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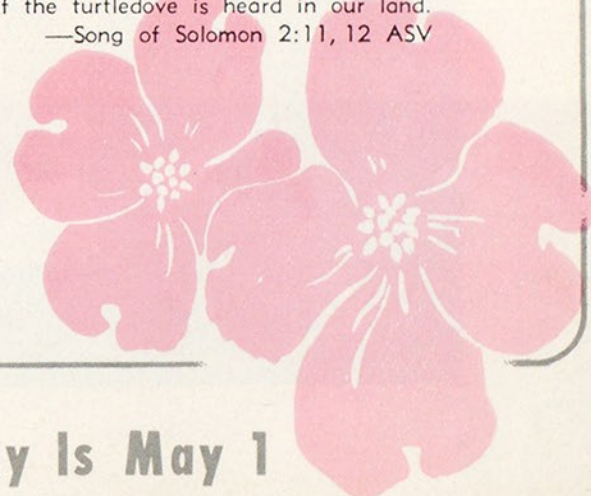
# THE PENTECOSTAL evangel

NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

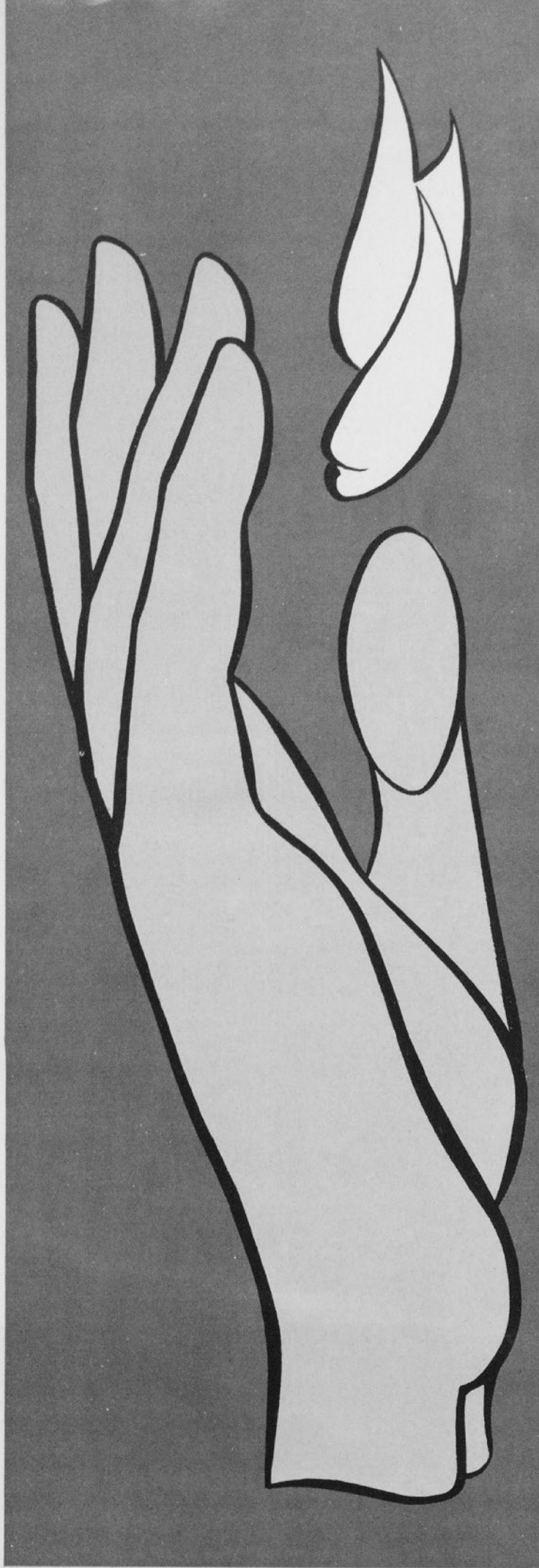
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For, lo, the winter is past;  
the rain is over and gone;  
the flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of the singing of birds is come,  
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.  
—Song of Solomon 2:11, 12 ASV



Light-for-the-Lost Day Is May 1



Introducing a new series of "Teach and Tarry" articles on the Pentecost Crusade theme for 1966—  
"Desire Spiritual Gifts . . . Earnestly"

# DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS EARNESTLY

By MELVIN L. HODGES

*But covet earnestly the best gifts; and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way (1 Corinthians 12:31).*

*Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy (1 Corinthians 14:1).*

**W**HY DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS? Because the need for spiritual ministry is appallingly great in the Church today.

In the midst of present-day indifference and materialistic worldliness which has settled upon the Church, the prophetic voice must be raised. In a world that no longer believes in the supernatural, the manifestation of spiritual power in signs and wonders is needed to demonstrate that God lives and that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation.

Desire spiritual gifts *earnestly*, because an effective modern demonstration of the power of the gospel is imperative.

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*Desire earnestly*, for true desire is a prerequisite for receiving God's gifts. The depth of our desire is the measure of our sense of need.

Spiritual needs may exist on three levels: our personal need, the needs of others, and our need to worship. Our personal need is met when we "hunger and thirst after righteousness," for Christ's promise to all such is that "they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). For ministry to others we are instructed to "covet earnestly the best gifts." For worship we are exhorted to pray in the Spirit, who sometimes will express His deep desire in and through us "with groanings that cannot be uttered" (Jude 20; Romans 8:26).

Spiritual gifts are concerned mainly with the second of these needs—the need for effective spiritual ministry to others. God has provided spiritual equipment for the Church's ministry, since material gifts and human ingenuity can never accomplish His purpose.

Spiritual gifts are not ornamental additions to the believer's equipment—not luxuries that, while pleasant to possess, could very well be eliminated without serious loss. They are rather the very essence of true ministry, for they are the divine enablement, provided by God's Spirit to the members of Christ's body, so that the Church can expand and mature in Christ.

In the economy of God, spiritual gifts are designed to meet specific needs: the evangelizing of the world, aided by gifts of power; and the edifying of the Church, by inspiration, teaching, governments, et cetera. Not all the gifts are spectacular but they all have their source in God and all are necessary.

The Church is a spiritual organism, a mystical body, with Christ as its divine Head. We are made members of the true Church by the operation of the Holy Spirit, baptizing us into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13). This means that to become a member of the Church requires a supernatural operation of the Spirit. To the members of this mystical body, spiritual enablements are imparted to endow each member so that he can make his contribution to the building up of the body, the Church (1 Corinthians 12:7). How incongruous it would be for a spiritual body to be nourished by other than spiritual means.

These divine enablements for effective service are the spiritual gifts, supernatural in character, nine of which are enumerated in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. Desire for spiritual gifts, then, is in reality a desire for the spiritual equipment necessary to enable the Church to fulfill its mission on earth. Spiritual gifts are an absolute imperative for an effective Church.

The highest level of service is spiritual worship—ministering unto the Lord. We do not ordinarily think of spiritual gifts as being exercised in worship, but rather in ministry to the Church and the world. Yet at least one of these gifts is manifestly an aid in worship. We are told that he who speaks in an unknown tongue speaks to God (1 Corinthians 14:1). In such spiritual exercise his "spirit prayeth" (v. 14). He sings with the spirit, and blesses with the spirit, and gives thanks to God (vv. 15-17). When such intense prayer and intercession in an unknown tongue is interpreted the entire church is edified, joining in spirit with the petition. When the essence of the pronouncement is worship and praise, extolling "the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:11), then the entire congregation reaches new heights

of expression in spiritual worship, and there is the corresponding edification that true worship brings.

Those who have been born of the Spirit and have experienced their personal Pentecost can never be satisfied with ministry that has its source in something less than the Holy Spirit. They find no nourishment in the wise words of men, however beautifully and logically expressed. The soul cries for reality, for the true manifestation and ministry of the Spirit that brings contact with God—that reveals Christ, and opens the storehouse.

Most certainly we recognize that spiritual gifts alone are not enough. Spiritual gifts without the fruit of the Spirit are empty. Knowledge and power without love are useless. The apostle would show us a more excellent way: not love without spiritual gifts, nor yet spiritual gifts without love, but spiritual gifts motivated and controlled by love.

God desires neither a loveless church nor a powerless church. Therefore the apostle exhorts us to "Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts" (1 Corinthians 14:1).

God does not bestow His treasures on the complacent or indifferent. The *hungry* and the *thirsty* are those to whom the promise is given: "They shall be filled."

"Seek and ye shall find."

(The next article in this year's "Teach and Tarry" series will appear May 8.)

JOHN WESLEY

## Why the gifts DISAPPEARED

IT DOES NOT APPEAR that these extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were common in the Church for more than two or three centuries. We seldom hear of them after that fatal period when the Emperor Constantine called himself a Christian, and, from a vain imagination of promoting the Christian cause thereby, heaped riches and power and honor upon the Christians in general, but in particular upon the Christian clergy. From this time they almost totally ceased; very few instances of the kind are found. The cause of this was not (as has been vulgarly supposed) "because there was no more occasion for them" because all the world was become Christian. This is a miserable mistake; not a twentieth part of it was nominally Christian. The real cause was that "the love of many," almost all Christians, so called was "waxed cold." The Christians had no more of the Spirit of Christ than the other heathen. The Son of Man, when He came to examine His Church, could hardly find "faith upon the earth": this was the real cause why the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer to be found in the Christian Church: because the Christians were turned heathen again, and had only a dead form left.

—From John Wesley's sermon, "A More Excellent Way" (*Wesley's Sermons*, volume 2, page 415)

## Covering the Sewer

IT WAS ENTITLED, "Bad News for Smut Peddlers," but it was good news for public morals. We refer to an article in *Time* which said that three decisions handed down March 21 by the U. S. Supreme Court, in cases of pornography, revealed a new standard for testing obscenity.

"Where the purveyor's sole emphasis is on the sexually provocative aspects of his publications, that fact may be decisive in the determination of obscenity," the Court said.

It indicated that "titillating" advertising for one periodical was so permeated with "the leer of the sensualist" that the publisher was guilty of "the sordid business of pandering."

The Court has waited a long time—much too long—to start putting a cover over the pornographic sewer. The country is already flooded with filth which is condemned by this new standard, to say nothing of age-old Biblical standards. There are publishers who evidently without morals or consciences are out to spread obscenity and tear down Christian standards, and the extent of their business is staggering. Paul L. Montgomery, writing in *New York Times*, said, "The pulp sex novel, once considered the preserve of pasty-faced men in shabby overcoats, has emerged from underground to become an \$18-million-a-year business."

With so much emphasis on the lurid kind of sex there is little wonder that crimes of rape, sadistic murders, and crude perversions are increasing at a terrifying rate. "Our streets abound with people who are on the fringe of sexual deviation," said Arnold Brink, writing in *This Day*, "and all this parading of nudity is like passing a whiskey bottle under the nose of an alcoholic."

What will happen to our young people? The prospects are frightening, as pointed out in *The Presbyterian Journal*:

"In many of the underdeveloped nations," writes Dr. L. Nelson Bell, "there are open sewers oozing filth and giving forth a stench which is a physical danger and an esthetic offense to all around. Here in the U.S., with some conspicuous exceptions, the newsstands of our cities and the books they sell are, morally speaking, an open sewer in our society. . . . Men and women write about fornication, adultery, and perverse acts with an obsession which denotes minds steeped in the depths of depravity.

"The Bible tells us of man, 'As he thinketh in his heart, so is he' (Proverbs 23:7). Our Lord described the filthiness which can flow from the unregenerate heart—'evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, etc.'

"If this pollution of thought and action which is spewing from these bookstalls and newsstands continues unabated—and without protest by Christians—our nation is doomed. . . . Young people cannot live clean and pure lives if they read this kind of literary sewage. It will blunt the conscience, subvert the heart, and bring a harvest of evil in the lives of those contaminated.

"This is not a question of 'censorship.' It is a question of setting a quarantine against an evil which will as surely destroy our homes and our nation as did the surrender to lewdness destroy Rome and Greece. One moment Pompeii was reveling in such filth; the next it was buried under an avalanche of molten lava.

"God will not spare us unless we act, and act decisively."

—R.C.C.

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# THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY GHOST

By JERRY W. SHEPPERD

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen" (2 Corinthians 13:14).

**W**HAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO? Many people, especially non-Pentecostals, are asking that question.

A number of answers have been forthcoming. Some suggest that the work of the Holy Spirit is simply to enable people to speak in tongues. Some have said it is to empower for witnessing. Others list His work as it relates to His part in salvation.

In surveying the Bible portions that mention the work of the Holy Spirit, two central themes seem to predominate. These may be summarized by the Greek words *telaiois* and *koinonia*.

Green's *Greek-English Lexicon to the New Testament* states that the word *telaiois* signifies "brought to completion; fully developed." In the King James Version this word is usually translated as "perfect" or "perfecting."

The same source gives the meaning of *koinonia* as "fellowship, partnership, participation, communion." In most cases it is translated "fellowship" or "communion."

Taking the words *telaiois* (perfecting) and *koinonia* (communion) as guidelines and using the survey method as the basis of approach, we find that the work of the Holy Spirit may be categorized in three general areas.

## I. PERFECTING OUR COMMUNION WITH GOD

Here is the primary purpose and function of the Holy Spirit. (See Ezekiel 36:27.) Since the time of Adam and Eve, God has offered ways and means so men could draw closer to Him in full consecration and fellowship. But because of man's failings, these means served only for a short time. Then God's people would fall into sin and apostasy.

So God provided the ultimate sacrifice—the final step in His plan for communion with man—when Jesus came into this world to give His life a ransom for the sins of all.

God still desires full fellowship with man. He has spared no effort to provide it. But now it is up to man to accept the free salvation provided by God's Son.

