L. Powell
Ohio	Cleveland	*Bethany	June 22-27	Paul Hild	Ellis Damiani
Okla.	Bowlegs	A/G	June 21	Paul & Mrs. Holt	Alford Burk
	Duncan	Banner	June 21	Al Davis	Dale Jennings
	Idabel	First	June 21	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	Rueben O. Ruiz
	Rush Springs	First	June 21-July 4	Clarence E. Lambert	E. L. Surratt
	Sallisaw	First	June 16-27	Stephens Bros. Team	Tommy Parker
Pa.	Littlestown	Bethel	June 23-27	Nate Killian	S. A. Garrett
S. C.	Sumter	First	June 22-July 4	Tommy & Darlene Beard	W. C. Richardson
Tex.	Borger	First	June 21-July 4	Tommy & Esther Lance	A. J. Winkle
	Irving	Calvary Temple	June 30-July 4	Neil Eskelin	B. H. Ferrell
	Pampa	First	June 20	Tommy & Esther Lance	J. S. McMullen
	Plainview	First	June 21-27	Bob & Jeri Winford	Don George
	Port Arthur	First	June 20-July 5	Bob & Barney Huie	M. J. Dickson
Va.	Norfolk	*Glad Tidings	June 20-25	David & Patricia Johnson	David A. Berquist
Mexico	Juarez	District Council	June 23-25	Lloyd Perera	Antonio Rivera

*Children's Revival

**College & Career Camp

***Youth Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach *The Pentecostal Evangel* five weeks in advance.



FOOTPRINTS IN THE LAVA

By BURTON W. PIERCE

NEAR A NOW-EXTINCT VOLCANO in Managua, Nicaragua, I was shown the recently discovered footprints of an entire family in what had once been molten lava. A man, a woman, and little children had all headed in the same direction, fleeing for their lives before a river of flowing fire.

They may have been saved, or they may have lost their frantic race with death. It all happened so very long ago

But those bare footprints preserved for more than a thousand years by some freak of nature, spoke eloquently to my heart. I tried to picture the urgency with which that father had led his family away from the fiery death. And I wondered why they had waited so long to leave that place of doom.

Had they grown so accustomed to living in the shadow of danger that when it came it caught them by surprise?

Had they come to believe, "It can't happen here—not to us"?

When the first angry rumblings had warned of the holocaust to come, had the father told his anxious child, "I have heard that many times, and nothing ever comes of it"?

"As it was in the days of Noah"

Year after year Noah preached, and gradually the ark took shape, a visible warning of the flood to come. As head of his household, Noah led his family to faith in God, and they willingly followed him into the ark of safety.

But what of those fathers who had scoffed at Noah, sharing their unbelief with their children? How suddenly frantic those unbelieving men became, leading their families into the highest hills above the waters—but the flood came up, and took them all away. With their children dying in their arms, the innocent victims of their unbelief, they believed, but too late.

"As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"

As the ark was a sign in Noah's day, so God has given plain signs of Christ's soon return. Fathers, God has prepared an ark, the Lord Jesus Christ, for the saving of your house. He is the only safe refuge for you and your family.

Your attitude toward salvation and eternal things will have a tremendous influence on the spiritual future of your children.

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" And our children—how shall they fare if we neglect to show them the way to Christ? 