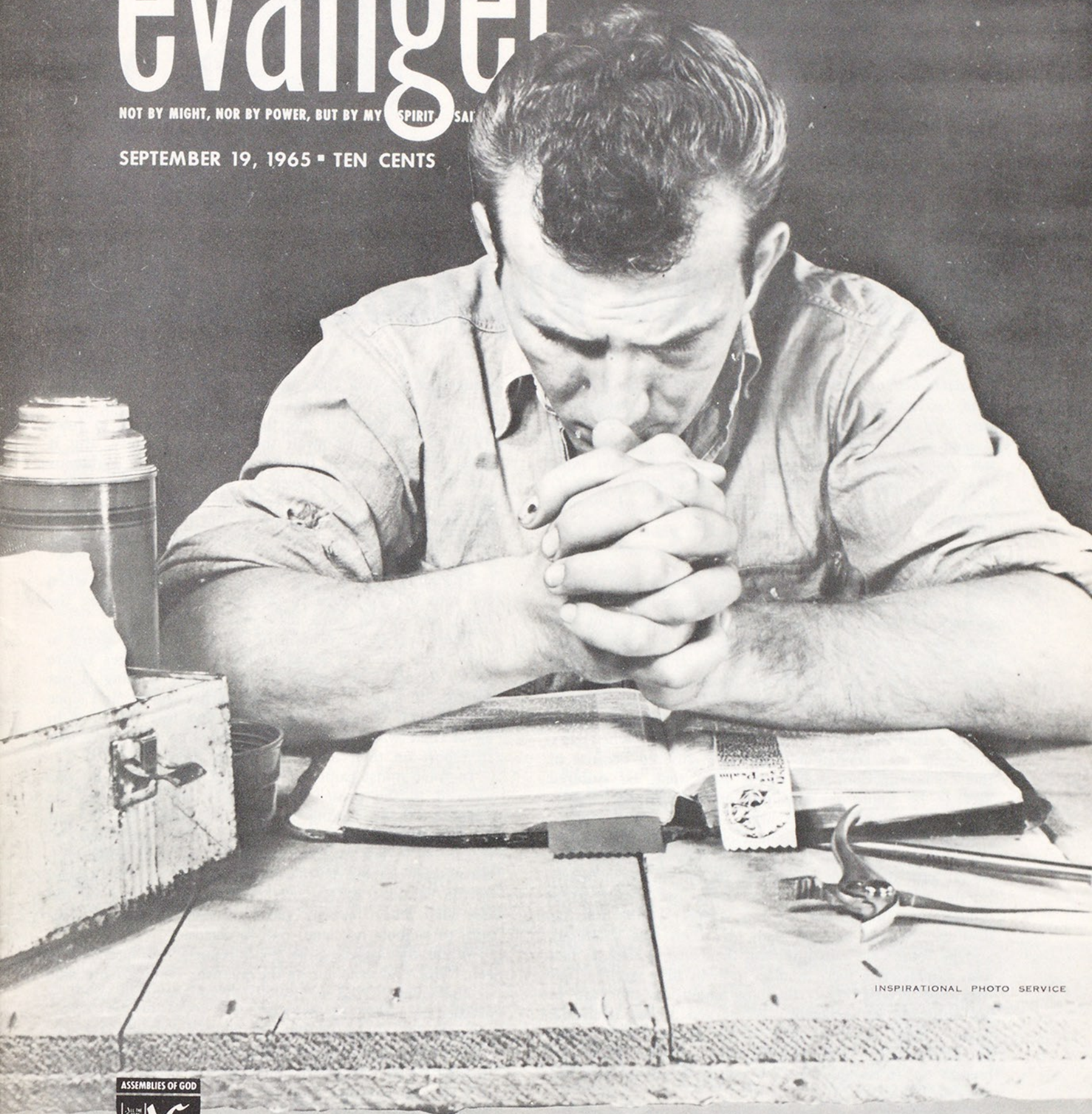


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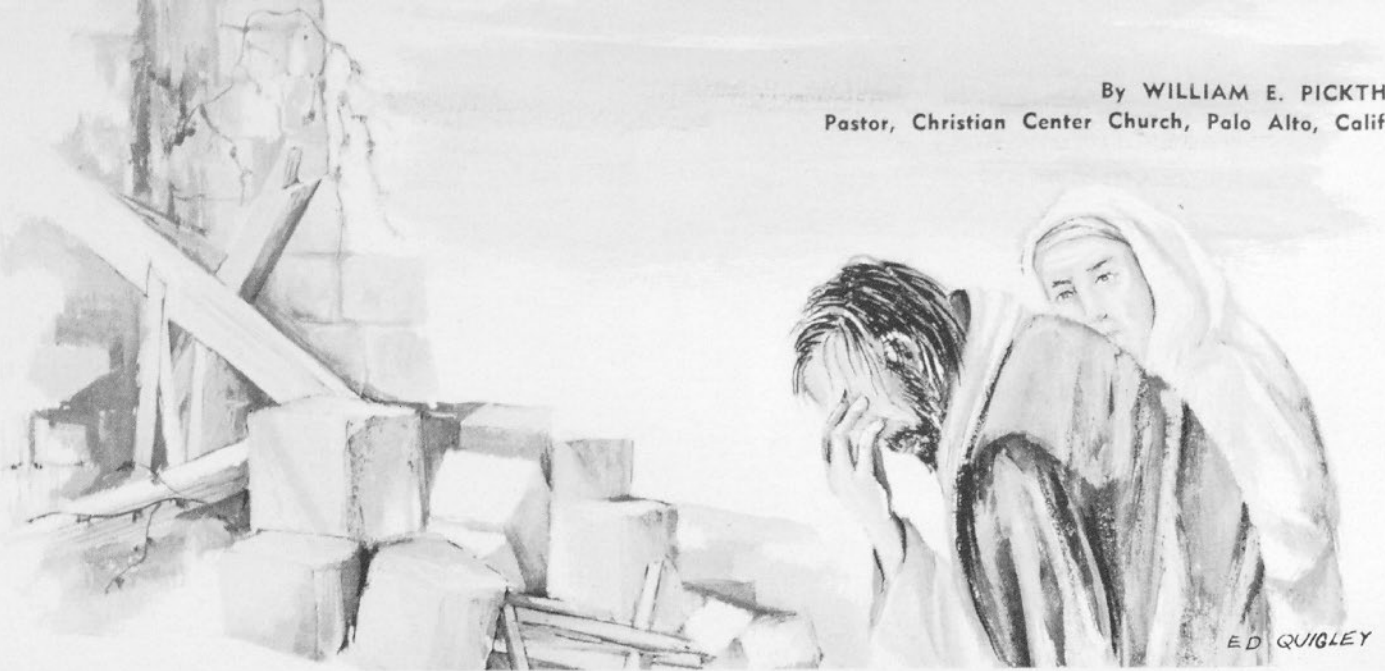
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**FOOD FOR BODY AND SOUL**



# Why Do the Righteous Suffer?

*"After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. And Job spake and said, Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived. Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it. Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it" (Job 3:1-5).*

**T**HUS CRIED JOB IN HIS DESPONDENCY. He sat on an ash heap scraping pus from oozing ulcers which covered his body. He was in physical torment. But that was only a part of his suffering. At a single stroke he had lost all of his possessions. His children had been murdered. His wife had turned against him. Friends of long standing had been so overwhelmed at the sight of him that they had only been able to sit in stunned silence for the first seven days of their visit. And when they did speak they condemned him. Job suffered because of their condemnation. But worse than that, he suffered because he found no adequate answer for the charge which they placed against him.

Both Job and his friends had been taught that suffering was the direct result of sin. They held that God would not allow any righteous person to be afflicted. So the friends sat with growing suspicion of some great hidden evil in the life of the sufferer. And Job sat disillusioned. He was puzzled. His faith was shattered, and he found no substitute for the belief which he had lost. His friends were unable to help him, and he felt that God Himself had somehow failed. In the pain of his suffering he moaned, "Why died I not from the womb? Why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly? Why did the knees receive me, or the breasts that I should suck?" In desperation he cried out to God, "Why?"

"Wherefore hidest thou thy face? and holdest me for

thine enemy? Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?"

The story does not give the complete answer to Job's "Why?" That must await the dawn of eternity. But it does unfold some of the reasons as to why righteous persons often suffer. Unseen by Job, another drama was being unfolded. It had its beginning while the prosperous patriarch still rested securely in the belief that no evil could ever touch him; and it had a direct relationship to all that happened to the man.

The story says simply, "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them."

There was a convocation of angelic hosts. It seems to have been one of a series of regular conferences before God's throne. The reason for the angels' coming is not stated; but since angels are ministering spirits, and since it is in their charge to keep them that fear the Lord in all of their ways, it is quite possible that they were met to report on their activities among men.

In their midst came an uninvited guest. How he was allowed in the presence of God is not clear, but the purpose of his coming is only too plain. We do not need to know the doctrine of Satan to recognize his evil intent. It is not even necessary to be acquainted with the twelfth chapter of Revelation, where Satan is exposed as the "accuser of the brethren," to know that he did not come there for any good purpose. He came to insult, to ridicule, to laugh and to accuse.

While the angels gave good reports, he intended to say, "But that isn't all of the picture; listen to my side of the story." And as they told of victories won, he planned to tell of battles lost.

God was aware of Satan's intent and said to him, "Whence camest thou?" Satan answered, "From going to and fro in the earth, and walking up and down in it." In His question God as much as said, "All right, Satan. I know what you have been up to. You may as

well out with it." And Satan admitted, "I've been out among people seeing what I could discover."

So the Lord said to Satan, "I know. You inspect lives, trying to find weaknesses; you watch people, trying to drag them down. You hunt for all the tendencies to evil that you can possibly find; and you play upon them all. You devise allurements to fit those tendencies. You entice people away from Me. But have you considered My servant Job?"

God gave Job one of the greatest recommendations which could be given to any man. He called this man, a man who walked on earth, a man who lived just as you and I do—among the temptations and testings of life—perfect. God said he was upright, and that he lived in the fear of the Lord. That does not mean he lived in terror of his Master, but rather that he delighted in God so that he feared lest he might disappoint Him. God said he turned his back on everything that was evil. In fact, the Lord was so proud of His servant Job that He said of him, "There is no man like him in all the earth."

For a moment Satan had nothing to say. There was no weakness he could expose, no secret evil he could bring to light. And so he had to answer, "Huh! He is good, all right. He serves you. He refuses to listen to the things which I propose. But there is a reason." Note the insinuations of Satan: "He would never serve you if he didn't get something out of it. He doesn't love you. The thing Job is interested in is your care for him. No wonder I can't touch him. You bless him above all other men of earth. You have given him a reputation. You have put a hedge about that man."

Do you see what Satan was actually doing? He was not just hurling a charge against Job; he was not just taunting God; he was actually trying to break down the very principle on which worship of Jehovah (and, in fact, on which Christianity itself) is built. Why was man created in the first place? Not just so God could have an automaton to perform His will. God could have created a robot. God did make the starry universe so that each of the planets has to obey the laws under which it was created. But God cannot love the planets. He cannot have fellowship with a machine. We were created with a will of our own so that we, on the basis of deliberate choice, could turn to God in a fellowship of love. And Satan in effect was saying to the Lord that there is no such thing as a fellowship of love.

Then God did the thing which began the stripping of a man. He said to Satan, "I will prove to you that My plan of creation has not failed. I will prove to you that there are people who serve Me on the basis of love alone. I will prove that Job will not put himself in your power, even though he loses all that has been given into his hands."

In his challenge, Satan had said, "Put forth your hand and crush him." But God said, "I will not crush him. I love him. He is not only My creation, but he walks with Me in fellowship. Because of that fellowship, I have confidence that he will not fail. You may put forth your hand. Afflict him, oppress him, take things away from him. Do all you can to test his love. Only leave Job himself alone."

Satan went out from the presence of God, and with all the power at his disposal—power which he could use

now that the hand of God was withdrawn—he began an assault. Job's children were killed, and their houses swept away by a storm. His oxen and asses were stolen by the Sabeans, and their attendants slain. The sheep were killed by lightning. The camels were taken by the Chaldeans. Every bit of prosperity with which God might have purchased worship was suddenly taken away. Job was left with absolutely nothing. Yet God's confidence proved safe. Job did not fail.

Again Satan appeared in the presence of God. Again God called his attention to Job. But Satan was unwilling to admit defeat. Instead he brought even more serious charges concerning God's relationship to Job. "You have given him physical protection," said the devil, "and a man will sacrifice anything if only he can save his own skin. He was willing to let his children die; he had no love for them. He has no love for You."


So God gave this king of lies permission to afflict the patriarch's body. Job was soon covered with ulcers. Dirt sifted into the cracked and festering skin. Maggots bred in the sores. Job went through torture—physical, mental and spiritual—until he doubted his faith, doubted his friends, and even doubted the goodness and love of God. Yet he said, "Yea, though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." So there came a day when Satan did not have another accusation which he could bring against Job.

Though he little realized it, Job had joined forces with God in his suffering, and had entered into battle against Satan. He had proved that Satan's philosophy was wrong, and had shown himself worthy of the confidence which God had manifested in him.

No doubt angelic conferences are still held in heaven. Probably Satan still appears in the midst. He still comes as the accuser of men, and God continues to answer by showing him the Jobs of the earth. Even today God looks for such men. Many years after Job, God said through the prophet Ezekiel, "I sought for a man."

Hanani, the seer, told Asa that "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him" (2 Chronicles 16:9). God longs to say of everyone who calls himself Christian, "Hast thou considered my servant...?"

Some think of Christianity as an escape from suffering. They have pictured it as an easy, namby-pamby way of living with no effort expended, no decisions necessary, no sacrifices involved. You just come tumbling in, and coast along until you eventually end up in heaven! That is not the Christianity I know. As a Christian you are a target of Satan. The protecting hand of God preserves you as it did Job. The Lord may permit you to be sick and then He may quickly heal you, to show His grace. But there may come a time when God will allow you to suffer awhile as He did Job. The nearer you live to Him, the more apt God is to say, "Hast thou considered My servant...?" and to put your name in the place of Job's. Then you can expect a challenge from Satan.

Do not think it is punishment for your sins. And never charge another Christian with guilt because he suffers. Remember it may be an indication that God has found one strong enough to suffer in proof to Satan that his allegiance is born of love and love alone. 

## The 31st General Council

This is being written in Des Moines where the 31st General Council of the Assemblies of God has just ended.

It was a great convention. Attendance was very good and the power of the Lord was present in the meetings. Certain sights and sounds fixed themselves upon the memory during these past six days.

Among the memorable sights were the long lines of missionaries, dressed in foreign costumes, representing churches in some 60 countries . . . the standing tribute of a huge congregation to the martyred missionary, J. W. Tucker, and his courageous widow . . . the scores of men and women moving forward to accept Christ on Sunday night.

Some of the sounds we shall remember were the great volumes of prayer that went up to heaven in the early morning prayer services . . . the gospel music during the musicales . . . the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus by the youth choir . . . and of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" by fervent throngs.

Delegates will not soon forget the sacred communion service . . . the messages given in the Spirit . . . the challenging missionary rallies . . . the announcement that half a million copies of the Scriptures will soon be placed in the hands of Ghana's public school children for whom Communism is making such high bids at this time.

Nor will time quickly erase the remembrance of those tense moments during the National Teen C. A. Bible Quiz finals, won by the California team . . . or those eager moments as the Global Conquest offerings were tabulated (by 10 p.m. they had passed the \$60,000 mark) . . . or that hushed moment when *Revivaltime* "went on the air."

Historic steps were taken during the 31st General Council. The name of Central Bible Institute was changed to Central Bible College . . . the erection of new dormitory facilities for a growing number of ministerial students was authorized . . . the term of office for the General Superintendent was lengthened to four years.

Brother Gayle F. Lewis retired after serving the fellowship at the national headquarters for 20 years, and T. E. Gannon, Iowa district superintendent, was elected to take his place on the executive presbytery as an assistant general superintendent. Each of the other officers of the General Council was reelected on a single ballot. Likewise, all the nonresident executive presbyters were reelected and Joseph R. Flower, New York district superintendent, was chosen to succeed the late Richard J. Bergstrom as executive presbyter from the northeast area.