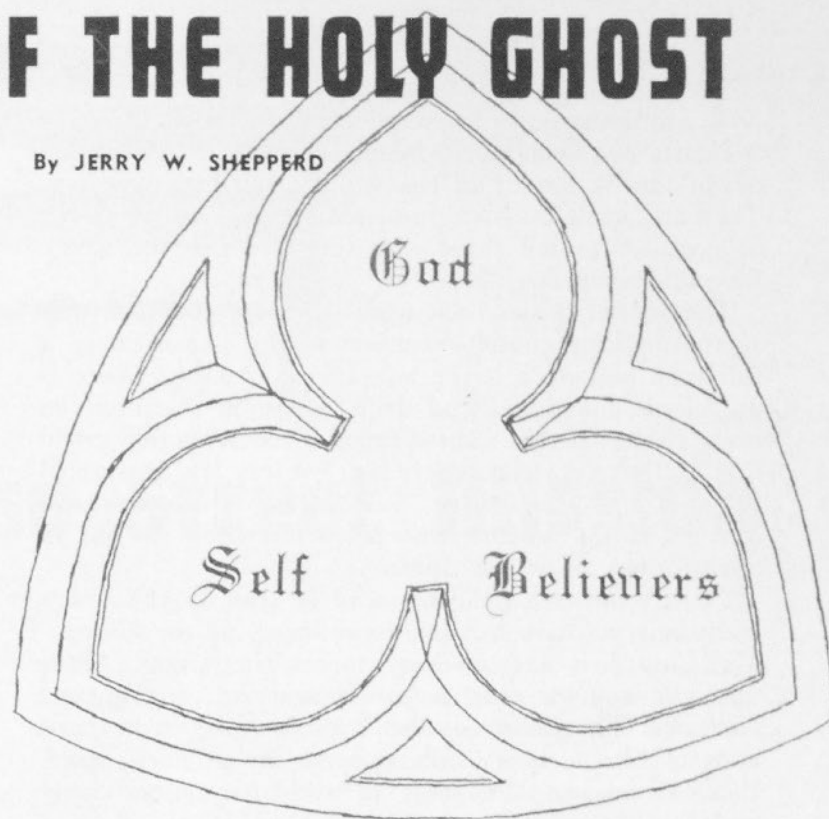
However, God saw the need of a central, drawing Agent in this work of atonement. So He sent His Spirit to draw men unto Himself. (See John 16:7, 8.) This was the ultimate step in providing fellowship between God and man.

## 2. PERFECTING OUR COMMUNION WITH BELIEVERS

God has always expected His people to live in harmony and fellowship with each other (John 13:35). Men have not always done so. Even today discord is found in many places where harmonious living should be evidenced.

The 120 in the Upper Room were in "one accord"

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when the Holy Spirit fell on them. It seems that as long as Christians have hard feelings toward others—whether Christians or not—they cannot have God's full blessing upon their lives. (See Ephesians 4:30-32; 1 John 3:14.)

Herein lies the work of the Holy Spirit—to convict, to bring men to a realization of God's ways, to cause them to see the folly of living the old life in contradiction of God's plan of redemption.

On the Day of Pentecost there were no separate groups of believers, for they were "all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1). Today, numbers and geography prohibit this physical gathering of believers into one place. But fellowship in Christ—the realization of sins forgiven—should unite true believers everywhere. Christians need to live in harmony with other Christians, whatever the title above the church door.

## 3. PERFECTING OUR COMMUNION WITH SELF

Only recently has the concept of self-realization come into vogue in the secular world. But the Early Church knew the meaning of being at peace with self. (See Romans 8:1-27.) Ananias and Sapphira needed to have the Holy Spirit effecting this work of communion within their lives (Acts 5:1-10).

By living close to God and by having His Spirit dwell within us, we can understand the standards proposed by the Bible and we can live up to them. We can do this only with the help of the Holy Spirit, the indwelling presence of God.

A person cannot base his standards upon the lives or philosophies of others. His standards must be based upon the precepts of the Word of God as given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide men's lives.

One wise man said, "No man can have peace with others until first he finds peace in his heart." Today, more than ever, a man needs the steadying influence of the Holy Spirit in his own life. A one-time Pentecostal experience is not enough. We need the continual indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God so we will be able to stand in this demanding age.

**T**HE HUMAN RACE IS SICK. World governments are tottering under unprecedented problems.

Hearts are being torn, families broken. A generation of children is coming of age without spiritual moorings. They are adrift on a storm-tossed society, without chart or compass to tell them why they are here or where they are going.

The answer comes back from the more than 100 million American church members: "But America is a Christian nation. It is the bulwark of freedom. There is no excuse for those who drift. There is a church on every corner. If they wanted to know the Way, they could find it. There is radio. There is television. If they wanted to know, they could listen. Surely there is someone who has told them, someone who prays for them. No one in *America* has an excuse. *Someone . . .*"

Church member, that *someone* is you. If you are a Christian, you are a vital, living part of the Church. The Church is *not* on every corner. It is not a place to *go*. It is not a song service, prayer, an offering, and a sermon. The Church is the living, moving, redemptive body of Christ. It is God's voice to the troubled world. It is His answer to sickness, to world tension, to family problems, to individual problems. The Church is not a place to go to be saved, it is God manifest through *you*.

Christ is the answer! How often we sing it or murmur it sympathetically to a friend in trouble. How often we repeat it to ourselves as some magic incantation to get us through a rough place.

The world is waiting to see this Answer we sing and

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**ANSWER**

By RUTH NOURSE

talk so much about. (And we must not minimize the wonderful experience we have each had because of the unsolved problems around us. Christ *is* the answer. We have found it true.)

The fear, worry, frustration, tension, heartache, confusion, violence, despair, and sickness of the world challenge the Church. As individual Christians we will never have another opportunity to meet the challenge. We do it now or never.

The sickness of our civilization is unto death. What is to get done must be done quickly. We cannot save the world, but we may save our neighbor, our sons and daughters, our community.


Can we bring help and salvation to those in need while we sit on polished pews and comfort our souls in quiet and peace of spiritual refreshment? Can we listen casually as the pastor reads the list of shut-ins and church members who need physical help? Can we offer our prayers and listen to our sermons and go home to good dinners and comfortable living rooms to watch the world go by via television? Or get away to our lake cabins and boats for a rest from the tension of a busy work-a-day week? Will we live in the joy and fellowship of the church, the security of our Christian homes, and the prosperity of our materialistic society "until death do us part"? How long will God allow the walls of our comfortable living to separate us from a world that needs His salvation?

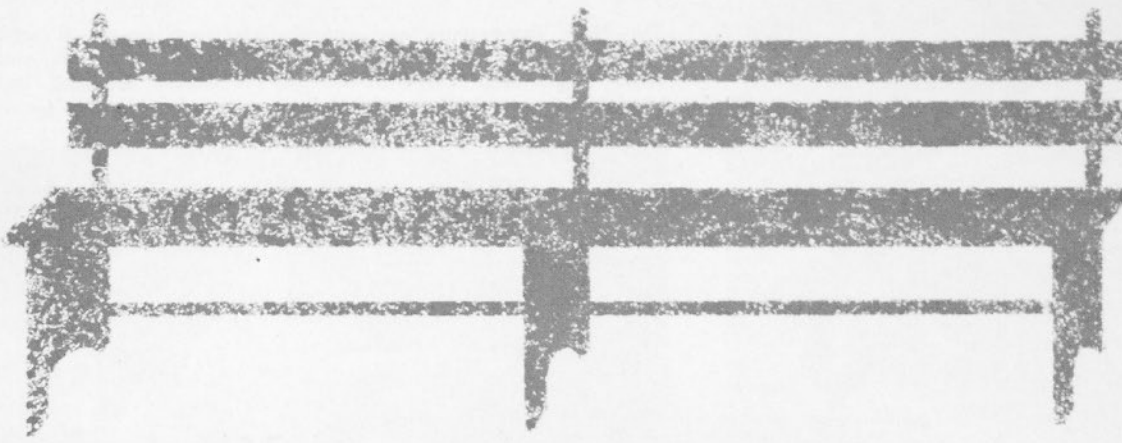
If the lawless carousing of college students at summer resorts, the drunken debauchery of high schoolers in some big cities, the violent rebellion of teen-gangs in asphalt jungles, and the vile tongues of teen-agers in our community schools do not stir the Church to action, what must God do?

God must and will find people who can hear His voice, people who are willing to pay a price. God's call will not be the same for all. Pastors may find God leading them back to the Gospels and Acts for a re-appraisal of their ministry. Teachers may be impressed with the need for a closer relationship with pupils in order to know their needs. Individuals may be stirred to personal witness, to visitation, or to intercessory prayer. Young men and women may feel God's call to a life of Christian service.

Response of each individual to the particular call of God to his heart is the answer to the world's need. There is no place for drawing back. The loved things we cling to will be swept away in the rising tide of society's ills. Doing God's will is the answer in our personal life and the answer to the world that touches us.

The resultant ministry will be in direct proportion to individual willingness to lay down form and take up reality, to forget words and respond to the Spirit's action, to *begin to do* rather than to talk about what God *can* do.

This is the answer for problems of family, community, individual, and nation. This is what the Church is here for. Spiritual enablement comes from God. The Church will die of *human* effort. As each of us yields to God the life that is already His, to let His Spirit work through us, the Church will come alive. It will be going out to meet human problems where they are—and "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." 



By ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

# Memories of Azusa Street Mission

AS THIS IS THE 60TH YEAR since the Spirit fell at Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles, I have been asked to recount some of the events of those days. I wish my powers of description were such that I could relate the events with the vividness of which they are worthy.

Although my home was in Los Angeles, in the early summer of 1906 I was employed in Colorado, where I was deprived of the fellowship of other believers. About that time my mother's letters began telling of the blessing of God that was falling in a simple mission on Azusa Street in Los Angeles. Copies of *The Apostolic Faith*, published by the mission, were also sent to me.

My father had come under the blessing of the new experience and my mother wrote of the wonderful change it had made in him, although he had been a Holiness man since before I was born. Convinced that this could be none other than a work of God, I returned to Los Angeles in September 1907. I was filled with the Holy Spirit on October 2 of that same year.

My first contact with Pentecost was on a Sunday morning at a former Holiness church, located at Eighth and Maple Streets. The service was good, but not unusual. From there I walked to Azusa Street Mission, arriving when the altar service was at its height.

I wish I could describe what I saw. Prayer and worship were everywhere. The altar area was filled with seekers; some were kneeling; others were prone on the floor; some were speaking in tongues. Everyone was doing something; all seemingly were lost in God. I simply stood and looked, for I had never seen anything like it.

Before I began seeking the experience I spent a short time studying my Bible, seeking Scripture which might teach an experience subsequent to the experience of sanctification. I did not wish to be led into anything unscriptural, however much the Azusa Street worshipers might seem divinely blessed. Then the Lord prompted me and I felt I must seek, as my heart was extremely hungry.

I did not hurry into this experience. I remember the first time I went to the altar. I was there to ask God to search my heart. The next day I continued seeking God, hoping to get His assurance that all was well. When I obtained this assurance I began to seek that I might be filled.

I have enjoyed several unusual experiences with God, but none has excelled an experience I received

one week before I spoke in other tongues. I was praying at the altar when the Spirit of God came over me, dealing with my very flesh. It seemed like my soul was encased in a body which God was taking for Himself. Then came a rest I cannot describe. I felt I could remain there forever, resting in the love and greatness of God.

Azusa Street Mission was a very humble place. There was no raised platform for the speaker; no musical instrument strengthened the singing. The benches were poor and not sufficient to fill the building; the preaching was so simple it could hardly be called preaching, but God was there. Some from cultured backgrounds affirmed that they had never heard in an opera such exquisite music as when the Spirit of God would sweep over the congregation in what became known as heavenly song.

Healing for the body was fervently taught, but it was not put in first place. Demons were cast out. *But worship was the principal thing.* As the doings of God were noised abroad, people came from all over the continent, among them leaders and ministers. These were filled with the Spirit during their stay after which they carried back to their fields of labor the story that Pentecost had come again as it came to the Church in the beginning.

All over the country spiritual fires were kindled and believers were filled. Some went to the ends of the earth testifying that Pentecost had come and Jesus would soon return.

My time at Azusa Street was of short duration, as I soon began my ministry (untrained though I was).

Soon it will be 59 years since I was filled with the Holy Spirit. I still have my seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, speaking in other tongues and at times shaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit. What a privilege to be filled with God, the holy God, devoted completely to His will! This is the human foundation to a Spirit-filled life, as Jesus our Lord and Saviour is the Foundation Divine.

We are living in days of apostasy. The spirit of the world in these last days would grip even the people of the Lord. But the Scripture bids us to "ask of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." God wishes to cover us with shining clouds and refresh us with a new spiritual downpour. May He humble our hearts, make us hungry again as at the beginning, and fill us anew with the richness of the Spirit which He has promised to pour out on all flesh.



By LOUIS RICHARDS • Missionary to Korea

WHAT DOES LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST DO? I will tell you. Because of Light-for-the-Lost, the missionary arm of Men's Fellowship, the effectiveness of our missionaries has been multiplied many times.

Take our field, Korea, for example. Hundreds of thousands of salvation tracts and other pieces of gospel literature have been distributed here during 1965. Substantial gifts from Light-for-the-Lost have made this evangelistic outreach possible.

Our mission in Pusan has, for the past 12 years, supplied tracts, Gospel portions, and full-gospel literature to ministers and lay workers throughout the entire province—because laymen in the U.S. have caught the vision of what can be done.

Light-for-the-Lost literature is used extensively in conjunction with tent campaigns in major cities.

Light-for-the-Lost supplies literature used in following up inquiries we receive as the result of our radio broadcast, the Full Gospel Hour. (This broadcast is released nightly, Monday through Friday, over four stations in South Korea.)

Light-for-the-Lost provides literature for us to use in the correspondence school, as well as in prison and hospital ministry, and street meetings. We even use it in Youth for Christ rallies!

But in spite of all whom we have been able to reach and help, the need continues. The number of Roman Catholics has multiplied 10 times in the past 12 years. Jehovah's Witnesses are growing at an alarming rate.

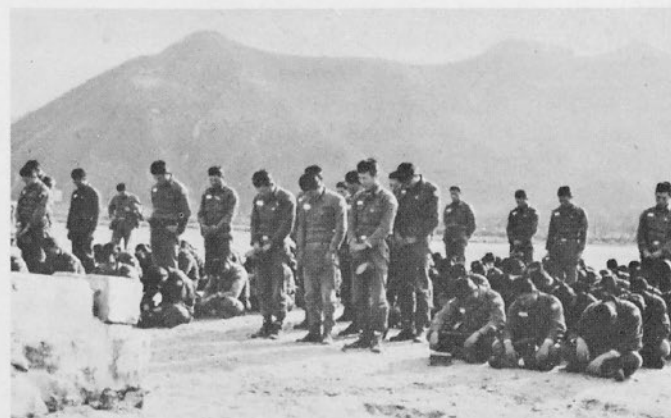
During 1966, by God's help, we are determined to exploit every means possible to win lost men and women to Jesus Christ. We know by experience that Light-for-the-Lost literature will play a big part in this outreach.

When your church observes Light-for-the-Lost Day on May 1, I hope you will give generously. God is blessing this literature outreach throughout the world. Let us pray and give so it will be able to accomplish even more in the days ahead.

The New Testaments and gospel literature (shown at left) are distributed in Korea by the Bible school students and other Christians. Light-for-the-Lost literature is used extensively in conjunction with tent campaigns and also given out to soldiers stationed near the 38th parallel.



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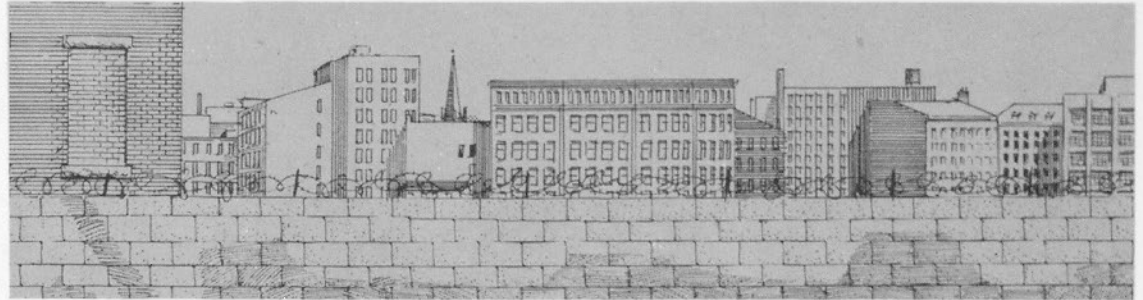




DURING MY HUSBAND'S gospel crusade in West Berlin a few weeks ago we decided to visit some friends who lived in East Berlin. When we had our Berlin Crusade in 1953, the Wall was not up. About 60 percent who attended the meetings then were from the East side.

West Berlin is a thrilling city. The comeback it has made in 20 years is amazing. I think of how we saw it after the war: flattened, nothing but debris, hopeless looking. What contrasts we now saw. It is a modern,

# THE OTHER SIDE



# OF THE WALL

By MRS. WATSON ARGUE

bustling city with flashing neon signs. The shops are loaded with everything: clothes, furniture, appliances, and food.

We were soon to witness a contrast that saddened our hearts. When we left the Western zone it was like stepping into another world. The food shops in East Berlin have little produce. Stores for shoes and clothing have not much to offer and the prices are so high that the average family cannot buy.

Throughout the city we saw great open spaces. War debris has been cleared away, but in many areas nothing has been rebuilt. The lights in the apartments and houses were very dim. Many dwellings were old and still showed the scars of war.

We took a taxi and drove several miles to the home of a family who attended services when we were there in 1953. There were few lights in the residential area. It was positively creepy as we drove along and saw people trudging through the darkness.

We knocked many times on the gate. Finally an elderly woman answered and told us our friends were at the *kirk*. Our driver could understand a little English, and we got across to him that we wanted to go to the church.

After we drove a number of miles, we turned down a dark street. I couldn't believe there was a church anywhere near.

The taxi driver came in with us. In the dim light of a street lamp we went to the door. The driver opened it. We followed him into an old, dark courtyard, then back farther. Suddenly I thought I heard singing. By the time we got back to another door, I knew it was indeed the church. As we looked in, we could see hundreds of people, heads bowed for the benediction.

Only one meeting place is allowed for all Protestant Christians. All groups of born-again believers worship together, including Baptists, Pentecostals, and others. They have wonderful fellowship and are grateful for this place where they can worship together.

Soon they were filing out. We stood and watched.

Our hearts were deeply touched as we saw these, our brothers and sisters. They looked at us, some half-frightened for fear of trouble.

Finally we found our friends. What rejoicing! One of our friends grabbed Brother Argue, threw his arms around him, and kissed him many times. He was overcome with joy.

Our friends have an old car, and we visited as we chugged along. The faces of these dear people were aglow with joy as we talked about the Lord and the precious blood He shed for all.

Our friends drove us back to "Check-Point Charlie" where we had crossed the Wall when we entered East Berlin. As we drove along, they were singing "There's Power in the Blood" in German. We joined them.

I could see our friends were getting nervous as we approached the Wall. We stopped the car and visited a little longer. Brother Argue prayed. Then we all prayed together. What a prayer meeting!

Their parting request was that we pray the Lord Jesus will come very soon. They hugged and kissed us both several times, and wept as we said good-bye.

With tear-dimmed eyes, we stood on the corner and watched as those dear ones drove away in their aged car and disappeared into the darkness.

Then in the dim light, bitter cold, and falling snow we walked the last long block to "Check-Point Charlie." Again soldiers carefully checked our passports and finally gave us the word to proceed. How grateful we were to be back on free territory!

But our thoughts and prayers lingered for many hours with the dear friends we had left behind in East Berlin --on the other side of the Wall.

# MINISTERS ARE OUR PARISH

By FRED BURKE  
Missionary to South Africa

**TO MEET A GREAT NEED,  
OUR CORRESPONDENCE  
SCHOOL IN SOUTH AF-  
RICA PLANS TO TRAIN  
10,000 MINISTERS.**

ONE OF THE EXPRESSIONS of African nationalism in religion is the phenomenal growth of what is known as the Separatist Movement. The number of churches in this movement has rocketed from 30 in 1912 to more than 2,000 today.

The situation presents a poignant challenge to the Christian church. Thousands of ministers, many untrained and uneducated, are leading nearly four million followers (two-thirds of the professing Christians of South Africa) in what has become a mixture of Old Testament ritual, paganism, and some New Testament doctrine.

Some of the leaders, however, are sincere, dedicated, and capable African leaders—men who truly love God and are seeking to bring the gospel to their people. These men need encouragement and Bible teaching so they can feed their flocks with spiritual food.

Since nationalism now seems to dominate African values, these men may well control the future religious life of the continent. This challenge impelled us three years ago to attempt to reach African ministers with Bible correspondence studies.

Today it is our privilege to give Bible training to hundreds of men representing about 200 religious or-

ganizations. There is a constant stream of letters from inquirers and enrollees. Some tell of accepting Christ, and others of having their lives and ministries changed.

Here is a letter from Cameroon, several thousand miles north of South Africa. "I am an evangelist from Nigeria whom the Lord called to Cameroon, a country of five million people. I have been able to build 17 strong churches according to the New Testament pattern. Many have been saved and baptized, and many have been healed of their diseases.


"I saw one of my converts reading your Bible study, *Twelve Stepping Stones on the Way of Salvation*. I read it myself, and then taught him what he could not understand. Now I wish to use this course in teaching the four-month Bible school I conduct."

It was our privilege to help this African evangelist not only with a Bible study course for himself, but

also with material for conducting Bible classes.

Recently we conducted a graduation service for a class of 100 who had completed the three-year correspondence course. About 60 were able to attend—some coming hundreds of miles. God did something unique at this gathering. The Spirit of God came upon us, and everyone seemed to be united as in one body. We have since heard of lives being changed as a result of this meeting.

An association of African ministers has been formed recently among our students and graduates to coordinate their efforts to reach the lost of Africa.

Our goal is to train 10,000 ministers, and we are steadily climbing toward this goal. More and more people from Central Africa and north African countries are writing for these Bible studies. Please pray that God may continue to help us reach all who need this Bible training. 



Top photo: Fred Burke hands diploma to graduate of the Bible correspondence course. Below: Africans dedicate themselves to reach their own people.



By DAVID A. WOMACK  
Foreign Missions Editor

FORTY YEARS AGO the population of Bogotá, Colombia, was 250,000. By 1956, when the first Assemblies of God services were held there, the number of people had grown to 850,000. Today there are about 2,500 Assemblies of God believers in the city... but the population has increased to 1,700,000!

Missionaries all over the world are faced with this same problem. Though the growth of our church has been phenomenal, we are clearly falling behind in the race to win the world to Christ.

The situation is not impossible, however, for one out of every 1,000 persons in the world attends an Assemblies of God church. It is within our power to reach our generation with the gospel.

Mass evangelism must be the key to any plan for fulfilling the Great Commission in our time. The urgency of the population explosion makes any other way less effective due to the compounding hugeness of the problem. If we are to win the world to Christ, we must escalate the war on ungodliness. We must add to our missions program; we must increase everything we are doing on every front.

Believing that our worldwide witness can be greatly expanded through an all-out effort, Light-for-the-Lost and Global Conquest have joined forces to launch an evangelism attack on the world's masses. Light-for-the-Lost is providing the gospel litera-



## LET'S EXPAND MISSIONS!

**LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST AND GLOBAL CONQUEST HAVE ESCALATED THE BATTLE TO WIN TODAY'S EXPLODING MASSES TO CHRIST.**

ture, and Global Conquest is providing for the campaign costs of mass meetings so our missionaries and overseas evangelists can carry out *Good News Crusades* in strategic population centers.

Already the *Good News Crusades* have had astonishing success. In Nigeria, for example, 1,250,000 pieces of Light-for-the-Lost literature have been distributed. Literature distribution was followed by Global Conquest campaigns with Evangelist Watson Argue. Missionary Gerald Falley wrote on March 5:


"I am a firm believer in Light-for-the-Lost and Global Conquest working together as a team. The literature

distribution is the time of planting, and the evangelistic effort is the time of harvest. Together they present one strong program for bringing men to Christ.

"We have already recorded over 7,000 decisions for Christ. At Aba there were 3,700 decisions. We are closing at Umuahia this Sunday where we have been having crowds of up to 6,000. Our biggest crowd was on the last night at Aba, when we reached an estimated 9,000.

"We have three more meetings yet—Onitsha, Nsukka, and Enugu. Thank God we have something to offer in our *Good News* meetings."

The Assemblies of God is particularly prepared for such mass evangelism campaigns. Many years ago our missionaries saw the need of training national ministers to reach their own people for Christ. They established 80 Bible schools in the world to train pastors, evangelists, and other ministers. Today we have over 13,000 national workers to help carry out these campaigns and to follow up the big mass meetings with active visitation. We also have solidly established churches into which we can bring the thousands of converts.

Light-for-the-Lost and Global Conquest have escalated the battle to win today's exploding masses to Christ. If all Assemblies of God people will band together in a united effort for missions, the Great Commission can be fulfilled in this generation. 

**There are over 3 billion people in the world, most of them without Christ. Global Conquest and Light-for-the-Lost are dedicated to take the gospel to them.**



By RUTH LYON

# IF YOU WERE A GYPSY ...



IF YOU WERE A GYPSY, where would you go to church? Although many of the two million American Gypsies have their own religion and know little or nothing about the gospel, the 800 full-gospel Gypsies in the United States (including a number of young people who are earnest Christians) have only one church of their own. It is located on the Gypsy campgrounds in Texarkana, Ark.

People in general, even some Christians, tend to fear the Gypsies and mistrust them. This attitude probably has developed from a few real incidents, but largely from unfounded and fictitious tales.

The Gypsy revival in America began simultaneously with the great Gypsy revival in France where 6,000 were converted through a miraculous healing which resulted from a gospel tract. The American revival began in Grand Island, Nebr., when a Christian Romanychell Gypsy contacted an Assemblies of God pastor, H. D. Champlin, upon the death of his father, king of the tribe.

During the past two years, American Gypsy workers have reached 4,000 Gypsies with the gospel. Many of these have responded. Some 500 have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and hundreds have been baptized in water. Their simple faith has brought healing and deliverance to many.

In spite of being misunderstood by other Christians whose fellowship they sought after their conversion ten years ago, the American Gypsies did not lose their faith or devotion to the Lord. Since many of them were illiterate, they had to learn to read before they could study the Bible they so loved.

Gypsies sing the same gospel songs others sing in our churches. Non-Christian Gypsy songs are more of the heart-and-home type, with a leaning toward western strains. The older Gypsies prefer to sing in the native Gypsy tongue.

The Gypsies worship as we do. Brother Champlin says he has never seen greater spiritual reality anywhere than in the Gypsy Christians' lives and services.

Assemblies of God Gypsy work is in the pioneer stage. It is impossible to carry out well-planned schedules for Gypsy gatherings since workers must go where the Gypsies are, and often their movements are unpredictable.

The second Assemblies of God Gypsy convention conducted from Christmas through New Year's Day in Texarkana, Ark., was a success. Four new workers were dedicated to the ministry, and they are presently doing good work for the Lord. Six preachers have credentials and 12 more approved workers are active. People are being saved and healed through their ministry. H. D. Champlin, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, serves under the Home Missions Department as coordinator of the American Gypsy Work.

The enthusiastic Gypsy preachers are anxious to work with their people, but they realize their need of training for this work. They are studying very diligently the Ministers Bible Study Course. One prospective worker, Jean Le Cossec, is in Bible school.

At present, the work is primarily evangelistic. Even Gypsy camp meetings must have an evangelistic approach. Workers are stressing personal and group evangelism, using tracts, literature (especially literature with attractive pictures), projected pictures of Bible stories, and flannelgraph lessons. The projection method, more than any other, is most successful in attracting Gypsies to a meeting. Since many Gypsies do not read or write, they receive much benefit from Bible picture stories.

In time, Assemblies of God workers hope to see strong Gypsy churches established. Workers must travel many miles to reach traveling Gypsies since Gypsies move fast. They may stop for a night or a short time and leave suddenly. Therefore, workers must be prepared to reach them at every opportunity. They have to pray the gospel seed will take root in good ground.

The Gypsies are unlike other minority races of the States. Completely separate, they are bound by many customs and traditions peculiar to them. They find enjoyment, entertainment, and pleasure among their own. They are seldom found among outsiders, and seldom work for someone else. They have their own businesses.

They have followed their Gypsy customs for thousands of years. For example, Brother Champlin said that the

day before he arrived at the Gypsy campgrounds for our Christmas convention there, a man had died. Brother Champlin noticed the smell of smoke in the air. Upon investigating, he found the Gypsies had burned the man's house, broken his dishes and furniture, and even burned his trailer house. They had taken his dogs and put them to sleep. While they have many reasons for this procedure, Brother Champlin feels it dates back to their superstition and fear of the spirit world, as well as to the theory of reincarnation.

Brother Champlin preached the funeral sermon which about 250 to 300 Gypsies attended. At the grave all but six people stood far away. They have a saying, "Don't get too close to the open grave or he will pull you in next!"

Gypsies usually live and travel as a family. But sometimes they group together and share alike if they are dependent upon each other. The Gypsies on the East and West Coasts own property but travel at certain seasons. Most have money and nice homes, mobile homes, and good cars and trucks.

Gypsies take care of their own people. They are very devoted to one another. A Gypsy father is the head of the house, regardless of the age of his sons. Often the father will quit work and the sons or children will provide for the parents. Their family ties are strong and important to them.

Gypsies follow the same pattern of work their particular family has followed for generations. Some are entertainers. Some have even played in symphony orchestras in large cities. One of our Gypsy field representatives, Brother Karshnock, is a fine musician. Some gypsies are basketmakers; others are metal workers.

**Above: Child evangelism services are an important part of work of the Assemblies of God Gypsy workers.**

**Below: Gypsy Christians worship the Lord in their services just as other full-gospel people do.**



Fortune-telling is one of the greatest obstacles to their accepting the gospel. They consider this a gift from God to Gypsy women, and it is a most lucrative trade.

The customs of courtship and marriage among the Gypsies vary among the different tribes and families. Some of the young girls do not have dates unless an older brother or the father goes with the couple. Among some tribes, they still follow an Old Testament custom of providing a dowry with the bride. If the dowry is not enough, much bargaining may occur—with the possibility of breaking the marriage plans. Christian Gypsies adopt the American custom.