It was a privilege to be "one of them" at this great biennial convention. Mingling with the crowds, chatting with friends, participating in the devotional meetings, hearing the reports of revival from across America and around the world, one was able to view the scope of this Assemblies of God fellowship and to appreciate its worth.

God has raised up the Assemblies of God for such a time as this . . . to maintain unity and cooperation among Spirit-filled believers . . . to preserve sound doctrine . . . and to coordinate our full-gospel witness throughout the world. We have a great commission—to evangelize. We have a great message—Jesus. We are not perfect, but He is. We must press on to grasp and make our own that for which Christ, our Lord, has laid hold of us and made us His own: looking unto Him, the Author and Perfector of our faith, to bring to maturity and completion God's will for all of us as individuals, and as congregations, and as a worldwide Pentecostal fellowship. This will we do, if God permit.

—R.C.C.

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NILS BLOCH-HOELL, dealing with the psychological aspects of Pentecostal worship, in his interesting, Lutheran-angled survey of the movement, mentions in passing that, "Pentecostals themselves do not define the term *ecstasy*." This may well be so, for, thus far, our delight has not been in an impersonal, pedantic analysis of our experiences but in a joyous entering into them. Quite rightly, post mortems are reserved for dead bodies, not for living movements!

The Pentecostal revival has resulted in millions of ordinary men and women, the world over, discovering the reality of God's power in their daily lives. Whatever the movement may have lacked in cultural and theological exactitude has been more than compensated for by its practical success in implanting Christianity among those whom older denominations have failed to reach. Such is the mark of a true work of God in any age.

Now, *ecstasy* is a common Greek word, denoting any displacement of a thing from its normal function or setting. In connection with worship, it may be expressed as a rapt, emotional condition in which a man's thoughts are so captivated by divine things and drawn from off his surroundings that he is, as it were, transported out of himself. In this state, he becomes unusually aware of the reality of God's presence.

#### THE NORMALITY OF EMOTION

A man is more than a cool, calculating machine. A man is a finely tuned personality capable of extreme, rapturous joy and of abject pain and sorrow. Anger and delight; laughter and tears; sympathy and hatred; ecstasy and dejection: the self expression of a normal, human soul ranges over a whole octave of mood and emotion.

Look at God's supreme man, Jesus, the Lord from heaven. See Him burst into tears when confronted with human sorrow (John 11:35). See Him rapt with joy at His disciples' successes (Luke 10:21). See those eyes blaze with anger at money-making parading as religion (Matthew 21:12, 13). See the tenderness of His compassion for the suffering (Matthew 14:14). Like their Master, Pentecostals are real people with real feelings. The keynote of our worship is reality. When a Pentecostal speaks of Christ's "real presence," he is not referring to some vague, theological dogma but to a vital, personal experience.

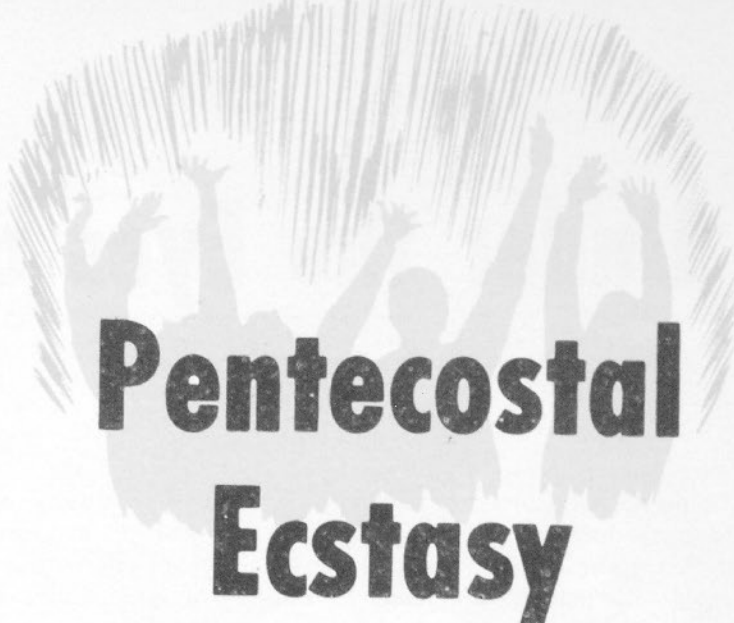
Let staid, sheltered scholarship, smug within the insular fastness of its hypothetical theses, beware of belittling the healthy, expressional worship of normal, warm-blooded men and women! Were the artist unable to feel the emotion of a crimson sunset; were the poet unable to feel the rhythmic balance of adjective against noun; were the composer unable to feel the wonder of God's love: what would life be?

Real experience begets real emotion; transcendent experience involves transcendent emotions.

#### THE OBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE

There are two kinds of ecstasy: objective and subjective. An objective experience is one in which the participant is acted upon by, and thus the object of, an external stimulus.

The Bible recognizes the value of certain objective influences during worship; for example, prophetic exhortation. The effects of music are also encouraged. Elisha needed the soft strumming of the harp to produce



# Pentecostal Ecstasy

By H. P. B. BENNY

a mood suitable to prophecy (2 Kings 3:15). The New Testament exhorts us to "let the Holy Spirit fill you: speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and songs" (Ephesians 5:19, N.E.B.). The therapeutic effects of melody can be an inspiration to the soul.

Older denominations go further, and seem to rely upon the entrancing effects of the mystic splendor of architectural awe, the swaying pageantry of colorful ritual, the heady fragrance of incense, and the moving solemnity of the chant, to produce an "atmosphere of worship." Pentecostal services, in contrast, contain little that is calculated to play on the emotions. Where the Spirit of God is, there is little need for artificial religious effects. Israel needed them, but now God's temple is the heart.

Of course, there is an extreme and dangerous form of objective ecstasy. This is the ecstasy of the native dance; the primitive entrancement produced by the throb of the tom-tom and the continual, urgent rhythms of the jungle. The outcome is the complete loss of self-control leading to morbid, unnatural convulsions. Mature Pentecostal leadership remains ever alert to the dangers of such worked-up excitement. The spurious conversions and fevered exhibitionism resulting from cheap psychological methods have no place in a genuinely spiritual movement. Let us have no "strange fire" on our altars.

#### THE SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE

The indwelling, regenerative presence of Christ, followed by the subsequent infilling of the Holy Spirit, is God's perfect plan for the individual. For this reason true Christian ecstasy is subjective. That is, the experience springs from within. Ours is not an experience generated by emotion, though often the realization of our experience may stir the emotions.

Herein lies the secret of true, personal revival. There is no easy, quick-fire method. Certain types of meetings may stir similar feelings, but the end may be only emotion for its own sake. The genuine, subjective realization of God's Spirit comes through the contemplative exercises of prayer and waiting upon God. This ecstatic consciousness of God's power and presence, coincident with the miracle of inspired utterance, can open the door to a life of victory over sin; to effective, personal witness and worship; and to that genuine outflowing of love, joy and peace which is the unmistakable fruit of His abiding.

—Redemption Tidings

# Under the Eyes of the Red Dragon

By PAUL PIPKIN • Missionary to Taiwan

RECENTLY GOD OPENED THE DOOR for us to conduct revival meetings in one of the most unlikely places in the world—the island of Quemoy. This island is shaped like an hourglass, about 12 miles long and approximately five miles wide at the broadest point. On large maps it may be little more than a dot, but it is a stepping-stone between Red China and Taiwan and has importance to the world out of all proportion to its size.

The surface of the island has been slashed by communication trenches from one end to the other. Thousands of Free China troops are constantly building new roads, constructing pill-boxes, and setting out literally millions of tree seedlings.

The island faces a semicircle of Communist guns on the mainland. Every square foot of it is a potential Red Target. And the guns of Free China are in turn zeroed in on all

the potential approaches of the mainland beaches. Barbed wire completes the picture in an ugly tangle above the surf line.

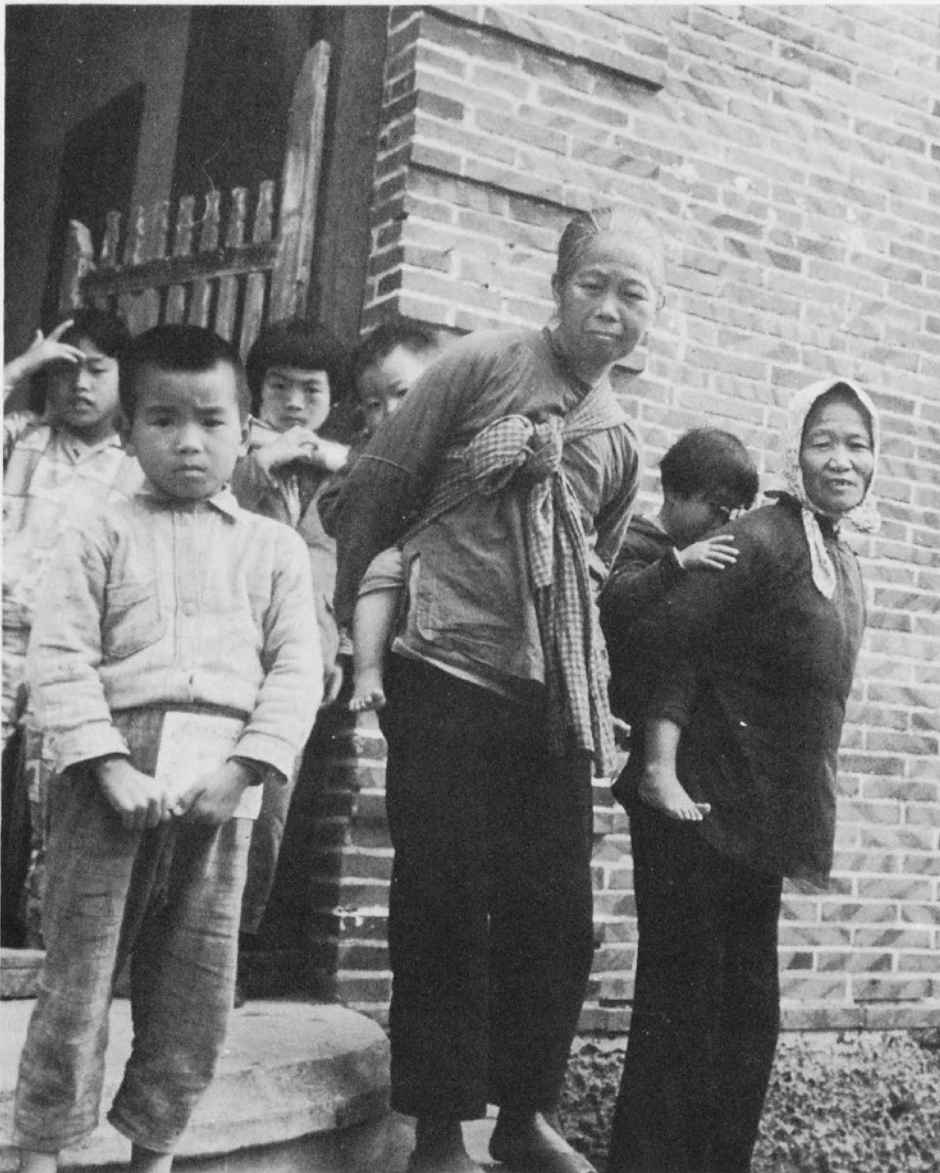
An Assemblies of God serviceman had introduced our ministry to Quemoy's 80-year-old Pastor Su. His five churches on the island had never had a missionary-conducted revival before. When we landed at the Quemoy airport, he was there along with military officials who came to greet us.

During our first day on Quemoy the military guides took us into a large underground theater with a seating capacity of 1,000 cut out of solid rock. When we entered, the guide ordered the program interrupted and the lights turned on so we could be introduced to hundreds of Chinese GI's and see one of the most unusual auditoriums in the world. We announced that the revival would be held in the Kinmen City church that night and invited all to attend. Many troops did attend all of the Quemoy revival meetings.

While we were on the island the government gave us free transportation. We visited a prison and three military hospitals. Two of the three hospitals were built underground, as was the theater, to protect against Communist bombing. In the hospitals we had the privilege of singing and preaching the gospel to the patients who were well enough to attend a service. We also prayed individually with more than 100 soldiers who were unable to get up from their beds, and for civilian patients who had been hurt by exploding shells.

One night while I was preaching, Communist shells fell within a few

Church goers on Quemoy run constant risk of Communist bombardment.



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**Missionary Paul Pipkin prays for sick of all ages in Quemoy churchyard.**

hundred yards of the church. They burst scattering anti-American propaganda leaflets.

Another unique experience was visiting the observation point overlooking Communist China. The hills of the mainland and the people on them were visible across the narrow strip of water. The Nationalist government has set up a battery of loudspeakers. From a recording booth, deep underground, programs of music and propaganda are blared across the water to the Reds. We were invited to go down to this booth and record our Christian testimony—which the operators of the booth promised to play back to the Communists!

We thank God and the government of Free China for the unique and tremendous opportunity to bring the Pentecostal message to the Chinese church of Quemoy. Souls were saved and sick bodies healed. Pastor Su urged us to hurry back and send him more Light-for-the-Lost tracts.

During the meetings, careless and lukewarm Quemoy Christians dedicated themselves to sacrifice and tithes for the support of their local churches. You, too, can help fortify Quemoy with prayers for continuous spiritual revival.

Millions in Asia are watching the struggle between the Red Dragon and Free China. For those on Quemoy the battle is very real and near. Spiritually we must not give up this little island, but claim it for Christ and the Cross! The stakes are big. A conflict is raging for the souls of men on Quemoy and those millions behind the Bamboo Curtain located so near them.



**Christians prepare to distribute gospel literature provided for them by Light-for-the-Lost—a contrast with Communist propaganda leaflets continually fired to the island in artillery shells from the mainland.**

**Free China government launches flag-carrying balloons which will soar over the bamboo curtain.**

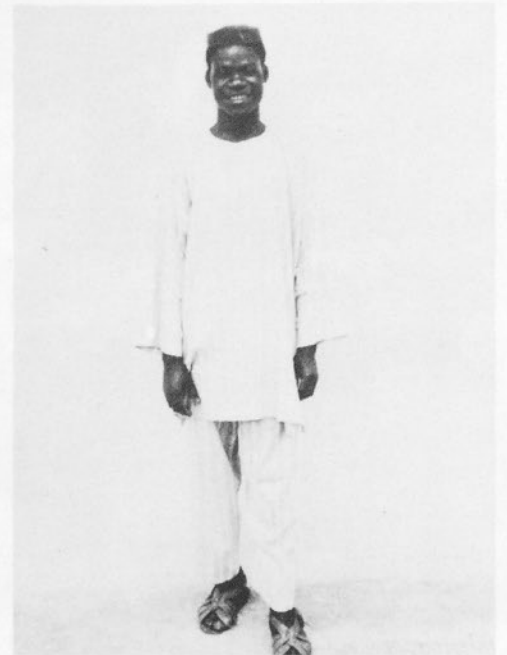


**Under camouflage net, the Pipkins pose with Pentecostal colonel.**





African officials hand over to Missionary Glenn Reeves the signed documents for land purchased by Western Nigeria Bible Institute.



Samuel Oshodipe will be one of the first enrollees of the new Bible school.

By GLENN REEVES ■ Missionary to Nigeria

## NOW FOR THE SECOND STEP

NATIONAL PASTORS and missionaries have for several years felt the urgent need for a Bible school in the western region of Nigeria. They have prayed—and waited. Now 18 acres of land have been acquired, and steps are being taken to begin the first unit of Western Nigeria Bible Institute.

Western Nigeria has a population of 10,500,000. Ibadan, the capital, is the largest city in Africa south of the Sahara and is the largest Negro city in the world. An ancient city that has made very few concessions to modern development, it is an agglomeration of mud houses, milling crowds, dust, heat, and noise. Traditional religion is still carried on as it has been for hundreds of years. Masqueraders from secret cults beat people that refuse their requests during their ceremonies.