Child discipline is no problem. Boys and girls are taught while young and seldom disobey their parents. At the same time, the parents provide love and care for the children so there is no need for correction.

Most of the older Gypsies have not seen the need of educating their children. Although most states have laws requiring that children of certain ages attend public school, most school authorities have "winked" at the Gypsy problem, realizing the Gypsies would soon be moving out of their areas.

Today, most Gypsy children are getting some education and can read and write. They are the hope of our evangelism for the future of the Assemblies of God Gypsy Work. Gypsy ministers are stressing child evangelism. Colorful flannelgraph and object lessons are needed by our workers for this purpose.

Numbers of Gypsy people are more or less permanent and allow their children to attend school although they do not always register as Gypsies. But 90 percent of the gypsies are still migrants.

Where Gypsies have settled for a period of time, they do have the right to vote. Gypsy boys are drafted for the armed forces. The Mason brothers, all Assemblies of God Gypsy preachers, were in the service during World War II.

Brother Champlin desires the help of semiretired ministers in areas where there are large groups of Gypsies to provide spiritual help, Bible training, and Christian fellowship. This plan is working out well and is a blessing to the ministers as well as the Gypsies.

Also needed are young people with the call of God to this needy work. But it will take much sacrifice and consecration. This is no field for self-centered workers.

Gypsies are a very suspicious people. They feel an outsider is after something he is not revealing. If an outsider has a Gypsy friend along, the Gypsies may accept him. But non-Gypsy preachers must be prepared for a work that will take them into heathen darkness. Non-Gypsy workers should work with Gypsy ministers until they learn the ways of the Gypsy people.

Some of the workers have told Brother Champlin that when they have spoken to Gypsies about Jesus Christ, many have asked the question, "Jesus, who is Jesus?" It is almost unbelievable that people could live in America and yet never hear the precious name of Jesus.

World Ministries credit will be given for any offering given to Brother Champlin or sent to the Home Mission Department designated for the American Gypsy Work. Only as our churches and individual members get behind this effort will we be able to continue ministry to these neglected people within our borders.

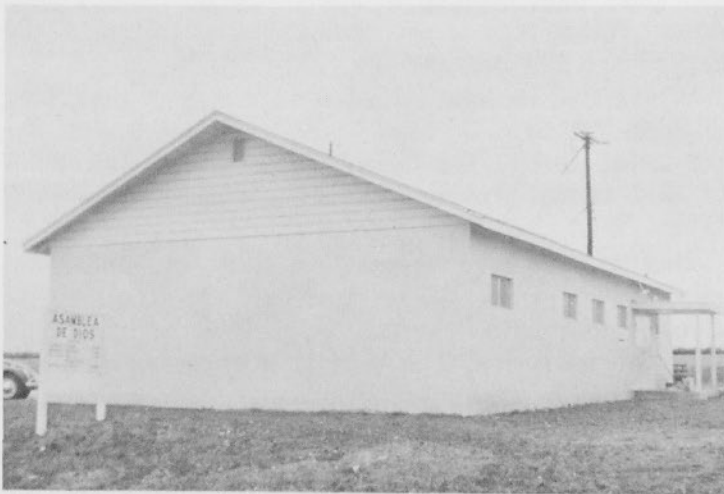
**This is a good example of what can be done through cooperative effort when established churches really want to help pioneer efforts.**

# SOME THROUGH THE FIRE

FIRE! THE ROARING HOLOCAUST at 4 a.m. one cold December day destroyed in one hour what it had taken the congregation of the Latin American Assembly in Plainview, Tex., several years to accomplish. They had purchased the chapel and moved it to their new lots just the day before. Now it was a charred ruin. The people were tempted to despair over what appeared to be a major defeat.

They had waited several years for their dream to become a reality. Eventually they had purchased land and a building—two lots and an old chapel of another denomination. They had accumulated a building fund and had acquired a loan for the balance. This victory was the consummation of much hard work, faith, and dedication.

Soon the congregation of nearly 100 would move out



After fire destroyed the building of the Latin American Assembly in Plainview, Tex., this attractive new church was built in a few days with the help of two sponsoring churches.

M. W. Putnam, pastor of Southside Assembly, Plainview, Tex.

J. Don George, pastor of First Assembly, Plainview, Tex.



of its ill-located 16- by 30-foot building into this larger, more suitable house of worship. Then—the fire! City officials suspected vandalism. Gone was the fulfillment of their dream. Gone was the borrowed investment, for the building was uninsured. What a disappointment to realize they would have to spend several more years worshipping in the tiny, inadequate building.


“And just to think,” said Pastor J. L. Escalante, “there were 115 persons crammed inside that tiny space to worship while another 100 stood outside in the cold!”

But believing the Scripture that “all things work together for good to them . . . who are the called according to his purpose,” the congregation took courage and trusted God to help them.

Within the week, God put it on the hearts of Pastor J. Don George of First Assembly and Pastor M. W. Putnam of Southside Assembly in Plainview to do something for their neighboring assembly. They met with their key laymen to pray and to discuss what they could do to help Pastor Escalante and his congregation. They decided construction should begin immediately on a new church building. Both sponsoring churches called special business meetings, unanimously endorsed the project, and voted to share equally in underwriting the cost.

Both churches received special offerings for the construction of the new mission. Also they spearheaded a fund-raising drive in the community. Many interested and concerned businessmen contributed time, money, and building materials. In a few days a beautiful concrete-block sanctuary, with an office, five classrooms, and two restrooms, had been erected to the glory of God.

On dedication day, Mayor M. B. Hood of Plainview said, “The determination of these sponsoring churches and pastors to build this lovely edifice in the face of almost overwhelming odds is enough to inspire anyone. Truly this is a classic example of Christian love and character. This act of Christian kindness has not been overlooked by this community but has made a profound impact upon the entire area.”

The current indebtedness against the building, which is valued at \$20,000, is approximately \$4,000. This amount has been assumed by the two sponsoring churches. 

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

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MO. 65802

RECENTLY, THE NEWSCASTER of a Springfield, Mo., radio station told a heartwarming story of compassion and generosity shown by the Collie Kennel Club in the city for a Mountain Grove., Mo., blindman. This man had lost his Guide dog and had been staying in Springfield with relatives since he could not get around well without his dog.

The Collie Kennel Club members paid the man's plane transportation to North Hollywood, Calif., where he could get another Guide dog through the International Guide Dog, Inc., School in that city. While the blindman was training with his new dog, the school provided his food and lodging.

It is heartening to know that people will do this to help a blindman get a dog to be his "eyes." But even more important is the eternal welfare of the blind.

Spiritual help for the blind is scarce. Gospel literature in Braille is often the only means of conveying the gospel to them for many do not attend church. Unless they can read the Bible or gospel literature for themselves, they may never be saved.

The Home Missions Department is supplying some gospel literature in Braille for the blind as funds make it possible. In fact, the Assemblies of God produces the

# LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

only full-gospel literature available in Braille. The demand for these materials continues to increase, and so do the expenses, since the literature is provided free of charge to the blind.

To produce Braille quarterlies and other literature costs the department nearly \$300 each quarter. Regular contributions of churches and individuals are needed to meet the ever-increasing demand. Churches are encouraged to write this ministry to the blind into their monthly budgets. The Blind Fund is now exhausted, and your offerings are urgently needed. Send them to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802, clearly designated for the *Blind Fund*. (World Ministries credit will be given.)

## Winning Latins to Christ in Miami

THE LATIN POPULATION in the Greater Miami, Fla., area is increasing every day. The last official census showed more than 100,000 Cuban refugees living in the area. Besides these there are thousands of Puerto Ricans and people from other Spanish-speaking countries making their homes there.

If our evangelism effort is to meet this ever-increasing need, our missions program in Miami must be expanded.

At present 18 students are studying in the Spanish Bible School in Miami which offers a three-year course to train ministers and workers for evangelizing their own people. More teachers and experienced pastors are needed in this training program to guide new workers in their activities for the Lord.

Each month the Latin churches have a fellowship meeting which encourages and inspires those working

with small and new groups. This fellowship with other Christians also helps the new believer realize he is not alone in his struggle to break free from the bonds of religious superstition and fear which bind them.

There are six Spanish Assemblies in the greater Miami area, but we desperately need to establish new works in several suburbs and towns in other parts of Florida which have larger Spanish-speaking populations.

Will these Latins be lost because we do less than we should? God is "not willing that any should perish..." Let us pray for this work and do all we can to help many find a new life in Christ.

Contributions may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802, and clearly designated: *Spanish Eastern Branch for new works in Miami, Fla.*

**These Assemblies of God workers minister in various areas of Miami, Fla., to the Spanish-speaking people.**



**A student of the Spanish Bible Institute won this Colombian family to the Lord.**





# TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

**JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER** (Hebrews 13:8)

## HEALED OF NERVOUS CONDITION

GOD WONDERFULLY HEALED ME of a nervous condition three years ago.

I suffered with my nerves for about 30 years. My condition had grown steadily worse, and I was under a doctor's care for eight years before my healing.

I am 65 years old and have been living for God for 33 years. I had been healed many times of other illnesses and I knew the Lord could heal me again, but I could not seem to touch Him for help in this illness.

I was so desperate I kept seeking the Lord. Then each day as I prayed, I could feel the Lord's power working in my body. Each day I felt better, and in two months I was healed. My nervousness was gone.

I decided to wait awhile before I told my church about my healing. Now it has been three years since I have had a shot for my nerves. I feel good in body and in soul. Praise God for Jesus and His power to heal.—Mrs. Ona Davis, Van Buren, Ark.

(Endorsed by Pastor A. J. Fritchey, 43 Assembly of God, Van Buren, Ark.)

## LED TO CHRIST THROUGH HEALING

FOUR YEARS AGO, when I was in business for myself and far out in sin, Christ met me in a wonderful way. He saved me and healed me.

While repairing heavy equipment in 1961 I was welding on a diesel truck, when the fuel tank exploded. In an instant I was covered from my waist up with burning fuel oil. I cannot describe the horror of knowing I was all afire. It was like a vision of hell.

When caught in a fire, most people run, and I was no different. However, I ran toward someone who was able to cover me with a blanket. I am sure God directed me, for I was not thinking—I was panic-stricken. After the fire was put out and my burned clothes removed, I realized I needed medical attention. I contacted my wife, and she drove me to a doctor's office.

The doctor told me I had first, second, and third-degree burns over my face, hands, and body, and recommended that I go to a hospital for treatment. I knew that burns were highly infectious, but I refused to go to the hospital. We stopped at a drugstore and filled a prescription for pain pills the doctor had recommended. I felt no pain, but as a precaution I took a pill before going to bed. I took no more pills for pain after that.

I knew nothing about divine healing, yet God touched and healed me even before I was saved. I went back to

work in two weeks' time with no disability, no complications, no scars.

After the Lord touched my body, He led me to a place of worship. I gave my heart to Him, and shortly after that He baptized me in the Holy Ghost.

The Bible tells us, "Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). I know this is true because the miraculous healings Jesus performed in Bible days He is still performing today! —David J. Smith, Coram, N. Y.

(Endorsed by Pastor Magne Norval, Assembly of God, Port Jefferson Station, N. Y.)

## HEALED AND FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

GOD INSTANTLY HEALED me of a ruptured disk a few months ago. He also healed our baby, and filled my wife and me with His Spirit.

In December, 1964, I came home from St. John's Hospital in Springfield where I had been in traction for an injured back. I wasn't able to work and was in constant pain. The doctor said I had a ruptured disk in the lower spine and he wanted to operate. I was afraid I might be paralyzed as a result of the operation, leaving my wife and three small children with no means of support.

I had treatments by a chiropractor, but he sent me to a specialist who also told me surgery was necessary.

One Sunday evening my brother invited me to a revival meeting at his church, the Assembly of God in Golden City, Mo. God spoke to me, and I knelt at the altar and prayed, "Lord, I need a closer walk." My brother and another man came to pray with me and suddenly they started praying for the Lord to heal my back.

As they prayed, it felt like a cup of oil was poured over my back. Two knots swelled out. My brother laid his hand on them and felt them go down. All the pain left. I knew what had happened and I was so happy I shouted with joy!

God not only healed me but He also healed our baby boy of a serious illness from which he had suffered six months. God still hears and answers prayer.

During the same revival, I received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Since then my wife and four others in my family have received the Baptism. The glorious Baptism has made us all Pentecostal.—Paul Heiskell, Lockwood, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor Gene Waterman, Assembly of God, Golden City, Mo.)



## SPRAINED ANKLE HEALED

I WAS INSTANTLY HEALED of a sprained ankle on January 2, 1966.

I had fallen from a step on my sister's porch December 30. I thought I had broken my ankle, but the doctor X-rayed it and found no bones were broken. He said the ankle was badly sprained and the ligaments pulled. It was badly swollen and very painful.

I live only four doors away from our Assemblies of God church and do not like to miss a service. So the following Sunday I limped to church even though every step meant terrible pain.

I sat at the back of the church with my foot elevated. When Pastor Carlile asked if anyone wanted prayer for healing, I limped to the front. When they prayed for me, the pain left instantly. I began moving my foot and found I was healed.

I began to shout for joy, and so did many others. When I stopped praising the Lord, I saw that the swelling was leaving my foot. Thank God, there were two teenage girls saved in that service!

I walked home without a limp or pain. I am still praising God and telling people I meet how He answered prayer and healed me.—Mrs. Alva Patterson, Vian, Okla.

*(Endorsed by Pastor J. Calvin Carlile, Assembly of God, Vian, Okla.)*

## RECOVERS FROM INJURIES IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

LAST YEAR God miraculously healed me of injuries I received when I plunged headfirst down a flight of steps to a concrete basement. At the same time I was healed of a thyroid condition for which I had been treated for eight years.

On May 21, 1965, I was in Denver, Colo., to see my nephew who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. I told my brother God was able to heal his son. One hour later, I had a concussion, broken bones, and other injuries!

After seeing my nephew in the hospital, I had gone to my brother's home. I opened what I thought was the bedroom door and saw a light fixture on a wall. As I started to walk I stepped through the doorway and found there was no floor. I had opened the basement door by mistake. I fell headfirst down 14 stairs to the concrete basement floor. I felt a severe head pain and thought I would die in a few minutes.

My mother and brother heard my screams and rushed me to the hospital. X rays revealed a brain concussion, broken foot, torn ligament in my knee, and a neck injury. My foot was put in a cast; then at my request, they allowed me to fly home to Wheaton.

On May 26, I asked Pastor Kraiss to pray that God would heal me. Circulation in my injured left foot had

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If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication. This can encourage others who need healing to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Please make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it. Then mail it to: *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

been very poor since the accident. I also had constant headaches which were too much to bear. Immediately after the pastor prayed, much of the pain in my head departed. I was able to turn my head for the first time since the accident. The swelling in my foot went down in one hour—and the cast was so loose it was about to fall off.

After midnight on May 31 it seemed I had passed out in my sleep and I had a sensation of dying. Pastor Kraiss again was called. As he prayed, I felt the presence of the Lord more than at any other time in my life; it felt like warm water flowing over me.

I entered Central Du Page Hospital in Winfield on June 1. On June 5, the doctor removed my cast and put on a lighter bandage. He took a blood test after which he told me I did not need any more thyroid pills. For eight years, I had been taking the pills for an under-active thyroid condition. I couldn't believe the doctor, and asked for a second blood test. It showed the same thing; God had healed me of my thyroid condition as well as my injuries! The doctor gradually reduced the pill dosage, and I had my last thyroid pill on June 19, 1965. And eight days later I walked into church without crutches.

The doctor originally said I would not feel normal until December. Yet in September at a Sunday school picnic I had the time of my life playing a strenuous game of badminton.

Now I realize the Lord had a purpose in my accident and healing. I know Him in a much deeper way than ever before.—Mrs. Edith Meseraull, Carol Stream, Ill.

*(Endorsed by Pastor Wayne Kraiss, First Assembly of God, Wheaton, Ill.)*

## DOCTOR SAYS, 'THIS IS A MIRACLE'

I WAS NEARLY BLIND. For several years I had suffered with diabetes, hypertension, and failing eyesight; but in 1963 God healed me at a revival meeting. Since then I can see clearly, and there is no trace of diabetes or high blood pressure.

My condition had become critical when, on September 20, 1963, I was admitted to the hospital almost in a coma. Two weeks later I was released but there was little change in my condition. I couldn't even see the big E on the optometrist's chart and could identify people only by their voices.

On October 9 I went to a revival meeting at our church. Evangelist William Caldwell prayed for me, and instantly I could see the time on the clock at the opposite end of the church. Before this the clock was only a white blur on the wall. In December tests showed that my blood pressure and blood sugar were back to normal.

It is now two and a half years since God healed me. There is no trace of diabetes or high blood pressure. The optometrist says my eyes are as perfect as possible for a person my age.

My Jewish doctor just shakes his head and says, "This is a miracle." I give God all the glory.—Mrs. Jessie Hicks, Chicago, Ill.

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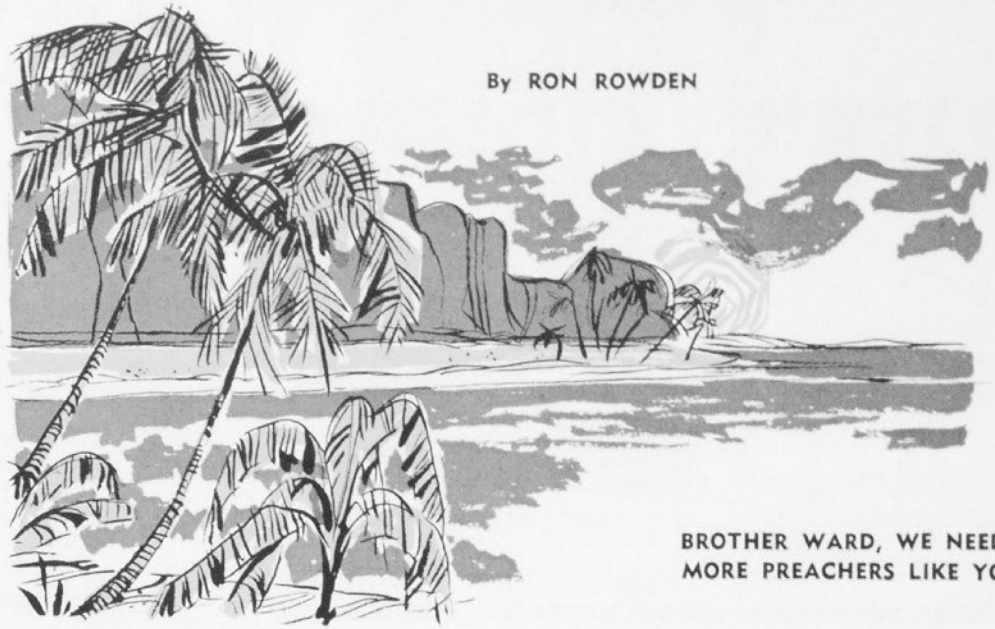
"By listening to your services I have become a changed person," a listener in Trinidad wrote. "Thank God I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

And another woman in Trinidad is glad *Revivaltime* introduced her to Christ: "I was saved while listening to your program. I cannot thank you enough."

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"My husband had fallen into sin, and our home was almost broken. One Sunday you spoke on 'Quench not the Spirit' and asked some questions my husband could not answer. He cried out to God, praying for forgiveness.

# WEST INDIES MAIL IN BOX 70



By RON ROWDEN

**BROTHER WARD, WE NEED  
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The next Sunday morning, you spoke from Micah 7:19, and my husband had the peace of God in his heart once more."

A young mother in Freeport Village, Trinidad, related, "I wrote asking for prayer because of the many problems confronting me. I was driven to the point of hopelessness and despair. Now the pathway seems clear, and the doubts and fears have disappeared. There is a deep peace in my life."

For many island listeners, *Revivaltime* is a weekly source of blessing.

"Your programs are a spiritual uplift to me," declared one radio friend. "Your messages are really needed in these days when even Christians are departing from the faith."

And from Pointe-à-Pitre, West Indies, comes this inspiring testimony: "I listen to your sermons every Sunday morning, and I am sure there are none that impress me so much as yours. I have one regret and that is I can't hear you preach every morning. *This country really needs men like you to preach to them always.* We need the help such as you can give."

*Revivaltime* is ministering effectively throughout the West Indies—reaching the lost, and helping believers to lead victorious lives. Through the regular support of its many friends, radio will continue to be a powerful influence for Christ—not only in the

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# LIFE'S SIMPLE THINGS

By JEAN S. HORNER

THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES all of us remember from childhood—things heard, seen, and felt that made deep and lasting impressions on our minds. Let's look back at some of those incidents and see if we might pick up a few "old-fashioned" ideas and use them today.

For instance, Sunday afternoon was a time I cherished. It seems a miracle that Grandmother was never too tired or busy to make the Bible stories *live!* She would make tiny houses from paper which I would dot with red for the Passover. She drew pictures of Joseph, and I colored his coat with many colors while she told that beautiful story of Joseph and his brothers. A little slingshot and a round white stone would be brought out when she told the story of David and Goliath, which she would hold up for a good aim, and pretend to shoot. I could just *see* that great giant fall to the ground! Then she would draw pictures of the shepherd's long staff with a large hook and show how the lost sheep were rescued.

I remember going with Grandmother to the cemetery

sometimes. Those peaceful afternoons under the huge trees were indeed happy times. Death didn't seem sad at all. She would tell how she was looking forward to seeing in heaven her first baby, who had died when only nine months old. I would touch the little headstone—a small cross—and was happy to be this child's namesake. Next was Great-grandmother's grave. She had lived to be 93. God's Word had become so dear to her, and she loved the Lord so much that it shone from her face with a radiance I'll never forget. Even today I find books in our library with a Bible verse written inside the cover in her handwriting.

Another precious memory is hearing Grandmother quote beautiful verses from the Bible. She loved to repeat the 23rd Psalm which I committed to memory from hearing so often. Her favorite verses were from the 121st Psalm: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." I could hardly imagine Someone keeping watch over us all the time and never sleeping!

It is pleasant to reminisce, but I believe when God has given us a wonderful heritage He expects us to do something with it. "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48).

I feel a responsibility to teach my own children eternal truths—to spend time with them doing things that are priceless in value, though they cost nothing in dollars and cents.

Not long ago a retiring first-grade teacher said that one thing that made her "see red" was parents pushing their children ahead to compete, and letting them miss being just children. She highly recommended walking around the block, creative playing, and giving them time to examine and explore nature. The unfolding of a child's life should never be forced.

I think of other children who don't have a godly heritage. Some may never hear the name of the Lord except in cursing. Jesus expects those of us who have been blessed to go out seeking the lost like the Good Shepherd. When we trust God, He leads us to those needy ones—whether it is a lonely old person without God, a discouraged middle-aged one, a confused child, or a teen-ager with problems. God will show us what to do and what to say to help them. After we have done all we can and have entrusted them to God with our prayers, we can know that His guardian angels will watch over them.


There is hardly a living soul that will not respond to love. When someone makes even a faltering step toward God, the Lord knows and will continue to draw that individual to Him by His Spirit.

We never know exactly how God is working through His servants' prayers and deeds. It may seem sometimes we have failed in winning souls to Christ, but each kind and unselfish act performed as unto God releases some of heaven's power to reach that lost one.

My daily prayer is that I will take what God has given me, teach my own children, show others God's love, and know that His Holy Spirit will help me do all things to His glory.



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**PROMISE OF THE WEEK**

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

# even with law, WHAT ABOUT ORDER?

By LON WOODRUM

TOP LEGAL BRAINS from 120 countries met in Washington recently in a six-day session called the "World Conference of Peace Through Law."

These 2,500 outstanding lawyers and judges believe that wars would cease if nations and peoples would respect the law.

One of the speakers at the session, Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana, said that if two-thirds of the United Nations passed a resolution, it should have the force of world law and all countries should live up to it.

However, U. S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk once remarked that it would be almost impossible to get a two-thirds majority in the U.N.—and even then it would represent but 10 percent of the population of the member nations.

But if we should manage to create world legislation outlawing war, what then? Law is one thing; order is another—regardless of how we keep linking the two terms together. It is unlawful for rioters to tear down a town, but we can see what happens to some towns anyhow.

One newspaper editor recently suggested that crime is vitally affected by the traits of human nature. Until human nature becomes more agreeable with the principles which called the 2,500 legal minds for a conference on peace through law, he said, we could scarcely hope for a world in which peace and brotherhood would be possible.

Law and order cannot be imposed on persons and peoples by fiat, for the law can be violated. What then is the answer? The answer has been forthcoming for centuries. But those who accept that answer have always been in the minority. Hence we continue to have wars, revolts, and riots.

A Bible writer put out a question: "Whence come wars and fightings among you?" (James 4:1). A good question. Perhaps if we probed deeply enough, we might discover a reply. The writer who asked the question gave an answer: "Is it not from these passions of yours that war among your members? You crave, and miss what you want: you envy and covet, but you cannot acquire: you wrangle and fight—you miss what you want because you do not ask God for it" (James 4:1, 2, Moffatt).

Jesus said essentially the same thing; so did the apostle Paul. So have evangelical minds for a couple of millenniums.

But what men seem to fear is oversimplification. We appear incapable of accepting the plain fact that we cannot get rid of the symptoms until we are rid of the illness. We stubbornly persist in treating the symptom rather than the disease.

The word we seem unable to confront is *sin*. The editor we mentioned said that if we are to have a decent


world, then human nature must be changed. But he didn't say *how*. The Bible tackles even *that* problem.

The Scriptures insist there must be a diagnosis first. Sin, it keeps thundering, is basically our trouble. It is here that we must face our problem and find a cure. Yet how can this age-old bent of man toward evil be cured? The Bible answers: *God can cure it!*

A newsmen, contemplating the gathering of the legal minds in Washington, quipped that they must have been seeking a miracle to expect peace through law. A miracle indeed! And only God can perform miracles.

Two hundred decades ago a man spelled out the truth when he wrote: "What the law could never do, because our lower nature robbed it of all potency, God has done: by sending his own Son in a form like that of our sinful nature, and as a sacrifice for sin, he passed judgment against sin within that very nature, so that the commandment of the law may find fulfillment in us, whose conduct, no longer under the control of our lower nature, is directed by the Spirit" (Romans 8:3, 4, N. E. B.).

Law itself cannot create order in life; order must first be established in the human heart before it can prevail in human society. The law can threaten, condemn, and punish men; but only "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" can bring order to individuals or nations.

Many will dub such thinking as evangelical naiveté. They refuse to accept it. So, as it has happened through the tormented centuries, peaceful order is a far-off dream—and the "wars and fightings" continue. 

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—The Evangelical Christian

## IS YOUR BIBLE LOST?

THERE IS AN INTERESTING STORY in 2 Chronicles 34:14-32 of how a long-lost Bible came to light and once more warmed the hearts of the people.

An unread Bible is always a lost Bible. When one is deprived of a thing, it is lost to him, even though it may be close at hand. Many Bibles in homes are lost Bibles.

Have you noticed that a Bible is like some people—very shy and retiring? Buy one, and in three days you can't find it. Perhaps it has burrowed its way under a pile of newspapers. Maybe it has hidden behind a popular novel, or climbed into a far corner of the closet shelf.

Many Bibleless Christians will frankly admit that some power is always on the job to keep them from meditating on the Scriptures. The Bible has a great enemy, and he is likewise the enemy of every Christian. The devil knows he can't do his work where the Bible has its proper place in the lives of men. Why wouldn't he hate it and do his best to keep it buried out of the sight of believers?

We must make the Bible feel at home. We must give it first place. We must covenant with God to read it every day.

—King's Business

## DID YOU KNOW...

... that the Arabs maintain that the palm tree has 360 uses?

Parts of the tree itself are used for building, fencing, roofs, baskets, mats, couches, bags, etc.

The date palm grows to a height of 70 to 80 feet and begins to bear fruit about eight years after it has been planted. It may yield an average of 100 pounds annually for 100 years or more.

To a large extent in the Near East, dates take the place of bread as the staff of life.

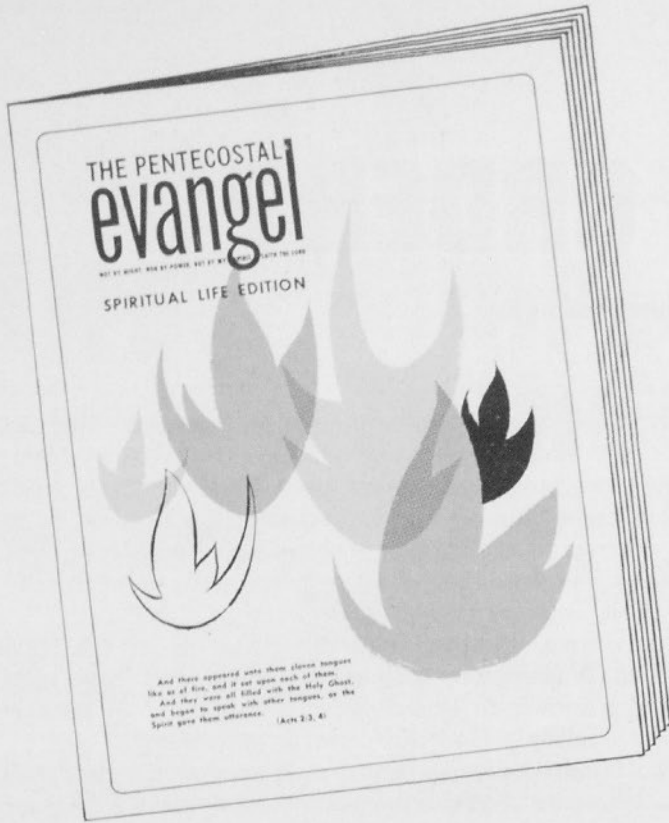
How fitting that God compared the righteous to this versatile tree! "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree" (Psalm 92:12).