Ninety miles south of Ibadan is Lagos, the capital of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Lagos is a rapidly growing city that is giving way to modern urban development. It is the major port on the West African coast and is one of the greatest trade centers in Africa. Lagos is unique because the diversity of its inhabitants embraces Europeans, Asians, Americans, Africans from other countries, and people from all, or almost all, of the over 200 lingual groups in Nigeria.

Our recently acquired Bible school

site is strategically located within 45 miles of both Ibadan and Lagos, two of the most important cities in Africa today. Within a radius of 40 miles of the site are four other cities that have a population of 25,000 or over.

The king of the township and the land owners have received the Assemblies of God warmly. They have made the land available to us at a very reasonable price and have pledged future cooperation.

Our church growth in Western Nigeria is suffering greatly from a

lack of native pastors. We have young men waiting now to enroll in the Bible school as soon as it is opened. God has helped us take the first step—getting land for the Bible school. Plans have been drawn for the first classroom unit, but construction cannot begin until finances are available. Your concern in prayer will help; gifts are urgently needed if the classroom doors are to open to these waiting students who feel the call of God and have the desire to reach their people with the gospel of Christ.

**Nigerian pastors begin clearing land for WNBI's first building.**







# Let's Reach...

IN THE HOME, on the streets, in automobiles, in the city, and in the country—everywhere we go there are radios. Entertainment of all types can be heard as the little button is turned on. Could we not take advantage of this wonderful invention to get the gospel to the 36 million people throughout Mexico?

Nearly five years ago the Mexican government granted permission for religious programs to have radio time. But the Assemblies of God has not been able to use this opportunity. In the first place we lack funds. Then there is the difficulty of getting radio time for an evangelical program when the country is still greatly influenced by Catholicism.

There are 450 radio stations throughout the Republic, including three national hookups. About 68 per cent of the population has radios. Yet the absence of religious programs is conspicuous. In the capital, Mexico City, with a population of nearly six million, the only weekly religious broadcasts are three Seventh-day Adventist programs, some Catholic programs, and one Scripture reading. The Assemblies of God has only three or four local church programs in the entire country.

Not long ago the executive committee of the Assemblies of God in Mexico gave us the responsibility of establishing a national radio program. We have spoken to officials of one of the important national networks, station XEX and they have offered

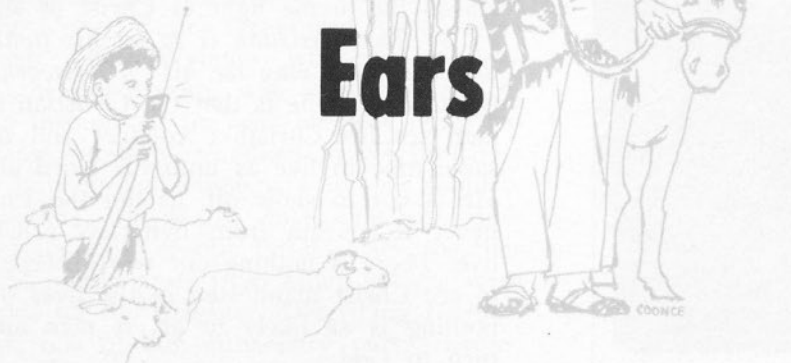


us 15 minutes a week. Each program will cost 30 American dollars. For a year's contract (52 programs) we need \$1,560. At present we have \$500 toward this goal.

We hope that after the first year the program may be supported by Mexican churches and Christians. But we need help to get started.

The specific purpose of our program will be to reach the unsaved. It is an objective which should concern us all. Will you help? If so, send your contribution to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802, designated: Mexico Radio Program.

# ... Eager Ears



## CALL TO ACTION

J. Philip Hogan

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### MISSIONS AND MONEY

IN TODAY'S WORLD of complex economics, the fiscal responsibility of a missionary operation the size of ours requires constant monetary adjustment to meet economic changes.

Consider missionary budgets. Since our money is collected in dollars it is also disbursed in dollars. However, in only a few cases can it be spent by the missionary as dollars. It must be changed into the currencies of the more than 70 fields we occupy.

Foreign currencies seldom retain a constant dollar value, and for this reason all missionary budgets are reviewed at least once a year. We receive confidential reports from the American government, from American business concerns, and from other Protestant mission boards. Periodically, we also get direct reports from each mission field on the cost of living and the prices of basic commodities. With this information a cost index is established and missionary allowances are adjusted so there is a consistency of support even though the economic factors vary from one field to another.

It is safe to say that Assemblies of God foreign missionaries are among the best supported of any in the Protestant world. Their transportation and communication equipment, as furnished by Speed-the-Light, is the best. They are generally well housed. Their personal allowances and fringe benefits compare favorably with those of missionaries belonging to other mission societies based in America. And they receive additional support for specific ministries through such programs as Light-for-the-Lost, Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, and the Women's Missionary Council.

The total foreign missions giving during the last calendar year reached nearly seven million dollars. By constant surveillance and conservative adjustment, this amount keeps a family of 900 missionaries pressing the battle with maximum effectiveness on every major spiritual front in the world today.



# Witnessing for Christ

Sunday School Lesson for September 26, 1965

MATTHEW 5:13-16; LUKE 15:1-7

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

A GREAT DEAL OF EMPHASIS is presently being laid on the importance of personal soul winning. No one would deny that such emphasis is needed. However, talking to the unsaved about the saving power of Christ is likely to yield little fruit unless the witness's life is consistent with his words. It is the importance of witnessing by one's life which is stressed in our lesson text.

### THE SALT OF THE EARTH (Matthew 5:12)

Christ began His great Sermon on the Mount (vv. 1-12) with the Beatitudes which describe the character of the members of His kingdom. Then He spoke to His followers about the influence they should exert: "Ye are the salt of the earth." The Christian is not a hothouse plant, not an isolationist. He is *in* the world, though not *of* it. God has planted him in a hostile environment, yet He expects the Christian not only to remain free from its evil influence but also to exert a benevolent and spiritual influence upon that environment. Holiness is not an end in itself; it is not self-centered.

### TAKE AWAY THE BUSHEL



The Christian is to be poor in spirit, pure in heart, meek, that he may exert that spirit and influence.

The words, "Ye are the salt of the earth," have tremendous and far-reaching implications:

(1) *Christ's words imply the rottenness of the earth.* The Bible from its beginning reveals that the world's inevitable tendency is to become spoiled, corrupt, decadent. Since the fall of man decay has been the order of things.

(2) *Christ's words imply the essential difference between the Christian and the world.* Salt is different from meat, water, or anything else with which it is used as a preservative.

(3) *Like salt, the Christian is to have a preservative influence.* Salt is used to prevent and counteract decay. The presence of a Christian, through whose life Christ shines, is a blessing anywhere.

(4) *Salt is used to improve the taste of food and is thus considered a seasoning element.* Similarly, life without Christ is tasteless and unsatisfying.

(5) *A very small amount of salt exerts a great influence.*

(6) *The influence of salt is exerted silently.* This, of course, does not mean that a Christian ought to be satisfied with *only* silent witnessing, but it does emphasize that Christian influence may be exerted quietly and without ostentation. A Christian exerts great influence by *being* godly, *being* Christlike, *being* Spirit-filled, rather than merely talking about it.

### THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (Matthew 5:14, 15)

"Ye are the light of the world"—again some startling and serious implications in a few words.

(1) *Christ's words imply what the Bible elsewhere states very clearly—that the world is in darkness.* (a) This is seen in the realm of knowledge and science. How proud our world is of its intellectual and scientific achievements. Yet the world knows not how to use or control what it has discovered and learned. (b) The world is in moral and spiritual darkness. (c) Darkness rules in human relationships. In spite of the psychologist, the psychiatrist, the marriage counselor, the United Nations, there is an increasing breakdown in marriage, in homelife, and between nations.

(2) *Christ's words make it clear that only the Christian is the light of the world.* "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). This is the unique glory, distinction, and ministry of the Christian. It is also a terrifying responsibility! It is true that Christ said, "I am the light of the world." But there is only one way in which He can be; He must be revealed in the individual Christian. And because every Christian has Christ dwelling within, he becomes the light of the world as He allows the divine light of Christ to shine through him.

(3) *The Christian is to let his light shine in such a way that men may see his "good works."* A paradox of the Christian life is that the Christian is told both to let men see his Christlike conduct and deeds, and at the same time to live as unto the Lord and not unto men. He is not to show off, as did the Pharisees, yet he is never to refrain from living as a Christian ought to live. There is nothing our world needs more today than to see Christ manifested in the lives of Christians—and nothing is as likely to arrest men and cause them to turn to God.

# PROGRESS IN CRISIS (1940-1944)

By NOEL PERKIN, Foreign Missions Director Emeritus



THE YEARS 1940 TO 1944 was a period of great uncertainty as far as world conditions were concerned. The bloodiest, most devastating and far-reaching war of all history broke upon us. Many felt it was the beginning of the end.

Communication with some areas of the world involved in the war was either uncertain and irregular or was cut off completely. Our missionaries invariably decided to remain at their posts of duty rather than to return home. As a result 15 were interned in North China, six in Hong Kong, and eight in the Philippines. Our missionaries in China and Hong Kong were later re-

**Missionaries Helen Gustavson and Crystal Ladner (now Mrs. J. J. Mueller) made friends with two-year-old Liu En Hsin, son of a North China Bible school student in 1940.**



patriated, but those in the Philippines remained until the armies of the United States recaptured the territory and released them. Jessie Wengler, who was not able to travel when the opportunity was afforded her, remained in Japan throughout the war but was never interned. Anna Ziese similarly remained in North China and became our only foreign missionary in that country.

On April 17, 1941, the *M. S. Zam Zam* was sunk by a German raider. Six of our missionaries together with a number of missionaries from other nations were traveling to Africa on the freighter. Describing the episode, Paul Derr, one of our missionary party, wrote:

"We have gone through experiences which it is well we did not know beforehand: living in the hold of a German vessel, carried through the British blockade, wearing our clothes day and night and carrying our life belts constantly. A little black bread and soup was our food day after day. The men lived on the iron deck and in the hold of the vessel. The women were packed in the lounges and slept on the floors. The children fared a little better."

## NEW MISSION FIELDS ENTERED

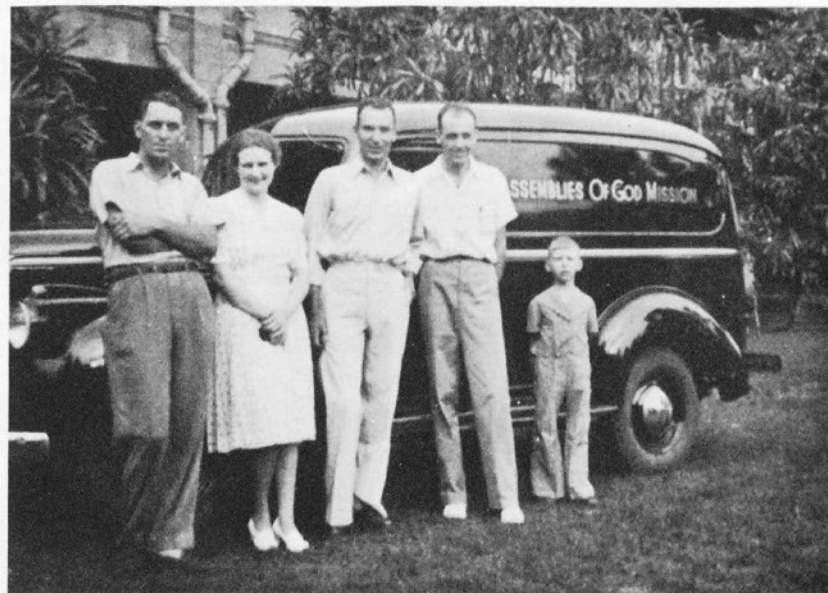
Our Assemblies advanced into a number of new areas during this time. In Africa, we entered Nyasaland, Tanganyika, and Basutoland; in Latin America, Costa Rica, Paraguay, and Colombia; in the West Indies, Jamaica and the Bahama Islands.

## FIRST FIELD SECRETARIES APPOINTED

It became increasingly apparent that the missionary work of our Assemblies was becoming too extensive to be supervised by the Foreign Missions Secretary and his assistant alone. It was therefore recommended to the General Presbytery that we add to the Foreign Missions Department staff field secretaries. The thought at the beginning was not so much to increase the headquarters staff as to appoint "leading men in active missionary service whose ministry will more or less be evenly divided

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**Nigeria, now our largest African mission field, had a missionary staff of only four adults in 1941. Left to right are Everett and Dorothy Phillips, Elmer Frink, Rex Jackson, and Donald Phillips.**





Henry C. Ball, veteran missionary to Latin America, became first Assemblies of God Field Secretary in 1944.

between the helping and guiding of the work abroad and the stimulating of missionary interest at home."

The first appointment was H. C. Ball who had given over 25 years in ministry to the Spanish-speaking people in U.S.A. and south of the border. His area was designated as "Latin America." Shortly afterwards, H. B. Garlock was chosen as secretary for the great continent of Africa, since he had done pioneer work in Africa from the early days of the General Council and had

extensive experience in home ministry as well as abroad. At a later time appointments were made for the Far East, Southern Asia, and Europe.


The appointment and ministry of these field secretaries has done much to advance the entire missionary program of our Assemblies as well as to increase its efficiency.

#### POSITIVE GOALS DETERMINED

While work on the mission field was necessarily curtailed in some areas, it was felt that this presented an opportunity to get a little ahead financially by accumulating a reserve fund for a big advance move at the close of the war. The foreign missions secretary reported to the 1943 General Council, "The present world situation and outlook does not in our opinion present ground for any slackening in missionary interest and giving, but rather presents reasons for an increase in preparation for what may be the last great opportunity of the church to fulfill our Lord's commission."

A most unusual conference with missionaries was held in Springfield in April 1943. Its purpose was to consider prayerfully the needs of the mission fields in the light of present-day world conditions and determine how by the help of the Lord we might more effectively meet these needs. Over 60 missionaries from 18 countries were present and with their help and advice we decided to press forward toward certain goals.

Some objectives set were: (1) appointment of field secretaries for all major areas; (2) recruiting of 500 new missionaries; (3) providing additional training for missionary candidates and missionaries on furlough; (4) establishing a series of conventions in strategic centers to present various phases of our missions enterprise so that our home constituency might be enlightened to our task and program; (5) raising a reserve fund of \$5 million for a great advance at the close of the war.

Though some of these goals did not fully materialize, our foreign missions efforts rode out the war years in great expectations of what was to come. 

Historic Springfield conference of missionaries in 1943 made recommendations leading to great forward strides in missions at the end of World War II.





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# The Best Fraternity

By R. E. ORCHARD • Willmar, Minnesota

CONCERNING HER HUSBAND'S MEMBERSHIP in a popular lodge, a woman said, "He doesn't go to church, so I'm glad he has the lodge. I think everyone needs something to hold to."

It is the nature of men to reach out for fellowship. God made us this way. But those who try to fortify their lives by joining human fraternities miss a great deal. There is a nobler and more lasting fraternity of "the sons of God" to which God invites all to belong.

At a time in eternity long past, God determined to bring *many* sons unto glory (Hebrews 2:10). Before the worlds were formed He planned the creation of man—a race of intelligent creatures who would have the ability to appreciate the person of God their Creator, and to love, serve, and enjoy Him forever. It was His desire and plan that each human life should reflect His attributes. To the end the worlds were brought into existence, and the home of man was designed to meet his every need. God wanted fellowship with creatures made in His image and endowed with the abilities of speech, will, intellect, memory, and emotions.

Samuel Chadwick observed, "The image of God in man is not in the machinery of man's bodily organism. The man is the thinking, willing personality at the back of all that. Call him soul, spirit, or what you please, there is the quality that constitutes manhood, and that is the man God first made in His own image."

When sin entered, God's image in man was defaced, but not totally erased. In this condition man lost his fellowship with God. His God-given abilities, though blunted by sin, sought out the mysteries of the world around him. His spiritual understanding, being darkened, sought satisfaction in the world of nature, in natural wisdom, in philosophy, and in gods of his own making. It is the teaching of both the Scriptures and man's experience that the footsteps of all men without God lead to a dark and hopeless future.