—KATHERINE BEVIS

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"My meter shows there is no danger," he explained. "Let's forget about the meter. Will you touch it with your hand?"

"No, I do not take any chances," he replied quickly.

I smiled. He wanted me to trust his meter, but lacked the faith to prove its dependability for himself.

Webster defines belief as faith and conviction. The Bible also uses *belief* and *faith* synonymously. But in everyday usage we sometimes differentiate between the two. Do we regard God's Word as the repairman did his meter—a safety device on which we hesitate to rely too completely? Is it something to be believed but not trusted? Do we quote God's promises to others, but scurry about for human solutions when problems arise?

Faith grasps the promises, while to say we *believe* something may imply an unsubstantiated belief. The repairman *believed* the stove was safe, but he would not go so far as to back up his belief by an act of faith.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Ephesians 2:8). Faith implies complete reliance. It is not mere lip service, but deep unshakable conviction.

—IDA F. KILLIAN

## YOU CAN AFFORD TO WAIT

IN TODAY'S COMPETITIVE SOCIETY many drive themselves forward with bulldozer-like ambition. They climb feverishly toward the "top" without caring what each step they take may cost another person. They view life as a jungle in which the strongest, most cunning and sly animals survive.

What should be the attitude of a Christian in a world such as this? Jesus who knows the hearts of all men gave us the instructions: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

Does it work? It is a fact attested by medical authorities that the Christian attitude leads to physical health and mental peace, whereas hate, jealousy, envy, strife, and anger cause disease.

Love and patience are good for the body, good for the mind—and good for the soul. We do not need to project ourselves. Neither do we need to feel frustrated because of inequities. Life is full of inequities. It always has been. David said, "I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. . . . It was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end" (Psalm 73:3, 16, 17).

The consoling factor in all life's inequities is that God will balance the books eventually. He does not always balance His books on Saturday night; nor does He send out His bills on the 30th of the month. God is not in a hurry. Why should we be?

It is enough to know that God keeps a record. He knows about every iniquity, every injustice. He marks down the conduct of all men and women, whether it be good or evil. He will not forget the times you have been walked on by some greedy soul, any more than He forgot Joseph, though He let him languish in the Egyptian jail for years. The scales of justice are held by God's untiring hand. In due time He will vindicate your faithfulness. Until then, you can afford to wait!

—JAMES E. GRIGGS



## Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

*Some friends came by one Sunday and I had to buy some milk and bread to provide a meal for them. Did I do wrong?*

Jesus said, "The sabbath is made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27), and, "It is lawful to do well on the sabbath days" (Matthew 12:12).

It is one thing to buy in emergency and need; it is something quite different to do our shopping on the Lord's Day as a matter of course.

*Can you tell us what became of the ark of the covenant?*

I believe the ark of the covenant was lost. Some, basing their opinion on Revelation 11:19, have conjectured that God took it to heaven. I believe the ark of Revelation 11:19 has spiritual significance, of which the material ark was a figure (Hebrews 9:24).

*Do you believe persons might receive gifts of the Holy Spirit who have not received the baptism with the Spirit, accompanied by speaking in other tongues?*

We recognize the workings of the Holy Spirit in all born-again believers. In the New Birth the fruit of the Spirit is implanted in the Christian's life.

The apostles and the 70 were given power to perform miracles prior to the Day of Pentecost, and in Old Testament times miracles were also performed. Since God is sovereign "and worketh all things after the counsel of His own will," we will have to leave to the Lord the question as to when and by whom He may choose to manifest His powers.

*Please explain various forms of church government. Which is followed by the Assemblies of God?*

The episcopal order, which is government by bishops, is followed by some church organizations. These point to the apostles who "ordained them elders in every church" (Acts 14:22). Methodism largely follows this order. District superintendents may recommend placement of pastors, but the bishop makes the appointment.

Some denominations follow the presbyterian order, which is government of the church by the presbyters, or church officers. Others have a congregational form of government, stressing the importance and autonomy of the local congregation.

The Assemblies of God follows the presbyterian order in many respects, committing much business to the decision and care of the General Presbyters. However, the Presbyters are subject to any decision made by the General Council, which is a democratic body. Our local churches follow the congregational order. Pastors and officers are chosen by the membership of the local church, and important business, such as buying or selling property, etc., is determined by the vote of the membership.

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By BILLY GRAHAM

ONE OF THE PET WORDS of this age is *tolerance*. It is a good word, but we have tried to stretch it over too great an area of life. We have applied it too often where it does not belong. The word *tolerant* means "liberal," "broad-minded," "willing to put up with beliefs opposed to one's convictions," and "the allowance of something not wholly approved."

Tolerance, in one sense, implies the compromise of one's convictions, a yielding of ground upon important issues. Hence, overtolerance in moral issues has made us soft, flabby, and devoid of conviction.

We have become tolerant about divorce; we have become tolerant about the use of alcohol; we have become tolerant about moral delinquency; we have become tolerant about wickedness in high places; we have become tolerant about obscenity, crime, and godlessness.

In a book recently published on what prominent people believe, 60 out of 100 did not even mention God, and only 11 out of 100 mentioned Jesus. There was a manifest tolerance toward soft character and a broad-mindedness about morals, characteristic of our day. We have been sapped of conviction, drained of our beliefs, and bereft of our faith.

The sciences, however, are narrow-

minded. There is no room for careless broad-mindedness in the laboratory. Water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit at sea level. It is never 100 degrees nor 189 degrees—but always 212. Water freezes at 32 degrees—it is never 40 degrees or 52.

Objects heavier than air always are attracted to the center of the earth. They always go down—never up. I


know this is very narrow, but the law of gravity decrees it so, and science is very narrow.

Mathematics is also very narrow-minded. The sum of two plus two is four—never three-and-a-half. That seems very narrow, but arithmetic is not broad-minded. Geometry is also narrow-minded. It says that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. That seems very dogmatic and narrow-minded, but geometry is intolerant.

A compass is narrow-minded—it always points to the magnetic north. It seems that is a very narrow view, but a compass is not very broad-minded. If it were, all the ships at sea and all the planes in the air would be in danger.

If you should ask a man the direction to New York City and he said, "Oh, just take any road you wish; they all lead there," you would question his sanity or his truthfulness. Somehow we have gotten it into our minds that "all roads lead to heaven." You hear people say, "Do your best"; "Be honest"; "Be sincere—and you will make it to heaven all right."

But Jesus Christ, who journeyed from heaven to earth and back to heaven again—who knew the way better than any man who ever lived—said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate:



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for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13, 14).

Jesus was narrow about the way of salvation.

He plainly pointed out that there are two roads in life. One is broad—lacking in faith, convictions, and morals. It is the easy, popular, careless way. It is the way of the crowd, the way of the majority, the way of the world. He said, "Many there be that go in thereat." But He pointed out that this road, easy though it is, popular though it may be, heavily traveled though it is, leads to destruction. And in loving, compassionate intolerance He said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate... because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life."

His was the intolerance of a pilot who maneuvers his plane through the storm, realizing that a single error, just one flash of broad-mindedness, might bring disaster to all passengers on the plane.

While flying from Korea to Japan we encountered a snowstorm; and when we arrived over the airport in Tokyo the ceiling and visibility were almost zero. The pilot had to make an instrument landing. I sat up in the cockpit with the pilot and watched him sweat it out as he was brought in by ground-control approach. A man in the airport tower talked us in. I did not want these men to be broad-minded. I wanted them to be narrow-minded. I knew our lives depended on it.

Just so, when we come in for a landing in the great airport of heaven, I don't want any broad-mindedness. I want to come in on the beam; and even though I may be considered narrow here, I want to be sure of a safe landing there.

Christ was so intolerant of man's lost estate that He left His lofty throne in the heavenlies, took on Himself the form of man, suffered at the hands of evil men, and died on a cruel cross of shame to purchase our redemption. So serious was man's plight that He could not look upon it lightly. With the love that was His, He could not be broad-minded about a world held captive by its lusts, its appetites, its sins.

The popular, tolerant attitude toward the gospel of Christ is like a man going to watch a football game and rooting for both sides. It would be impossible for a man who has no pledged loyalty to a particular team to really get into the game.

The church is a stage where all the performers are professors, but where too few of the professors are performers. A counterfeit Christian, singlehandedly, can do more to retard the progress of the church than a dozen saints can do to forward it. That is why Jesus was so intolerant with sham!

Jesus was intolerant toward sin. He was tolerant toward the sinner but intolerant toward the evil which enslaved him. To the adulteress He said, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (John 8:11). He forgave her because He loved her; but He condemned sin because He loathed it with a holy hatred.


God has always been intolerant toward sin! His Word says: "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil" (Isaiah 1:16).

"Awake to righteousness, and sin not" (1 Corinthians 15:34).

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts" (Isaiah 55:7).

Forest rangers know well the value of the "burn-back" in fighting forest fires. To save an area from being burned, they simply burn away all the trees and shrubs to a safe distance; and when the fire reaches that burned-out spot, those standing there are safe from the flames. Fire is thus fought by fire.

Calvary was a colossal fighting of fire by fire. Christ, taking on Himself all our sins, allowed the fire of sin's judgment to fall upon Him. The area around the cross has become a place of refuge for all who would escape the judgment of sin. Take your place with Him at the cross; stand by the cross; yield your life to Him who redeemed you on the cross, and the fire of sin's judgment can never touch you.

God is intolerant toward sin. That intolerance sent His Son to die for us. He has said that "whosoever believeth in him shall not perish." The clear implication is that those who refuse to believe in Him shall be eternally lost. Come to Christ today while His Spirit deals with your heart! 



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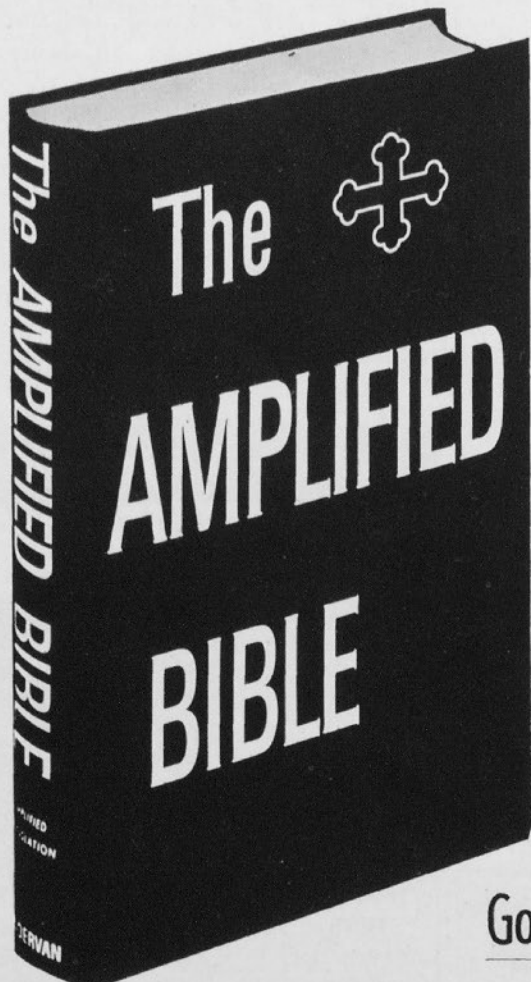
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Hebrews 11:1	

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Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.	No one who abides in Him—who lives and remains in communion with and in obedience to Him, [deliberately and knowingly] habitually commits (practices) sin. No one who habitually sins has either seen <b>or</b> known Him—recognized, perceived or understood Him, or has had an experimental acquaintance with Him.
1 John 3:6	

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# DIVINE PROVISION

Sunday School Lesson for May 1, 1966

EXODUS 15:23-27; 16:4-12

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

AFTER THEIR SPECTACULAR DELIVERANCE at the Red Sea, the Israelites sang a song of triumph. But before they had traveled far, their song turned to grumbling. They were unaware that the wilderness was a school of faith where they would learn to trust God in spite of circumstances or feelings.

## WILDERNESS MURMURING (Exodus 15:22-27)

1. *The Situation* (vv. 22, 23). After traveling for three days without being able to replenish their water supply, Israel was disappointed to find Marah's waters bitter.

(1) Testing often follows triumph. This experience did not mean that Israel had missed God nor that He had forsaken them. It did mean that faith and patience must be developed.

(2) Disappointments may be His appointments. We may encounter bitterness. If that marriage, that friendship, that new home, that new activity which promised so much turns out to be disappointing, God has a lesson for us. Perhaps we counted too much on earthly things and not enough on God. He allowed the disappointment to give us something far better—a new and more intimate revelation of Himself!

2. *The Reaction* (v. 24). The people complained against Moses because the waters were bitter. Here began a habit which would cost some of them their lives. (See 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 10, 11.) Their murmuring suggests three lessons:

(1) To complain against circumstances is unconscious blasphemy against God. The Israelites were in God's will. By complaining, they implied that God either did not know what He was doing or that He did not properly care for them. Both of these implications were a false reflection on God's character.

(2) There is a difference between singing a hymn and living a life. Three days earlier they sang a wonderful song of praise for deliverance; now they complained and murmured.

(3) Those who seek to serve God and help others often find they have a thankless task. This was not the last time the people would criticize and misjudge Moses; yet he faithfully carried on, and so must we.

3. *The Remedy* (v. 25). The antidote for bitter waters is always close at hand. (See Psalm 46:1 and Romans 10:6-8.) In the tree which sweetened the bitter waters, we see Calvary's tree where Christ partook of unimaginable bitterness so that He might sweeten our bitter lives. In the light of the Cross we learn to renounce self and to endure as He endured. And through the risen Christ we are more than conquerors.

4. *The Revelation* (vv. 26, 27). At the place of bitterness God revealed Himself as Jehovah-Rapha; literally, "The Lord that healeth." And the unchanging God, through Christ, is still the Healer of sinful souls, sick minds, and afflicted bodies.



SUNDAY'S LESSON

## WILDERNESS FOOD (Exodus 16:1-21).

Not many days after experiencing God's miracle-working power at Marah, Israel complained again—this time because they were discontented with the food. God then gave them manna.

Notice some peculiarities of manna, directions God gave concerning it, and some spiritual applications:

(1) Manna was nourishment for the body, as Christ is for the soul. (See John 6:31-35, 48-58.)

(2) Manna was for all Israel, just as Christ is for "whosoever will."

(3) Manna was accessible. The people only had to reach out and gather it. So Christ is always available—under all circumstances (Romans 10:6-9).

(4) Manna was white and sweet to the taste. So Christ is pure and spotless and sweet to the soul (Psalm 34:8).

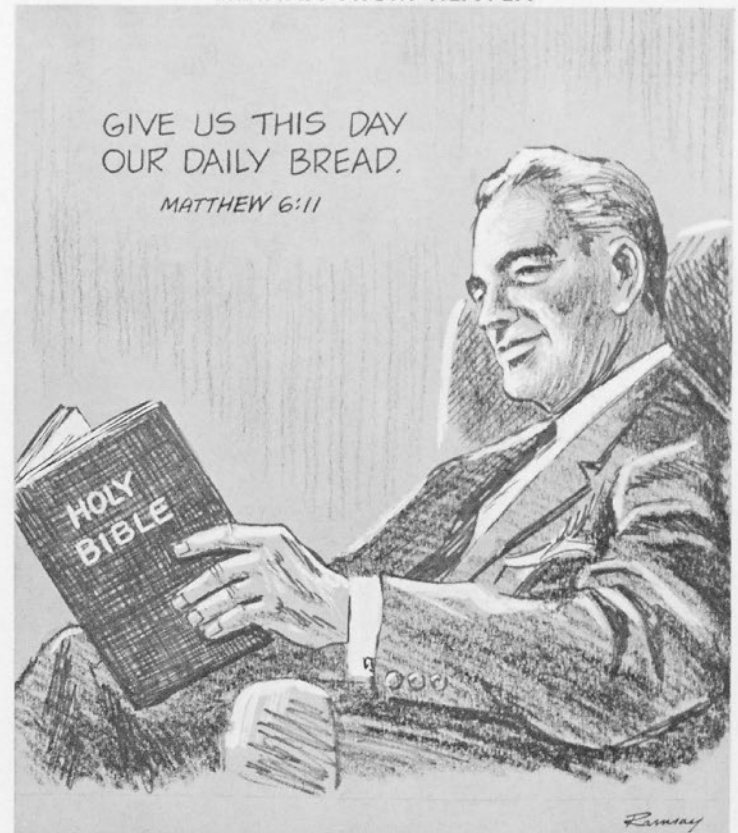
(5) Manna came down quietly at night. So Christ is revealed to us when other voices are hushed.

(6) Manna had to be gathered early or it melted away (see v. 21). Christ, too, must be sought early—early in life, early in the day.

(7) Manna was gathered and eaten day by day. We must live one day at a time, and have daily fellowship with God.

(8) Yesterday's manna bred worms and stank. Yesterday's blessings, however wonderful, will not suffice for today.

## MANNA FROM HEAVEN





# Homefront Highlights

## ALASKA MINISTRY

### St. Michael

The Arvin Glandons had a 10-day session of the Far North Bible School at St. Michael in February. Seven adult Eskimos received certificates and one received a diploma for completing four sessions.

### Juneau

The All-Alaska Biennial Convention will be in Juneau, June 14-19. Those who plan to attend should notify Pastor Roy J. Davidson so arrangements can be made for housing. Charles W. H. Scott, newly appointed executive director of Home Missions, will be the guest speaker.

### Valdez Children's Home

Donations of four caribou and one and one-half moose supplied the Children's Home with meat for the winter. Mildred Pitts is supervisor of the Home.

### Point Hope

Missionary Alvin E. Capener reports a growing interest in spiritual things in this village. A recent Bible study course was well attended.

### Stevens Village

The Robert Lantzes, missionaries in Stevens Village, report encouraging attendance in their services, with Sunday school attendance averaging about 35.

### Cordova

The Paul Hulings, pastors in Cordova, used the book, *So Send I You*, for their February training course, which Jack Warden, pastor at Valdez, taught for them. Five persons earned certificates. Sunday school attendance continues to increase.

### Ketchikan

The Ketchikan Assembly has started a branch Sunday school known as Bethany Chapel which is doing very well.

### Fairbanks

The names of Brother and Sister Arvin W. Glandon, who operate the Far North Bible School, were unintentionally omitted from the list of missionaries who will retain Home Missions appointment (see *The Pentecostal Evangel*,

March 13, page 21). We regret this oversight. The Glandons fly from one Alaskan village to another to conduct their school sessions. Their work is highly commended.

Missionaries who are staff members of the children's homes in Juneau and Valdez are also retaining their Home Missions appointment, but were not listed with the pastors of the Native churches still being promoted by the National Home Missions Department. Staff members of the children's homes are: Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson, Edith Wight, Georganna Roberson, Gladys Graves, Phyllis Wion, Anna Fink, Mildred Pitts, and Gertrude Bishop.

Missionaries on furlough also serving under appointment are: Harriet Brown and Eva Wright.

Mrs. Carl Glick, although not pastoring a Native church, is doing personal work and hospital visitation among the Native population of Anchorage and therefore has retained her appointment.

Agnes Rodli serves under appointment as pastor of a pioneer work at Tok Junction.

The Ray Cathers, who opened the children's farm home at Palmer and operated it for many years, have permanent honorary status as appointed home missionaries.

## JEWISH MINISTRY

### Workers Available for Meetings

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lascelle, evangelists of Billings, Mont., are available for meetings. Sister Las-

celle, a converted Jewess, has a special ministry illustrating Biblical types, customs, and feasts, as well as lessons on the Tabernacle. Brother Lascelle has an effective evangelistic ministry.

Other Assemblies of God workers among the Jews are also available for services. Write the Home Missions Department for names and addresses.

## TEEN CHALLENGE MINISTRY

### Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania

The Teen Challenge Training Farm for boys at Rehrersburg is having "growing pains." With 41 fellows at the farm, the extra space made available last year is now in use.

The Teen Challenge Boys Ranch is now in operation. Located in Southern Nevada, the 90-acre ranch offers young converts a rehabilitation program of vocational training, schooling, prayer, and Bible studies.

### Los Angeles, California

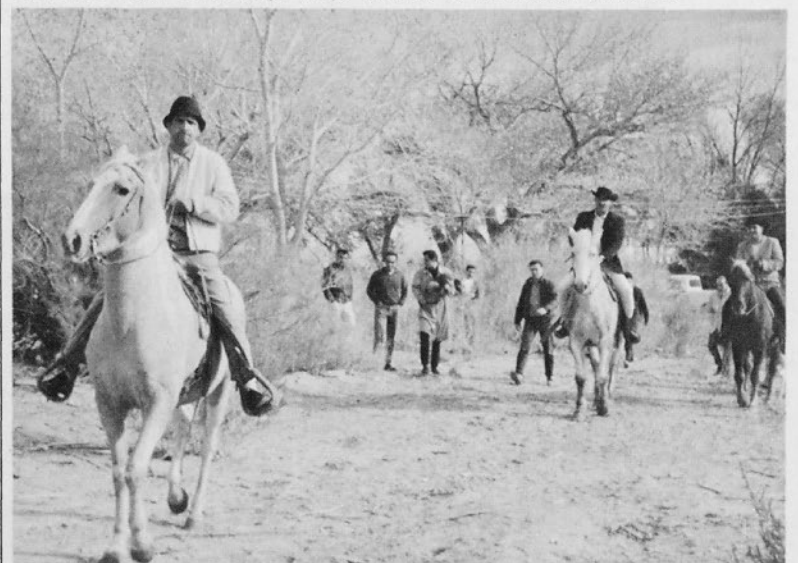
The California attorney general's office reports that more juveniles got into trouble with the law in California in 1964 than ever before and the number is steadily increasing. There were 269,584 juvenile arrests, a rise of 10.3 percent over 1963.

Teen Challenge has responded to this crisis by engaging in an extensive jail ministry. Telephone calls are received daily from concerned parents and relatives whose loved ones have been imprisoned.

Several converts and workers ride or walk through the woods at the new Teen Challenge Boys Ranch in southern Nevada.



Andrew Mather (left) plays his violin at the Wrangell Assembly. These students (photo below) of the Wrangell Institute in Alaska attend the Assembly where George Downs (shown at the right) is pastor.



Teen Challenge workers visit these young people and follow them up after release.

Jail evangelism teams are conducting several chapel services a month in juvenile halls, jails, and reform schools. Hundreds of delinquent youth are responding to the gospel.

The Teen Challenge Center is approved by the State of California and the County of Los Angeles as a referral agency. The Center receives a constant stream of addicts, alcoholics, and other persons in trouble. Only Christ can change their lives.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE MINISTRY

### Los Angeles, California

When Billy L. Wofford, missionary to the Chinese in the Los Angeles area, attended a home missions sectional rally, the Assembly of God of Compton (David O. Bunch, pastor) gave him a much-needed mimeograph machine, and Calvary Assembly of Long Beach (L. L. Shipley, pastor) gave him some beautiful offering bags.

### San Francisco, California

Lula M. Baird reports that nine young people have been saved and three filled with the Spirit in the Chinese Mission. Sister Baird has been visiting Visalia, about 200 miles from San Francisco, to visit Chinese families.

During 1965, Sister Baird reports 150 conversions, 62 filled with the Holy Spirit, and 39 baptized in water. Teen-agers of the Mission have been doing personal witnessing on the streets and have had numerous conversions.

## PRISON MINISTRY

### Kentucky

The Kentucky *District Bulletin* reported: "E. J. Gordon, a long-time member of the Kentucky District, has an interesting and blessed work visiting in prisons and hospitals in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia. . . . He distributes much literature and Bible study courses provided free of charge to prisoners by the Prison Division of the National Home Missions Department."

### Indiana

The Gospelaires of the Indiana State Prison have been a blessing with their musical presentations in a number of churches. Captain J. P. Friend, chief steward of the institution and a member of Faith City Assembly of God of Michigan City, Ind., reports that he has prayed with these men and has witnessed a definite change in their lives.

The men have now decided to support a missionary. Their first check for \$100 was presented to

the Faith City Assembly. Also, tapes of their gospel music have been sent out, some going as far as South Africa. Thus, these converted inmates are finding ways in which to serve God and to help others.

## AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

### Phoenix, Arizona

Five teen-agers were saved recently in the Phoenix Indian Assembly where Alta Washburn is pastor. She has more than 50 young people in the Sunday night services.

Pastor Seth Balmer, Detroit, Mich.; Pastor D. H. McLaughlin, Bakersfield, Calif.; and J. K. Gressett, superintendent of the Arizona District, have visited the All Tribes Indian Bible School during the year. Their messages have blessed and enriched the spiritual life of the faculty and students.

The Sullivan, Mo., Assembly sent a check for \$50 to the school to purchase armchair-desk combination seats for one of the classrooms.

### American Indian Camps

More than 20 Indian camps are planned in various states this summer. Donations of food and contributions for the camps are urgently needed. Write the Home Missions Department for further information.

### Kayenta, Arizona

The Roswell Dillinghams report their evening attendance is as high as 135. They are still praying for a land grant.

### Cayuse, Oregon

In spite of the renewed efforts of various cults and religious orders on the Umatilla Reservation, the Word of God is taking root in the hearts of many and bringing forth a harvest. Several Catholic families are now attending services at our church where the Robert Ruarks pastor. The Sunday school is "bursting at the seams." The Indians have pledged \$100 toward building three additional Sunday school rooms in the next two months. Many are barely able to feed their families, so this is a big undertaking for them. The church building also needs to be reroofed immediately.

The church is sponsoring a boys' basketball team in the Pendleton Church League which is leading its division. Four boys who turned out for the team recently have been saved.

### Whiteriver, Arizona

#### (Cedar Creek Mission)

Pearl Foster, missionary at Cedar Creek, reports that the Men's Fellowship of the church brought home the trophy for the largest attendance from the Phoe-

## HOME MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

The **Mel Cooleys**, missionaries at Kaktovik on Barter Island, Alaska, for several months, will be leaving. The **Ned Nusunginyas**, a native couple, will be replacing them. The Cooleys will be ministering in special meetings, emphasizing a deeper life.

**Claude George** replaces **Esco Rentola** who recently resigned as pastor of the LaPush, Wash., Indian Assembly. **George Kallappa** is in charge of the Indian work at Lapwai, Idaho.

In Barrow, Alaska, the **Hervel Hensleys** have been supplying for the **Dwain McKenzies** while they are on furlough.

**Kenneth Smith** is supply pastor at Mescalero, N. Mex., while Brother and Sister **Carl E. Conley** are itinerating.

**John Fitzpatrick** and **June Robertshaw** are both ministering to the deaf in Erie, Pa. Brother Fitzpatrick also is ministering to the deaf in Meadville each week and in Buffalo once a month. **Daryll Hellyer** serves as an assistant in Meadville and Buffalo.

The **Robert Andersons** are

now conducting services for the deaf in Tampa, Fla. Brother Anderson also teaches a language of signs class at South-Eastern Bible College in Lakeland.

### New Appointees

Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer L. Roberson**, recently appointed home missionaries, are pastoring the Indian Assembly in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Brother Roberson attended business college and was branch manager of a furniture company before entering the ministry. He is licensed with the Arizona District.

Sister Roberson attended college, majoring in education. She also is licensed with the Arizona District.

### Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Roberson



nix MF breakfast held in February. These men regularly give a substantial Light-for-the-Lost offering.

**Dolly Ethelbah**, wife of a converted medicine man, recently went to be with the Lord. Her 96-year-old husband faithfully attends church services in the Mission.

### Casa Blanca, Arizona

**Olline Dingman**, who has been seriously ill, is now back home. She was able to take part in a special service March 6 honoring the **J. O. Browns**, missionaries at Casa Blanca, Ariz., on their fifth anniversary at the Mission.

Since the Browns came to Casa Blanca, a new auditorium has been

added, and attendance has increased.

The Browns report an encouraging February revival with Paul Broyles of Fort Stockton, Tex., during which about 15 rededicated their lives and one was filled with the Spirit.

### Port Angeles, Washington

In the March 27, 1966, issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, it was reported that **Robert A. Kenney** was pastor of the Port Angeles, Wash., Indian Assembly (Elwha Assembly of God). This was an error. **Bernard W. Ellsworth** is pastor of the Elwha Assembly and Brother Kenney is principal of the Elwha Indian Bible School at Port Angeles.

### Indians enjoy a fellowship dinner at the Indian church in Casa Blanca, Ariz., where the J. O. Browns minister.



# NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—First Assembly here recently enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Jerry Russell from Arizona. Many were saved and a number of believers received the mighty infilling of the Holy Spirit.

The church was packed to capacity the last night of the meeting. This was a real victory in this Mormon stronghold.