Isaac Watts once visualized the judgment bar of God and imagined the lost sinner crying out: "It is I, it is I who have brought all this upon myself. Life and death were set before me in the world where once I dwelt, but I refused the blessings of eternal life and the offers of saving grace. I turned my back upon the ways of holiness which led to life, and renounced the offers of divine mercy. Wretch that I was, to choose these sins and these sorrows, I am sent into those regions of misery which I chose for myself."

BUT GOD—! God, who first gave man form and substance, was not to be thwarted in His program of

bringing many sons unto glory. The abundance of sin in the world could not measure up to His infinite grace and love. By the Holy Spirit, God's Son was brought into the world of men. By the Spirit He was led into the wilderness to be tempted. By the Spirit He overcame. By the Spirit He lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father. After laying down His life for the whole world of sinners the Spirit raised Him from the dead.


He lives! Hallelujah! Mankind has a Saviour who is able to restore, to revive, to quicken one into newness of life! Now there is access to God through the blood of His cross! Now there is the hope of eternal life! Now there is the assurance of eternal glory! The gospel cry has sounded forth, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The conversion of sinners is the constantly recurring miracle of the power of God. The eternal God never does anything mightier or more glorious than when He saves a soul from death, and changes a hell-bound sinner into a heaven-bound child of God, and brings that soul into living fellowship with Himself and the believers.

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." When a sinner is brought by the Holy Spirit through the miracle of conversion into the family of God, he is first made alive. After this new birth has given him an awareness of spiritual things and a consciousness of God's presence, the Holy Spirit begins the marvelous development of that new life. For spiritual nourishment, there "are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be made partakers of the divine nature."

Entering the family of God gives us the intimate right to call the Creator *Our Father*. In reading the Word we soon find that God has a magnificent future for His people beyond anything we can imagine. Not only will we benefit from the programs and horizons of God's eternal future, but God Himself stands to gain by this design, for He lovingly speaks of "the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints" (Ephesians 1:18).

Daniel Steele once wrote, "God is the Creator of all men, but the Father only of those who receive His Son and believe on His name. . . . God nowhere styles Himself the Father of the unregenerate, but only of penitent believers in His Son Jesus Christ."

What a glorious fellowship is this fraternity of believers. It affords to all its members a rich and full life on earth, quietness and peace at the end of this life, and delightful companionship with all the family of God through the ages of eternity. 



# THIS PRESENT WORLD

## Yule Stamp to Show Gabriel and His Horn

The U. S. Post Office Department has decided to show the archangel Gabriel blowing his horn on its red, green, and yellow Christmas stamp for 1965. The design is based on a watercolor of an early 19th-century New England weathervane.

Wisconsin Representative Melvin Laird had complained about the lack of religious scenes on the annual Christmas stamps. He contended that no one would consider that such a design violated the stipulation of the First Amendment that church and state must be separate.

In releasing information on the stamp (which will be issued in November) the Post Office Department—in an apparent attempt to stem complaints about the religious nature of the stamp—quoted that “the archangel Gabriel appears in the literature of Muslims, Jews, and Christians.”



## Druggists Fight Pornography

Whenever someone starts talking about the evils of pornographic literature, the corner drugstore usually comes in for its share of criticism.

Some druggists, at least, have decided to do something positive. Many hundreds of the 11,000 Rexall druggists have added this sign to their magazine displays: “If you find objectionable magazines on our stands, notify me and we will remove them.”

The idea was conceived by Druggist Harry Powell, president of the International Association of Rexall Druggists, and is strictly voluntary. A parent of teenagers himself, Powell asked, “Do we have any more right to allow the poisoning of the mind than we do the poisoning of the body?”

According to a report in *Christianity Today*, some druggists faced ultimatums from distributors to take all or nothing—and their newsstands were empty because the druggists were sticking by their convictions.

## One Death Every Four Minutes from Cigarettes

Every four minutes someone in the U.S. dies prematurely because of cigarette smoking, according to Luther Terry, United States surgeon general. He added that most of these deaths could be prevented.

The surgeon general based his figure on what he termed “conservative estimates” of 125,000 such deaths a year. He said that perhaps as many as 300,000 deaths were caused by cigarettes in a year’s time.

## Church Construction Tops One Billion Dollars

For the fifth consecutive year, church construction in the U.S. passed the \$1,000,000,000 mark, but fell \$25,000,000 short of equalling the record of \$1,036,000,000 set in 1962. Figures released by the Census Bureau show that 1964 church construction (\$1,011,000,000) surpassed 1963 construction by \$4,000,000.

## Need Consideration for Nonsmokers, AADN Says

The American Association of Doctors’ Nurses has launched a drive to have all government agencies request that employees refrain from smoking while dealing with the public, except in instances where agreement for smoking is first obtained from the person with whom the employee is dealing.

AADN’s request was forwarded to Dr. Luther Terry, surgeon general of the Public Health Service. The request cited Dr. Terry’s report of recent government studies on the relationship of smoking and lung cancer. It also cited a widely circulated column by Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn, pointing up the agony and distress to which many nonsmokers (particularly those with allergies) are subjected because of the thoughtlessness of some smokers.

The Association cited a similar ruling recently put into effect for taxis by the Public Service Commission in Washington, D. C. The ruling declares that taxi drivers are not to smoke unless the driver first determines whether the passengers have any objections.

Declaring that about three-fifths of the population of the U.S. are nonsmokers, AADN also called on Dr. Terry to investigate to what extent nonsmokers are affected by exposure to tobacco smoke.

## Baptist Professor Calls for Emphasis on Holy Spirit

Speaking in tongues is a summons for a renewed emphasis on the Holy Spirit, a Southern Baptist seminary professor told his denomination’s evangelism leaders at a conference in Atlanta recently.

“God is using the Pentecostal movement and the so-called neo-pentecostal or charismatic revival to summon us not to quench the Spirit and to earnestly desire and appropriate spiritual gifts,” stated John P. Newport of Fort Worth.

“One of the greatest needs of our day, if not the greatest need,” the professor declared, “is a rediscovery of the resources of the Holy Spirit. We need the excitement, the joy, and the vigor of the Spirit’s presence,” he added.

The Southwestern Seminary professor warned that the formal, routine, intellectualized middle-class Protestant churches “are not adequate vehicles for expressing the total personality commitment in worship for many people.”

### Church of God Plans New Headquarters

The Executive Council of the Church of God, meeting in regular session at its international headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee, voted to secure a 22-acre tract of rolling land at Cleveland on which to build a new general office building. The acreage will be the site of a projected \$1.5 million modern structure to house the varied programs of the Pentecostal denomination.

### Pentecostals Receive Jail Sentences in Soviet

Communist authorities are cracking down on Pentecostal believers in the city of Cherkessk, in the southern Soviet Union, according to Radio Liberty news service. Prison sentences ranging from three to 10 years were meted out to four members of the church for the alleged "recruitment of minors" and for refusing to serve in the Red army, the report stated.

### Insult to Catholicism Is Crime in Italy

The Constitutional Court of Italy has upheld the constitutionality of a law which makes it a crime to insult Roman Catholicism publicly.

According to the law, any person who insults the Catholic faith, the state religion of Italy, is liable to a year's imprisonment. There was a question as to whether the law clashed with Italy's constitutional guarantee of religious freedom.

The Constitutional Court ruled that the law was designed to protect the religious sentiments professed by most Italian citizens and did not limit religious freedom.

### Decries Unused Churches

No business would spend thousands of dollars on an office building and then use it only one day a week—so why should a church?

That was the question posed by W. Wycliffe Booth, grandson of the founder of the Salvation Army, himself an international traveling commissioner for the worldwide organization.

On a two-month tour of the U.S., the 69-year-old visiting Englishman declared, "There is no logic in using a church one day a week and letting it sit idle for the other six." He then pointed out that the Salvation Army has continued having evening services and uses its churches every day of the week.

Dr. Booth also spoke out on the function of the Salvation Army, which he described as "first of all a religious movement." Even though in the U.S. the Army is thought of principally "as a sort of handout agency," he said, "housing homeless men is not enough." Booth declared that the vision of his grandfather was to have his "troops... at the frontier in the fight against sin, ignorance, and poverty." Today, he remarked, the Salvation Army isn't "fully living up to [this] vision."



## Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Are the 144,000 who are sealed in Revelation 7 actually representatives of the tribes of Israel, or do they represent an overcoming class of Christians?*

The Bible says they were of "all the tribes of the children of Israel" (Revelation 7:4). It is possible they may be missionaries to their people during the Tribulation. Isaiah 66:19, 20 indicates that such missionary work will go forward early in the Millennium.

*How do you account for the prehistoric animals which were apparently on earth before the creation as recorded in Genesis 1, and 2:19?*

There are those who believe there was an earlier creation which disappeared, either from divine judgment or from some upheaval of nature unknown to us. They teach that after God made the original heaven and earth, the earth became "without form, and void"—a chaotic earth—so that God had to recreate it. Concerning this I am not an authority.

*I have been taught that all sin will be equally punished. But as I read the Bible it indicates to me that some sins may be greater than others, and some punishments greater. Will you please explain this?*

There are degrees of wickedness. Some become so hardened in sin that their consciences are seared "As with a hot iron." They become "past feeling." I believe there will be degrees of punishment. The Word says that in the judgment every man will be rewarded "according as his work shall be."

The righteous are laying up for themselves "treasures in heaven." The ungodly are "treasuring up for themselves wrath against the day of wrath and perdition of ungodly men." (See Matthew 6:20; 2 Peter 3:7.) "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

*In James' speech at the council at Jerusalem, he quoted this prophecy: "After this I will return, and will build the tabernacle of David which is fallen down;... that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called" (Acts 15:14-17). Does this mean the restoration of Israel will not take place until God has finished taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name, the Church?*

"I will build the tabernacle of David which is fallen," is a prophecy of restoration of the Davidic kingdom (Amos 9:11). Many believe James meant that God's purpose of salvation for the Gentiles, or the Church age, would take first place. I have no objection to this view, but am inclined to believe that James quoted this Old Testament promise, as many others were quoted, as a proof text, supporting the conviction that God's purpose was that the Gentiles might be saved.

*If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.*

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# The Bible College—

## CLASSROOM IN COMMITMENT

SEPTEMBER IS—  
**EDUCATION EMPHASIS MONTH**  
throughout the Assemblies of God

By WILLIAM W. MENZIES  
Dean of Students • Central Bible Institute

LAST MAY, SEVERAL HUNDRED young men and women graduated from seven Assemblies of God Bible colleges. Most of these young people anticipate a life of service to the church, either as pastors, evangelists, or missionaries, or in any one of a number of specialized ministries.

But few of these graduates find a ready-made path to service. They are given no promises of high salaries, fringe benefits, retirement programs, and vacations with pay. To them, rather, is the challenge of sacrifice and commitment. These young people have set their faces toward a world that is alien to the gospel, a society that does not understand the meaning of sacrifice and commitment. Except they be "a band of men whose hearts God touched" they will not survive amid the allurements of luxury and position.

Throughout history it has always been so. Only those men and women who have had an extraordinary ex-

## FRIENDS of

A MAN HAD CROSSED A DEEP CHASM. Though it was at the end of the day and his time was limited, he worked diligently to construct a bridge. A passerby asked the elderly man why he took such pains to prepare the bridge when he had already made the crossing. He replied, "There are young people following me, and I want to do everything I can to encourage them in the difficult situations of life."

Moving from childhood to adulthood has not been easy in any generation. Because of concerned adults, however, many young people who might have given up in discouragement have gone on to become effective workers for God.

The apostle Paul was the great missionary of the Early Church. He braved perils and difficulties of every description in establishing many churches, but he also recognized that a new generation of leaders must be trained to carry on the work. At Derbe he discovered Timothy (Acts 16:1-3), a young man who showed promise of becoming an effective spiritual worker. Timothy was helped and encouraged until in time he became a leader who was commended for his vital contribution to the cause of Christ (1 Corinthians 16:10; Philippians 2:19).

John Mark was another promising young man of the Early Church, but at one point he had failed in his efforts to such an extent that Paul did not want to give him a second chance. At this time when John might have been lost to the Lord and His work Barnabas helped him regain his stability (Acts 15:39). Later Paul recognized the valuable work of John Mark and gave him



perience in God have made much of an impact on their world. The Bible college came into existence in the late twentieth century to produce burning devotion and commitment to Christ.

#### THE BACKGROUND

The first Bible college began with 12 students and two teachers meeting behind the platform of a tabernacle in New York City in 1882. What later came to be known as Nyack Missionary College was a unique enterprise in higher education in the United States. It is not likely that the founder, Dr. A. B. Simpson of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, was aware of the full significance of his new school. But, in the following decades a wide range of evangelical groups established similiar schools, fabricated on the Bible college pattern.

In 1922 the newly formed Assemblies of God, aware of the need for furnishing effective training for prospective church workers and missionaries, opened Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri. A series of Pentecostal adaptations of the Bible college philosophy, preceded or followed the establishment of CBI.

What situation prompted the establishment of this radically new type of training program? Post-Civil War

America was being jarred by a series of colossal shocks. Domestic problems of incredible proportions taxed the ingenuity of the nation and caught the churches by surprise. Immigration, urbanization, and industrialization threatened the tranquil pattern of life of a people largely rural and small-town. Adding to these problems were powerful new currents in the world of ideas that quickly submerged not only the seminaries, but also most of the small, church-related colleges that had followed the westward-trekking pioneers across the plains and mountains in the earlier part of the century. Evolutionism, strangely compelling, was quickly caught up, not alone by biologists but also by sociologists, economists, historians, and Biblical scholars. Strange ideas from Germany, philosophical theology and destructive Biblical criticism, fascinated a generation of American scholars. The churches were largely unprepared for the shattering experiences of the late nineteenth century. Relatively successful in following the frontier, the great denominations had settled down into complacency, content that they had made America a Christian land. Key church leaders sought to make a compromise with the spirit of the age.

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# YOUTH

By **HARDY W. STEINBERG**  
National Secretary • Dept. of Education



this tribute, "He is profitable to me for the ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11).

Because Barnabas was a friend of youth he could always look back with satisfaction, knowing he had been instrumental in saving John Mark for the work of the Lord.

It is gratifying to know that the ministry of friends of youth did not cease with the Early Church. In every generation there have been dedicated believers whose hearts have gone out to the younger generation. About 30 years ago one young man dedicated his life for Christian service. With financial resources which had been accumulated through diligent effort and great frugality this young man was able to spend a year in Bible school. In spite of valiant effort, however, the young man could not accumulate enough money to continue his training. Just when it seemed necessary for him to drop out of school, a friend learned of the need and made it possible for him to complete his educational program. It was one of the best investments this servant of the Lord ever made. Through the years the young student became a very effective pastor who has helped thousands of people to know Christ.

Today there are still many young people who are dedicating their lives to God for Christian service. They have problems similar to those of young people in earlier days, but they also have mature friends who are helping

them to succeed. Through the kindness of generous friends who have made the Department of Education scholarship program possible there are many young people in Assemblies of God colleges who are preparing to fulfill the call of God upon their lives.

Although it has been only a few years since some of these young people have received scholarship grants they are already making a valuable contribution to the cause of Christ. A recent survey indicates they are serving in positions such as pastor, evangelist, missionary to American Indians, home missions work in Alaska, Bible school work in Mexico, director of youth and music, assistant pastor, minister to youth, public schoolteacher, teacher in Christian day school and Bible college. A number of students wishing to prepare for teaching ministries in our schools or to serve in the chaplaincy are going on to graduate schools.

Because of the carefulness with which scholarship contestants are selected the president of one Assemblies of God college was able to say, "Almost without exception, the students who have attended or are attending under the scholarship program have been students of good quality and have proved themselves worthy of the assistance." These are young people who not only have done well in high school, but have been active in various phases of church activity as well. They have the approval of their pastor, their school, and especially the Lord.

The chasm from childhood to adulthood continues to be great. Many young people, however, will pause to thank God for their older friends who have provided assistance in bridging the chasm. If you would like to help Spirit-filled young people prepare for positions of Christian service and leadership you may send your offering to the Assemblies of God, Department of Education Scholarship Fund, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

Henry Ward Beecher and Lyman Abbott are outstanding examples of great pulpit orators who felt compelled to make their peace with the insistent clamorings of the "new learning." They accommodated Scripture to current scientific views which have since been at least partially discredited.

The history of American spiritual awakenings is revealing. Revivals had swept the church-related colleges earlier in the century, but by 1860 such awakenings had practically died out. The colleges, built largely on a foundation in which Christianity and scholasticism were thoroughly mixed, drifted gradually toward the humanistic pole. The spirit of the age engulfed the churches and the schools.

Recognizing that the seminaries were not turning out enough spiritual men to speak to the growing darkness of the day, and that the typical church-related college was not producing men of spiritual vigor in any quantity, Dr. Simpson appealed for a new type of educational enterprise. To press the claims of Christ on a society in turmoil, the Bible college was his answer.

#### THE IDEA OF A BIBLE COLLEGE

What is a Bible college? What are the distinctives that make this type of education unique? Let us consider the shape of the Bible college philosophy.

1. *It is triangular.* The Bible college seeks to complement the triangularity of Christianity: experience, character, and doctrine. Each of these three sides is essential for fully developed Christian life. First, the Bible college is built squarely on the Bible and without apology seeks to guide students into Biblical theology. The Bible college is not an "idea supermarket." It is committed to the belief that there is a Biblical world-and-life view. The Bible college is also concerned with the total life of the student—his character-development in nonclassroom hours, as well as his ability to absorb ideas in library and classroom. The Protestant principle that the character of the minister is as eloquent as his sermon is emphasized. Then, too, the Bible college seeks to stimulate in every way possible spiritual experience and growth. The chapel is not a pious afterthought. The head, the hand, and the heart alike are concerns of the Bible college. The objective is a graduate that conforms as closely as possible to a well-defined Biblical ideal.

2. *It is circular.* Let us look at the Bible college in another way. A primary characteristic of the Bible college is its undergirding philosophy of education. All courses and activities are ranged about the Bible and reflect Biblical theology in every conceivable fashion, much

as the spokes of a great wheel rotate about the hub. The curriculum is Bible-centered. A conscious effort is made to acquaint the student with the humanities and sciences, but these subjects are viewed through a Christian perspective. A Bible college is more than the teaching of naturalistic concepts in a Christian context! Every teacher must be a theologian!

3. *It is rectangular.* Consider yet another view through the campus kaleidoscope. Observe the character of a block-shaped object. It is not elaborate. Its beauty is its simplicity. It is functional; one can *build* with rectangular blocks. Thus, the Bible college is practical. It seeks to endow students with high idealism and evangelistic fervor, but along with this it attempts also to confront the student with practical opportunities for Christian service. Practical tools for soul winning and church building are distinctive emphases of the Bible college. The graduate is equipped to confront the world with the claims of Christ in a direct, positive, church-oriented fashion. The Bible college majors in Biblical basics.

#### THE OUTLOOK

The contribution of the Bible college in days past is nothing short of spectacular. More than half of all Protestant missionaries who have gone from North America have been trained in Bible colleges. Nearly all Assemblies of God missionaries have been so prepared. In an era of incredible theological upheaval, the evangelical pulpits of our land have been filled by a sizable percentage of Bible college-trained men who have been a salient force for Biblical Christianity. Most Assemblies of God churches are pastored by graduates of Bible colleges.

A question some have raised in recent years is whether or not the Bible College has a *continuing* validity. In an era of theological fragmentation, with many voices clamoring for a hearing, in a strange world filled with religious interest but without true revival, in a climate of national peril fraught with perpetual crisis, our situation today is not unlike that in which the Bible college was born. Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, well-known Christian educator, in a book review in *Christianity Today* (February 15, 1963) had this to say about the influence of the Bible college: "And it is a growing influence. These schools are here to stay. Therefore, the answer to the question, 'Is the Bible college necessary?' is simply this: 'As long as the Bible is necessary.'"

The popularity of the Bible college appears to be enjoying something of a renaissance. With improved faculty, broader curriculum, and better plants, Bible colleges have come of age. Enrollment is up sharply in most Bible colleges in the last two years, according to statistics of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. This upward surge is evident in Assemblies of God Bible colleges, as well.

Not only are students demanding the distinctive training obtainable in Bible college, but recently the dean of a prominent evangelical seminary stated that the future of Christian education lies with the Bible college, for it is out of the Bible college that the committed, dedicated workers for God are marching. He, for one, is welcoming Bible college graduates to his graduate school, for his experience has taught him that these are the men who are going to make an impact on the world for Christ!

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## ON THE MEANING OF PREVENT

THE WORD *prevent* is derived from the Latin *praeventus*, meaning *to go before*. From the meaning of anticipate or forestall, it gradually took the sense of intercepting, hindering, or thwarting. This word's modern sense of stopping someone from doing something is not found in the Bible.

"Let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us" (Psalm 79:8) means *to go before so as to clear the way of impediments*.

"In the morning shall my prayer prevent thee" (Psalm 88:13) affirms that the Psalmist's petition will come before God early.

"Mine eyes prevent the night watches" (Psalm 119:148) means that the Psalmist studied God's Word through the night; before the watchmen made their rounds, he was at work; as they pursued their duties, he continued more diligent than they.

Matthew 17:25 says: "Jesus prevented him"; that is, anticipated him by speaking before Peter had a chance to say what was on his mind.

"We which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep" (1 Thessalonians 4:15). The context makes it clear that this means *precede*, for both transformed and resurrected saints will be "caught up together" when Jesus comes.

—Redemption Tidings

## GRANDMA HAS FUN

IN ANSWER TO HER GRANDSON'S QUESTION, "Grandma, do you have any fun?" one grandmother wrote:

"Here are some things that grandma counts fun: to answer a knock at the door and find a smiling grandson behind it; to look around and see the rest of his family getting out of their car bringing packages. To get letters from loved ones; to write to her dear ones. To sit in her easy chair and make things with needle and thread; to take cloth and cut and make a nice garment; to make a nice surprise for a loved one. To go to the kitchen and prepare a good meal, and see her folks enjoy it. To wave a fairy wand (so to speak) over a table of soiled dishes and see them become sparkling clean. To read good books and Christian literature. To see how much the children have grown—their development and accomplishments—to hear them sing. And especially to know they love the Lord and try do do right.

"In short, there is joy in work well done, in cheering

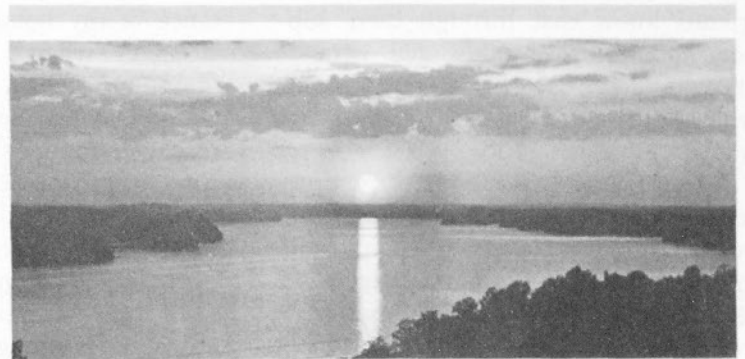


and helping others, in reading that improves the mind and feeds the soul. Although one may get too old to run and jump, there are many ways to find enjoyment. A boy needs vigorous exercise to make him grow strong. When you are older, your enjoyments are different.

"In what I have written, I haven't spoken much of the joy that comes by being a Christian. Jesus came, He said, 'That your joy may be full.' Peter called the joy of being a Christian, 'Joy unspeakable, and full of glory.' Boys need exercise with fun, but they can also have Christian joys.

"So now you will believe, won't you, that Grandma is happy and has fun enough, and joy aplenty, and a strong hope for a home in heaven, where we 'never grow old'? With love, Grandma."

—The Free Methodist



## At Close of Day

*Was I empty, Master, when You needed me today?  
Was I wholly yielded, as a vessel made of clay?  
Was I fully consecrated, ready at Thy hand?  
Was I waiting, Master, to go forth at Thy command?*


*Was I burdened, rather, with a load of worldly care?  
Was I doing this and that, or rushing here and there?  
Was I busy seeking pleasure, after my own choice?  
Was I so engrossed with self I could not hear Thy voice?*

*Oh why did I waste this day I held within my grip?  
Oh why did I carelessly ignore it, let it slip?  
Oh why did I fail to hear, Dear Lord, Thy soft request?  
Oh why did I fail to go, and do, at Thy behest?*

*What if this has been my final chance to do Thy will?  
What if, ere the morning dawns, this heart lies cold and still?  
What if, at the break of day, I stand before Thy throne?  
What if, stripped of earthly things, I stand undone, alone?*

*Master, bend Thy loving ear and listen to me pray!  
Master, blot out all the idle follies of today!  
Master, should You yet see fit to use this life of mine!  
Master, help me walk with Thee, and keep my hand in Thine.*

—ALVY E. FORD



### Walking with the WORD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 19-26**

Sunday—Psalms 108, 109	Thursday—2 Thessalonians 2
Monday—1 Thessalonians 4	Friday—2 Thessalonians 3
Tuesday—1 Thessalonians 5	Saturday—Psalms 110, 111
Wednesday—2 Thessalonians 1	Sunday—Psalms 112, 113

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"I felt like a strong magnet was pulling me back. After a few Sundays, I went down to the altar and confessed my sins and accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. The following Sunday I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I was never so happy!

"God was working in my life, and I didn't even realize it until I came to this church. I want to thank you for your broadcast, for it was through your ministry that I am here today. I praise God continually for *Revivaltime* and for our church."

A man in Chicago, Illinois, who now contributes regularly to *Revivaltime*, wrote:

"I want you to know what a blessing your broadcast service has been to me. There was a time when I did not attend church, but I would listen to God's Word through *Revivaltime*, and as time passed I became increasingly hungry for the things of God. Finally He led me through to salvation and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. My Lord even planted a church of true Christian people within walking distance of my home. I know it was no 'accident' when I dialed *Revivaltime*."

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"Our church has been without a pastor for months, and it is very hard to

be strong without God's Word. *Revivaltime* has helped fill that need for me."

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## Dallas Indoor Camp Meeting

"I SHALL NEVER FORGET the great salvation altar calls, the mighty stirring of the Holy Spirit and the gracious manifestation of God's healing power to the sick!" This was the reaction of Jack Pruitt, pastor of Piedmont Assembly, Dallas, Tex., to the great week of indoor camp meeting with *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward, July 11-18.

The Dallas indoor camp meeting is typical of an increasing interest across the nation in summertime mass meetings. Crowds are large as air-conditioned auditoriums appeal to many who would not normally attend revival services.

Sharing evangelistic duties with Brother Ward was pastor-evangelist

Daniel Sheaffer from Miami, Okla.

Known throughout the district as the "Camp Meeting Church of Dallas," Piedmont Assembly was crowded every night as the two evangelists preached the Word. Assisting Jack Pruitt in his duties as host pastor was C. A. Bird, pastor of the neighboring Skyline East Assembly in Dallas. Special music was provided nightly by the "Beloved Gospel Singers," and by the "Colorful Camp Meeting Choir" directed by Pastor Pruitt's wife.

Ministers throughout the area expressed their appreciation of C. M. Ward's dynamic preaching. Describing his reaction to the meeting, Pastor H. L. Summers, Second Avenue Assembly, said:



Pastor Jack Pruitt leads the congregation in song as the annual Dallas indoor camp meeting gets underway. The meeting was held in the Piedmont Assembly of God. C. M. Ward (at left in top photo), camp meeting speaker, is welcomed to the week-long crusade by Jack Pruitt, host speaker.

"Our church has certainly been blessed and revived this week as we attended the indoor camp meeting. We enjoyed the rich fellowship of our neighboring churches, and our hearts were challenged by the ministry of C. M. Ward."

Cosponsor C. A. Bird exclaimed, "It was one of those times of cloudburst. The Holy Spirit flowed freely over the people in true camp-meeting style. I know each cooperating church is looking forward to our next time of camp meeting."

Jack Pruitt, host pastor, writes:

"Dallas will long remember C. M. Ward as one of the great camp-meeting speakers of our time. His colorful fashion of proclaiming the powerful message of Pentecost to this generation is unsurpassed.

"Evangelist Dan Sheaffer's ministry on the theme, Last Day Events, inspired and challenged every heart.

"Nightly the crowds gathered with great expectation and hunger, reaching for more of God. The liberty of worship was comparable to the early-day outpouring of the Holy Spirit across America!"

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## OF SPIRITUAL LIFE AND EVANGELISM

BY D. V. HURST

Coordinator, Spiritual Life—Evangelism Commission

LET ME USE MY CORNER this month to urge full participation in the Sunday School Enlargement Campaign.

The theme this year is: "The Sunday School in ACTION!" The Campaign is designed to provide an opportunity for direct soul-winning contacts throughout the community, winning people to Christ where they are. The entire organizational structure of the Sunday school—an army of qualified workers—is thrown behind this concept of penetrating the community for Christ. This is the *big* need today!



Too often the church and Sunday school are isolated from the community. The "regular" activities prevail! The "routine" announcements are given! The weekly program continues. But what about those "outside," who pass the church everyday, who live within the same block or the same section of the city but have never been "within" the church?

For them the church does not exist! It has not reached them and has no affect upon them. It is time to let them know the church is there, is concerned about them, has a message for them and can point them to Christ. It is time to go to them and *win them where they are*. It is time for the church to come out of isolation!

One elderly gentleman, living in the next block, who had watched the crowds come and go to a large Assemblies of God church for years, finally was *reached* and *won* right on his own front porch. He said, "I often wondered what they did in there!"

The army of Sunday school workers *should* "go!" Few are trained and equipped as they. Few have the vision they possess. Few are ready to lead souls to Christ as they, going into "action" outside the church building and its traditional structure, reaching *new* friends with the gospel. The Sunday school worker needs to see "new" faces in front of him and "feel the pull" of spiritual ignorance. Suddenly new fire will burn in his heart!

I call on every Sunday school worker in the fellowship to break out of the routine and "go" with the message of salvation to someone new. Get the thrill of sharing your experience of salvation with someone to whom you have never witnessed before. You'll love it!

Let's make this year's Sunday school

Enlargement Campaign one of action—soul-winning action!

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It's coming—Training Month 1966. It will be a whole-church soul-winning training course. Full plans will be coming to your pastor in *Advance*, the new ministers magazine. Plans include a *new book* now going to press!

## Parsonage Lost, Church Damaged in Missouri Flood

THE 44-FOOT WALL OF WATER that swept down on Smithville, Mo., the night of July 19, left many people homeless, including eight families in the Assemblies of God. The flood waters severely damaged the church building and made the parsonage unusable.

The Department of Benevolences sent a check for \$500 and other help (total \$1,200 to date) from its Disaster Relief Fund to help the congregation during this emergency.

Heavy rains that fell during the night turned the usually placid Platte River into a raging torrent. The flood waters inundated the town, reaching the roof or second floor of nearly every home, bringing misery and destruction. Thirty-seven homes were swept down the river. Some 197 others were made unusable, including the Assemblies of God parsonage, and must be torn down.

The church building withstood the flood but considerable damage was done to floors, pews, platform, walls, and ceiling. Glenn Renick, Northern Missouri district superintendent, visited

the church soon after the flood. He found it had been cleaned up and was being used for meetings. The members have shown great heroism, he says. They are determined to continue their worship in the church building until they can build on higher ground.

Brother Renick says the local pastor wept as he related some of the experiences of his congregation. Some families in the church lost everything except what they were wearing. The pastor said his organ was completely destroyed. His library and the church library also were the casualties of the flood. Songbooks, Sunday school supplies, records, and other materials were lost. The piano fell apart when a clean-up crew tried to lift it. Light fixtures, motors—all were ruined.

"Supplies have been given them from many sources, by understanding and sympathetic people," Brother Renick says. "The congregation was happy when we presented the check from the Disaster Relief Fund. Words could not express their thankfulness. Let us continue to pray for our people at Smithville."

In addition to the grant of \$500, the Disaster Relief Fund has provided the church with songbooks and is supplying Sunday school literature for the fourth quarter. Payments due on the church's loan have been canceled for a year.