—Peter Pilot, pastor

MERIDIAN, MISS.—A new church was recently dedicated to the Lord here.

Calvary Assembly seats about 400 and has 10 Sunday school rooms. The building has a lounge, an office, and a nursery.

The pews and pulpit are a matching brown. The altar is brick, covered with red carpeting. The sanctuary has stacked blocks on the inside and cream brick on the outside.

District officers present for the dedication were F. L. Langley, district superintendent; E. E. Noland, secretary-treasurer; and C. E. Sims, sectional presbyter.

—W. Houston Sumrall, pastor

FERRIDAY, LA.—Five were saved, two reclaimed, six filled with the Holy Spirit, and many healed in the special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Drumm at the Assembly of God here. Folk in the church have been blessed and are encouraged in the Lord. Attendance was good in spite of unusually bad weather.

—J. R. Garner, pastor

KISSIMMEE, FLA.—Calvary Chapel Assembly here recently concluded 10 days of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. E. V. Berquist. Attendance was good, and the church was lifted to a new plane of prayer and consecration.

—G. W. Cook, pastor

**CBC HOMECOMING AND COMMENCEMENT**  
CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE alumni homecoming and graduation services, Springfield, Mo., May 23-26. Alumni banquet Tuesday night at Headquarters Cafeteria. Baccalaureate and commencement services Wednesday and Thursday nights at Central Assembly. J. Bashford Bishop, homecoming speaker; Cyril E. Homer, baccalaureate speaker.—by Philip A. Crouch, CBC president.



STANLEY, VA.—All previous Sunday school records were broken on the final Sunday of revival meetings at Hilliard Chapel Assembly here with an attend-

ance of 172. Irving and Mary Lou Howard of Mt. Morris, Pa., were the evangelists. Although the meetings came near Christmas,

attendance was excellent throughout. The congregation was richly blessed by the anointed ministry in word and song.

—Paul H. Walters, pastor

## EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mt. Olive	Crocker	Apr. 26-May 8	Joel Palmer	Paul M. Gowins
	Whistler	Glad Tidings	May 4-15	Grover & Carolyn Dunn	J. C. Burks
Ariz.	Mesa	First	May 8—	R. C. "Keetah" Jones	V. L. Hertweck
Ark.	Charleston	A/G	May 8-22	Royce & Mrs. Lowe	Everett Hogan
	Gateway	A/G	May 1-15	Sam & Maxine Witt	Gerald Winters
	N. Little Rock	Crystal Hill	May 1-15	Freddie Salisbury	J. J. Harris
	Smackover	First	May 10-22	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	James D. Biram
Calif.	Antioch	First	Apr. 27-May 8	S. B. Douglass	R. M. Catlett
	Cardiff	Chapel-by-the-Sea	Apr. 27—	Leonard & Mrs. Sampier	Dalton E. Webber
	Fairfield	Glad Tidings	May 1-5	Ernie Rogers	Eugene W. Ness
	Garden Grove	First	May 1-6	J. G. Hall	Ralph Markey
	Monrovia	First	May 8-13	J. G. Hall	Vinton E. Huffey
	Sacramento	*First	May 1-6	Chas. Senechal	Paul G. Trulin
	Santa Ana	New Hope	Apr. 26—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	J. R. Daily
Fla.	Auburndale	First	May 8-15	Robert Rogers	H. T. Pumphrey
	Hinon	First	Apr. 27-May 1	Michael & Peggy Lord	A. L. Johnson
Ga.	Bainbridge	First	May 1-15	Colen & Carol Lassiter	Duane Holcombe
	Centerville	A/G	Apr. 27-May 8	Harvey D. Ferrell	George R. Peavy
	Dallas	First	Apr. 27—	Nettie Parham	Freddie Goss
Idaho	Boise	Garden City	Apr. 27-May 8	James H. Black	Doyt C. Allen
Ill.	Bushnell	First	May 11-22	Don & Dixie Cox	Robert Rutledge
	Hartford	A/G	May 8-15	Melvin Boatright	Jerry Carmack
	Olney	First	May 3-15	F. R. & Mrs. McAdams	R. H. Peterson
	Woodstock	A/G	May 1-8	Bob Watters	David L. Peterson
	Zion	*Christian	May 3-8	Paul Hild	Michael Tabor
Ind.	Evansville	Calvary Temple	May 1—	Dwight Thompson	Hansel Vibbert
	Ft. Wayne	First	May 1-12	H. Syvelle Phillips	D. F. Leader
	Hammond	First	May 1-15	Wilburn Fisher	Walter C. Hanneman
Iowa	Ft. Madison	Pentecostal	May 3-15	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Wayne Sullivan
Kans.	Garden City	Faith Tab.	Apr. 20—	Charles Ogdon	Paul F. Bryant
	Hiawatha	A/G	May 1-15	Roy H. Tregenza	Sarah Pittman
	Scott City	A/G	Apr. 24-29	Roy H. Tregenza	Ronald Mickley
	Wichita	*Douglas	May 2-6	Knouse-Stovall Team	Robert Mackish
Ky.	Raceland	First	May 3-15	The Singing Lunsfords	Troy Boggs
La.	Shreveport	First	Apr. 10—	Randy Stewart	Rodney Duron
Md.	Baltimore	Bethel Pentecostal	May 3-15	Harry J. Steil	D. W. Hare
	Pasadena	First	Apr. 26-May 8	"Little Joe" Peterson Tm.	Wm. Helms
Mich.	Flint	Hungarian Full Gosp.	May 3-15	John Higginbotham	Charles Szabo
	Ludington	A/G	Apr. 26-May 8	Ralph E. Leslie	Tode B. Thodeson
	New Boston	West Road	Apr. 26-May 8	James V. Shaffer	George B. Nixon
	St. Johns	A/G	Apr. 24-May 8	John & Elaine Wibley	Joseph Eger
	St. Louis	A/G	May 8-15	Charles Meppelink	Thomas E. Pace
Minn.	Minneapolis	Evangelistic Aud.	Apr. 26-May 8	Ed Eaton	Russell Olson
	Mound	Minnetonka	May 1-8	Darryl & Kathy Olson	David L. Nelson
	Rochester	First	May 3-8	John W. Everett	O. E. Carter
	Wadena	A/G	Apr. 26-May 1	Paul Clark Family	Lloyd Stormoen
Miss.	Columbus	First	Apr. 26-May 8	Arthur & Anna Berg	Norwood Seymour
	Gulfport	First	Apr. 27-May 8	Gene Burgess	Eugene H. Hassler
	Stonewall	A/G	May 1—	Nettie Parham	Benny Jackson
Mo.	Barnett	A/G	May 1-8	Joe J. & Mrs. Williams	Ralph Gothard
	Edina	First	Apr. 27-May 8	Don & Dixie Cox	E. E. Hembree

## FIVE ALL-CHURCH CONVENTIONS SET FOR 1967

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Assemblies of God has scheduled five all-church conventions for late winter and early spring of 1967.

Conventions will be held in Atlanta, Ga., February 14-16; Rochester, N. Y., February 28-March 2; Portland, Oreg., March 7-9; Springfield, Mo., March 14-16; and Phoenix, Ariz., April 12-14.

Chairman of the steering committee for the conventions will be Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent. Coordinator will be Charles W. Denton, national secretary of the Sunday School Department.

Assemblies of God executive officers on the steering committee are Howard S. Bush, T. E. Gan-

non, and Charles W. H. Scott, assistant general superintendents; and Bartlett Peterson, general secretary.

Eight officials from the international headquarters in Springfield will chair national committees for these regional meetings. They include D. V. Hurst, program; Mel J. DeVries, conferences; Robert V. Myers, publicity; Miss Charlotte Schumitsch, registration; Verne B. MacKinney, ushers; Marion F. Ravan, Jr., housing and hospitality; Paul W. Fenton, auditorium; and David J. Johnston, exhibits.

Local committees and chairmen will be appointed in each convention city next fall, according to Charles Denton.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEDICATION**—May 16-18 at Assembly of God, Glendive, Mont. *Revivaltime* Speaker C. M. Ward ministering in evening rallies; Montana District Superintendent Earl Goodman speaking at dedication service, May 17.—by Henry A. Larsen, pastor.

**SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL**—May 17-19 at First Assembly, Columbia, S. C. Speaker: J. Philip Hogan, assistant general superintendent.—by D. F. Flanagan, district secretary.

**57TH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION**—May 1-8 at The Stone Church, Chicago, Ill. Guest speakers: Ralph Cimino, N. Lawrence Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe.—by E. S. Henning, assistant to the pastor.

**GREATER HOUSTON YOUTH CRUSADE**—May 2-6 at Heights Assembly, Houston, Tex. Speaker: Bobby Brock,

Arkansas Christ's Ambassadors president. Citywide youth choir directed by Duane Weis.—by David L. Berheimer, C. A. representative, Houston section.

## WITH CHRIST

**WILLIAM S. WARD**, 82, of Black Rock, Ark., went to be with the Lord February 21, 1966. Brother Ward was an ordained minister of the Arkansas District for 41 years. He served as an evangelist in addition to pastoring in Black Rock. He was superannuated in 1943, and is survived by his wife Vena.

**EDYTHE B. WARENS**, 62, of Fullerton, Calif., went to be with the Lord March 3, 1966. An ordained minister of the Southern California District, Sister Warens served as an evangelist to children, and assisted her husband when he was pastor in Cottonwood, Ariz. She became a pioneer in child evangelism work in the Assemblies of God over 20 years ago. She is survived by her husband Virgil.

**JOHN L. HUGHES**, 71, of Morris, Ill., went to be with the Lord February 7, 1966. An ordained minister of the Illinois District since 1951, he pioneered and pastored Peace Chapel Assembly in Morris for 13 years. He became inactive several years ago due to ill health. Brother Hughes is survived by his wife Mary, a son, three stepchildren, eight grandchildren, 13 step-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
	Iberia	A/G	May 1-8	O. H. & Mrs. Virgin	Robert Middleton
	St. Louis	Maryland Heights	May 1-8	Loyd Middleton	Paul E. Adams
	Versailles	First	May 4-15	Samuel Calk	R. S. McGarity
	Wentzville	First	May 4-15	Bob McCutchen	Ruth Rosser
Mont.	Deer Lodge	A/G	May 3-15	Roy & Arlene Brewer	C. Ellwood Grissom
Nebr.	Alliance	A/G	Apr. 24-29	Kathleen Jennings	E. M. Herrman
	Red Cloud	A/G	May 8-13	Kathleen Jennings	Harvey Herman
Nev.	Carson City	*Capital	May 8-13	Charles Senechal	Gordon H. Millard
N. J.	Camden	Pentecostal Christian	May 10-22	William Caldwell	Aldo G. Maselli
	Newark	*Bethel	May 1-6	David & Patricia Johnson	Albert Earle
N. Y.	Bath	Bethel	May 4-13	Aubrey Sara	Ronald Kleinstauber
	New York	Glad Tidings Tab.	May 1-8	R. S. Peterson	M. Brown-R. S. Berg
	Oyster Bay	Wightman Mem. Bap.	May 11-15	Martin Luther Davidson	M. Q. Spencer
	Rome	First	May 1-15	Doug & Judy Johnson	Ernest Darling
N. Dak.	Minot	A/G	May 3-15	Doyle H. Thompson	B. C. Heinze
Ohio	Columbus	Fairmoor	Apr. 20-24	Musical Vanderploegs	Felix O. Coyle
	Kent	A/G	May 6-22	Andrew G. & Mrs. Basell	E. D. Speich
	Marion	A/G	May 10-22	Ralph E. Leslie	James Knell
	Willoughby	A/G	Apr. 27—	Bob Ludwig	Lloyd Luthle
Okla.	Bixby	First	Apr. 27-May 8	Marvin Schmidt	Billy Guthrie
	Kiowa	A/G	Apr. 25-May 8	Chas. & Barbara Hudspeth	Earl H. Rhodes
	Oklahoma City	Bethel Temple	May 4-15	Donnell-Holler Team	Russell Herndon
	Perry	First	May 3-15	Leonard Negrin	E. E. Sadler
	Shawnee	First	May 2-15	Mathers-Pharr Team	C. O. Beauford
	Tulsa	Suburban Hills	May 4-15	Stanley & Mrs. MacPherson	George E. Smith
	Wynona	First	May 9-22	Chas. & Barbara Hudspeth	Kenneth Caughman
Oreg.	Portland	Russellville	Apr. 26-May 8	Ray & Elaine Leonard	D. E. Bunn
	Sweethome	A/G	Apr. 26-May 1	Wayne Pyzer	Richard Jeffers
Pa.	Clarks Summit	Pentecostal	Apr. 19-24	Anthony Pagano	David Laquintano
	Dillsburg	A/G	Apr. 26-May 8	Charles S. Morris	Frederick Bennett
	Ebensburg	Bethel	Apr. 24-May 6	Bob Clayton	G. L. Bender
	Lancaster	Glad Tidings Temple	Apr. 26-May 8	Curtis Sample	Robert E. Dearborn
S. Dak.	Rapid City	Bethel	May 8-22	D. L. Nultemeier	Earl Harper
Tenn.	Knoxville	Forest Avenue	May 8-22	Knott-Olson Team	P. H. Lowe
	Munford	First	May 4-15	Ernest & Mrs. Berquist	Ernest Driver
Tex.	Amarillo	San Jacinto	May 4-9	Tommy & Esther Lance	J. E. Burkhalter
	Crosbyton	First	May 1-15	D. A. Watson Family	Dewey Newburn
	Elkhart	First	May 1—	Greer-Anderson Team	C. A. Reese
	Farmersville	First	Apr. 27-May 15	B. P. Carroll	C. W. Goforth
	Houston	Houmont Park	Apr. 27-May 8	Winferd Mack	Paul E. Davidson
	Odessa	Bethel	May 8-15	Randy Stewart	Wesley J. Lange
	Seymour	First	May 4-15	Paul Clark Family	Lloyd McIntosh
	Snyder	**First	May 1-8	Patsy Ruth Allen	R. C. Dearman
Va.	Alexandria	First	May 8-22	Howard Rusthoi	Obie L. Harrup, Sr.
	Charlottesville	First	May 4-15	Howard Ryan	Gordon Young
	Purcellville	Pentecostal	Apr. 26-May 8	Stan & Marilyn Morris	D. E. Slye
	Saltville	Valley View	May 8-22	Lula M. Ware	Vernon H. Thomas
	Winchester	First	Apr. 24—	Koonce-Blackwell Team	Irvin Stonesifer
Wash.	Aberdeen	First	May 3-15	Larry Franks Party	Ralph Phillips
W. Va.	Princeton	First	May 3-8	Freddy Clark	Earl L. Sherrick
Wis.	Richland Ctr.	A/G	Apr. 27—	Roland & Leanna Hastie	Carl O. Swanson

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