This is a good example of the kind of emergencies which receive help from the Disaster Relief Fund. Each time it is used, additional offerings are needed to replace the money spent. If you or your church would like to take part in this ministry, kindly address your offering to: Disaster Relief Fund, Department of Benevolences, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
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**STEP UP  
WITH A  
CHECKUP**

BE SURE TO FILL OUT YOUR  
CHECKUP AND TURN IT  
IN PROMPTLY!

NOT LONG AGO I VISITED the wife of a foreman who was working in our town for a while. When she came to the door and saw me, she burst into tears.

I asked what was the matter. "Nothing," she said. "I'm just so glad to see you. There hasn't been a woman here to visit me in three months."

These were lovely people, these strangers within our gates, but they were lonely. They had attended our church several times but no one had made any real effort to be friendly, perhaps because they were to be here only temporarily. They have finished their work here now, and have moved on. Perhaps they are in *your* town now. It could be *your* church they are attending. Have you made them welcome?

Over three million Americans will move this year. Many other young people will go away from home to attend school, or to work, or to enter military service. For the first time in their lives many will be leaving the familiar scenes of home and know the gnawing pain of loneliness when they take up residence where all is strange.

If you have not moved lately, you may have forgotten some of the problems. Grandma and Aunt are not around to visit. The man at the service station and the checker at the grocery store are unfamiliar. There is no one to help when the baby is sick and the work piles up; no one to visit when you feel like talking. No one misses you at a church you have attended only once, perhaps not at all. You are cut off from the things and people you've lived with and you are alone, a stranger in a strange place. It's easy to drift. . . .

Some of these strangers will come to your town and even "within the gates" of your church this year. Will you help ease the strangeness for them? Oh, yes, you will be polite and greet them if it is convenient, but politeness can be so impersonal. Love is the only antidote for loneliness. Christian love opens heart and home. It shows fellowship and hospitality far beyond the perfunctory handshake after a service.

God *loves* the stranger! Even in Old Testament times when He dealt largely with the Jewish nation He gave commandment concerning the treatment of strangers—"Love ye therefore the stranger" (Deuteronomy 10:19.) "One law and one manner shall be for you,

## an appeal for the Stranger Within the Gates

*"... Thy stranger that is within thy gates . . ." (Deuteronomy 5:14).*

By JOYCE WELLS BOOZE

and for the stranger" (Numbers 15:16). The New Testament continues the teaching of brotherly love and hospitality.

When in our complacency we let the stranger go from us, we lose a great potential from our churches, and too often from the kingdom of God itself. Those college students, for instance—who knows what position they may eventually fill in life? The young couple whose firm transfers them to your community may eventually become leaders there. That young man who has come to your town to work for a while may decide to stay. He may marry and raise his family there. Will theirs be a Christian home? Next year all of these people may be in a position to be a real asset to your church, but will they still be coming? Will they be saved—or lost?

Much of the answer depends on whether you make the effort to be friendly, to show Christian love. To do so may mean breaking out of a rut, but it will be worth the effort. You will make new friendships that may last a lifetime. Sometimes your choosing to sit beside a stranger at church will make him feel welcome in the services. Or you may invite him to have Sunday dinner with you. It need not be an elaborate meal. It's the fellowship that matters. Or you might arrange for him to go along with you to a rally or fellowship meeting in your area. There are many ways to be friendly if you really want to.

Don't let apparent differences of interest deprive you of being a blessing to the stranger. Christian love breaks down many barriers. Paul the great apostle found fellowship with Onesimus the runaway slave. Dave the shepherd boy and Jonathan the prince became lifetime friends. Every stranger within the gates of your church or city is a person for whom Christ died, and he needs Christian love and fellowship whatever his status.

Be especially considerate of those who receive Christ at the altars of your church. Sometimes after one is converted the older Christians tell him how glad they are that he has accepted Christ, then go their way and leave him to go his. After a few weeks he may become cold and gradually drop out of church altogether. It is easy then to say, "Well, I never thought he would live it," or, "I knew all the time he didn't really mean business." But *could* the story have ended differently?

It can! I have seen it so. Fifteen years ago in a church my father pastored, a young girl was saved. She was a lovely, talented teen-ager. She received a wonderful experience with the Lord, but there was some in the church who said, "She's too popular; she won't live for the Lord. She can't give up the world." And they sat back waiting for her to backslide. She *was* popular, and she *did* have a battle leaving off the old ways. Some of her former friends stopped seeing her, and she could have been lonely. But thank God, not everyone distrusted her experience. Some Christian people saw her need and offered her new friendship and worthwhile activities to replace the old. They invited her into their homes and counseled with her concerning the things of Christ. As a result, she remained true, and her life and talents were conserved for the kingdom of God. Today she's a lovely Christian mother, and an outstanding church worker.

There is no more eloquent plea for the stranger than that which came from Jesus' own lips, "...I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:35-40). Showing love to the stranger is showing love to Jesus! Let's make sure our Christian love *shows!*

BREAKTHROUGH is not merely a program of expansion to establish a certain number of new churches within a specified period of time. It must be a spirit which grips the hearts of all of us.

thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" They proclaimed a solemn fast. If we would similarly seek God and acknowledge His sovereignty, it would be the greatest possible boon to our recognition of His strong arm working in behalf of His people.

Let us take a look at ourselves to see if we have what it will take to get the job done.

**MOTIVATION**

Any program that is not based upon right motives is not worthy of success. Rather than having as our goal the building up of a denomination or setting a commendable record, our concern should be to carry out the will of our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. His command is to go into all the world and preach the gospel. We have a message that must be told in all the world for a witness before the end comes; and there are multitudes who must yet hear this message that sets men free.

**VISION**

Think of the multitudes who are perishing because those who ought to see the need and sense their own responsibility are spiritually blind. No program of advancement has much chance of getting off the ground until we who are God's people catch a glimpse of the need.

**BURDEN**

This is a step beyond motivation and vision. Here the need grips us and we are moved to do something about it. As Jesus was often "moved with compassion" (as when he saw the multitudes as sheep without a shepherd) so must our deep feelings be stirred as we envision the crying need about us. *There is apt to be little motion without some emotion.*

**FAITH**

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for." It does accept things as they are, but sees what they can be, and determines that is what they will be. This principle applies not only in God's work but in every realm of human endeavor, and without it little is accomplished. Perhaps the greatest hindrance to expansion is negative thinking, where the obstacles loom so large we cannot see anything ~~else~~. Thus our horizon is narrowed down.

**SACRIFICE**

We can have all the aforementioned qualities, and yet miserably fail if there is an unwillingness to pay the bill.



# FOR TIMES LIKE THESE

By **JOSEPH R. FLOWER**  
 Superintendent of the New York District

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OCCASIONS when individuals have felt that their own times have been such as "try men's souls." To the Christian every generation presents its own particular challenge. We of this generation are faced with circumstances which to the discerning seem to indicate that the purposes of God for this age are being brought to a climax.

After centuries of wandering among the nations, and in fulfillment of the predictions of the prophets, Israel is now reconstituted as a nation in the land that was anciently hers. Tremendous strides have been made in the re-development of the country.

Godless communism continues to threaten the peace of the world and the liberties of vast masses of humanity.

Something else is taking shape in Europe which those with little spiritual discernment are hailing as a possible bulwark against Communism and a solution to many of the world's ills. It has economic, religious and political implications. The European Common Market has already proved to be a boon to business and employment. Most of the member countries are enjoying a measure of prosperity they have not known for some time.

The Roman Catholic Church, through its Second Vatican Council, seems to show some liberalization of its authoritarianism. Many non-Catholics have been invited to sit in as observers, and some are even hopeful that a new kind of rapport will come out of it.

These two developments may appear to be unrelated, but it is significant that they have come into being almost simultaneously. What God's people expect will take place in the near

future is a political unity among the nations in the general area of these economic and religious developments. This would be a logical outcome, and is in line with the prophetic picture of the endtime. Let us be reminded that the head of this political amalgam is characterized as a "Beast" in the Word of God.

We Christians must be specially alert in these times. The manner in which God is pouring out His Spirit and meeting hungry hearts in some of the most unexpected ways demonstrates that He is working out His good purposes behind the scenes. Mass movements, mergers, bigness are only man's attempt to solve the major problems confronting the human race. We cannot afford to be swept along with them. God's Word to us with respect to the world system is this: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partaker of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Revelation 18:4).

God did not permit the Pentecostal movement to be swallowed up by existing denominations, even though the early pioneers had no intention of starting another one. We have a specific task to fulfill in this world. The Lord knew that keeping us separate was probably the only way in which our distinctive testimony could be preserved.

**A SENSE OF MISSION**

The Communists and the Catholics both have a sense of destiny. So should we!

Mordecai's words to Queen Esther, when faced with fearsome circumstances, could have a pertinent application to us: "Who knoweth whether




Everything worthwhile costs somebody something. Our movement arrived at its present position through the dedicated labors of men and women who counted no sacrifice in God's service too great. Self-centeredness and a love of ease and luxury present a serious threat to our keeping pace with past progress. Someone sacrificed somewhere to bring our existing institutions to their present state. All of us should share in the cost of extending our borders and spreading our testimony to yet unreached areas, and sometimes this means sharing workers as well as finances.

#### SOMETHING TO GIVE

Our only excuse for expansion, and even existence, is that we have something to impart to those who are spirit-

ually needy and hungry. We call ourselves "full gospel" people, which means that we believe and preach the Word without adulteration. But to believe and preach it is not enough; we must exemplify it as living epistles known and read of all men. What we are is what really counts. *We can give only what we possess.*

God grant that in these momentous times we shall give ourselves to the greatest work of all—that of extending the kingdom of God in the hearts of men. Our debt to God and our generation remains unpaid until every community has received the witness. Let us unite our hearts and hands behind the pioneers of our movement, and never consider our job finished until our Lord says, "Well done." 



Pictured (left to right) are Captain J. P. Friend, Warden W. Lane and Pastor Stewart H. Robinson. The public address system and drums were provided by freewill offerings.



Captain J. P. Friend and Pastor Stewart Robinson (front row, left) pose with members of the Lakeshore Gspelaires.

## Indiana Assembly Sponsors State Prison 'Gspelaires'

BEHIND THE TOWERING GRAY WALLS of the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, Ind., are 2,500 inmates paying their debts to society. A number of these men, under the direction of the ISP Music Department, formed the *Country and Western Fellowship Band*.

Captain J. P. Friend, chief steward of the institution, a member of the local "Faith City" Assembly of God, talked with Pastor Stewart H. Robinson about inviting them to play and sing at church.

Brother Robinson contacted Chaplain Russell Daubert who consented, and a date for their appearance was scheduled. The band's name was changed to "Gspelaires" and the church supplied the men with gospel songbooks.

The music and songs of the Gspelaires moved the hearts of the 500 who attended the sacred concert. Furthermore, the musicians were touched and two of them were saved that night.

The group was so well accepted that Warden Lane gave Pastor Robin-

son his approval to book it in other churches throughout the state, as well as for the district council and camp meeting. Approximately 30 church congregations have been blessed by the ministry of the Gspelaires. Well over 100 souls, including members of the Gspelaires, have been led to Christ in these services.

Evangelist A. A. Wilson said: "It was one of the outstanding days of my life to sit in the Indiana camp meeting and hear the group from the prison at Michigan City, Indiana, men that have been incarcerated because of crime, but most of whom have been saved and delivered from sin and know the reality of Jesus Christ as the Saviour. They played instruments and they sang with the touch of God upon their lives as much as anyone I've ever heard. It was a day that will long be remembered."

One of the nine men was converted after reading Scripture from a correspondence Bible course supplied by our National Prison Division.

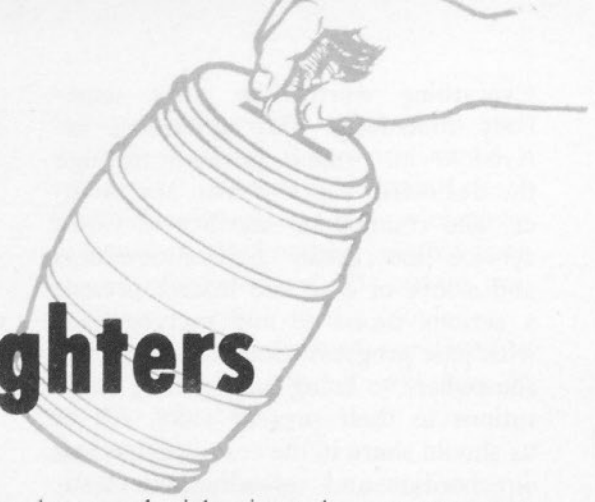
Freewill offerings have provided the Gspelaires with a new set of drums, a public address system, and an account established at the prison for instrument repairs.

Many complimentary letters, expressing appreciation of congregations and pastors for the Gspelaires' ministry of music and a desire for its continuance, have reached the warden's office.

Stewart H. Robinson recently accepted a call to be pastor at Calvary Temple in Springfield, Missouri.



# God Needs Your Sons and Daughters



By FRANCES FOSTER, BGMC Supervisor

SEVERAL GIRLS IN AN ORPHANAGE IN INDIA decided to do without their curry and rice two days of each week in order to use the money saved to help spread the gospel. These children, who had little in life, sacrificed because of hearts filled with love. They *found* ways to do their part.

I wonder if our boys and girls are as ready to sacrifice in giving? We live in a culture filled with greed. "Get for yourself; gain by any method"—these are the mottoes which permeate much of the thinking of a materialistic age.

But we as Christians are to have a different set of standards. Jesus told us, "Give and it shall be given unto you." He further warned, "With the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

Christian parents have a responsibility to their children whom they are training for a heavenly kingdom. They must instill within their boys and girls eternal values. Someone has expressed the Christian philosophy of giving well: "We make a *living* by what we get; a *life* by what we give."

There are numbers of ways to teach children giving. Of course the most important is by example. We can also train them to tithe their allowances and gifts. And one of the most effective ways to teach giving to missions is through the *Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade*.

Here is a plan that also has an important place in missionary work while it teaches. BGMC provides the "Word for the World" through offerings sent from local churches. The children fill small barrel banks each month and bring the money to Sunday school where it is collected and sent to the Foreign Missions Department. BGMC funds then are used for the preparation and purchase of gospel literature.

Encourage your youngsters to give faithfully in their BGMC banks. Don't let them treat the wooden barrels as souvenirs or place them on shelves high in their closets. Keep the banks within reach. If there are several children in the family, encourage competition in filling their banks.

Rather than giving them money to put in their barrels, help them find ways to earn their own. Neighborhood yard work might be done—mowing lawns in the summer, raking leaves in the fall, shoveling snow in the winter, pulling weeds in the spring. After-school work, such as delivering newspapers, taking care of a personal garden and selling the produce, picking berries, washing the car, making handcraft items which can be sold, are among ways a boy or girl may earn funds for missions.

Well over a million dollars has been given for gospel

literature by our boys and girls since the program was started in September 1949. Through this giving, boys and girls participate in missions without leaving home. Many souls have been saved through the literature provided by their offerings.

In addition to monthly giving, a special effort is put forth each February. On BGMC Day, the first Sunday of February, adults are asked to join with their children in contributing to BGMC. Offerings on that day are designated for literature in a specific area, each year a new field receiving the added help. (Other offerings received during the year go into the general BGMC fund, to be distributed evenly among the mission fields.)

## PERSONAL TESTIMONY

### 'He Filled My

I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY FROM HUNGARY in 1956, after the revolt there. At that time I was alone and unsaved, but God's hand was with me in this decision as well as in my whole life. In 1958 I got very hungry to read the Bible through. Believing in the Word of God I came to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and invited Him into my heart.

At that time I felt the joy of salvation, but as the years went by I had a great lack of spiritual power. I knew I was a Christian, but I did not have a victorious life as a Christian should.

In 1961, due to my fruitless life, I became so desperate that I told God if he did not give me reality I was going back to my early worldly life. The Lord was very gracious to me and miraculously led me to a prayer meeting in a Pentecostal Baptist church. As they prayed for me, I felt the assurance of God's deliverance and thanked Him for it.

That was my first contact with Spirit-filled people. I had heard about Pentecostals before, but I was taught that it was best to stay away from them.

After this prayer meeting, when the power of Satan was broken in my life, I started to search in the Bible for this Pentecostal power. Later, as every question was answered and cleared up in my mind about the baptism in the Holy Spirit, I began to seek this blessing for my life.

In April of 1964, after six weeks attendance at a

The BGMC Day offerings demonstrate the splendid growth of BGMC. A goal has been set every year since 1952, each year's goal higher than the last. The first goal was less than \$5,000. Last year's goal was \$36,000. At no time has the giving fallen below the goal. Instead, it has always been higher. The 1966 offering has been set at \$42,000. Though these are children who are giving, they are doing a big work. The need for gospel literature for a world which is rapidly becoming literate is of graver importance each day.

As our children learn early to give of their own money to missions, it will not be as hard for them later to give as well of their time and their lives to the work of the Lord. Missionaries in giving now, they will be ready for continued dedication in days ahead.

The late T. E. McCully, father of the young missionary martyr of the jungles of Ecuador, said, "Parents, God needs your sons and daughters. . . . We, whom God has blessed with children He can use in His mission fields, should realize that there is no human folly greater than that of withholding one's best from God."

Let us not restrain the potential of our boys and girls by lack of interest in BGMC. Here is a way to teach joyful, meaningful giving. Parents, your part is to encourage your children in their efforts. They are sending the Word of Life to men who need the Light.

## Hungry Heart'

mighty revival in a Pentecostal church, I said to God, "Take my life, because I do not want to live anymore without the power of the Holy Spirit." God met my hungry soul and baptized me in His Spirit in a remarkable way. For two and a half hours I spoke in tongues.

From that time the whole course of my life has been changed. God has shown me a deeper life in Jesus. I want to live for the glory of God, to be a witness for Jesus, and a blessing to my fellowmen.

My prayer life was revolutionized by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, because by the grace of God now I can pray with the Spirit and sing with the Spirit as well as with my own understanding.—Gabor Ravasz, Roselle, N. J.

(Endorsed by Pastor William McPherson, First Assembly of God, Elizabeth, N. J. He says: "Gabor Ravasz is a university graduate, and works here in Elizabeth as a mechanical engineer. He received a wonderful Baptism after seeking for two years.")

The new evangelism that the church needs is not that of better methods but of better men—men willing to be nothing in order that Christ may be everything—men who want only for Christ to reproduce His Life in and through them according to His own good pleasure.

—Robert C. Coleman

## Investigate... Before You Divorce

One of the earliest recorded experiences in the adult life of Christ pictures Him at a wedding. The occasion at Cana was blessed because Christ was there. God is interested in your marriage as well!

Scripture admonishes us, "... What . . . God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6). Yet, today, one out of every three marriages ends in divorce. Something is wrong with our love and our understanding of the vows when this occurs.

Perhaps most important in the causes of divorce is a lack of spiritual commitment. There is little doubt that many divorces could be avoided if persons involved would put God first in their lives.

It is relatively simple in most states to end a marriage. But it is impossible to remove the scars on lives which divorce brings. Time may mend adult lives, but future problems result for youth who are torn from parents in divorce courts. Juvenile crime, suicides, and even future broken homes are multiplied in divorce.

What is the solution for persons facing divorce? Are there helps to whom such individuals may turn? Write for advice in your family problem.

**FREE** ASSEMBLIES OF GOD  
Public Relations Department  
Springfield, Missouri 65802

- Please send me information on marriage and divorce. (505)  
 I would be interested in special study courses.

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip .....

### NEW AD SERIES HELPS CHURCH'S OUTREACH

A new series of ads, aimed at people outside of Assemblies of God churches, has just been released. Two newspaper columns wide and eight inches deep, the ads are available to any pastor planning to publish them in a local newspaper.

The other six ads in this series are titled:

- Comfort . . . In Time of Sorrow
- Eternity . . . Saved or Lost?
- Eternal Life . . . Can It Be Lost?
- Healing . . . Will God Answer?
- The End . . . Is It Near?
- The Tongues Movement . . . Real or Fake?

Men's Fellowship groups may wish to sponsor the ads locally. For further information, contact the Public Relations Office, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

# FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

## Philippines

### Mountain Revival Blessed

Recent meetings in one of our mountain churches were blessed with glorious revival.

I brought my generator, public-address system, slides, and musical instruments. And every night the church was filled to capacity. Extra seats placed outside the church were also filled, and people were standing in the yard outside the fence.

During the one week in this church, 57 souls were saved. Only Christ the Lord will receive the honor and the glory.

—E. C. Lagmay

*Filipino Evangelist-Missionary*

## Indonesia

### Victory Shout in the Camp

We have just concluded a wonderful revival here with the Gunder Olsens, missionaries to the Philippines. They ministered for three weeks at the Assembly in Ambon. In response to the altar calls, 206 were saved and 11 filled with the Spirit. At the conclusion of the revival, more than 30 were baptized in water. There is still a shout of victory in the camp.

Brother Olsen also ministered at a joint Pentecostal meeting. Services were held in a public building which seats about 900 people and also in a small Pentecostal church. Many testified of being healed, especially of deafness and other organic diseases. Every church which cooperated was revived.

Brother Olsen also preached twice in the local prison where in one service 10 stepped forward and prayed the prayer of repentance.

—Elbert Brown

## Brazil

### Sao Services Bring Decisions

The Barton-Laskey team of Granite City, Ill., recently conducted 22 meetings in five Assemblies of God churches in Sao Paulo. As a result, 80 decisions for Christ were made.

The climax of their ministry was an unusual service in Santo Andre, a Sao Paulo suburb. About 1,500 people crowded into the church. When the altar call was given, many came weeping—a sight seldom seen in Brazil. Altogether, a total of 30 came for salvation or restoration.



Prayer service in progress in the Philippine mountain revival. Every night the building and churchyard was filled.

In our church in Vila dos Remedios, 25 decisions were recorded and 15 believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. On the team's second Sunday there, the Sunday school reached an all-time high of 219. On four different nights, the church was filled to overflowing. Seeing the need for space, Brother Barton began a drive for funds to enlarge this building.

Currently we are also building a Sunday school annex and two outstation churches.

—R. T. Hoover

## Honduras

### Increases Show Move of God

The annual reports from the churches show 982 conversions in 1964 compared to 214 the previous year. Much of this increase is due to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. During 1964 more than 410 believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit compared to only 37 the year before. And already in 1965 more than 150 people have received the Holy Spirit in the campaigns of National Evangelist Jorge Ordonez.

—Harold H. Mintle

## Colombia

### Sunday Schools Grow

Assemblies of God Sunday schools in Bogota, Colombia, have demonstrated dramatically the evangelistic and teaching possibilities of branch Sunday schools. On May 9 the four churches in metropolitan Bogota had a combined Sunday school attendance of 1,018.

Two weeks later, when two of the churches had opened 26 branch

schools between them, the aggregate attendance was 1,453.

Eighteen additional homes have been opened for branch schools, and total attendance may soon reach the 2,500 mark weekly.

Most of those attending the new branch schools had never been in any Sunday school before!

All four of the main churches now have teacher-training classes weekly to staff the new schools. They use lessons printed with Light-for-the-Lost funds.

It seems likely that by the end of the year at least a dozen of these branch Sunday schools will have developed into churches.

—Arthur Lindvall

## El Salvador

### WMC Begins Drive

"During the past month, 20 have accepted the Lord and three have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit." This was the glowing report the pastor's wife gave us concerning the spiritual results of Women's Missionary Council activity in the little mountain town of Apaneca. She told us that the entire church is stirred and the attitude of the townspeople toward the gospel has changed in the past few months.

Ten months ago the WMC group of this little church received 100 copies of the special outreach issue of our Spanish magazine, *Poder*, provided through Light-for-the-Lost. The WMC members were to sell the magazine and use the proceeds to buy more. Since then they have sold 100 copies every month.

As the women went from house to house each month, they found

people becoming interested in the gospel through the magazine. Several who were contacted asked for Bibles and other literature. During the last 10 months they have sold over 125 Bibles and Testaments, plus other literature.

Other pastors are now beginning to see what can be done through the literature ministry. One pastor here in the capital led his people in selling 118 magazines in two days. He went from house to house in a new subdivision. Seven people were saved through these home visits. Among those who came to the services as a result of the visits, seven more have accepted the Lord.

In the last two months, 9,000 copies of *Poder* have been sold here in El Salvador. We believe a greater harvest is yet to come.

—Arthur Lindvall

## Senegal

### Muslim Boys Eager

The incongruity of the situation seemed not to bother the several young Ouloff boys coming to our Sunday school, each with his small spit can. Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, began January 5. During this Ramadan season, Muslims are not allowed to eat or drink water during the daylight hours. They must not even swallow saliva—hence the spit cans.

That the boys were breaking another Muslim law by entering our church either did not occur to them—or they were willing to risk being found out and punished.

The Muslim children listened, enthralled by the lesson story—fascinated by the flannelgraph figures that came alive to them as the story unfolded. Last Sunday I repeated the lesson for some latecomers. The others forsook their coloring (which they enjoy immensely) to hear the story again! Bright, and quick to learn, they repeated the Bible memory verses and sang the choruses with contagious enthusiasm.

Unfortunately, we can't count these youngsters among our regulars. Sometimes one of the parents or the *Marabou* (Muslim priest) hears they are attending the Protestant Sunday school. They are then punished and forbidden to come again. After a month or two, however, when they feel it is safe, they return—as eager as ever. Each time they come we re-

alize it may be the last, so we fervently try to impart the story of salvation while we have the opportunity.

We were overjoyed at a recent Wednesday night service to see four men and a boy raise their hands for salvation. They now profess Christ to be the Son of God. One of them is having a struggle giving up Muslim customs and beliefs instilled since early childhood. We are gratified that he no longer performs the ritual Muslim prayers five times a day.

Please pray for these five and for many others who attend services regularly but who still have the veil of ignorance and superstition before their spiritual eyes. God can break through that veil and give us victory if we are faithful and if we believe.

—Homer Specter

### Spain

#### Attendance Climbs

One of our Bible school students lives in Bilbao with his aunt who operates a beauty parlor. She and one of her helpers have been saved through his testimony. Thirteen were present at a meeting we held in the beauty salon. Eyes were moist as the gospel of salvation was ministered in word and in song. It is our desire to open an assembly in this port city on the Bay of Biscay.

The local pastors are doing a commendable work in La Coruna. They have just finished a tract campaign in which 10,000 tracts were distributed by the members. The Sunday school record was broken twice, and one sister received the baptism in the Holy Spirit during our eight-day meeting. For lack of space the adult

and young people's as well as the primary and intermediate classes have been combined. This congregation needs a larger place of worship. —Kenneth McIntyre

### Chile

#### Earthquake Damage Severe

The last major Chilean earthquake did considerable damage to Assemblies of God properties. Three needs are most urgent.

First, the roof of the Bible Institute needs extensive repair.

Second, the Quillota church must have a new roof and major repair to two of its walls.

Third, the church at the Villa Alemana was so seriously damaged that the city has condemned the building and ordered it torn down. The congregation must build a new church from the ground up.

Please pray that these needs will be met. —Melvin Hodges

### Argentina

#### Headquarters Dedicated

For the Assemblies of God, people in Argentina, June 30, 1965, was a day of special significance. In an atmosphere of great joy and sincere gratitude to God, the new offices of the Argentine Assemblies of God were dedicated. Attending the event were the presbyters and their wives and the heads of the different departments.

Daniel Grasso led in song and read the Scripture. E. Andresen offered the prayer of dedication. I gave an outline of the historical facts concerning the building, and Superintendent P. C. Sorensen brought the message from the Word. Then all joined hands, thanking God in unison for this great forward step. —Lonie Stokes

## MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Missionaries who have recently arrived back in the United States are the **Fred Seaward** family (Malaysia), the **Kenneth McComber** family (Philippines), the **Everett Devine** family (Chile), the **Stig Sundberg** family (Venezuela), the **David Williams** family (Nicaragua), and **Ruby Johnson** (Ghana).

Returning to their respective fields are the **Don Phillips** family (Nigeria), the **Edward Fairbanks** family (Haiti), the **John Weidman** family (Upper Volta), the **Leland Good** family (Bolivia), the **Lee Roy Ward** family (Liberia), the **Robert Carlson** family (Nigeria), the **Kerry Gonzales** family (Spain), Mr. and Mrs. **David Kensinger** (Costa Rica), **Margaret Carlow** (Korea),

**Virginia Hamlin** (North India), and **Ruth Weitkamp** (Spain).

Going to the field for the first time are the **William Garlit** family (Honduras) and Mr. and Mrs. **David Montgomery** (Mexico).

Some missionaries are transferring to new fields. The **Melvin Grams** family is going from Nigeria to South Africa; the **E. E. Shaffer** family is moving from South Africa to Korea.

**Norma McGee** has been returned to the list of active missionaries and will continue working in the Spanish Literature Dept. of the Gospel Publishing House at Springfield, Mo.

A daughter, **Krystal Zoeta**, was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Leonard Emory** (Paraguay) on June 4, 1965.



Edward Fairbanks family



Leland Good family



Don Phillips family



Mr. and Mrs. David Montgomery



Mr. and Mrs. David Kensinger



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlson



Kerry Gonzales family



Lee Roy Ward family



Margaret Carlow



Virginia Hamlin



Ruth Weitkamp



John Weidman family



William Garlit family

# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

## NEW CHURCH IN OKLAHOMA DEDICATED

YUKON, OKLA.—Dedication and homecoming of First Assembly were held on March 21. Presiding over the service was W. O. Henin, district Sunday school director of the North Texas District. The morning service featured V. G. Mangram of Evergreen, Colo. James Dodd, assistant district superintendent, brought the dedicatory message in the afternoon service. Sectional Presbyter Virgil Claxton also participated in the service.

The people of First Assembly had desired to build a new church for several years and purchased property for a building site in 1963. Later after considering their financial obligations, they decided to sell the property and repair and remodel the old church because they were unable to sell it. But God undertook and the old property was sold for \$20,000.

Eugene Stumpff, contractor-designer and a deacon of the church, severed his outside obligations and dedicated himself to the building of the church for five months.

The construction of the church is symbolic of Christ. The white brick of the exterior symbolizes purity. The interior walls of dark



This beautiful new First Assembly in Yukon, Okla., which is constructed of white brick, has a sanctuary which seats 400.

walnut paneling are symbolic of the sin about us, and the red carpet symbolizes the blood of Christ.

The sanctuary seats 400. There is new furniture throughout the sanctuary and educational plant. A new recreational building is under construction and will be completed soon.

Since beginning the building program, the church income has almost doubled. The building is valued at \$180,000; remaining indebtedness, however, is only \$55,000.

Tom Hill, under whose leadership the building was built, became pastor of First Assembly in 1964.

POINT OF ROCKS, MD.—There were souls saved almost every night during the meeting at the Assembly of God here with Evangelists Ruth N. Knouse and Joyce M. Stovall of Bellflower, Calif. In the two weeks 32 were saved, one being a young alcoholic who was delivered from drink.

—Mary E. Kibbe and Phyllis M. Angus, pastors

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ELTINGVILLE, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.—Calvary Assembly, a *Breakthrough* project organized in 1963, enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Bob Watters during outdoor meetings held at the Sky-Lite Cathedral. There were 20

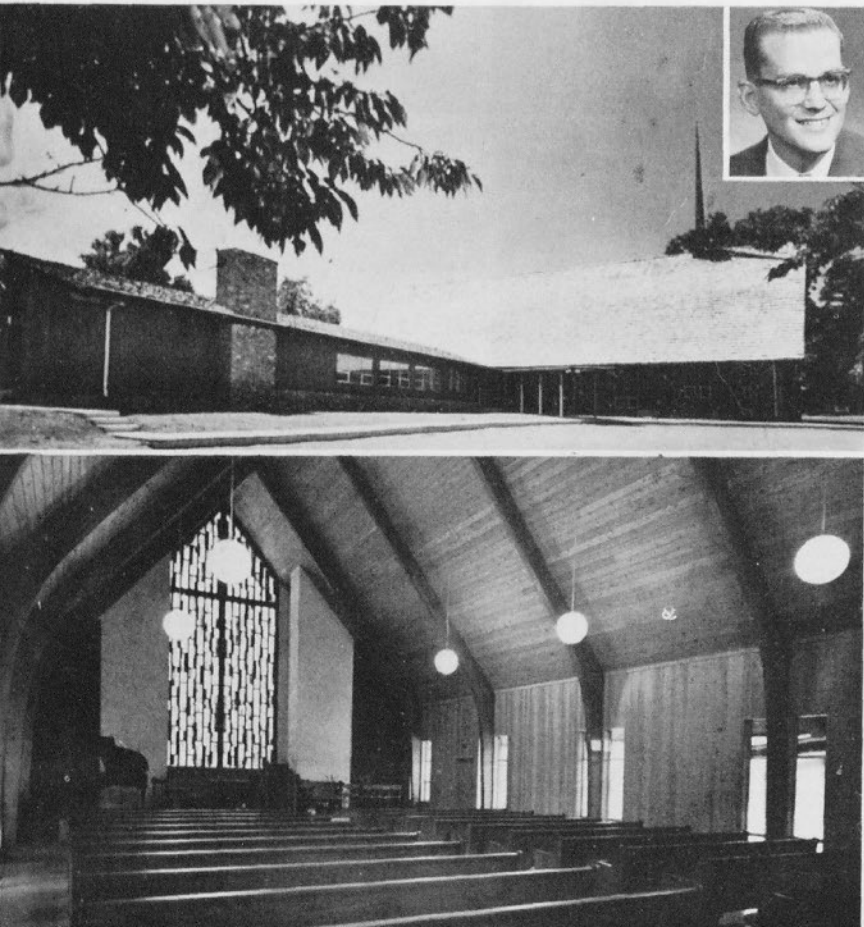
known decisions for Christ, 17 made by young people. Average attendance was 200 nightly. The young church was encouraged, and the spirit of revival still prevails.

—Charles Scrimale, pastor

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WOODBINE, PA.—The local Assembly here experienced a genuine move of God with Evangelist Freddy Clark and vocalist Raymond March. In a one-week revival 14 were saved, 4 were baptized in the Holy Ghost, and several new families were added to the church. The entire congregation was lifted to a new spiritual height.

—Joseph C. Fissel, pastor



## JACKSONVILLE CONGREGATION PROVES GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

JACKSONVILLE, OREG.—In June 1963, the people of Calvary Church ventured out in faith in a building program. The old church was in poor condition and could not accommodate the Sunday school adequately. At first the people wanted to plan the new building according to what could be afforded but they decided to trust God for what was needed. The congregation stood on the promise in 1 Chronicles 28:20 and by June, 1964, a new church far beyond their expectation was completed.

The sanctuary with balcony and overflow will seat 300. There are 12 large classrooms and the Christ's Ambassadors fellowship hall with a fireplace is able to

accommodate 120 seated at tables. The kitchen is fully equipped and finished in natural birch and stainless steel. Nursery facilities include a sleeping room and a toddler's room. There is also a pastor's study.

Behind the pulpit is a 27-foot cross set in a 12-foot-wide mosaic stained-glass window. The window contains over 1,000 various sizes and colors of handblown glass set in lead.

Valued at over \$90,000, Calvary Church was built and furnished for \$59,000. Within a few months God supplied the \$59,000 through cash donations, a mortgage, and a bond issue.

O. E. Summers has served as pastor since April, 1962.

Pictured at left are two views of the Calvary Church in Jacksonville, Oreg. The 12-foot-wide stained-glass window behind the pulpit contains over 1,000 sizes and colors of handblown glass. Pastor O. E. Summers is shown in inset.



**Orchestra from El Templo Cristiano in San Antonio played at Bethel Temple in St. Louis, Mo.**

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The orchestra from El Templo Cristiano of the Latin-American Assemblies of God, pastored by Josué Cruz, in San Antonio, Tex., played for the congregation of Bethel Temple here. The orchestra is under the direction of Gilbert Murillo and has traveled around the San Antonio area and to Mexico City. Both morning and evening services were a blessing to the church. The orchestra gave a concert of sacred music in the evening. A number of visitors attended.

—Delbert R. Bucher, pastor

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LAVACA, ARK.—The Assembly of God here held the second revival in four months with Evangelist and Mrs. Tom F. Ogdon of Muldrow, Okla. Eight were saved and nine were filled with the Holy Ghost, including an 84-year-old woman.

—Arlin B. Elmore, pastor

### WITH CHRIST

MILTON A. WALLACE, 58, of Chandler, Texas, passed away on



June 23. A former presbyter of the Athens Section, Brother Wallace pastored in Chandler for 21 years. Survivors include his wife Nina and three daughters: Linda Wallace, Mrs. Sarah Parker, and Mrs. Joye Rains.

CHAUNCY A. LAWSON, 65 of Springfield, Mo., was called to be with the Lord August 10. Ordained in 1929, Brother Lawson was pastor of Faith Assembly of God, Springfield, Mo., for 10 years. He also pastored churches in other towns in Oklahoma and southern Missouri. He is survived by his wife Jessie and six children.



## INVOLVEMENT IS KEY TO NAE WEEK OBSERVANCE

WHEATON, ILL.—Arthur M. Climenhaga, Executive Director for the National Association of Evangelicals, announced plans for NAE Week which will be observed beginning October 24 and culminating with Reformation Sunday, October 31.

Church bulletins and other in-

formation are provided by the Association to churches scheduling the week for special emphasis on the work of the 43-denomination Association with its 21 affiliated organizations and commissions active in the total worldwide church service.

"The theme for this week and for the entire NAE Week program will be, 'The Evangelical Imperative—The Church Involved

in a World in Crisis,'" according to Dr. Climenhaga. "A dynamic resurgence of spiritual renewal with particular emphasis on personal spiritual revival and involvement will, we hope, become characteristic of all our churches.

More than 28,000 member churches of the National Association of Evangelicals, including Assemblies of God congregations, are expected to participate.

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Ajo	A/G	Sept. 19-26	Floyd E. Heady	Wayne Jones
	Wickenburg	A/G	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	Wayne G. Forbes	Douglas D. Young
Ark.	N. Little Rock	Lakehill Church	Sept. 22-Oct. 3	Louis & Mari Neely	Ronald W. Hastie
Calif.	El Sobrante	Central	Sept. 22-Oct. 3	Winferd Mack	Russell Griffin
	Fremont	Bethel	Sept. 24-26	Lee Paino	Paul E. Radley
	Huntington Beach	Community	Sept. 19-26	Neale Sheneman	A. E. Drake
	Lennox	Glad Tidings	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Bob Stewart	Calvin Eckard
	Lodi	First	Sept. 21-26	Claude O. Wood	Gene Forrest
	Marysville	*Bethel Temple	Sept. 19-24	Charles Senechal	V. L. Klemm
	Rancho Cordova	A/G	Sept. 19—	Sam Klein	Thomas Custock
	Wilmington	*Blvd. A/G	Sept. 19-24	Christian Hild	Leonard Nipper
Canada	Haney	Pentecostal Ch.	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	J. W. & Mrs. Beam	Joseph Chudyk
	Toronto	Queensway Cathedral	Sept. 22-Oct. 3	William Caldwell	Paul H. Coxe
	Vancouver	Ukrainian Full Gospel	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Ernest & Mrs. Varner	P. Kervchuk
	Winnepeg	Calvary Temple	Sept. 21-26	Wallace Bragg	H. H. Barber
Colo.	Commerce City	First	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	I. D. Rayborn	R. D. Emerson
England	Newcastle	A/G	Sept. 18-22	Watson Argue	
Fla.	Niceville	A/G	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Ken Broadus	George Skipper
Hawaii	Hilo	Glad Tidings	Sept. 19-26	Lloyd Perera	Peter Funk
Ill.	East Moline	Full Gospel	Sept. 22-26	Culpepper-Gourlas Team	Wilbur Mandigo
Ind.	Ellettsville	A/G	Sept. 22-26	J. Friend	E. Helton
	Linton	A/G	Sept. 20-24	Dedelow-Friederici Team	Leonard Nowell
	Terre Haute	First	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Frank J. DePolo	Wm. D. Saunders, Jr.
Kans.	Wellington	First	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	Tommy & Darlene Beard	Doyle Crane
La.	Alexandria	Tioga	Sept. 19-Oct. 1	Billy & Nila McLean	D. L. Sparks
Mass.	Revere	Parkway	Sept. 22-26	Gene Burgess	Tom Brubaker
Mich.	Boyer City	**A/G	Sept. 20-26	Carl E. Gammel	I. H. Evans
	Benton Harbor	Fairplain	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Ernest Welk	D. G. Foote
	Madison Hgts.	Wayside Chapel	Sept. 21-Oct. 5	H. Syvelle Phillips	Argus L. Kent
Minn.	Warren	A/G	Sept. 14-26	L. H. Kyle	Jerry L. Parsley
Mo.	Columbia	First	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	James & Beulah Pepper	Charles A. Parker
	Farmington	First	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Robert & Mrs. Holland	John W. Allen
	St. James	A/G	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Singing Lunsfords	T. B. Conway
Nebr.	Burwell	A/G	Sept. 19-24	Kathleen Jennings	Duane Palsen
N. H.	Dover	A/G	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	Richard Baggs	Delbert J. Pickens
N. J.	Salem	First	Sept. 22-26	Freddy Clark	Oliver Dalaba
N. Mex.	Gallup	A/G	Sept. 22-Oct. 3	Tommy G. Crider	Adrian Harper
N. C.	Windsor	Bethel	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Werner & Mrs. Johnson	R. O. Denton
N. Dak.	Cando	A/G	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	R. S. Peterson	R. O. Marsh
Ohio	Dayton	Bethel	Sept. 19	J. G. Hall	Cyril E. Homer
	Vermilion	A/G	Sept. 15-26	Musical Vanns	Leland Lebsack
	Warren	First	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Jack Martz Team	Harold Schmitt
Okla.	Marlow	A/G	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	Mathers-Pharr	Clyde Ventris
	Ponca City	First	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Leonard Negrin	Leo Swicegood
	Tulsa	Bruner	Sept. 19	M. H. Smith	P. H. Wooten
	Velma	A/G	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	Doug Rose-Jon Miller	Harold Baker
Oreg.	Corvallis	A/G	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Ted & Hazel Silva	Nels G. Lien
	Roseburg	First	Sept. 19-24	Irene Abrahamson	Howard Flaherty
	Yoncalla	A/G	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	D. L. Nultemeier	D. E. Westerfield
Pa.	Fallentimber	Hollentown	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Herb E. Hull
	Pleasantville	A/G	Sept. 14-Oct. 3	Alfred Allen	Elwood S. Bell, Sr.
	Sharon	A/G	Sept. 15-26	Dave & Jan Olsheski	W. C. Harper
	Shrewsbury	Full Gospel	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	J. Earl & Mrs. Douglass	Alfred D. Boyd
	St. Thomas	A/G	Sept. 21-26	"Little Joe" Peterson Team	Gary Tryon
	Wellsville	Victory Full Gospel	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Charles S. Morris	David Oller
S. Dak.	Huron	First	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Doyle H. Thompson	E. A. North
	Pierre	A/G	Sept. 19	Bob Ludwig	E. W. Lentz
	Sioux Falls	Gospel Tabernacle	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Lee-Bonnie Krupnick	Andrew Tueber
Tex.	Cleburne	First	Sept. 20-Oct. 3	James & LaVerne Sartor	W. F. Mercer
	Cleveland	Hi-Way Tabernacle	Sept. 19	D. D. Lewis	Travis Freeman
	Dallas	Singing Hills	Sept. 19-26	S. Vale Calk	Louis Scoma
	Perryton	First	Sept. 21—	Bob Wilson	W. O. Harrell
	Wichita Falls	Southside	Sept. 22	Robert Bowden	Carl Alcorn
Utah	American Fork	A/G	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	Billy & Kathy Long	Franklin Nelson
Va.	Lynchburg	First	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Jim & Tammy Bakker	Irvin G. Steiding
	Petersburg	First	Sept. 7-19	Mildred S. Kimel	N. E. Haupt
	Richmond	Evangel	Sept. 21-24	C. M. Ward	S. Blair Hall
Venezuela	Caracas	A/G	Sept. 21-26	Oren Paris	Eliodoro Mora
Wash.	Cle Elum	A/G	Sept. 19-Oct. 3	Clifford W. Philips	Dan Young
W. Va.	Beckley	First	Sept. 22-26	Roy & Arlene Brewer	T. M. Waldron
Wis.	Milwaukee	Community	Sept. 21-Oct. 3	Ralph & Mrs. Leslie	John Congelbere

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Evangelist Merv Rosell has helped plenty of people who had problems. Maybe if you read this article he can help you.

# GOD

## and your problems

By EVANGELIST MERV ROSELL

**H**AVE YOU EVER WONDERED, "What does God know about my personal problems? What can He do about them?" I have good news for you. He knows all about them, and wants to help you.

Young people ask me the strangest questions. They say, "What did Jesus Christ ever know about the atom?" The simple answer is: He made it.

University students ask, "What did Jesus Christ ever know about totalitarianism?" Well, it happens that He, the Son of God, chose to be born in the midst of totalitarianism. He was a member of a minority race and lived under the imperial power of Rome. He knows all about the cold wars and hot ones, life and death, joy and sorrow.

I find people bearing tremendous burdens. One man, for example, finds himself at 35 with a broken marriage, on the verge of alcoholism, so nervous he cannot sleep nights, and subject to temper outbursts which endanger his job. He goes to a psychiatrist for help. How helpful is it to learn (at \$35 an hour) that it was all "his father's fault"? His father and mother and wife are human also, and perhaps they too are under pressure. Perhaps they too have emotional problems. Who is to blame for theirs?

I am not making light of psychiatrists (for there are some good ones). Psychiatry has its place, but ultimately we must all come to God to find the answers. He made us. He knows how to heal our broken hearts and mend our shattered lives.

Have you ever sat down for five minutes of simple reflection, just to talk with God and ask His help? You need an answer to mental pressure. Learn to live in "day-tight compartments," as someone has said. Take life one day at a time. One preacher suggested, "Why don't you undress your soul when you go to bed?" Turn the world over to God for the night! Get plenty of physical rest.

Here are four couplets I have given to people under



pressure—members of Congress, college campus leaders, even high-school young people who don't know what to do with the pressures of life.

First, *the answer to pressure is prayer*. Jesus, "rising up a great while before day, went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed" (Mark 1:35). Why don't you find a place of solitude in the morning, and then pray? Get everything squared away. Put every sin, every problem, every burden, over into the hands of God before that day begins.

Second, *the answer to worry is the Word of God*. How long is it since you read your Bible? How long since you sought spiritual help? When you neglect the source of peace, you continue to build worry upon worry, anxiety upon anxiety. The Book says God takes care of the flowers; God takes care of the birds; even a sparrow doesn't fall without His notice. "Are ye not much better than they?" Jesus asks. Don't you think God can take care of your needs? Put your hand on a promise. Believe that promise. Trust it and find the solution for your worry. You cannot trust and worry at the same time.

Third, *the answer to fear is faith*. Fear and faith cannot exist in the same life. If fear is there, it is because faith is gone. If faith is there, then fear is gone. Human beings are filled with all kinds of fears. But when faith in the atonement of Jesus comes in, fear disappears.

Fourth, *the answer to guilt is grace*. The Bible says, "There is none righteous, no, not one." Paul wrote, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." He became the great apostle by God's grace.

Peter blundered and lied and swore at the fireside, yet God forgave Him and touched him at Pentecost with transforming power. God can change your life as He did Peter's and Paul's, and as He does every sinner's life who comes to Him. If God could redeem me, God can redeem you. Every guilt can be washed away in the blood of Jesus.

Jesus says, "My grace is sufficient for thee." What is grace? It is God's work in your life when you believe, and it washes away every guilt of every hour of every day of your past life. Trust Him now. Get on your knees. Believe on Him and accept Him as your own personal Saviour. He knows your problem and He can meet it.